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MORE FLOODS.

Central and South Texas Devastated by Rain-storm, Property loss very great. Some loss of life reported.

The daily papers in the fore part of the week were full of reports from all over Central and South Texas of floods of water extending all over the broad, low river bottoms in that section of the state. The financial loss will run into the millions, according to latest trustworthy reports, and the loss of life is very large. Many of the inhabitants of the bottoms where converging stream met, were literally caught in a trap and drowned. The dead carcasses of live stock were carried down in great numbers. All was done for the water bound people, toward assisting them to escape, that could be done; boats of every description were picking them up here and there where found, and transferring them to higher ground and safety. All crops were swept away or totally destroyed. Bridges of every description have been carried away to the number of about 2000, one county alone losing as high as 200. Eye witnesses can hardly describe the awful devastation wrought by the waters, and outside aid is needed to prevent starvation of many unfortunate people who have lost their all. All passenger and freight traffic over the rail roads of that section was suspended during nearly the whole of the week; but is now resuming its regular schedules.

THE FOURTH IN SAN ANTONIO

The nation's birthday was observed in becoming style Tuesday in the Alamo City. Two separate and distinct celebrations were on tapis, one at San Pedro Park under the auspices of the old Confederate and United States veterans, the other under the auspices of the Catholic Central Union at Riverside Park. At both places the programs were interesting and patriotic, and were participated in by thousands of citizens and visitors. Hon. Joe Bailey spoke at Riverside Park to an enthusiastic audience and was booked for a talk at San Pedro but failed, because of an unavoidable accident, to arrive in time. The programs consisted of parades, marches, sham battles, cake walks, patriotic speeches, dances, races, fire works, etc., etc. The display of fire works was on a larger scale, and more beautiful than all former displays of this character. Taken all in all, the celebrations met with the most sanguine expectations of the promoters.

NO RIGHT TO UGLINESS.

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BAILEY'S VIEWS

On The Philippine Question

Hon. Joe W. Bailey spoke at one of the celebrations in San Antonio Tuesday, and as usual in his speeches, proclaimed, and rightly, against the annexation of the Philippine Islands, claiming that under the Declaration of Independence we have no right to tax or govern a people without their consent and free will. He says if we disregard the sentiment of that declaration we may expect dire consequences to the American Republic. It can never, in his opinion, become obsolete, "truth" he says, "is as immortal as God himself, and cannot perish with years." England could not govern us without our consent, then where do we obtain the right to govern the Philippines without their consent? "Could Americans find it in their hearts to strike down the man who fights in defense of his own freedom and his own country?" "Since the Fourth of last July great changes have occurred. Had I stood here one year ago and been asked if I had expected to hear any respectable man deny that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed I would not have given it a patient answer." "I do not believe there are ten men here who believe we should hold the Philippines, and if there are ten now they will not be here twelve months from now, but will be in the asylum."

These sentiments are not new with Joe Bailey; in the face of strong opposition he has preached them, in the State Democratic Convention at Galveston last year, he opposed the expansion plank and swore he would not go back to Congress on any such platform. He was wofully in the minority then, his state declared against him and his views, but now the whole herd is beginning to swing round to his way of thinking. He went back to Congress, but not as an expansionist and has remained true to his convictions of duty and right, and will prove true to the end.

HIS LIFE WAS SAVED.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores; every bottle guaranteed.

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent. When the white man governs himself, that is self government; but when he governs another man—that is despotism. Our reliance is in love of liberty which God has planted in us; our defense is in the love of liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands, everywhere. Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God can not long retain it.—Abraham Lincoln.

OUR EXCHANGES.

Some of their views on questions of the day

SAN PATRICIO NEWS: The 4th should be celebrated for two reasons hence forth—the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the annihilation of Cervantes' fleet.

SABINAL SENTINAL: This thing of making a pet of Gen. Miles which some of our Southern newspapers are disposed to do is nauseating. It should be remembered that it was Miles who authorized the shackling of poor old Jefferson Davis, and his name should be detested by every true Southerner.

ALICE ECHO: Texas has more diversified-farming and stock raising "Banner Counties" than any other State in the Union. Judging from the claims of our exchanges there is a grand constellation of "banner counties" in this section of the State—fact is all the counties in this neck of the State are banner counties.

