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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BAIRD.

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A general banking business transacted in all its branches.
ONE OF THE OLDEST BANKS IN THE WEST.

The Baird Star.

"'Tis neither birth, nor wealth, nor state, but the 'get-up-and-get' that makes men great

To County Subscribers.

☞ Is the date correct in your address on this paper? If not, is it our fault or yours? If our fault notify us and we will correct it at once. The Star.

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T. E. POWELL

Has all his mammoth stock in his large house; You ought to see what an immense stock he has, in fact he carries what you want and

HIS PRICES ARE ALWAYS THE CHEAPEST. WHY? BECAUSE HE SELLS FOR CASH.

His goods are not of the Shoddy kind and when his clerks tell you the article is good it is just as recommended, in this way he has by large odds

The Trade of the Town and Country.

HE NOW ASKS YOU TO CONTINUE THE GREAT FAVORS YOU HAVE GIVEN HIM IN THE PAST.

He now needs the trade, he has always had, to bring the bring the year 1897, up to the years that have past, so kind friend remember that

HE SELLS GOODS CHEAPER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

He wants to thank his many friends for coming to his assistance this fall, by paying him all they owed and for their continued patronage.

He says outside of a few---say 1 in 100--- all have paid him and continued their trade with him.

Now if you are one of these few——

CALL AND SETTLE, AS YOU SURELY WANT TO HELP HIM, AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT BY YOURSELF.

And in a short time you will see T. E. Powell extending the helping hand to you again.

AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED.

By Bumpass.

An act to prevent the payment of any deficiency that may arise in any Department of State Government or Institutions of this State, unless an estimate of the same shall have been made out, sworn to and presented to and approved by the Governor, and filed with the Comptroller at least thirty days before such deficiency occurs.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That all Heads of Departments, Managers of State Institutions or other persons entrusted with the power or duty of contracting for supplies, or in any manner pledging the credit of the State for any deficiency that may arise under their management or control, shall at least thirty days before such deficiency shall occur, make out sworn estimate of the amount necessary to cover such deficiency until the meeting of the next legislature; such estimate shall be filed with the Governor of the State, who shall carefully examine the same and approve the whole or any part thereof, and when approved, shall file the same with the Comptroller, and no claims shall be allowed by the Comptroller or paid by the Treasurer, unless such estimate has been filed and approved as aforesaid:

Section 2. Provided: When any injury or damage shall occur to any public property from flood storm or any unavoidable cause, the estimate may be filled at once, but must be approved by the Governor as provided in Section 1 of this bill. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed, and this law shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

THE VACANT BUILDING.

Baird has a first-class stone building, the old Lea building, which is vacant. This is one of the best business houses and one of the best stands in Baird, and some man ought to open up a stock of dry goods or groceries there. This is one of the best places in town for a general store, and we would not be surprised to see it occupied as such before the year is out. The Star has no interest whatever in the building, but thinks it would be better for the town and other business houses for a good building like this to be occupied by a good live firm than for it to stand empty, a home for bats and owls. It looks odd to see this house, once resounding with the busy hum of trade, and so full of vim and life, to stand grimley silent. It reminds us of "Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose garlands dead, whose glorys' fled," etc

FRUIT TREES.

I have several hundred fruit and shade trees for sale at 10 cents each. Will exchange for wood. A. G. Webb.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Services at Episcopal Church every 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., 7.30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Make Money

By representing us in your neighborhood. We want a hustling representative at every post office in Callahan County, and for a short time we are going to offer liberal inducements to persons who will work for us. For particulars address

The Star
Baird, Texas.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

A Jersey cow, horns saxed close to the head, no mark or brand, rather small and cream color. Will pay $5 reward for delivery in Baird to owner R. A. St John. 6 tf

LOOK OUT! ESTRAY CATTLE.

$5. reward for seven head of cattle, 2 cows branded PAIN, 3 yearlings branded III on side, 2 head unbranded. Cattle will try to go to H. B. Paynes near Cottonwood.

J. W. Jones.
2tf

HEADQUARTES CAMP ALBERT SYDNEY JOHNSON.

Members of this camp are hereby ordered to meet in court house at 1 o'clock Saturday, Jan. 30th, 1897, being a regular meeting day. A full attendance is requested. Papers of importance from headquarters to be considered.

J. E. W. Lane, Anjutant. Jno. Trent, Captain.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

I wish my friends and customers to take notice that I have moved my groceries to the store house next door North of Harry Meyer, on Market Street, where I will be found at all times ready to wait on you with the largest and best stock of groceries and feed in Baird.

Yours for Business,
D. W. Wristen & Co.

HAVE YOUR PICTURE ENLARGED.

I do the work at prices to suit the times. Size 14x17, $1.00; 16x20, $1.25; 18x25, $1.50; 20x24, $1.75; 25x30, $2.00. If the work is not good it costs you nothing. Wood taken the same as money. W. A. Barnhill,
7 4t. Baird, Tex.,

PROGRAM OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

Callahan Association with Cottonwood Church beginning Friday night before the 5th Sunday in Jan. 1897.

6 p. m.—Sermon for criticism by A. H. Covington. Subject, Prophecies Concerning the Church.

Saturday 10 a. m.—Exegesis, John, 3-4, A. T. Ford.

11 a. m.—The origin of the church. —J. L. Mayes, S. H. Blair.

1:30 p. m. The charactor or nature of the church.—M. S. Whatley, A. H. Covington.

2:45 p. m. The mission of the church.—J. W. Watson, D. P Carr.

6 p. m. The destiny of the church, —A. T. Ford, B. F. Lovorn.

Sunday services arranged during the meeting.

R. D. Carter.
W. J. Thomason
Committee

PROGRAM OF S. S. CONVENTION.

Callahan Association with Cottonwood church beginning at 2 p. m. Thursday before the fifth Sunday in Jan., 1897.

1. The organization of the Sunday School.—W. M. Coffman, J. L. Hood.

2. How to superintend the schools. S. H. Blair, T. J. McClure.

3. How to teach the lesson?—T. Y. Pool, J. H. Finch.

4. How to study the lesson.—M. S. Whatley, A. H. Covington.

5. Necessity of helps in the study of the lesson.—J. L. Mayes, A. T. Ford.

Introductory Thursday night—J. L. Mayes.

R. D. Carter
W. J. Thomason.
Committee.

A PUBLISHER'S POSITION.

A valuable exchange explains the position of a newspaper as follows: Suppose that a farmer raises 1000 bushels of wheat a year, and sells this to 1000 persons in all parts of the country, a greater portion of them say, "I will hand you a dollar in a short time." The farmer does not want to be small and says, "All right."

Soon the 1000 bushels are gone, but he has nothing to show for it, and then he realizes that he has fooled away his whole crop and its value is due him in a thousand little driblets, consequently he is seriously embarrassed in business because his debtors, each owing him a dollar, treat it as a small matter and think it would not help much. Continue this business year in and year out, as the publisher does, how long will he stand it? A moment's thought would convince any one that a publisher has cause to push his collections during the money season, at least.

Are You Employed?

If not you can make "honest" money by representing us in your neighborhood. We want a hustling young man at every post office in Callahan County, and are willing, for a short time, to give our profits for the right person. Write to

The Star
Baird, Texas.

LAMPS LAMPS LAMPS.

Harry Meyer has the largest and most beautiful display of lamps ever seen in Baird. Swing lamps, stand lamps, all sorts and sizes and prices to suit all. Be sure and call on him when you want a lamp of any kind. 1tf

COUNTY SCIP.

A Star reporter had a talk with County Treasurer, Holland, this week in regard to county finances. The Treasurer says everything is all right at present, but says by May 1st the county taxes for 96 will all be collected and spent and that script drawn on the general county fund cannot be paid until the taxes for 97 shall have been collected. The court, however, might transfer from some other fund to the general county fund provided they have it to transfer, otherwise county scrip, or at least general county fund scrip, will depreciate in value, because scrip issued in May will have to wait eight or ten months before the treasurer can pay it. Readers of The Star might take a hint from this and if they cannot get the money on their scrip they should have it registered, because scrip is paid according to registered number when the Treasurer does not have money enough on hand to pay all indebtedness.

$300 REWARD.

By a resolution unanimously passed at a regular meeting of the Protective Stock Association of Callahan and adjoining counties a standing reward of $300 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or illegal branding of any cattle or horses bulonging to any member of said association.

Attest.

J. B. Cutbirth, Pres.
F. S. Bell, Secy.

Croup and Whooping Cough.

There is no pain it will not relieve, no swelling it will not subdue, no wound it will not heal. It will cure frost bites, chilblains and corns. Sold by Nelson & St John.

WORK OF LYNCHERS.

ONE NEGRO HANGED AND TWO MORE WILL BE.

All the Preparations Have Been Made—One Made a Confession of the Crime—They Were Charged with the Murder of the Cotton Family.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 20.—An Amite, La., special says:

John Johnson, colored, who murdered the Cotton family, was brought here from New Orleans yesterday morning to plead to the indictments against him. He pleaded not guilty, and was remanded to prison without the benefit of bail.

A committee of citizens went into the cell of the wretch to get another statement. At first Johnson repelled them, cowering in a corner of his cell, thinking that his last hour had come. But, when the gentlemen made a friendly advance, he changed his mind and talked. In answer to a question he said that he had always liked the Cotton family, and would not have harmed them had it not been for the fact that he was billed into what he had done. He said that he armed himself with an ax, not to hurt any of the people in the house, but to prevent their escaping, as he had been told to watch a door.

The murder, he said, was planned by Bud McKnight, a white man, who was a suitor of the girl, Maud Mills, whose testimony before the grand jury resulted in the indictments. He said that Mrs. Cotton, who was Maud's mother, objected to the attentions shown the girl by Bud, and in order to prevent their further meeting one another whipped Maud. Other than this he saw no reason for Bud to plan such a deed. He said Arch Joiner, colored, shot Cotton with a gun, then struck Mervin Stevens, a son of Mrs. Agnes Stevens, with an ax on the forehead, knocking him back on the bed and killing him. Joiner then went into the room which was occupied by Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Cotton and Lizzie Miller, with Maud and several children, and killed the three women.

The assembling of men in small knots on the streets was indicative of what was taking place at that hour (10 o'clock). The enraged citizens of the parish, over 250 in number, were pouring into Amite City, all mounted, and will demand the keys to the jail.

Later—The jail has been entered, and the prisoners wanted are in the power of the mob. One Williams will be lynched at Little Zion church, near this city. John Johnson and Arch Joiner are to be taken to the place where the butchery of the Cotton family occurred to meet their fate. A correspondent wires that he is with the crowd, and will report the lynchings from Tickfaw or Independence.

At 10:20 p. m. reports reached the city that Williams had been hanged to a big oak tree in front of Little Zion church. Williams was made to stand on a horse. Johnson said as they were hanging Williams that if they hanged Joiner they would be hanging an innocent man, as the party who helped him was in New Orleans. Williams pleaded for his life, but it was in vain.

The crowd will take the other two negroes to Tickfaw, where poles and everything are ready to burn them. It is raining and storming, and the roads are so slippery that the crowd may execute Johnson and Joiner before they reach Tickfaw.

News from Washington.

Washington, Jan. 20.—In the senate yesterday Mr. Hale, of Maine, called up a bill providing for the organization of a naval battalion in the District of Columbia. The bill was passed.

A bill was passed for a public building at Altoona, Pa., to cost $125,000, for the incorporation of the American instructors of the deaf.

At 2 o'clock the subway resolution was displaced by the Nicaraguan canal bill.

Messrs. Quay, Hale and Blackburn were appointed as conferees on the appropriation bill, and at 5:45 the senate adjourned.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The day in the house, in pursuance of the special order adopted Monday, was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills. Under the terms of the order debate on each bill was limited to ten minutes. About 900 private pension bills remain on the calendar.

There was a pathetic incident in connection with the first bill called up. It proposed to grant a pension of $12 per month to Margaret O'Donnell, a voluntary army nurse, who devoted her service from 1862 to 1865 to the wounded of the twenty-second regiment of the New York light artillery. Her claim has been pending before congress for several years.

Yesterday when the bill was brought up Mr. Thomas, (Rep.), of Michigan, moved that it be laid on the table.

"If the relief carried by the bill for the poor woman," said he, "comes too late. Our committee has just received word that the beneficiary is dead."

Lumber Yards Burned.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 20.—Late yesterday evening fire broke out in the planing mill of the Dixie Lumber Mill company's extensive establishment at Magazine Point, six miles north of the city, between the Louisville and Nashville railway tracks and the river. In half an hour it had enveloped the major portion of the mill and set fire to a powder magazine containing 200 kegs of powder and six cases of dynamite, which exploded with a terrific report and wrecked every house within a quarter of a mile.

Insurgents Being Starved.

Havana, Jan. 19.—Capt. Gen. Weyler, has issued a circular amplifying article 2 of his edict of Jan. 1. It says that the authorities must not permit groceries, dry goods and medicines to leave a town unless the remitters of each locality guarantee the loyalty and standing of the purchasers and vouch for their actual need of the goods. The military authorities are required to sign each invoice in duplicate, and one of them will serve as a guide for the Spanish authorities until the consignment arrives at its destination. This step has been taken to still further tie away with the possibility of the insurgents being able to purchase supplies in the towns. There is no denying that the work of starving the insurgents into subjection is being pushed with more vigor and success than the work of subduing them by force of arms, and they are now feeling the effects of the wholesale destruction of plantations, etc., to a degree that was not anticipated at an earlier stage of the campaign.

The insurgents have attacked Santiago de Las Vegas, this province, from several points. Their fire was answered by the Spanish garrison in the trenches, and a government force under Capt. Echenique attacked the enemy, with the result that the insurgents retreated, leaving two men killed and a number wounded.

Senor Machias, editor of La Patria, of Santa Clara, has been imprisoned by order of the governor of that province. He is charged with circulating false charges against the authorities. The publication of La Patria has been stopped.

It is reported that Gomez has sent a special messenger to Gen. Ruis Rivera, the insurgent leader in the province of Pinar de Rio, urging him at all hazards to create a diversion in that part of the island, so as to prevent the captain general from sending an overwhelming force against the insurgent army, which is advancing from the east.

Give Men Shot.

Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 20.—In a fight between Tolleston club gamekeepers and poachers on the reserves of the Tolleston club of Chicago, near here yesterday, five men were shot, three of them fatally. The wounded are: Frank Costwick, shot through the lungs; Frank Theodore Pratt, shot in body with shotgun, will die; Chas. Pratt, shot in body, will probably recover; Alven Martin, shot in the body; John Blackburn, shot in temple.

Poaching in the club's grounds had given its caretakers much trouble of late and seven gamesekers well armed were on duty when fourteen young men, members of the Chicago sledge-boring farmers, invaded the duck swamp and prepared for a day's sport. The watchmen bore down on the boys in a body hailing them from a distance, ordered them off the club's grounds. Instead of complying the poachers made a rush for the gamesekers. The latter opened fire with the above results. The comrades of the wounded boys returned the fire and Blackburn, one of the watchmen, fell with a shot in his skull. Several arrests were made.

Warship Ordered to New Orleans.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Secretary Herbert has decided to accede to the request of the citizens of New Orleans and order one of our modern warships to the Crescent city during Mardi Gras, March 2 and 3. Just what ship will be assigned to this duty has not yet been determined, and it probably will be left to Admiral Bunce, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, to make the selection from one of the vessels now under his command.

It has been suggested that as the Texas is already under orders to go to Galveston about the middle of next month to receive a silver service from the citizens of Texas, she might easily call at New Orleans after that function is discharged.

It is several years since any one of our naval vessels have entered the Mississippi, and certainly none have traversed its waters since the torpedo boat Ericsson came down the river from Dubuque, a couple of years ago.

Picked Up on the Street.

St. Louis, Mo. Jan. 20.—Sanford Murray, an old man, was picked up on the streets, where he had fallen from weakness. He was sent to the city hospital and there it was learned that he had not tasted food for several days. His condition is serious. Murray claims to have built the capitol at Santa Fe, N. M., and had sub-contracts for work on the state capitol at St. Paul, Denver, Cheyenne and Salt Lake City. He said that at one time he had plenty of money but lost it on a contract.

