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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

THE REVIVAL OF AMERICAN SHIP BUILDING.

Unless the present signs are misleading, the war with Spain is likely to start, if it has not already started, that revival of American shipbuilding for which we have looked so anxiously, and which at the opening of the present year, appeared to be farther off than ever. The creation of an auxiliary fleet led to the purchase of a large number of vessels engaged in our coastwise and West Indian trade. Several of these have been converted into such valuable auxiliary cruisers that the government has decided to retain them permanently in the service. As a consequence, the transportation companies have given orders for new ships to take their place, and it is very gratifying to note that, whereas many of the original vessels were built abroad, the new ships are being constructed in American yards. No better indication could be desired of the approach of the day when not only first-class liners, like the "St. Louis" and "St. Paul," but the cheaper vessels of the "tramp" class, can be constructed in American yards as cheaply as they can in Belfast or on the Clyde.

The effect of the purchase of merchant steamers by the government is seen in the fact that our leading shipyards are crowded with orders which will keep them in full swing for many months to come. Among others are four screw steamers for the American Mail Steamship company with a twin-screw vessel for the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company. Two large Steamers are being built at Chester, Pa., to take the place of the ships of the old Dominion Line which were acquired by the navy and transformed into auxiliary cruisers. The great yard at Newport News, which recently witnessed the launch of the "Illinois" has on the stocks three new liners for the Morgan Line, two for the Cromwell line, and two for the Pacific Mail. The fact that these orders are being placed at home proves that the cost of the construction must have been greatly reduced of late years, and this, no doubt, is due to the great progress which we have made in the iron and steel industry. Not a little commotion was caused recently on the other side of the Atlantic by the announcement that an order had been given to an American firm to supply ship plates to an English shipyard. The cheap production of plates and frames, coupled with the lower wages that are paid for labor, and the fact that labor-saving methods and machinery enable us to turn out more work per man than is possible in foreign yards, are hastening the day when we can successfully compete with the world in the art of shipbuilding.

If history repeats itself we shall not only successfully compete with the world as shipbuilders, but actually lead it in superiority of our productions. For in the days of maritime prosperity, in the age of wooden shipbuilding, our sailing clippers were the most famous in the world. They not only carried more than two-thirds of our inward and outward trade, but they were successful in securing a large share of the old world. They were conspicuous in the tea trade between China and London, where their admirable sailing qualities were

in great demand, and so great was their renown that several British shipowners purchased vessels that had been built in American yards.

In 1850 sixty-seven per cent of a total trade of \$695,559,592 was carried in American bottoms; but since that time there has been an almost unbroken decline, which has been attributable to the change in the materials of shipbuilding from wood to iron and steel, while in its earlier stages it was, of course, hastened by the depredations of the Confederate commerce destroyers. The change from wood to iron came too early for our undeveloped iron industries to enable us to cope with the new problem successfully; and while the wooden clippers made a gallant fight to maintain their old prestige, they were doomed to give way before the advance of steam as a method of propulsion. At the close of the civil war the proportion of our trade carried in American ships was only 27 per cent. It rose to 35.6 per cent in 1870, since which date there has been a steady decline. The upbuilding of our merchant marine has been handicapped by a law which forbids the registration of foreign built ships in the United States, to protect themselves from which, American owners have employed European steamers under long time charters. A striking instance of this is the West Indian fruit trade with the United States, which, although it is in American hands and backed by American capital, is carried on in foreign bottoms and under a foreign flag.

Their is no denying the fact that with an era of "free ships" and some form of bounties for home-built vessels, a large number of ships now flying a foreign flag would hoist the American colors, and a large number of orders would be given for both home and foreign built vessels. The result would be that our merchant marine would begin to assume something of its old proportions. Just how far we have sunk in the matter of over-sea commerce is shown by the following comparison: In the decade 1850 to 1860 the yearly average of shipping launched was 276,000 tons, fifty per cent of which was for deep sea service, whereas last year the tonnage launched was only 232,000 tons in which was included not so much as one ship for the deep sea foreign trade.—Scientific American.

Don't treat a newsboy with contempt—he may own a railroad some day and you may want a pass.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Cough and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trail bottles free at all Druggists. Regular size 50c and \$1.00 Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

According to the Bible, there will be no marrying or giving in marriage in heaven—probably because there will not be enough men to go 'round.

We give below a part of the proclamation of Gov. C. A. Culbertson in regard to the amendment of the Constitution which is to be submitted to the voters next Tuesday, for their approval or rejection.

Article 3.

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant, or authorize the making of any grant, of public money to any individual, associations or individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1st, 1830, and who are either over sixty years of age, or whose disability is the proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for the period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances who have never remarried, and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors anterior to March 1, 1836; provided, said aid shall not exceed eight dollars per month; and provided further, that no appropriation shall ever be made for the purpose hereinbefore specified in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year. And also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law; provided, the grant to aid said home shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars for any one year; and the inmate of said home shall be entitled to any other aid from the State; and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity. Sec. 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the first Tuesday in November, 1898; when those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, "For the amendment to Section 51, of Article 3, of the State Constitution." Those opposing the amendment shall have written or printed upon their ballots, "Against the amendment to Section 51, of Article 3, of the State Constitution."

Dry Goods clerks become prematurely gray because of their inability to guess whether a woman is a prospective purchaser or only a shopper.

At present our dollars are rather high to become popular. If a farmer wants one of these coins he must pay for it 22 pounds of cotton, 2 bushels of wheat, 2 1-2 bushels of corn, or 3 bushels of oats. This is about twice as much, all around, as a dollar cost a few years ago, while the labor of producing the products mentioned is about the same.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

Any man who can afford to take his local paper and does not do so is lacking in enterprise and public spirit, yet it would not support at least one local paper. There are some who excuse themselves by saying they don't like the politics of their local paper. It is needless to say that this is a narrow-minded and unjust policy, for it would be utterly impossible for an Editor to publish one paper to suit every-one's political views. So long as a paper is not offensive in its partisanship, it should not be blamed for reflecting its editor's views.

