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A DESPERATE BATTLE

One Man Killed, Two Fatally Wounded and Several Hurt.

A FAMILY AFFAIR.

The Participants Fell Out Over a Line Fence and the Climax Was Reached at New Boston Where They Attended Court.

Texarkana, Tex., July 17.—Bowie county, Texas, has again been made the scene of a desperate battle between its citizens, and as a result one man died, two fatally wounded and three badly hurt. The shooting occurred at New Boston, Texas, the county seat, 23 miles west of Texarkana. The participants were Will Hayes, Hall Hayes, and Simon Will and Hall Hayes attached Smith at one side and John Fricks, John Fricks, Tom Fricks and Ira Smith on the other. All of the participants were related. The fight occurred at Sheddler's saloon and drug store.

A year ago the Hayes and Fricks families fell out over a barbed wire fence between their farms. Last Sunday Will and Hall Hayes attacked Smith at a church, but no one was hurt. All were arrested, however, and Friday they appeared for trial at New Boston. Both sides met at the Sheddler place and a fight started. Will and Hall Hayes opened fire on Smith, who fell at the first volley. For a few minutes the battle was a hot one. When the smoke cleared it was found that Smith was dead. Will Hayes was mortally wounded and Simon Hayes and Tom Fricks were badly hurt, having been knocked senseless.

Pink Hart, a merchant, was struck in the arm by a stray bullet.

Joe Manning, a lawyer, was shot through the body with two bullets and will die. He was formally county attorney of Bowie county.

MURDERER KILLED.

Abie Brown Hiddled with Bullets While Resisting Arrest Near Yorktown.

Runge, Tex., July 17.—The negro, Abie Brown, who was charged with the outrage and murder of a Bohemian girl near Yorktown, was shot to death by a posse of five miles below Yorktown while resisting arrest and his body was conveyed to Yorktown.

The post week excitement has been high, with a posse from each neighborhood of determined men who intended to camp on the trail until justice was meted out, and now that he is a corpse with 40 bullet holes in his anatomy, the public pulse has again been cooled.

This is the first occurrence of the kind in this section.

Petroleum at Marble Falls, Texas.

Marble Falls, July 18.—The first well ever drilled in Marble Falls of any considerable depth is being sunk by Turner & Evans. A depth of 30 feet was reached and oil signs were easily perceptible. At a depth of 60 feet the output is very black and closely resembles coal dust. Oil comes to the surface in a few seconds after each bucketful is emptied. No expert is at hand to determine the exact character of the deposit. The original intention was to bore 800 feet for artesian water.

Wife Murderer Sentenced.

Beaumont, Tex., July 18.—Willie Jones, the negro who murdered his wife by cutting her throat from ear to ear, on the night of May 3, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, and the death penalty assessed by the jury. This is the first extreme penalty assessed by a Jefferson county grand jury in 20 years.

Dr. Gambrell Chosen.

Waco, Tex., July 18.—Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Dallas, was elected president of the Baylor university at the meeting of the board of trustees. Dr. Gambrell is superintendent of the Baptist missionary field in Texas. He is distinguished both as an evangelist and educator.

Two Persons Drowned.

Anstin, July 18.—George Ward, a carpenter and builder of this city, aged 45 years, accompanied by his adopted son, Ralph, aged 6, were drowned near Anstin, in attempting to ford the Colorado river, which is on a slight rise, and both bodies have been recovered.

Texas' First Cotton Bale.

Yoakum, Tex., July 18.—The first bale of cotton for the season was removed from Yoakum Thursday billed from Sinton, San Patricio county, to Governor Sayers for the benefit of the flood sufferers.

Prof. Lipson Is Dead.

Dallas, July 14.—Prof. J. D. Lipson, who was fatally shot by J. E. Carlisle in First Christian church here Tuesday night last, died of his wounds at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Carlisle is still in prison.

First Bale of Cotton.

Sinton, Tex., July 14.—The first bale of cotton for the season was reached this town. It was raised and ginned by a farmer of San Patricio county. It has not yet been sold.

His Neck Was Broken.

Brady, Tex., July 15.—James Wall, an orphan, about 18 years old, nephew of Sheriff J. C. Wall, was thrown from a load of hay and had his neck broken.

Lost in Hurricane.

Caldwell, Tex., July 17.—Of the 45-000 acres in cultivation in the Brazos bottoms in this county, 40,000 was destroyed by the flood.

