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ANOTHER RACE RIOT,
White and Black Miners Have a
Deadly Clash in Alabama.

and two others seriously shot.
James Johnson, a well known young
sporting man, was killed.
William Boyd was shot twice, break-
ing his right arm just below the knee.

THREE MEN DEAD.

Leader of the Negroes Killed in
the First Valley - Winchester
Used on Both Sides - Sit-
-tion Still Critical.

Birmingham, June 28.—Three negroes
are dead and one is not expected to live
as a result of a riot between the white
and negro miners at the ore mines near
Cliff in Jefferson county.

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was thought that John Sheppard, who
was the chief of the white miners, had
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They all belong to a secret organiza-
tion known as the "Knights of Africa"
or the "Mysterious Ten." They keep
rifles and ammunition on hand at all
times. It was in the afternoon that
they gathered in Glasgow Hollow, al-
though with what intention is not
now known.

Infidential citizens say that the ring-
leaders are now out of the way and they
hope to manage the other negroes. Ed
Ellis, the head of the band and holding
the chief office in the secret organiza-
tion, was shot in the chest and died
before his death, telling them not to
believe what the white officers had told
them and swearing that he for one
would get even with the white officers,
who Monday at the point of a shotgun,
ordered him to disperse the gang.

Shortly after the riot Sheriff O'Brien
left here with 100 armed men. He now
has the situation in hand, the riot
being, although late reports say the
situation is extremely critical and that
the negroes are talking of avenging the
death of their leaders.

THE PROSPERITY OF
SOUTHERN STATES.

Remarkable Advancement Made in Man-
ufacturing and Development En-
terprises in Six Months.

Chattanooga, June 28.—That the
south has for some time been making
remarkable strides in the field of legiti-
mate manufacturing and development
enterprises has been fully recognized,
and some detail of this progress for the
first six months of this year are of more
than passing interest. The Trade-
Journal, Tenn., has carefully com-
piled a report of the new industries au-
thoritatively reported for the second
quarter of 1899, and this report shows
that the new industries for the quarter
ending July 1, 1899, exceeds by 60 per
cent that of the same period last year.

From Beckleridge county, Ky., the
peppermint plant, a new industry, is
reported. Lancaster, Ky., is negotiating for
the installation of a waterworks system.
The blackberry crop in some sections
of Kentucky is reported almost a com-
plete failure.
Henderson, Ark., has a building boom.
In Bradley county, Ark., the worms
are doing great damage to the corn
crop.
The Christian congregation at Texark-
ana, Ark., will build a \$7000 church.
It is expected that trains will be
running into Magazine, Ark., over the
Cherokee railroad by July 4.

The potato crop in Arkansas is a
short one, and the commission men
seem to have combined to keep prices
down. Growers are correspondingly
unhappy.
Feghionhouses of two railroads were
destroyed at Toledo, O., with a loss of
\$300,000.
Bismarck a Public Agency.
New York, June 27.—A dispatch to
The Herald from Pekin says: G. A.
Fliche, interpreter of the French legation
here, was struck by a Chinaman,
and is suffering from the result. The
French minister demands a public apology
from the tuncu li yamen.

Architects Want Jobs.
Austin, June 27.—There is considera-
ble activity among the architects of the
state who are anxious to be employed
to prepare plans and superintend the
construction of the different new build-
ings whose erection was provided for by
the late legislature.

Killed in a Runaway.
Little Rock, June 24.—Mrs. Thomas
B. Martin, wife of Chancellor Martin of
this county, was driving, was killed
in a runaway accident here. Chan-
cellor Martin, who was driving, was
thrown out of the vehicle, but not dan-
gerously hurt.

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fice, or write for terms. J. H. Walker,
City.

HENDERSON LYNCHING

Two Members of the Mob Tell of
the Crime.

GO INTO DETAILS.

Names of All the Men Revealed and
the Plans as Carried Out Told.
Courtroom Packed to its
Fullest Capacity.

Athens, Tex., June 27.—The prelimi-
nary hearing of the 10 men who are
charged with participating in the
lynching of the three Humphries in the
Trans-Cedar district on the night of
May 23, began here yesterday. Court
convened for this purpose at 9:30 in the
afternoon and the oldest men of the lo-
cal bar cannot recall an occasion when
more persons have assembled in a Hen-
derson county courtroom. There was a
perfect jam.