—Brownsville Herald.

On Saturday evening, about four o'clock, a party of four of Cotulla young people, left here in a sleigh to enjoy a "pleasure" Just as the sun sunk from the West, they arrived in the pleasant little village of Millett, and shortly afterward at the hospitable home of J. L. Moore, where the girls were welcomed with open arms, and the party in a manner less effusive. After partaking of a bountiful supper, the party, with the addition of the charming Miss Rowland, started for a moon-light drive to Millett, which was much enjoyed in the crisp evening air. After a good night's sleep the next morning early started for church at Dilley, at the place they arrived just in time for morning services. They listened to two of Bro. Starrett's sermons, which, needless to say, were masterpieces, and were listened to by a much larger crowd than attends a similar meeting in Cotulla. Dinner was served on the grounds, and several hours were spent in hunting up old friends and making new ones.

As all good things must have an end, the party started homeward at about four o'clock and due time arrived in Cotulla. All report a delightful time and unite in voting the good people of Dilley and Millett, past masters in hospitality and sociability to strangers, and give an invitation to all their entertainers to visit them in their Cotulla, with the assurance that Cotulla will give

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The matter of purchasing the San Jacinto battle field has gone by the board. The legislature, in the act authorizing the purchase, limited the price to \$25 per acre, and it seems that some of the land can not be had for less than \$37.50 per acre, even under condemnation proceedings which were instituted. None of the land is worth over \$25 per acre, and most of it is said to be in the hands of northern speculators who hope to make money off the patriotism of the people. It is to be regretted that this historic ground is not to pass into the possession of the state, but it is better so than that avaricious speculators should be permitted to rob the people.—Karnes County News.

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0:16 a. m. Lv. Medina		Ar. 6:20 p. m.
6:30 a. m. Lv. Lytle		Ar. 6:00 p. m.
1:00 a. m. Lv. Devine		Ar. 5:45 p. m.
11:20 a. m. Lv. Moore		Ar. 5:25 p. m.
11:40 a. m. Lv. Eilen		Ar. 5:00 p. m.
11:52 a. m. Lv. Pearsall		Ar. 4:35 p. m.
12:08 p. m. Lv. Derby		Ar. 4:15 p. m.
12:43 p. m. Lv. Dilley		Ar. 4:00 p. m.
12:57 p. m. Lv. Millett		Ar. 3:47 p. m.
1:20 p. m. Lv. COTULLA		Ar. 3:25 p. m.
1:38 p. m. Lv. Tuna		Ar. 3:00 p. m.
1:40 p. m. Lv. Twhigg		Ar. 2:57 p. m.
2:10 p. m. Lv. Barro		Ar. 2:38 p. m.
2:25 p. m. Lv. Encinal		Ar. 2:25 p. m.
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3:03 p. m. Lv. Webb		Ar. 1:47 p. m.
3:28 p. m. Lv. Green		Ar. 1:34 p. m.
3:40 p. m. Lv. Sanchez		Ar. 1:14 p. m.
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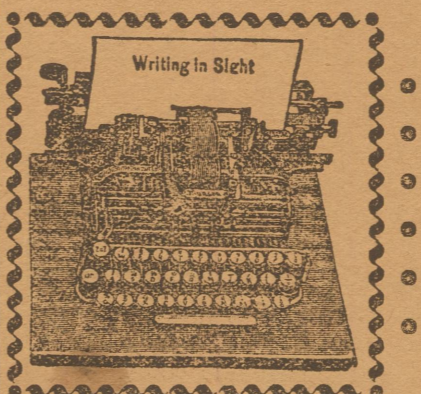
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

John T. Stevens announces himself as Independent candidate for the office of District Judge of the 36th Judicial District, and solicits the support of all voters.

FOR DIST. AND COUNTY CLERK.

We are authorized to announce Geo. H. Knaggs as Candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of La Salle County.

FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR.

W. M. Barwell respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of La Salle County, and solicits the support of all voters.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce J. N. Daniel as Candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of La Salle County.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

The undersigned respectfully announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County, at the ensuing November election.

W. B. GUINN.

W. F. Jay announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County at the ensuing November election and respectfully solicits the support of all voters.

We are authorized to announce Edward Cotulla as Candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of La Salle county, at the ensuing November election.

W. E. Campbell respectfully announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County at the ensuing November Election.

We are authorized to announce L. W. Gaddis as Candidate for the office of Treasurer of La Salle county at the ensuing November election.

We are authorized to announce J. A. Landrum as Candidate for Treasurer of La Salle County at the ensuing November elections.

L. A. Kern respectfully announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of La Salle county at the ensuing November election, and solicits the support of all voters.

FOR HIDE & ANIMAL INSPECTOR.

V. G. Mulsberger respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Hide and Animal Inspector of La Salle county and solicits the support of all voters.

I hereby respectfully announce myself as candidate for the office of Hide and Animal Inspector of La Salle County; promising, if elected, a careful and impartial discharge of all the duties of the said office.

JOSEPH COTULLA.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for re-election to the office of County Surveyor of La Salle County at the ensuing November election.

J. M. DANIEL.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce Jas. T. Carr as candidate for commissioner of Precinct No 1 at the ensuing November election.

FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE, Precinct No. 1.

We are authorized to announce T. D. Morgan as candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, at the ensuing November election.

J. H. Bucklelew respectfully announces himself as candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, at the ensuing November election.

Hon. Rudolph Kleberg, Democratic Nominee for Congress, spoke to a large audience at the court house Thursday night.

His theme, which was wholly on National Politics, was handled in a masterly manner and evidently coincided with the views of a majority of his hearers. He fully explained the reasons of his "change of heart" in regard to the silver question and made a good argument in favor of free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at a ratio of 16 to 1.

Mr. Kleberg is an eloquent speaker and uses facts to substantiate his arguments in answer to the opposition.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

The Judicial Convention of the 36th Judicial District was called to order in the Court House, at Pearsall, Texas, Monday, October 24, 1898, by the Hon. Mason Maney, who stated the object of the meeting and read the following letter, to-wit:

Pt Worth, Texas, Oct. 10, 1898.
Mr. Maney,
Pearsall, Texas.

