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A ROW IN THE CAMP.

QUITE A FLURRY IN THE SALVATION ARMY.

Ballington Booth is Ordered to England and Refuses to Go, is Dismissed for Insubordination, and He and His Wife Have Disappeared.

New York, Feb. 22.—Ballington Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in America, has disappeared with his wife. Their home in Montclair, N. J., is closed. They have not been at the army headquarters in this city since Thursday. Herbert Booth, on the steamship *Tentonic* Wednesday night Eva Booth, a sister, take charge of the forces here. He offered a reward Thursday to any one who will tell him where Ballington is. The army is stirred up to great excitement.

On the steamship *Tentonic* Wednesday night Eva Booth, a sister, arrived from England. Herbert Booth was hastily summoned to New York by Col. Nicol, a staff officer of the army, who came here ostensibly on a mission to investigate the sentiment of rebellion in this country against the transfer of Commander Booth to another field. He arrived on Thursday and on that day a court of inquiry was held by the three with Ballington Booth before them. Proceedings became heated. There were charges and imprecations. Ballington Booth was ordered to proceed at once to England.

"I will not go," he said.

"This is insubordination," replied Herbert. "You know what that means in the army."

"Yes, I know."

"It means dismissal."

"Then I will accept it," replied the commander.

In the heat of the argument that followed the commander complained bitterly of the injustice of his father for removing him from the field where he had labored so long and where he wished to finish his life. He made use of terms of insubordination and criticized the general severely.

"This means a trial by court-martial," cried Herbert Booth, springing to his feet.

"You have spoken disrespectfully of your father and your general. I prefer charges of insubordination against you. I move that the court proceed to try you for the words."

Col. Nicol supported Herbert Booth and made known his full authority.

"I have authority to dismiss you from office," he said, "and to appoint your successor. I now demand of you all property of the army that stands in your name. You are dismissed from office."

Then Ballington Booth rose to his feet and said:

"Let it mean dismissal," he said, "I will never stand it."

After receiving notice of dismissal he and his wife, aided by a few friends, spent the evening packing up their personal belongings. The keys were turned over soon afterward.

Killed by a Train.

Winchester, Ky., Feb. 22.—The west-bound passenger train on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad ran into a buggy Thursday night containing Richard Steele and his brother, John Steele, near Tabb's Station. The vehicle was demolished and both men instantly killed. They were among the most prominent farmers in Central Kentucky and connected with the best families. Both leave families.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Senator Squire will early next week report from the committee on coast defenses his bill for fortifications. It appropriates \$87,000,000, the whole or part to be immediately available on the order of the President. There is an emergency clause to authorize the speedy completion of fortifications in case of war.

Died in Jail.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 22.—E. J. Hyland, about 60 years old, who came to Atlanta from Plainfield, Ill., last week, with a view of purchasing land and entering business in Georgia, was found wandering on the streets apparently insane and was arrested. He was found dead yesterday in his cell, having hanged himself during the night.

A dozen passengers were injured in a wreck near Bellon's Falls, Vt., on the Central Vermont road on the 18th instant.

Huntington on the Stand.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The senate committee on Pacific railroads was in session yesterday with Mr. Huntington still on the stand and Senator Morgan again acting as interrogator-in-chief. The inquiry was continued on the lines of the report made by the Pattison committee.

Mr. Huntington asserted that many of the statements made in the report were the result of mere street talk in San Francisco. He was asked if it was true as was stated in the late Senator Stanford's testimony before that commission that Huntington, Stanford, Hopkins and Croker had each received \$13,000,000 in stock after the completion of the Central Pacific, and replied that this statement did not accord with his recollection. The four had received \$45,000,000 in stock in the aggregate, and it had been divided equally.

"Are you," asked Senator Morgan, "indifferent to public opinion?"

"I am satisfied," Mr. Huntington replied, "if one man thinks well of me, and that is C. P. Huntington."

The committee adjourned until next Friday to give Mr. Huntington an opportunity to examine the Pattison report with the view of making his statement on the points developed in this document.

Senator Morgan remarked that he wanted to give Mr. Huntington an opportunity to answer the aspersions cast upon him, but Mr. Huntington replied that it would take 100 years to reply to all that his enemies had said of him.

Killed His Father.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 22.—E. R. Campbell, ex-clerk of the United States district court, was shot and killed by his son, Robert Campbell, in this city yesterday. Young Campbell has been regarded as mentally unsound for some time.

Mr. Campbell was walking on North Vine street with his son, E. R. Campbell, Jr., when the latter suddenly drew a revolver and shot his father just over the ear, the bullet entering the brain. Mr. Campbell fell and expired instantly.

Young Campbell was immediately taken into custody and conveyed to the police station. He is 26 years old and had been a patient at a private sanitarium in Michigan and at one in this state in different times. It is thought the killing was due to the belief on the part of young Campbell that his father intended to send him back to an asylum for treatment. Deceased had been clerk of the United States district court for many years and was well known.

She Told on Him.

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 22.—John W. Smith, a young farmer of Princeton, is under arrest here on charges of counterfeiting. Mrs. Laura Lamon, a sweetheart of Smith's, informed the officers. She claims Smith offered her counterfeit dollars to pass on merchants. She was arrested and placed in jail here.

She wrote letters to John and A. Brummell, of Princeton, threatening to expose them as members of the same gang of counterfeiters if they did not secure bonds for her release. They easily secured the bond. Meantime the Federal officers got possession of the letters and other evidences against the Brummells. They have not yet been arrested. A large amount of counterfeit coin was found at Smith's house.

A Silly Woman.

New York, Feb. 22.—A family feud mars the peace of the Petrie family, of Brooklyn. It is due to the desire of Mrs. Delbert Petrie to have the body of her pet poodle dog buried by the side of her deceased husband in the family plot in Greenwood cemetery. The other members of the Petrie family object strenuously. From Undertaker J. L. Meeks Mrs. Petrie has ordered an exquisitely made casket for her dead pet. Mr. Meeks said he had much difficulty to satisfy his customer's demands. The funeral is set to take place on Sunday next.

Federal Salaries.

Washington, Feb. 22.—In the judiciary committee of the house yesterday the question of the salaries of the Marshals office and the District Attorneys of the Federal courts came up again. The proposition of Friday was reversed as far as the courts in Texas are concerned, and the Marshal and District Attorney of the Eastern district are each to receive \$5,000. This is also applied to the court office at Fort Smith. The Marshals and District Attorneys of the other districts in Texas are to get, under the present plan \$3,500 each and their traveling expenses and board while away from home.

MAY SMITH'S STORY.

SAYS JACKSON WROTE HER ALL ABOUT KILLING

Miss Pearl Bryan and the Decapitation. The Report About the Joint Arbitration Committee Between the United States and Great Britain Not Confirmed.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 20.—Two morning papers yesterday published a startling statement made to them by Miss May Smith of Louisville, who is acquainted with the accused murderers, Walling and Jackson. She says she was in Cincinnati Jan. 24, and took supper with Jackson at Heiders' restaurant. Jackson told her that his friend, Will Wood, at Green Castle, Ind., had gotten a girl into a bad condition, and that Wood was going to send the girl here and he would put her out of the way. Miss Smith says she cautioned Jackson of the danger of discovery in such an enterprise. He said he was too smart to be discovered. She said after the murder of Feb. 1, Jackson wrote to her, saying that he had disposed of the girl, meaning Pearl Bryan, by "—". The long dash in the letter was left for Miss Smith to fill in from her memory of the conversation at Heiders' on Jan. 24. She says that she left the letter securely hidden. If that letter in Jackson's writing can be obtained, it will be damaging evidence. If what she says about its hiding place is true, the letter will be had to-day.

Yesterday afternoon Miss May Smith of Louisville, who is in love with the prisoner, Walling, and admits it, repeated to Mayor Caldwell the story she previously told at the Palace hotel to reporters. It was the same brief story that Jackson had revealed his purpose to her at Heiders' hotel on Jan. 24. He said Will Wood, a friend of his, had gotten Pearl Bryan into a bad fix and he was going to put her out of the way to save Wood. She also repeated the story of a letter sent her by Jackson after the murder, saying that he had given the girl medicine that had killed her, then beheaded her to prevent recognition.

The letter she received from Jackson could not be found yesterday at Listers, 621 Fourth avenue, Louisville, where she said she had left it.

Mayor Caldwell also examined Mattie Gans of Cumminsville City, a young lady of irreproachable character, whom Jackson visited Saturday night after the murder. Nothing was brought out by her testimony. Jackson, to whom she was introduced by the Dixie school of dress making, asked the privilege of visiting her at her home. She declined to receive him.

Miss Gans knew a Miss Henry at Green Castle. Jackson got a letter of introduction to Miss Gans and presented it to her when he visited her on that Saturday night.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 20.—Investigation in this city into the life of May Smith, who is connected with Jackson and Walling in the Pearl Bryan affair, develops the fact that she came here early in January, being employed by Bryon Lister and wife in the dress making business.

