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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

THE KLONDIKE RUSH.

Alaska's New Gold Fields— Their Present Output and Future Promise.

It took two and a half years from the first discovery of gold in California for the population of that territory to increase from 15,000 to 92,000. At least 100,000 prospectors will advance upon Dawson City and its vicinity in the first six or seven months of 1898—less than a year from the time when the world first heard of the new gold sensation. The days of '49 and the great Ballarat rush two years later were peaceful compared to this. Another dramatic fact—this army of gold-hunters will expend for transportation and supplies before the end of the year fully \$60,000,000—four times as much as the probable total output of Klondike gold!

In 1897, between July 17 and September 1, 8,886 passengers and 38,000 tons of freight were carried north from Puget Sound and British Columbia ports. About 3,600 got over the passes in this time, at least 3,000 of the number going through the Chilkoot; the rest—gamblers, tradesmen, and those who failed to get through—are living this winter at the pass towns.

No statistics can be made of the 1898 exodus with any degree of accuracy, but from estimating the movement already well in motion, nearly, if not quite, 100,000 will try to get to the gold fields.

By those who have looked ahead that a second and greater exodus will begin, for it is pretty certain that the first ships returning from the Yukon in July, and weekly thereafter for a time, will bring such stores of gold, such tales of individual fortunes, and such picturesque details that the larger army, waiting, will break their bonds of indecision. By that time there will be more ships and also better facilities for crossing the passes, and it is probable that these swarming emigrants will be able to get through to the gold bottom creeks without serious delay, although they will, of course, be too late to do any prospecting till next year.

What does an exodus of 100,000 to the Klondike mean to the business of the country? I have figured it out on the basis of cost and proportion as ascertained, and it is this. That each man of them would average first and last an expenditure of \$600, making a grand total of \$60,000,000.

Up to the time of the Klondike discovery the Yukon placer output as tabulated by the national authorities was, in grand total \$3,310,500. Almost the whole of this amount resulted from the work of the years 1886 and 1896. The output from 1880 to 1886 was comparatively insignificant. The predictions for the receipts from the Upper Yukon in 1898 are guesswork, although the latest returned miners make it appear that it will be over \$20,000,000.

Let no one start out, though, without clearly realizing that the Yukon country is still far from a pleasure resort. The camp life and work of the miner on the Klondike is one of the great hardships, the climate and the long winter nights hedging it in with ever present and harsh limitations. It is a routine of sleep until you wake and work, build fires and cook the brief fare until you sleep. The thermometer goes down to forty or fifty degrees below in January, and sometimes lower,

while in the summer-time it will go to one hundred degrees above, and when the mercury is highest the mesquites will be the densest. The latter are one of the greatest trials that the pioneer has to encounter, and the most hardened emigrant from the Jersey flats will be surprised at the vicious onslaughts of these little plagues, who have actually been known to drive the deer and bear into the water for shelter.

Few books reach these camps, and fewer newspapers, as neither government carries anything but "first-class mail matter." But I noticed on the passes last summer that nearly every man had a bible with him, and I saw a number of copies of Shakespeare. And to the man of thoughtful mind I should think that a few good books, hard to exhaust, would be a food needed as much as bacon and beans. Nansen while on the FRAM got better work from his men because he gave them the diversion of books and music.

There is one all-water route, by steamship to St. Michael, 3,000 miles from Puget Sound and 4,000 from San Francisco, thence up the Yukon River 1,880 miles to Dawson City. This route is the easiest and at the same time the one entailing more uncertainties, more loss of time, money, and opportunity than any heretofore taken. What is known as the Teslin route via Wrangell and the Stikine River to Telegraph Creek, thence by overland trail 154 miles to Lake Teslin, also has its advocates. They point to the fact that after getting to Lake

down stream, avoiding dangerous rapids and troublesome portages. This is undoubtedly true; but what of that 154 miles of land? It would be nothing to balk an earnest man if he was going to trudge it with his lunch basket and a good stout staff; but where is the year's supply of outfit—the thousand pounds? How long will it take him to lug that over on his back, making at the most ten miles a day for each hundred pounds? Or, if he has any money to buy two horses and feed and shoe them, and each carries 250 pounds and makes 20 miles a day, what will it cost?

The Dalton trail, from near the mouth of the Chilkoot River overland to Fort Selkirk, 260 miles, is purely a cattle trail. It is good for pack animals and particularly suited to them in the 'open season' because along its way are meadows to feed them; but it is only profitable to pack over this route where the animals are to be sold down below, and it will not be used much by prospectors until a surface railroad is built over it—an improvement likely to come within the next few years. The Canadian routes are out of the question for present needs, on account of the distance of overland journeys. The Taku route leading out of Juneau, is quite similar to the Teslin Route from Wrangell, only not so good for pedestrians, but better for railroad building.

This narrows down the Route question to the Chilkoot and White passes. Going by the White there is forty-five miles of land from ship navigation to canoe navigation. The Chilkoot trail is one-half this distance. The gradients on the White are less as an average profile, the summit of the White being 2,500 feet above sea-level and the Chilkoot 3,600 feet; but there are more ups and downs and more bogs on the White, and altogether mile for mile, the Chilkoot is very much the easier proposition.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Spain's Attitude. President McKinley on the Cuban Question.