DEVINE NEWS: In order to get a pension under the law and rulings, you must be over 60 years old, in the state continually since 1880, 19 years; must be a pauper, and then go to the expense of getting your witnesses, yourself and the examining physician before the county judge. So said an ex-Confederate soldier in an office Wednesday, and it is about this way.

HONDO HERALD: A few days ago we saw a Fourth-of-July cartoon in which a group of scantily-clad Filipinos were engaged in shooting firecrackers, while Uncle Sam looked approvingly on. The sentiment is all right, but the picture is not quite accurate. It should have represented McKinley and Alger shooting Filipinos by the score, with Uncle Sam remonstrating in vain.

BRENNAM BANNER: John H. Reagan, of Texas, enjoys the enviable distinction of being the only living member of the Confederate cabinet, all the balance having crossed over the great divide. Judge Reagan is a "grand old man," universally honored, loved and respected by all who enjoy his acquaintance. He has devoted nearly sixty years of his life to continuous labor in the interest of Texas and her people, and is therefore entitled to their love and veneration.

BRACKETT NEWS: The line: "The town of Brackett was completely swept away," has occurred so often in our exchanges that we are constrained to call their attention to the fact that it is not true. The town still stands, with the exception of about half a dozen old shacks, that were an eyesore to the town anyway. Brackett did not wash away at all, and measures will probably be taken this time to construct a system of drainage that will obviate all danger of a flood in future.

EXPRESS: Buyers are in the melon producing sections of Southwest Texas now in small numbers, they will be there next year in large numbers. The Southwest Texas truck patch is going to be a great deal bigger in 1900 than it was in 1899, and the profits are more likely to increase than diminish. The melons can be grown so much earlier in this section than elsewhere that there is no danger of competition and there need not be any apprehension of overproduction. The market covers a vast territory.

UVALDE LEADER: Every paper in Texas should unite in endeavoring to stamp out the crime of "pistol toting." This selling to every Dick, Tom and Harry should also be put a stop to. Let a man keep his weapons at home but not hidden about his person. Many a good man would be alive today, others would not be suffering the consequences of having killed a man in a momentary fit of anger, had this evil of carrying pistols been done away with. The terrible tragedy at Galveston, where innocent parties were wounded and killed, is but one in many similar instances. Truly it seems to us that if the crime of stealing a worthless hog is punished so severely, the murderous practice of pistol carrying, where human life is involved, should be more severely punished. A term in the penitentiary would be good for the pistol toter. It's little use a good man has for a 45 concealed on his person.

LULING SIGNAL: It is the history of all towns that have tried factories that success has crowned the effort. There has been a mistaken idea that factories had to be located up North. While the North so far has outstripped us along this line, it is an undisputable fact that the South possesses far better advantages. Here we can grow almost everything. The cotton that has been keeping the Northern factories running is raised right here and while there is not much

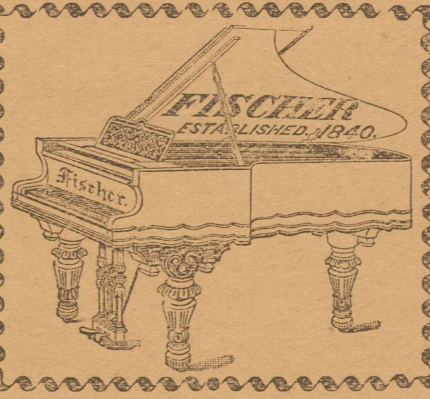
South had been manufacturing all its own cotton goods the world would have seen a greater degree of prosperity among us. We are glad to see the South assert its independence along this line. Manufacturing establishments are being founded all over the South. The result is that far more money is being turned loose among us. We need every dollar that can be turned loose here. The greater the circulating medium, the greater will be our measure of prosperity.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal, in speaking of the reported syndicate formed with the purpose of securing a corner on cattle, says: "The report that a big English syndicate is going to buy all the cattle in Texas and thus 'corner the beef market' is probably a 'pipe dream' of some ambitious press representative whose brain was cobwebbed by remaining out after sundown. There are a few cattle outside of Texas that a concern would have to control before they could get a sure corner on the business, and it would require considerable capital to accomplish such an undertaking."