At Fairplay, Tex., Sam Harris was shot and killed. No arrest.

The crop prospects in Grayson county, Texas, are the best in many years.

The Texas Farmers' congress will meet at College Station, Tex., on July 23.

The Texas Baptist convention will be held at Dallas, Tex., in November next.

A young woman at Hillsboro, Tex., has been smacked by the famous kissing bug.

Three negroes seriously stabbed James Green, a farmer, living near Powell, Tex.

Mrs. Myrtle Bealy was accidentally shot and severely wounded at Houston, Tex.

The postal receipts at the Dallas, Tex., postoffice for the month of June reached \$18,411.

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Becky Kimball had half of her head blown off by the accidental discharge of a gun by a 16-year-old boy near Wharton, Tex. Both colored.

The home of Mrs. Mattie McCrary was destroyed by fire at Waco, Tex. Incidental believed. Mrs. McCrary and her sister narrowly escaped.

William and Jennie Conghlin brother and sister, were drowned near Fort Worth, Tex. The girl, who was 14 years old, fell in deep water and in the effort to save her brother both were drowned.

An Old Pioneer Dead.

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Child's Awful Accident.

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Return of the Old Flag.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 15.—The captured battleflag of Terry's Texas rangers will be returned to the state of Texas on October 5 at the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition. The flag was carried to Texas by Governor Mount and staff and an elaborate ceremonial for the exchange of courtesies between the two states has been arranged.

Fourth of July Celebrations.

Chicago, July 18.—The Tribune prints revised figures gathered from correspondents throughout the country, showing a loss of 144 lives resultant from the first Fourth of July celebration. Some of these died July 4, others from injuries received then. Lockjaw caused the death of 83 out of the 141.

Will Investigate the Flood.

Washington, July 17.—E. D. Holmes, assistant statistician of the department of agriculture, is going to Texas to study the damage done to crops and soils and make an elaborate report upon the condition of the farmers of the flooded region.

Major Courtney Dead.

Atlanta, July 15.—Major John Calhoun Courtney, a Confederate veteran, president of the Virginia Society of Atlanta, secretary of the Capital City club and manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, died at his home in this city at the age of 63.

General Wheeler at San Francisco.

San Francisco, July 18.—General Joe Wheeler arrived here with his daughter, Miss Annie. The general will leave for the Philippines on the transport Tartar about the end of the week.

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W. J. Farr, of Walsenburg, Colo., a member of the posse, was killed, while Deputies Love and Smith of Springer, N. M., were probably fatally wounded.

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EXECUTION OF GOINGS.

Choctaw Officials Will Be Arrested for Contempt of the Federal Court.

Antlers, I. T., July 17.—Deputy Marshal Bert Brown and a posse left Antlers Friday afternoon for Alkibi with warrants for the arrest of 25 persons, officials and others for contempt of court, the officers refusing to grant a stay of execution on a writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Thomas on Wednesday in the case of the condemned Choctaw, William Goings, who was shot for killing his uncle. The warrants are for the arrest of the sheriff of Wolf county, the district attorney of the Third Choctaw district, the judge, clerk and a number of deputy sheriffs. No trouble is anticipated over the arrests.

TWO ARRESTS MADE.

District Attorney and Clerk Charged With the Murder of Goings.

Antlers, I. T., July 17.—Deputy Marshal Bert Brown has returned from Alkibi, I. T., having in charge A. H. Clay and Simon Tyler, district attorney and clerk of the Third district, Choctaw Nation, on warrants charging them with murder, the offense being the advising of the sheriff of Wolf county to proceed with the execution of William Goings on Thursday last, when Judge Thomas had ordered a stay.

Sheriff Watson was not at home when the deputy marshal called for him, but a message was left to the effect that he was wanted, and it is expected that he will report to the Federal authorities.

EDITORS IN A SHOOTING.

Joseph Mulvey Dangerously Wounded at New Orleans by W. D. Roberts.

New Orleans, July 18.—Joseph P. Mulvey was shot and seriously wounded here by W. D. Roberts. They were editors of rival sensational weeklies and had been denouncing and threatening each other for some time. They met on the street and Roberts drew his revolver and fired three shots.

Both are under indictment in the Federal court for sending incendiary literature through the mails. Roberts was convicted in detention camp. Dr. Flint and Stover are physicians in charge.

Death of Captain S. F. King.

