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CHILDERS ON THE LAND BILL.

Expresses His Opinion in Regard To the Garner-Murphy Wright Land Bill.

Hon. J. W. Childers, one of the legislators who takes a deep interest in educational and land matters, said, in speaking of the Garner-Murphy Wright land bill to a reporter of the Express: "As for the bill that is now before the House I have no interest in it, only to protect the interest of the school children of the State. As their representative I am opposed to the bill, first, because it is class legislation, the bill provides that no one can buy the leased land except the man that has the land leased, until the lease expires, and that gives him the option on the land, until the lease expires."

I am also opposed to selling the land, except to actual settlers, and the reason I am opposed to selling it is because we don't need the money. We have over one million dollars of school funds in the treasury now, that is not invested and I think the land is good property, and I don't know whether the money is or not.

You pass a law that will authorize the selling of that land to anybody but actual settlers, and it will be the worst law that was ever passed for the poor people of this State; give the poor people a chance to get themselves homes out there.

The friends of the bill say that they can get out there.

There have been in the last few years and no one can make me believe that. That is told for effect and to get people to vote for the bill. It would be nice to pass a law in the Twenty-fifth Legislature to lease the land to a set of men, then in the Twenty-sixth Legislature to pass another law to sell the land to the same men, and give them an option on the land until their leases ran out and not let any one else buy the leased land until their lease expires, that gives the man a good option on his leased land at the expense of the State."

A terrific tornado swept over Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama on 5th inst., leaving death and destruction in its path.

Do the city papers say anything in regard to your locality? Asks an exchange. Do they contain notices of your school, lodges and the hundreds of local matters of interest your home papers published? Not an item. Do they publish a word calculated to draw trade to your enterprise? And yet there are men who take contracted views on this matter, who think if they don't get so many square inches of reading matter in their home papers, they are not getting the worth of their money. It reminds one of the man who took the largest pair of boots in the box because the price was the same as the pair that fitted him. Take the city paper if you want one, but don't let it crowd the local paper out of your home.—Uvalde News.

To all of which we can but add a hearty amen.

The Bubonic plague is again raging in India. Official returns report 972 deaths last week.

The naval powder magazine of La Gourban, between La Seyne and Toulon in the department of war, southern France, exploded on 5th inst. Fifty thousand kilograms of black powder exploded and swept the country within a radius of two miles. A large number of soldiers were killed.

The transport steamship 'Valcanic' sailed Monday from San Francisco for Manila with \$1,500,000 in coin to be used in the payment of soldiers in the Philippines.

If we appear more growly than graceful this week, you will please pardon, for no man can have this everlasting gripe and at the same time get out a milk and-cider paper.—Buffalo Banner.

Shout on brother; we've been there.

Some of the members of the Legislature seem to have a special mania for presenting bills that one is inclined to doubt the sanity of the promoters. If some of the Texas legislators were turned loose Texas would surely become a "lone" state. We find that Garner finds more to do than formulate senseless bills.—Uvalde Leader.

The ranger service of the state, instead of being decreased, should be increased. They have been of great value to the state in the past, and there is no reason in the world why they should suffer any diminution. Many instances could be enumerated in this west and south western country where, were it not for the prompt assistance of the rangers great loss of life and property would have resulted.—Eagle Pass Guide.

If our laws should be so amended as to require a man to show up before he could

cash receipts in the County Treasury because anxious candidates would pay the tax, with the hope of getting the vote. We are heartily in favor of such a law, but we imagine it would go pretty hard with the candidates, for lots of men would pretend to be unable to pay their taxes just in order to get some candidate to pay them.—Pleasanton Monitor.

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The poll tax prerequisite to the right of elective franchise has been taken up pretty generally by the state papers—only a few in the thickly settled districts of the state opposing it. There is no more justice in representation without taxation than there is in taxation without representation. Another good point in favor of the law, beside purifying the ballot, and increasing the funds of the treasuries, is that under the present system a species of class legislation is in vogue. Every citizen who has succeeded in acquiring sufficient property to get his name on the tax rolls, the very people who strive to get a home of their own and become useful citizens, are compelled to pay the poll tax, because it is levied against their property. Thus an extra tax is levied on the industrious and useful citizen, yet he has no more privileges than the less industrious class.—Eagle Pass Guide.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

BY J. O. OWEN.

No other State in the Union has a more eventful record than our own Lone Star State. Every person forms a history during their lives which is handed down for others to either profit by or lose, so it is the different events which happen in the lives of countries are put into book form which are handed down. Each of the several States of the Union has its own history; but not one has such a wonderful history as Texas.