The syndicate in question is reported as having from 50 to 100 million dollars capital and claim to have an option on ranches and cattle to the amount of \$120,000,000. Such an aggregation of wealth under one management will be a menace to the stock-raising interests of Texas, but the idea of getting a corner on the Texas steer is almost as impossible as manipulating the wind—it can't be done. A combination of this magnitude could, however, exert a great influence on the market prices of all cattle. Geo. B. Loving of Waco, is said to be at the head of this end of the business. Later reports claim that it is American and not English capitalists, and that the reported amount is far in excess of the true valuation.

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SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1899.

In trying to answer our defense of La Salle county, last week, the San Patricio News presents a long tirade of abuse against the age, experience and methods in general of the editors of this paper. The article is too long to reproduce here, as we would like to do; we can only give such extracts as are worthy of answer, and in doing so we quote exact words: "The whole state knows that La Salle county is famous for the lawless element that runs wild out there." If the state does view us in that light, the cause is attributed solely to such unjust insinuations being allowed to pass unanswered. On our own authority, we quote the following from a private letter to us, the writer of which is well known as one whose word is above a suspicion of doubt, and one too who has spent several winters here. "I have traveled over a greater part of the Eastern, Western, and Southern States and I never stopped in a place where I felt any more safe so far as life and property was concerned, than I did when in Cotulla, neither did I see the necessity of carrying a 'gun' there any more than in any other of these places, indeed I took risks there that I would not take in any other place. I boasted civilization, for, if I did would be apt to find that I had not my property even if I had my life."

Again, "Our father, W. C. Bowen was editor of the Cotulla Ledger at the time he met his death at the hands of Alfred Allee and his 'gang,' the most cowardly set of cold-blooded murderers and thieves that ever infested the state of Texas." Without pausing to challenge the veracity of this statement, we simply ask if they were citizens of La Salle? Then why should the odium of their deeds be laid at her doors? "The Record claims that editors are never molested in their locality." We made no such statement, we said, "and known of some killings, but in every instance they were caused by taking too large a dish in other people's private affairs, or else was precipitated by some one whose residence was outside of the county," and for saying so are called "liars, pure and simple" when every well informed man knows that history will bear us out in our claims.

As we have said before, we are not here to run a personal sheet or to abuse anyone, therefore, for our part, we close the argument here, owing to the fact that the News has forsaken his position and lowered his dignity to the plane of personalities.

Dr. Bellville was called Thursday night to the Burris ranch to dress a gunshot wound for Willie Galloway. The wound was made by the accidental discharge of a .38 cal. Winchester rifle which the boy had been hunting deer with, and which was in its scabbard on his saddle when his horse began bucking with him, causing the cartridge to explode. The bullet entered his side below the armpit, struck a rib and ranged backward, coming out in the fleshy part of the back near the spine. While very painful and dangerous, the doctor thinks it will not prove fatal. At present the patient is resting well.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT LA SALLE COUNTY FOR QUARTER ENDING MAY 9TH, 1899.

Showing the aggregate amounts received and paid of each Fund, and the balance to their Debit or Credit, also total amount of indebtedness of County, to whom and for what due, and with dates of same.

JURY FUND, (FIRST CLASS) Table with columns for Date, Description, and Amount. Total: \$591.92

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, (2ND CLASS) Table with columns for Date, Description, and Amount. Total: \$1,982.08

GENERAL FUND, (3RD CLASS) Table with columns for Date, Description, and Amount. Total: \$2,814.19

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND, (4TH CLASS) Table with columns for Date, Description, and Amount. Total: \$3,753.90

TOTAL OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE COUNTY IN FULL TO, AND INCLUDING MAY 9, 1899.

JURY FUND, GENERAL FUND, RECAPITULATION. Total: \$34,000

GENERAL FUND, Table with columns for Description and Amount. Total: \$214.60

RECAPITULATION, Table with columns for Description and Amount. Total: \$34,000

THE STATE OF TEXAS, I, G. H. Knaggs, Clerk of the County of La Salle, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report for the quarter ending May 9th, 1899, as required by Act 932, General Laws of Texas, approved May 11th, 1893.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of said court, at office in Cotulla, this 3rd day of March, 1899.