Brunswick, Ga., June 21.—Captain Mallory Page King, a member of an old and distinguished family, died here. Captain King was a banker. Thomas Butler King, his father, was one of the wealthiest planters in the south.

A NOTED MAN DEAD.

Colonel William Johnston Dies at Lexington After Long Illness.

AN HONORED CAREER.

He Was the Son of Albert Sydney Johnston and One of the Best Known Educators of the Southern States.

Lexington, Va., July 17.—Colonel William Preston Johnston, president of the Tulane University, New Orleans, died at the home of his son-in-law, Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, Sunday.

Colonel Johnston went to Virginia Hunt Springs (later part of June, and about a week or more) here very ill, hopeful that this climate would restore his health. His condition became serious Saturday.

He was cheerful up to the hour of his death and his mind was perfectly clear. At his bedside were his wife and daughter, Mrs. Tucker of Lexington and Mrs. Richard Sharpe of Williamsboro.

Colonel Johnston expired on the same bed in which he was born in Louisville, Ky., and in the same house in which his first wife suddenly died, seated in the parlor while visiting here 14 years ago the family of Judge Lea of New Orleans, who then resided here.

Colonel William Preston Johnston, the eldest son of Albert Sidney and Henrietta (Preston) Johnston, was born in Louisville, Jan. 5, 1831. Both of his parents were of Scotch-Irish descent. At the age of 4 years Colonel Johnston lost his mother, and his father having shortly afterwards cast his fortunes with the young republic of Texas, he was raised by his maternal relatives in Louisville. His early education was secured in the schools of this city. In 1850 he entered the junior class of Yale college, and graduated with distinction in 1853, carrying off some of the first prizes in English composition.

After graduation he entered the law school of the University of Louisville and received his diploma in 1858. He practiced law in Louisville until the outbreak of the war when he aided in recruiting several companies for the Confederate army, and was appointed major of the First Kentucky regiment. The regiment participated in the early operations of the army of northern Virginia, but his health failing, he accepted in May, 1862, the invitation of President Davis, to become a member of his official family ad-d-camp with the rank of colonel, in which capacity he served during the remainder of the war having been captured in company with Mr. Davis after General Lee's surrender, and was imprisoned for some time in Fort Delaware.

After a year's residence in exile in Canada, he returned to Louisville and resumed the practice of law. In 1867, while thus engaged, he was invited by General R. E. Lee, who had become president of Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va., to the chair of history and English literature and removed to that place. For 10 years he discharged with ability the duties of this position.

In 1880 Colonel Johnston accepted the presidency of the Louisiana university at Baton Rouge, and in three years during which he held this position he thoroughly reorganized the institution, and left it in a permanent condition. In 1888, a former president of Princeton, N. J., a former resident of New Orleans, made to Louisiana his generous offer to endow a university, and Colonel Johnston was invited to organize and take charge of the institution. To this great work he devoted the remainder of his life with a success which has a few parallels in the history of most institutions.

WOMAN'S TERRIBLE DEED.

She Kills Her Mother, Shoots Her Husband and Then Suicide.

Libertyville, Ill., July 17.—Following a family quarrel here, Mrs. George Treider shot and killed her mother, Mrs. Christian Foss, wounded her husband, and killed herself. The shooting occurred at the home of the Treiders, a mile and a half northwest of Leagr Grove, a village near this place. Treider was shot three times, but it is thought he will recover.

The quarrel was precipitated Sunday afternoon by long standing family troubles. Hot words were exchanged during the morning between Mrs. Foss and her daughter, and Treider also became involved in the discussion. The trouble was apparently over when, after dinner, it broke out afresh. Mrs. Treider stepped into the bedroom and, appearing immediately with a revolver, opened fire on her mother. The first shot was fatal, and the husband, springing forward to disarm his wife, received three wounds, one being mortal. From the house in retreat. After leaving the house he heard two more shots, the ones that killed his wife.

Mrs. Treider leaves two children.

Porto Rican Customs Receipts.

Washington, July 13.—Total customs receipts from all sources in Porto Rico for the week ending July 1, were \$37,094. The total receipts for the 14 weeks ending July 1, were \$429,918. The average weekly receipts for the 14 weeks named was \$30,708.

Texas' Second Bale.

Karnes City, Tex., July 17.—The second bale of cotton ginned in the state of Texas for this season was ginned by Buchel, Wagner & Co. at this place, and weighed 488 pounds.

The Woodward-Broughton Affair.