We have heard people who know very little about Texas itself, say that they never read any book with more interest than the history of this State. Several histories of Texas have been written, but we think Mrs. Pennybacker has written the most impressive of all. This book is taught in the Public Schools all over the State, and not only in our state; but some of the other states have it taught in their schools. This author has framed some of the most terrible events in very beautiful words, that is, she paints the scenes very vividly. No one could read "The Fall of the Alamo" without feeling a thrill of admiration for the brave souls who died there. If this thrills the hearts of the outsiders, how much more it thrills the hearts of the Texans. Even children who are just old enough to understand well, delight to hear the facts of Texas History framed in story language. Each child has its history.

the public schools. The history of our state is so impressive that it may be begun in the schools very early. It may be taught very simply at first, without using a book. A child will listen to any well-told story and will retain the greater part of it, then why not frame the facts in such language for them. After the children get into the higher grades 'tis well that they learn the facts and incidents in connection with them. No one can learn history so well as those who read other books beside the text book. A little story from a newspaper often makes some part of history much more interesting and helps to retain it. Mrs. Augusta Evans Wilson did a great deal for children and also grown people, when she wrote "Inez." It is a story written about San Antonio and relates several scenes in The Texas History which are not portrayed so vividly in the text book. Another way in which we can learn more is by talking to those who participated in the events which form our history. They can always tell you little incidents which are very interesting, but were not important enough for an author to put in a book. Some of the Mexicans can settle some of the disputed points about which the pupils do not agree. Some of the pupils have been trying to find out whether Santa Anna had a wooden leg when he came to Texas during the latter part of the Texas Revolution. If any one can tell us, we would like to hear it. It is said that he climbed a tree, and it would seem almost impossible to climb a tree with a wooden leg. They have also tried to find out where Santa Anna crossed the Nueces River when he marched his troops to San Antonio.

On this day, March 6th, and sixty three years ago, Travis with his brave men fell, while defending our State. The Mexicans had now been besieging the Alamo for ten days. By this time the Texans being

few in number, were almost exhausted and compelled to sleep on the night of the 5th. The next morning the Mexicans thought they would attack them before they awoke, but the Texans were ready to receive them. But just then, one hundred and eighty-two Texans against six thousand Mexicans, and the enemy, fresh troops too.

The walls of the Alamo were finally sealed and our men were forced to fight hand to hand with the blood thirsty Mexicans. Travis was among the first to give up his life, then Bowie who lay on a sick couch, but defended himself bravely some little time before he was killed. Crockett, who had been left in a room to himself, now fell but not before several Mexicans had fallen around him.

The Texans were all killed and their bodies thrown into heaps and partially burned.

This was the Fall of the Alamo. They died the Spartan's death, but not in hopeless strife; like brothers died, and their expiring breath was freedom's breath of life."

Our late war with Spain cost the United States \$482,562,083.47.

Representative Charles Allen of Colorado county has introduced a bill in the legislature making a receipt for poll taxes a prerequisite for voting. If this bill becomes a law the "doubtful vote" hereafter will not prove such a nuisance to the average candidate as it has done heretofore. The receipt for the poll tax will not only increase the tax revenues, but it will cut down the ranks of the trifling element whose suffrage is a farce and a rebuke to good government.—Bellville Times.

Some men have no taste—but the color is alright, they chance it.

The Cotulla Literary and Debating Society will meet next Friday night in the Henrichsen Hall at 8:00 o'clock, sharp, when the following program will be rendered:

- Music
- Welcome Address A. Y. Old.
- Essay J. M. Daniel.
- Reading Ina Daniel.
- Music
- Talk Simon Cotulla.
- Recitation Juanita Smith.
- Reading Juanita Poole.
- Farce S. Cotulla and C. Guinn.
- Reading Lucy Manly.
- Music
- Reading Itasca Carr.
- Farce { Madie Daniel. { Daisee Carr.
- Music { J. B. Tomlinson. { Itasca Carr.
- Recitation Daisee Carr.
- Debate—Resolved: That the Philippines are a burden to the United States. A. Y. Old.
- Affirmative J. M. Daniel.
- Negative
- Music

The object of the society is the mental and social advancement of the young people of Cotulla, and all who may have an interest in the welfare of the town are cordially invited to attend and hear their first effort at public entertainment.

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CHURCHES.

Baptist Church—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor.—Services—2nd Sunday morning at 10 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 7:30 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. McMur-ray, Pastor.—Services—On each 1st Sunday, 11 a. m. at 7:30 p. m., and on Wednesday preceding each 1st Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday, 10 a. m. Every body cordially invited.

SOCIETIES.

Knights of Honor—Cotulla Lodge, No. 3163. Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month, in their hall over Keok Bros.

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Between San Antonio and Laredo. TIME TABLE.