An Unkind Cut.

Young Stoutly—Where's my father? Oh, he's off to the cattle show! I never see much of him. His main hobby in life is fat pigs.

Miss Prettyprt—I wonder he doesn't take more interest in you.

Mississippi Lynching.

Columbus, Miss., Jan. 19.—Meager particulars of a lynching which occurred sixty miles east of here on the Southern railroad Saturday night reached here Monday. One day last week Peter Henderson, colored, porter on a Pullman car, assaulted Flagman Griffin with an ice pick. After striking several times the negro jumped from the train and was not heard from until his body was found dangling from the bridge. Griffin, though severely hurt has recovered.

CONFESSED HIS GUILT.

SAM PALATKA, THE CAHABA BRIDGE TRAIN WRECKER.

He Says He Committed the Crime Because He Wanted Money—Speaks Indifferently About It—$10,000 Was Offered for the Guilty Parties.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 19.—Special from Atlanta, Ga., says:

Sam Palatka, cross-eyed fiend in expression, revolting in countenance, confesses to having perpetrated the great Cahaba river bridge disaster, which occurred three weeks ago in Alabama. Stolidly and with immovable lines of criminal harshness on his face, he admits that single-handed he sent thirty-five persons to a horrible death, wounded and maimed a score more.

There was no romantic reason back of the work of this courageous coward, a man who dared discovery, which in Alabama means certain death, to wreck a train to destruction in order to obtain a few dollars.

The appalling accident, caused by the removal of a rail, occurred early Sunday morning three weeks ago near Birmingham, on the Mineral Branch of the Louisville and Nashville. A train bearing half a hundred passengers was progressing at fair speed without even thought of danger over the great Cahaba trestle. The reversed lever of the engine observed after the wreck showed clearly that the brave engineer saw the danger ahead and attempted to save the lives of his passengers, though instant and horrible death stared him in the face.

Lying below, hidden behind a convenient ledge of rock, was the relentless wrecker, who had ripped a rail from the trestle, fastened it across the track and then made his way to where he could steal from the yet warm bodies of the dead and helplessly wounded the money that was to pay him for the terrible step.

Palatka was arrested in Eatonton, Putnam county, in middle Georgia. His captors believed him half-witted, as he gave himself away. Those in charge of him yesterday in Atlanta as he was on his way to Alabama say he is absolutely reckless and entirely without human feelings.

Yesterday he spoke of the fearful wreck with no sign of emotion. He might have been talking of a picnic or a pair of shoes. "I did it," he said yesterday. "I wanted money. It's nobody's business what I wanted it for. I did it. I found it very easy. I did this for the benefit of those who want to wreck trains. It is just as easy to wreck a passenger train as it is to wreck a freight train. There is no money in a freight. I did not get anything out of the wreck. I moved a rail, put it across the track and the whole business seemed to fall. There were plenty of dead folks with money—one man had $500—but I could not get at it the live ones got up and then the crowds came. I skipped out then. The officers made me confess at the end of a shotgun. But it's all true. I waited an hour for that train to wreck. It was a funny-looking sight the way it tumbled off—like it was in a hurry to get to the bottom of the ravine. I don't see how anybody escaped. It's a bad drop, you can bet, and a lonesome place."

There is a reward of $10,000 for the arrest of the perpetrators of the deed, and if it proves true that Palatka did it, his Putnam county captors will get that sum. It is said that there may be an effort made to lynch Palatka.

Senate and House.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Yesterday the house bill authorizing the Union Railroad company to construct a bridge across the Monongahela river was passed at the request of Mr. Quay.

The house bill was passed authorizing the construction of railroad bridges across the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers in Kentucky.

The army appropriation bill was passed with minor amendments. It carries $23,129,344, which is $3000 more than the bill as it passed the house.

The senate bill was passed for an examination and survey of a water route from the mouth of the jetties of the city of Galveston, Tex., through the ship channel and up Buffalo bayou to the city of Houston, Tex.

At 4:45 p. m. the senate went into executive session and soon after adjourned.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The attendance in the house was very light yesterday, as everything promised a dull session, although arrangements had been made whereby yesterday was to be given to business reports from the committee on District of Columbia.

Unpleasant.

A coroner's jury in Maine reported that "Deceased came to his death by excessive drinking, producing apoplexy in the minds of the jury."—Buffalo News.

Found Dead.

New York, Jan. 19.—The body of a man supposed to be "Batt" Sheedy, a Chicago pugilist, has just been found in the mud on the shore of Hutchinson river, near the tracks of the New Haven and Hartford railway, midway between Bay Chester and Barlow. It is supposed that Sheedy was walking across the trestle on his way to New York when he was set upon by thieves and knocked senseless with a coupling from the bridge. Griffin, though severely hurt has recovered.

Gunboat Sunk.

Havana, Jan. 19.—The gunboats Centinela and Retampago left Manzanillo on the night of Jan. 16, with the object of going up the river Cauto to Fort Guayamo, in compliance with the orders of Gen. Bosch. At 10 o'clock on the morning of Jan. 17, both gunboats, near Hango, when landing, an explosion of a torpedo, which had been well placed in the river, sunk the Retampago. Those of the crew who survived swam toward shore, but were fired upon from the banks. At this critical moment a boat was launched from the Centinela, which rescued the men in the water. In view of the obstruction, and the fact that the commander of the Centinela and nearly all of the crews of both gunboats had been seriously wounded, the expedition had to return to Manzanilla.

Senor Martinez, of the Retampago, was seriously wounded by the explosion, as well as Assistant Engineer Jacobo Duiz, the gunner, Francisco Martinez, and the seamen, Vicente Gen, Juan Cambello and Felix Diaz, while Paymaster Aentero, Chief Officer Masquero, Engineer Pasadela and also the pilot and four others were slightly wounded.

Six of the officers and crew were killed outright, and all of the rest received wounds of more or less severity. On the gunboat Centinela the commander, Senor Puerta, was seriously wounded, while of the crew one was killed and Corporal Cabanas, the pilot, Duran, Assistant Engineer Martinez and six of the crew were wounded.

Sherman's Books Sold.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 19.—The collection of books of the late W. T. Sherman was sold in St. Louis last week for $30. It consisted of about 500 volumes of army records, regimental histories, court-martial records and a general assortment of war literature.

The sale was made by Thomas Dooley, a carpenter, who did work for Gen. Sherman while the latter had his headquarters in this city as the commander of the United States army. According to Mr. Dooley, Gen. Sherman gave him the books just before he left St. Louis. The dealer wasn't aware at the time that he was securing a bonanza, as when he offered $30 for the books, which filled four large boxes, he did it on a venture.

On examination he found a number of valuable pieces of literature, and a large portion of the books contained the autographs of men of renown. There were testimonials from U. S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, Philip Sheridan and others, besides any number of letters written by Gen. Sherman by the authors. Many books otherwise worthless were made valuable by the autograph of the general himself. Among the books were several copies presented by Mrs. Sherman to her son, Tom. He is now a Jesuit missionary, and the book dealer, who knows him, intends to send him the volumes.

During the past few days a large number of people have examined the collection, several G. A. R. posts and similar organizations looking to the sale of the collection or part of it.

Dayton Denies It.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The recent claim of the Cuban junta of New York that letters bearing the new Cuban stamps have passed through the United States mail, has called forth a denial from Postmaster Dayton, of New York. In a letter to the Washington postal officials he says that no envelopes bearing stamps with the inscription, "Republic of Cuba," or otherwise purporting to be issued by the Cuban insurgents, have gone through the New York postoffice. Officials here doubt that such stamps have passed through our mails, and they say that mail so stamped may possibly have come via Tampa or Key West, but the postmasters would have probably asked for instructions.

The issue has never been raised, but it is looked upon as likely that mail bearing Cuban stamps would be treated as unmailed and the full postage collected from the receiver.

Wm. S. Moore Dead.

New York, Jan. 18.—Wm. S. Moore, the stepfather of Annabelle Moore, on whose complaint Capt. Chapman raided the Seeley dinner at Sherry's died at his home in this city yesterday as the result of a cold contracted during the trial at police headquarters. Moore was 52 years old. With James Armstrong he conducted a vaudeville agency on Union square. He was well known among vaudeville performers.

Embezzlement Charge.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 18.—F. M. McBride, assistant postmaster, and J. W. Cunningham, stamp clerk of the Salt Lake postoffice, are in the custody of the United States marshal on the charge of embezzlement. The former is said to have in his account $4000 and the latter to the amount of $360. The complaint was made by Capt. Nichols, the inspector for this district.

Great Scheme.

Fumer—"Sir, you called me a fraud!"

Choleric—"And you, sir, called me a liar!"

Fumer—"Well, sir!"

Choleric—"Well, sir!"

Fumer—"I've been thinking."

Choleric—"What, sir?"

Fumer—"That it might be a good idea for us to get together and open a seaside boarding house."—Philadelphia North American.

At Columbus, O., the Columbus Cabinet company went into the hands of a receiver recently.

THE SEAL COMMISSION

INVESTIGATING THE CONDITION OF SEALS IN BEHRING SEA.

A Census of the Seals Was Taken and Showed That There Were 16,000 on the Pribyloffs—Also 11,000 Young Ones Were Found Dead.

London, Jan. 18.—Mr. Gerald Barrett Hamilton, one of the British commissioners appointed to investigate the conditions of seal life in Behring sea, has recently returned to London on the conclusion of his mission.

Leaving London last summer with Prof. Darcy Thompson, Mr. Hamilton proceeded, via New York and San Francisco, to the north of Japan. Thence he was conveyed on board H. M. S. Spartan to Robbin island, near Sagalien, where there is a small rookery. Prof. Thompson went independently to the Pribyloff group. The investigation was made in consequence of the statement that the seal herd was being wiped out by pelagic sealing. After spending six weeks on the Commander islands and visiting Robbin island, Mr. Hamilton joined Prof. Thompson on the Pribyloffs. There the commission remained until the end of October.

The Canadian and United States commissioners, Messrs. McCoun and Clarke, were also on the Pribyloffs at the same time. The British commissioners say they received most friendly treatment from the Americans who behaved in a very fair way.

Owing to the exceptional powers given to the American commissioners by their government, they were able to do more than has been previously accomplished. Among other things, a census of every seal on the island was taken. This showed that there were 16,000 seals on the Pribyloffs, and proved that the American estimates of previous years were much below the mark.

Another important piece of work was the counting of dead pups. The Americans claimed that, owing to the killing at sea of breeding females, vast numbers of pups were left to starve on the islands; they said as many as 30,000 perished in this way. It was therefor highly important to know actually how many dead pups there were. There were a large number of dead—about 11,000—that it was proved had been killed by over crowding before the commencement of pelagic sealing, and about 10,000 had died later in the season.

The results of the investigations on the spot have tended to prove to the minds of the commissioners that, although it has been said that the seal industry would collapse in two years, there is no fear of such an early extinction of the fur seal. No doubt is entertained that the question can be been approached in such an amicable way, some measures of preserving the seal will be adopted. The large decrease in this year's catch of seals is probably due in part to the bad weather prevailing during the early part of August. It does not necessarily indicate a decrease in the number of seals. On this point opinion is divided, the Canadians saying that the seals on the Pribyloffs have increased in number, while the Americans claim that they have decreased. The British commissioners are now preparing their reports, and they will probably be in the hands of the foreign office in the spring. In all probability a fresh commission will be sent this year, in order to report any change, as compared with last year's condition.

Fireing Arrested.

New York, Jan. 18.—The lives of over 100 persons, comprising the twenty families who live in the five-story double-decker tenement at 108 East One Hundred and Thirteenth street, were endangered Saturday night when a fire was started at the bottom of a shaft which had been soaked with oil.

Just after dark two tenants going through the hallway noticed a light which came from the direction of the elevator shaft. Then they saw that this was a fire, and a Mr. Meyer, who lives on the second floor of the house, was throwing on the flame fanning it. The man was so busily engaged that he did not notice the approach of the two men. Not only was the wood burning, but a quantity of rags and papers which, like the wood, had been saturated with oil, was also burning.

Meyer was arrested and the fire extinguished. An examination by the police showed that the woodwork of the shaft had been thoroughly saturated, and a policeman found at the bottom of the shaft a bottle which had contained the oil that had been used. Meyer, who is a cook, had his furniture insured for $500. Incendiary fires in tenement houses have been frequent lately.

Quite Natural.

Maud—I like George Richards to call on me.

May—I don't.

Maud—Of course not, dear. You'd rather have him call on you.—Truth.

Red Robber.

Toledo, O., Jan. 17.—A remarkably bold robbery occurred here Saturday. A man entered the office of the Northwestern Elevator and Mill company and covering Cashier Tanner with a revolver emptied $500 in silver and gold into a sack and made his escape in a buggy that was waiting. Tanner was preparing to put the money in envelopes for the mill employes when the robbery occurred. The cashier says he recognized the robber as George Pennell, half-brother of his (Tanner's) mother.

A Serious Wreck.

Texarkana, Ark., Jan. 18.—News reached here yesterday of a serious accident on the Texas and Pacific railroad at Forrest, fifteen miles west of Texarkana, at 10:25 Saturday night.

As No. 2 passenger train for El Paso was nearing the station it struck an iron rail that had been placed across the track. The engine was turned over and fell down a slight embankment. The tank was lodged across the track, while the express car and smoker were leaned over almost to a turning point.

Engineer M. L. Clemmons, in his effort to escape, jumped from the engine the moment he felt the obstruction, but he landed too near the track, and before he could regain himself sufficiently freed the jet to crawl away the falling engine caught him, mashing off his legs above the knee. He was taken to the marshall hospital, where he died at 7:45 yesterday morning.

The fireman, whose name is given as Moore, received a broken shoulder and is otherwise badly bruised.

The express messenger, Barney Wilson, was considerably shaken up, but it is certain that he was not hurt.

Wm. Ratcliff, the mail agent, was slightly injured.

The passengers were all in the rear cars and escaped no injury whatever.

The express and smoking-car were greatly damaged and the tender of the engine crushed in.

Engineer Clemmons was a cripple, and to this was the cause of his slow movement in escaping. He was an old employe of the Texas and Pacific railroad and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Considerable confusion existed at the scene of the disaster and it was several hours before the track could be sufficiently cleared to enable the proper restoration of traffic.

An Interesting Case.

Texarkana, Ark., Jan. 18.—Considerable interest has been felt here among hotel and legal circles over the personal liberty problem, as it is viewed by the law and as it existed in this case. It appears that Mr. Dennis Sullivan, proprietor of the Iowa hotel, was disturbed in his peace by the operation of a boiler making establishment situated near the hotel, and owned by Cahill & Sweeney. The boiler men maintained that it was their right to conduct their business where and when they pleased, and that any interference therewith was an assault upon their personal liberty.

The question was brought into court several days ago, after first serving an injunction upon the boiler makers from the further operation of their concern.

Judge J. M. Talbot listened to the arguments in the case Saturday, and after a long and tiresome discussion on the part of the attorneys rendered a decision dissolving the injunction perpetually and throwing the cost of court upon the plaintiff. By virtue of this decision Messrs. Cahill & Sweeney will resume the operation of their enterprise to-day, and thirty or forty men, who have been idle for a time, will be given employment.

Escaped Lynching.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 17.—The three negro murderers who narrowly escaped lynching Saturday are now safely jailed at Jeffersonville, guarded by a posse of twenty men. Mr. Rowland kept a country store. On Thursday night his negro waiter, Forsythe, asked for his pistol, as he feared some strange negroes who were prowling about. He secured the weapon. Rowland and his wife were awakened at 2 a. m. by men demanding something to eat. Forsythe appeared to parley with them, when they were let in and shot Mrs. Rowland to death, robbed the house and departed. The husband was left alone in the house with the dead body of his wife until dawn before he dared to venture out. It was not until night that the guilty men were caught. The leader of the gang was Forsythe, who disarmed his employer and then led his companions to the slaughter of Mrs. Rowland.

Will Not Close Down.

Woonsocket, R. I., Jan. 17.—Cotton manufacturers in this state have not yet consulted in regard to a shutdown. Several of the manufacturers have expressed a willingness for a short-time movement, but the minority will not commit themselves in the matter. The general feeling in this state at present is that the mills will not shut down and that business will soon improve. At the present time many of the big mills are piling up goods.