Atlanta, July 4.—The special city council committee appointed to investigate the charges against Mayor Woodward by Dr. L. G. Broughton, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, made a report Monday afternoon, to the effect that its labors were lightened by Mayor Woodward's frank acknowledgment and that promises of amounts would be made. No recommendations were made by the committee.

A Political Killing.

Richmond, July 4.—State Senator William Flannagan, who is also the county clerk of Powell county, was shot and killed at Powell's Court House by W. O. Pilkington. The shooting was the outcome of a quarrel over the recent canvass of the election of United States senators by Flannagan.

Shot With Wincesters and Revolvers.

Granville, Robert and Peter Philpot, and Ed Fisher on one side, and Aaron Morris, Hugh, Jim and Green Griffin on the other.

The battle raged fiercely for 10 or 12 minutes. When it was over it was found that the five men mentioned above had been killed outright, three of the belligerents were seriously wounded while Peter Philpot was the only one on either side to escape injury. Granville Philpot is one of the most seriously wounded.

Another Murdered.

London, Ky., July 18.—Dick Lovens body was found near Manchester. His head was severed from his body and had been beaten to a pulp. Having killed three men and injured several, he was probably killed by the friends of one of his victims. He was a widow and eight children.

An attempt was made to kill Will Gray near Manchester. After three shots had passed through his clothes, one of them scraping his body, he escaped by running through a forest. Gray is one of the Bakers' friends.

Shot From Ambush.

Pineville, Ky., July 18.—Josiah V. Taylor, a schoolteacher, and a member of a family that once waged a feud with the Lees, was shot from ambush while riding home from school along Pucker creek. There is small hope of his recovery. Revenge may revive the old feud.

A Family Feud.

Knoxville, July 18.—As the result of a family feud, Frank Davis was attacked by Stamp and Andrew Shadwick in Cherokee county. N. C. Davis was shot five times and died shortly afterward. His body will be sent to Fannin county, Ga., which was his home. The Shadwick brothers escaped to the mountains of Tennessee.

Pat Gowers Assassinated.

Columbia, S. C., July 18.—Pat Gowers of Lexington county, was assassinated late Saturday night in the piney wood section. There has been bad blood between him and some of his neighbors for a number of years.

Shooting in Georgia.

Vidalia, July 18.—William Collins shot and killed Jeremiah Morris a few minutes later Collins was shot and seriously wounded by Sam Brazill, who was a clerk in Morris' store. The trouble arose over a woman with whom both Morris and Collins were infatuated.

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"The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap.—Gal. 6, 7.

Baird is making more substantial improvements than any town of its size in West Texas.

The Baird college seems to be going right ahead in spite of all difficulties and obstacles encountered.

The city council of Baird may free grants for nothing, except when they receive in the way of "ussing."

Baird needs an electric light plant, and THE STAR hopes to see one established during the next fall or winter.

Baird water works are worth double the money they have cost the city; so says a prominent citizen of the city.

President McKinley has dumped one Jonah—Alger has resigned. The president has another Jonah, Gen. Otis, that needs throwing overboard.

Dr. Little said in his sermon last Sunday that there was no royal road to wealth or learning. That is true as to every person who has reached middle age well known.

It looks as though the democrats of old Kentucky have lost their heads, and are playing into the hands of their enemies. They are talking of nominating a second democratic state ticket.

Slowly, but steadily and unitedly Baird is going cityward. A united people can accomplish wonders. Let us unite on other prospective improvements as we have on the water works, and within the next twelve months we will build that hotel, and put in an electric light plant.

The Putnam Gazette charges Rev. J. L. Mayes, pastor of the Baptist church at Baird with using vile and indecent language in reference to the people from Putnam who attended the late Hensler Meeting at this place. The people of Baird, so far as we have heard them express themselves, denounce this charge against an honorable, upright Christian gentleman as false, unjust and uncalculated. No matter who says so, the people of Baird cannot be made to believe that Rev. J. L. Mayes would descend to the level of a common street blackguard, as this libelous article in the Gazette charges.

The Coleman Voice, a gold standard democratic paper, and the Coleman Review, a populist paper, have consolidated and hereafter the paper will appear as the Coleman Voice and Review. This is a combination for your welfare. Extremes have met in this instance for sure. It is not surprising to learn that the paper will hereafter have no politics, nothing else—except an earthquake could be expected. To prevent friction and fire in the office they will just let politics slide. We always liked the Voice because it was run by a man with a head of his own, and we some how liked the Review if it was a populist paper. THE STAR wishes the new combined paper success, though we will await developments in the V. and R. office with interest when the campaign gets warmed up next year.