Mr. Lister said yesterday that on reading the first account of the affair, the girl appeared to be horrified, as she had been in correspondence with both Jackson and Walling and had told Mrs. Lister she was engaged to Walling. Mrs. Lister had seen letters addressed to both men. When the account appeared in the newspapers that May Smith had also been operated on by Walling and Jackson the girl stoutly denied it. Mr. Lister said, however, that about a week before Christmas, while in the employment of Mrs. Fuson, the girl was absent from the office a whole week, and if the operation was performed it took place at that time. Lister also declared that when the girl returned to work she appeared altogether changed and was thin and looked sickly. May Smith is between 18 and 20 years old and quite pretty.

Mr. Lister says a man named Ewan, who is connected with the Palace hotel, at Cincinnati, was a correspondent of May Smith, and that she was continually getting letters from Ewan, Walling and Jackson. When the lock et was found in Cincinnati he heard May exclaim, "Why, I knew that lock et. It was Jackson's and contained a lock of Pearl Bryan's hair." "I am positive," he said, "she knew of the operation performed on Pearl Bryan by Walling."

Concerning the letters and papers of the Smith girl, a lady who keeps house at 621 Fourth street, where May Smith boarded, said they had no bearing on the case and were burned.

Can't Be Confirmed.

Washington, Feb. 20.—It is impossible to secure confirmation from a source entitled to credit of the statement that has given rise to so much discussion in the British newspapers to the effect that our government has signified its willingness to join in the appointment of a joint commission with Great Britain to ascertain the facts as to the Venezuelan boundary question as a basis for the settlement of the matter by the ordinary diplomatic means.

A careful inspection of the correspondence that has passed between the two governments up to this time, however, will, it is said, show clearly that the United States has from the first been willing and anxious to agree upon any plan for the settlement of the boundary dispute that held out any promise of insuring the just treatment of Venezuela. It now appears that the British government is halting only in the hope of securing a stipulation precedent to the appointment of the joint commission to the effect that provision shall be made for the retention under the British flag of such parts of the territory that may be found eventually to be in Venezuela as are now occupied by British colonists.

Meanwhile the Venezuelan commission is proceeding with its work in a manner that seems to give the supposition that it is not expected to settle the boundary question itself. The work it has already accomplished will be of the greatest value to the succeeding committee and to our government in any event, save that of the adjustment of the whole question by negotiations directly between Great Britain and Venezuela. The commission has already collected, or is in the way to acquire nearly 300 maps, modern and ancient, and almost daily others are being heard of. Members of congress and officials and the general public have been contributors to the collection and some of the ancient charts that have come into the hands of the commission are of the quaintest character.

Carter's Resolution.

Washington, Feb. 20.—In the senate yesterday Mr. Carter of Montana offered a resolution, to recommit the tariff bill for further consideration. This move by one of the four Republican senators who voted against taking up the tariff bill caused much interesting comment.

Mr. Carter did not press the resolution, but said he would ask to take it up next Monday, when he would address the senate on its adoption. The announcement was accepted as foreshadowing a statement of the attitude and purposes of the silver senators who voted against the consideration of the tariff bill.

It was definitely arranged that the Cuban question would be taken up at 2 o'clock to-day, all appropriation bills thus far reported to the senate being cleared from the calendar.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was passed yesterday.

The close of the day was marked by an amusing controversy between Mr. Allen (Pop.) of Nebraska and Mr. Call (Dem.) of Florida, which kept the senators and spectators in roars of laughter for half an hour.

About sixty private pension bills were passed yesterday.

The bill pensioning the widow of the late Secretary Gresham as brigadier general at \$200 monthly, with an amendment making the amount \$100 monthly, went over without action in order to permit Mr. Voorhees to speak against the amendment.

A Fatal Explosion.

Johannesburg, Transvaal, Feb. 20.—An explosion of dynamite here yesterday caused an immense hole thirty feet deep. Every house within a radius of half a mile of the explosion was razed. Forty dead, nearly all terribly mutilated, have already been taken from the ruins, but the work of searching the debris has scarcely begun. Two hundred of the most severely injured were admitted to the hospital, where several died.

It is believed that only a few white persons were killed.

Four Men Killed.

Seney, Mich., Feb. 20.—Four men were killed and seven seriously injured yesterday by a steam log hauler experimenting at McKay's lumber camp. At the point where the accident occurred the snow was piled in high banks. The engine became uncontrollable and ran down the road at full speed, catching the men before escape was possible and completely wrecking it.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES

Decatur has a literary club. Hunt county only owes \$14,250. Ward county has just had a jail delivery.

The railroad shops at Tyler are to be enlarged.

The Prohibitionists will nominate a state ticket.

Wichita county will issue \$9000 of bridge bonds.

Hillsboro has another local option election on hand.

C. H. Sappington, a liquor dealer at Dallas, has failed.

Fannin county owes \$48,648, with \$38,518.89 on hand.

Grayson county has issued \$15,500 of record vault bonds.

A. J. Brown, doing a grocery business at LaGrange, has failed.

A student clubbed a professor at Waxahachie recently.

Ed Tipps took too much morphine at Houston recently and died.

Fort Worth is to entertain the big cattle convention next month.

The Populist state executive committee will meet in the near future.

Mills county has just paid \$1200 interest on bonds held by the school fund.

Nolan county recently redeemed \$2000 of bonds held by the school fund.

The Fannin county Alliance men want the next State Alliance held at Bonham.

The Populists have nominated candidates for county officers in several counties.

Comanche county has just redeemed \$1000 of courthouse bonds held by the school fund.

The postmasters in the larger towns and cities did a rushing business on St. Valentine's day.

The officers are still pursuing the "blind tiger" and "malt tonic" people in Johnson county.

The Texas Division American Cotton Growers' Protective association met at Waco on the 18th inst.

The comptroller registered a \$3500 issue of Chico, Wise county, school house bonds a few days ago.

Bids will be asked for the recovering, painting and general repair of the federal building at Dallas.

Recently the team of Jesse Jones, living four miles north of Elmo, Garman county, became frightened, ran away, overturning the wagon and throwing him out. He was dragged beneath the wagon for several feet, fracturing his skull, breaking his collarbone and left arm near the shoulder. Mr. Jones is 65 years old and will hardly recover.

During the fiscal year just ended the total receipts of Dallas county amounted to \$253,007.64, total disbursements \$128,516.66, leaving a balance of \$70,490.98 on hand. Twenty \$1000 bonds were redeemed, leaving the bonded indebtedness remaining \$321,000, divided as follows: Courthouse bonds \$276,000, road and bridge bonds \$18,000, jail bonds \$27,000. The receipts from ad valorem and redemption taxes amounted to \$176,788.48. The county treasury is in first-class running order and fifteen more \$1000 bonds will be redeemed right away.

Parties digging a well near China Springs, McLennan county, found in a gravel stratum, twenty-three feet below the surface, an image in clay of queer shape, apparently an idol. It looks as if was made with the fingers while the clay was soft and burned in a very hot fire, causing it to glaze from sand particles contained in the clay. It is a rather grotesque effigy, having features which might be human or ape, either. The mouth is wide and the ears sticking up above the top of the head. The nose is hooked, and the figure is in a squatting position. It is six inches from the pedestal upon which it squats to the crown of the head and the whole thing weighs four ounces.

Eugene Dalton, living near Taylor, cut off the forefinger of his right hand some days ago in a feed chopper.

Burleson county has just redeemed \$1500 of courthouse and \$1000 of jail bonds held by the school fund.

Near Bartlett, Williamson county, a few days since Gus Grawunder's two children, a boy about 12 and a little girl of 3 years, were playing in a room. A gun leaning against the wall was knocked down and was discharged. The bullet pierced the head of the little girl just above the left eye, killing her instantly.

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State men are to be congratulated on getting the Federal quarantine line done away with as it affects Texas.

Bill Nye, the greatest of barbers, died on the 22nd.

At New York a few days since 25,000 pounds of last fall's wool sold at 9 and 10 cents.

The last Texas Farmer published some extracts from a sensible letter written by Uncle John H. Cochran, of Nolan county.

W. H. Shirley, who killed L. L. Woodard near San Anns about three months ago, was given the death penalty by a jury on last Friday.

It is stated that potatoes in western markets two week ago reached the lowest price on record, viz: two cents a bushel. At the same time it was also noticed that taxes, interest and red liquor were as high as ever before known.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

So far the Democrats of Sterling county have not met but the call will be made in due time for the 6th of June, as we intend to respect the action of the Democratic executive committee in session at Austin.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Reports in news papers have it that Dr. Mauseu has discovered the north pole and is on his journey home.

Cheap Metropolitan Papers.

There is no excuse nowadays for a citizen failing to subscribe for a great metropolitan newspaper in addition to taking his own county paper. The "twice-a-week" Republic of St. Louis, which is credited with the large circulation of any weekly paper, is only \$1 a year, for this sum it sends two papers a week, or 104 papers in a year—less than one cent each. The weekly contains the best and brightest news condensed from the daily paper, together with a well assorted collection of reading matter and useful information. A popular feature in its columns next year will be the speeches of prominent men in the presidential campaign. These will be given almost in full. A reader of the "Twice-a-Week" Republic will always be abreast of the times, for no paper has greater news gathering facilities.

The Daily and Sunday Republic can now be had by mail for a little more than one cent and a half a day, or \$6 a year, when paid in advance. Though this paper has greatly reduced its price, it has increased its value twofold by adding many valuable features.