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LOCAL & PERSONAL.

"Chu Chu" on last page. Henry Owen Esq. was down from Carrizo Springs yesterday. Ice! Ice! Ice!!! for sale at S Cotulla's. Do you believe in love? Read "Chu Chu." Ed Henrichson was among the Twohigites in Cotulla yesterday. For a good bath go to the Cotulla Bath house. "Chu Chu," the story of a horse and his capers will prove interesting. Read it. Fresh candies and fruits at Simon Cotulla's. Messrs. L. P. and J. M. Williams, stockmen of Dimmit county were in town Tuesday. For a nice bath go to the Cotulla Bath House. Keck Bros. have a Wonder Pump Jack for sale cheap. Read Stanfield's ad on another page, and then patronize him. Orange, Blackberry and Grape ciders at S. Cotulla's. Joe Yarbrough of Twohig, came up Tuesday and added his name to our subscription list. Go see Kennedy Bros. big theater tonight on Front street. Mrs. J. W. McInnis of Twohig, came up between trains Thursday on a shopping tour. Misses Harl and Ellison of Moore, are visiting Miss Vina Roberts this week. Mrs. W. B. Guinn returned Thursday from a short visit to her daughters in East Texas. Kennedy Bros. Pavilion Theater will show tonight, admission only 25 cents. The Nueces river has been up since the sixth of June, and still presents the appearance of a young Amazon.

barrel of fun at Kennedy Bros. pavilion theater tonight. Children 15 cents. Read the financial statement of your county on another page of this issue. If you want a Wonder Pump Jack cheap, call on Keck Bros. Jeff Boyd Esq. was down from the Carpenter ranch in Frio county one day this week, visiting his parents. Finest water in the world for bathing purposes at the Cotulla Bath House. Is your subscription for the RECORD out? If so come renew, we need the cash. For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's. A. Armstrong jr. came down Thursday from his home in the City to see about his ranch interests in this county. Lemons, 25 cts. per dozen, at W. B. Stanfield's. Mr. Dan Laternore and wife were arrivals on Monday's train from Flatonio. They will remain in the city some time visiting relatives. Stoves, Stoves, Stoves, Buck's Cook Stoves at Keck Bros. "Chu Chu," a short serial story, begins in this issue, don't miss the opening chapters. Misses Mamie Rowland and Nancy Reynolds, two of Millett's most beautiful and popular young ladies, are visiting friends here this week. Attorney Chas. H. Mayfield has purchased the building lately occupied by E. F. Claunch, and is having it moved to his lot just west of Landrum's store on Center street. Mr. Gus Jeffrey, who has been out at Carrizo Springs for the past seven months visiting his brother, passed through here yesterday enroute to...

Laundry! Laundry! Laundry! shipped next Tuesday. Leave your orders early. E. C. Stevens, Agent. Mrs. S. J. McMurry and children came up yesterday morning from Laredo and will spend a few days visiting friends here. Mr. Tom Coleman, the lightweight cattle king of Southwest Texas and among the stockmen who arrived on Thursday's south bound train. J. E. O'Meara, a prominent cattleman of Dimmit came down and took the train for the Alamo city Monday, to partake of the festivities of the Fourth. Laundry shipped to the San Antonio Steam Laundry next Tuesday, returning Friday. E. C. Stevens, Agent. Mrs. Henry Jeffrey, came in Thursday evening from Carrizo Springs and left the following morning to visit friends and relatives at her old home in Caldwell county. Messrs. Willie Riley and Sam Sloan left Monday morning with a complete camping outfit for the La Motte ranch, where they will spend the next two or three weeks hunting and fishing. Emory Alderman Esq. was up yesterday from his ranch near Twohig. Mr. Alderman says the prospects in his part of the county are good for winter range, hence he wears a broad smile of satisfaction. B. F. Claunch moved his stock of saddles, harness, etc., into his new shop this week. He is now prepared, in his more commodious quarters, to do all work entrusted to him with neatness and despatch, and guarantee satisfaction. Mr. Eugene Irvin left Thursday for San Antonio on business bent. Some of the boys accused him of going to get married, but he promptly denied the charge, claiming that he had...