Bill Melton, from Cottonwood, was in the city this week.

Mrs. S. M. Moon and children returned home from an extended visit to East Texas, to-day.

Miss Laura Lambert, accompanied by her little brother and cousin was up from the Bayou yesterday.

Mrs. Tom Merrick, nee Miss Laura Merrick, who has been visiting relatives in this county for some time, returned to her home at Bonham, Thursday.

Bro. Irvin says the Methodist meeting west of town is the best he has attended for a long time. The meeting is still going on and the interest is unabated.

Dr. Powell and I. N. Jackson went to Haskell Wednesday for the purpose of inspecting the public school building at that place, with a view to getting some information in building the college.

HOLINESS MEETING. The holiness meeting is still going on at the tent. The attendance is good as on former occasions, but some how the interest does not appear to be as great as in former years. The fact, if any, is certainly not with Evangelical Society, because he is acknowledged by all to be the ablest speaker the holiness people have ever brought to Baird. He has preached some of the best and most logical sermons we have ever heard on holiness. Several grown people went up for prayer last night.

Articles on Africa Continued.

Mr. Aiden Bell continues his papers on the different countries, peoples &c. of portions of Africa, in this month's (July) number of The Anglo-American Magazine, which is published at the same time, in both New York and in London, England.

The articles are made greatly more interesting on account of their being written by one who, writes from his own personal experiences in countries, and of scenes, scenes and incidents in that quarter of the globe as interesting as Africa.

Particularly interesting in the last article is the description of the country, life and customs of the African Dwarfs and the system of banking among the Kafirs.

A review of his work shows the clear, narrative and forcible style in which they have been prepared for publication, and the great periodical, "The Review of Reviews," and the New York Herald, alike write highly of them.—Culpeper (Va.) Exponent.

JOTTINGS FROM EAGLE COVE.

It looks like dry weather has set in at last. Land is getting too hard to plow. Some corn will be cut short unless we have a shower soon to break the crust. Cotton is growing rapidly.

Mr. Sam Merrick will set up his school mill in this community next week and we will have sweet times in this country for awhile.

I. G. HARRIS.

Ye Luke desires now to pay his respects to the eloquent fulminations of Mr. I. G. Harris in the last STAR.

First Mr. Harris quotes from my article in reference to lamentation and mourning, and says the statement is false. Now this reminds me of the niggers who went to hear a preacher. The preacher said in his discourse that there was no such thing as heartfelt religion. The nigger's criticism was that the preacher had said too much, and if he had said there is no such thing as I know on he would have said enough.

Mr. Harris has been represented to me as being a hard-hearted sinner, but I did not suppose that he was given over to hardness of heart and reproach of mind. Now any man who can read of the scene depicted by the editor of THE STAR that occurred at the depot, and not feel sad and mournful is certainly very hard hearted.

But my Harris says it is false, I hope he only means to speak for himself and not for the tender hearted, christian people of this community. Mr. Harris rather denies his friendship for Mott. Now my reason for this statement is that on the morning of the murder (it would be a falsehood for me to call it a homicide as the courts pronounced it murder) Mr. Mott requested me to go by Mr. Harris' and ask him to come over. I learn also that he sent for him to go on his bond, and have heard him speaking in Mott's favor all the time, also he was recognized as the character witness for Mott. Bill T. now seems that he is going back on his friend Mr. H.

He states that the "Rev. gentleman has frequently been the recipient of hospitalities at the hands of the family he now seeks to humiliate." Now my communication contained not one word in reference to Mott's family. All the good people in this community know that Mrs. Mott is a good christian woman. She has the profoundest respect and sympathy of the good people in this community. Mr. Harris stands alone in thinking that I would do anything to humiliate the family or to parade their misfortunes before the public. Mr. Harris says he thinks the "punishment excessive." Now he has a perfect right to his opinion as every other man has; but his reason for thinking so is what should most of the contempt of every right thinking man. As "Mr. Rush was a transient man and Mr. Mott a land owner." Shades of Aguilardo what a thought for a civilized man to utter. And further he says the "greater number of our neighbors" and some of the most prominent state witnesses think as I do for the present and call for the present and call for the present.

