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TALKING ON RULES.

ALL AMENDMENTS FAIL TO BE ADOPTED.

Debate on the Substitute for House Bond Bill is Opened in the Senate by Jones of Arkansas in a Two Hours' Speech—Will Collect for Force.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The house gave its time yesterday to discussing the proposed amendments to the rules of the fifty-first congress, which were provisionally adopted early in the session to govern the house. An interesting discussion relieved the monotony of the technical debate. It was precipitated by Mr. Walker of Massachusetts, chairman of the banking and currency committee, who made a fight against the proposition to drop the committee on banking and currency from the list of committees privileged to report bills to the house at any time. A partisan debate resulted, in which Mr. Walker was supported by the Democrats and a Republican contingent which included many free silver men. The last congress had added the committees on banking and currency and on coinage, weights and measures to the privileged list, but the committee on rules decided not to alter the list of the fifty-first congress, which did not include them. Mr. Walker failed to carry his point.

Mr. Hepburn of Iowa offered an amendment to direct the speaker to recognize any member who addresses him when no other member is on the floor and spoke against the growing power given by the rules to the speaker. He withdrew his proposition, however, after a speech by Mr. Bell of Colorado, who claimed that it would secure for the Populist members the recognition of what he claimed they were deprived. The discussion of the rules was not finished.

Gomez Makes a Dash.

HAVANA, Jan. 11.—The lull which seemed to have taken place in the activities of the insurgents in the past few days has given place once more to an unexpected dash of Maxim Gomez in the heart of the rich tobacco growing district of Pinar del Rio.

Confident claims have been made for several days past on the part of the authorities that the time was fast approaching when the insurgents were to pay the penalty for their temerity and when the Spanish were to close in upon them as in a trap and annihilate them. But this has not been accomplished.

The authorities have discovered evidence of what they consider a conspiracy to cause an uprising in Havana and to hand the city over to the insurgents. The conspiracy is believed to be wide ramified and the discovery has caused grave uneasiness in Havana and suspicions that the dissatisfaction is much more widely disseminated than has been admitted. Thirty persons have been arrested for complicity in the plot and eight have been imprisoned, while Aquilino Solano, police inspector for the port of Havana, has been relieved from duty.

The New Pension Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The pension appropriation bill was reported to the house yesterday. The bill carries an appropriation of \$141,325,820, which is about the sum appropriated last year and estimated by the commissioner of pensions to be necessary. The principal change was dropping the legislative provision proposed by Mr. W. A. Stone of Pennsylvania that no pension should be reduced, suspended or dropped except for fraud established by court.

A provision that when any application is rejected for informality and a pension secured by subsequent application it shall date from the first application was retained, as was the provision that a widow in establishing her claim to a pension under the act of June 27, 1890, need not prove that she is without means of support than her daily labor, but to this was added that "she shall prove that her net income does not exceed \$500 per annum."

An English Denial.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—It was semi-officially stated yesterday that no such movement of British forces toward the boundary or in the neighborhood of the disputed territory in Venezuela as indicated in the dispatches from Caracas via New York has been anticipated by Great Britain, and that no addition has been made to the small force of police which has been stationed for some time past in the Yurua district.

In regard to the attitude of Venezuela it is added that there is no reason to suppose that any hostile action on her part is intended.

Jones Holds the Key.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The tariff bill which came over from the house is "stuck" in the committee. The members of the finance committee are Morrill, Sherman, Allison, Aldrich, Platt, Wolcott and Jones of Nevada as the Republicans, counting Jones as such, but he affiliates with the Populists, and the Democrats are Voorhees, Harris, Vest, Jones of Arkansas, White of California and Walthall. With Jones of Nevada standing out an independent on this occasion opposing the bill, the committee is tied on the proposition as to whether there shall be a report on the bill. Of course the Democrats are opposed to reporting the bill while the Republicans are in favor of reporting it.

Jones contends that the bill is not a protection measure, and for that reason he is opposed to it on principle. Then he comes down to individual objections. He says he is interested in the Pacific slope and while his state is not interested in the cultivation of sugar, California is, and that article is clearly entitled to protection as long as any article manufactured or grown or dug out of the mines is protected. He takes the further ground that if the Republican contention that this is only a revenue measure is correct and honest, the sugar ought to be taxed an import duty, as it enters into every family, and that a tax on it would be general and fair. He is standing back on these propositions and there seems no way thus far to make him yield, and as long as he does not yield so long the bill will remain in the committee unless his demands are complied with.

Some Big Schemes.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 11.—W. L. Hoeneck, chief engineer of the Irkutsk and Vladivostok division of Russia's great railroad, says that feeders will be built from the main line, one into Afghanistan over the Thibet mountains, a third into Belochistan and Afghanistan and Persia.

This will bring the Russian road into the center of the Asiatic powers and right at the doors of India.

"You will perhaps be interested to know," said the doctor, "that the Russian government is building several merchantmen to ply between Vladivostok and some port in Alaska. We are now building three of them at Vladivostok and three more are to be built at Cronstadt; they will all be finished within a year or so. It is not decided which port we will go to, perhaps one will be made, for the United States is to build a railroad to some point in north Alaska and wherever it makes its terminus that we shall make out port. This is a part of a grand strategic plan and it is being carried out by an understanding between the two countries. The United States will build a line north to Sitka across Behring sea island as far as practicable and from that point make a connection with the ships Russia is building, making the journey from Alaska to Vladivostok in twenty-four hours."

Lighter than He Expected.

CLEBURNE, Tex., Jan. 10.—The jury in the case of John Wilkins, charged with murdering old man Grince Taylor, brought in a verdict late Wednesday evening finding him guilty, as charged, and assessing his punishment at death.

The prisoner did not seem at all disconcerted when the verdict was read. He remarked to some parties sitting by him that the verdict was lighter than he expected, his fear being a life term in the penitentiary. He is a young man, 22 years old, but doesn't look more than 18, and is handsome as an Adonis. He has an intellectual face and fine forehead, over which clusters of black curls fall. The testimony was all circumstantial.

In the statements by officers of the bureau of engineers, before the senate committee on coast defenses, the fact was developed that \$2,500,000 is required immediately for torpedoes and torpedo mines for land defenses. This is independent of the torpedoes and torpedo boats for the navy.

Will Collect for Force.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 11.—A special report from Washington says: Unless the Turkish porte makes prompt reparation for the burning of the American mission buildings at Harpoot, the indemnity of \$400,000 demanded by this government will be collected by force. This statement was made last night by a high official of the government.

The Belle of Nelson Distilling company located at Louisville, Ky., assigned on the 9th, inst. Liabilities, \$250,000, assets about the same.

TEXAS PENCILINGS.

Carefully Called Events and Happenings in the State.