The Quarantine Question.

Washington, D. C., Feb., 24.—The Secretary of agriculture today gave a hearing to a delegation of prominent Texas citizens upon his recent ruling fixing the southern boundary against Texas fever. The party were the governor Texas, Charles A. Culberson; Secretary, of state, Allison Mayfield, Clerk of the Supreme court, Charles A. Morse and Representative Bell and Noonan.

Gov. Culberson came fully prepared for the argument and laid before the secretary the result of the investigation into Texas fever question of the Texas live stock commission, which is permanently established for this purpose.

Gov. Culberson urged that Mr. Morton be guided by the decisions of the Texas commission and also urged that he adopt the line established by them which runs from east to across central Texas as the quarantine line against that portion of the state affected by splenic fever.

The governor also pledged the secretary that if this line was adopted that the state would see that it was enforced and a strict quarantine maintained by a specially detailed troop of Texas Rangers. Secretary Morton gave the delegation close attention, and at the conclusion of the hearing announced that he would modify recent ruling and that as the governor's argument had been convincing as well as re-assuring he would as soon as possible issue an order fixing the quarantine line at that point established by the Texas livestock commission. This was quite a sensation and from the southern boundary of Kansas is quite a change in the cattle quarantine district. The governor and those accompanying him are especially delighted with their success because Secretary Morton's decision means so much to Texas cattle interests, which by the revoked ruling would have been shut out of the markets of the country. Gov. Culberson will remain here for several days with his father, Representative Culberson, before returning to Texas.—Fort Worth Gazette.

Sheriff Hooper, of Fisher county, attempted to arrest Samp Davis a brother to "Cyclone" Davis, at Roby a few days since and they exchanged three shots each—neither one being struck.

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Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church
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Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Bronte, " " 11 a. m.
Stock Springs, " " 4 p. m.
Mt Carmel, " " 11 a. m.
Cow Creek, " " 4 p. m.
Sanco, " " 11 a. m.
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ED. RUSTLER:

After quite a delay, I will again attempt to give you a few items from here. Farmers are rapidly preparing for the coming spring and gardening is the general topic with the ladies.

Maverick is fast coming to the front: it now has a good Sabbath school with 40 pupils enrolled. On last Sunday at 11 o'clock Rev. A. M. Lackey (Baptist) delivered an excellent sermon to an attentive audience, this being the first minister of the gospel that has preached here for 16 months. Is it any wonder that our young folks are considered reckless? Is this not a field for some missionary? Though, by the thoughtfulness of Messrs Mitton Caperton Rev. Lackey and R. H. Hearall with the assistance of several others, the foundation is being laid on which a grand and noble work can be built.

Miss Maynette Kyle has resigned her position as teacher of this school and the trustees have employed Prof. T. W. Murray, of Albany, for the remaining three months.

Mr. Ed Good and family spent Sunday and Monday at Maverick. Messrs Piper, of San Angelo and Brison, of Comanche, were here last week looking at the many fat cattle that roam the Colorado valley. Mr W L McAuley is feeding 600 cattle, also Mr Lee J. Good several hundred head of large steers for the market.

Mr. Fred Millard, of Eden, has just delivered 500 head of good steers to W. L. McAuley.

Misses Amanda Reed and Ida McDorman, of Fort Chadbourne visited Maverick last Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark and daughter, Miss Minnie, of Bronte, spent Sunday at Maverick.

Surveyors from Ballinger are looking out a place three miles above here on the Colorado to build a dam irrigating.

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If you will excuse my long stay I will retire for the present, wish the many readers of your valuable paper success.

Respectfully,
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A Texan In Arkansas.

Ed. Rustler—I was in Scott county when I wrote last. I visited my brothers and some old friends of 25 years ago for three days—preached one sermon at Fairs Chapel to a very attentive audience, mostly young people.

Feb. 14th my brother E. F. Fair his daughter Maud and I started in a hack behind a good pair of mules, and you can imagine something of the condition of the roads when I tell you that it took us two days and a half to travel 55 miles—rocks, hills, mud, bog holes and deep mountain streams of water. We broke a double tree in a mudhole and had to roll the hack out by hand. We got into deep water and it ran into the hack and wet our valises which contained our clothes, in Dutch creek.

I Preached one night where I preached 27 years ago instead of the people I used to preach to, my audience was mostly composed of their children—a few of the people of former years were there. It made me feel sadly to see how they had changed "since 27 years ago."

We reached Belleville Sunday about noon, attended the Epworth League, made a talk and told the young folks how we carried on our League work in Texas, which seemed to interest them very much. I preached at night to a very attentive and responsive congregation of men and women who were my parishners of more than a quarter of a century ago.

We renewed our covenant with each other to live so that we might meet in the better world.

Monday morning we visited the Academy and by the request of the principal made a short speech. They have good schools in Arkansas. After spending three days with relatives and friends my brother took me in a buggy to Dardenelle, twenty miles, it was

a good days travel.

Thursday morning, I walked across the Arkansas river dry shod on the pontoon bridge.

I took the west bound train at Russellville on the Arkansas Valley R. R.—changed to the M. K. & T. E. R. at Wagner in the Indian Territory—reached Ft Worth about daylight and at 11.45 a. m. I boarded the Ft Worth and Rio Grande for Commanche. Reached home at 6 p. m. Was met at the depot by Mrs. Fair with buggy to carry me home—found my family well and happy. It is raining today. Oh! How it does rain in Arkansas—I dont want to move back there. I will close fear of the waste basket if I write more.
G. F. FAIR.

Ft. Chadbourne News.

Ft. Chadbourne Tex. Feb. 19th.

Ed. Rustler—I will give you a few items from this part of the county. There has been some sickness in the community.

New Hope is on a boom; preaching and Sunday school every Sunday and debating society and spelling match every Friday night.

Several of the farmers have been preparing their ground for corn.

Mr. Will Robinson was at New Hope Sunday at his regular appointment and looked as pleasant as my old hat.

Mr. Byron Robinson is getting over his scare and frequently finds his way to Mr. R's, I think he is living in hope, but am afraid he will die in despair.

Misses Amanda Reed and Ida McDormougave Maverick a pleasant visit Friday and returned Sunday evening. I will close hoping this will not find its way to the waste basket.

Yours truly,
Peggy Whipdoodle.

Decker Ets.

Decker, Texas, Feb. 24, 1896.

Ed. Rustler—As it has been some time since we have had any thing from our neighborhood, I will try and give you a few dots. Mr. and Mrs. Pink Robertson are

visiting relatives at Hylton this week.

Mr. Sam Hood, of Hylton, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Holder of this place.

Mr Willie Cook, of Silver creek paid Decker a flying visit last week.

Mrs. Thad Everett, who has been quite low, we are glad to learn is recovering.

John Cochran Jr. is staying on Silver creek now.

Mr. and Mrs. De Garmo went to Colorado last week.

James and Horace Harding visited Olga last week.

Miss Susie McLemore visited Sweetwater last Saturday.

Miss Mattie Pierce, of Sweetwater, is visiting friends at Decker.

Wishing the Rustler success I am
Dick.

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LOSS OF SEVEN LIVES.

NEARLY ALL MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY.

A Residence in Baltimore Takes Fire, seven Persons Are Asphyxiated, One Fatally Hurt by Jumping, and Five Others Injured.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 24.—Seven people were asphyxiated, one fatally hurt by jumping from a window and five others more or less injured by a fire in the residence of James R. Armiger, a prominent jeweler at 1896 Charles street, yesterday morning.

The dead are: James R. Armiger, aged 55; William B. Riley, his son-in-law, aged 4; Marian Riley, daughter of W. B. Riley, aged 2½; Mrs. Marian Chaplin, daughter of James R. Armiger, aged 30; James Champlin, her son, aged 3; Horace B. Manuel, aged 56, of New York city, a guest. Fatally injured: Alice Williams, colored servant, skull fractured and other serious injuries. Injured: Mrs. William B. Riley, burned about face and arms and suffering from inhalation of smoke; will recover; Mrs. James R. Armiger, aged 50, slight burns and suffering from shock and exposure; Miss Eleanor Armiger, aged 14, slightly burned; Miss Virginia Armiger, aged 25, ankle slightly sprained in jumping.

The house in which the holocaust occurred is one of a row of granite front residences just north of Lafayette avenue. It is four stories high and much rare bric-a-brac, plate and unique jewelry, of which Mr. Armiger was an enthusiastic collector, was lost.

In the house were just thirteen persons. Of these ten were members of the Armiger household, two were servants and the other, Mr. Manuel, was a guest, who had been visiting the Armiger family for the past two or three days. It was his purpose to have returned to his home in New York last night, but Mr. Armiger prevailed on him to remain until Monday.

All of these people were in their bedrooms on the upper floors, some of them being partially dressed, when at 7:45 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered issuing from a partition in a cellar. It had ignited from an overheated furnace and was first seen by Louis Whiting, the colored man of all work, who was at the time cleaning the front steps. Whiting ran to the adjacent corner and gave the alarm to a policeman and hurried back to the house, entering the front door, closed it behind him and ascended to the second floor, where Mr. and Mrs. Armiger had their bedroom.