South	Passenger Train.	North
10:00 a. m. Lv.	SAN ANTONIO	Ar. 12:35 p. m.
10:20 a. m. Lv.	Leon	Ar. 12:05 p. m.
10:31 a. m. Lv.	Medina	Ar. 11:57 a. m.
10:54 a. m. Lv.	Lyle	Ar. 11:30 a. m.
11:16 a. m. Lv.	Dorwin	Ar. 11:16 a. m.
11:35 a. m. Lv.	Moore	Ar. 10:58 a. m.
12:07 p. m. Lv.	Eden	Ar. 10:48 a. m.
12:23 p. m. Lv.	Pearsall	Ar. 10:32 a. m.
12:42 p. m. Lv.	Derby	Ar. 10:13 a. m.
12:58 p. m. Lv.	Dilley	Ar. 9:58 a. m.
1:12 p. m. Lv.	Millett	Ar. 9:44 a. m.
1:33 p. m. Lv.	COTULLA	Ar. 9:22 a. m.
1:53 p. m. Lv.	Tana	Ar. 9:05 a. m.
2:03 p. m. Lv.	Twibig	Ar. 8:55 a. m.
2:25 p. m. Lv.	Barro	Ar. 8:36 a. m.
2:40 p. m. Lv.	Encinal	Ar. 8:24 a. m.
3:00 p. m. Lv.	Cactus	Ar. 8:04 a. m.
3:18 p. m. Lv.	Webb	Ar. 7:45 a. m.
3:49 p. m. Lv.	Green	Ar. 7:24 a. m.
3:55 p. m. Lv.	Sanchez	Ar. 7:12 a. m.
4:10 p. m. Ar.	LAREDO	Lv. 7:00 a. m.

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A group of literary men were discussing the other day the rarity of spontaneous eloquence or wit.

"I was at a dinner once in New York," said one, "and was seated next to Major Hay, who, you know had been Lincoln's secretary. Somebody making a speech exclaimed:

"In genuine eloquence the words come hot from the heart. No nobler speech was ever uttered in America than Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, and I am assured it was wholly spontaneous. He had not given it a thought before he rose to speak."

"While he was delivering it," said Major Hay to me, aside, "I had the fifth copy of it in my pocket."

"I, too, remember a dinner in New York," said another, "at which all the foremost men in journalism and literature were present. The speech of the evening was made by George W. Curtis. It sparkled with wit and apt allusions to the men present, evidently inspired by the moment. Once he stopped, interrupting himself, and exclaimed:

"I see my friend, Judge D., looking at me doubtfully, but I must remind him that he too,"—going on with some brilliant railery that brought down peals of laughter. As we rose to go out, I said to the editor of a Boston paper:

"Who but Curtis could pour out impromptu wit like that?"

"Impromptu?" said the news paper man. "I had proofs of all the speeches given to me this afternoon to send to Boston tonight. Let us look at his." We looked, and there it all was, word for word, even to the "I see my friend, Judge D., looking at me doubtfully, etc."

"I knew Artemus Ward," said a third man, "when he was a reporter on a Cleveland paper. One evening in the office he told a story, apparently a true one, the last of a man."

"Browne," said the chief, "how can you say such clever things offhand?"

"Offhand!" muttered Browne. "I told that to myself fifteen times this afternoon!" Ten years afterward I heard him tell the same story to a brilliant London audience, without the alteration of a comma."

"Even to make a good a joke," remarked a listener, "work apparently is needed as well as genius."—Youth's Companion.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groten, 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, Coughs, 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." Trial bottles free at all druggists. Regular size 50 cents and \$1. Guaranteed or price refunded.

Excursion Rates to Ft. Worth.

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Our northern tongue for battle,
For argument and trade,
But not for wooing looks of love
From eyes of doubting maid;
More sweet the story uttered
In far-away Hawaii—
"Aloha nui loa,
Aloha nui oel."

The Dane, the Celt, the Saxon
Are lovers quite as true
As any e'er the tropic sun
To dreamy roundness drew;
But none can voice so sweetly
Love's glad, triumphant joy
As this untaught Hawaiian—
"Aloha nui oel."

Pale autumn penitence lingers
Along the crimson wood,
Or bends to weep above the spot
Where late the poppy stood,
And sighs as sighs the lover
For one in far Hawaii
"Aloha nui loa,
Aloha nui oel."

The mother rocking softly
Her first born, crooning low
The quaint, unwritten song of love
That babes and mothers know,
Drifts where the palms are sighing
In far-away Hawaii—
"Aloha nui loa,
Aloha nui oel."

Sweet phrase, all unacquainted
With sound of care or strife,
Like love untutored come to speech
You bubble into life!
Oh, lanky-eyed Koolie,
Oh, lithe-limbed, blue-eyed boy,
"Aloha nui loa,
Aloha nui oel."
—Chicago Eugene Banks, in Chicago Inter-Ocean.

A Tell-Tale Semicolon

By P. Beaufoy.