Victor McKnight, an employe at the elevator of the Gaaveston Wharf company, was assisting in unloading corn from the cars into the bins of the elevator recently. This work is done by means of large shovels, which work by machinery and are operated automatically with ropes. McKnight was caught in the coil of rope, which tightened around his leg. He grasped the same rope which passed to the floor above where it was carried over a sheave. His right arm was crushed and wound with the rope around the sheave until the arm was severed just below the junction with the shoulder. The body fell head downward, the right leg being retained in the coil of rope. Finally the leg was severed four inches below the knee and the mangled body fell to the floor, the two limbs remaining fastened in the sheave. McKnight retained consciousness while he was being removed to the hospital, where he expired in a few hours.

At Broadway, Lamar county, recently W. F. Hester, during the absence of his wife, shaved himself and prepared his toilet, in contemplation of suicide. He loaded his gun, pulled up the bed clothes, sat down upon the bed tick, and after having put a note between the gun barrels and the ramrod, with his feet resting upon a trunk, he placed the muzzle against his left breast and fired. The flesh around the wound was burned for a space of four inches or more. The note read: "The reason I have done this is because I have consumption. I hope that my friends will see that I am buried by the side of my mother."

At Weimar, Colorado county, recently S. C. Conner, M. Lankin, Willis Smith and R. Lofton of Houston were in the colored Odd Fellows hall organizing a Baptist church, known as the Second Conventic church, and just before the time for service while the above named parties were walking around the house, some unknown party shot a 38-caliber pistol ball through the glass window, breaking the glass, the ball striking Lofton about the right hip, causing a very painful wound. The trouble is supposed to have grown out of the church organization. The shotist escaped.

At Garrett, Ellis county, recently, while Lee Miller and Harris Croker were hauling hay, a bale fell from the wagon and, in replacing it, fell on the team, frightening them and throwing Lee out. He became entangled in the harness and was dragged along a wire fence. His clothes were torn from him and left in shreds on the fence. He was picked up unconscious and found to be badly cut and scratched all over. The most serious wound is on the top of his head. An eye witness says the fence was covered with blood and strips of clothing for forty yards. He will recover.

He died at his home in Oak Cliff, Dallas county, at 11 a. m., January 4th, Mr. Alexander Lacy, aged 78. Mr. Lacy was a citizen of Texas for 58 years. He was a private in the Mexican war, as also in the war between the States, having volunteered at the beginning and served under the Confederate flag to the close of that bitter struggle. He was a noble, worthy and good man, the soul of honor, and leaves a host of friends. His wife, two sons and three daughters, survive him. He was buried with Masonic honors.

The question of imposing a special school tax of 20 cents was voted on in the Fifty-third school district of Travis county the other day, and carried. The district is in the mountain region above Austin, sparsely settled, but abounds in lands of non-residents. It is the first district outside of Austin in that county to vote the school tax.

James Dougherty while hunting curlew about five miles from Alvin, Brazoria county, the other morning accidentally shot himself through the left hand with a small Winchester rifle.

George Sampson, a negro who about six years ago, while acting as porter on an International and Great Northern train, killed a negro tramp at Gause, who was attempting to steal a ride on the train, and who subsequently was tried and served a portion of the time in the state penitentiary, was pardoned by Governor Culberson a few days ago, in time to eat New Year's dinner with a number of relatives at Taylor.

R. C. Faulkner & Co., grocers at Cameron, have made an assignment of their stock of goods. Liabilities \$9387; assets about \$7000.

A wreck occurred the other evening

Wagon And Feed.

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Mrs. J. D. SCROGGINS, Ballinger, Tex.

The Coke county people are tired, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 day to them. All trains met porter. Free feed yard to farms.

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Laving closed out my saloon, all are indebted to me will please come in and settle up at once.

Respectfully, F. B. Perry.

J. J. Moore has purchased the old Front saloon of F. B. Perry and has moved into it.

It is reported that Jeff Davis will be at the other saloon for about a month, when the license expire.

The stock and house cost Mr. Moore \$818.85.

LOOK OUT!

GOING! GONE!

Mr. Irby, the photographer, wishes to remind the good people of this county and town that his place in Robert Lee is drawing to close and if you want a good picture taken, come at once.

signed. St. Jo bank, \$905; John Bowlin, \$240; Taylor & Simpson, \$900, preferred claims.

On the 4th inst. State Treasurer Wortham issued a call for 1000 registered warrants up to and including No. 11,000. The call represented \$66,000. The last warrant registered at noon of that day was No. 21,233.

A rabid horse created some excitement in the Sixth ward of Austin the other morning. Before the animal was killed it had bitten a negro boy named Walter Hubbard, a dog and a horse belonging to Tom Johnson.

In Comal county recently the 5-year-old child of I. Voight was burned severely while playing around a fire on the farm of Rich Kirmse. The little girl suffered agonies until death relieved her.

The net earnings of the Texas railroads for the year which ended June 30, 1894, was \$7,188,295.08 and for the year ended June 30, 1895, it was \$10,522,875.41, an increase of \$3,334,580.33, or 46.39 per cent.

J. M. Stewart was run over by a wagon at Weatherford recently, and died in a short time.

Marino Gelussich, general merchandise at Galveston, has signed a trust deed to secure \$750.

The brick used by the contractor for the sewers at San Antonio are burnt at Monterey, Mex.

A recent rabbit hunt at Forest Grove in Collin county, resulted in the killing of 300 rabbits.

M. A. Moore took too much laudanum at Lancaster, Dallas county, and died.

The crown princess of Denmark is a royal "highness" by nature as well as birth—being six feet three inches tall. Moss grows thickest on the north side of hills, and a sun-exposed tree has its largest limbs on the south side.

A Passaic, N. J., man is at work on a model of an electric fire engine which will propel itself and work the pumps.

Negroes on sugar plantations are said almost to live on sugar during the season when it is made, and to thrive on it.

A baseball caused the temporary suspension of a weekly paper in Fossil, Oregon. Its only compositor, while playing ball, broke his finger.

From a lobster farm at Southport, Maine, twelve miles in extent, 1,000,000 of the crustaceans are annually shipped to all parts of the world.

For 107 years the Philadelphia dispensary has been quietly performing its work. During the last fiscal year 20,642 patients were treated by the institution.

Children who are dressed in white clothes, medical men declare, are more susceptible to colds and infectious diseases than those clad in dark, warm clothes.

East Greenwich, England, has the largest gasometer in the world. When full, it contains 12,000,000 cubic feet of gas. It is 180 feet high and 300 feet in diameter, and cost \$300,000.

West Virginia, with less than 800,000 inhabitants, has but three cities, and is essentially a rural and half-settled region. In spite of her enormous wealth in timber and mines also many of her counties number only a handful of people. No West Virginia county has 50,000 inhabitants, and only ten have more than 20,000, while nineteen have less than 10,000, and two have less than 5,000.

ANIMAL LIFE.

Lobsters are said to get terrified by thunder, and seek deep water during thunderstorms.

A grey fox on the farm of Thomas Finnegan, near West Chester, is on good terms with a lot of young beagle dogs which Mr. Finnegan is raising. The animal plays with the dogs and sleeps in the same pen with them.