Right you are. S. H. Ratcliff came up Tuesday from his farm on the Lower Rieees. He says he has plenty of honey down his way and would have brought some up to market, if the high water had not prevented. Ere returning home he paid us a 'cart wheel' for his paper another year. Dr. J. M. Williams left Wednesday for a visit of about a month to relatives in East Texas and Georgia. His patients will be attended by Dr. Bellville of San Antonio, who came down Monday. Any one wishing medical attention will find him at the Drugstore in day time and at the Buckelew hotel at night. Capt. J. A. Brooks of Co. F, State rangers arrived on Monday's train from the lower country, to spend the week with his family. The Captain informs us that he has moved his headquarters from Brownsville to Alice, which will be much more convenient and comfortable. He returns to his company today. Mr. W. F. Jay and wife came up Monday from their ranch in the Western part of the county. Owing to the non-existence of a bridge across the river, Mr. Jay was compelled to drive to Twohig a distance almost as far from his ranch as this place, and make the balance of the trip by rail. It is needless to say he is in favor of having the bridge repaired at once, and if necessary, raised above high water mark. DIED.—Thursday night, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Burwell. Their baby was given unto their care for only a short year, but in that time, although it suffered much pain during the last months, it had endeared itself to the fond parents, and now its departure leaves a deep, dark void within their hearts that nothing can fill. May God in Heaven look down tenderly on their...

IF YOU ARE THINKING of going anywhere, consult the I & G N Excursion Rate List in another column of this paper. DELICACIES. Put up by Union Meat Co. San Antonio, Texas. Boneless Ham, Corned Beef Vienna Sausage, Head Cheese and Bologne Sausage. Kept on Refrigerator. B. Wildenthal. Our Job Department was kept busy a large part of the week turning out the following orders for stationery. L. B. Alford, Twohig, 500 Letter Heads; Joe Yarbrough, 250 Election Tickets. Rev. S. J. McMurry, Laredo, 1000 Note Heads, 500 Envelopes. W. B. Stanfield, Cotulla, 500 Note Heads; Dr. J. M. Williams, 25 Business Cards; C. E. Massengale, 500 Note Heads, 250 Envelopes; T. H. Poole, 500 Note Heads, 1000 Envelopes. I. & G. N. EXCURSIONS. To Los Angeles, Cal. Account National Educational Assn. July 11-14. Rate \$52.00. Arrangements for side trip at very low rate to Mexico. To Indianapolis, Ind. Account International Convention Epworth League. July 20-23. Rate one fare plus \$2.00. To Richmond, Va. Account B Y P U, July 12-15 Limit July 31. Arrangement for extension to August 15th. Rate one fare plus \$2. SUMMER TOURISTS RATES now in effect, to all summer resorts. ANY AGENT can give full particulars-or address: D. J. Price, G. P. & T. A. Palestine, Texas. THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of La Salle County, GREETING: You are hereby required to give notice by publication as required by law that W. R. Selvidge, administrator of the estate of J. T. Selvidge, deceased, has this day filed in cause No. 48, in the County Court of said county, his account for final settlement which will be heard and acted upon at the next regular term of said court, beginning the first Monday in August, 1899, when all persons interested will appear and contest same if they see proper. Witness my hand and official seal at Cotulla, this 30th day of June 1899. G. H. KNAGGS, Clerk County Court, La Salle County, Texas. [SEAL] Last week, owing to the overcrowded condition of the Job Department, the paper was a few hours late; in fact we did not finish running them off until late Saturday night. At an hour when all honest people are supposed to be in bed, 10 o'clock, our good friend Frank Boyd Sr., seeing the lights shining in the office, was constrained to draw near and make investigation, which he did. Taking the whole situation in at a glance, the fact that we were late, that it was nearing the Sabbath day, and that we positively needed assistance, which he could give, volunteered to fold the papers. The offer was no sooner made than accepted and a table was prepared on which he could begin his initial work as RECORD "Devil." For one solid hour he folded papers as they were printed, did excellent work, and came out not far behind the press. After finishing this he entered into a social chat for a few minutes before taking his departure, and just prior to leaving, asked the time. Now for some unaccountable(?) reason all the watches in the office registered Sunday morning, one hour and thirty minutes fast, which worried Mr. Boyd not a little, he being a leading light in the Baptist church, but he consoled himself with the thought that he had done a good deed, something similar to the "ox in the ditch," and so rested satisfied. We don't know why he was bumming round so late as ten o'clock at night—we did not ask, but we accepted his proffered help with thanks. The next time we need the boys' brains, we will call on him.