Polk Weeks and John Greenhaw made
confessions implicating the others on
trial. These men gave the minutest de-
tails of the commission of the crime
which has sent a thrill of horror every-
where.
Stolidly indifferent to the bewildering
interrogatories of the cross-examiner,
the two men told their stories and re-
fused to change so much as a word.

Despite the sharp admonitions of the
army of deputy sheriffs, the great throng
of spectators, men, women and children,
stood upon the benches outside the bar
and drank in every word with open-
mouthed wonder. To them it rivaled in
fascination any detective story ever
written, and they are discussing its de-
tails and features with the greatest am-
bition.

It is believed that the hearing will
continue several days, but, be it long or
short, there are many hundreds of Hen-
derson county agriculturists who will
not return to their homes until the last
word has been uttered on the witness
stand and Justice Averitt has settled
the question of whether or not the ac-
cused shall be released on bail.

There was no conflict in statements
of the two men who made confessions.
John Greenhaw said the mob was
composed of himself, Joe Wilkinson, W.
A. Johns, Bob Stevens, John Gaddis,
Walter Wilkinson, W. B. Brooks, Polk
Weeks, Arthur Greenhaw, Sam Hall
and Mahan.

He said Wilkinson came to see him on
May 23, to go and look for Patison.
They were to meet about a mile from
there.
They started at late bedtime. His
brother and himself went to meet the
crowd.

HENRY PLANT DEAD.

He Had Been in Poor Health but His
Death Was Unexpected.
New York, June 26.—Henry Bradley
Plant, president of the Plant Invest-
ment company, controlling the great
system of hotels and railways on the
west coast of Florida, and the line
of steamers from Tampa to Havana, died
suddenly Friday night at his residence in
this city.

Mr. Plant who was in his 60th year had
not been in the best of health for sev-
eral years, but except during brief
intervals of illness, was actively en-
gaged in the direction of his vast enter-
prises up to within a few hours of his
death.

On Thursday evening when he reached
home Mr. Plant complained of suffer-
ing from internal pain from a disorder
from which he had long been suffer-
ing. His condition was somewhat
worsened during the night but no alarming
symptoms manifested themselves until
a few minutes after noon Friday, when
it became apparent that he was sinking.
He soon lapsed into unconsciousness,
heart failure developed and he passed
quietly away.
Mrs. Plant was with her husband at
the last. His only son, Morton Freeman
Plant, was out of the city, but was in-
formed of his father's death and soon
arrived.

Warding Off Bull Storms.
Rome, June 24.—Experiments have
been in progress here during the past
two weeks in warding off the use of
artillery those disastrous bull storms
which each year do such an enormous
amount of damage to the vineyards and
crops throughout the kingdom. The
experiments have been successful, and
in the returns just published by the war
department here the case is cited of a
bull storm, which having devastated a
number of vineyards in the neighbor-
hood of Montefratto, was about to de-
scend upon the vineyards of another vil-
lage, when the storm cloud was broken
and a light rain descended instead of
bull.

Colonel Sumpter Dead.
Hot Springs, Ark., June 24.—Colonel
J. J. Sumpter, one of the most promi-
nent citizens of the state and for 40
years a resident of this city, died here
of nervous prostration after a lingering
illness. Within the last three years
Colonel Sumpter had a large fortune
swayed away and his reverses proved upon
his mind until, two weeks ago, he be-
came violently insane. He was born in
Warren county, Mo., and served through
the war in the Confederate army.

Rev. Brady Daily Hurt.
Hillsboro, Tex., June 23.—News
received here from Grandview that Rev.
J. D. Brady, formerly pastor of the
Cumberland Presbyterian church here,
was badly hurt in a peculiar acci-
dent. He got tangled in the lines some-
how and fell under his horse and it step-
ped on him, breaking two ribs and dis-
locating one of his shoulders. The
wounds are serious, but not necessarily
dangerous.

The Robber Caught.
New York, June 24.—Detectives ar-
rested the Boston bank robber as he
alighted from a train at the grand cen-
tral station. The stolen money, \$10,000,
was found on his person. He gave his
name as George Shea and said he was
21 years old. His real name is Philip
Gambale. He lives in Chicago and is a
well known crook.

All Convicts Liberated.
Tahlequah, I. T., June 24.—The Cher-
okee executive council has liberated all
the criminals in the Cherokee peniten-
tiary. There were 16 serving terms of
from 1 to 15 years. This action was
taken on account of the Curtis bill pro-
hibiting any more convicts under the
Cherokee laws. The office of national
jailer was also abolished.