Roscoe Howard of San Diego, Cal., has presented to the Smithsonian institution a white king eagle from Ecuador, where it was captured in the Andes, and said to be the first one of its species ever brought to this country. It is a magnificent looking bird, and, although only six months old, weighs nearly fifty pounds and is about three feet six inches in height.

Sable island, whence a carrier pigeon recently brought news of the wreck of the schooner Robert J. Edwards, is famous throughout the Canadian marine provinces for its race of wild ponies. The little creatures were originally placed upon the island in order that they might furnish food for shipwrecked mariners frequently cast away there. The coarse salt grass of the island is cured and stacked in summer time, and upon this the ponies feed all winter. It is said that they eat their way deep into the stacks and thus find their only shelter from storms.

Some tadpoles born at the London zoo have not the black and forbidding aspect of the tadpole which is one of the common objects of a country walk in March. These tadpoles are largely colorless and have an engaging way of balancing themselves on their heads, instead of wriggling up to each other like our familiar acquaintances. Their chief merit, however, is the fact that they are the offspring of their parents. They come from eggs deposited by an African frog, which has the rather doubtful distinction of being more like a newt than any other frog. This frog, known technically as xonopus levis, has never before condescended to breed at the zoo or in captivity, so its young were very imperfectly known.

WITS AT WORK.

Clara—Don't you think he is too old to love? Maude—That may be, my dear, but he's too wealthy not to.

Traveler—I see you advertise shelter for man and beast? Tavernkeeper—Yes, sir; I can give you either. Which do you prefer?

Maud—Why don't you give young Sewers some encouragement if you love him? Nell—Oh, he ought to be able to press his own suit. He's a tailor.

Aunty—What a lot of pretty dolls you have. Little Niece—Yes'm, they are real pretty; but I do have so much trouble wiz zem. Sometimes I fink they must be all boys.

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A recent letter of the Comptroller, shows that the last day of grace on taxes is the 31st of March, so that those who have been unable to pay them up to date need not be uneasy for a month or two.

It is reported that Lampassas has secured a \$60,000 woolen mill employing 100 hands.

Coke county has marketed already over 3,000 bales of cotton of which Angelo has received about one-third.—S. A. Standard.

What on earth is the matter with the people, every body appears to be glad to see each other. Certainly it is not because there will be a general election throughout the country this next fall.

Two trains of the Caralitos cattle, about 5000 head; have been received here this week and driven up to the Two Buckle Ranch for grazing.—Colorado Spokesman.

A little over 400 bales of cotton have been ginned here this season and several yet to be brought in. Oh, this is a splendid cotton country, but other things can be raised that there is more money in.—Colorado Spokesman.

Dr. Toliver now rides a "bran" new buggy.

Dr. Dickinson, of the firm of Dickinson & Dickinson, Ballinger was in town yesterday.

Editors Tom Cooper, of the Concho Valley News; Claude B. Hudspeth, Ozona's Great Family Weekly and C. W. Merchant of Coke County Milo Maise, were in the city recently.

The above is from the San Angelo Kaffir corn and is no doubt intended as a reminder of its recent well worn Coke county Milo Maise and sorghum population anecdote, which it seems to be so proud of.

The Largest Mail in America.

Chicago, Ill.—[Special.]—Postmaster Washington Hering, referring to the Chicago postoffice, in a recent speech at the Auditorium, made the following statement:

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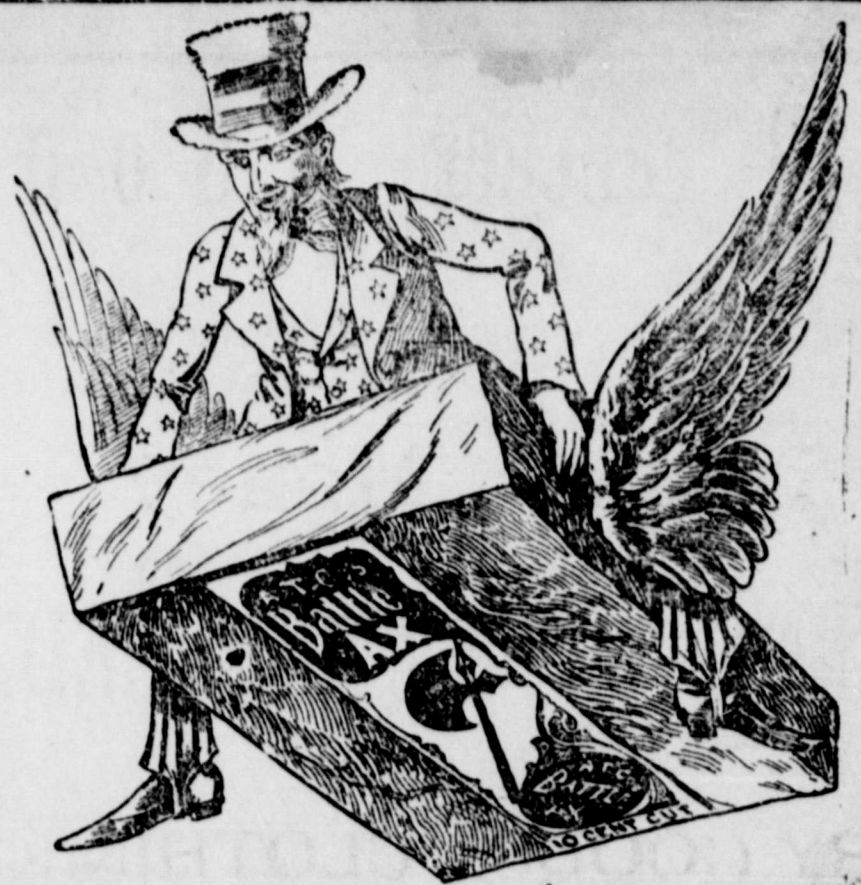
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Congressman Noonan has introduced a bill for the establishment of a federal court at San Angelo.



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Letter From Brother Fair.

Comanche, Texas, Jan. 8 1896.
To The RUSTLER:—I hope you have all had a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Comanche town had a nice Christmas tree at each of the four churches and a watch night service at the Methodist church on the last night of the year. We arranged for preaching at each of the five preaching places on the Comanche Circuit on Christmas day. My family is comfortably housed in the suburbs of the city. The town claims 3000 inhabitants and a great deal of business is transacted here.

They have shipped from this place about 12000 bales of cotton to date. The Ft. Worth and Rio Grand R. R. passes through the town. The Comanche College is located here. Prof. Rodgers is president. He has nine assistants. There are over 400 pupils in attendance and the number is increasing every week. Four of my children are attending.

There have been several deaths in Comanche recently. Two of the leading physicians of this place have died; Both were named Rodgers and both died from home-one died New Orleans, the other in Nashville, the latter was a brother of our College President. I have married two couples and officiated at two burial services since we came here.