Bark in Distress.

New York, Jan. 17.—The steamer Edam, which arrived Saturday from Amsterdam, reports having sighted an unknown German bark in distress on Jan. 5. The crew wished to abandon the bark, but insisted on carrying their effects with them. The Edam's officers were afraid this would be too much for her lifeboats in the heavy sea, and attempts to rescue the crew were abandoned.

Charged with Theft.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 18.—Carl B. Christensen, who says he was a professor in Waterloo City, was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Charles Mayleon, charged with taking about thirty books of various kinds from the public library. In Christensen's room were found twenty-five books which came from the Harvard public library. He admitted that he took the books in Hartford, where he stopped a few weeks last summer. Christensen is 34 years old, a Dane and unmarried.

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FITS stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of **Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer.** Free $2 trial bottle and treatise. Send to Dr. Kline, 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

A good cook can make stewed prunes taste if she had washed them.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE is a bright harbinger of spring, although as we write the air without is raw and cold. We have advertised Messrs. James Vicks' Sons seeds and plants for many a year, and know that they give satisfaction to those who deal with them.

The Guide for 1897 contains six full page half tone illustrations, photographed from life, of Asters, Roses, Carnations, Gold Flowers and Tomatoes. It tells how to secure and grow everything wanted in the garden.

See the advertisement in another column of this firm from Rochester, N. Y.

It is not a question so much of being an old maid or married, as it is a question of a salary of a man.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, candy cathartic, the finest liver and bowel regulator made

What a difference between the woman you hate and the woman you love

A MEDICAL STUDENT

Cured of Consumption After All Hope Seemed Useless.

A young man was taking his finishing course of study in a medical college. He was far from home, in a large city. Deprived as he was of the comforts of home, he caught a bad cold, which soon settled on his lungs. He consulted the professors as to his trouble, but in spite of their most careful and attentive treatment, rapidly developed consumption. His symptoms became alarming, and he was actually pronounced incurable by the medical faculty of the college he was attending. At this point his thoughts turned homeward and he remembered the household remedy of his parents. He knew very well if his mother could advise him she would say at once, "Take Pe-ru-na." He was not able to make the long and tedious journey home and it took a long time for a letter to cross the ocean. So he commenced taking Pe-ru-na according to the directions on the bottle. It helped him at once, and finally cured him. All the doctors were at first incredulous, then astonished, but at last convinced.

Consumption is catarrh of the lungs. Pe-ru-na cures catarrh wherever located. Dr. Hartman's latest book on consumption and all catarrhal diseases is being sent free by The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

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How's This!

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Invidious.

It only takes one rib for a woman but it takes several to make a good umbrella.—Florida Times-Union.

Every Lady Should Have a Household Companion.

Combination Calendar, diary and household expense book for 1897; 220 pages handsomely bound, with much valuable information. Sent for fifteen cents in postage. D. B. KELLER, G. P. A., Denver Road, Fort Worth, Texas.

See C. H. Silliman's advt. of Texas farms.

Rheumatism

Is a blood disease and only a blood remedy can cure it. So many people make the mistake of taking remedies which at best are only tonics and cannot possibly reach their trouble. Mr. Asa Smith, Greencastle, Indiana, says: "For years I have suffered with Sciatic Rheumatism, which the best physicians were unable to relieve. I took many patent medicines but they did not seem to reach my trouble. I gradually grew worse until I was unable to take my food or handle myself in any way; I was absolutely helpless. Three bottles of S.S.S. relieved me so that I was soon able to move my right arm; before long I could walk across the room, and when I had finished one dozen bottles was cured completely and am as well as ever. I now weigh 170."

A Real Blood Remedy.

S.S.S. cures Scrofula, Cancer, Eczema, and any form of blood troubles. If you have a blood disease, take a blood medicine—S.S.S. (*guaranteed purely vegetable*) is exclusively for the blood and is recommended for nothing else. It forces out the poison matter permanently. We will send to anyone our valuable books, Address Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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GUARANTEED PURE. Fine Cognac, Port, Sherry, Sauterne, Claret, Cordials. Best Dough Syrup, Vanilla Good. Use in place of Lemon Extract. Sold by all Druggists. N. JUNGMAN & BRO., Manufacturers, 1107 Broadway, N. Y.

GINGER BUTTS.

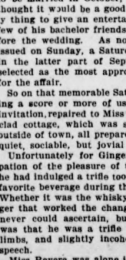
THE Laborer: It was in Newborn, N. C., that I first locked hands and swore eternal friendship to Harry Butts. Thirty years ago he and I worked the Times of that city. The favorite drink with the lads in that locality was known as "whisky squeeze." The gentleman behind the bar having poured out as much of the liquid hardware as he thought it prudent to hide away, the gentleman behind the wood-en structure would, with his dexter hand, force a few drops of lemon juice in the glass and your whisky squeeze was ready for the sacrifice.

One night Harry Butts changed the order of things and requested that a few drops of the extract of ginger be deposited in his glass instead of the customary lemon juice. This modest request of Harry's tickled the lads; and ever afterward he was known as "Ginger" Butts. No man ever drank alone in that town. Southern hospitality demanded that everyone should wait until his neighbor was accommodated, and the man who treated would shout: "Show your glass," when every glass would be drained. I have seen a score of typos outside of the old-fashioned bar of the Gaston house, which, I believe, was situated on Pollock street, wait with true politeness for the cry of "show your glass," at which command each tumbler would be emptied with precision.

Now, Ginger Butts was a good-natured, handsome fellow, and half the white girls in Newborn were in love with him, not to mention a few of the off-colored ones. But Ginger fought shy of the fair sex until he met a young lady in the name of—well, just here I'll call her Kate Devere. Kate was a typical southern beauty. She had the dark hair, flashing eyes, ruddy cheeks, coral lips and the tall symmetrical form so often met with in the daughters of Dixie. That she was high-spirited and imperious, will be seen later on.

Now, there wasn't a lad on the Times but would have given his whole week's string for a smile or a tender word from Kate, and for a time a certain individual who shall be nameless felt that he was making rapid progress in her good graces until Ginger fastened his blue eyes upon her, and then that nameless person's stock began rapidly to decline.

One night at a little social gathering Ginger confidentially informed us that a week previously he had said to Kate "Will you?" and that the young lady had blushingly replied, "I will." So it was hands down and eyes off with all the rest of us after that. Some of us, the nameless person above alluded to included, felt rather sore upon the receipt of this information, but it was only momentarily. Ginger was such an all-round fine fellow that it was almost impossible to bear him malice, and in the course of a half hour we were all "showing our bottom" at Ginger's expense.



"UNMANLY BOOR! BEGONE."

The day of the consummation of the nuptials had been named. They were to be married in October, and Ginger thought it would be a good and friendly thing to give an entertainment to a few of his bachelor friends shortly before the wedding. As no paper was issued on Sunday, a Saturday evening in the latter part of September was selected as the most appropriate time for the affair.

So on that memorable Saturday evening a score or more of us, by special invitation, repaired to Miss Kate's vine-clad cottage, which was situated just outside of town, all prepared to have a quiet, sociable, but jovial time.

Unfortunately for Ginger, in anticipation of the pleasure of the evening, he had indulged a trifle too much in his favorite beverage during the afternoon. Whether it was the whisky or the ginger that worked the change in him, I never could ascertain, but certain it was that he was a trifle weak in his limbs, and slightly incoherent in his speech.

Miss Revere was alone in the parlor when we arrived and received us with true southern hospitality. She was beautiful she looked! What a vision of delight she appeared! "There's nothing half so sweet in life as a love's young dream," said Tom Ginger, in more than eighty years ago. That sentiment held good in 1866, and does yet if an old-timer's opinion is worth recording. Certainly never before or since have I seen anyone look "half so sweet" as Kate did on that evening. She was the very embodiment of love's young dream."

Well, the young lady sat down to the piano, and for half an hour entertained us with the "Star Spangled Banner," the "Bonnie Blue Flag," "Hail Columbia," "My Maryland" and various other patriotic airs. When she concluded Ginger rose, waltzed gracefully to the old-fashioned sideboard, upon which glasses and decanters were placed, and requested us to imbibe. As one man we accepted the invitation. Then the prospective bridegroom raised his glass, and stuttered: "N-now, gen-gentlemen sh-show your bot-bottom." We were about to empty when my eye rested on Kate, and I raised my hand warningly.

"Wh-what's matter?" persisted Ginger. "Sh-show bot-bottom!"

Again I raised my hand. Instinctively every eye turned toward me, and from me to Kate.

She stood erect, her tall form towering to its full height, and from her black eyes flashed forth a glance of scorn and contempt.

"Unmanly boor!" she cried, "is this language fit for a lady's presence? Begone!" and she haughtily pointed toward the door.

As if by magic the recreant lover stood before her completely sobered. "Kate," he cried piteously. But the haughty southern blood within her was afire. That blood which overcame us at Bull Run and Chancellorsville and nearly turned the tide of battle at Gettysburg, was boiling in her veins like a volcano, and she again pointed to the door.

Broken hearted, crestfallen, humiliated, Ginger seized his hat and departed. Silently we followed in his footsteps.

Poor Ginger! We tried to comfort him, but he was inconsolable. A few days afterward he endeavored to explain and affect a reconciliation. But 'twas of no avail. The imperious maiden, who should have been born in the middle ages—"In the days of old when knights were bold"—refused, most emphatically, to harken to his frantic appeal, and preemptorily ordered him from her presence. Within a fortnight he left the Sunny South for the rugged hills of his native New Hampshire.

A dozen years ago, while touring the eastern states I met Ginger in a country town in Massachusetts. He was greatly changed; presumably old, and suffering from melancholia. He made a confidante of me; told me he had never forgotten his early love; she was still his ideal, and that's why he never married.

INDIAN DIVORCES.

The Courts Playing Havoc with Custom of Marriage.

With most of the plain Indians marriage consists simply of picking out the maiden, leading her to a cabin or wigwam and installing her as mistress of the house and corn-field, sometimes with the necessary preliminary of paying the father a pony or two or an installment of blankets and occasionally with some slight ceremony performed by a chief or medicine man, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. And when the brave grows tired of his partner he can get rid of her as easily as he won her. The people who are now flocking to the Dakotas or Oklahoma to get divorces would be supremely happy if they could throw off the galling bonds of wedlock as easily as does the reservation Indian. The fact having been formally announced by the head man of the clan the divorce takes place when the tribe it gathered at a dance. When all are assembled and the circle formed, the discontented warrior strikes a drum used by the revelers, gives away a few presents (oftimes making a present to the squaw he intends to take next) and then in a short, bombastic speech he stigmatizes his wife by giving her over to tender mercies of the other braves while they look upon him envviously and consider that he has performed an act of bravery in his desertion. Often as many as half a dozen divorces are thus obtained at a single dance. No tedious waiting, no courts, no lawyers and no trouble about alimony or the custody of children. And the squaws thus cast off, as a general thing, seem to take it as a matter of course, and before the close of the dance are using the wiles known and used by women the world over in an effort to repair as speedily as possible the break in their hearts and matrimonial experiences. With the taking of land in severalty and putting on of citizenship, however, the Indian finds that he has cemented the ties that were so loose before, for the courts everywhere are deciding that the tribal marriages are legal and binding upon the Indian who becomes a citizen. And if the weight of one legal marriage wears somewhat heavily upon a white man, how must it be with the red man, who has contracted two, three, four or even more alliances which the court now declares legal and at the same time takes away his former avenue of relief?

Strange Burial Customs.

The Greenlanders know a thing or two. In the belief that "a dog can find its way anywhere" they bury a living dog in the same grave with a dead child. The canine is supposed to be used by the child as a guide in the other world. The Australians pull out the corpse's finger nails, and then tie the hands to prevent its digging its way out of the grave to engage in the vampire business. The primitive Russians put a certificate of character in the dead person's hand, so that no questions might be raised at the gate of heaven.

Smallpox Oldest Disease.

One of the oldest of actual specified diseases would probably be small-pox, which, on the authority of Masudi, attacked the African tribes who made excursions into Arabia and laid siege to Mecca in the latter half of the sixth century A. D.

Beggars Who Are Rich.

Several beggars in Pera own a large amount of property. One well-known man has a house worth 10,000 liras, and yet is to be seen begging in filthy rags.

In the United States there are over three million unmarried men.

Alec Sheppard, the Mule and the Turtle

Alec Sheppard, a Nut Bush, Tenn., man, while riding along the road the other day encountered a seventy-eight pound turtle, and finding the labor of dragging it rather onerous, tied it to his mule's tail. The mule looked back and reached the conclusion that he had been imposed on. Having tilted Sheppard on the roadside, he started off, with the turtle sometimes trailing along on the ground, sometimes flying in the air. The mule might still have been on the run if its tail had not parted.

Chloroform and ammonia killed a centipede and saved a cat at Springfield the other day. The centipede dropped from a bunch of bananas upon the cat, and at once buried its poisonous fangs in the animal's legs. Its mistress, with rare presence of mind, dropped chloroform on the insect, which succumbed, and then she applied ammonia to the cat's leg. It was a triumph of presence of mind, apparently.

The first work of the Elizabeth H. Whittier Woman's club, just organized in Amesbury, Mass., in memory of the poet's sister, will be the purchase, to be held in trust forever, of the old Whittier home at that place. The estate belongs to the poet's niece, Mrs. S. T. Pickard of Boston, who has more than once announced her refusal to sell it except to some society designing to hold it as a memorial of her uncle. There seems, therefore, every reason to believe that the new woman's club will succeed in its design. The home is a pleasant, rambling, two-story house, and in it Whittier wrote almost all the important poems of his middle and last years.

The Proper Thing in Kansas.

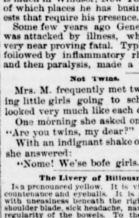
Among the women it is always considered good manners to go around the back door of a neighbor's house when on a borrowing errand, to the side door when on an informal visit and to the front door when making a formal call.—Atchison Globe.

A MIGHTIER FOE THAN ARMIES

OVERCOME BY A BRAVE UNION GENERAL AND HIS FAITHFUL ALLY, DR. WILLIAMS.

From the Sentinel, Cherokee, Kansas.

At the breaking out of the war of the rebellion in 1861, General Wiles, whose portrait adorns our page, was Captain and owner of the then well-known river steamboat, "Charley Potwin," plying between Zanesville and Parkersburg, but he immediately disposed of his boat and became enrolled as lieutenant in the 28th Ohio Infantry. At the battle of Fort Donelson, on February 16, 1862, Lieutenant Wiles was promoted from lieutenant to lieutenant-colonel, for "brave and meritorious conduct on the field," and at the age of thirty-six Gen-



GENERAL G. F. WILES.

eral Wiles was colonel of his regiment, and while with Sherman, was gazetted brigadier-general.

The General lives the greater part of his time in Halstead, Kansas, though he is much in Windsor, New York, in both of which places he has business interests that require his presence.

Some five years ago General Wiles was attacked by illness, which came very near proving fatal. Typhoid fever, followed by inflammatory rheumatism and then paralysis, made a temporary wreck of the herculean frame, and in view of his advanced age, his anxious friends believed that he was not long for this world. The following is his own account of his illness:

"In the latter part of 1899, I was taken down with a severe attack of typhoid fever, which confined me to my bed for two months. Two months is a long time to be in bed, but I was not to get up yet, for inflammatory rheumatism seized me, and it was worse than the typhoid, for it was more painful. To add to my trouble and make it more interesting, the inflammatory rheumatism was followed by a stroke of paralysis, and I lost almost totally the use of my legs and arms, for I could not walk a step and could not feed myself. It would seem that I had reached the depths of misery, but such was not the case, for my kidneys gave out, and this seemed to be the last straw on the load that was to crush me.

"My friends all thought I would never recover, and though the doctors came to see me and prescribed, it was easy to see that they were but trying to make my pathway to the grave a little more easy, without the remotest hope of recovery, and I looked forward to death with happiness.

"While in this frame of mind, I was advised by a friend to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and began the use of them, taking one pill after each meal, and this I continued for one month, and began to fancy I perceived improvement in my condition. I then increased the dose to two after each meal, and at the end of the second month there was no doubt but what Pink Pills were making me better, so I began to wean them scoming to directions, and in three months was a well man."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for $2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Not Twins.