"A!" exclaimed my chief, as he tossed by a letter which had arrived by the first post, "another of those extraordinary jewel robberies, by means of a forged note of instructions, and the victim is the London and Paris bank, too. Should have thought they were too near to the other victims who suffered last year to have been caught so easily. Well, you had better see what you can make of the business, Mr. Wisney."

Having hastily perused the note, I bade good morning to the chief, and was soon bowling along in a swift hansom in the direction of Threadneedle street. Arrived at the bank, which, as everyone knows, is one of the largest institutions in the country, I was shown without delay into the submanager's room, the head manager being away in Paris. The former rose to greet me as I entered.

"Ah, good morning, Mr. Wisney," he said, glancing at my card. "I am extremely glad you have come so soon, for we are in a bit of a bother here. Lady Pollock's jewels, worth at the least some £20,000, have been stolen from her. I have just received a note from her ladyship, authorizing the handing over of the case to the messenger."

I sat down and took out my notebook. "I shall be glad to hear full details," I remarked. "If you will be good enough to let me have them."
"I will tell you all there is to tell. About three months ago the jewels were deposited with us by Lord Pollock on behalf of his wife, and the usual receipt for the same. The case was deposited in the strong room, after the ordinary custom, and there it remained until last Monday morning. On that morning, about 11 o'clock, a cab drove up to the bank and a footman wearing the Pollock livery handed a note to the cashier on the counter. It was brought to me, in the absence of the head manager, and this is what he said:

"Thereupon he handed me a piece of stiff note paper, bearing a crest and stamped 230 Grosvenor Gate, Mayfair. It was as follows:

To the Manager, London and Paris Bank, Threadneedle Street, E. C.—Dear Sir: Will you kindly hand my jewel case to the bearer, as I require the diamonds to-night; the receipt which you handed to my husband is inclosed herewith. Yours faithfully,
BLANCHE POLLOCK.

"The letter being, so far as we could perceive, in the handwriting of our customer, Lady Pollock, and the receipt being in order, I, of course, authorized the clerk to hand the case to the messenger immediately. This was accordingly done, and the man, having signed the receipt form, he was driven rapidly away. In due course a letter was sent by us to her ladyship, confirming the transaction, and next morning we were astounded to receive a visit from Lord and Lady Pollock, and to hear that the jewels had never been requisitioned by either of them, the first intimation of the business being the letter from the bank. Her ladyship, as you may well imagine, was in a terrible condition, and it required the united efforts of Lord Pollock and myself to bring her to something approaching a rational state. Her husband also was very emphatic, and hinted plainly that he should hold us responsible for the loss.

"Now, Mr. Wisney, you know as much about the case as I do, for I have given you the main facts as exactly as I can remember them."

"Thank you, very much," I returned, having made a few notes in my book of his remarks. "I wish all persons were equally concise and clear. And now I should like to ask you a most important question."

"What is it?" he inquired, quietly.
"Simply this. Is it, in your opinion, at all possible that Lady Pollock may know more of the theft than she is supposed to know? Is it at all probable that the whole business is simply an awful device to obtain the jewels and damages from the bank as well?"

He thought for a moment, and then said:
"Anything is possible in these extraordinary times, but such a supposition is certainly not very probable. Lord Pollock is one of the richest men in England, and his wife has an ex-

ceedingly liberal allowance, as I happen to know from our own books. Still, of course, such a thing is always possible."

"I hope I am not wronging her ladyship in expressing such a theory," I said, quickly; "but we all know that women in desperate straits will do desperate things. My next step will be to interview the persons who took part in the transaction of handing over the diamonds last Monday morning."

"Certainly," he replied; "the head cashier and the junior strong-room clerk."

He pressed a bell, and a messenger in uniform appeared.

"Be good enough to send Mr. Sydney and Mr. Wilson here."

Mr. Sydney proved to be a middle-aged, respectable looking man, whilst Mr. Wilson was an ingenious boy of 18. Both of them were obviously nervous when I addressed them.

"Which of you," I asked, "saw the supposed messenger from Lady Pollock last Monday?"

"I did, sir," returned the elder man. "I was standing at my desk when a carriage drove up, and a tall footman alighted."

"Describe him," I said.
"He was about six feet high, clean shaven, powdered wig, small hairs, and a long thin face—in fact, he was the typical footman all over."

"A clever disguise doubtless," I remarked. "What else?"
"There was nothing else very noticeable, sir. He simply handed me the letter, which I at once took to Mr. Reeves here (the submanager). Mr. Reeves, having examined the note carefully, told me to instruct Wilson, the young gentleman here, to fetch the case. This he did, and I at once gave it to the man, who went off as briskly as though he were the honestest chap in the city of London."

"That will do," said I; "and now, what has Mr. Wilson to tell us?" He had nothing to say beyond confirming his senior's words, and having thanked the two officials for their information, I dismissed them.

Rising from my chair, I told the submanager, in a few words, what I contemplated doing next. I intended going straight to the Pollocks' house to carry on my investigations from that end.