"Kickapoo Bill intimates that I misrepresented either Robert Lee or Temple in my statement that I had heard more profane swearing in a half hour in Robert Lee than I heard in a week in Temple. I only stated my experience in the two towns. He also intimates that I should have reformed Robert Lee in four years. I did not say at what period of the four years of my sojourn in Coke county this half hour of profanity was heard.

Now I confess that the reformatory process goes on slowly in Robert Lee, especially among the class who loaf around the saloons.

I am glad to note that profanity on the streets of Robert Lee is not so great and frequent as it was three and a half years ago, but I dont claim any credit for it, altho I condemned it publicly. Some of the most profane left the country and a few quit the practice of swearing publicly. K. B. also makes the threat, by intimation, if I were to take up another collection in Coke county that he would not contribute.

Now if K. B. thinks that I would conceal the truth to swell a contribution he is mistaken. There are some Bills and some Williams in Coke county and I dont know which one of those Bills or Wills your "K. B." is:

This I know, it is always the bit dog that whines, so I suppose he belongs to the swearing crowd and that all the money he ever gave to the cause would not send a missionary to China. I pray the good Lord to convert our friend William and save him in the better world. Mr. Editors I thank you for your newsy paper. We look eagerly for its weekly visits and if I can help you to increase its circulation I will gladly do it. I send congratulations to all those newly married couples. May their lifes voyage be smooth and pleasant and their landing in the Celestial City be safe and sure.

I send love to all the readers your excellent paper.

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Ballinger, Tex.

The Coke county people are invited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.

H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

Having closed out my saloon, all who are indebted to me will please come in and settle up at once.

Respectfully, F. B. Perry.

G. J. Moore has purchased the Round Front saloon of F. B. Perry and has moved into it.

It is reprinted that Jeff Davis will run the other saloon for about a month, when the license expire.

The stock and house cost Mr. Moore \$818.85.

LOOK OUT

GOING! GONE.

Mr. Irby, the photographer, wishes to remind the good people of the county and town that his time in Robert Lee is drawing to a close and if you want a good picture taken, come at once.

F. K. Nance

of

San Angelo has more and has cheaper Shoes than any house in West Texas.

Childrens shoes, from 20 cents up.

Ladies shoes from 50 cents up in fact you can get twice the worth of your money at 1-2 price! How can he sell so cheap! He traded land for them is why.

F. K. Nance.

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SOCIETY.

I. O. O. F.—Robert Lee Texas No. 327 meets each Thursday night. George Williamson N. G. F. B. Perry, V. G. H. H. Hayley, Secretary, J. D. Davis Treasury.

A. F. AND A. M.

Hayrick Lodge No. 696 meets Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

R. R. Smith, W. M., George Williamson S. W. W. R. Presler, J. W. H. E. Johnston Sec. B. A. Boykin, Treasurer J. A. Burroughs Tiler J. H. Burroughs S. D. T. A. Higgin bothem, J. D.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Bronte, 2d " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, " " 4 p. m.
Mt Carmel, 3d " 11 a. m.
Cow Creek, " " 4 p. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Tucker S. C., " " 4 p. m.
Decker, 5th " 11 a. m.
Geo. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

A. M. JAY, Pastor.

Baptist Church; 3d Sunday No Pastor.

Christian Church 2nd Sunday No Pastor.

Broke the Tobacco Trust.
St. Louis, Mo., (Special)—Col. Wm. A. Kirchhoff, general western manager of the American Tobacco Co., has startled his numerous friends by stopping the use of tobacco. For years he had smoked twenty strong cigars daily, and a less quantity would leave him nervous and ill. The habit was undermining his health, and he tried to quit, but could not, until he took No-To-Bac, the medical miracle that has cured so many thousands of tobacco-users. Col. Kirchhoff's craving for tobacco has entirely gone, and he feels better than ever before. He is a great No-To-Bac enthusiast now. Over 300,000 bad tobacco-users have been cured by No-To-Bac, and the loss to tobacco manufacturers is easily over \$10,000,000 a year.

A Famous Picture.
No picture at the World's fair in Chicago attracted more attention than Hovenden's great picture "Breaking Home Ties." Last year Hovenden lost his life in saving that of a child, and the university of Pennsylvania has honored the great artist's memory by creating a students' fund, which will bear his name. In a letter written not long before his death on the subject of his masterpiece, "Breaking Home Ties," he said: "I felt that the picture could do only good to young men. That was in my mind all the time." The thought that was in the painter's mind is still to be perpetuated. The Hovenden students' aid fund will be a permanent benefaction to young men for generations to come. Under the administration of the university it will extend to them the advances of that higher education which is becoming more and more a necessity to the youth of America. "Breaking Home Ties" has been placed on exhibition for the benefit of the fund.

It Worked.
It is said a Boston painter who died not long since was a broken-down wreck in his later days. Some feeling of pride and shame cling to him to the last, however, and, although he lived upon the charity of his friends, he never asked for money outright. In the crown of his hat he pasted this request, "Please lend me a quarter," printed in big starring letters. When making a call he would doff his hat with much show of dignity, and there would be the mute appeal staring in the face of his intended victim. The scheme never failed. This was much better than getting up a raffle for a poor woman and never having the raffle nor making returns of the tickets sold. Charity covereth a multitude of gambling sins!

It is talked in London that the queen has "decided to offer" the Order of the Garter to the king of Wurtemberg. It has all along been the intention that the duke of Coburg should be intrusted with the duty of conferring this Garter on behalf of her majesty, as he has done once before. But the arrangement has not been received with much favor in influential circles at home, and there is a possibility that the queen will herself hold the investiture when returning through Germany from her spring villeggiatura on the Mediterranean littoral. Of course, his Wurtemberg nibs will not do such a thing, but he might stop the order ceremony in short order by telling the queen to keep her garter at home.

"We can't carry you," said a Boston motorman, slowing up his car at the frantic gesticulation of an elderly woman. "This is a mail car." "Well," she answered, "can't a female ride on it?"



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ONE ENJOYS
Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.
Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.
CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

LOVE THE CHILDREN.

Selfishness Being Taught to the Heirs of the Republic.
The home is now ordered for and wholly controlled by the children. The grown person receives no consideration among a household of children. The meals, the house, the whole domestic routine, is ordered for the little folks. The training of Lycurgus couldn't prevent such children from being selfish, exacting and inconsiderate. At home conceded everything, abroad they exact everything. Household rule is a tyranny of the small boy and small girl, tempered by weak indulgence. The result is seen in the schools, railway trains, in hotels—wherever the small person has a chance to exhibit his spoiling. How can good manners be expected from children thus trained or untrained? In college they are uninfluenced by the example of the professors, because their relations are purely perfunctory. The natural bent, taken in their tender years, comes out in harder egotism a more boorish lack of consideration for others.