Mrs. M. frequently met two charming little girls going to school, who looked very much like each other.

One morning she asked one of them: "Are you twins, my dear?"

With an indignant shake of her curls she answered:

"Some! We've bofe girls."

The Livery of Biliousness

Is a pronounced yellow. It is visible in the complexion and eyeballs. It is accompanied with uneasiness beneath the right ribs and shoulder blade, sick headache, nausea and irregularity of the bowels. To the removal of these and all other symptoms of ill-health are their cause, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is admirably adapted. This pre-eminent family medicine also remedies malarial, rheumatic and kidney complaints, nervousness and debility. It promotes appetite and sleep.

Men have better health than the women, because they sigh less.

WHAT A STUPENDOUS LIE!

We hear a farmer say when he reads that John Breider, Mishicott, Wis., grew 173 bushels of Salzer's Silver King Barley per acre in 1896. Don't you believe it? Just write him! You see Salzer's seeds are bred up to big yields. And Oats 230 bushels, corn 200, Wheat 60 bushels, Potatoes 1,600 bushels, Grasses 6 tons per acre, etc., etc.

$10.00 FOR 10 CENTS.

Just Send This Notice With 10 Cents stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get 12 farm seed samples, worth $10, to get a start. w.n.

All the members of a family secretly laugh at the efforts made by another member to be agreeable to callers.

The Most Unique Calendar of the Season Has just been issued by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry. Copy can be secured by sending six cents in stamps to cover postage, to A. J. Smith, G. P. A., Cleveland.

A surprise party is a failure unless the one you are to surprise is in bed.

French Students Alert.

The medical students of Paris are still on the warpath against those of their fellow-students who come from foreign parts, and are circulating a petition in the hospitals requiring the minister of education to exact from the strangers before receiving their degree qualifications equal to those as are exacted from themselves. If the strangers do not possess the qualifications they should, the French students maintain, only be granted honorary diplomas.

Dr. Hughes' Chill Tonic will absolutely cure Chills. It is sweet and we guarantee it. Price 50c

Almost a Hint.

He—I always pay as I go. She—Then why tarry? You don't owe me anything.—Town Topics.

Only One!

Not more than five men or women in a thousand are free from some form of Kidney, Liver or Bladder trouble, which is certain to run into serious disease unless checked.

Stop and Think!

that there is but one known remedy for these troubles! Ask any druggist, physician or friend if this is not the truth, and he will tell you,

Warner's Safe Cure

This great remedy stands ABSOLUTELY "at the top," and is so acknowledged by the most advanced thinkers of the world. This suggestion is all you require!

That Pleasing Paralyzing Pie!

How good it looks! How good it is!..... And how it burns. Why not look into the question of **Pill after Pie?** Eat your pie and take Ayer's Pills after, and pie will please and not paralyze.

AYER'S Cathartic Pills

CURE DYSPEPSIA.

WILL give experienced Life Insurance Agts. extra large commissions, renewals and salaries (no pay-ability superior to all others). Each surrender, lapse, and death and extra premium, $1,000 Life Policy. W. E. BROWN, state Agt. Penn-Mutual, Fort Worth.

When in trouble, people who sympathize, are really after the particulars.

I never used so quick a cure as Piso's Cure for Consumption.—J. R. Palmer, Box 1171, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25, 1895.

Don't tell what New Year's resolutions you have made, and you have a good start.

WHEN bilious or costive, eat a Cascaret candy cathartic, cure guaranteed. 10c, 25c.

The one who works the hardest receives the most blame.

WHY SHOULD AN INTELLIGENT, energetic man be stuck on a salary when he can be his own boss and make $5 to $10 daily by representing the Fidelity Mutual Life Association? Only those need write A. J. Brown, state agt. Trust building, Dallas, Tex.

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W. E. GILLILAND, ED. STAR.

St Valentine's day is near at hand.

Charley Govan, a typo on the Brownwood Banner and the Sunny South, some sixteen or seventeen years ago was killed a few weeks ago by the Spanish troops in Cuba, where he had gone as reporter for some eastern paper.

The member who usurps the time of the legislature with rain-bow speeches ought to be confined in a limburger cheese factory during the remainder of the session. What we need in our law making bodies is more business and less buncombe, more doing and less dreaming.—Texas Sandwich.

President-elect, McKinley seems to have a great deal of trouble in getting men to fill his cabinet, as leading republicans from some cause seem shy of this plum. Why in the mischief don't McKinley offer a place to Dr. Grant of Texas? We will guarantee that he will find Barkus willin and no questions asked.

The republican press during the campaign patted the sound money democrats on the back and told them they were the only true democrats in the country. Now comes the St Louis Globe-Democrat, and says: "It is the easiest thing imaginable for a sound money democrats to become a republican." This is the unkindest cut of all and the sound money democrats have a right to kick.

A political party is nothing but a voluntary association of men, and no one is compelled to join any party or stay in any party that does not suit him. One thing, however, no one is liable to ever find a political party that he can conscientiously endorse every thing in it. Another thing; you will never find a political party that contains all the honest men in the country, any more than you will find a church that contains all the christains in the land in its organization.

Senator Wolcott has gone to Europe as the representative of the incoming McKinley administration to sound the European governments on the question of bimetallism. Should McKinley settle the silver question satisfactorily to a considerable portion of the American people he will be entitled to and will receive the thanks of all who want to see a change for the better. The country is tired of stagnation and uncertainty, and the people would gladly welcome anything that promised better times. We believe McKinley is going to make an honest effort to settle the money question and sincerely hope he will be able to do so.

Honest men honestly differ on political as well as religious questions; but some men seem to think that all the honesty and virtue "must" be contained in certain political parties because of its vociferous pretensions. There were Pharasees in the days of old who stood on the street corners and proclaimed to the world that they were better than other men. When you hear a man denounce all who differ with him, politically or otherwise, as advocates of dishonest policies you can mark that man down as a true descendant of the Pharasees of old, who stood on the street corners and proclaimed their own virtues to an admiring public.

A DOG'S DIARY.

Evidently Authentic and Throwing Light on Several Canine Mysteries.

Monday, Nov. 11, 10 a. m.—Am unchained. Large party with guns. Sport. Hurrah! Smell out master, dance round him and place both fore paws on his knickerbockers. Am reproved. Why? There are two more black dogs, strangers to me, and a brown spaniel whom I have met before. The spaniel is a fool. His ears are ridiculously long and flap in the most absurd manner. His nose is broad, his eyes bulge and his legs are bandy. A dog like this is only fit for hedgerows. Exchange tiptoe courtesies with the two black strangers. Growl at them. They growl back. We are all reproved. Why?

10:20.—Corner of a covert. Heard keeper say, "There was a hundred pheasants drawed into that covert." This is ripping. Master applies whip twice, but not very hard. Tells me he does it to "stendy" me. Such rot! Forgive him. Five pheasants come out my way. I kill two with a right and left and miss another with my second gun. Sun must have got into my eyes. Shall I go after dead birds now or wait? Better wait. Got thrashed last time for running after birds before beat was over. Guns going off to the right and left. Brown dog so far has killed nothing. One of the black dogs named Sailor has killed four. Ridiculously conceited dog that. Eight more pheasants come to me one by one. Kill five. Miss three. Brown dog smiles audibly. Shall cut the brown dog or bite him in the back. Shout from beaters. "Hare forward." I'll have his fur or die in the attempt. Comes galloping out on my right. I miss him twice. I'll show him who can gallop. Off after him. Distant shouts from master. Who cares? Into a ditch. Out again. Across plowed field. Hare still in front. Am gaining. No, am losing. Hare is a silly animal; shall give it up and go back. By the bye, got thrashed last time for doing this. Wonder if I shall be thrashed again. Better assume contrite expression. Do so. No good. Am thrashed. Howl. Never was a Spartan dog. Beat over. Pick up dead birds. Mouth full of feathers. Am sent to look for a bird wounded by brown dog, who has shot disgracefully and made a perfect fool of himself. Track bird to ditch. Faint scent to right. Follow up 50 yards, then through hedge; back again. Got him. Return covered with burs, with bird in mouth. Am patted. Brown dog, who has been thrashed, hints that he doesn't think much of the performance. Offers to carry bird for me, "if I am tired." Should like to see him dare to touch it.—London Punch.

The Origin of Tobacco.

The prophet was taking a stroll in the country when he saw a serpent, stiff with cold, lying on the ground. He compassionately took it up and warmed it in his bosom. When the serpent had recovered, it said:

"Divine prophet, listen. I am now going to bite thee."

"Why, pray?" inquired Mohammed.

"Because thy race persecutes mine and tries to stamp it out."

"But does not thy race, too, make perpetual war against mine?" was the prophet's rejoinder. "How canst thou, besides, be so ungrateful and so soon forget that I saved thy life?"

"There is no such thing as gratitude upon this earth," replied the serpent, "and if I were now to spare thee, either thou or another of thy race would kill me. By Allah, I shall bite thee."

"If thou hast sworn by Allah, I will not cause thee to break thy vow," said the prophet, holding his hand to the serpent's mouth. The serpent bit him, but he sucked the wound with his lips and spat the venom on the ground. And on that very spot there sprang up a plant which combines within itself the venom of the serpent and the compassion of the prophet. Men call this plant by the name of tobacco.—Conte Arabe.

An All Round Raise.

A man owning a double house sublet the half he did not occupy to a noisy tenant. Such a racket was kept up that he notified the party to quit.

"What's the matter with me?" he asked, much hurt in his pride.

"Ah, you raise too much noise all the time, and I can't stand it."

"Why don't you balance matters by raising something yourself? I don't object."

"Don't you? Well, I'll just raise the rent," and he did to such an extent that the tenant left.—Strand Magazine.

Effective Weapons.

During the sieges of mediaeval times it was very common for the besiegers to throw from their catapults and other military engines dead bodies of dogs, swine, together with pieces of horseflesh and similar carrion, into the city or castle besieged, in order that the defenders might, by the stench of this putridity, be forced to a surrender.

ODDITIES OF DRESS.

National Characteristics of the Attire of European Women.

It is strange that whereas in every country of Europe, among the higher classes as well as among the peasantry, a distinctive peculiarity of costume exists, there is absolutely nothing of the kind in North America. The newness of the country does not explain this, as in South American states, which are younger than our nation, a national costume is the rule.

The Russian "kakochnik" is one of the most charming articles of adornment in Europe. It originated among the Muscovite peasant women, but has been adopted during this century by the ladies of the court, who have elaborated it into a red velvet cap embroidered in precious stones. It is worn with the red velvet court mantle and jeweled stomacher brought out on state occasions, and more than outrivals the plumes and veil worn at the English court.

The Spanish mantilla is well known and has been somewhat vulgarized on the comic stage. The national dress of Roumania has escaped that fate. Carmen Sylva always wears it when at home. It consists of a white linen sleeveless garment made with as few folds as possible and somewhat resembling the Egyptian "fellaheen." It is thickly embroidered in a cross stitch arabesque in bright red, sky blue, orange, yellow and black silk, intermingled with gold and silver threads, a band of similar embroidery encircling the waist, with streamers of colored ribbon falling therefrom in a shimmering cascade. The hair is braided in four plaits loosely tied with chains of sequins and the feet are incased in crimson kid slippers strewn with seed pearls.

In Poland princesses and peasants wear around their throats several rows of huge coral beads, and so loath to part with these supposed bringers of good luck are they that when a grande dame is arrayed for a ball and is obliged to put on pearls and diamonds she carries her coral beads in her pocket.

In Austria-Hungary is found the greatest diversity of elegance in the matter of costume. The garb of the Hungarian peasant is so fetching that the wealthy ladies copy it when on their estates. It consists of a short puffy skirt of crimson and yellow, a small sleeveless velvet bodice imprisoning a snowy shirt, stiffly starched and embroidered in contrasting colors, and an artistically knotted head scarf from under which escapes a thick braid of hair entwined with colored ribbons.

In the plains of Provence and in the Normandy lands the wealthy still cling to their little lace cap, the intrinsic value of which is some times inestimable, made as they are of rare point lace fastened down with quaintly chased golden pins, heirlooms in families.—New York Telegram.

BRYAN AT HOUSTON.

Four thousand people assembled at the Auditorium in the city of Houston to hear Hon. W. J. Bryan lecture on the evening of the 20th. Gov Culberson introduced the distinguished speaker to the audience in the following beautiful and chaste language:

Ladies and Fellow-citizens—Speaking for the people of Texas, it gives me sincere pleasure to welcome to the State the distinguished orator of the evening. No public man of this generation has so touched their hearts and aroused their admiration. They love him for his stainless life, his splendid abilities and his exalted patriotism. Tried as man never was, passing through that fiercer light than beats upon a throne, he came from the most memorable political conflict in our history with a name as clear as a mirrored sea, stronger and richer in the confidence and affections of his countrymen. Contending for those immortal principles which rest upon the proverbs of the revolution, his fame as an orator has encircled the globe and made him illustrious. I love to tell you that his patriotism is as pure as his private life has been reproachless. When the evil passions of the great contest in which he was engaged shall sleep in oblivion, history will record that he would rather be right than to be president; that he strove to avert the unspeakable calamity of a change in our form of government to an aristocracy of wealth; that he battled unselfishly to give us a new inspiration and a new birth of freedom, and that his lofty character and the fervor and splendor of his genius enriched and ennobled the cause of the common people. I beg to present to you formally he who really needs no introduction, the Christian statesman, the exemplary citizen, the distinguished statesman, the incomparable orator, the friend of mankind—Mr. William J. Bryan of Nebraska.

Miss Dosa Warren leaves to-day for South McAllister, I. T. where she goes to teach a class in music.

POINTS ABOUT ADVERTISING.

He wasn't very wise,
He wouldn't advertise,
So he never took a rise,
Until the sheriff hit him endwise.

THE STAR has advertising space for sale.

Don't expect the earth from a two line advertisement.

THE STAR is the best advertising medium in Callahan County.

If you wish to secure the best results place you advertising with THE STAR.

Make ads brief and to the point. The more you crowd into your ad the less liable to be noticed by the public

If you want a nice lithograph for your note heads, letter heads, bill heads, envelopes, etc., call at THE STAR office and see samples.

A publisher is not bothered half so much about something to fill up his paper as he is to get something to fill up himself—not exactly an elegant speech, but its the truth.

We take as much, or more pride in getting up a handsome ad, than the person does for whom the work is done. A nice ad well gotten up is as much a credit to the publisher as the advertiser.

Three things should be borne in mind in getting up an advertisement. First, tell the truth. Second, make plain what you have to sell, and last but not least, the name and place of the firm that has the article for sale.

Space in a newspaper is a publisher' stock in trade, just as much as a merchant's dry goods, groceries, etc. Few people expect a merchant to give them anything, but the same people seem to have a different idea about a newspaper.

Nothing looks better than a handsome display ad, provided it is printed on good paper, clear and distinct. A botch ad is liable to do a merchant more harm than good, because it is liable to create the impression that the merchant is rather a botch at his business.

Some business men take their advertisement like they do calomel—in broken doses. That is an incorrect theory. It's all right as to calomel, but not correct as to advertising. Results from erratic advertising is liable to be unsatisfactory. Advertising either does or does not pay. If it pays at all steady persistent advertising is bound to produce the best results.

A newspaper whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men has more enfluence in attracting attention, to building up a city or town, than any other agency that can be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor will locate where thhre is an enterpristng community. No power is so strong to build up a town as a newspaper properly patronized.—Rev. DeWitt Talmage.

Business men who put a two line local in the paper once a year and think they will build up a big business, and imagine the printer is getting rich off the profits of said two lines, should read the following: The last page of Munsey's magazine has been sold one year to four advertisers each of whom occupies a quarter of a page and pay $6,000, making a total of $24,000, for the page. One line in the Youth's Companion costs $3 while a page in Ladies' Home Journal costs $4,000.—Ex.

LITTLE BITS.

It costs no more to speak well of a person than to speak evil of them.

In the country they call them "old maids." In the city the are "Bachelor Girls."

There is nothing to prevent any man from being a gentleman if he tries to be.