I deny this statement and put it very mildly if you say that in this statement Mr. Harris fails to use the truth with sufficient caution to meet the demands of justice. There is and has been but one prevailing sentiment in this community, and that is that Mott ought to be hung. Mr. Harris' opinion is the exception and not the rule.

Mr. Harris calls on the writer to repent. I would say that this duty was attended to over twenty-five years ago. Ever since I have been living in conscious touch with my Savior. While I am subject to all the faults and foibles to which human flesh is heir to: Yet I would be glad to know that Mr. Harris is such as I am, except these faults. If his epistle to THE STAR is a true expression of his heart I am certain he needs regeneration. I invite him to go to church and give the preacher a chance to improve his morals.

F. S. ROUNTREE.

NOW AND THEN.

Some of the drummers of this county who were so bitter in denunciation of Bryan and free silver in 1896, are now just as vehement in their denunciation of trusts. It is hard to build up a party, and then see it foster the power that takes the bread and meat out of the mouths of one's family. This is what those drummers did who supported McKinley.—Bonham News.

The drummer is a good man at heart. God bless him, but he played to the grand-stand when he fought the great business interests and the financial issue of 1896. Some drummers are big fools just like some other people. When the money trusts were crushing down the poor old tax-burdened farmer the well fed drummer laughed, but now he weeps as the trusts, fostered by the same power are crushing him to death. THE THIRDS believe in plain talk. The drummer acted the fool in 1896 but the farmers stood by him then and will stand by him in his fight against the trusts. The farmer is the salt of the earth.—Troyer Tribune.

BWARE OF FOOD SAMPLES.

Quite recently in New York two deaths occurred from poisoning by the use of powders sent to the victims by mail. In Leavenworth, Kans. the other day nearly every doctor in town was called to attend the children who had gathered up, eaten, and been made ill by samples of an article left at houses by canvassers for advertising purposes.

Alum baking powders have always been favorite articles for this sampling business. Yet there is nothing more liable to lead to danger than the practice of using the various samples of baking powder left at the door. They are presented by irresponsible parties, in appearance are not distinguishable from arsenic, and indeed, in Indiana some time since one package was found, after it had caused the death of the housewife, to have been mixed with that poison.

It is safer to refuse all samples of food or medicine offered at the door. Pure cream of tartar baking powders sell upon their merits, and are never peddled or sampled.

A \$4000 Bicycle Given Away Daily.

The publishers of THE NEW YORK STAR, the handsomely illustrated Sunday newspaper, are giving a \$4000 BICYCLE each day for the last few days of words made by using the letters contained in "T-H-E-N-E-W-Y-O-R-K-S-T-A-R" no more times in any one word than it is found in The New York Star. Webster's Dictionary to be considered as authority. Two GOOD WATCHES (first class time-keepers) will be given daily for second and third best lists, and many other valuable rewards, including Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, China, Sterling Silverware, etc. etc., in order of merit. This educational contest is being given to advertise and introduce this successful weekly into new homes, and all prizes will be awarded promptly without partiality.

Twelve 2-cent stamps must be enclosed for thirteen weeks trial subscription with full particulars and list of over 300 valuable rewards. Contest opens and awards commence Monday, June 26th, and closes Monday, August 21st, 1896. Your list can reach us any day between these dates, and will receive the award to which it may be entitled for that day, and your name will be printed in the following issue of THE NEW YORK STAR. Only one list can be entered by the same person. Prizes are on exhibition at THE STAR'S business offices. Persons securing bicycles may have choice of Ladies, Gentlemen's or Juveniles' 1896 model, color and size desired. Call or address Dept. "E," THE NEW YORK STAR, 236 W. 39th Street, New York City.

A WORD TO CORRESPONDENTS.

One correspondent at Inola certainly does not understand what we want from country correspondents. We want news. In the letter of four pages sent THE STAR this week there was just two news items. One about a school and the other about a school. The balance of the letter was devoted entirely to recitations of a certain church or sect, which is of no earthly interest to our readers. To publish the letter would serve no good purpose, but would wound the feelings of good people, stir up ill feeling in the community, and do nothing to promote and endless controversy in THE STAR.

The writer has certainly made a mistake and sent his communication to the wrong paper. He should have sent it to his church paper. THE STAR has always made it a rule to steer clear of church quarrels and church doctrine.

We want news, not criticism of some church or individual. THE STAR wants to build up, not tear down, and it is a mighty poor way to attempt to build up a community by getting up a racket among the church people. A man will get madder over an attack on his church than anything else. THE STAR will never willingly be the means of aiding an attack on any church, society or individual.