A Queer Verdant.
Scranton, Miss., June 24.—We the
jury, find the deceased came to his death
by climbing a tree, venturing too far
out on a limb and breaking his neck.
Such was the verdict of the coroner's
jury in the case of Daniel Patrick who
was trampled here Wednesday morning
for an assault on Miss Bessie Ireland.

Officially Indorsed.
Philadelphia, June 27.—Germany has
officially indorsed the international
commercial congress project, to be held
under the auspices of the Philadelphia
commercial museum, and will have an
official delegation present at the open-
ing of the congress on Oct. 10. Eou-
dor's acceptance has been received and
that of the government of Prince Ed-
ward Island, Canada.

Apprehended in Wyoming.
Minneapolis, Tex., June 27.—Sheriff Apol
of this county reached here from Col-
lins, Wyo., with A. E. Tathoox, wanted
on a charge of forgery.

ROADWAYS OF STEEL.

POINTS OF SUPERIORITY OVER MAC-
ADAM.

Cheaper to Construct and Maintain
and Are Practically Indestructible.
Great Increase in Power - Sample
Lines in Operation.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is
an enthusiastic advocate of steel track
wagon roads, and he believes that they
will eventually supersede the mac-
adam and other macadam highways. Sec-
retary Wilson is of the opinion that the
steel road is specially adapted for the
traffic of the western states, and he
strongly urges and advises the authori-
ties of new and thriving towns of the
west to investigate the merits of the
steel track system before expending
money in permanently improving their
streets and roads.

The government already owns three
steel track wagon roads, which were
built for the purpose of proving their
advantages by actual tests. One of these
is at Alton, Ill., at the home of the
secretary. After being subjected to all
sorts of practical trials for a couple
of years it is pronounced a success.
During the Transmississippi exhibition
at Omaha the government constructed
a steel road so that the results of its
workings might be seen by a large
number of people.

The road consists of two parallel lines
of steel plates, eight inches wide, laid
at a sufficient distance apart to receive
the wheels of vehicles of the standard
gauge. These plates have a slightly pro-
jecting flange upward on the inner edge
to prevent the wheels of ordinary ve-
hicles which have no flanges from easily
leaving the track. The flanges being
only one-half inch are not of a height
to prevent the wagons from leaving the
track to pass ordinary vehicles. These
steel plates are not supported by wood-
en cross-ties or stringers of any kind,
but are provided with flanges project-
ing both inward and outward, by
means of which they are made secure.

Another road has been built at St.
Anthony's park, Minnesota. This is
considerably shorter than the other two,
being but 150 feet in length. Although
cross-ties are not needed for supports,
the two plates forming the track are
connected at intervals with rods for the
purpose of preserving a uniform space
between the plates and also to provide
rigidity. The road, when properly finished,
contains no perishable material, as
heretofore used and thought necessary,
but forms a smooth, firm and compact
mass, harder and more durable than
a road can be made of any other ma-
terial.

The three great advantages claimed
for this style of road, by the agricul-
tural department are: First, that the
steel track wagon road can be built
without greater cost in most cases and
probably with less cost in many cases
than any other hard and durable road;
second, that it will last many times as
long as any other kind of road and with
much less repairs; third, that the power
required to move a vehicle over the
track is but a small fraction of the
power required over any other
kind of road. The experiments with
steel roads have been conducted under
the direction of Martin Dodge, the chief
of the special division of road improv-
ment of this department. In speaking of
his work Mr. Dodge said:

"Although our steel roads have not
yet been used for any length of time, we
termined exactly what they will do, we
have been convinced that they are far
superior to the dirt and macadam
roads. A load of 11 tons required 30
horse power to haul it over a macadam
road. The same weight was drawn
without great difficulty by one horse
over a steel track road. This load was
23 times the weight of the animal, and
still he started and moved it without
trouble.