Dear Sir:—I hereby appoint you Chairman of the 36th Judicial District of Texas. You are directed to convene a convention in that District at such time and place as you may select, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for Judge and District Attorney for the District, provided the Delegates when assembled see proper to take this course.

Very respectfully,
C. K. BELL, Chairman.

Upon motion of Hon. H. W. Hudson, the Hon. Covey C. Thomas of La Salle county was elected Temporary Chairman and upon motion of W. M. Abernathy of Atascosa county the Hon. F. A. Thomas of Frio county was elected Temporary Secretary.

Upon motion of R. W. Hudson of Frio county the Chair was authorized to appoint two committees to consist of five members each, to-wit:

1st. Committee on Credentials and Basis of Representation.

2nd. Committee upon permanent Organization and Order of business.

Motion carried.

The Chair announced the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials—W. M. Abernathy of Atascosa, Mason Maney of Frio, J. A. Lyons of Atascosa, J. M. Campbell of Frio, J. D. Hooker of Zavalla.

Committee on Permanent Organization—Magus Smith of Frio, W. T. Brite of Atascosa, E. W. Richardson of Frio.

Upon motion of R. W. Hudson the convention took a recess until half past two.

At half past two the convention was called to order by the Temporary chairman, Covey C. Thomas. The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

To Hon. Covey C. Thomas, Temporary chairman of the Convention of the Democratic Party of the 36th Judicial District:

Your committee heretofore appointed on credentials and Basis of Representation having had under consideration the matters coming before us make the following report:

We find that the following counties in said Judicial District are represented namely: Atascosa, San Patricio, McMullen, Aransas, Frio, La Salle, Zavalla and Dimmitt.

That Live Oak county alone is not represented.

We further report that Aransas county is entitled to one vote in this convention and that T. M. West is entitled and authorized to cast said vote.

That San Patricio county is entitled to two votes and that Marshall Burney is entitled and authorized to cast said votes.

That McMullen county is entitled to vote in said convention and that Eugene Richardson is entitled and authorized to cast said vote.

That Atascosa county is entitled to three votes.

That Frio county is entitled to two votes in said convention.

That La Salle county is entitled to one vote.

Zavalla county is entitled to one vote.

That Dimmitt is entitled to one vote in the convention and that J. W. Cross has written authority from the duly accredited delegates to cast said vote.

The foregoing representation is based upon the Democratic vote cast for Governor at the last General Election and we have given to each county one vote for every 300 and fraction over 150 votes cast for Governor.

Upon the basis above given each county is entitled to the following vote, namely: Aransas vote, Atascosa, 3 votes, Dimmitt 1 vote, Frio 2 votes, La Salle 1 vote, Live Oak 1 vote, McMullen 1 vote, San Patricio 2 votes, Zavalla 1 vote. Total vote in the District 13 votes.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. Abernathy,
Mason Maney,
J. E. Lyons,
J. M. Campbell.
Committee.

Report of Committee adopted. The Committee on permanent Organization reported as follows: Covey C. Thomas, Temporary Chairman of Judicial convention of the 36th Judicial District.

Sir:—We your committee on Permanent Organization and Order of business, beg leave to report as follows:

1st. We recommend that the Temporary Organization be made Permanent.

2nd. We recommend the following order of business: Determine whether or not nomination for District Judge and District Attorney shall be made at this convention. Should the convention determine to make such nomination that they be made in the order in which they are named. The transaction of such business as may properly come before the convention. The election of a Permanent Chairman of the 36th Judicial District for the next two years.

Magus Smith,
W. T. Bright,
E. W. Richardson,
John L. Hess,
Marshall Burney.
Committee.

Above report was adopted. R. W. Hudson of Frio county moved that this convention proceed to nominate a candidate for District Judge and District Attorney.

Whereupon the chairman declared that said motion had been carried.

Nomination for District Judge being in order the Hon. M. F. Lowe was placed in nomination by Hon. R. W. Hudson of Frio county. Nomination being seconded by Mason Maney of Frio and T. M. West of Atascosa. Upon motion the Hon. M. F. Lowe was declared the nominee of this convention for Judge of the 36th Judicial District by acclamation, which motion prevailed unanimously.

Counties.	Votes.	Yeas.	Nays.
Aransas	1	1	
Atascosa	3	3	
Dimmitt	1	1	
Frio	2	2	
La Salle	1	1	
McMullen	1	1	
San Patricio	2	2	
Zavalla	1	1	
Totals	12	11	

Nomination for District Attorney being in order, M Abernathy of Atascosa placed in nomination the Hon. C. A. Davies of Frio county which nomination was seconded by W. T. Brite of Atascosa and J. D. Hooker of Frio.

Upon motion the Hon. C. A. Davies of Frio county was declared the nominee of the convention which motion was carried unanimously.

Hon. W. M. Abernathy of Atascosa offered the following resolution which was carried by rising vote.

Be it resolved by the Democracy of the 36th Judicial district in convention assembled that we do hereby tender to the Hon. Mason Maney of Frio county our earnest and sincere thanks for the honorable, manly and straightforward course with which he has acted in the matter of the District Judgeship in this the 36th Judicial district. And we fully appreciate and commend his efforts in

securing to the democracy of this district the right to express their views as to who should receive the support of the democrats of the district.

The Hon. W. T. Brite of Atascosa offered the following resolutions which was unanimously carried:

Resolved, that we endorse the Chicago Democratic platform of 1896 in its entirety and the Democratic platform adopted at Galveston, August, 1898.

On motion of Hon. R. W. Hudson of Frio W. M. Abernathy of Atascosa was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive committee of the 36th judicial district for the ensuing two years.

The Secretary be requested to furnish each paper published in the district and the San Antonio Express full copies of the proceedings of this convention and that they be requested to publish the same.

There being nothing further to come before this convention, upon motion the convention adjourned sine die.