Cranks are like weeds: they appear in all sorts of places when they are not wanted.

What a grand thing it is that man is not to be judged by man in the day of final account.

Some men who could not run a two-bit business of their own get a bad case of the swell-head the moment they get control of some other man's business.

"Actions speak louder than words," but even actions are sometimes misleading. Who can tell the cause or motive of one's actions except the person themselves? None save Deity

IRION BRO'S.

BAIRD, TEXAS.

Breeders of

Bard P. Rocks, Black Javas, Black Minorcas, S. S. Hamburgs and Buff Leghorns.

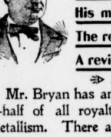
Our Buff Leghorns took all 1st. premiums at Dallas Fair. Eggs $2. for 13.

Our PIT GAMES the Finest in the South.

'Sullivan' took 1st. prize at Dallas. It's a Irion Bro's. cock that crows after a battle. Eggs, $2. Cocks $5.00 up to $25.00 each.

Hon. W. J. Bryan's Book

ALL who are interested in furthering the sale of *Hon. W. J. Bryan's new book* should correspond immediately with the publishers. • The work will contain



An account of his campaign tour . . .
His biography, written by his wife . .
His most important speeches . . . .
The results of the campaign of 1896.
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AGENTS WANTED

Mr. Bryan has announced his intention of devoting one-half of all royalties to furthering the cause of bimetallism. There are already indications of an enormous sale. Address

W. B. CONKEY COMPANY, Publishers,
341-351 Dearborn St....CHICAGO.

Newspapers that record the deeds of the good and true in preference to hunting up the depraved deeds of society to parade before their readers are papers that are encouraging good deeds, and are valuable factors among the institutions of a town. A person that speaks of the good traits of his neighbor and fosters peace is a peace-maker; while the person who has no good to say of any person and is frequently in a quarrel with his neighbors is no promoter of good citizenship.—Collinsville Times.

In this issue we publish a bill by Capt Bumpass, of Kaufman. The object of this bill is to prevent heads of departments in the state government from running over the appropriation without being shown to be actually necessary. This is a good bill, and THE STAR unqualifiedly indorses it, because some check is needed on heads of departments, as every member of past legislatures know who have been called upon to vote for "deficiency bills." Old Capt. Bumpass' head is level on this question as well as most all others, and THE STAR hopes to see his little bill become a law.

The Dallas News is very much shocked at the report that Senator-elect Money of Mississippi went to Cuba as a paid correspondant of the New York Journal. Some people are very straight laced as to the coduct of others, but not over particular as to their own. The virtuous indignation of the News in this matter will no doubt cause a smile among those who know that the business department always controls and dictates the policy of that paper. We see no cause for the News's indignation, supposing that Senator Money did go to Cuba for the Journal. There is no cause to denounce Senator Money or the Journal in the "livid language indulged" in by the News.

We frequently hear such remarks as this: "Oh how the pops and populists rejoice every time they hear of a bank or other business concern going to the wall." Well human nature is pretty much the same the world over, but really, we think the number of populist and democrats who rejoice at failures of any kind is not large, certainly no more than those on the opposite side had Bryan been elected; and like conditions as at present had resulted. Of course, the "sound money" advocates feel a little sore because the prosperity they predicted did not materialize, but because some of the silver folks remind them of this they should not jump at the conclusion that all silver advocates rejoice at any one's troubles. It is the same old, old story that we have always heard: "I told you so." Had Bryan been elected the sound moneyites would have been just as vigorously shouting "I told you so."

Bronchitis.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup absolutely cures Bronchitis and all other diseases of the Throat and Lungs. It gives instant relief and will cure the worst cough. It is guaranteed Remedy. Sold by Nelson & St John.

J. E. McFarland of the Jackson Banner Engrossing Clerk of the 23 and 24th legislature and A. G. Stewart of the Terrell News Calendar Clerk for two terms were both defeated for the same position in the 25th legislation. Both men made excellant officers and we cannot understand why the boys failed to land. Then there is Ed. W. Smith of Tyler reading Clerk of the 24th Legislation one of the very best and most obliging officers in either House. He too was defeated by a new and untried man. The third term could not be charged against Ed as he had only served one term and according to all rules of fairness, he should have been re-elected that is if competency counts for any thing in the distribution of such favors.

The following counties, Jefferson, Jackson and Washington went populist at last election. In view of the fact that the three men for which these counties were named are the most illustrous in the history of the country and entertained views diametrically opposed to populism, therefore we suggest to the legislature now in session that they change the names of said counties as follows: Jefferson, to "Coxey"; Jackson to "Carl Browne" and Washington to "Stump Ashby" to so known and disignated so long as they return populist majorities. THE STAR suggests that Hon. Ben S. Rogers of Washington county be appointed a committee of one to draw up and present a bill to carry out the idea herein mentioned.

If Baird had good water works and electric lights, it would be great inducements for capitalist to locate here

Jno. Woods, Jr. and Mrs. Gussie Surles, of Putnam, are in attendance at the Teachers Institue. A large attendance is expected to-day.

If Baird had water work, electric lights and concrete sidewalks, it would be no trouble to get capitalist to locate here, and make Baird the best city in the west. Ranger, with little over half the population of Baird is putting in a splendid system of water works.

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

TAKING EFFECT SEP 25, 1896.

EAST BOUND.

No. 4. ..... 11 57 a. m.

WEST BOUND.

No. 3. ..... 3 15 p. m.

J. B. HARMON, Agent.

MAILS.

TOMATO, COTTONWOOD, CADDO PEAK CROSS PLAINS.

Leaves Baird..... 8 A. M.
Arrives..... 5 P. M.
PUTNAM AND CLYDE.....Train schedule.

TECUMSEH AND EAGLE COVE.
Daily, except Sunday.

Leaves..... 8 a. m
Arrives..... 6 p. m

County Officers-

County Judge ..... J E Thomas
County Attorney ..... R L Russell
County Surveyor ..... M E Hasley
County Treasurer ..... T B Holland
County and Dist. Clerk ..... W W Dunson
" Deputy Clerk ..... W P Cochran
Sheriff and Tax Collector ..... J W Jones
" Office Deputy ..... J E W Lane
" Jailor ..... Jno. Hart
Tax Assessor ..... T J Norrel
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Commissioner Precinct No. 3 .... A M Sprawls
Commissioner Precinct No. 4 ..... H D Baum

LOCAL NEWS.

Fine time for plowing.

Garden seed in bulk at Julius Norton's 6 tf.

The matrimonial market in Baird is on a boom.

We have lots of figures 7s and 8s to use in mailing list.

D. C. Walker, from Putnam, was in the city Wednesday.

Don Bell, of Abilene, was in town several days this week.

B. L. Boydstun, made a business trip to Putnam, Wednesday.

Chattle and Crop mortgages for sale at THE STAR office, at 2 cents each

Harry Meyer, our bardware and implement dealer, has promised THE STAR a big ad next week. Look out for it.

THE STAR Job Office is equipped to do all kinds of first-class printing When in need of work, call or write for samples.

I have recovered from my late illness and am again able to bake bread. Call an me when you want bread.—MRS. E. K. KANE.

THE STAR force are as busy as bees, executing job work in the latest and most artistic manner, and getting out one of the best papers in West Texas

Account of meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. which convenes in Dallas Feb. 1st to 5th, tickets will be sold at rate of one fare for the round trip Dates of sale Jan. 31st and Feb 1st, limited to return until Feb. 6th.
J. B. HARMON Agt

Tramps are becoming more numerous and bolder every day, and something should be done to rid the city of this nuisance. Some men are unfortunate and have to tramp because they cannot find work, but most tramps are such from choice and would not work if they had a chance.

Mr. J. J. Hendrix and wife of Moran have been in the city several days attending the bedside of Mr. A. Stacy, who is dangerously ill. Little hopes are entertained for the recovery of Mr Stacy, who appears to be growing weaker daily. He is delirious all the time and liable to die most any time

The protracted meeting has been going on at the Presbyterian church conducted by Rev. Robinson assisted by Dr. Ward closed last night. Considerable interest has taken in the meeting and the attendance was good throughout, notwithstanding the bad weather the past week.

Tramps in Baird used to be satisfied with bread and meat, but lately they call for hot coffee and the next thing you know they will demand fried chicken and whiskey punch on the side. A tramp went, so it is reported to a house right in the most populous part of town a few days ago and ordered the young lady, who was alone in the house, to bring him a cup of hot coffee instanter. A six shooter pointed at his head made him conclude that he had better travel and he did in a 240 gait.

See W. A. Barnhill's card in this issue.

Harry Meyer made a busines trip to Dallas, this week.

W. J. Stone, from Cottonwood, was in the city, Wednesday.

Frank Brown, from near Cottonwood, was in the city Tuesday.

Fresh cabbage received twice a week from the coast country. J. Norton. 6 tf

H. B. Price, for ten or twelve years a citizen of Baird, moved to Wise County last week.

Messrs. George and Phillip Yost, two of Tecumseh's handsome young men were in the city this week.

Mrs. Kittie Stroube returned Thursday from Baton Rouge, La., where she has been visiting relatives for some time.

Ed Coppins held down the hardware and implement business this week for Harry Meyer while the latter was absent.

The Teachers Institute, of Callahan County met at the Court House yesterday and will continue their well arranged to-day.

The following Buchenvillens, (not lians") were in town this week, R. J. Harris, J. B. Walker, J. B. Smartt, M. M. Terry and others.

We noticed a fine bunch of yearlings pass through town to stock yards, Monday. The yearlings were sold by Frank Sterrett to be shipped to Kansas

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Fred Gartner to Miss Hadie Weicks, on Wednesday Janurry 27th, at the residence of the bride's parents.

Gus Wiecks, who has been laying off for sometime on account of an injury to one of his arms, has resumed work in the yards, and Ira Frasier, who took his place temporarily, returned to Big Springs.

There are one or two wooden bridges on railroad just west of town that have always been considered dangerous. The company, it is reported, will fill in under the track at these bridges with earth and rock, work to begin in a month or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Day, who spent sometime in the city the guests of Mr. S L. Driskill and family, left for Kansas City, Thursday. They will go from Kansas City to their home at Spearfish, South Dakota. Mr. Day is a brother of J. W. Day, and was some years ago a resident of Baird.

The people down about Buchen's store are very much dissatisfied with the star route mail service to that place. The old daily mail line to Cross Plains from Baird was discontinued on Janry. 1st and they only get mail now three times a week, and some of the gentleman from that place told us this week that is was just a "happen so" when they got their mail.

Self-denial is the one thing most difficult to inculcate and always hard to practice, especially when there are good things to eat within reach. But there is no self-denial necessary if you take Simmons Liver Regulator. It promotes digestion, prevents Dyspepsia and a dose after a hearty meal of delicacies will prevent any discomfort It's the best good night toddy.

To the editur: Please stop your blamd old Papeer i do not want it enny more, ive been taken it a yeer and you niver sed a wurd bout me and my folks in all that time. You cant writ wurth a shucks and cant spel wurth a durn, i am going to arkansaw enny how.

Good bye, Oofty Goofty! We'll bet you blow out the gas at the first hotel you stop at enrout to Rakensack, but we hope the porter or some one else will discover you before you kick the bucket and the Devil claims his own. By the way, you forgot to pay your subscription before you emigrated.

A light rain fell Monday night, which was followed by snow. The ground was covered Wednesday with snow four or five inches deep, though it began melting Tuesday evening, and Wednesday the streets were almost impassable on account of slush. The ground now has the best season in it that it has had for a long time and the out-look for the farmers in this county is good as could be at this time of the year. Wheat is doing well and without some mishap between now and harvest the yield will be the best we have had for years.

STOCK NOTES.

J. B. Cutbirth and J. R. McFarlane sold N. Forsythe, of Kansas, this week, 500 3 and 4 year old steers.

G. E. Nelson, of Baird, and Dan Jones of Belle Plalae, sold some steers to the same party.

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The following highly esteemed persons attest to the virtues of Simmons Liver Regulator: Gen. W. S. Holt, Pres. Ga. S. W. R. R. Co.; Rev. J. R. Felder, Perry, Ga.; Col. E. K. Sparks, Albany, Ga.; C. Masterson, Esq., Sheriff Bibb Co., Ga.; Hon. Alexander H. Stephens.

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Bennett Hatcher of the Prodigal office has taken a lay off.

It is mighty hard to write locals when everything is so quiet.

La Grippe has become so common that it has ceased to be a topic of conversation on the streets.

Do you need some nice unruled linen paper for your typewritter, if so THE STAR has it in stock.

Squire J. I. Rawson, of Belle Plaine was in town Thursday. The squire says the matrimonial market seemes blocked up his way.

Business is dull with our merchants this week on account of the recent bad weather and the impassable condiotin of the roads

Vith the present outlook for the wheat crop, we think a flour mill at Baird would pay handsomely. Can't we offer some inducements for some one to put in a flour mill.

I am still in the drug business and prepared to serve the public as usual. If you want anything in my line it will be to your interest to call and see my stock before you purchase. R. Phillips. 6 tf.

Buckner Orphan's Home, at Dallas, was destroyed by fire last Friday night, with a loss of seventeen lives. Eugene Black, aged 9 years, from this county, lost his life in the blaze. Subscriptions from all parts of the State are being taken up for the benefit of the Home.

We would like for some one to send us the news from the different neighborhoods in the county. It will help THE STAR of course, but it will help your neighborhod more. Write THE STAR a short crisp letter next week; we will be glad to get all such provided they get in by Monday or Tuesday.

Some lively religious debates occur at the carpenter shop of Brotherton & Alexander west of THE STAR office these days. Clint Brotherton and Jim Allen are generally mixed up in the scrimmage in some way. R. A Williams W. H. Simons and D. J. Click from the shops across the street occasionally come over and take a hand, then things become lively indeed. You can hear all phases and forms of theology discussed, and some times quite a crowd gather around to listen to the disputants.

Maj. McManis says he had been wanting to make a trip down to his ranch on the Bayou for sometime; so he took advantage of the fine weather last Monday and went down Monday evening. One can imagine his surprise when he got up next morning to find the ground covered with snow which kept falling faster and faster until it was several inches deep. The Major says there is nothing so uncertain as Texas weather, a conclusion that many old Texans reached long ago.

THE STAR job office has had a considerable run of work for the past ten days which has to some extent delayed THE STAR, but we hope to be up with the work by next week when we will be on time as usual. Job work it seems has a tendency to come in bunches and some times work as hard as we may we cannot get them all out instanter, but we come about as near it as any one can. We always try to make it a point not to let job work interfere in any way with the paper but it is impossible at all times to observe this rule.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For a good shave go to Geo. Dean, Patronize Geo. Dean's barber chair.

—For real bargains go to Stern's. 8tf

Hot roasted peanuts at Dean's. 4tf

Grape and apple cider at Dean's. 4.

School books at Nelson & St. John's

For nice fresh meats go to L. O Oliver's. 29 tf.

For nice home made lard go to Dean's. 4tf

La Belle carpet tacks 500 in a box only a nickel. H. Meyers 50tf

All of the latest periodicals, magazines, books, etc. at Speer's 4tf

Japinese carpet tacks in nice wooden box only 10 cts. H. Meyer 50tf

Bulk oysters, daily for family use cheap at the Palace Restaurant. 49tf

Nelson & John have a complete supply of art material. 34tf

If you want anything in the drug line call on Nelson & St John. 34tf

Go to Nelson & St John for your paints, oils, wall paper, etc. 34 tf

—Furniture and coffins at Sterns, H Schwartz, manager. 8tf.

WANTED—10,000 customers with plenty of silver. H. SCHWARTZ.

For a first-class shave or hair cut go to T. K. Brazell, at Rudmose' old stand. 42tf.

I have a splendid assortment of pocket cutlery. Call and examine my stock. H. Meyer. 1tf.

Beautiful line of glassware colored glass sets, beautiful as a dream. H. Meyer. 1tf.