It is a commonplace to say that to be gentle one must be born gentle, yet it is hardly the fact. In other days, when the home was not devoted entirely to the pleasures and pastimes of the young folks, good breeding was as general as ill-breeding is now. In a society where children take on all the airs and go through all the social functions in miniature of their elders, there seems to be no place for the corrections and refinements once thought part of very young people's training. The press of the country is perpetually satirizing the public conduct of Americans in travel, in watering-places, in theaters and public places, and it is an extraordinary fact that the so-called better ranks of the social system seem to be the most culpable. Women who manifest their indignation when a toll-worn workman declines to give her his place in the street car by audible comments on the selfishness of men will in their own household encourage this very selfishness by making everything in the house bend to the whims of a spoiled boy or girl, demanding the first service at table or the entire house for a playroom. Colleges can not make fine manners a natural part of youths who have been thus ill reared at home. Good manners must to a certain degree be the expression of good heart; but conventional good manners are attainable by watchfulness, and are often acquired by the extremely selfish.

THE MILKY SEA.

It Is Due to a Mist or to Phosphorescent Animals.
In 1616 the expedition to the East Indies under Martin Piling when in the tropical Pacific had one night what was to the members of that expedition a very mystifying spectacle, says Blackwood's Magazine. They beheld the sea all about them pale and white, resembling a vast cheese vat, so that one might have imagined "the ship to have been sailing in whey instead of salt water, it carried such a milky appearance along with it. The air and sky at the same time looked white and hazy, without doubt the effect of the reflections from the surface of the water so disposed and colored." In February, 1881, Mr. Daniel Pidgeon, a very acute observer, witnessed the phenomenon of this "milky sea" of the Pacific when, he says, "the whole ocean, from the ship to the visible horizon, looked exactly as if it were covered with snow. The snowy surface evidently reflected the light of the sky, for Venus, being very bright, threw a distinguishable line of radiance across it, while the phosphorescent crests of waves were now and then seen breaking above the layer of shining matter which overlaid the water." He convinced himself that the appearance was due to a thin layer of mist, produced when the sea surface appears to be considerably cooler than the moist atmosphere above it, so that the air in immediate contact with the water is chilled below the dew point and becomes misty, while the air above remains transparent. It would be interesting to know whether the same explanation will apply to all displays of the "milky sea" or whether the effect should sometimes be attributed solely to phosphorescent animals and plants, and if not, whether in any case those sources of light contribute to illuminate the sea from below.

Villainy.
"Look!" she almost shrieked in her rage as she shook the paper under his face. "Oh, villain, villain, I have found you out in all your base perfidy."
"I beg your pardon," said the young man, "but I'm afraid I don't quite follow you."
"This is your letter to me."
"Yes."
"It breathes the tenderest affection, doesn't it?"
"I flatter myself," he answered, with a complacent bow, "that it does."
"It is ardent in its protestations of indying devotion, isn't it?"
"If it was as I intended it, there's no doubt about it being so."
"Look—look here," she hissed, "and then turn your face in shame. Here are the unmistakable traces of carbon paper. This letter was manifested!"—Washington Star.

The Boy and His Yell.

People with nerves have often wished that boys could be induced to refrain from yelling as they went about their ordinary avocations. Heretofore no one has attempted to interfere with the joyous exuberance of youth that manifests itself in cat calls and howls and college yells. It was felt that it was their inalienable right, and people who didn't like it could stick their heads under the bed clothes, or stuff cotton in their ears. Galesburg, Mich., however, has a marshal who doesn't hold with this weak and quiescent theory. He doesn't believe in college yells, or football yells, or any other kind of yells, and last week he arrested a 15-year-old boy for giving vent to his enthusiasm by uttering a series of ear-splitting shrieks that, on examination, were found to be football yells. It took two other officers, beside the marshal, to arrest the boy, who fought like a tiger, and in the scuffle one of the officers got his nose broken. The boy was clubbed over the head with a cane, and upon release brought suit and was awarded \$150 damages. Heaven has joined the boy to his yell, and not even the western courts—where you can get a divorce while you wait—can put them asunder.

The Japanese Way.
A "ring" has been unearthed in the city of Tokio, Japan, organized to swindle the city with worthless water pipes. Twenty-five of the rascals are in prison, and their property has been confiscated.

A Crying Shame.
It is said that some time ago the Turkish governor sent doctors to Zeltoun, under color of having the children vaccinated, and 600 boys were killed with poisonous virus.

Ghosts are Pale and Shadowy.
Say those who profess to have interviewed them. Whether spooks are flow-faced or not, mortals are whose blood is thin and watery in consequence of imperfect assimilation. When invalids resort to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and use that unequalled tonic persistently, they soon "pick up" in strength, flesh and color. It should be used also to prevent rheumatic and kidney complaints, and to remedy constipation, sick headache and nervousness.

War is a horrible thing—to the one who gets the worst of it.

THE FIGHT IS ON.
There is an intense rivalry between the watermelon and tomato growers as to who can produce the earliest. Salzer's Earliest Watermelon ripened in 1895 in 52 days. That record is to be beaten and Salzer pays \$100 to the winner! Then on tomatoes the record on "50 days the Earliest Tomato" in 1895 was 68 days. That's to be beaten and \$50 paid. Salzer challenges the world to produce earlier melons, tomatoes, cabbage, radishes, peas or sweet corn than he offers. Get his mammoth catalogue. There is money in it.

If you will cut this out and send it with 12c. stamps to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will get free their great catalogue and a package of the yellow watermelon sensation. w.n.

Enforced idleness to the energetic is always uncomfortable.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.
As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure, be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists; price, 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills, 25c.

Men waste money on tobacco, women waste it on their sleeves.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.
Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Wadsworth's SOOTHING SYRUP for Children's Teething.

Castling stones at another makes of one's self a target for their return.

During the present difficulty Spain has sent to Cuba 116,000 troops, and Campos wants more. The insurgents started with a force of 100 men, and now have 60,000 in the field.

The Chicago park board is trying to sell off a job lot of surplus lions, buffalo and elk.

The lion and the lamb lie down together very much in the same way dentists pull teeth without pain.

The secret of a secret is to know how and when to tell it.

Gallantry is attention men show women who don't belong to them.

The sham in a woman comes out when she has company.

If Troubled With Sore Eyes
Jackson's Indian Eye Salve will positively cure them. 25c at all drug stores.

It's a pity girls don't practice patience more and the piano less.

"Brown's BRONCHIAL TROCHES" are of great service in subduing Hoarseness and Coughs. Sold only in boxes. Avoid imitations.

Fashion never introduces a style that is of any benefit to humanity.

Don't Like Pain.
Jim Cash-Cash, a rich and influential Umatilla Indian of Oregon, is suing for a divorce on the ground that his wife paints her face.

"Hanson's Magic Corn Salve."
Warranted to cure or money refunded. Ask your druggist for it. Price 15 cents.

A boy wonders why a girl's hair don't get hopelessly tangled.

PLANTING
well begun is half done. Begin well by getting Ferry's Seeds. Don't let chance determine your crop, but plant Ferry's Seeds. Known and sold everywhere.
Before you plant, get **Ferry's Seed Annual** for 1906. Contains more practical information for farmers and gardeners than many high-priced text books. Mailed from **D. M. FERRY & CO., DETROIT, MICH.**

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Best. Rest. Test.