We wish to let our correspondents as free as possible in writing, but there are certain bounds that they must not overstep. Write news. If you express an opinion, or feel called upon to criticize some one, do so in kindness, and according to the Golden Rule, and just let church doctrine alone, for we won't publish such letters for reasons already stated.

We want news from the country, but it is hard to get correspondents who will write without occasionally slipping in some side lick at an individual or some church.

Another thing: some correspondents seem to think they can fire into people through the press over a "soon sale plume" ad libitum, and the editor will not give them away. This is a mistake. Hundreds of times have we been asked names of different correspondents, and invariably we refuse to give names, unless the party can show conclusively that they have been injured by such correspondence. In such cases we give the names, because it is no right to attack one from ambush (behind a non de plume) and second the law does not permit it. Correspondents will do well to remember this. Remember too that you must sign every letter sent THE STAR for publication, as an evidence of good faith. Some correspondents merely sign their initials. However correspondents must comply with the rules in every respect or no attention will be paid to their communications.

R. C. SHEARMAN DEAD.

Denison, Tex., July 18.—R. C. Shearman, president of the State National bank of this city, and vice president of the Denison and Pacific Suburban railroad, a branch of the Texas and Pacific railroad from Sherman Junction to Denison, died at Escobedo Springs, Mo., where he had gone some weeks ago for the benefit of his health. Mr. Shearman was a financier of ability, a refined, cultured, scholarly gentleman, largely interested in Denison enterprises. The remains were taken to his old home at Fredonia, N. Y., for interment.

Lightning's Fatal Bolt.

Elkton, Tex., July 18.—Tom Nelson and wife were found dead five miles southeast of Elkton, having been struck by lightning.

CHARACTER OF TAGALOS

Eliza Archard Conner Writes of Native Customs.

ROMANCE OF AGAPITO AND FELIPA

An Incident in Domestic Life Which Illustrates the Civilized Morality of the Filipinos—The Ability of the Native to Observe Holidays—His One Ambition.

VI. MANILA, April 24.—The people who have made the trouble in Luzon for both the Spaniards and the Americans belong to the Philippine tribe known as the Tagalos—accent on the "ga." The Jesuit Father Barner, speaking of the natives in general, informs us in his history that the Spaniards have brought them to a state of civilization and converted them to Christianity. If so, like some white people, they have a queer way of showing it.

The Tagalo is a degenerate and scrub Malay, if there is any other kind of Malay, which I incline to doubt. From his tribe come the house servants and laborers, likewise the rebels, in and about Manila and the neighboring towns of Luzon.

In Manila are two worlds—one in the basement, the other up one flight of dirty, though decorated, stairs. The two worlds are as distinct as the spiritualist's different spheres in the summerland. They touch at no point.

The Tagalo's strongest point is his ability to observe holidays. That is unlimited. He would faint knock off work religiously for every holy day in the Roman Catholic church, and the number seems unlimited. When those fall, he generally has a funeral or two of some relative or friend to attend. Holy week, preceding Easter Sunday, is the great time of the year for the Tagalo. Unless his living literally depends on it, he will not work on Good Friday or the Saturday following.

This present year marked the first time in the history of Manila that the street cars were run on Good Friday. The strong arm of American military authority forced the puny little native drivers and conductors to attend to their business.

Permit me to qualify the statement that the Tagalo has no ambition. He has one that absorbs his little mind during the first two months of each year. It is to get a new shirt for holy week. It is as much to him as to the fashionable American lady is her new Easter bonnet for every holy day in the gorgeous article of attire. On it he spends the anxious thought of days and nights, and perhaps a month's wages.

About the 1st of March your cook or coachman will ask you for a month's wages in advance to buy him a new shirt for holy week. His shirt is his outer garment, in every case worn outside of his trousers. For a Tagalo to wear his shirt inside of his trousers would be a breach of etiquette unpardonable in the eyes of his race.

The Tagalo's everyday apparel consists of an undershirt and trousers, with a pair of wooden slippers. They are handy and comfortable for a hot climate. If the weather is very warm or if he has only one undershirt, he omits

cannot walk, it will not be long till he can smoke cigarettes. She will quit possibly be able to smoke as soon as she can walk. The first and finest accomplishment of the infant native is cigarette smoking. Everybody—man, woman and child—is addicted to it. I have seen a skinny little girl looking no more than 4 years old puffing at a cigarette that was longer than her own hand, prouder of it than a white boy is when he first has his long curls cut off.