"The steel tracks would prove popu-
lar with bicycle riders, and their use
would permit of the extension of rural
mail delivery points not ordinarily
within the reach of carriers under the
present conditions.
"The cost of constructing the short
test roads was \$100,000. The cost of
material was \$150,000, but this is much
in excess of the necessary cost when
built in longer sections. The price will
also be reduced after the rolling mills
are equipped with suitable rolls to get
the shapes desired.
"It is probable also that the weight
of steel may be considerably diminished
below that heretofore used, without
materially lessening the value of the road.
Before making a positive statement as
to what the proper weight should be
some time must elapse during which
we can make observations of the wear
of traffic on the rails already down. It
seems probable, however, that a rail
weighing 30 pounds to the yard, one-
fourth of an inch thick and one-half
inch wide, would be a proper weight
and fit to give a continuous bearing,
will prove sufficient. This would
bring down the cost of the steel to about
\$1,500 per mile, and there is every
probability that time and experience
will show that that estimate is a liberal
one.

"Of course, the cost of actually lay-
ing the track must be added to this, as
well as the expense of bringing the road
surface up to it in such a manner as to
preserve the surface of the road even
with the surface of the steel rail. Al-
though an equal amount for that pur-
pose, which is without doubt sufficient,
the road complete could be built for
\$3,000 a mile."

Roads on a State Island.
At the close of the year 1899 it is
computed that there will be 100 miles
of improved road and driveway on
the State Island under the provisions of
the law of 1890, which authorized such
construction, for which the county of
Richmond has heretofore issued bonds
for more than \$1,125,000. The expense
of their maintenance is about \$75,000
a year.

Lockhart, Tex., June 27.—The 3-year-
old child of Mr. Cliff Chaston, living a
few miles from town, was carried to
death. The child sat in clothing on fire
with matches while at play. It died in
great agony.

Apprehended in Wyoming.
Minneapolis, Tex., June 27.—Sheriff Apol
of this county reached here from Col-
lins, Wyo., with A. E. Tathoox, wanted
on a charge of forgery.

GOEBEL THE WINNER.

Nominated for Governor of Kentucky
on the Twenty-Sixth Ballot.

STONE LAST MAN.

Hardin Held His Forces Well into Line,
but Goebel Was Too Much for
Him—The Convention Not
Yet Adjourned.

Louisville, June 28.—William Goebel,
who with an iron grasp has ruled the
Democratic state convention since it as-
sembled nearly a week ago, was nomi-
nated for governor on the 26th ballot
after a contest unparalleled in this state
for bitterness and determination on
the part of the winner, for skillful ma-
nipulation. The end of the long, ex-
hausting fight brought a reasonable de-
gree of harmony to the factions which
have been warring their fight relent-
lessly and battled for every inch of ground.
Nearly everybody joined heartily in
a demonstration when his candidate ap-
peared for the first time before the con-
vention to accept the nomination and
return his thanks.

The Goebel forces held the opposition
closely down to business all yesterday,
forcing continuous balloting, defeating
them when they showed signs of weak-
ness and sought a sine die adjournment,
compelling a vote on a proposition to
drop the hindmost man on each ballot
after the 25th, and came out of the
final trial of strength shortly after 10
o'clock last night. Stone was dropped
on the 25th ballot and Hardin proved
unable to control enough of the Stone
votes to win. The scenes during the
last ballot were dramatic, though not
so exciting as many in which the dele-
gates had participated.

After the nomination the convention
enjoyed a few minutes of relaxation
and reconciliation. Speeches were
made by Congressman Wheeler, Judge
Tarrin and other managers for the
three candidates and the theme of all
was "get together and win."

Ex-Senator Joe Blackburn concluded
the speechmaking with a few words of
exhortation. He praised the nominees
warmly, expressed confidence in the
success of the party in November. He
paid his respects to the few scattered
remnants of the Indianapolis conven-
tion, and urged his hearers to "fall in
line for Bryan and silver in 1900."

The convention adjourned until this
morning when the ticket will be com-
pleted.

Louisville, June 28.—The benignity
of the delegates to the state Democratic
convention to all appearances passed
with Monday night. Chairman Redwine
yesterday ordered the 14th ballot for
governor without arousing a word of
protest. It proceeded in a handrum
way, the candidates dividing the vote
just about as they have from the start.

The conference between the Stone and
Hardin managers lasted until late last
night without bringing them any nearer
an agreement. They have nothing in
common to save except opposition to
Goebel, and that does not appeal strong-
ly enough to their followers to bring
about a working agreement. The whole
contest still swings around the imperi-
ous Kenton county man, who from the
start played a hand coldly and skill-
fully and has not yet lost a trick.

HENDERSON LYNCHING.

The Examination of Witnesses Still Go-
ing on at Athens.