There are two kinds of sarsaparilla: The best—and the rest. The trouble is they look alike. And when the rest dress like the best who's to tell them apart? Well, "the tree is known by its fruit." That's an old test and a safe one. And the taller the tree the deeper the root. That's another test. What's the root,—the record of these sarsaparillas? The one with the deepest root is Ayer's. The one with the richest fruit; that, too, is Ayer's. Ayer's Sarsaparilla has a record of half a century of cures; a record of many medals and awards—culminating in the medal of the Chicago World's Fair, which, admitting Ayer's Sarsaparilla as the best—shut its doors against the rest. That was greater honor than the medal, to be the only Sarsaparilla admitted as an exhibit at the World's Fair. If you want to get the best sarsaparilla of your druggist, here's an infallible rule: Ask for the best and you'll get Ayer's. Ask for Ayer's and you'll get the best.

THE AERMOTOR CO. does half the world's windmill business, because it has reduced the cost of wind power to 1¢ what it was a few years ago. It has many branch houses, and supplies its goods and repairs at your door. It can and does furnish a better article for less money than elsewhere. It makes Pumping and Hoisting, Steel, Galvanized, and Cast-iron Windmills, Tilting and Fixed Steel Towers, Steel Box Saw Frames, Steel Feed Cutters and Feed Grinders. On application it will name one of these articles that it will furnish until January 1st at 1/3 the usual price. It also makes Tanks and Pumps of all kinds. Send for catalogue. Factory: 11th, Rockwell and Fillmore Streets, Chicago.

S. N. PIKE'S Magnolia WHISKEY Cincinnati - OHIO.
DON'T be persuaded to buy something else in place of Old Reliable PIKE'S MAGNOLIA. If your dealer does not keep it, write us and we will inform you how to get it. Acknowledged to be The Best. **W. W. JOHNSON & CO. Cincinnati, O. Successors to E. E. FIFE, SOLE DISTILLERS.**

OPIUM Morphine Habit Cured in 10 to 20 days. No pay till cured. **DR. J. STEPHENSON, Lebanon, Ohio.**

PISO'S CURE FOR GOUT, GRAVEL, RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, SCIATICA, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE URIC ACID. Best of Piso's Syrup. Three Doses. Use in Time. Sold by druggists.

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Buggies And Hacks,

AT
ORIGINAL COST.

We still have a few of those Hacks and Buggies which we bought so low from the stock of J. L. Carlisle.

1 Special Mountain Hack, 1 1/4 axles, top, pole and brake \$120
1 Two seat (Jump Seat) Ranch or Farm Hack, rubber top and pole \$90.

Just the thing for a family, as it can be converted from a one seat ranch road buggy to a two seat family buggy. Former price of same \$125.

1 Ranch Road Hack, full rubber top side curtains, apron, pole brake etc., a splendid ranchman's buggy only \$125.

Former price of same \$165.
1 Ranch Road Hack, full rubber top, side curtains, apron, pole, brake etc., same style as above but lighter, only \$97.
Former price of same, 125.

We also have a carload, just received, of Hubert single and double Hacks, Hacks, Milk and Light Spring Road Wagons at very reasonable prices. We give a full guarantee on these lines of goods.

One 100-piece Royal Porcelain Dinner set, handsomely decorated and gold stenciled, regular retail price \$10.00, now by set \$12.75.
One 30-piece dinner set, same as above regular price \$7.25, by set, 6.00

One 40 piece dinner set, same as above, regular price \$2.50, by set 5.00

One 20-piece combination dinner and tea set, Carlsbad China, daintily decorated and gold stenciled. Very handsome only 25 00

One 25-piece dinner set, pure Carlsbad China, of a very hand-some and fashionable decoration and catches pattern nothing better in the store \$12.75

One 30-piece delicate plain China dinner set, regular \$6.75 only 6.00
We still have only about 40 or 50 of these 1 piece sets left at 40 cents per set.

Pure white Ironstone cups and saucers, handled and full size, warranted, at only 40c per set

Plates of same grade same price. Full size pitchers and bowls of same grade for only 75 cents.
Handled Water Glasses, 20 dozen at 35 cents per dozen. Will close them out.

CHRIS AND GEO. HAGELESTEIN,
San Angelo, Texas.

LOCAL CHIPS.

A mill and gin or "bust."

W. C. Merchant returned from Sweetwater Monday with his mother who will reside here in the future.

The RUSTLER is authorized to say that the location of a gin and mill here has been definitely arranged for.

Next in order is the telephone; get together gentlemen and start it up.

Arkansaw Smith is the red-hot cash man of San Angelo.

Patronize those who advertise in the RUSTLER.

Come Now

To Robert Lee, a fine picture of your baby or whole family Guaranteed.

R. E. Tankersley, traveling agent for the Houston, Texas Central, was in town Monday.

B. F. Montgomery and Ed Mobley went to San Angelo Monday and returned Tuesday.

F. B. Perry and John Barron visited Sterling city Sunday and returned Monday.

The only cash house in Angelo is Arkansaw Smith's

Rufe Whiteside was in town Wednesday with some nice pork.

S. C. Wilkins is to move to his, the Jim Henderson farm and ranch, next week.

R. L. Story has a nice field of wheat.

Cash talks at Arkansaw Smiths San Angelo.

Scrip for sale at the RUSTLER office.

Stephen Parker came in the other day and bought a big turning plow of Burroughs & Co. with which he will now proceed to turn sod.

J. H. Childress, of Edith, dropped in Wednesday and handed us \$3.50 on his subscription for which he has our sincere thanks.

Can get more Groceries for less money than any place in San Angelo at Arkansaw Smiths'.

I will buy or repair your second hand Wagons, Buggies and Hacks. Always a stock of same on hand for sale at my shop 3 blocks North of Lee Factory. Come see me.
H. Y. KETTLER,
San Angelo, Texas.

Rev. W. J. Glass, of Olga, was doing the town Tuesday.

We wish to call attention to several new advertisements in this issue.

Jim Ausbourne representing Houghton & Robinson, whiskey dealers of Austin, was here several days last week and the first this week.

Talk is cheap, but when you want Boots and Shoes call on N. P. Jones the Champion Shoe Agent of the west. I am here to stay and not to be undersold. Call and see me and be convinced that the half has never been told.

January 1st, 1896.

I have closed my books and from now on will sell strictly for cash. I have found out that with the capital I have, I can not keep an assortment of goods and sell on a credit. All that are indebted to me, please come forward and settle.

Respectfully,
R. B. Higgins.

J. C. Turner, formerly of this place, now of Carlton, Hamilton county, was here several days this week looking after his interests in the town and county. Mr. Turner speaks of moving back here.

Mr. J. D. O'Daniel Sr. the Bronte cowman and farmer was in town Thursday and remembered the RUSTLER with \$1.50. Mr. O'Daniel says the people of the Kickapoo are busy plowing and that there will be a great deal of oats planted this season.