"You are quite right, I am sure," Mr. Reeves replied, "and it will be well if I give you a note of introduction to his lordship."

Sitting down, he hastily scribbled a brief note, which I placed in my pocket, and then having shaken hands and promised to inform him if anything of importance transpired, I took my leave.

The hansom was waiting at the door. "No. 230 Grosvenor Gate," I called to the cabby. The man touched up his horse, which deposited the cab at me 20 minutes later at the house in question.

Lord and Lady Pollock were in the garden. "Would you be good enough to do so, and was ushered into the open letter of introduction.

It was very short, as I supposed naturally would be. It simply stated that I was the official from Scotland Yard to whom the diamond robbery had been referred, and that the information which could be given by Lord and Lady Pollock might probably be of service to me.

This was all that I gathered from perusing the note for the first time, but as my eyes wandered over it a second time, I noticed, with a curious feeling of excitement in my brain, something which had escaped me on the first reading.

It was the name as best I could discern from my pocket the forged note to the bank, and then an ejaculatory exclamation escaped me.

"By Jove; I believe I'm a little time to lose, and if they were the right one, my waiting to interview Lord and Lady Pollock would be quite unnecessary. Hailing a cab, I drove quickly to Scotland Yard, and taking up a directory I found that Mr. Reeves' office was in the London and Paris bank, Regent's Park mansions, Regent's Park. My next step was abrupt. I went to the chief and asked for a search warrant to investigate the residence of Lord and Lady Pollock, and to hear that the jewels had never been requisitioned by either of them, the first intimation of the business being the letter from the bank. Her ladyship, as you may well imagine, was in a terrible condition, and it required the united efforts of Lord Pollock and myself to bring her to something approaching a rational state. Her husband also was very emphatic, and hinted plainly that he should hold us responsible for the loss.

"The letter being, so far as we could perceive, in the handwriting of our customer, Lady Pollock, and the receipt being in order, I, of course, authorized the clerk to hand the case to the messenger immediately. This was accordingly done, and the man, having signed the receipt form, he was driven rapidly away. In due course a letter was sent by us to her ladyship, confirming the transaction, and next morning we were astounded to receive a visit from Lord and Lady Pollock, and to hear that the jewels had never been requisitioned by either of them, the first intimation of the business being the letter from the bank. Her ladyship, as you may well imagine, was in a terrible condition, and it required the united efforts of Lord Pollock and myself to bring her to something approaching a rational state. Her husband also was very emphatic, and hinted plainly that he should hold us responsible for the loss.

"Now, Mr. Wisney, you know as much about the case as I do, for I have given you the main facts as exactly as I can remember them."

"Thank you, very much," I returned, having made a few notes in my book of his remarks. "I wish all persons were equally concise and clear. And now I should like to ask you a most important question."

"What is it?" he inquired, quietly.
"Simply this. Is it, in your opinion, at all possible that Lady Pollock may know more of the theft than she is supposed to know? Is it at all probable that the whole business is simply an awful device to obtain the jewels and damages from the bank as well?"

He thought for a moment, and then said:
"Anything is possible in these extraordinary times, but such a supposition is certainly not very probable. Lord Pollock is one of the richest men in England, and his wife has an ex-

ceedingly liberal allowance, as I happen to know from our own books. Still, of course, such a thing is always possible."

heart beat freely as I drew out my skeleton key to try the lock, for if the diamonds were in Reeves' possession, it was a hundred chances to one they would be in the safe. No man in his senses would dream of disposing of such well-known stones whilst the hue and cry after them was raging.

After several ineffectual attempts, I was successful, and the safe door swung open. A cry of joy escaped me as I espied a small jewel case, bearing the Pollock crest on the lid. The diamonds were apparently intact—not one of them had been removed, so far as I could perceive. I could hardly believe my good fortune, but all the same I did not wait to gloat over it. Stowing away the case in the recesses of my breast pocket, I left the building, leaving the amazed servant still wondering.

My journey to the bank, whence I next took my steps, or rather, to which a cab bore me, was consumed with emotions, in which perhaps anxiety predominated. I was anxious because it seemed to me that perhaps even at the eleventh hour I might lose my man. If by any mishap Reeves had got wind of my visit to his house, he would in all probability have made good his flight ere this. Still, the diamonds were in my possession, and that was the main point after all.

Alas! the bank at last. Leaping from the vehicle, I rushed into the building.

"Mr. Reeves gone yet?" I shouted to a clerk.

"I think he is just going, sir," returned the man.

Without waiting to be announced, I darted upstairs into the room which I had quitted that morning. Reeves was lighting a cigar previous to leaving the bank, and he looked up quickly when I entered.

"Back so soon," he ejaculated; "that means good news. Have you a clue?"

"I have," I answered sternly; "and what is more, I have the diamonds as well."