Athens, Tex., June 28.—The trial of
the ten men accused of lynching the
three Humphries was continued on
yesterday. Public interest has waned
and not half as big a crowd was present
as on Monday. John Greenhaw was
again on the stand and his cross exami-
nation was continued. The defense
tried to show that there was an ac-
cumbent between John and Arthur
Greenhaw as to what they would
swear, but failed to do so. The
witness again recited every detail of the
hanging giving time and place of all
that transpired that night. He
stuck to his story without a stammer
and cleverly evaded all the traps set by
the defense. He testified fully and freely.

For hour's an almost ceaseless stream
of interrogatories were poured into
Greenhaw's ears. He stuck to his story.
At no time or by any means could he
be induced to change it.

Polk Weeks, who told Monday after-
noon the first story of the midnight
visit of the mob, was recalled to the
stand by the defense.
Weeks displayed remarkable courage.
He too refused to change any of his testi-
mony.

It is not believed the testimony will
be concluded before the end of the week.
Alexander Jester Identified.
Shawnee, O. T., June 28.—John W. W.
Gates, president of the American Steel
and Wire company, has arrived here
from Chicago and identified Alexander
Jester as the man who killed his brother
28 years ago. Jester denied his guilt at
first, but gradually broke down. He
will be taken to Missouri for trial.

Killed in a Runaway.
Clarksville, Tenn., June 28.—A tele-
phone message from Guthrie, 15 miles
north of here, states that Mrs. J. M.
Felts, wife of a prominent planter, was
killed by a runaway accident here.
Yellow Fever at Santiago.
Santiago, June 27.—Two new cases of
yellow fever and four deaths from the
disease are officially reported here, mak-
ing a total of 35 cases and 11 deaths.
The army surgeons now think they have
the fever under control.

Receipts of New Wheat.
Denton, Tex., June 27.—The receipts
of new wheat at the Alliance mill Sat-
urday, established a record, the total
amount weighing 15,000 bushels.

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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor.



'The Stars and Stripes Forever.'

With Lawton and Wheeler in the Philippines, we may expect some real war over there this summer.

The Americans have no difficulty in thrashing the Philippines, but the trouble with the pesky boogers is they won't stay thrashed.

McKinley has at last consented to send Gen. Wheeler to Manila. Now if Private John Allen, of Mississippi, could be induced to enlist, the Philippines would throw up the sponge at once.

McKinley, not to be out-done by Bryan, will from now on swing around the circle and look after the republican fences, that Billy Boy has been endeavoring to pull down for the past six months.

The whole state is anxiously watching the end of the trial of the Henderson county lynchers. The time has come when the people of Texas should crush mob law with an iron heel. The victims of this murderous mob were dragged from their homes in the night and murdered without cause. Every member of that lynch mob richly deserves hanging, and it is devoutly hoped by every law abiding person in the state that they will get what they deserve.

For several days we have been expected to hear Gilliland's speech at asking the Sunday school children of Texas to contribute to a fund for the flood-stricken people of South Texas, but all is quiet at Baird and only the bull frog's base voice can be heard on the banks of the far famed Lytle.

Informally for Leeman, his criticism is neutralized by the action of the people of Bracketville. They announce through the press that they do not need outside assistance, and have returned all the money sent them by Masonic fraternity. It seems that the grand master of masons went off half-cocked in his appeal for aid, just as Leeman went off half-cocked in circulating Shook and Gilliland for neglecting to call for help for people that had not asked for it.

A populist leader not long since proposed to copyright the initiative and referendum to prevent the democracy from stealing it. It looks as though the pope will have to get a move on them or the democrats will have not only the initiative and referendum, but the impetuous mandate as well. Now THE STAR defended the silver plank in the last democratic platform because the democrats had the best right to it, but we'll be hanged if we can or will justify the theft of the populist's last hope, the initiative and referendum and imperative mandate. The populist have some rights that the democratic leaders must respect or there will be war in the democratic camp. We have all the populist doctrine we can afford to take, and by the way, most of it is pretty good democracy, but THE STAR draws the line at the initiative and referendum and the imperative mandate, not so much because it is not good doctrine as because we oppose wholesale stealing of another political party's platform.