C. C. THOMAS, Chairman
A. THOMAS, Secretary.

Some talk has been made recently in regard to the salary of our law makers. As the law now reads they receive only five dollars per day for the first sixty days of a regular or called session of Legislature and two dollars per day thereafter with an allowance for the number of miles traveled in going to and from their homes to the legislative halls. The amendments on which we will express our opinion at the general election on the 8th of November will increase this remuneration to five dollars per day for the first one hundred days and three dollars per day for the following time consumed at Austin as representatives of the people, together with the present rate of mileage. Considering the present low value of money we cannot expect to receive a far greater income in private business to lay aside all thought of self and money getting to make laws for us. We are in favor of a still greater increase in the salary paid to legislators for in that case the office would attract men of greater ability and more thorough knowledge instead of attracting, as it now does men who are not capable. We do not mean to say that there are no smart men in the Texas legislature; far from it, but they are the exception instead of the rule. Let us vote for an increase in their pay and get men in office who are worthy of our confidence.

The Democrats of this, the 36th Judicial District in convention assembled at Pearsall on 24th inst. nominated Judge M. F. Lowe for District Judge and C. A. Davies for District Attorney. Judge Lowe has served in this capacity for six years, and was before his election to the Judicial Chair, the prosecuting Attorney of this District. He bore the name then of being the best prosecutor we ever had to that time and now bears the name of being an impartial Judge, anxious to uphold the law in every respect. Mr. Davies is now serving his first term as District Attorney, having secured a large majority over his opponent in '96, and today is known and feared by every law-breaker, as being pre-eminently the hardest prosecuting Attorney to defeat this district has ever known, in fact before half of his first circuit had been completed he was known as a lawyer who could prosecute, and not persecute a wrong-doer. In only two short years he rose from comparative obscurity to the best known lawyer in Southwest Texas. We were not in favor of a political Judge and Attorney but the choice has fallen on these men and we think the Democrats could have done no better.

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Our own flag tells the history of our country. When we look upon it we read how 13 dauntless colonies fought for liberty and of the growth of a mighty nation. Every star and stripe is full of meaning.

Dr. John Guiteras, celebrated as a physician, a Cuban patriot and prominent member of the Cuban junta, gives this explanation of the ensign of his country:

"The flag," said he, "was originated and designed by Gen. Narciso Lopez in 1851, when, for a second time, he invaded Cuba. It was first raised at Cardenas in that year. The five stripes stand for the five departments into which Cuba was then divided. The colors of the American flag and the lone star were adopted because the movement of Gen. Lopez had for its object annexation.

"Texas, formerly the Lone Star state, had had her ambition gratified. She was admitted to the union six years before. The design of the Cuban flag indicated the general's wish that this 'lone star,' new risen, should soon also be placed among the others on the ensign of the United States.

"When Gen. Lopez was asked why he had placed the star on a red field instead of on a blue he said that he wanted to be a rebel in everything, even against heraldry."

So the story of Cuba Libre is the story of the beginning of her struggle against oppression. Forty-seven years ago it seemed as though the efforts of Gen. Lopez had been in vain.—N. Y. World.

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CHURCHES.

Baptist Church—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor.—Services—2nd Sunday morning at 1 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. J. A. Landrum, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.
Methodist Church—Rev. M. T. Allen Pastor.—Services—3rd and 4th Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:45 a. m. Dr. J. M. Williams, Superintendent. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. S. J. McMurray, Pastor.—Services—On Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in each month at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. B. Wildenthal, Superintendent. Every body cordially invited.

SOCIETIES.

Knight of Honor—Cotulla Lodge, No. 3106 Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month, in their hall over Keck Bros. Geo. H. Knaggs, Dictator. G. Philippe, Reporter.
Woodmen of World—La Salle Lodge, No. 123. Meet 1st and 3rd Friday in each month, in the hall over Keck Bros. Dr. J. W. Williams, C. C. G. Philippe, Clerk.

LOCAL & PERSONAL.

Election is getting near.
If you want cookstoves go to Keck Bros.
Election talk is all the go these days.
Rudolph Kleberg left yesterday for Earedo.
Simp DeSpain was a visitor in our city Thursday.
Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon.
Armstrong & Swink received a car of Flour Thursday.
Mr. W. F. Jay was in from his ranch yesterday.
Call on Barlow & Co. for the latest in style and price.
Mrs. Ed Reynolds left Thursday for Tuna.
Jno. Dillard Esq., was up from Twohig yesterday.
S. A. Morgon received a car of corn during the week.
For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's.
J. A. Landrum returned from Millett Sunday last.
The candidates are beginning to "rustle" for election.
Jas. Edmiston was in from the ranch one day this week.
Armstrong & Swink received a car of corn Wednesday.
If you want all the county news, subscribe for the RECORD.
Ranger McMahon was around to see us yesterday morning.
Landrum sells Dry Goods and Groceries cheap, for cash.
Claunch, the Saddler, will do you first class work. Try him.
Apples, Oranges and Bananas at Simon cotulla & co's.
Kerr & Henrichson recieved about 50 trunks Wednesday.
Pink Buckanan of Twohig, was in the city one day this week.
J. A. Landrum & Co., received a car load of corn Thursday.
For prices of ECLIPSE WIND MILLS call on Keck Bros.
Andrew Armstrong Jr., came down from San Antonio first of the week.
Carpenter B. J. Yowell built an addition to the Massengale Bros. sleeping apartments last Monday.

Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing.
Hon. Rudolph Kleberg called on the RECORD force yesterday morning.
J. B. Beleher, a prominent stockman of Twohig was here on business Thursday.
D. L. DeSpain, one of Twohig's leading young men was here Monday on business.
Candidate for Treasurer, J. A. Landrum made a business trip to Encinal during the week.
Mr. R. L. Henrichson and wife of Twohig, were visitors in our city first part of the week.
Miss McClure, principal of the Millett school, was in the city between trains yesterday.
S. Elliot jr., of Dimmitt County, was in our city one day this week to purchase supplies.
Miss Stella Butler is spending a few days at Twohig, as the guest of miss Edna Robuck.
Mrs. A. Burks, of Ft Ewell, came up yesterday and took the North bound train for San Antonio.
Ice-cream every Wednesday night at Simon Cotulla's.
W. P. Mulholland, candidate for Sheriff of McMullen county came down from San Antonio Thursday.
Some men are candidates because they can't help it—and some because the people can't help it.
Mr. and Mrs Warden, of Yoakum arrived on Thursday's train to spend a few days visiting relatives.
Go to Keck Bros. for barb wire. Prices as low as the lowest.
Messrs. L. A. Kerr, T. R. Keck and L. W. Gaddis spent Thursday night on the river fishing and hunting.
Kerr & Henrichson will sell, Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Suits as cheap as any one. Try them and see.
H. W. Earnest, a prominent merchant of Millett, was here on business yesterday between trains.
L. W. Gaddis, one of the Candidates for Treasurer was a pleasant caller at the RECORD office one day this week.
Jas. Evetts, of Co. F., State Rangers, now stationed on the lower Rio Grande, is in the city at present visiting his wife.
When a candidate places himself in the hands of his friends, he must place his pocket-book there also if he expects to be elected.
M. V. Ratcliff, Dimmitt county's popular candidate for Hide & Animal Inspector, paid us a pleasant call yesterday and left \$1 for the RECORD one year.
Mr. L. A. Kerr sold his interest in the large mercantile house of Kerr & Henrichson last week and will, we understand, build a bank here in the near future.
You will live to tell the tale how you were entirely cured of constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness and liver troubles, by taking Dr. Sawyer's Little Wide Awake Pills. J. M. Williams.
Martin Wilkins, the popular candidate for Hide & Animal Inspector of Dimmitt county, was in Cotulla Tuesday. While here he made the RECORD a short but pleasant call, and had his name added to our subscription list.
On another page of this issue we give a part of the proclamation of Gov. Culberson, calling an election to amend the constitution in regard to the aid of Confederate soldiers or their widows in indigent circumstances.
Read it carefully, for next Tuesday you will, if you fulfill your duties to your state and the old soldiers, vote for or against this amendment, and it is necessary for intelligent voters to thoroughly understand the position he takes.

Mr. S. H. Kouns, an experienced irrigation man from Colorado, is here to spend the winter with Mr. Copp on his farm near here. He thinks of locating in South-West Texas and perhaps in this county; Irrigation is gaining ground slowly but surely; and we think the time is not far distant when farms and gardens will be grown all around.
Ladies fall dress goods, wool cashmeres, worsteds, black and colored velveteens, ribbons, dress buttons, and ladies and childrens shoes will be sold out below cost as we intend to discontinue said lines. Kerr & Wildenthal.
Notice.
I have moved my restaurant from the rooms over the Copp Saloon to those over the Star Saloon and after November 1st all meals will be strictly cash. No CREDIT, please do not ask for it. Respectfully, SAM SAUL.
Banker M. J. Barlow kindly gave us a full description and showed us through the water works in the rear of bank last Tuesday evening. The plant is complete in every detail and absolutely free to all in reach of his hose, should a fire be discovered at any time. He has 150 feet of 2 1-2 inch hose with a reserve supply of 12,000 gallons of water, always ready and within easy reach of the night watchman, who is thoroughly familiar with the position of everything. Mr. Barlow erected this plant at a total cost of \$1500; in addition to this he pays as much to the night watchman as any other business house in town, which is, to say the least, more than his share of the burden of fire insurance. True this expense is primarily, for his own safety but think of the additional danger to all Cotulla if this was removed, and you will readily appreciate the value of 'Barlow's Waterworks.'
NOTICE.
I hereby notify the public generally and the Ranch Owners more especially, that I am the sole Agent for the counties of La Salle and Dimmitt for the "Wonderful" Pump Jack, which is regarded to be the best Pump Jack on the market. I have also had twelve years experience in putting up of Wind Mills and all machinery generally required by Ranchmen in their counties. I will be pleased to give estimates on work and respectfully ask a share of your patronage. Respectfully, R. L. CLARY, Cotulla, Texas.
Dr. Sawyer's Arica and Witch Hazel Salve naturally stands in such esteem with the public in the curing of shin diseases, eczema, piles, burns, scalds, cuts and flesh wounds, that argument to prove its worth seems quite unnecessary. J. M. Williams.
The principal attractions offered by THE YOUTH'S COMPANION for the remaining weeks of 1893 provide a foretaste of the good things to follow in the new volume for 1899. To the first issue in November Frank R. Stockton will contribute a humorous sketch entitled "Some of My Dogs," and in the issue for the week of November 10th will appear Rudyard Kipling's thrilling story of the heroism of soldiers in the ranks, "The Burning of the Sarah Sands." In the seven issues to follow there will be contributions by Lord Dufferin, William D. Howells, J. E. Chamberlin, the American war correspondent, Mary E. Wilkins, Hon. Thomas B. Reed, the Marquis of Lorne, Mme. Lillian Nordia and I. Zangwill. Those who subscribe now for the 1899 volume will receive every November and December issue of the companion from the time of subscription to the end of the year free, the companion calendar for 1899 free, and then the entire 52 issues of the companion from January 1, 1900. An illustrated announcement of the 1899 volume and sample copies will be sent free to any one addressing THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 211 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.
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The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by all Druggists.

SCHOOL NEWS.
Our school enjoyed a moonlight picnic at the Nueces Bridge last night.
School opened Monday morning with reading and prayer, by Prof. Dwen.
We have been having an examining this week. All grades were examined in Arithmetic and Grammar.
Mr. Towson, a Missionary from Japan made us a pleasant talk Tuesday morning. He explained some of the customs of the Japanese people; described their mode of living etc., and told many interesting stories which was enjoyed by the entire school. OLIVETTE.
TWOHIG TOUCHES.
The L. G. N. Bridge gang were side tracked here yesterday morning, and are repairing depot. Mr. J. B. Beleher was in on business during the fore part of the week. He reports grass short for winter range, and is preparing to do extensive feeding.
Thos. Alderman while hunting Wednesday killed a deer, and after hanging them up, sat down and was congratulating himself on being a good hunter when up walked a coyote, and he killed it also.
Mr. Curtis Reynolds of the lower Rieles settlement was short while in our town during the fore part of the week. He is having a well dug on his place and says water is within five feet of the surface. He thinks it will flow by going a few feet deeper.
The coyotes are creating considerable excitement in this section of the country. One entered a man's yard the other day and chased a dog around considerable, but finally left without doing any damage. Some of our citizens are very much in favor of a scalp law, and we think it would be a good thing for La Salle county.
Mr. J. A. Kerr is visiting friends and relatives in this week.
Mr. J. B. Beleher must return to his school. He reports very well.
The W. and E. angles.