The house was by this time filled with a dense, stifling smoke and when the negro and Mrs. Armiger attempted to descend they found it impossible. Whiting aided Mrs. Armiger to the front window and helped her to reach a small balcony in front, upon which he placed her and returned to the aid of Mr. Armiger. He found the latter had gone and came back to Mrs. Armiger, who, clad in nothing but her night clothes, was shivering on the narrow balcony and shrieking in agonized tones for help. Half a dozen men who were passing hastened to the power house of the Charles street cable line, a block below, and procured a short ladder.

When they returned they found Deputy Fire Chief McAfee, a noted lifesaver, who quickly mounted the ladder. It was not long enough, but by standing on the uppermost round he could reach the frightened woman. As he attempted to lift her from the balcony her scanty clothing caught on an obstruction and she fell forward with her whole weight on the outstretched arm of the fireman. Just then the ladder slipped, and everyone below expected to see both the rescuer and the woman he was trying to save dashed to death. By a tremendous effort, however, McAfee steadied himself, and holding Mrs. Armiger with one hand grasped the balcony with the other. Hanging thus he slowly reached the ladder with his feet and brought the now fainting woman down in safety.

In the meantime the inmates of the other front rooms were crowding to the window, making most pitiful appeals for help. The people shouted to them not to jump, but Alice Williams disregarded their warnings, and with an appalling shriek sprang from the fourth story window, struck the stone steps full upon her forehead, fracturing her skull and sustaining other injuries from which she will die. An attempt was made to succor the other unfortunates by the doorway on Charles street, but when the policemen burst in they were met by such a volume of smoke and flame that they were driven back.

In the rear room on the second floor were Eleanor and Virginia, the unmarried daughters of Mrs. Armiger. They were partially dressed, but so rapid was the spread of the flames that they had no time to escape by the stairway. In their extremity they leaped far out of the rear window and cried for help. A neighbor came to

their aid and under his cool headed direction Mrs. Armiger lowered her younger sister with a sheet and by throwing a mattress out of the window leaped to the yard below. She alighted in safety and beyond the shock and slight injury to her ankle escaped unhurt.

By this time the firemen had reached the scene and in a twinkling had reached long ladders up to the windows both front and rear. Up these they swarmed and in a few minutes the remaining inmates of the doomed house were being carried out.

On the stairway leading from the second to the third floor was found the body of Mr. Armiger, with that of his little grandson, Richard Riley, clasped tightly in his arms, showing that the old man had made a gallant attempt to rescue the boy at the cost of his own life.

In the front room on the third floor was found the corpse of Mr. Manuel. He, too, had the body of a child in his arms, telling another story of unrequited heroism.

In the rear room on the third floor, lying on the bed the firemen found the dead body of Mr. Riley. By his side lay his wife, breathing faintly. She was hurried into the open air in time to save her life, and though she is badly burned about the face and arms and half crazed by her terrible loss, she will recover.

In another room were the bodies of Mrs. Champlin and her 3-year old son, while upon the upper floor the firemen found Ida Whiting, the colored servant, unconscious from smoke, but not seriously hurt.

The injured were taken to homes of neighboring friends with the exception of the servants, who were conveyed to the city hospital. The dead were carried across the street to the residence of Dr. K. B. Bachelor, where every effort was made to resuscitate them without avail. When it was found that nothing could be done for them they were covered with sheets and laid out in the physician's parlor to await the coming of the undertaker.

Lithographers' Strike.

New York, Feb. 24.—It was announced at a meeting of the Central Labor Union last night that a general strike of members of the International Lithograph Artists and Engravers' Protective and Insurance Union in this country and Canada would begin to-day. About 1,000 men will go out. Of this number 500 are located in this city and Brooklyn. The other cities which will be effected are Buffalo, Louisville, Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Boston, Cleveland and Toronto. The lithographers' strike will seriously blockade the production of variegated calendars and advertising placards. The atrial work will not be interfered with, as orders of this kind are placed during the summer months.

A Roof Falls In.

Stanford, Conn., Feb. 24.—By the collapse of the roof of an old building in Dublin late Saturday night one boy was killed, another fatally hurt and several others were more or less injured. The dead are Patrick Kilkelly, 5 years old. Injured seriously: Bryan Kilkelly, will die; Antonio Demato, 10 years old, severely crushed and bruised.

Saturday night twelve boys went up to the second floor of the house and began cutting out the studding posts and other available material, the house being torn down for the purpose of making improvements. They carelessly cut the lower parts of rafters which supported the roof, which caused the accident.

The Sealing Bill.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Saturday Chairman Dingley reported to the House the bill agreed on by the ways and means committee to prevent the extermination of fur-sealing in Alaska. According to the terms of the measure, if the president finds himself unable to secure the co-operation of Great Britain, especially in securing the *modus vivendi* authorizing by the bill so as to protect and preserve the Alaskan seal herd for this year's sealing season, then the secretary of the treasury is authorized to take each and every fur seal on the Pribiloff islands and to sell the skins and to cover the proceeds into the treasury.

Burned to Death.

New York, Feb. 24.—Lillian Cecilia Lyons, the 14-year-old daughter of Daniel Lyons, of Brooklyn, was burned to death in her bed-room yesterday. The fire started through the accidental explosion of an oil stove, which had been used to heat the room. Lillian, who was an epileptic, was in bed at the time. She was unable to move without assistance. The bedclothes quickly became ignited and the girl was enveloped in flames before she could be rescued. They succeeded in getting the girl from the burning room. Before a physician arrived, however, the girl died in horrible agony.

FIFTY MEN ENTOMBED.

ELK MOUNTAIN SHAKEN FROM CAP TO BASE.

And from Fifty to Seventy Men Are Buried in the Ruins of the Vulcan Mine Near Newcastle, Col.—Do Not Like Secretary of Agriculture Morton.

Newcastle, Col., Feb. 19.—With a report that shook Elk Mountain to its base, the Vulcan mine went up in smoke yesterday morning, and three score lives were sacrificed. It was in the busy part of the morning, when all the men were at work, and a full head of energy was visible in the vicinity of this mine. Not a sound of warning was emitted from the depths of the earth, where about sixty men were employed in their dangerous calling. The number of victims can not be accurately stated, the estimates ranging from fifty to seventy men.

A throng of people were soon at the scene of the disaster, a distance of nearly two miles from Newcastle. A glance was enough to dissipate any hope for the lives of the entombed men. The force of the explosion had caused a cave-in and the tunnel and air courses were filled with the fallen rock, earth and timbers. Houses were wrecked and the slope and vicinity were so full of debris and the gas was so bad that it was hard and dangerous work to begin the rescue. Nevertheless willing hands were soon at work and five men went down as far as possible to ascertain the condition of the slope and found it such that it will require much work to regain the laborers. The gas was so bad that after the party had got 200 feet down they were compelled to recede. The Consolidated mine shut down immediately after the disaster, and its entire force of 150 men were sent to help the unfortunate ones.

They were soon joined by the employees of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's mines at Newcastle, which also closed.

The construction of a temporary fan house was commenced at once, and the work of pumping fresh air into the mine will soon begin. It is hardly possible that any of the miners are still alive, but the starting of the fans will be made as soon as possible, in the hope that if any have survived they may be kept alive till help reaches them.

The only man who got out of the mine at the time of the explosion was Edward Welch, who was near the mouth of the tunnel and was blown out. His skull was fractured, arm broken, face badly cut and burned and all the hair burned from his head. He was breathing when found, but expired shortly, after, without having shown any signs of consciousness.

Two young miners, Tom Connelly and James Pele, met with narrow escapes, having emerged from the tunnel just before the explosion occurred.

Nearly all of the entombed miners are foreigners.

Do Not Like Morton.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The house yesterday passed the agricultural appropriation bill. It carries \$3,158,192. The section of the revised statutes for the purchase and distribution of "rare and uncommon" seed, which Secretary Morton declined to execute in the current appropriation law was repealed, the appropriation for seed was increased from \$130,000 to \$150,000, and its execution was made mandatory upon the secretary.

Mr. Cousins of Iowa introduced his amendment to reduce Mr. Morton's salary from \$8000 to \$25, until he expended the appropriation in the current law, but the amendment was ruled out on a point of order.

Several amendments to the meat inspection act of 1891, recommended by Secretary Morton, which would have given him additional power to enforce regulations and have strengthened the law by the imposition of penalties for violations were stricken out.

Bills were passed to permit the Kansas City and Fort Scott railroad to extend its lines into the Indian Territory, to dispose of the Fort Klamath bay reservation, and to grant the Columbia and Red Mountain railway a right of way through the Coalville Indian reservation.

A resolution was adopted directing the committee on ways and means to investigate the effect of the difference between the manufacturing industries of the United States.

Invited Friends to His Funeral.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—S. E. Nelson, an ex-member of the Chicago police force, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid, after having invited his friends to take part in his funeral, by issuing invitation cards. Nelson selected yesterday as the day of his funeral and wrote notes to several of his friends asking them to attend. John Mattheson, having received one of the invitations, went to investigate yesterday, and found Nelson in his bed dead. The ex-policeman had quarreled with his wife, who left him, and this is supposed to be the reason for the suicide.