Governor Sayers has called a conference of governors to assemble in St. Louis in September on the Standard Oil trust, but has failed because he could not obtain the support of the state administration. To show how sincere is the fight against trusts the Republican state convention of Ohio a few weeks ago laid this same attorney general out on the cooler for his "pernicious activity" against the trusts. That the republicans of Ohio been sincere in their desire to put the "fixins" on the trusts they would have renominated the only republican official on record up to date that has made any effort to suppress the trusts. The instructions to the legislators by the republicans in Ohio to put the "fixins" on the trusts certainly will not fool any voter in Ohio who is really opposed to trusts, because the action of the Republican convention in retiring Mott's allies all their high sounding resolutions against trusts.

THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL FAIR.

Dates Fixed for October 28th to November 8th Inclusive.

As is generally known to most of our readers, a Fair is to be held in the City of San Antonio this fall, the dates having already been fixed for October 28th to November 8th, inclusive. These dates do not conflict with those of the Texas State Fair held at Dallas, that Fair closing on October 25th.

The management of the San Antonio International Fair Association has been very liberal in the matter of premiums; their premium list footing about \$130,000 in cash. The main idea the Board of Directors and management of the San Antonio International Fair Association has been constantly kept in view is that this to be, as far as possible, a Live Stock and Agricultural Fair and out of the \$130,000 set aside for premiums, \$11,000 of that amount will go to exhibitors of live stock and farm products, this amount being nearly one-half greater than has ever been given by any other fair association in the State for premiums in the line above mentioned.

The Association has already received the catalogue and premium list from the hands of the printer and will be glad to place a copy of same in the hands of every stock raiser and farmer in the State who might be sufficiently interested to make an exhibit at the Fair. This is not a local Fair, not believed to any section of the State, but competition is open to the world. Of course, the main idea is to develop the resources of Texas, and to that end it is hoped that the exhibitors will be numerous from every section of the State. Mexico has also been invited to make an exhibit which will prove an attractive feature of the Fair.

The Association offers something like \$10,000 in purses for runners and harness horses. The other attractions which the management of the Fair hope to secure will be given to the press for publication from time to time.

The directory of the San Antonio International Fair Association is composed of the best business men of the Alamo City and it is confidently believed that a Fair at that point can be held second to none in Texas or the South, which will result largely to the benefit of the people of all Texas, and it is for this reason that the management solicit the hearty co-operation of all persons from every section of the state.

The management will be pleased to give stock raisers, farmers and others intending to make an exhibit full and complete information through the Secretary at San Antonio, Texas.

S. M. Vernon has sold his interest in the Comanche Chief to his partner, S. J. Thomas, and will move to Brownwood, having purchased the Brown Valley News. If there are any better turn their plowshares into blades and be prepared for the ex-Chiefman for they are sure to have trouble with him.

The army will be increased to two hundred thousand men, and some say it will take that many troops to quell the insurrection in the Philippines also. Then let congress increase the army to two hundred thousand if necessary. The people of the United States have never crawled before civilized or savage foes, and they will not do so now.

Other cities and towns are waging a war against filth, but Baird seems content to drag along in the same old rut. The streets and alleys of Baird are not in much worse condition than usual, but a little cleaning up would improve the appearance of the town. Rooks, rats, and cats and loose papers can be seen in every street in town. In the alleys things are much worse; trash and filth of all kinds, with here and there a dead cat or chicken can be seen. The Bible says cleanliness is next to godliness. Judged by this standard Baird is a long ways from the kingdom. It is time to clean up, if we have any regard for the health and appearance of the town.

THE MOTT CASE.

The last case in the tragedy in which J. F. Rush lost his life, was enacted yesterday morning when W. N. Mott, the slayer of Rush, left for the penitentiary to serve a life sentence.

It was a sad and pathetic scene; his wife and children weeping because of the cruel fate that robbed them of husband and father. Whatever may be said of Mott and his family, they are certainly not to be blamed, and for them nothing but the deepest sympathy is heard.

There was a large crowd gathered at the depot to witness Mott's departure, and perhaps some realized for the first time what a serious thing it is to take the life of a human being.

To some Mott's punishment may seem severe, but had his condition it is infinitely better than the condition of the man who was hurried into the presence of his Maker without a moment's warning. A little forbearance on Mott's part at the time of the killing might have averted the tragedy that cost Rush his life, Mott his liberty, and his family untold anguish.

PROTRACTED MEETING.

Rev. Hensler, assisted by A. L. Jobe, of Putnam, is conducting a series of meetings in a tent near the Court House.