I sell goods at give away prices. If you don't believe it, call and see. H. Schwartz 22 tf

Black Jack stove polish, finest in the world for parlor stoves, pipes ranges 3-4 lb can for only 10 cts.
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99cts. get 6 Cabinet Photos for a short time. 2tf

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Kavanaugh makes the best Photos in the west, come while the price is low—99cts. for 6. 2tf

Get the picture of your family while while they are cheap, 6 for 99cts. at Kavanaughs for just a little while. 2

The finest bread and cake that ever ornamented the table of a king—food for the angels—can be made from the flour Norton has in stock. 2tf

Capt. Trent guarantees his milk to be pure, and that if you want good sweet cream for your coffee or tea you can get it from his milk. 37 tf

Cattle, steers or cows, to pay a profit must have plenty of grass. I have splendid mesquite pasture lands at $2.00 to $2.50 per acre on easy terms. Will take horses, mules or cattle in part payment. A. G. Webb

There is a good thing coming and its coming mighty soon. It will be in your kitchen in fifteen minutes after you say, place it there and it will be a sack of the finest soft winter wheat flour that evercome to your home.
Julius Norton. 2tf

MARRIAGES.

WILLIAMS—MATTHEWS.—M. R. R. (Rusk) Williams and Miss Alice Matthews, daughter of John Matthews, of Callahan City, were united in marriage at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williams, in Baird, Sunday evening Janry. 17, 1897. Judge J. E. Thomas officiating.

ROGERS—KING.—Mr. Henry Rogers and Miss Nellie King were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. King in Baird, Wednesday, Janry. 20, 1897. L. O. Oliver, J. P. officiating

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. G. A. Jamison of Baird, to Miss Jennie Rushing of Abilene, one of Abilene's fairest young ladies, at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Abilene Wednesday, Jan. 27th, 1897. THE STAR, in advance of the happy event, extends congratulations and best wishes to the young couple.

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Few men really know when they are well treated.

The more you talk about business being poor the worse you make it.

Public men learn in time that it is better not to talk when they have nothing to say.

After all is said and done, a professional is often nothing more than an amateur run to seed.

The epochs of our life are not in the visible facts, but in the silent thoughts of the wayside as we walk.

If a man is so proud that he will not see his faults, he will only quarrel with you for pointing them out to him.

After a woman is thirty-five she ceases to prevaricate about her age, and begins to tell how young her children are.

People who isolate themselves soon form wrong opinions of the present and the future and are also apt to unduly magnify the past.

It is difficult to understand why relatives should have special claims on each other, beyond the right which all human beings have to fair treatment.

The women do not possess full suffrage in Kansas, but they secured more public offices in the last election than did the women of Utah or Colorado—twenty county superintendencies of public instruction, and all the offices, from mayor to chief of police, in two cities.

A novel lawsuit has just terminated in the court of common pleas, in Cleveland. On November 5, 1894, Humphrey Johnson shot and killed his wife Nellie, at their home in Collinwood. Then he committed suicide. Both had children by former marriages. The administrator for the wife's children sued the administrator for the husband's children for $10,000 damages for the killing of Mrs. Johnson. The jury brought in a verdict for $5,000.

In the heart of San Francisco is the city's principal cemetery, where are buried the bodies of her famous dead, and where loom up in the sky the grand mausoleums of her millionaire mining and railroad kings. A movement to bisect this cemetery with a new street has aroused much opposition, yet it is by no means certain that sooner or later the whole cemetery will not be moved to a quarter where the dead would cost less in real estate and taxes.

Latest Tacoma mail advices from China "state that the Russian government has secured permission from China to extend the Siberian railroad through Northern Manchuria, and also in case of war, to have possession of a warm water post on Chinese territory. These important concessions, it is set forth in the articles of agreement, are made in consideration of Russia's friendship to China in the settlement of the China-Japan war, in which settlement Russia prevented Japan from taking possession of Manchuria."

Daniel Mayer, the English musical agent, says America is the only country besides England where "great money" is made by musicians. On the continent charges for admission are small, and there are not so many big halls, consequently artists have to be content with lesser receipts. A fee of £50 is considered as something very high indeed for a single performance "across the water." The musical life is a very uncertain one, it seems. Only those who have made really big names make big incomes. A great many "big" vocalists and instrumentalists receive pupils, even while at the height of their popularity. Musical suns are apt to set very suddenly. Singers go out of fashion quickly and do not get into fashion again.

The Paris Journal des Transports publishes some interesting statistics showing the rapid development of electric tramways in Europe during the past year, "the number of lines in working order having increased from 70 to 111, while the total length of lines has gone up from 437½ miles to 564. Germany heads the list with a total length of 255 miles and 857 auto-motor vehicles, France being second with 82½ miles and 223 vehicles, while England is third with 67 miles and 168 vehicles, Switzerland coming fourth with 29½ miles and 86 vehicles. Bulgaria and Denmark are the only countries which have no line with electric traction. Of the 111 lines now being worked 91 are driven by wires overhead, while 9 have a central rail, 1 accumulators, and 3 an underground current."

Elizabeth Wood, the 8-year-daughter of a prominent merchant of Edenton, Va., lost her life while trying to save her playmate from the flames. The child was playing before a fire with another little playmate, and, stepping out of the room for a moment, she returned in time to see her playfellow endeavoring to extinguish her burning skirt. The brave child rushed to the rescue and succeeded in saving her companion, but in the excitement she herself caught fire and received burns from which she died within a few hours.

CULBERSON SWORN IN

THE INAUGURATION CONSUMED ONLY ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

The Ceremony was Very Simple and No Display Characterized the Proceedings. The Governor Made a Short Speech. Boats Collide.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20.—The house was sustaining the usual avalanche of bills yesterday when the doorkeeper announced the arrival of the "honorable senate."

This was the signal for the interruption of the routine proceedings for the beginning of the inauguration ceremonies.

Scarcely had those grave gentlemen from the other end of the big building been seated when the judges of the supreme court were announced. Judges Gaines, Brown and Denman came down the aisle arm in arm followed by Gov. Culberson and Lieut. Gov. Jester. Ex-Gov. Hogg and a few other notables brought up the rear of the procession.

The gentlemen ascended the speaker's rostrum and immediately Speaker Dashiell rapped for order, and Dr. Jackson, the chaplain of the senate, invoked divine guidance.

Immediately afterward Judge Brown read the oath to Gov. Culberson. The conclusion of this ceremony was marked with applause, and after it had ceased Gov. Culberson made a short speech.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20.—The senate met at 10 o'clock, yesterday.

A quorum was present.

Prayer by the chaplain.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

After wasting full thirty minutes wrangling over a new postoffice cabinet, the resolution authorizing the purchase of the cabinet was reconsidered and killed, and the senators will use the same old box that has served for a postoffice for several years past.

The senate took a recess until 11:40.

At 12 o'clock the senators marched to the house in a body to participate in the inaugural ceremonies.

The inauguration ceremonies lasted about thirty minutes, when the senators returned to their chamber.

Mr. Woods introduced a resolution that when the senate adjourns it do so in commemoration of the birth, ninety years ago, of Gen. Robert E. Lee. The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The senate then stood adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

Boats Collide.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 20.—A telephone message from Manager Higley of the Telephone company at Sabine Pass states that the ship John F. Kranz, which was loading lumber at the port, broke loose from her moorings and plunged into the side of the Anita Berwind, also loading lumber there. In the collision the mainyard boom was broken and part of the rigging of the Berwind was damaged to the amount of something like $300, or maybe more.

He reports that the wind was blowing a terrific gale and that the rain came down in sheets. The tide at the time of 'phoning was coming in rapidly, and indications were that it would not cease for two or three hours. The streets were covered with water, caused however, from the falling rain rather than the incoming tide.

The citizens were not at all alarmed as to their safety, as the Pass is as well prepared as any port along the gulf to stand heavy gales.

The Russian bark Melusine is loading floating timber at the mouth of the pass just opposite the lighthouse, and it is feared that a heavy loss of timber will be the result. Ther is one consolation, however, in the fact that the incoming tide will prevent any of the timber from floating out to sea. There have as yet been no reports of any lives lost or of any persons injured.

Later—The tide at Sabine Pass came up to within two feet of R. A. McKeyrolds & Co.'s store, but is now subsiding. The wind is from the northwest and the water will soon run out. It is feared that a large amount of square timbers will be lost.

Joe Barthelow on Trial.

Laredo, Tex., Jan. 20.—The trial of Joe Barthelow, city marshal of Laredo, charged with killing A. Y. Allee last August, attracted large crowds in the district court room yesterday. The state had two witnesses on the stand all day, who testified substantially that the deceased, A. Y. Allee, was sitting in a chair in the saloon with his coat hanging over his arm with no weapon; that Barthelow come up and said: "Old man, I want you." Allee asked "what for?" At the same moment Barthelow grasped Allee's right hand with his left and as Allee was in the act of resisting Barthelow stabbed him with a dirk and continued to stab until Allee fell dead to the floor with seven knife wounds on his person.

Escaped Jail.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Jan. 20.—Two prisoners escaped from jail here Monday night. They climbed to the top of the steel cage in which they were confined and made their way to the jail roof through a scuttle hole. They had a rope and some rubber hose, which they fastened to the chimney and by this means escaped to the ground. One was in on a charge of theft of a wagon, the other on a charge of theft of several hundred dollars, alleged to have been stolen five years ago.

Texas Legislature.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 19.—The senate was called to order at 10 o'clock yesterday by President Jester.

Prayer by the chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Harrison the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Tillett—Petition from citizens of Mitchell and other counties praying for a scalp law.

A messenger from the house announced the passage by the house of the senate joint resolution inviting Mr. Bryan to the capitol, and of the senate joint resolution referring to the counting of the vote for governor and lieutenant governor.

Mr. Darwin introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, that the sergeant-at-arms be authorized to keep an itemized account with each senator for postage and stationery. Also an itemized account of other contingent expenses of the same to the journal clerk on the adjournment of the twenty-fifth senate, and that the same be published in and become a part of the journal. Adopted.

At 10:30 the senate repaired to the house to go into joint session to count the vote for governor and lieutenant governor.

At 12 the senate returned and adjourned until 2:50 p. m.

Afternoon session: When the senate met yesterday afternoon the session was spent in the introduction of bills and resolutions.

At 3 o'clock the senate repaired to the house to go into joint session to conclude the counting of the vote for governor and lieutenant governor.

At 4:50 the senate returned. The president announced that if the senate desired it, it could remain in session a few minutes until the house passed the senate mileage and per diem bill.

At 5:20 a messenger from the house announced the passage of the senate mileage and per diem bill by the house.

The bill was at once turned over to the enrolling clerk, who was but a few minutes in enrolling it. It was then turned over to the president, who affixed his signature and sent it back to the house for the speaker to sign.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 19.—There was barely a quorum present when the roll was called in the house at 9 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain. The morning session was taken up by the introduction of bills and resolutions.

Afternoon session: Immediately after convening in the afternoon the speaker announced addition committee appointments. He further stated that additional appointments of committee clerks would be announced today.

The arrival of the senate was then announced, and the counting of the vote for governor and lieutenant governor was resumed. The count was finished at 3:05, and the result of the vote announced to be as follows:

For governor—Culberson, 298,528; Kenny, 238,692; Clark, 1876; scattering, 682.

For lieutenant governor—Jester, 306,244; Ashby, 230,863; Bradford, 2098; scattering, 495.

Culberson and Jester were formally declared elected to the office respectively of governor and lieutenant governor.

The senate then retired to its chamber.

The bill to make an appropriation for $110,000 for mileage and per diem was reported favorably, and the bill was passed under a suspension of the rules.

A Chattel Mortgage.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 19.—Wisrodt Bros., who have been doing a general hardware business on Market street, filed a chattel mortgage last night naming James R. Check as trustee, for the benefit of their creditors. The liabilities are placed at $13,663, divided into class A and class B. The amount of indebtedness due the creditors in class A is $12,515, which is to be paid in bulk. The amount in class B is $938, which is to be paid pro rata.

Little Girl Burned.

Aurora, Tex., Jan. 19.—A little 3-year-old daughter of Jim Rickman, a farmer living four or five miles southwest of this place, was seriously if not fatally burned early yesterday morning. Her mother stepped out of the house for a few minutes and on hearing the children screaming she ran in, meeting the little girl at the door and threw her skirts around her and at the same time she tore the dress from the girl. Mrs. Rickman while not seriously was painfully burned.

Double Killing.

Cuero, Tex., Jan. 19.—A grewsome spectacle was to be seen at Dinter's barber shop last night. Two brothers lie stark in death. The Pierce brothers, young men aged about 20 and 22, were shot down side by side, one killed instantly, the other died in a few moments, never speaking after the fatal shot was fired. No arrests so far, although the officers are losing no time, and it is thought they are on a warm trail.

Settled an Old Case.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 19.—The case of the state of Texas vs. J. T. O'Brien, charged with assault to murder, is an old one and has always attracted great deal of attention when put on trial. The case was submitted to the jury Saturday, but they could not reach a verdict until yesterday, when they came in with a finding, reducing the offense to a misdemeanor and assessing a fine of $100.

The West Point Academy has this year a class of 332 cadets, the largest in the history of the institution.

Sixteen are Dead.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 17.—The fullness of the horror of the fire at the Buckner Orphans' Home Friday night was not discovered and fully realized until daylight.

The fire, which commenced about 10 o'clock at night, and raged until the boys' dormitory was destroyed, did not cool enough for a search for bodies in the ruins until about 2 o'clock in the morning.

At that time it was thought that only five children had been burned to death.

When the ashes had cooled enough to admit of a search according to sympathizing friends and neighbors began the sad task of finding the bodies of the fire victims, but it was known, had perished.

The search had hardly been instituted when the terrible truth that there were more than five bodies in the ashes appeared. The search continued until dawn, when fifteen bodies had been found. The names and homes of the dead are as follows:

Oscar Jackson, aged 13, Dallas county; Birdie Britton, aged 13, Dallas county; Marvin Britton, Milton Britton (twins), aged 10, Dallas county; Carlos Jones, aged 5, Hunt county; Willie Richards, aged 8, Collin county; Grover Cleveland Yarborough, aged 13, Smith county; Preston Cribbs, aged 13, Fannin county; William Miller, aged 7, Lamar county; Virgil Nelson, aged 10, Marion county; Eugene Black, aged 8, Callahan county; Richard Marsh, aged 10, Denton county; Arthur Edwards, aged 10, Wise county; Lewis Jones, aged 4, Cherokee county; Ray King, aged 9, Indian Territory; Thomas O'Bannon, aged 6, died at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon from his burns.

Not seriously injured are: Dan Grace, aged 5, seriously burned over two-thirds of his body. He is not expected to live. Earle Doodle, aged 6, badly burned on the back, but has a chance for recovery. Charles Boyd Friend, aged 10, seriously and probably fatally burned on head, face, hands and arms, and injured on the head from jumping from the second story. Richard Turnwoldt, aged 12, seriously burned on head, face and neck and both arms and hands. Sudie Britton, aged 17, hands burned and ankle sprained from a jump from the second story. Walter Blockington Yarborough, aged 8, both hands burned. Bennie Ware, aged 11, seriously burned over half the surface of his skin; not expected to live. Jim Scott, aged 10, burned on both legs. Samuel Henderson, aged 10, burned about face, hands and arms; not considered fatal.

Santa Fe Officials Visit Texas.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 18.—The visit of Paul Morton, third vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, but who is supposed to be very close to the throne; W. B. Biddle, freight traffic manager, and F. C. Gay, the Topeka general freight agent, is looked upon as indicating a revival of railway improvement in this state and preparation for increased traffic from the northwest. Mr. Morton said that despite the hard times the business of the Santa Fe system had increased during 1896. "We had a large movement of port corn and other grain into the state," he said, "which went through the port of Galveston. The enormous increase in the volume of business is coincident with the deepening of the approaches to Galveston so that vessels of the deepest draught can enter without difficulty. We look for a still further increase this year. Being nearer the grain producing district than New York, there is every reason why Galveston people should expect at no distant day to become one of the largest grain exporting points in the country."

Expensive.

Gascon—Here, waiter what do you mean by charging me $1 for your lemonades? Waiter—Beg pardon, sir; but you had ice in them.—Philadelphia North American.

Damage Suit.

Taylor, Tex., Jan. 17.—On the morning of Jan. 3 Albert Bisong and his daughter, Lillie, of Taylor, while en route to the International and Great Northern railroad depot at this place, fell into an excavation on Main street and both sustained painful injuries. As a result of this accident Mr. Bisong Friday entered suit in the district court of Williamson county at Georgetown jointly against the International railroad and the city of Taylor for damages to himself and daughter in the sum of $10,000.