Rebellion in Korea.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 19.—The steamer Pekin, from Yokohama, arrived yesterday morning with the following advices:

Another rebellion has broken out in Korea. The governor of the Tian Yan district has been taken prisoner by the rebels in two engagements, but the rebels are not yet subdued.

The insurrection was caused by a royal proclamation requiring the Koreans to sacrifice their queques and wear their hair in western fashion. Several Japanese papers condemn the release of Viscount Miura, charged with instigating the murder of the Korean queen, as a gross miscarriage of justice. The lower house of the Japanese parliament has passed a newspaper bill rescinding the power of the government to suspend newspapers. The warlike opposition to the Japanese in Formosa has moderated except in the mountain districts. All north Formosa is under military rule. It is expected that Japanese reinforcements will proceed against the rebel army now in the mountains.

Thousands Turned Away.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Mary E. Lease began her ministerial career in this city Sunday night, and it is safe to say that no minister ever entered upon sacred labors with more flattering prospects than did the noted Kansas woman. The Central Christian church, one of the largest in the city, was crowded to the limit of its capacity and many thousands were turned away.

It had been expected that Mrs. Lease would deal largely in sensationalism, but her theme and its expositions were far removed from anything of that nature. Many noted divines have spoken to Wichita audiences, but none of them were accorded such an enthusiastic reception as was Mrs. Lease. It is predicted that her fame as a pulpit orator will far exceed that which she has achieved as a reformer.

Morgan Will Get Them.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Secretary Carlisle has not yet decided to whom shall be awarded the bonds upon which default of payment of the first installment was made, nor will he do so until the exact amount of the default has been ascertained.

There seems to be no reasonable doubt, however, that they will be awarded to J. P. Morgan and his associates, under the blanket bid of \$110,687.00.

The gold withdrawals yesterday were \$896,700 in coin and \$35,800 in bars, leaving the true amount of the gold reserve at \$90,439,784. Gold deposits at the several sub-treasuries during the last few days will increase the reserve to about \$110,000,000.

Counterpart of Holmes.

Springfield, O., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Clement Powell is visiting Dr. H. L. Kutchin in Columbus, and she denies being the feminine counterpart of Holmes. She says her sisters died long before she left Trumansburg, N. Y., eight years ago, and she visited her father, John Talley, there last year. Coroner Schaefer is said to have abandoned his trip to Gallipolis to examine the body of Prof. Van Sickle. She says she is in friendly communication with Van Sickle's relations and that T. S. Money, who insulted her, and whom she sued for \$10,000 damages, started the reports about her poisoning his wife and children and murdering her sisters and Prof. Van Sickle.

Judicial Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Representative Bingham, of Pennsylvania, yesterday reported to the house, from the appropriations committee, making appropriations for the legislative and judicial departments of the government for the fiscal year, 1897. The amount carried by the bill is \$21,417,496. The bill of last year carried \$22,169,778. The estimates submitted by the treasury department was \$22,650,051.

A General Order.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The postoffice department has issued a general order directing all division superintendents of the railway mail service to stop the practice of depositing mail matter in a postal car unless there is a clerk in the car to receive it. The action is the result of complaint of damage by fire and water to such mail deposited prior to the arrival of the clerks.

Yellow Fever in Brazil.

New York, Feb. 19.—A correspondent in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, telegraphs that the chief engineer and eight members of the Italian cruiser Lombardi have died of yellow fever. The death of the captain has unnerved the sailors. There have been forty deaths from that disease in Rio Janeiro within the last twenty-four hours.

Plenty of snow, and very cold in New York state.

Grand Rapids, Mich., has had a \$200,000 fire. Partially insured.

Buck, Democrat, has been seated in congress over Coleman, Republican.

March

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(St. Louis Chronicle.)

Malaria on the Mississippi Bottoms.

From the Banner-Democrat, Lake Providence, La., Feb. 22.—The swamp lands along the banks of the Mississippi river in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana are generally considered very unhealthy in contrast with the hilly country adjoining them. It is here, the germs of malaria are formed, and from which originate those terrible malarial chills and fevers which the people of the low countries dread. In addition to these are intermittent and epidemic fevers, dysentery, indigestion and rheumatism, all caused from malarial germs and the dampness of the atmosphere.

Medical men have been unable to devise some mode of treatment by which these physical ailments can be eradicated, if not eradicated, so far as it has failed. Nor does it seem that there can be found any cure for these symptoms. Such has been the opinion until recently, when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills found their way here, and came to stay. Today those who have used them say they would not do without them for all the medicines in the drug stores.

Mr. Dan O'Sullivan, Sr., is a prominent citizen of this city, Lake Providence, La., and has been identified with its interests for years. At present he occupies an important position on the City Council and is also secretary of the board. He was, once ailing, robust, healthy man, full of vigor and always on the top of his health. Last year, however, his health was very bad, his appetite poor, his digestion poor. In fact, his entire system was completely out of order. He began to use various medicines, but to no purpose. At length he decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. In a few days the change for the better could be noticed, he continued to improve so fast, that the proprietor of the Lake Providence Banner-Democrat interviewed him and asked him what he had been taking to put him in such good shape again. His reply was in substance as follows:

"My liver was all out of order, my digestion was very bad, I felt sluggish and did not want to do a thing but lay around the house. My blood began to get thin, and I felt sick all over. I concluded to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as I had heard so much about them. After taking them a few days I could feel that they were doing me a great deal of good. I continued the use of them, and in a week or so I felt like a new man. They toned up my stomach, put my blood in good condition, gave me a good color, a good appetite, in fact, put me in a first-class shape again. My friends congratulated my return of health, and I smiled when I told them that Pink Pills did the work."

Mrs. D. H. Parker, who was raised in the city of Lake Providence, but who now resides in Greenville, Mississippi, also uses Pink Pills. Her husband, Mr. D. H. Parker, a popular traveling salesman of the Drummond Tobacco Company, of St. Louis, says that for years his wife had been suffering from dyspepsia and indigestion, that she had to be very careful what she ate, and would frequently have severe spells from being a little imprudent in her diet. She sent for some Pink Pills, took them and is now well and strong, and can eat any and every thing without being affected in the slightest manner. She is loud in her praises of Dr. Williams' great remedy. She also suffered from rheumatism, and that too, has left her.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are for sale by all druggists, or may be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

A Masculine Woman
Delna, the present star of the Opera Comique in Paris, is a very fat young woman who has a mustache and a very redundant figure. She is described as looking as if she never washed her face and almost never combed her hair. Her voice is bad and her dramatic knowledge limited, but she is a success. Four years ago she was singing in a cafe chantant of not particularly good character. She might be scrubbed up a little, put in very evening dress, and become a fad in New York.

If once a candidate, generally continue a candidate.

Suffered from the Blood
By the kidneys, impurities pass off harmlessly. The inactivity of the organs named not only cause these impurities to remain and poison the system, but also leads to the degeneration and destruction of the organs themselves. Prevent Bright's disease, diabetes, dropsy, gravel and other ailments which affect the kidneys and bladder with Hostetter's stomach pills, which likewise overcome malarial, dyspeptic, bilious, nervous and rheumatic complaints.

Success does not mean happiness; it means an unusual number of enemies.

The D. V. Sholes Investment & Mining Co., of Cripple Creek, Col., can furnish you strictly reliable information concerning mining properties in the Cripple Creek district. We always have options on some choice properties that are bargains and handle no others. Local and eastern bank references given on application. Correspondence solicited.

More love affairs originate in an unoccupied mind than in the heart.

THE WORLD'S EARLIEST POTATO.

That's Salzer's Earliest, fit for use in 28 days. Salzer's new late tomato, Champion of the World, is pronounced the heaviest yielder in the world, and we challenge you to produce its equal! 10 acres to Salzer's Earliest Potatoes yield 4000 bushels, sold in June at \$1.00 a bushel—\$4000. That pays. A word to the wise, etc.

Now if you will cut this out and send it with 10c postage you will get, free, 10 packages grains and grasses, including Teosinte, Lathyrus, Sand Vetch, Giant Spurry, Giant Clover, etc., and our Mammoth seed catalogue. Write every man and woman you know, if he was mistaken.

The Battle is Over.

Langtry, Tex., Feb. 22.—Robert Fitzsimmons, an Englishman, is today the champion heavyweight pugilist of the world.

Across the Rio Grande river from this place, in the state of Coahuila, Mex., yesterday he defeated Peter Maher.