He turned very white, and clung to the table for support.

"Are you joking, man? . . . what do you mean?"

"It means," I returned, deliberately, "that I locked the door and pocketed the key, that your crime has been discovered, and that you are my prisoner, John Reeves. It is my duty to arrest you in the queen's name on the charge of being connected with the theft of Lady Pollock's diamonds."

He collapsed like a house of cards, demoralized by a blow. His knees knocked together, his lips trembled, his hands twitched violently. A more abject creature I have never seen, and if ever gully was written on a man's face and in a man's figure, then he accompanied me down the stairs and into a cab like a man in a dream.

The evidence against Reeves being so conclusive, he was advised by his counsel to plead guilty and to make a full confession. This he did, and the confession which revealed a crime of such singular ingenuity and daring, ran thus:

That being desperately hard up through high play and betting on the turf, he had been at his wits' end to obtain money, and it therefore occurred to him to take advantage of his position at the bank to obtain and dispose of some of the bank's valuables.

That his first idea had been to do this in secret, but that further deliberation showed him how he might with impunity obtain his nefarious ends, and yet remain in the bank's service.

That the plan which he at length hit upon was to arrange with an accomplice to present himself at the bank with a letter forged by himself, and purporting to come from Lady Pollock, asking that the jewel case deposited by her ladyship should be given up.

That he had arranged with the said accomplice to wait until the head manager was away from London, so that there might be nobody to criticise the forgery, for in the absence of the chief it, of course, fell upon Reeves himself to deal with letters of the kind in question.

That the receipt which the supposed messenger had handed in with the letter was simply another forgery by the ingenious Reeves, copied naturally from the genuine document in the possession of Lady Pollock, which copy had been made by Reeves on the morning when the jewels were deposited, three months previously.

He was sentenced to a considerable term of imprisonment, a punishment which he certainly merited.

Perhaps they who have read these lines will wonder what was the link which set me on the right track, and which connected John Reeves with the crime. Ah, well, it was the smallest link in the world, and yet it was just the kind of link which the most skillful criminal is often careless enough to forge, and which leads to his destruction. The clew in question was merely a semi-colon. Both the forged letter to the bank and the note of introduction handed me by Reeves bore that little punctuation mark, which is hardly ever used in ordinary correspondence except by professional writers. Recognizing the extreme rarity of the mark, it flashed upon me in an instant of illumination that in all probability the writer of the forgery and the writer of the other note were one and the same person. Acting on this theory I took the action I have recorded, and achieved the success for which I had worked. Had Mr. Reeves employed a full-stop or a comma, as most other men would have done, he would in all likelihood have been a free man at this hour, and the bank mystery would have gone unsolved.—Tit-Bits.

New Railroad Legislation.

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A. T. DEWITT.

I have been suffering from headaches ever since I was a little girl. I could never ride in a car or take a rowing party or do anything that would give me a headache and I was a nervous and sick at my stomach. I had taken Ripans Tablets from an apothecary and found them to be a great relief from my headaches and I have been using them ever since. I have never had a headache since I began to use them. I am now twenty years old, and I can say that I have been a healthy child ever since I began to use them. I am now a healthy woman and I can say that I have been a healthy child ever since I began to use them. I am now a healthy woman and I can say that I have been a healthy child ever since I began to use them.

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Mrs. J. B. BROWN.

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CASH BUYERS UNION, CHICAGO, ILL.

LOCAL & PERSONAL.

A norther this morning. Joe Mullen is on the sick list this week. B. F. Burris was in from his ranch Monday.

Commissioners Court will meet again next Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Hargus returned Tuesday from Encinal.

For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's.

Mr. J. W. Elkins of Dimmitt County was in the city Thursday.

Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing.

Mr. F. P. Carpenter left Sunday evening for his ranch near Dilley.

Atty. Camp of San Antonio, has taken charge of Poteet's case

Stoves, Stoves, Stoves, Buck's Cook Stoves at Keck Bros.

2 1 lb package of seedless raisins or currants, 25c at S Cotulla's.

In the bustle of business life, don't forget the need of a new flag.

Mr. W. F. Jay was in yesterday from his ranch near the county line.

Studebaker wagons give satisfaction: See Keck Bros., for prices.

Mrs. Edward Cotulla, of Encinal, arrived Tuesday to visit her parents.

Mrs. Thos. Alderman and child ren came up from Twohig this morning.

Mr. J. F. Tobin paid the Record office a pleasant call Thursday morning.

To-day closed the third and last Teachers Institute for the present school year.

T. F. Miller has gone up to Dimmitt County to take a party of surveyors.

Claunch and ... spent Sunday in the Puddin settlement visiting relatives.

All the carpenters are kept busy now on the different business houses in town.

Miss Emma McMullen, of Encinal attended the Institute here yesterday and to-day.