Roof Gives Way.

New Caney, Tex., Jan. 17.—Saturday, while the carpenters of the Houston East and West Texas railroad were removing the old depot, one of them, Mr. John Pounds, was on the roof when one whole end of the top fell with him, throwing him across a large piece of square timber, causing considerable suffering. Indications are that he is injured internally, his head striking the railroad iron, cutting an ugly gash, but from this his suffering is not very great.

Patriotic.

"We are about to lose the schoolma'am boarder," announced Mrs. Hashcrack; "she is engaged to a young farmer." "Patriotic, isn't she," said Cheerful Idiot. "How?" "She loves her country, doesn't she?"—Indianapolis Journal.

Worse.

"There's a rumor in the congregation," said the deacon, "that you went slumming when you were in Albany." "It is a slander," replied the parson. "I merely attended one meeting of a legislative investigating committee."—Truth.

Boys are Burned.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 16.—A sad accident occurred at the Buckner Orphans' Home last night. The boys' building belonging to that institution burned to the ground and following named children perished in the flames:

Bertie Britton, aged 14 years; Marvin and Milton Britton, the twin sons of the matron of the boys' building, aged 9 years; Carlos Jones, aged 6 years; Eugene Black, the son of the matron of the nursery department, aged 9 years; Willie Richards, aged 9 years.

The fire occurred between 9 and 10 o'clock so far as could be ascertained from Dr. R. C. Buckner, who said further that before Mrs. Brittion, the boys' matron, retired for the night she had the boys clean out and prepare a stove situated in the room just under her room for the morning fire. This was her usual custom.

She had been in bed but a short time when she smelt smoke and immediately jumped up to investigate. Even then the floor under her feet was almost too hot to stand on. Perceiving this, she immediately raised the alarm and runners were sent to all the rooms to alarm the children and get them out of the building as quickly as possible. In her anxiety to get the children out of the building she neglected those who were in her own room. These were her three children, Bertie, Milton and Marvin Britton, and one little boy who had been granted special permission to sleep with her last night. His name was Carlos Jones.

After seeing a large part of the other children had been removed from the building and that the others would be out in a minute more she suddenly remembered her children, and, running to her room, endeavored to rescue them. She was too late, however. The fire had already entered the room, and although she fought the flames with desperate zeal she was compelled to retreat with the affrighted cries of her children ringing in her ears, knowing that they were doomed to a certain, swift and horrible death.

The building, with all of its furniture, was entirely destroyed. None of the other buildings on the place were even damaged. The drummers' artesian well was running, and steam being yet in the engine-house, connection was affected with the well, and this building, together with all of its machinery, although dangerously threatened on more than one occassion, was saved with little or no damage.

Not a girl was injured. They occupied a brick building and it was not even touched by the fire.

Destroyed by Fire.

Tyler, Tex., Jan. 16.—A very destructive fire occurred here yesterday morning at 3:30 o'clock, in which three brick buildings and contents were almost destroyed. The fire originated in the Carlton & Shockey printing establishment and rapidly spread to the other buildings. The buildings were owned by Thomas J. Wiley, and were insured for $2500 in the Scottish Union and $2500 in the North British and Mercantile; tenant rent insurance for $1400 in the Pennsylvania.

The buildings were occupied on the lower floors by I. H. Crutcher, Jr., as a feed store. Loss by fire and water $1500, partly covered by insurance, and E. H. Hardin, grocer, badly damaged by fire and water; Foman, the tailor, badly damaged by water. One of the most complete law libraries in East Texas, belonging to Whitaker & Bonner, together with their office furniture, is a complete loss, with only $2000 insurance. At this time of writing it is impossible to give anything like an accurate estimate of the amount of the different losses.

A Cynic's Wish.

We wish a man could preserve joy in cans like tomatoes, and use it when scarce. When a man does find joy he usually finds enough to can use all at once.—Atchison Globe.

Surrendered Himself.

Groesbeeck, Tex., Jan. 15.—Wednesday Joe Barber, who was indicted for killing J. L. Wood, in this county, in September, 1883, came in and surrendered to Sheriff J. B. Crosham, and by agreement of counsel was admitted to bail in the sum of $7000. Immediately after the alleged killing Barber was arrested and placed in jail, and remained there for nearly a year, when he mysteriously made his escape. For fourteen years he has been out of reach of the officers in their attempt to capture him.

Making Their Own Pasture.

In eastern Australia a hundred million sheep and great herds of cattle and horses are fed upon pastures covering flat ground which thirty years ago was a desert of soft sand, so "rotten" that the feet sank deep at every step. This once worthless ground has been beaten into compact soil by the feet of the sheep and cattle, and it is believed that other great desert expanses in Australia may be turned into productive pasture and in a similar manner.

He Disappeared.

Hillsboro, Tex., Jan. 16.—Thursday, while hunting in Ash creek bottom, near Irene, about sixteen miles southeast of here, some hunters came in sight of a man camped, with a horse and buggy. About the same time they flushed a covey of quail, and several shots were fired. At the sound of the firing the man took to his heels, and disappeared in the brush. The matter attracted the hunters' curiosity, and they went down to the deputy sheriff at Irene, who went to the bottom and took charge of the horse and buggy.

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CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

"What! Jeannot believing in a ghost? That is strange indeed!"

"He declared that he had seen it half a dozen times; that it was always at such a place, and that it carried a shovel and strange flames danced along its pathway. I laughed at his credulity, till suddenly he turned and dared me to accompany him, to have proof given me by my own eyes."

"Dared you, Felicie? Could old Jeannot have been so insolent and impudent?"

"Oh, he was perfectly respectful; and remember, I had stung him to retort by my raillery and unbelief. He called to me at sunset, as I was on the terrace, that the apparition had passed, and I might see it return if I would hasten to the forest. So I went, mamma."

The countess looked startled.

"It was fortunate the count was absent; what would he have said?"

"Ah, but I knew he was not here, and I trusted to obtain your forgiveness. Yes, mamma, I went with Jeannot, and I saw the ghost."

"You are jeating, Felicie!"

"Not at all; I certainly saw the dark figure, with the spade over his shoulders, and a weird circle of blue light followed him, or, rather, surrounded him. Don't let Jeannot dream of it, but I was truly frightened. It is really very strange, especially if, as Jeannot asserts, there is no trace of human working in the forest, for we heard the blows distinctly."

"This is extremely singular; it must be investigated at once. I did not tell you the rest that your father wrote. He said all Paris was in a ferment of secret agitation. The Assembly are at their wits' end how to remedy the disastrous condition of the whole country; the lower classes are sullen, and have been detected in a vast organization for some unknown purpose. He bade me charge M. Pierre to keep jealous watch over our peasantry, and forbid their leaving the place, or receiving strangers, who might spread among them the incendiary disaffection of the larger towns. I was in hopes there was no need of the caution, but this story of Jeannot's alarms me; of course I reject the supernatural part of it, but that a stranger is lurking around here cannot be doubted, if you have seen him with your own eyes. Ring the bell, my love; I will speak to M. Pierre at once."

"I wonder my father did not write to M. Pierre his instructions; he knows how disagreeable the man is to you," observed Felicie, as she obeyed.

The countess did not answer; she was gazing thoughtfully upon the floor.

"I will send for Jeannot, too, after M. Pierre is gone," she said at length; "we must neglect no possible precaution."

"Why do you fear, mamma? I am sure we have no one on the estate but would willingly risk his own life to save yours, or mine, either, for that matter."

"I was not thinking of myself, Felicie, but of your father; I fear he is not liked by any of our people. He does not understand, or sympathize, and is impatient with them sometimes—I fear they call him a harsh master."

"I am sure I cannot blame them; often and often have I blushed in shame for him, and glowed with indignation for them," answered the candid daughter.

The crimson tide swept over the countess' face, as though it were her own sinfulness Felicie had alluded to.

She waved her hand deprecatingly, and Felicie knew that insinuations against her father would not be listened to.

"Here comes the adorable M. Pierre—I hear that mincing footstep of his. Put on your stalest dignity, mamma. If the peasantry bear malice against others, I am certain they could tear him limb from limb. I am sure it is like a snow-blast whenever he comes near me. Ugh! one must endure loathsome things now and then I suppose."

"Hush, Felicie! M. Pierre is your father's confidential agent."

"But you despise him—you know you do, mamma! Why may not one speak the things they cannot help thinking?"

There was no opportunity for answering. The door was noiselessly unclosed, and a middle aged man, dressed in a tightly fitting suit of snuff colored broadcloth, with silk stockings of the same color, and shining steel knee buckles, came forward, bowing with a singular mixture of servility and audacity.

The low obeisance sail plainly—I respect your rank; you are my lady, the countess. But the bold eye and supercilious smile added—you detest me, but I do not care. I am necessary to you, mamma. Let me do or say what I will, you are powerless to send me away.

"You sent for me, my lady—you wish to speak to me," said he, in a smooth, oily voice, bowing once more.

"You are right—I wish for a few moments' conversation. Be seated."

One who had lately seen her gentle and affectionate deportment in the previous conversation with her daughter could not have imagined that queenly dignity was in the power of the Countess Languedoc to assume.

She waved her hand toward the chair beyond her, and M. Pierre, with the shot one swift glance of defiance toward her, accepted it.

"I have received letters from the count, as you are aware, M. Pierre. He desires you to keep rigidly observation upon all that occurs around us. For urgent and sufficient reasons, he wishes you to prevent any of our people leaving the village, and especially charges you to keep away all strangers from meddling with them."

"Humph! I might as well try to empty the basin of the Mediterranean," said M. Pierre, in a querulous tone. "I should like to see the letter, my lady."

The cheek of the countess flushed.

"I have given you his messenger, M. Pierre, word for word; there is no more in the letter which concerns you."

"Just as your ladyship pleases, I suppose; but if the count were here, I should know what has led to such singular commands—you are quite well aware of that."

The words themselves were not so irritating as the man's manner; the countess seemed to change into an icy statue.

"I am not aware that the correct fulfilment of your master's commands requires any further enlightenment, M. Pierre; at all events, you will receive none from me."

"At least you will refrain from meddling with me," said the man, with suppressed anger. "I cannot manage the obstinate brutes if they are allowed to run to you for redress every half hour."

"I shall not hinder the execution of the count's wishes. I shall certainly allow you to use unnecessary harshness with our good people," answered she, with icy calmness.

"I thought the question of your interference was settled some time the count was away," said M. Pierre, with a malicious glance of triumph.

A little glow burned a moment on her pale cheek, and then died out, leaving it whiter still. She had not yet forgotten the humiliating scene when her unfeeling, tyrannical husband had allowed this brutal wretch to trample upon her rights. She had interfered between his angry violence and one of the most faithful of the peasants, and the count had reprimanded her in the very presence of her unworthy opponent, when the latter had carried to him his audacious complaints.

Felicie, with flaming eyes, sprang to her feet, but her mother's restraining hand held her back.

"M. Pierre," said the countess, in that severe, icy tone, "my husband has peculiar ideas concerning the authority of an overseer over the peasants; I have yet to learn that he will sanction insolence, from that overseer, to the Countess Languedoc."

M. Pierre cast down his eyes, and twirled his hat in silence.

"I wish to ask you concerning these rumors about a strange man with a spade, seen in the Little Forest. Taken in connection with those instructions from the count, it grows significant, and I desire to have it investigated."

M. Pierre's sallow countenance took a still dingier hue.

"An old woman's story, got up by that old driveller, Jeannot!" exclaimed he, testily.

"Then you have heard about it?"

"I could not keep my ears open, your ladyship, and not hear. Some one or other is chattering about it continually," was his hasty reply.

"I conclude that you give the story little credence, by your tone."

"Certainly not; it is all manufactured by the superstitious fools."

"You do not think that such a man has been seen?"

"No one in their senses would believe it. No one of them has ever seen such a man at all," was the decisive but over vehement reply.

The countess kept her calm eyes on his face.

"Jeannot is not given to idle stories. I wish, M. Pierre, you would look into the matter, and sift it out thoroughly."

"But, my lady, I assure you there has been no such man seen by any one."

"M. Pierre, Lady Felicie saw him with her own eyes this very night."

M. Pierre with difficulty repressed an oath; his face was fairly convulsed with his efforts to hide his chagrin and confusion.

"I am overwhelmed with astonishment," stammered he; "of course I cannot doubt Lady Felicie's word, but when one is frightened, imagination can go a great way."

Lady Felicie's red lips curled, and she could scarcely hold her quivering voice to calmness as she interposed:

"Though I were ever so terrified, M. Pierre, it would not be likely that my companion and myself should have seen precisely the same apparition."

"You had a companion?"

"I did. We both saw a dark figure with a spade on his shoulder passing along the forest path."

He sat a moment in silence; then crossing himself with a sanctimonious air, exclaimed:

"Jeannot must be right, then; it is a ghost or le diable himself!"

"I think you will find the ghost a substantial one; at all events, I wish you to investigate the matter, and I shall write the count to hasten home to attend to it himself. Now, I wish you good evening, M. Pierre."

The overseer made a low bow, and was evidently glad to get away. The moment he was gone, Lady Felicie said impressively,

"Mamma, the detestable man knows more about the ghost than he pretends. I vertily believe he is at the bottom of it all."

The countess looked perplexed and annoyed, but wisely refrained from adding to her daughter's agitation.

CHAPTER V.

As the days went on, the excitement increased concerning the mysterious digger who haunted the Little Forest. M. Pierre made an ostensibly thorough research, and ended by declaring if such a visitor actually came, it must be that it was by supernatural means.

The countess apparently accepted this decision, and the spot was given a wide berth by the peasantry, especially compelled any of the peasantry to approach that locality; while the servants at the chateau grew perfectly frantic with terror, and could not be induced to leave the mansion after sunset for any purpose, however urgent.

The count's arrival was anxiously looked for by all, except M. Pierre, who for reasons of his own was extremely delighted at the unexplained delay. But neither the count, nor any courier or message came.

"Felicie," said the countess, energetically, one afternoon when the whole household had shown signs of demoralization, "this will never do; we must find some means to lay the ghost or discover his mortality. I begin to despair of your father's return, and M. Pierre is either purposely indifferent or egregiously stupid. Have you courage to accompany me on a secret visit to the Little Forest? We must work so adroitly that no one will know we are absent from the chateau."

Felicie looked up into the calm, courageous face with a smile, although she shivered a little and turned pale.

"Oh, yes, mamma; I can go anywhere with you, and I feel convinced M. Pierre is at the bottom of it all. But cannot you take Jeannot?"

"No, my love, we can trust each other, but how much farther we can trust our confidence one dare not affirm. We shall be sure of a secret investigation if we go alone. I apprehend no danger, for we will endeavor to keep from sight; and I shall take a brace of the count's pistols with me—you know I am an excellent marksman if we are molested I shall not hesitate to use them."

Felicie reached up to kiss the grave, calm face.

"Ah, ma chere mere, you can be so grand and stately when you choose, I wonder if our beautiful Austrian queen is any more royal in her bearing. Who would think of the Countess Languedoc setting forth on such an errand? What would my father say?"

"He cannot reasonably be angry when he has left me alone in this contingency with no safer protection than M. Pierre. I confess his absence alarms me. But for that peremptory prohibition of his I should ride to Frejus and consult our friends there. But the extraordinary state of the whole country requires utmost caution, and undoubtedly he can judge better than I of the danger that menaces us all; therefore I prefer to hide by his instructions. What time does the goblin usually appear?"

"Just after sunset—a suspicious hour for a ghost, but indeed the apparition had a most supernatural look. I am afraid your courage will evaporate as mine did."

"We shall see. Give no hint of our intention to Felicie, but tell her you will not need her assistance for the evening, not even for disrobing. I will keep a watch on the rear entrance, and you must give strict surveillance to the front. It is important to know whether M. Pierre is in the house or not, before we leave."

"How calmly you arrange matters! Dear mamma, I am certain nature meant you for a heroine; you shame my trepidation."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A Man with the Clock Pad.