John Gilbert left Friday for ... with a load of honey. Lonnie Pharis is out from ... on a visit to friends. Messrs. R. L. McKenney and family ... out from Verdi visiting friends and relatives. Messrs. Jesse Pearce and Joe Hargus left with their cattle Sunday morning for Carrizo Springs. Mr. Curtis Herring, who was bitten by a centipede a week or so ago is improving some, but very slow. S. G. McMains returned Wednesday from Atascosa county. While there he bought a nice little bunch of cattle. Mr. Robert Pearce left Monday day for his home in Carrizo Spgs. He has been at Cotulla the past five weeks attending the Normal. Mr. C. L. Howard and family accompanied by Miss Vio'a Gardner, left several days ago for Dilgon on a visit to relatives. Mr. J. Farmer of Loire was out this week to see about getting the school. The trustees decided to give him the school and we hope he will teach a successful term. PUDDIN' PICKINGS. THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of La Salle county, GREETING: You are hereby required to give notice by publication as required by law that W. R. Selvidge, administrator of the estate of J. T. Selvidge, deceased, has this day filed in cause No. 34, in the county court of said county, his account for final settlement which will be heard and acted upon at the next regular term of said court beginning the first Monday in August, 1899, when all persons interested will appear and contest same if they see proper. Witness my hand and official seal at Cotulla, this 30th day of June, 1899. G. H. KNAGGS, Clerk County Court, La Salle County, Texas.

READ BRET HARTE'S CHARMING LITTLE STORY, Chu Chu. Cotulla Texas.

The first installment is given in another part of this paper. Dilley Dots. John Wolff is in town to ... The camp-meeting broke Sunday evening. M. G. Lowry left today for Encinita on business. W. Lowry and mother spent the ... in San Antonio. Geo. Lowry made a flying trip to Cotulla yesterday evening. Several of the Dilleyites visited Peesall yesterday to attend the ... Judge Dillohunsy returned yesterday from Moore, where he has been visiting his sister. Come One! Come All! To the Basket Picnic July 14th, at the Railroad bridge on the Frio river. The dance at Mr. Donaldson's was a success everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Misses Rowland of Millett were in attendance. FRIO. Puddin' Pickings.

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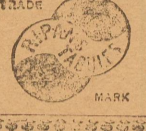
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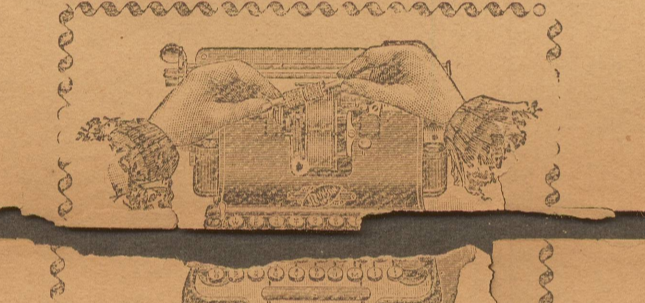