Rev. Hensler is a man of considerable ability as his sermons indicate. He has an emphatic way of stating his interpretation of the scriptures that impresses one that he is thoroughly convinced that he is right. We like to hear a preacher talk like he is convinced of the correctness of his own position whether we agree with him or not. Rev. Hensler certainly does this. Several people from Putnam are attending the meetings, which will continue some time yet.

THE LAND OF ROSES.

Southern California Reveals in Blooms Just Now.

The month of roses will soon be here, and all over the country, even in the northern parts of Maine and Minnesota, the bushes are in bloom in the most fully tended gardens. But in southern California every month is a month of roses. Just now, however, while the people of less fortunate sections are anxiously watching their few dozen buds, the residents of the Pomona valley are moving about through a sea of roses whose fragrant perfume colored waves break clear to the house tops.

It is difficult for people who have never seen the rose trees and bushes of southern California to realize what a wealth of bloom they get forth at this time of the year. The most delicate rose, the rarest Marechal Niel and the most royal Marie Van Houtte grow beside the door of the lowliest mountain cabin, while climbing roses of the most exquisite variety clamber with tropical luxuriance up the sides of old farms and even adorn deserted outcrops and horse corrals.

In some localities there are literal thickets of La Marque, rainbow, Clare Carnot roses that would each winter season bring hundreds of dollars to their careless owners if the floral crop could be gathered and sold in New York or any eastern city.

On the roads into Los Angeles and about Pomona there are in the aggregate fully a mile of thick hedges of Marechal Niel, Cherokee and Jacquemont roses. In the season of blossoming the air is in many valleys heavy with the perfume of roses.

The remarkable luxuriance of roses, as well as all varieties of vegetation, in southern California is accounted for by the fact that rarely is there a touch of frost, and the soil, in itself of exceptional richness.



The rose, in its varieties of color and form, is a most beautiful and useful plant. It is a native of the mountains of the Himalayas, and is now cultivated in all parts of the world. The rose is a symbol of love and beauty, and is often used in perfumes and cosmetics.

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COUNTRY HIGHWAYS.

ECONOMY OF GOOD ROADS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED.

Success of the Movement inaugurated by Wheelmen—Farmers Now Recognize the Value of Improved Highways.

Wheelmen must be credited with the first organized movement for the improvement of our rural highways. It must be admitted that they wanted better roads that their cycling trips might be rendered more pleasurable, but it must also be acknowledged that in qualifying their arguments for their highways they have done in part of the basic rules of domestic economy.

They started with the idea in view of having our country highways improved so that a trip would not entail a scramble through ruts, mud, rocks, uneven and poorly drained surfaces and generally unridable thoroughfares. They will get by proving to the satisfaction of farmers that first class highways mean vastly increased loads, hauling at all seasons of the year, saving of time and all at a positive saving of cash outlay.

In these states the most bitter and the most bigoted opposition to highway improvement was encountered. This opposition at first was so obstinate and so well organized as to seem invulnerable, but the wheelmen, with characteristic energy, continued their unceasing agitation, until the defense began to weaken. Later some of their strongest opponents became convinced that the bicycle riders were economical in actual annual cash outlays for road building. Hereafter it has been the general custom for counties and townships to appropriate a certain amount each year for road building, which was more than a farce. The money so appropriated was used principally in paying salaries of overseers, who directed the Public Domain in the matter of road building. The Legislature has just passed an act placing 200,000 acres more of the Public Domain on the market for sale as school lands in 10 years time at 3 per cent interest, which act will take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature.

DO YOU KNOW what when the forfeited list of school lands will be sent out by the General Land Office to the Public Clerk of each county placing each forfeited section on the market for sale again.

DO YOU WANT a copy of the State of Texas book giving the full text of the Statute law in regard to the purchase of Public Free School Land, together with the resources of the various sections of the state and statistics in regard to them of great value to you.

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U. B. A. J. B. Anderson organized Baird Lodge No. 75 United Beneficial Association last Tuesday night at the Old Fellows Hall. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. A. Brerthorn, President. S. M. Moon, Past President. R. A. Speer, V. President. J. N. Hasting, Chaplain. C. H. Mahan, Secy. and Treas. T. S. Morgan, Sentinel. Jno. B. McCarthy, Conductor. Trustees: E. R. Sartor, R. A. Speer, S. M. Moon.