Dr. J. F. Riggs invites the Coke county people to go to see him when in need of Dental work. He gives you the advantage of twenty two years experience. Office at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo, Texas.

Messrs. Couch and Young of Wingate, Runnels county stopped at the Lee Hotel Wednesday night. These gentlemen are in our county prospecting and think they will buy land and settle with us.

L. J. Good of Pecan neighborhood was in town Thursday shaking hands with friends.

R. I. Kirkland and Nelson Webb of the Ft Chadbourne neighborhood was in Lee Thursday and report all well in their section.

Mr. John Phillips of the Chapman neighborhood on the Divide in the South West part of the county, was in town one day this week smiling on the boys.

When you go to Ballinger—After fine Christmas presents see Oscar Pearson the Jeweler. He sells nothing but fine goods and if they dont wear all right you can take them back and get new goods.

E. W. Spring, of Water Valley was in town Monday to pay taxes. Mr. Spring says the Water Valley country is the best on earth.

Post Office Jeweler.

SA CORDILL, Ballinger, Tex
If your Watch, Clock or Jewellery needs repairing, send or bring it to me. My work is first class and is guaranteed in every respect. Give me a trial order.

Geo. Moore, of Ft. Chadbourne, was in town Monday and called at the Rustler office and paid \$2.00 on his subscription and also sent for the St. Louis Republic for one year, so Geo. will keep up with times for the next twelve months.

I Pay the Highest cash Prices for Hides, Fur and Pecans and sell you goods as cheap or cheaper than the cheapest. One price to all.

I. O. WOODEN,
Ballinger, Texas.

When you see an X on the margin of your paper you may know that you are behind on your subscription and come forward and pay up at once.

Jess Buchanan went to Sweetwater Tuesday and returned Thursday with his brother, Dan Buchanan, who is now shaking hands with many old time friends.

A fine daughter made her appearance at Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton's Friday and Jim is happy. The mother and child doing well.

It is reported that L. J. Good is strictly in it for the Sheriff's office.

WHY NOT

Have the Picture of your Ranch and all, while the Photo man is here.

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CHEAP GROCERIES!
CHEAP GRAIN
—AND—
FREE WAGON YARD!

By doing business on a strict cash basis this year I will be able to sell groceries and grain at a very small profit. I have greatly improved my wagon yard and now have good water and good roomy stalls in the same, which my patrons are invited to use free of charge.

Respectfully,
John Barron.

If You Spend A Cent

this year, you'll save a fraction of it by consulting our big **Book for Buyers.** 625 pages, 35,000 pieces of merchandise and their prices. 12,000 illustrations. Sent anywhere for receipt of 15c. for partial postage or express charges. Book free. Write
MONTGOMERY WARD & CO.,
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Some People

Won't buy a present until the day before Christmas. A thoughtful person will buy one while many different lines of Holiday novelties are unbroken—the selection is easier—you have the

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of the choicest—and the prices are no greater.

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THE JEWELER,
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Wall Paper, Paints, Glass,
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The Best Goods, The Lowest Prices The Largest Stock.
If You Like Bargains, Don't Fail To see us.
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TOM HENNING'S.

The variety Being too Numerous to Mention Prices. We use no Leaders, No Baits, No Street Drummers, And do a Strictly Honest Business. Come see our Stock.
San Angelo, Texas.

MARCH BROS.,

PAY MORE FOR
Cotton : Hides : Pecans
AND SELL ALL KIND OF
GROCERIES & DRY-GOODS

Cheaper than any house in San Angelo.
Free Wagon Yard.
600 to 608 Beattregard Ave., Opposite Court House,
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Good Boys.
The students of the University of California have pledged themselves to improve and beautify the grounds of the institution by their own labor, thus making improvements, for which the university has no money.

Why, Yes.

A Chicago woman has risked her life to save a rooster from a burning building. The bird was hardly worth the risk; but the woman showed her courage, and is really something for the rescued party to crow over.

The archer fish has a natural blow-gun. The animal possesses the curious property of being able to shoot drops of water from its mouth with extraordinary accuracy for a considerable distance. This singular faculty is of use to the animal in securing its food. A fly or small insect passing over the water has very little chance to escape from the deadly aim of the archer fish. This fish is perfectly at home in water. He never gets out of ammunition, and is not one of those unfortunate creatures who sees his best game when he has no gun. The archer is fly, and is always ready.

Vegetarianism Carried to Extremes.
Vegetarian boots are advertised in London; the uppers are made of "panus corium," the soles of closely water-proofed flax belting. To show that the skins of slaughtered animals are not necessary the vegetarians say that "India rubber, gutta percha, steel and iron and brass nails, and brass caps, cashmere and cotton, elastic and webbing, wool and list, cork and straw, silk and jute, and even brown paper and wax go to form the modern mystery which still carries the old name of boot and shoe." It is not meat that a man should ignore altogether flesh and fowl food, but if he is a crank he will do it, and may try to hear with ears of corn and think with a cabbage head.

Southern Cotton Mills.
In 1890 the average capitalization of southern cotton mills, nearly all of them being small, was nearly \$36 per spindle, while that of northern mills was about \$25 per spindle. While the northern capitalization has not decreased, the south now has a large number of new mills which have no superior in the world in their class, and these magnificent mills have cost less than \$15 per spindle for steam mills, while water-power mills of the highest type are now being built for \$20 per spindle.

A Boy's Blunder.
An 18-year-old youth, who was introduced to Speaker Reed the other day, said: "Mr. Maine Reed, we have all of your books in our library, and I think your 'Scalp Hunter' is fine." The speaker explained with some disgust to the still more disgusted boy that he was not Captain Maine Reid.

The Pace That Kills.

Fast Work and Fast Eating Make Three Score Years and Ten a Ripely Old Age in These Days.

(From the Cincinnati Enquirer.)
The American people live too fast, eat too fast and drink too fast. This has brought upon many of us a train of nervous and stomach disorders that are very difficult to manage. Investigation and chemical analysis to discover such compounds as will help those suffering from such ills has resulted in the discovery of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, which has taken very high rank as a specific remedy.

H. P. Owens, a traveling man fairly taken up with a huge bay window, whose dainty white curtains soften the light that warms up brightly the pink sofa running around the curve.
Several book-cases of white wood are about the rooms and filled with choice novels, while the creamy walls are brightened with pretty pictures, and about on shining tables are numberless little dainty ornaments and vases full of blooming flowers. The general air is one of light and coolness, combined with a cultivated and exquisite taste. Across from this parlor is another

"I am glad to say anything I can for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, because they did me great good, and other people ought to know of their virtues as a medicine in stomach troubles. It was some time ago when I felt a heavy feeling in my stomach, and I grew very constipated. I did not consult a doctor, but having heard of the Pink Pills I bought a box of them. In two or three days the heavy feeling in my stomach disappeared and my bowels were regular. I did not have to use more than a box of them before I was well. Since that time I have only occasionally been troubled with constipation, and I never get worried, because I know just what to do. Mother was also troubled with indigestion and the Pink Pills did the same for her. They did for me—cured her, didn't they, mother?"