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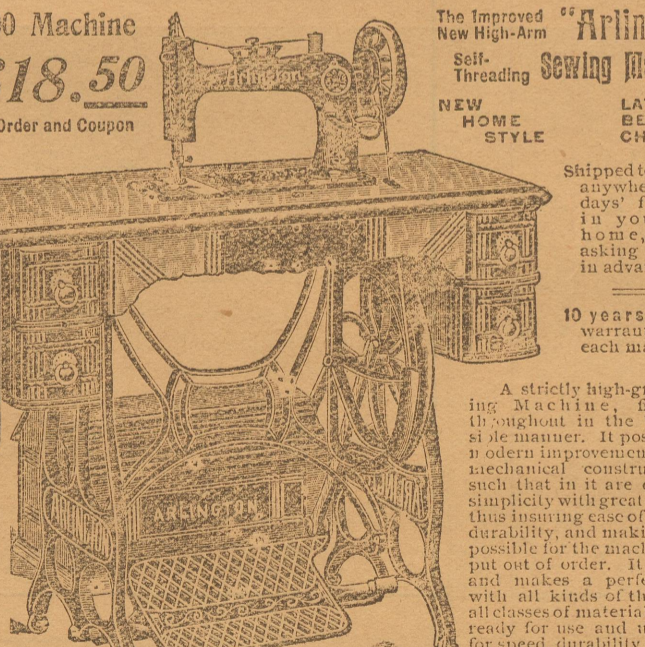


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She came to me out of the rolling dust of an emigrant wagon, behind whose tail board she was gravely trotting. She was a half-broken foal—in which capacity she had at different times unseated everybody in the train—and although covered with dust, she had a beautiful coat, and the most lambent gazelle-like eyes I had ever seen. I think she kept those latter organs purely for ornament, apparently looking at things with her nose, her sensitive ears, and sometimes, even a slight lifting of her slim neck foreleg. At our first interview I thought she favored me with a shy glance, but as it was accompanied by an irrelevant "look out!" from her owner, the teamster, I was not certain. I only know that after some conversation, and a good deal of mental reservation, and the disbursement of considerable coin, I found myself standing in the dust of the departing emigrant wagon with one end of a forty-foot rope in my hand and even advanced a step toward her. She then broke into a wild, disdainful pique, and began to rear and strike me, and I will round me at the extreme limit of my action for some moments—no longer, however, until I found that she was gradually winding herself upon me. Her frantic astonishment when she suddenly found herself thus brought so close to me was one of the most remarkable things I ever saw, and nearly took me by my legs. Then when she had pulled against her riata until her narrow head and prettily arched neck were on a perfectly straight line with it, she as suddenly slackened the tension and condescended to follow me at an angle of her own choosing. Sometimes it was on one side of me, sometimes on the other. Even then the sense of my dreadful contiguity apparently would come upon her like a fresh discovery, and she would become hysterical. But I do not think that she really saw me. She looked at the riata and sniffed it disparagingly, she pawed some pebbles that were near me tentatively with her small hoof, she started back with a Robinson Crusoe-like horror at my footprints in the wet mud, but my actual personal presence she ignored. She would sometimes pause, with her head thoughtfully between her forelegs, and apparently say: "There is some extraordinary presence here!—an animal, vegetable or mineral, I can't make out which, but it's no good to cut and I loathe and detest it."

When I reached my home in the suburbs, before entering the fifty "vara" lot inclosure, I deemed it prudent to leave her outside until I informed the household of my purchase, and with this object I tethered her by the long riata to a solitary gum tree, which stood in the center of the road—the crossing of two frequent thoroughfares. It was not long, however, before I was interrupted by shouts and screams from that vicinity, and on returning I found that Chu Chu, with the assistance of two of my neighbors, was wading up two of my neighbors to the tree, where they presented the appearance of early Christian martyrs. When I released them it appeared that they had been attracted by Chu Chu's graze, had offered her the overtures of affection, to which she had characteristically retorted with this miserable result. I had her with some difficulty, wading keeping close to the riata, to the enclosure from whose fence I had previously removed several bars. Although the space was wide enough to have admitted a troop of cavalry, she affected not to notice it, and managed to kick away part of another section on entering. She resisted the stable for some time, but after carefully examining it with her hoofs, and one affectively bent outstretching of her nose, she consented to recognize some oats in the feed box, without looking at them, and was formally installed. All this while she had resolutely ignored my presence. As I stood watching her she suddenly stopped eating; the same rigid look came over her. "Surely I am not mistaken, but that same obnoxious creature I saw somewhere about here," she seemed to say, and shivered.