D. C. Walker was up from Jones' ranch, Monday. Will Beatty and Brooks Cochran, of Cottonwood, was in the city Wednesday.

See the Jeweler locals of W. E. Miller in this issue. He is located at the Backus Store, 1st door south of T. E. Powell's, Baird, Texas.

Mrs. J. E. Gilliland received a telegram yesterday morning informing her that her brother, Frank Tanner, was dying at Putnam. She went to Putnam on the morning train.

Try Bro. Phillips' Ant. Poison. It is a never failing destroyer. Two applications will destroy any ordinary bled. One application destroyed an old pad on the paragonite lot. C. W. Irvin, Pastor Methodist Church. 30

The Misses Loyd who were drowned near Lampasas last week were relatives of Mrs. J. A. Scott, of Baird. They resided for a time at Baird some fifteen years ago, so Mr. Whitley informs us.

PUTNAM POINTERS. The school meeting Monday night was well attended. The committee on finance reported something over \$800 already subscribed. A committee of seven was appointed to select a location and draw plans and specifications for the building. Dr. John Collier of Baird, made a very interesting talk. Prof. Evans of Ranger, also made a short talk, which was well received. Meeting adjourned to next again next Monday night.

Mrs. W. L. Pillars died last Saturday night at Live Oak Gap and was buried at Cottonwood Sunday.

Several Putnamites took in the Hensler meeting at Baird last Sunday.

Rev. John Collier, of Baird, preaching at the M. E. Church Sunday evening and evening.

Y. A. Orr made a flying trip to Cisco Sunday.

Fishing parties are all the rage. They report plenty of fish with muskies on the side.

Mosses are still very numerous around Putnam.

Prof. Hall, of Cross Plains, and Ross Norton, of Cottonwood, will teach a class in wood usage beginning July 15th. These gentlemen are on to their job and worthy of patronage.

Mrs. Wood will also teach a class in instrument music, beginning on the same day.

Uncle Perry Hutchison returned from Arlington last week, and reports his brother better.

Rev. L. Gough, of Merkel, preached at the Christian church Saturday and Sunday nights.

County Attorney J. W. Woods was in the city Monday.

C. I. Spleights came down Sunday on a visit to his (?) uncle.

J. F. Melton brought in a four-horse load of fine potatoes one day's work and sold them to one of our leading merchants. Mr. Melton is an up-to-date farmer and believer in diversified crops.

Mrs. L. N. Simmons is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Ruak Tanner is very sick at the residence of J. J. Sigler.

Miss Annie Nelson, formerly of Baird, is visiting Miss Mary Shackelford. HAPPY JACK.

THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC EXCURSIONS.

The Texas and Pacific Railway Company gives the following cheap rates: Ticket agents Rio Grande, Eastern and Trans-Continental divisions; Texas Baptist Sunday School and Colportage convention at Fair, July 20-24.

For the above occasion agents Ableue to Texarkana inclusive (both divisions) are authorized to sell tickets at rate of one fare for the round trip, maximum rate to be \$5. Agents west of Ableue to El Paso inclusive will add one fare for the round trip to Ableue to the \$5 maximum charge from Ableue.

Dates of sale: For Rio Grande July 18 and 19, for eastern and Trans-Continental divisions July 15 and 20. Final limit July 25.

Ticket agents, Cisco to Texarkana inclusive (both divisions): State Teachers' association (color ed), meeting at Houston June 20-30.

For the above occasion you are authorized to sell tickets at rate of \$5 for the round trip. Dates of sale June 25 and 27. Final limit July 2.

PASTURES POSTED. We are very seriously damaged by parties hunting and fishing and otherwise depositing in the pastures owned and controlled by us, and we are compelled to forbid the same and have posted said pastures.

W. E. BRADSHAW, F. L. ALVORD, FRANK E. ALVORD, R. D. WILLIAMS, H. D. WILLIAMS, J. N. ALVORD.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Reported A. W. Smith's team (number 1023, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1024, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1025, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1026, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1027, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1028, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1029, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1030, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1031, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1032, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1033, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1034, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1035, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1036, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1037, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1038, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1039, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1040, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1041, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1042, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1043, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1044, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

Reported J. H. Cochran's horse (number 1045, a white mare, Texas on May 15, 1898, the following described horse and mare, about 16 years old, 14 1/2 hands high, bay color, feet black, brown away with white markings on lower legs, and red and white on the hind quarters of June 4, 1898.

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