When appealed to Mrs. Owens answered: "That is right. I found it was a great medicine, so easy to take and so quick and lasting in its results."
Mr. Owens continued: "I believe that these pills are also good for nervousness. When I had my stomach trouble I was also quite nervous and that disappeared with the dyspepsia. The Pink Pills were all that is claimed for them. You can make any use of this testimonial you see fit."

H. P. Owens has occupied several positions of trust in this city. He was for a time an employe of the Commercial-Gazette. He will go on the road in a few days for a prominent business house here. Mrs. Owens is quite as enthusiastic as her son about the Pink Pills and her best of lady friends can verify her good opinion of this wonderful remedy if they feel disposed to do so at any time. Where the testimony is so general and unanimous as to the excellencies of Pink Pills as the Enquirer has found it to be there is certainly good reason to believe all the good things said—about the safe and simple remedy.

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LIFE AT THE CAPITAL.

SOCIAL ETCHINGS FROM THE NATION'S CENTER.

Mrs. Olney Ready to Lead Society—The Wife of the Acting Minister from Argentina Will Figure Largely in Diplomatic Circles.

Washington Correspondence.

THE Secretary of State ranks next to the President in the social scale at the capital, and the present winter will be the one in which the Olneys will make their bow in their capacity of head of the Cabinet. With the usual facility of Americans in adapting themselves to every condition, Mr. Olney finds himself as much at home in the State Department as in the halls of the Department of Justice, and his wife will take her place as the leader in social matters with equal grace. Just before leaving for their summer outing the Olneys purchased a new home, having previously occupied that of Senator Edmunds, a house which is now owned

by Mrs. General Grant. It was May when the family moved to what was then known as the Bellamy Storer house, as the member from Cincinnati had lived there during the last session of Congress. The home of Secretary Olney is in the center of the most fashionable part of the city, in a neighborhood which is full of the residences of famous people and the mansions of foreign ministers. Just opposite is the pretty red brick home of Mrs. Sheridan, the widow of General Phil Sheridan, and within a few blocks are the houses of Hegemuller, the Minister from Austria, and a dozen other celebrities. The Olney home is an odd-looking one, but most attractive because it is not the conventional square brick. It stands on a corner and is narrow in front, while running back for some distance on the side street. The entrance is low, being of the English basement kind, and the first or ground floor is occupied by a pretty little queerly-shaped hall and a broad stairway that leads to the parlors above. The first parlor is one of the most artistic apartments in town, not from the elegance of its furniture, but from the taste displayed on every hand. There is nothing luxurious in its appointments, but its tone is one of chaste simplicity. The room is rather long and one end is almost entirely taken up with a huge bay window, whose dainty white curtains soften the light that warms up brightly the pink sofa running around the curve.



MRS. GEORGE B. McCLELLAN.

Among the additions to social circles this winter will be Madame Dominguez, wife of Senor Don Vicente Dominguez, acting Minister from Argentina. The Dominguez family have taken a pretty new brick house on K street, almost adjoining the home of Mrs. Childs. It is furnished in exquisite taste and is full of rare antiques that are of priceless value. Madame Dominguez was Helene Murphy, daughter of the late Daniel J. Murphy, of New York and San Francisco. Mr. Murphy was created a marquis by Pope Pius IX., but never used his title, which descended to his eldest son, Lady Woolsey, wife of Sir Charles Woolsey, is a sister of Madame Dominguez. As Miss Murphy, Madame Dominguez was the belle and beauty of London, and her fame has extended over two continents. She has lived most of her life in England, having gone to that country when only two years old, but all the same she is an ardent American at heart. Senor Dominguez is a fine-looking man and he and his beautiful wife make a most distinguished couple. Both young, lovely and holding a high position in the diplomatic circles, it is safe to say that Madame Dominguez, who is fond of society, will find herself among the most popular of the acquisitions to the gay side of the capital.

First Woman Lawyer of New Jersey.
New Jersey is interested just at present in watching with interest the career of its first woman lawyer, Miss Cary Philbrook. She made her first appearance in court a few days ago at Elizabeth, and the onlookers were encouraged to note that she bore none of the outward and visible signs of "advancement." She wore a dark green dress, a black coat and bonnet, and was altogether a modest and business-like young person.



MISS MARY SHERIDAN.

small room, whose polished floor is covered with handsome rugs and whose furnishings are mostly of antiques beautifully carved. There is another apartment; then one comes to a huge square chamber with a very high ceiling—what must have once been used as a ball room, but is now furnished in pretty chairs, sofas full of colored pillows, tables full of books and silver

writing material, pictures and other ornaments. This apartment is large enough to entertain the whole Diplomatic Corps.

Among the most prominent of the new members of Congress is young George B. McClellan, son of the Union general of that name. He has taken a house on Rhode Island avenue, in a fashionable part of the city, and he and his wife will house-keep all winter. The home is of red brick, and the parlor is pretty with its walls of pink and its dainty ornaments. In the hall is a big cabinet of carved oak, and the exquisite moldings of the figures make them life-like in their beauty. On the second floor is the library, facing the south and bright with the morning sun. It is full of books, pictures, and on one side of the wall is a large square of dark velvet, on which are displayed a great many of the swords belonging to General McClellan. One large saber was that worn by the general during his campaigns, and one of the most beautiful ones was presented to him by the city of Philadelphia. Its golden hilt is richly chased and the blade is engraved with an appropriate inscription.

Mrs. McClellan, who has been married for five years, was a Miss Georgiana Heckscher, of New York. She is an attractive young woman, with a bright face and agreeable manners, and is of a quiet disposition, caring little for society and spending most of her time at home. She has no children. McClellan is the youngest member of Congress, except one, but he is full of energy and a hard-working man, both in politics and business.

Miss Mary Sheridan, daughter of the late General Phil Sheridan, is becoming quite an expert horseback rider, and every bright afternoon may be seen in a black habit trotting her slender sorrel out into the country. She has a fine figure, which is set off by the close-fitting gown, and looks most attractive in riding costume.

Miss Jane Fuller, youngest daughter of the Chief Justice, is expected to make her debut this winter, but her mother has been in poor health for some time past, and it is doubtful if the coming out will take place before the latter part of the season. Miss Jane is a handsome blonde, like her sisters, and is fond of out-of-doors sports, being an expert rider on the wheel. Her coming out will not be a formal reception, but a simple tea.

Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, has taken a house in town, and he and his wife are expected to be among the leaders in entertaining. As Elkins is very rich, it will fall upon his wife to do the honors, and as she has no grown daughters, she will have to perform her social duties alone.

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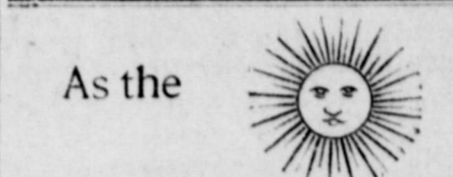
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