an enormous flat sombrero and a stiff, short, unbrothered velvet jacket, I was more concerned at the ponderous saddle and equipments intended for the slim Chu Chu. That these would hide and conceal her beautiful curves and contour, as well as overweight her seemed certain; that she would resist them all to the last seemed equally clear. Nevertheless, to my surprise, when she was led out, and the saddle thrown deftly across her back she was passive. Was it possible that some drop of her old Spanish blood responded to its clinging embrace? She did not either look at it or smell it. But when Enriquez began to tighten the "cinch" or girth a more singular thing occurred. Chu Chu visibly distended her slender barrel to twice its dimensions; the more he pulled, the more she swelled, until I was actually ashamed of her. Not so Enriquez. He smiled at us, and complacently stroked his thin mustache.

"Let it ever so! She is the child of her grandmother. Even when you shall make saddle these old Castilian steels it will make large—it will become a balloon! Let it a trifle—let it a trifle game—believe me. For why?"

I had not listened, as I was at that moment astonished to see the saddle slowly slide under Chu Chu's belly, and her figure resume as by magic, its former slim proportions. Enriquez followed my eyes, lifted his shoulders, shrugged them and said, smilingly: "Ah, you see!"

When the girls were drawn in again with an extra pull or two from the indefatigable Enriquez I fancied that Chu Chu nevertheless secretly enjoyed it, as her sex is said to appreciate tight lacing. She drew a deep sigh, possibly of satisfaction, turned her neck and apparently tried to glance at her own figure. Enriquez promptly withdrawing to enable her to do so easily. Then the dread moment arrived. Enriquez, with his hand on her mane, suddenly paused, and with exaggerated courtesy lifted his hat and made an inviting gesture.

"You will honor me to proceed."

I shook my head, laughing.

"I see," responded Enriquez, gravely. "You have to attend the obsequies of your aunt who is dead at two of the clock. You have to meet your broker, who has brought you fifty share of the Comstock lode—at these moments—or you are lost. You are excuse! Attend Gentlemen, make your best! The band has arrived to play! 'Ere we go!'"

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Were we called upon to express in one word the secret of so many failures among those who started out in life with high hopes, we would say, unhesitatingly, that they lacked the will power. They could not half will. What is a man without a will? He is like an engine without steam—a mere sport of chance, tossed about hither and thither, always at the mercy of those who have wills. Strength of will is the test of a young man's possibilities. Can he will strongly enough, and hold whatever he undertakes with an iron grip? It is the iron grip that takes the strong hold on life.

What force is there in this crowding, pushing, selfish world, where every one is pusher or pushed, for a young man with no will, no firm decision? "The truest wisdom," said Napoleon, "is a resolute determination." An iron will without principle, might produce a Napoleon; but with character it would make a Wellington or a Grant, untarnished by ambition or avarice.

History is full of examples of men and women who have redeemed themselves from disgrace, poverty, and misfortune, by the firm resolution of an iron will. The consciousness of being looked upon as inferior, as incapable of accomplishing what others accomplish, the sensitiveness at being considered a dunce in school, has stung many a youth into a determination which has elevated him far above those who laughed at him, as in the case of Newton, of Adam Clark, of Sheridan, Wellington, Goldsmith, Dr. Chambers, Curran, Disraeli, and hundreds of others.

are; for such is the force of the human will that we become." While this is not strictly true, yet there is a deal of truth in it.

It is men like Mirabeau, who "trampled upon impossibilities;" like Napoleon, who did not wait for opportunities, but made them; like Grant, who had only "unconditional surrender" for the enemy, who charge the front of the world. "We have only what we make, and every good is locked by nature in a granite hand that sheer labor must unclench."

A man who can resolve vigorously upon a course of action, and turn neither to the right nor the left, though a paradise tempt him, who keeps his eye upon the goal, whatever distract him, is sure of success. Given a knowledge of one's will power, it would be comparatively easy to predict whether he would make of life a success or a failure. Men like Sir James Mackintosh, Coleridge, La Harpe, and many others who have dazzled the world, but who never accomplished a tithe of what they attempted; who were always raising expectations that they were about to perform wonderful deeds, but who accomplished nothing worthy of their abilities, have been deficient in will power. One talent with a will behind it will accomplish more than ten without it.—Mechanic Arts Magazine.