Master Walter Ratcliff was in from his father's ranch on the lower Reices, yesterday.

Rev. M. T. Allen is at Datesville where he fills his regular appointment there to-morrow.

Miss Lila McClure of Millett attended the Institute here yesterday and to-day.

C. Frank Boyd Jr., assisted in "slinging type" in the Record office a few days this week.

Messrs. Lee Henrichson and Pink Buchanan came up from Twohig on this morning's train.

Chas. Gilmer returned Monday from the Burk Ranch, where he has been visiting for a few days.

Apples, Oranges and Bananas at Simon Cotulla & Co's.

Mrs. Livingston and daughter Katie left yesterday for Twohig to visit Mrs. Geo. Hill.

Messrs. Thos. Gardner and B. Vesper were in the city yesterday from the Puddin settlement.

Messrs. Emory and Thomas Alderman were visitors to the City during the early part of the week.

Prof. D. M. Henry, principal of the Encinal school, arrived yesterday morning to attend the Institute.

Keck Bros., are still at the old stand, ready to take your order for Wind mills, Pump Jacks etc., Prices reduced.

BORN:—Saturday night, to Mr. and Mrs C. L. Underwood, a baby girl. Both mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. L. C. Williamson left Monday for her home in Moore, after spending a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

J. P. Williams of Dull's Ranch was in town the early part of the week.

Fix up your old Bath Tub with Enamel Paint. It will stand hot water. For sale by Keck Bros.

Dr. Taylor, of Austin passed through Tuesday enroute to his ranch in Dimmitt County.

Jack Jay has been busy this week preparing Simon Cotulla's Ice Cream parlor for occupancy.

Messrs. W. E. Ramsey, John Lewis and John Murray were visitors to the city Monday from Twohig.

Mr. Geo. Neal left Monday for San Antonio, after spending a week visiting his uncle, Mr. J. F. Neal, and family.

Messrs. J. R. and A. P. Blocker were visitors to Cotulla Sunday from the Blocker Ranch in Dimmitt County.

Miss Florence Chiles left Monday to spend a few weeks visiting her uncle Mr. Geo. Newman at his ranch near Dilley.

Misses Lydia Buckhannan, Ellen Dillard and Mattie Dillard of Twohig, graced the Institute with their presence this week.

Mr. Sam Frazier, an earstwhile citizen of this place but now of Carrizo Springs, spent several days here this week.

Work on the steel span across the river is now under fair headway. The bridge will be open for travel now within a few days.

A. Armstrong, Jr., boarded Thursday's North bound train for his home in San Antonio, after spending a while on his ranch near here.

The teachers are making arrangements for a school entertainment at the close of school in May. Its a good thing, push it along.

That part of the program which was rendered last night at the Chera Institute was a success. Every participant tried to do their best.

Miss Lola Faubion, our primary teacher, received a telegram Tuesday calling her to the bedside of her sister who is very ill at present.

Mr. J. F. Tobin, of Karnes County, arrived here Tuesday evening, and has accepted the chief deputyship under Sheriff W. M. Burwell.

J. E. O'Meara, one of Dimmitt County stockmen, came in Wednesday and left the following morning for San Antonio to secure medical treatment.

It is reported that the whole state will quarantine against Laredo as that is the only place in which the smallpox is not under complete controll.

Bids on a bridge to be erected across seven mile creek on the Ft. Ewell road will be received by the County Clerk until next Saturday at 10 o'clock.

W. H. Jacobs Esq., one of La Salle's prominent stockmen, was in to see us Monday. While here he left us "a wheel" for the next year's paper. Thanks.

Capt. J. H. Rogers and Sheriff W. M. Burwell returned Monday from San Antonio where they had been to bring A. J. Poteet back for trial.

Mrs. Otterson of San Antonio, who is spending a few days at the Millett ranch, was here yesterday evening, accompanied by Miss Lila McClure of Millett.

Read the election Notice in another Column of this issue and think who will make the best trustees for the coming year. Then vote for them.

Miss Lizzie Campbell, of Carrizo Springs, passed through Tuesday, on her way to the San Antonio Female College, where she will resume her studies, until the close of the session. She was called home two weeks ago on account of her Mother's sickness

TO MY CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS:

I desire to express thanks for past favors and ask a share of their patronage in future; I shall endeavor to anticipate their wants in the Grocery line and give satisfactory service. Housekeepers will always find "something good to eat" at my store!

Very Respectfully B. Wildenthal.

Mrs. W. K. Beezley has been quite sick with the grippe for the past week, but we are glad to say, is much better at present.

Mr. W. T. Hill of Twohig was in the city yesterday. He contemplates taking in the Cattlemen's Convention at Ft. Worth next week.

Do you want a good school next year? Then be sure to vote for men in whom you have confidence. Choose your own trustees, and then uphold them.