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Smith & Welsh DENTISTS. 125 W. com. St., - San Antonio. For the convenience of our many patrons and friends in and around Cotulla, one of the other of us will visit Cotulla at regular intervals.

LITTLE LOCALS.

A. A. Smith returned from Laredo Sunday.

Get our prices on Election Tickets.

L. A. Kerr returned from Encinal Sunday.

Take your shoes to Krichbaum for repairs.

Old papers for sale at the RECORD office.

W. L. Hargus returned from Encinal Sunday.

Take your Blacksmithing to Messengale Bros.

Painter Geo. Epperson returned from Encinal Sunday.

Tom Salmon, of San Diego, was in our city this week on business.

J. M. Williams was in from his ranch in Dimmitt county first of the week.

C. C. Thomas left Sunday for Pearsall to attend the convention at that place, Monday.

John J. Hall and son John jr. went to San Antonio Tuesday on business and pleasure.

Mess. Daye and George Level came in from the Level Ranch in Dimmitt County, Monday.

District and County Clerk, G. H. Knaggs left Saturday for Encinal and returned Monday.

Messrs. Emory and Thos. Alderman, of Twohig, were visitors in our city first part of the week.

J. H. Buckley left Sunday for the Indian Territory to take charge of Dull Bros. cattle for a month.

Jos. Cotulla one of La Salle's foremost cattle men, left Sunday for a short business trip to San Antonio.

Mr. Glen Smith, a young sportsman, a short mor...

from Mississippi, where he has been with a car of horses for the past six weeks.

Carpenter B. J. Yowell built an addition to Messengale Brothers' sleeping apartment adjoining the Blacksmith shop, Monday.

W. P. Mulholland, candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Meylun County, passed through here from Laredo Sunday.

Mess. Simon Cotulla and Ben Yowell hired one of Bucklew's carriages and took in the sights at Millett and Dilley, last Sunday.

Sergeant J. H. Dubose, and Ranger Olds finished a scouting tour of two weeks duration in Dimmitt County, last Saturday evening.

Mess. J. Arthur Smith, Mal Pett, Jim Capell, and Chas Neal 'took in' the Bull Fight in Nueva Laredo Sunday, they returned home Monday.

Carpenter J. B. Portis returned Saturday last, from Dimmitt county, where he has been for several days constructing a school house in the Trammel settlement.

Continued success can come alone from merit. Dr. Sawyer's Wild Cherry and Tar is steadily increasing in sales because it is the best cough remedy on the market. J. M. Williams.

At the last regular meeting of the "Ananias club" one of the members told the following story:

Speaking of cats, he said, reminds me of my experience in trying to drown a stray cat which came to my house, probably in search of sympathy; As I had no sympathy to waste on an orphan feline, I proceeded, late one evening, to tie a brick to its neck and drop her into a barrel of water.

Next morning when I went to get her dead body out of the water what do you suppose that cussed cat had done? Actually she had drunk every drop of the water and was sitting on the brick to keep her feet dry!

THANK GOD FOR PEACE.

Glorious the war, but glorious more the peace; Thank God the carnage and the cost may cease; Come back, ye smoked and grimy ships of war; Be the White Squadron, peaceful as before, Come back, ye boys in blue, to home and trade; Take up the tasks that ye aside have laid; Enjoy the peace which ye yourselves have made.

A noble peace that crushes not the foe, But in fair justice bids the Spaniard go, And leave the lands he found but failed to lose; That we may seek to life them from distress.

Old Spain, God pity thee, and make thee free! Fair Cuba, past may all thy troubles be! Enter our peace, ye islands of the sea!

This blessed peace we hail, because we know The curse of war, To-day there lie low And weak with fever many a soldier lad, And mothers' hearts for distant graves are sad.

Let who will strut with empty martial pride, And quarrel, spoils of victory to divide, In peaceful strength America abide!

Ne'er draw thy sheathed sword except for right, Teach men to reason better is than fight; With law's arbitrament make conflicts cease;

America, lead thou the world to peace! Bring thus the day, prophetic seen of yore, Nation 'gainst nation shall lift sword no more, Nor shall the peoples of the earth learn war.

T. G. Soares, in Chicago Standard.

My First Night with the Army

SINCERELY hope that the reader will believe every word of my little story, for, improbable as it may appear, I assure him it is all true.

In the winter of 1865 it was my privilege to spend a few weeks in the army as a delegate of the United States Christian commission.

On the 7th of February I found myself at Harper's ferry, where I spent the night. The next day I looked with much interest into the little engine house called "John Brown's fort," the spot where that large-hearted philanthropist whose soul is still marching on was captured. Then, in company with several other delegates, I climbed to the top of Maryland heights...

known, and we were all weary, we proceeded to prepare for a night's rest.

It was my first night in a military camp in a tent on ground where fierce battles had recently been fought and men had bravely died for their country. It was to me an entirely new experience, and it is possible that while my grandfather bravely fought in the revolutionary war, I, his grandson, was, on this occasion, to say the least, a trifle—just a trifle—nervous.

In reply to some inquiries I was told that, so far as known, there were no "gray coats" in the vicinity—and we might rest in peace.

I had made the acquaintance of a delegate from the east by the name of Page, and we arranged to bunk together for the night. We found a large box in which hay had been shipped; we got it into the big meeting tent, and with hay and army blankets, soon had the bed satisfactorily settled and ourselves settled into the bed, which my chum pronounced "first class, good enough for a dorp."