It took little more than a minute of fighting for him to knock out Peter Maher and win the title. The fight was sharp white-collar war. Both were confident. Fitzsimmons, so much so that he seemed a little careless. Peter seemed a trifle nervous. Fitzsimmons took the aggressive from the call of time and forced Maher toward his (Maher's) corner. There Maher made a stand. His lead fell short and he clinched. Maher led twice after he had been broken away by the referee, landing lightly on the chest. Fitzsimmons smiled as he evaded the blow. Two clinches followed, then Fitzsimmons led with his left, landing lightly. He quickly followed with a short half arm swing with his right, landing on Maher's left jaw point. The Englishman fell on his back, his head hitting the floor with a thump and a thump. His eyes rolled glassily and the fight was over.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—James J. Corbett was out riding when the news of Maher's defeat was received. In Chicago yesterday, but an Associated Press man met him on his return and notified him of the event. "Do you challenge the winner?" was asked. "To do," said Mr. Corbett, "for \$10,000, or any sum he may name, but there must be no long-winded talk about it. He must come and make his match in Chicago in business fashion and it must be done at once. This means business. I am right here and Mr. Fitzsimmons can reach me any minute he wants to. I mean business and quick. I will fight the winner anywhere on earth. I will fight him in Australia, his own country, if he wants me to. It is money that talks. Fitzsimmons has money now. Let me see the color of his dust and I am ready. If he wants the championship let him jump on a train and come to Chicago and we will fix up a fight in two minutes. I go away tomorrow night, but will be back week after next. I sent him a telegram last night asking him to meet me here between March 1 and 6. He can meet me then and we can make a match for any amount and any time, but it must be done promptly and by him in person."

Langtry, Tex., Feb. 22.—Yesterday Mr. Maher said: "I am of course disappointed. He is a clever fighter and I don't know exactly where I was hit; seems to me it was on the jaw. The back of my head has a big lump on it and that's where it struck the floor. I thought I had him licked from the start and so far as my condition is concerned I have nothing to complain of and I would like to get a fight with somebody else. I am not particular which of the heavyweights."

City of Mexico, Feb. 22.—High officials of the department of foreign relations say regarding yesterday's prize fight that nothing can be done to punish the people concerned, as they merely violated what was practically only a police regulation, succeeding in making a dash into Mexican territory, avoiding Gov. Ahumada and his rurales, who were fifty miles away.

Had Gov. Ahumada caught them the offense would have been only a misdemeanor and nothing more. The case is not an extraditable one, as it comes under no clause of the treaty.

President Diaz has taken the ground right along that the Mexican law did not cover prize fighting, and his endeavor was merely to prevent the fight out of consideration for the United States.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 22.—The special cars awaiting the fight spectators at the El Paso depot were attached to the regular train on the Southern Pacific, Thursday night, which was forty-five minutes late coming into El Paso. There were five cars: About 150 people bought tickets at the station for Langtry, putting up \$11.65 each. The tickets to the fight were \$20 and those who wished could secure sleeping car accommodations for \$3.

A quieter and better behaved lot of visitors to a prize fight never gathered. Fitzsimmons and his party occupied the next car to the next sleeper in the train of nine cars. Maher and his party were in the one immediately ahead of Fitzsimmons. The run to Langtry is 389 miles. It was without momentous incident.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 22.—Robert Fitzsimmons was born in Cornwall, England, June 14, 1862. He stands 5 feet 11 1/4 inches in his stocking feet. He established a reputation for himself by knocking out Herbert Slade, the "Maori." He knocked out many other clever fighters in Australia, and came to this country. Since the day Fitzsimmons landed here the American public has been interested in his doings in the ring.

Committed Suicide.

Blanco, Tex., Feb. 22.—Charles Smith, aged 35 years, living alone on his farm near Blanco, committed suicide by taking poison. No reason for his action is known or surmised. He was a bachelor and had a good home.

"THE WOODEN HEN."

We have heard of wooden horses and wooden ducks, but a wooden hen is something new under the sun—and its purpose is different from those of either of the other wooden animals mentioned. It is a not a toy, though it will please a boy. It is a hen, at least it will hatch chickens from hens' eggs.



It is 18x18x3 inches and will take care of twenty-eight eggs. It is an incubator and costs only \$5.00.

This wooden hen is made by George H. Stahl, Quincy, Ill. If you want to find out more about it before you buy, write to Mr. Stahl for catalogue "W," which gives a full description, and mention this paper.

Too many of the girls have too many love affairs.

IRRITATION OF THE THROAT AND HOARSENESS are immediately relieved by *Brown's Bronchial Troches*. Have them always ready.

Women must be superior to men because they always cry they are.

FITS—At Fitzsimmons' free by Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits, no more first-class work. Marvellous cures. Treatise and medicine both free to all cases. Send to Dr. Kline, 1011 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The passion of a man to be a leader is the foundation of half the new religions that are started.

Many influences combine to reduce health to the danger limit. The reviving properties of Parker's Ginger Tonic best overcome these ills.

Any girl old enough to take a valentine seriously, is too old to get one.

Everyone knows how it is to suffer with corns, and they are not conducive to graceful walking. Remove them with *Lincoln's*.

The most objectionable feature about love is the poetry that accompanies it.

EARLIEST ONIONS PAY.

There's a market gardener in Minnesota. He is prosperous, makes his money on earliest vegetables, gets his seeds from Salzer, follows Salzer's instructions how to grow 1,000 bu. per acre and sells Salzer's King of the Earliest onion already in July and gets \$1.50 a bu. Catalogue tells all about it and lots of other seed for garden and farm! 35 packages earliest vegetables \$1.00.

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

Do not make to public a display of your generosity.

Deafness Can Not Be Cured
By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists; See Hall's Family Pills, 25c.

You can't make popular young girls believe there are no princes left for them to marry.

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

We like a girl who refuses to let a young man break her heart.

I know that my life was saved by Pisco's Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Michigan, April 21, 1895.

Every man needs a wife, to apologize for him.

A Simile in Smoke.

There's all sorts of grades of tobacco plant. The best comes from Havana. There's all sorts of grades of sarsaparilla plant. The best comes from Honduras. If you want cheap tobacco, all right—provided you get value for your money. Cheap tobacco's not as good to smoke—but it don't cost as much.

If you want cheap sarsaparilla... But you don't want it. Of course you don't. You are paying for the best. To pay for the best and get anything but Honduras sarsaparilla is like paying for "Honduras cigars and getting Pittsburg Stogies." There's only one sarsaparilla made exclusively from the truest Honduras plant. That's Ayer's. Just keep it in mind, that you are paying for Honduras sarsaparilla when you are paying for the best; but you don't get what you pay for unless you get Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Any doubt about it? Send for the "Cure for Consumption" booklet. It kills doubts but cures doubters. Address: J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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

In trying to be "Independent," many people are positively impolite.

Man's Heritage is Pain.

PAIN'S ANTIDOTE IS ST. JACOBS OIL.

THE AERMOTOR CO. does half the world's windmill business, because it has reduced the cost of wind power to 1/3 what it was. It has many branch houses, and supplies the goods and repairs at your door. It can and does furnish a better article for less money than others. It makes Pumping and Board, Steel, Galvanized-iron, Compressor, Windmills, Tilling and Fixed Steel, Tows, Steel Buzz Saw Frames, Steel Feed Cutters and Feed Grinders. An application 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.

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For the North and East, Via MEMPHIS OR ST. LOUIS, In Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars. This is the Short and Quick Line, And HOURS ARE SAVED By Purchasing Your Tickets via this Route. For further information, apply to Ticket Agents of Connecting Lines, or to J. C. Lewis, Traveling Pass' Agent, Austin, Tex. H. C. TOWNSEND, G. P. and T. A., ST. LOUIS.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

Clears and beautifies the hair, Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Falls or Restores Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cleans scalp, dandruff, itching, etc., and cures itching.

Patents, Trade-Marks.

Examination and Advice as to Patentability of Invention, and for Inventors' Rights, or How to Obtain Patents. PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

The coming Artist who knows enough to paint a popular subject.

BattleAx PLUG

The largest piece of good tobacco ever sold for 10 cents and The 5 cent piece is nearly as large as you get of other high grades for 10 cents

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 1896. Contains more practical information for farmers and gardeners than many high-priced text books. Mailed free. D. E. FERRY & CO., DETROIT, MICH.

OPIUM MORPHINE HABIT CURED IN 10 TO 30 DAYS. No pain till cured. DR. J. STEPHENSON, Lebanon, Ohio.

For tracing and locating Gold or Silver Ore, or for Black and White, W. D. POWELL, L. E. H. Box 337, Southampton, Conn.

PISCO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

GIRLS WHO ALL LUNG FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

W. N. DALLAS. 9-96
When Answering Advertisements Mention this Paper.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Cash talks at Arkansas Smiths San Angelo.

W. H. Rodgers, of Bronte, was trading in town Wednesday.

County Surveyor puteson did some work near Bronte Wednesday.

The RUSTLER extends sympathy to Brother Fair in the loss of his aged mother.

Judge Perryman and R. F. Montgomery went to Ballinger Wednesday.

Miss Alice Caraway will assist Prof. Carter in the Valley view school.

Brother Berryman preaches at the court house to-morrow—all are invited to go and hear him.

We ask as a personal favor that when you have a visitor from out of town to report the same to us.

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

J. B. Morris, the New Hope dealer, was in the city Thursday.

J. W. Barnett is expecting a boy cousin of his out from Kentucky to arrive soon to make this his home.

J. T. Hamilton has been hauling mulo maize and corn from his ranch this week.

A family from Brown county, whose name we failed to learn, moved to town this week.

The only cash house in Angelo is Arkansas Smith's.

A. J. Montiech and son Bill of Chadbourne, were in town Thursday.

Johnie Ross took up a subscription school at Hayrick Monday.