Spain has not added anything to the already slim prospects for a peaceful ending of the present situation, by its foolish attempt to make it appear to Europeans that the United States by gathering a fleet of war ships at Key West had made the success of autonomy in Cuba impossible. This suggestion, like that for the recall of Consul General Lee, was made in such a way that the Spanish government can disclaim responsibility for it should it become necessary. This government is not likely to take the slightest official notice of it, any more than it will break up the fleet at Key West or stop any other preparation it is making for war. The only effect of this virtual acknowledgement of Spain that autonomy is a failure—an acknowledgment made in writing by the Señor de Lome months ago.—will be to furnish an additional justification for speedy intervention

by the United States in Cuba. The desire of speculators to influence the stock market has been responsible for more of the recent conflicting stories than any actual changes in the situation. Everything has been steadily marching one way to war. The administration has been spending large sums of money in the purchase of warships, guns, ammunition and other war paraphernalia, and naval experts are busy examining the nearly one thousand merchant vessels which have been placed at their owners at the disposal of the government, while the Navy Department is enlisting all the men who can pass a satisfactory physical examination. One of the most significant occurrences of the week was the stopping by the War and the Navy Departments of giving out for publication details of preparations that are being made. This looks as though the officials regarded it as so near that they did not wish to furnish the enemy with information that might be useful to our detriment. Meanwhile, the report of the Naval Court if inquiry may be made public any day; men who ought to know

ably you will therefore put your advertisements in such papers as the Record, that is read regularly by every body worth reaching.

It starts out from the town of Dyea, up a sandy and boulder-strewn valley for eight miles to the mouth of the canyon—a point where the valley narrows in an easterly deflection—and from here it is four miles of very hard travel to Sheep Camp. It leads up out the mountain side and is ever up and down, over the spurs and across the bogs and streams; one minute you are exerting yourself to the utmost to pull your boot out of the mucky black stuff, and the next are pulling yourself up a rise by holding to the roots of a tree; then comes a slide down a grimy stone, and if you light squarely must balance yourself well over the log across the stream; and again up and down, until you wonder if the pack on your back is petrified into a lead-bearing stone. From Sheep Camp the ascent becomes greater as you go up the canyon, and two hours will put you in sight of the famous pass, that forbidding door to Eldorado. From this point it does not look far to the sheer granite wall with the two little depressions in the top. The one to the left, and the higher one is the trail, and from this first view, three miles away, you can see a thread-like path wind up to the summit. Moreover, by careful scrutiny your eyes are good, you can perceive little specks moving over and up the "granite clouds"—they seem to be atoms of hope.

—SAM STONE BUSH, In Review of Reviews.

generally expected. There is no doubt about the majority for annexation, but it will require time to reach a vote in the Senate, and if Speaker Reed, who is opposed to annexation, chooses to exert his power there may be difficulty of getting it to a vote in the House at all. Representative Griggs, of Ga., made a speech this week about the advantages of the south in cotton manufacturing, in which he predicted that the south would in the near future manufacture as well as grow the cotton crop of the world, and warned New England that she would have to abandon the industry. The Hon. Walker, of Mass., replied by saying that it was a happy day for the republic when a southern member of the House spoke of the great manufacturing industries of the south in competition with those of the north; a day he had been waiting for since the pilgrims landed, and that no section would rejoice more than the south had entered the lists than New England. Mr. Walker closed by saying: "We shall suffer from southern competition temporarily; we may have to reduce wages temporarily; we may have to lose some departments of our industry permanently, but we glory in this southern competition, because it shows the cementing of the common country we love so well." If the annual Post Office Appropriation bill should go through the House without a fight being made upon the clause for the payment of what

service from the Atlantic coast to New Orleans, some of the old timers wouldn't know what to think. This fight has been made for years every year, and once a Postmaster General joined in it and left this item out of his estimate, but since it was first inserted it has never failed to appear in every P. O. bill before it became a law. The fight this year was not so strong as usual, but it was made.

He Didn't Want the Job.

Congressman Sullo way recently told the following to a Detroit Free Press reporter: "Somewhere in the South a bright negro boy appeared before the civil service commission to be examined for the position of letter carrier. 'How far is it from the earth to the moon?' was the first question asked by those who were to determine the young man's fitness for the place he sought. 'How far is it from de earf to de moon?' echoed the applicant. 'Good gracious, boss, if you's gwine to put me on dat route I don't want the job.' With that the young man grabbed his hat and left, as though chased."—Ex.