The most ordinary circumstances may lead to the development of a fad. About ten years ago there died in New York City a man who went by the name of "the clock miser." At his death he was living in an old, rickety house, poorly furnished, with the exception of some 400 clocks. When the man was young he was junior partner in a mercantile concern and was obliged to be at his desk promptly, so he bought a Swiss clock and set it up opposite his bed. Doubting its accuracy, he bought another clock of German make and interested himself in keeping them together, studying their mechanism and the points of difference. From time to time he bought other clocks and, ceasing to care for them for their real use, valued them as curiosities and ornaments. As years passed the whim grew upon him and finally he had clocks in everything but his clocks, dropped his friends and lived alone in the dingy house, with his hundreds of ticking clocks for company. He talked to them as though they were human beings.

Or Cud an Ax.

A Georgia man applied for a divorce on the ground that his wife "had whipped him in the presence of company." The jury granted him a divorce, returning the following verdict: "In the opinion of this here jury the wife committed a grave offense in publicly whipping the plaintiff. She should have taken him to the barn, or to a room, when whipping was necessary."

Not a Bit Neighborly.

"Did you have nice neighbors in your flat, Mrs. Spy?"

"On the contrary, they were extremely disagreeable. They always hung out their washing here we couldn't get even a glimpse of it."

In Italy widows vote for members of parliament.

Australian Cattle and England.

In his annual report to the legislative Assembly, Mr. Alexander Bruce, chief inspector of stock for the department of agriculture, New South Wales, does not view very encouragingly the establishment of a trade in live stock between Australia and Great Britain. He says in effect: "The trade, which at first bid fair to assume some importance, has turned out a failure, principally from the following causes: (1) The cattle after the first few shipments were ordinary bush cattle, not broken to be tied up and unaccustomed to cultivated food; (2) through effect of the drought, very few prime cattle were to be had, and instead of prime well-bred young cattle, a great deal of comparatively old, large boned, second rate cattle were shipped; (3) instead of being well rested, watered and fed, after long journeys by rail, they were put on board in a starved and fevered state direct from the trucks; (4) in loading them into cattle ships in many cases very roughly handled, and there is no doubt numbers of them seriously injured themselves before they were tied up in their places; (5) the space given them was in a good many cases insufficient for the proper accommodation, care and cleanliness of the stock; but (6) the principal reason for want of success and discouragement as regards the trade in the future is the low price which the beef and mutton of cattle and sheep slaughtered on the ports of debarkation (which it must now all be) in England brings. The very best American is now sold at from 4d to 5d per pound. This has been caused by an enormous increase in the importation of stock, principally cattle from the United States, Canada, and the Argentina, but mainly from the Argentina. The greater portion of the defects noticed could no doubt be remedied, but if a very considerable rise in the price of this class of beef and mutton does not take place in England, there is little or no prospect of Australia with the long voyage, comparatively high freight, and heavy expenses for forage and insurance, ever being able to compete with Canada or the Argentine, or even the United States."

Some Inquiries on Sorghum.

The Department of Agriculture has sent out blanks for answers as to the sorghum crop. It is hoped that every reader of the Farmers' Review that receives one will not fail to fill it out. The questions are as follows:

1. What experience have you had with sorghum as a forage crop?
2. What methods of seeding, cultivation and harvesting have you followed, and with what results?
3. How do you store and how feed it?
4. To what kind of stock have you fed it, with what results?
5. How does it compare with corn as to yield, cost of production, feeding, value and effect on the land?
6. Have you ever noticed any bad effects to stock from feeding on the second growth?
7. What has been your experience in feeding the seed?
8. What varieties do you consider the best for forage and the best adapted for your region?

The questions are of interest and the Farmers' Review would like to have them discussed in its columns. Let us hear from our readers that have been raising the above-mentioned crop.

Latent Fertility.

In the older districts and states of our country the question is, "How shall we restore the fertility of our lands?" The question here should be, how shall we prevent the further depletion of ours? for it is much easier to prevent depletion than to restore fertility when lost. Luckily for us, nature is very cautious and conservative in her gifts to her children. If one generation were permitted to use up all the plant-food their inclination might lead them to do, and thus exhaust the soil entirely, it would rob the next generation and become a bar to human existence. But nature has so arranged as to give us timely warning of decreasing fertility, and long before we arrive at total soil exhaustion we reach the point of unprofitable cultivation, and when we have cropped our lands till their fertility has been reduced to a minimum, nature has carefully and wisely kept back in the great storehouse of the soil plant-food for generations to come. It is this resource, thus kept back inert and unavailable, that enables us to be saving clause in the construction of our soils.

Move the Butter.—Because money is easier is no reason why holders of cold storage butter and eggs should leave their goods in storage any additional length of time. These goods should be moved and moved about as rapidly as possible. Even good times in this country will not increase consumption sufficiently to take care of the surplus butter. It must be exported, and exports from our seaboard were not satisfactory so far as butter is concerned last week. More must move out.—Ex

Let the nests be in a dark place. The hens like it better and are less liable to acquire the habit of egg eating.

The only way for the farmer to resist the trusts and combines is to unite on some plan of action.

The poultry business is not being over-done. It is not easy to get an over-supply of fresh eggs.

The family of the farmer should be well supplied with all kinds of fruit.

Lay plans for a good kitchen garden next spring.

Stop up the cracks in the poultry house.

Attend the dairy conventions.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

EXTRACTS FROM A LENGTHY DOCUMENT.

He Touches Upon the Work of the Past Two Years—Taxation of Life Insurance Companies Cited as One Means to Increase Revenue.

Executive Office, Austin, Tex., Jan. 14.—To the senate and house of representatives: The constitution directs that at the commencement of each legislative session the executive shall by message give to the legislature information of the condition of the state and shall recommend such legislation as may be deemed expedient. In so far as it has been affected by the operations of the state government the past two years the condition of the state exhibits substantial and marked improvement.

The new laws have operated successfully and beneficially; immigration has been encouraged, and the population has materially increased; while taxable values have declined in the general national depression, it has got down to such extent as in other states; high charges have made it a field for the investment of capital has been maintained and strengthened; the laws have been enforced with diligence and energy; the educational institutions have been fostered and enlarged; all benevolent, charitable and penal institutions have grown in usefulness.

The condition of the public schools and other educational institutions should be regarded as the most satisfactory and gratifying progress. During the term a deficit of $547,690.50 in the public free school fund has been discharged and the school vouchers, which were lacking discounted, are now promptly paid on presentation.

Life insurance companies, principally chartered by and domiciled in the state of New York, have for years done a large business in this state. The excess of premiums over losses paid these companies by the people of Texas for the year 1895 was $2,471,192. The premiums which our people paid three New York companies for the past ten years amounted to $18,644,124.85, and the policies which they paid aggregated only $4,947,569.51. The excess in premiums, the sum taken out of the state in that time, was $13,696,555.34, less inappreciable commissions paid the agents, and is greater than the total taxable values for 1896 of either of the great counties of Bell or Collin. This drain might be more sufferable but for the manner in which it is squandered by the officials of the companies in the most scandalous salaries, perquisites and incidentals. The presidents of some of them receive higher salaries than the president of the United States.

It is not surprising when this and other kindred matters are considered that the substance of the state is being drained to the east, and it is the duty of the legislature to adopt measures to arrest it.

In this state debtors may not prefer creditors in a statutory assignment, but, unless they be corporations, may do so by payment or sale of property, by chattel mortgage or by trust deed. Preferences except for wages, taxes and the like are not allowed by assignment, or, it is believed by any other method, in Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin or Wyoming. In Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Indian Territory, Indiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah and Virginia preference in one form are legal, and in New York they may be made for wages and to the amount of one-third the estate.

The right to prefer creditors is claimed by its advocates upon the ground that the debtor should be permitted to do as he pleases with his own, and that in special cases he should be allowed to pay those who have befriended him when in distress. It should be remembered that at the bar of equity his title to the property is not absolute, but is qualified by his duty to discharge his debts, and the plea of favoritism can not be admitted, though persuasive, because all creditors, to the extent of their claims, have done the debtor the same service, dollar for dollar, in the loan of credit or extension of credit. Opponents of this practice stand on more logical and higher ground. What property the debtor may possess is distinctly due to all his creditors. In the exact proportion of their debts they have made it possible for him to acquire the estate, and upon every principle of justice they should share equitably in its distribution. In mercantile transactions often property, unpaid for and upon which a creditor has an equitable and moral lien for the purchase money, is transferred in preference to another creditor entitled to no greater consideration. Disguise it in whatever sophistry in the chapers of sonscience, this is despoiling one to enrich another, and is the rule which permits it should not be tolerated.

She Was on to Him.

Mrs. Bubblejoy—I am sorry, sir, but I heard to-day that you never pay your bills.

Poet Overflow—It's only a rumor.

Mrs. Bubblejoy—If you were only a roomer it wouldn't be so bad, but you eat more than any one in the house.

To Family Fitter.

Little Dick—Is this the filtered water?

Little Dot—I don't know. Taste it.

"It tastes like coal oil."

"Yes, that's filtered."—Street & Smith's Good News.

PLANETARY SIGNS.

GOOD AND EVIL PERIODS IN HUMAN LIFE.

Readings by Mail Becoming a Popular Feature of This Department—Further Instructions to Applicants—Free Readings.

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The following are the readings for this week:

Inez M: Avoca, Iowa.

According to the data the sign Libra, which Venus rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Venus is your ruling planet or significator. You are medium height or above; graceful figure; medium dark complexion; blue eyes; chesnut hair; rather a youthful appearance in general. Your are usually cheerful, jovial, youthful and happy; fond of the fine arts, as music, painting, drawing, sketching, etc.; you take delight in going to theaters, parties, dances, and any place where a good jolly time will be had. You are quite yielding in your nature and very much dislike to see bloodshed. You love to see justice rendered to all and would make a good teacher or judge. You will have a very eventful life and be great traveler. You will be promised an early marriage but your husband will be a model man and marriage will be far more than average fortunate for you. Space is too limited for me to give you his description here.

S. A. C: Clarksville, Iowa.

According to data you are a mixture of the signs Scorpio which Mars rules and Sagittarius which Jupiter rules, therefore Mars and Jupiter are your ruling planets or significators. Saturn is co-significator because on the ascendant. You are medium height or above; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; full face; the hair grows very luxuriant. You are very energetic and ambitious; you naturally take the lead in anything you become interested in. You dislike a subordinate position of any kind and should always be at the head of your department. You will be subject to chronic headaches in the early part of life. You have a fine intellect and can readily learn almost anything. You also have very good command of language. You are quite secretive in your nature and do not tell everything you know. You should secure a finished education and make a salaried position your main object by which to secure your money. You will not be very fortunate in anything connected with love and marriage.

"Lorene:" Topeka Kansas.

You have a refined, sensitive and confiding nature and anything rough or boisterous jars on your nervous system and has a tendency to reduce your vital force. You will manifest considerable enthusiasm with very little encouragement and will appreciate and treasure up a kind word to the same extent that you will remember an injury that anyone makes you. You will forgive but cannot forget them. Your talent runs in the direction of some of the fine arts but whenever you have made any attempts to study anything you have found it necessary to overcome obstacles in your path. You are a firm friend on every occasion. Your love affairs do not run smooth long at a time and if married, your husband has a spirited temper and will not permit anyone to interfere with his business no matter if he is right or wrong and as a rule he is not able to successfully execute what he plans.

Nice, Pleasant Practice.

Policemen went to the morgue in New York the other day and fired many bullets into corpses there for the purpose of learning if powder burned the skin at a distance of three feet.—Exchange.

STATISTICS.

The largest state of Mexico is Chihuahua, with an area of nearly 90,000 square miles.

The Vermont Legislature has adopted a law requiring heavy wagons to have wide tires.

Bowling, billiards and card playing are unlawful in Michigan, according to some bad-boy statutes.

Joe Jefferson's son possesses an album of thumb prints, some of which belong to very famous people.

SHE AND HER PARENTS.

There's a house a few miles from the city
I frequently linger outside;
'Tis the home of a maid who is pretty,
A maid I would like for my bride.
I fear that I never shall win her,
My passion is hopeless and mute,
I'm sure that her parents would skin her
If they thought that she smiled on my suit.

Her eyes are the purest and brightest
That ever encouraged a hope;
Her skin is the softest and whitest
That ever shed luster on soap;
Her hair is the richest and goldest
That ever a hairdresser dressed,
And her parents are surely the coldest
A heroine ever possessed.

Her voice—it's a mezzo soprano—
Would make even Patti afraid,
And the way that she plays the piano
Puts Rubinstein quite in the shade.
More perfect she is than perfection;
Resign her I can't, and I won't!
And she looks upon me with affection,
But her parents—oh, bother them—don't.

They intend her to marry a title;
They want to address her, "Your Grace,"
They've made up their minds this is vital;
Which scratches me out of the race.
Nor do I, in theory, blame them;
She's worthy a duke, I aver.
It's true I'd be puzzled to name them
A duke who is worthy of her.

Oh, I know she's beyond and above me;
I deserve to be hung, I'm aware,
For presuming to think she could love me,
But I don't altogether despair.
For my heart undergoes an expansion
When I think, what I'll tell you about,
Of that night when I called at her mansion,
And her parents, God bless them, were out.

When I think of the way she received me,
Of the way, and the words, that I spoke,
Of the way that she blushed, and believe me,
Of the sixpence we solemnly broke,
Of the mutual hope we confided,
As we blended our voices in song,
And that rapturous kiss we divided—
Well, her parents can go to Hongkong!
—Idler.

A Rheumatic's Museum.

A Fifteenth ward man who has been a lifelong sufferer from rheumatism has a queer collection of alleged "cures" arranged in a neat cabinet. One shelf is devoted to a series of small, wrinkled objects which look and feel like large pebbles. They are not pebbles, however, but potatoes which have become almost petrified through being carried a long time in the pocket of the rheumatic gentleman. Each potato is marked with a small label bearing some such inscription as this: "Carried from Nov 12, 1878, to May 18, 1880. Very efficacious." The collector claims that the potato carried in the trousers pocket has proved to be the best of the many remedies he has ever tried. He carries one potato until the return of his rheumatic twinges seem to testify to the decline of the tuber's curative properties. Then he takes a new potato, and locks the old one up in his cabinet. On the other shelves of the cabinet are several shriveled horse chestnuts, a string of amber beads, a dried up rabbit's foot, the right foot of "an eastern sho' crow," a number of iron finger rings, a few horseshoe nails, and several other odds and ends. "All these things seem to have given me more or less relief," says the collector.—Philadelphia Record.

The Signs of the Times.

The office boy, with his legs curled round those of the chair, was tilted back in the corner gloating over "The Midnight Murder; or, The Milkman's Mystery," when a visitor entered. The boy had heard his step through the passage, and was calmly expecting him when the door opened.

"Is the guv'nor in?" asked the visitor.

The boy looked at him with an almost contemptuous expression, and was slow to reply.

"I said," snapped the visitor, "is the guv'nor in?

"That's a pretty question to be askin me, ain't it? Don't you know he ain't?"

"How should I know?" inquired the astonished caller.

"By lookin at me. Do you think I'd be tucked up here readin this book if the old man was in? Well, I should say not—hardly. Come in again tomorrow."

And the boy once more plunged into the amazing adventures of the mysterious milkman.—Strand Magazine.

The Tie.

"Help!" he shrieked.

He clutched wildly his throat.

"Help!"

He clutched his throat until his wife came and tied his four-in-hand for him, after which he quietly finished dressing.—Detroit Tribune.

The total number of applicants for pensions from 1861 to 1894 was 2,674,843. Of these, the number of claims allowed was 1,397,606; the total amount of disbursements during that time was $1,717,275,718 26.

Rhode Island, although the least of the states, is strong in manufacture, employing 85,976 hands and producing $142,500,625 worth of various lines of goods.

The manuscripts of the fifth and twelfth centuries were written with very good black ink which has not shown the least signs of fading or obliteration.

All that is good in art is the expression of one soul talking to another, and is precious according to the greatness of the soul that utters it.—Ruskin.

Gallon was originally a pitcher or jug, no matter of what size.

LOST.

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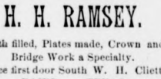

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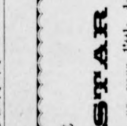

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