Miss Amelia Caraway is attending school at Bronte.

Notice Burroughs & Co's new sign.

L. D. Sheppard, the Bronte gunman, was in town Thursday.

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

Wm. Scarborough, the Sanco merchant, and J. M. Tucker passed through town Wednesday morning on their way to San Angelo to buy goods.

W. R. Preeler and S. S. Craddock passed through town Tuesday on their way to San Angelo.

Get one of those excellent Canton Clipper corn and cotton planters of Burroughs & Co.

J. H. Burroughs is dressing rock for a contemplated residence.

Still the subscription school fills up.

Jim Stewart put a new paling fence around his yard this week.

How the sun does shine and the grass grow.

Come Now

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

Mrs. Frea Walling and Misses Barbara and Dora Davis visited Mrs. Tharmond, of the northern part of the county, several days last week and this.

John McCabe, the cattleman of the divide, was doing business in town Monday.

Spring, with its flowers and grass is here.

Rev. S. P. Shirley, will preach here this Sunday to March. Beginning Saturday at 11 o'clock.

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. Of fice at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo, Texas.

A panther of rather an inquiring turn of mind is said to be watching the movements of the people along the Bronte road three or four miles below town.

Rev. A. M. Jay preached here Sunday morning and at Valley View in the afternoon.

Mr. McNeal, of Nolan county stayed at the Lee Hotel Monday night on his way to Ft. McKavitt.

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.

An unexpected two or three feet rise came down the Colorado river Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

Brother Bates was unable to fill his appointment at Sanco last Sunday and Brother Berryman preached for him.

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. Ballinger, Texas.

Ed Mobley, in company with Jeff Davis and Lewis Maddox, went to San Angelo Wednesday after lumber to build a house on his farm four miles southwest of town.

For a nice, quiet room with home comforts, go to the OAKS. Use of bath rooms free of charge. Mrs. Carr kindly solicits your patronage. San Angelo, Texas.

Still the town builds and improves and from every source in the county comes the information that work, building and general improvement is going on.

Perry Breedlove, of Sanco was in town Tuesday.

Asball Dancer has moved from San Angelo to Ballinger and is in the barber business—go and see him when there.

S. J. Carpenter, who was once a citizen of Coke county, is a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Runnels county.

E. Meineille was down from his farm and ranch Tuesday. He says he is feeding about 80 steers on cotton seed and pasturing them in a 200 acre field of corn and cane.

Notice!

To the tax payers of Coke county: All who have not paid their taxes for 1895 will please come forward and settle same and save costs. Respectfully,

L. B. Murray,
Tax Collector.

Fine Cotton.

Valley Mammoth is mixed. From four to twelve locks to the boll and is on sale until March the 1st by T. B. Andrews.

As this is a year of general election and much of interest to every one will transpire during the year, subscribe for the RUSTLER and keep up with the news.

O ye candidate! Why do you delay? All things are ready, and "procrastination is the thief of time."

WHY NOT

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

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.

Arkansas Smith, the cash grocery man, of San Angelo, has moved seven doors down the street to the Mays building.

While some unknown party was running a horse through the streets shooting off a pistol about 8 o'clock Monday night, Sheriff Murray tried to halt him and shot the horse down, but the fellow just kept stepping.

It proved to be Johnie Weather's horse and Johnie was arrested and put under bond. Johnie says his horse was loaned out at that time.

Mr Murray gave him another horse for the one that was shot, which will probably die.

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

I. O. WOODEN,
Ballinger, Texas.

From Sweetwater Review.

That Race.

A purse of \$150 is offered in a colt race of one half mile, to come off here on the 12 of March. All two year old colts will be allowed to enter. J. F. Newman, Jess Everett and Jas. Trammell have entered colts.

R. E. Douglas, of Fort. Chadbourne was in town with cotton this week.

Mrs. J. Q. Hanna, of Olga, was in town Tuesday on her way to the territory to visit her daughter.

When you want the people to know that you are sure enough in it for office, that you mean to run through and fight to a finish: put your announcement in the RUSTLER.

From San Angelo Standard.

Ralph Harris has become largely interested in making San Angelo the health resort of west Texas. He will shortly attempt to organize a company for the erection of a sanitarium on a large scale.

Messrs Billie Childress, Frank Harris and Caleb Barron, Coke county cattle men were in the city Thursday.

Ed and Lee Good, of Coke county sold W. H. Collyns 1100 of steer yearlings at \$10. June delivery.

Ed Good, of Robert Lee, sold W. H. Collyns 100 head of steer yearlings, bought by him from M. H. O'Daniel some time ago. May delivery.

Notice.

I or J. W. Reed, are now ready to receive all money subscribed to build the church in Robert Lee Eugene T. Bates.

State chairman Dudley has issued a call for Democratic primaries to be held throughout the state on June the 6th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES FOR ANNOUNCMENTS FOR OFFICE.

The RUSTLER will charge the following prices for announcing candidates for office.

Announcement Fees Always In Advance.

All District Officers..... \$7.50
County Officers..... 5.00
Precinct Officers..... 2.50

We are authorized to announce W. C. Merchant as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

As we go to press Dr. Toliver is moving to his new place two miles north of town.

If you want a good tract of land in Runnels county read Chas. A. Daileys ad in this paper.

Bring us a load of wood on your subscription and save us paying out the money for it.

F. B. Perry went to Sweetwater again this week to make arrangements for moving there.

Simon Williams and Don and Will Green caught quite a string of fine cat fish out the river one night this week.

Sorry, but it is too late to announce in this issue.

Johnie Gardner was in the burg Thursday night.

Judge Perryman, who has just returned from Ballinger, informs us that the proposed big irrigation scheme down the Colorado about the line of Coke and Runnels counties is a sure thing: that the enterprise is backed by English capitalists who are amply able to carry it to a success. Thus, with thousands and thousands of acres of the rich valley lands of Coke and Runnels under such a high state of cultivation it will only be a matter of a short time until we will have a railroad and then the way our county and town will settle up and build up will be a surprise to the natives—Ah! Git in de cayer!

The campaign has now opened up and whosoever delays his announcement gives his opponent a great start in the race.

The Peoples Party of Pre. No. 1 met for organization at the court house yesterday, but too late for us to get the particulars in this issue.

A mass meeting of the peoples party of the county is to be held at the court house today.

The RUSTLER will take orders for the Valley Mammoth cotton Seed in quantities to suit.

J. L. Taylor of the Valley View neighborhood was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Geo. Perry, of the Indian creek neighborhood was seen on our streets Friday.

It is reported that Don Green has bought his brothers interest in the Robert Lee and San Angelo U. S. Mail line.

Will Perry was doing the city yesterday.

F. M. Barnett, of Bronte neighborhood, was in town yesterday.

The RUSTLER is "for" the man or men who announce first.

Brother Fair Travelling.

Dear Rustler:—On the 29th of January, 1896, I took passage on the Ft. Worth & Rio Grande R. R. at 9 a. m. and bade wife and children good bye. I left Comanche for North-west Arkansas to visit my precious old mother who was very sick with pneumonia. I reached Fort worth at 2 o'clock p. m. and after a seven hour layoff I took passage on the M. K. & T. R. R. Our train traversed North west Texas in the night, thereby excluding me from observing the country. After entering the Indian Territory, day dawned upon us and revealed a beautiful country to our visions.

As the train sped across that broad space of level prairie, at the rate of fifty miles per hour, my mind was occupied with thoughts of the possibilities of that lovely country, which they say, will be sectionized and opened for settlement by the whites in the near future. I predict that there will be one of the best farming countries in the west, after the white men get control of it. We arrived in Veniti at 10.40 a. m. Jan. 30. We had to wait six hours there. Veniti is a beautiful town of about two thousand inhabitants, in the Cherokee Nation. At 4.10 a. m. we left Veniti on the St. Louis & San Francisco R. R. reached Neosho, Mo. at 6.35 p. m. From there to Granett in Benton county Ark. I traveled on the Gulf R. R. From Granett I went in a buggy four miles to Mrs. S. E. Sittens my sister, where I found my dear old mother suffering severely.

We watched by her three days after my arrival, till on the 3rd day of Feb., at 4 p. m. she sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, lacking eight days of being eighty four years of age. Her remains were interred in the Bethel cemetery, Feb. the 4 at 1 o'clock p. m.

There was a large concourse of people attended her funeral. Since her burial I have been visiting my brothers, and sisters, nephews and nieces.

I am now in Scott county, will tell something of Arkansas in my next.

G. F. FAIR.

Oklahoma Hotel Rules.

Gents going to bed with their boots on will be charged extra. Three raps at the door means that there is a murderer in the house and that you must get up. Please write your name on the wall so we will know you have been here.

The other leg of the chair is in the closet if you need it.

If the hole where that pane of glass is out is too much for you you will find a pair of old pants behind the door to stuff in it.

The shooting of a pistol is no cause for alarm.

If you get too cold put the oil cloth over your head.

Kerosine lamps extra; candles free, but they musn't burn all night.

Don't take the paper of the wall to light your pipe with. Enough of that already.

Guests will not take the bricks out of the mattress.

If it rains through the hole over head you'll find an umbrella under the bed.