Judge M. F. Lowe and Dist. Atty. C. A. Davies arrived on Monday's train to hold a habeus corpus trial here, that day. They returned Tuesday morning.

Messrs. A. Armstrong Sr., and W. C. Irvin, two of La Salle's stockmen who have lived here since the days of "free range," departed Wednesday for a visit to the Alamo City.

Mr. A. Millett, one of our prominent ranchmen from Northern section of the county, was in town yesterday. Mr. Millett endorses our position on that hunting law, as given last week.

Rev. Bruce Roberts will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow morning and night. Mr. Roberts has been called by the church here and will preach regularly hereafter.

Jeff Boyd returned from the Carpenter Ranch in Frio County to procure other hands as they will feed extensively for a few months. He reports conditions very unfavorable in that section of the county.

Backache is the first indication of kidney trouble. Urinary disorders, diabetes, and even Bright's Diseases follow unless promptly checked. Nothing better to make perfect kidneys than Dr. Sawyer's Ukatine.

J. M. Williams.

Carpenter B. J. Yowell, arrived Wednesday from Moore, and proceeded the following morning to make some needed improvements in the Landrum store building. Mr. Yowell will remain several days. He says Ed can't support him any longer.

MARRIED:—Attorney E. E. Neal of Rio Grande City and Mrs. L. Hickey of our town were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at San Antonio on 9th inst. They arrived on to-day's train. The RECORD extends congratulations and best wishes.

Excursion Rates To Ft. Worth.

Account Annual Meeting Cattlemen's Convention.

March 13th and 15th the I & G N will sell low rate round trip tickets from all points. Dates of sale, March 12th and for trains arriving at Ft. Worth evening of the 13th, limited to 17th. A large gathering is anticipated. Inquire at nearest I. & G. N. ticket office for particulars or address,

D. J. PRICE, G. P. & T. A. Palestine, Texas.

The School Board met at the school house yesterday evening at four o'clock to consult in regard to further proceedings of the Summer Normal. Dr. Williams was elected president. pro. tem. and an Executive Committee was appointed to take charge of proceedings. The Committee is composed of the following three members of the Board; Dr. Williams, Judge Dove and T. R. Keck who were given the power to select two others to assist and advise. The Committee will meet again to-day.

To My Lady Patrons:

I am thoroughly renovating my new establishment for your especial benefit, and have completed arrangements for a private entrance, which I will always be open and free of access. Dont forget me when in need of any thing in my line.

Respectfully, Simon Cotulla.

Notice.

By order of the County Commissioners Court of La Salle County, bids will be received by the Clerk of said Court up to 10 o'clock A. M. March 18th. 1899, for the prection and construction of a Wpoden Trestle Bridge across what is known as the Seven Mile creek on the Fort Ewell road

The plans and specifications of said Bridge are now on file with the County Clerk subject to inspection.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

G. H. KNAGGS, Clerk.

Messrs. J. L. Rowland and J. W. McCombs, two of La Salle's pioneer citizens were in Cotulla Thursday evening. While here they remembered that the Record could give all the latest news at the lowest price, and forthwith handed in their names, with the necessary cash. Thank you, gentlemen, call again.

Mr. Geo. Neal and family arrived on yesterday's train from San Antonio. Mr. Neal will open a first-class barber shop in the room formerly occupied by Willis Yates, in the near future.

Cap. J. A. Brooks, of Co. F. State Rangers, arrived on Sunday's train from Brownsville to attend the Poteet trial here. He left Wednesday, after remembering the Record with the subscription.

Mr. McCoy, one of La Salle's foremen stockmen, returned from Monday, where he is feeding cattle. Before leaving for his home, Mr. McCoy gladdened the heart of the Record force with an "Almighty Dollar" in payment of his subscription. We appreciate that sort of a visit, and hope the day may not be far distant when another subscriber will remember the dose.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF LA SALLE COUNTY.

I beg to report that I was employed by the Honorable Commissioners of La Salle County, Texas, January 23rd 1899, to reconstruct the county in the construction of the bridge over the Nueces River. At the time of my appointment I was owing Geo. C. ... of your body, \$200.00. I proposed my employment to a competent bridge man, to do the work for county; soon thereafter I paid Mr. Copp in full. During my stay in Cotulla on January 23rd, 1899, my business has been transacted with Mr. Poole and not with Mr. Copp. To the date of my employment I had spent considerable money with Mr. Copp; during my employment all my friends that could was taken to Mr. Poole's to do their trading.

During my employment, to the best of my knowledge and skill I earnestly endeavored to advance and protect the county and employers by refusing inferior material and by seeing that all the labor was performed in a workman-like manner. However, long before the work was completed and just at the time a Superintendent was most needed, upon motion of Mr. Copp, my services were dispensed with, without any valid cause therefor whatever.

F. P. CARPENTER.

Adv. res. 1 t.

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