About two o'clock I was awakened from a sound sleep by the shrill notes of a bugle, and soon learned that it was a call to arms. In an incredibly short time everybody was on the stir, and I learned that some picket guards had been driven in from the east and that there might be a little fun ahead.

I asked an officer who came into our tent where was the safest place for me in case of any trouble, and he replied: "Just about where you are now."

After a little time it was pronounced a false alarm, and all was still, and everybody asleep. I was wishing that I knew whether it was all safe, and a suspicion that the confederates were fooling with us took possession of my wakeful faculties and I could not rest. I thought what a dreadful thing it would be if the enemy should stealthily come upon us and all should be massacred. I finally determined, wisely or unwisely, to get out of the way as speedily as possible, so that there might be one survivor at least to tell the story of that awful night. And, as the thrilling events which I am about to faithfully describe, have not found their place in the history of the great rebellion, I, as a survivor, proceed to state as distinctly as memory will enable me what I saw and heard and suffered during that memorable night, sincerely hoping that the experience will never be repeated. So, as the alarm had been east of the camp, I determined to make my escape westward and immediately proceeded to the execution of what seemed to me to be the wisest thing to do.

I very cautiously left the tent and made my way westward. I had gone but a little way when I heard rapid firing and great confusion in the camp, and then it was very plain to me that I had made a most happy escape. I felt sorry for the poor wretches I had left and wished that my friend Page was with me.

I listened, and to my horror I heard quick footsteps. The moon shone brightly, and I could plainly see three

men in gray military dress following me. One was very tall and carried a very long, shining gun.

The ground was smooth and a trifle descending, and, as I thought myself a pretty fair runner, I did my level best, and I think that I was making good time, but, as I cast my eye back, I saw that they were gaining upon me. I tried to increase my speed, but my feet felt heavy and my limbs felt weak. Just then I saw only a little way before me a swampy place, with clumps of bushes, and my hopes revived. I could reach that I might elude my pursuers. I redoubled my efforts, it was a race for life with only one chance in a thousand in my favor, but I took it by chance. My pursuers were not more than four rods behind me, yelling like demons, and as I leaped across a ditch at the edge of the swamp they all died at me, and I heard the bullets whiz, whiz, ping past me, but in their haste they had missed me. The swamp proved to be soft and miry, and it was with difficulty that I reached a clump of bushes where I was obliged to stop, feeling that I could do no more, and so I faced my enemies just as they leaped across the ditch. I felt a little relief as I thought that their further progress would be slow and difficult, and so it proved to be, for they struck a very soft spot and instantly sank to their knees. I watched their struggles with a good deal of interest. They were desperate but useless, as every move only served to sink them deeper.

It was awful to see them sinking inch by inch into that dismal mire, and yet I must frankly confess that the situation appeared to me rather amusing than otherwise. They continued to struggle and sink till the tall soldier with the long gun slipped alone, and he had sunk to his knees. I distinctly remember that I could not refrain from tantalizing my tall friend, cruel as it now seems. I said to him: "Come here, Johnnie, and I will help you out." He soon sank out of sight, and now I saw my way clear to return to solid ground, or rather to make the attempt to do so.

I must, of course, have done so, which had proved my undoing. I met the tall soldier with the long gun, who was still sinking, and he said to me: "So, you are the fellow who helped me out, are you?"

As a rule, Italian women work by the hands of the old French expedition, and some alone there are no more than a dozen salons devoted almost entirely to the discussion of political topics. Each salon has its own political "color," which is generally that of the husband or father or friends of the mistress of the house; but while the thread and web of the politics carried on in a salon is spun and woven by the men who frequent it, the personal influence of the mistress of the house acts on each one of her guests, modifying views, and softening, or it may be accentuating, the roughness of ambition. As long as they remain in their salon Italian political women are in every way admirable.

EMANCIPATED WOMAN. She is Found in Italy as Well as in the United States—How She Works There.

Though in Italy the so-called "emancipation" of women is by no means so far advanced as in England or the United States, there are few countries in Europe where the political influence of women is greater than in Italy. The influence, though great, is not, however, always apparent, for it is chiefly exercised indirectly and privately by the women of the upper classes. Instead of forming themselves into associations and leagues and international unions and organizations and competing with political orators, the Italian women interested in political work quietly, and certainly not less efficaciously than their more "emancipated" sisters.

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Asa Witham, a farmer of Blanchard, Me., has been a member of the Dover company, Maine volunteer militia, for two years, and is counted one of the best marksmen in his regiment. Last May when he was waiting for the government to call the troops to Augusta he went out one afternoon and shot six rabbits. On his return a messenger met him in the doorway and told him he must take the next train for the state capital. As his canvas hunting coat was wet with the blood of the rabbits he hung it up on the limb of an apple tree, remarking that it would be well washed by the time he returned from the war.

Witham was mustered in and went to Chickamauga, where he was on duty every day until a month ago, when his regiment was ordered back to Augusta.

He was sent home on a month's furlough. Being somewhat exhausted from a continuous diet of hardtack and bacon, he thought he would try his luck at partridge shooting before setting down to farmwork. The canvas coat was hanging from the limb in the orchard, but when Witham went to put it on he found that it was already occupied by a swarm of bees, which had taken possession of the garment during his absence. With the aid of a sulphur smudge fire he expelled the insects, and secured 22 pounds of white comb honey.

A Queer Verdict. Upon the Isle of Man, where sheep-stealing is evidently a serious offense, John Dixon was recently sentenced to three years' imprisonment for it. The exact words of the jury were: "Not having satisfactorily accounted to the minds of the jury for the possession of the sheep, we find the prisoner guilty." What puzzles the lawyers is this: Can a man be legally jailed on such a verdict?

Offer Is a Speedy Swimmer. The offer is the fastest swimming quadruped known. In the water it exhibits an astonishing agility, swimming in a nearly horizontal position with the greatest ease, diving and darting along beneath the surface with a speed equal, if not superior, to that of many fishes.