Undoubtedly the Roman church has striven faithfully for 300 years to engraft monogamy on the Philippine Islanders; but, speaking in the terms of vaccination, it has not "taken." In spite of all the terrors and thunders of both law and theology your Tagalo cannot understand why he should not run his domestic relations to suit himself. The romance of Agapito and Felipa, that came under my own observation, illustrates the point. Hear the romance of Agapito and Felipa:

Felipa was engaged at nurse of the handsome San Francisco baby that was brought out from America in our ship. She was a belle among the Tagalos, with the temper of a virgin and an eye that flashed like a red Indian's. Agapito was doorkeeper at the Army and Navy club. He fell in love with Felipa and spent a whole month's wages—\$7.50—on her. He bought her gingham skirts, red and yellow, and with long tails to them that trailed behind on the ground; likewise pineapple cloth waists of delicate texture. Nothing was too good for her. Felipa took the greatest pride, however, in two plated rings which Agapito's infatuation had led him on to buy for her. She exhibited the rings to us exultantly and told us that on the Sabbath of Glory she was to be married by the holy father to Agapito. They had been already wedded Tagalo fashion for three months—that is, they had simply been living together. They decided to marry while folk fashion, however, and the knot was to be tied on the Sabbath of Glory, which was the day before Easter.

But what can one count on in this world! Two weeks before the Sabbath of Glory Felipa met a handsome man. He was an oily tongued and no less oily headed young Jap. He also was employed at the Army and Navy club, and he had the additional advantage of speaking English very well. On the strength of this he told Felipa he was an American, and she believed him. Men were gay deceivers even.

Dazzled by the glances of an alliance with the all conquering American race, Felipa turned icy cold to her faithful Agapito. She jeered at him, told him she hated him and would never marry him—no, never!

"Give me back, then, my jewels!" cried Agapito. "Give me back my \$7.50, or, if not that, at least the red and yellow gingham skirts and the rings washed with gold. With them, even if I cannot bring thee back, I can get another girl just as good." But Felipa would not.

Then the desperate Agapito appealed to the senora, Felipa's employer. He informed her that the girl was no fit nurse for the baby, seeing that she had run away from him and gone with another. She was a bad character, he declared, which was a rather curious argument, considering that he was doing his utmost to make her come back and be his wife again.

The senora appealed to Felipa, who



FILIPINO HOMESTEAD NEAR MANILA.

that garment and walks forth with only the thin lawn shirt on the upper half of his body, his brown hide shining through and giving to his taut ensemble that tint of different color considered so artistic in Worth and Redfern creations. On Good Friday the Tagalo steps forth in his new holy week shirt. If he has any money left over after paying for it, then the female and children of his household appear in new garments too. The women shine in bright new red skirts, the children, with their heavy heads and pipestem legs and arms, are carried in arms or follow the family procession to church, wearing crisp little pink and green shirts and slaps.

If the Tagalo, race outside Manila is not superior to the specimens here, then it must be on the road to extinction. The children are the scrawniest, for-est samples of infancy one can picture to himself. A native child a year and a half old at our house is no taller than the healthy well grown American baby of 7 months that its mother has just brought from San Francisco. The American child is much heavier than the native one, which cannot walk yet in spite of its 18 months' sojourn in this weary world.

If, however, the little Tagalo girl

refused either to go back to Agapito or restore the gowns and the rings. They were hers, she declared, because she had bought the rings of Agapito three months, and she had carried them. Seeing what an ill favored, ungalled creature he was, Felipa had reason on her side. Agapito went away heart-broken without either girl or property. But outraged justice did not slumber in that crushed breast. In due time the senora, Felipa's mistress, received a letter in choicest Tagalogue Spanish informing her that unless he got those brass rings and those red and yellow dresses back Agapito would immediately lay the whole matter before the United States government as represented by General Otis.

This threat of a national complaint on account of her love affairs brought Felipa to terms. Rather than court a married man she surrendered the valuables, and now Agapito, holding them once more in his hands as a bait, is looking for another wife. But, alas, for the trusting feminine heart! The wily Jap, who, by posing as an American, got Agapito out, has now married Felipa. It may be for years and it may be forever ere she finds another who will spend \$7.50 on a bond on her.

ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER.

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