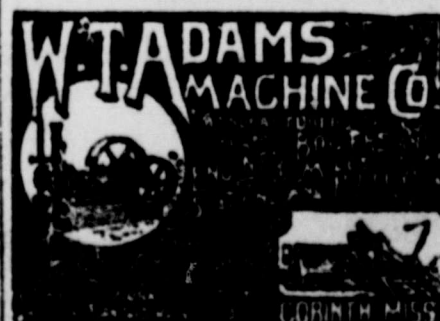
The rats wont hurt you if they do chase each other over your face.

Two men in a room must put up with one chair.

Please don't empty out the saw-dust out of the pillows.

If there is no towels handy use a piece of carpet.

Drunners' Yards.



THE NEW
HARDWARE STORE

has just added a complete and well selected stock of

**Queensware
AND
Glassware**

to the already immense stock of general Hardware. Call and examine.

**Ideal Steel Wind Mills,
HANCOCK ROTARY DISC PLOWS**

Gives satisfaction in every instance.
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Best and cheapest in the market.

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VIVIAN MEREDITH



At 20 we know much less than we think we know, though we would make it very warm for any one who informed us of the fact. The world then is a beautiful garden, where we are Love is money, and we are blind. We think better of ourselves in these days than we ever thought before or ever will think again. We strut about a little space puffed with the idea of our importance, or stagger about drunk with our ambitious dreams. And then some bright morning we wake up to find that we were all wrong—that the universe wasn't made just for us, and that love after all is not—but this is not telling my story.

I was just 20 when I met Vivian Meredith, and as full of all the foolish and romantic notions that are common to that adolescent period as I could be. She was indeed a lovely girl. I met her first at a party given by my dear friend, Mrs. Horace Habberton, and on inquiring who she was was told by my hostess that she was a poor young woman of good family who wrote for the papers.

I was not poor and I didn't write things for the papers, but I liked people of that description, especially when they looked like Miss Meredith, so I sought, and secured an early introduction to her. She was as charming as she looked. Everything she did was well done. She dressed well, she talked well and she danced well.

I have before intimated to you that

Meanwhile the discovery began to dawn upon me that I was not the only one who was seeking Vivian Meredith with intentions. On several occasions, at the house on Tenth street I had met another caller, a strong-faced, earnest-looking young fellow, Halliday by name. I found upon inquiry that he also was poor and "wrote things for the papers." Vivian was very gracious to him also and her mother treated him as quite a favorite. I liked Halliday, but I did not like their attitude toward him, so I told Alsbury about it. He was sort of a friend and mentor of mine. He was a worldly bachelor, 40 and withal cynical. He laughed at my apprehensions and said: "You are rich are you not? Halliday is poor. Everything is in your favor, for money will buy anything from a man's honor, to a woman's love. And—well, on the whole, I believe you and thought he was very clever, and, in fact, felt rather sorry that I myself had not made the remark—it bordered so nearly on the epigrammatic. The spirit of it permeated the subsequent course which I pursued with the occupants of the house on Tenth street. Without being vulgar or ostentatious, I took every occasion to let them know that I was a man of wealth. Somehow at the time I felt shame-faced about it and wondered whether my method of pursuit were worthy the object, but I did not change!

I brought my trap around to her door, drawn by a spanking team of grays, and took Vivian driving. I put at the disposal of her and her mother my box at the theater. I sent her, out of season, flowers that in their season were enormously costly. Sometimes she protested; at other times she received my attentions with a quiet grace that made my heart bound and then fall back twice the distance it had leaped.

I had great faith in Alsbury's good judgment. He knew the world better than I, and I could depend upon his observations. But to me there was a look of most discouraging content upon Vivian's face when she danced and chatted with Halliday, and the total absorption in him which she displayed did not seem to indicate that any thought of me had any place in her life. So I grew desperate. What man of 20 would not, under such circumstances? I determined to settle it all for good, and with this end in view drove my span of horses around to her door next day and took her out for an airing.

Why should I revive pain in even an old wound by telling how I proposed to her and how she was surprised and sorry that I should have loved her, but she could never marry me? What's the use of giving her words? You no doubt heard the same or something very like when you were 20.

Of course, Halliday was the hindering cause, though she did not say so in so many words. I took a run over to London for a little while, and when I came back she was married to the poor young man who also "wrote things for the papers."

Alsbury was sensible enough not to condole with me. He merely said: "Well, these things often happen in life. You'll get used to them by and by. You are young now, but after awhile you will be cynical."

I very much suspect that he had had a disappointment in his own life.

Well, "I am not dead and I am not wed." I am 40 now and well fixed. But I sometimes wonder what the outcome would have been, what new ambitions for achievement I might have developed, had God given it to me to realize the dreams I had at 20.

THERE CAN BE NO SECESSION.

Ex-President Harrison Declares that It Would Be an Impossibility.

"Our government is not a confederation of states, but as strictly a government of the people as is any state government," writes Ex-President Harrison discussing "This Country of Ours" in Ladies' Home Journal. "It is true that the vote upon the adoption originally and the vote upon amendments is by states, in state conventions or in state legislatures; and that in various other ways the states are recognized and used in the administration of the national government. It could hardly have been otherwise. But the construction of Mr. Calhoun and of the Secessionists that our Constitution is a mere compact between independent states; that any state may withdraw from the Union for any breach of conditions of the compact, and that each state is to judge for itself whether the compact has been broken, has no support either in the history of the adoption of the Constitution or in the text of the instrument itself. The Constitution and laws of the United States take hold of and deal with each individual, not as a citizen of this or that state, but as a citizen of the United States. Each of us owes allegiance to the United States—to obey and support its Constitution and laws; and no act nor ordinance of any state can absolve us or make it lawful for us to disobey the laws or resist the authorities of the United States. We owe another allegiance, each to his own state, to support and obey its Constitution and laws, provided those do not conflict with the Constitution and laws of the United States. * * * The question whether an act of Congress is unconstitutional, or whether an act of any officer of the United States, done officially, is unauthorized, must, of course, be decided by the courts of the United States—in the last resort by the Supreme Court. A power in a state court to finally declare a law of the United States invalid would be destructive of national authority, and, indeed, of the national existence. There can be, in a proper Constitutional sense, no secession and no war between a state and the United States; for no ordinance repudiating the national authority or organizing resistance to it can have any legal sanction, even when passed by a state legislature."

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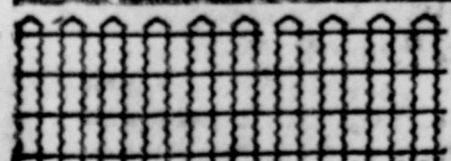
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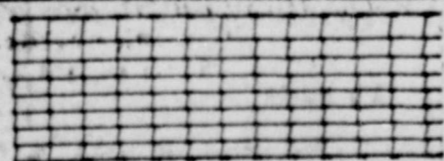
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THE DREAMS AT TWENTY.

I was not literary. But I was fairly well off in this world's goods, and amply able to support some one who was literary. Then, besides I was 20. So the idea took sudden and violent possession of me to have for a wife a woman who wrote things for the papers, and who, placed beyond the necessity of scribbling for her daily bread, might yet follow her bent and make the name of "Jones" famous. And to my mind Vivian Meredith seemed just the person to do this. I thought of her name—it was a pretty one, and I thought it would look well, with my surname suffixed, signed to a story or magazine article. Vivian Meredith-Jones! Pray think of it! With the hyphen between the Meredith and the Jones—I insisted on the hyphen—wouldn't it be the very perfection of literary cognomens?

The upshot of it all was that I fell in love—or thought I had—with the little blue-stockinged. She was very gracious to me and so I began to hope. I thought that from feminine graciousness to love was not a far cry, and so I had not only hoped, but was elated. Such a thing may happen at 20, you know.

She had a quaint little house down on Tenth street, where she lived with her mother and one servant and where after a while I began to be a frequent visitor. I found in the Widow Meredith a high-bred, delightful old lady, who talked with familiar ease of the most prominent of our old families, and musing over my cigarette, I concluded that I might do much worse in the way of family.

Meanwhile the strong-faced and earnest Mr. Halliday was still in positive evidence. One couldn't help liking the fellow. He was such a man. He looked like one who might break steel bars with his hands if he only wanted to do so, and, what was more, he looked as if his life were clean, and I liked him in spite of myself.

But because he was decent and noble and likable I couldn't consent to let him carry off Vivian, so I consulted Alsbury again, but he told me to keep up heart; that I was getting on swimmingly, and that my course was the talk of our whole set.

Was I elated? Well, I was 20.

Just then occurred the great Thornton reception, which we had all been looking forward to for a long time. I had hoped very much that Vivian would accompany me there. I had even presumed on her doing so, and my heart sunk when she regretted that she had made other arrangements.

She came with Halliday in a miserable hired coupe, and she wore only a few inexpensive flowers. But I could not help remarking, as did every one else, how well Vivian and Halliday looked together.

Well, I suppose I was looking very dejected when Alsbury found me, but I had reason. He laughed at me and told me that I must expect some reverses, that I could not hope to carry off such a prize by one triumphant sweep; why, it was worth some few defeats to win such a girl as Vivian, and he prophesied that all would come right.