What could they think of me. Would my body never be found? Would my wife get my life insurance? And I even wished my family had the \$50 bill which was concealed in the toe of my stocking. I kept sinking, sinking, till I was obliged to turn my face skyward to get one little breath. The full moon shone brightly and the stars were never so beautiful as I sank a little deeper and the dangerous semi-liquid closed over me.

I had inhaled all the air that I could, and I resolved to live as long on that supply as possible, which, of course, could not be long. Oh, how we mortals cling to life. It seemed to me just then a few seconds more of conscious existence would be of more value than a time had ever appeared to be before. I began to wonder if I were already dead, and still retained my consciousness. While trying to solve this problem a queer thing happened. I somehow, that my feet were free, as I moved them about I began to slip downward, and soon I was falling and wondering where I was falling to. I thought that I must be falling through the dark valley which separates the two worlds. I saw no angel forms; I heard no music swelling. All was dark and drear, but I was still falling more and more swiftly, I could endure it no longer, and I broke the silence of that fearful cavern with a loud cry of "Where-am-I?"

My friend Page shook me and said: "What is the matter? You are all right in our box of hay." And I awoke.

A Better Price. A clergyman was very much vexed by one of his congregations. An old man used to go to sleep during the sermon. The clergyman offered the old man's grandson a penny if he would keep his grandfathers awake. This went on all right for a month. One Sunday the old man went to sleep as usual. The clergyman asked the boy why he did not keep his grandfathers awake. The boy answered: "You offered me a penny to keep him awake, but grandfathers gives me two pence not to disturb him."—Spare Moments.

PIG WITH A BROKEN LEG.

An Indian Woman's Effort to Have Her Quaker Pet's Interest Member Set.

The physicians at the city dispensary have all sorts of patients, but a new record was made the other day, says the Indianapolis News, when a woman brought a pig there to have its leg set. She drove up in a carriage, and exhibited a five-weeks-old pig with a broken leg, and entered into negotiations to have the injured member repaired. While she was talking she paused ever and anon to hold a milk-bottle to the little sufferer's mouth, to stop its pitiful cries.

Dr. Kennedy informed her that it was not in their regular line to practice on pigs, but the case might be taken—for a consideration. Dr. Pink asked her why she did not go to a veterinary surgeon, and she said he would charge too much for the work. Dr. Pink offered to set the limb for 50 cents.

"Oh, you're awful high," the woman almost screamed. "I studied medicine myself, and have an idea of what you ought to charge. I'll give you a quarter."

But Dr. Pink would not come down, and the woman finally consented to pay the price. The doctor was about to begin the operation, and had given the pig's leg a preliminary pull, which made the bottle again necessary, when the woman was struck with an idea.

"I suppose you guarantee your work," she said. "I think so much of the little fellow, and I want to know that his leg won't be crooked when he gets well."

Dr. Pink would not agree to guarantee the job without additional pay. He informed the woman that it would cost an additional dollar to guarantee it. This almost caused the woman to faint, and as soon as she could recover from the shock, she grabbed the reins and drove away.

EMANCIPATED WOMAN. She is Found in Italy as Well as in the United States—How She Works There.

Though in Italy the so-called "emancipation" of women is by no means so far advanced as in England or the United States, there are few countries in Europe where the political influence of women is greater than in Italy. The influence, though great, is not, however, always apparent, for it is chiefly exercised indirectly and privately by the women of the upper classes. Instead of forming themselves into associations and leagues and international unions and organizations and competing with political orators, the Italian women interested in political work quietly, and certainly not less efficaciously than their more "emancipated" sisters.

As a rule, Italian women work by the hands of the old French expedition, and some alone there are no more than a dozen salons devoted almost entirely to the discussion of political topics. Each salon has its own political "color," which is generally that of the husband or father or friends of the mistress of the house; but while the thread and web of the politics carried on in a salon is spun and woven by the men who frequent it, the personal influence of the mistress of the house acts on each one of her guests, modifying views, and softening, or it may be accentuating, the roughness of ambition. As long as they remain in their salon Italian political women are in every way admirable.

Asa Witham, a farmer of Blanchard, Me., has been a member of the Dover company, Maine volunteer militia, for two years, and is counted one of the best marksmen in his regiment. Last May when he was waiting for the government to call the troops to Augusta he went out one afternoon and shot six rabbits. On his return a messenger met him in the doorway and told him he must take the next train for the state capital. As his canvas hunting coat was wet with the blood of the rabbits he hung it up on the limb of an apple tree, remarking that it would be well washed by the time he returned from the war.

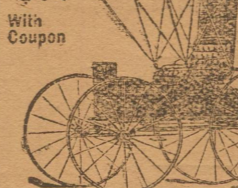
Witham was mustered in and went to Chickamauga, where he was on duty every day until a month ago, when his regiment was ordered back to Augusta.

He was sent home on a month's furlough. Being somewhat exhausted from a continuous diet of hardtack and bacon, he thought he would try his luck at partridge shooting before setting down to farmwork. The canvas coat was hanging from the limb in the orchard, but when Witham went to put it on he found that it was already occupied by a swarm of bees, which had taken possession of the garment during his absence. With the aid of a sulphur smudge fire he expelled the insects, and secured 22 pounds of white comb honey.

A Queer Verdict. Upon the Isle of Man, where sheep-stealing is evidently a serious offense, John Dixon was recently sentenced to three years' imprisonment for it. The exact words of the jury were: "Not having satisfactorily accounted to the minds of the jury for the possession of the sheep, we find the prisoner guilty." What puzzles the lawyers is this: Can a man be legally jailed on such a verdict?

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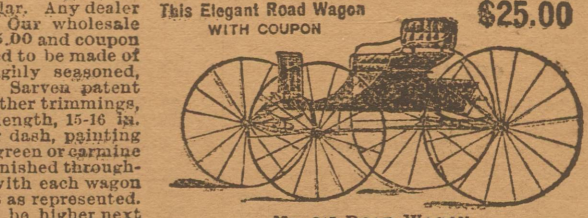
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