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10:16 a.m. Lv. Medina	Ar.	8:28 p.m.
10:39 a.m. Lv. Lytle	Ar.	8:06 p.m.
11:00 a.m. Lv. Devine	Ar.	5:46 p.m.
11:30 a.m. Lv. Moore	Ar.	5:26 p.m.
11:49 a.m. Lv. Edin	Ar.	4:56 p.m.
11:52 a.m. Lv. Pearsall	Ar.	4:36 p.m.
12:08 p.m. Lv. Derby	Ar.	4:15 p.m.
12:43 p.m. Lv. Dilley	Ar.	4:00 p.m.
12:57 p.m. Lv. Millett	Ar.	3:47 p.m.
1:30 p.m. Lv. COTULLA	Ar.	3:25 p.m.
1:38 p.m. Lv. Tuna	Ar.	3:06 p.m.
1:40 p.m. Lv. Twobig	Ar.	2:57 p.m.
2:10 p.m. Lv. Burro	Ar.	2:38 p.m.
2:25 p.m. Lv. Ector	Ar.	2:28 p.m.
2:45 p.m. Lv. Cactus	Ar.	2:08 p.m.
3:08 p.m. Lv. Webb	Ar.	1:47 p.m.
3:28 p.m. Lv. Green	Ar.	1:24 p.m.
3:40 p.m. Lv. Sanchez	Ar.	1:14 p.m.
3:55 p.m. Lv. LAREDO	Ar.	1:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898.

Mr. J. S. Taylor presented us with two views of his dam, on the Nueces river, taken by Mr. I. N. Hall. One of them showing the dam under construction, and the other, taken a month later, showing a boat a half mile above the dam. Mr. Taylor says he can sail several miles up the river. All we need, is a few enterprising men, like Messrs Taylor and Copp, to make these arid plains blossom like the rose. Irrigation has proven a success, in every instance, where it has been tried in South-west Texas. Some have even shipped vegetables irrigating with only a wind-mill. Look at the Salt Lake region, in Utah, a few years since it was a desert waste, to day it is one of the richest and most beautiful sections in all the great west. We have richer lands, a better climate, and last—but not least—we have an outlet, which they did not have, therefore we could have a land unsurpassed for beauty, richness and grandeur, if we would only take hold and make it so. More anon.

A number of old monitors used in the late rebellion have been ordered out, and are being prepared for service.

"A corps of Salvation Army nurses will leave for Cuba in a few days," says Captain

capable nurses who are accustomed to the Southern latitude."

The belated blizzard struck us Wednesday morning, about 5 a. m., and the thermometer only dropped 54 degrees in a few hours. So far, though, we have neither seen nor heard of any damage to "garden truck" or stock.

PRESIDENT McKinley has appointed Judson Lyons, a Georgia negro, register of the treasury to succeed B. K. Bruce, deceased. We were always of opinion that some kinds of work was peculiarly adapted to the negro race, but thought it was cotton and chicken raising?

THE Express says: The San Antonio river is going dry and the market gardeners will be compelled to look to some other source for water supply. The next thing you hear will be that San Antonio has gone dry? (nit) and then it will not be necessary to go to the Alamo City, every week, on business?

While Mr. Byran is in conference with his various kinds of friends he should try and find out how many various kinds of Democrats there are.—El Paso Herald.

There may be various kinds of Democrats out in El Paso, but they are either Democrats or they "hain't" Democrats over on our side of the "crick."

ONE of the curious features of the present situation is the emergency contract Spain has entered into with parties in New York for war supplies. Next thing we know Spain may be trying to buy some of our warships.—San Antonio Express.

Well, and why not? We have very little use for them, if we only have such powers as Spain to contend with.

A PAGE FROM HISTORY.

Description of the Capture of Havana by the American Soldiers in 1762.

In 1762 soldiers from the American colonies which afterwards became the United States captured Havana under English leadership, and men of Massachusetts hauled down the Spanish flag from Morro Castle. The story is well worth recalling because it shows how bravely and successfully our ancestors fought against Spain, and also because it warns us against dragging out negotiations and preparations until the deadly rainy season sets in. The following is from Bancroft, vol. 3: "Assembling the fleet and transportation at Martinique and off Cape St Nicholas, Admiral Pococke sailed directly through the Bahama straits, and on the sixth day of June came in sight of the low coast around Havana. The Spanish forces for the defense of the city were about forty-six hundred the English had 11,000 effective men and were recruited by nearly a thousand negroes from the Leeward Islands, and by 1500 from Jamaica. Before the end of July the needed reinforcements arrived from New York and New England, among these was Putnam the brave ranger of Connecticut and numbers of men less happy, because never destined to revisit their homes.

"On the 13th of July, after a siege of twenty-nine days, during which the Spaniards lost a thousand men, and the brave Don Luis de Velasco was mortally wounded, the Morro Castle was taken by storm. On the 11th of August the Governor of Havana capitulated, and the most important station in the West Indies fell into the hands of the English. At the same time nine ships of the line and four frigates were captured in the harbor. The booty of property belonging to the King of Spain was estimated at \$10-

The siege was conducted in midsummer, against a city which lies just within the tropics. The country around the Morro Castle is rocky. To bind and carry the fascines was of itself a work of incredible labor made possible only by the aid of African slaves. Sufficient earth to hold the fascines firm was gathered with difficulty from crevices in the rocks. Once after a drouth of 14 days the grand battery took fire by the flames, and, crackling and spreading where water could not follow it nor earth stifle it, and wholly consumed, "The climate spoiled a great part of the provisions. Wanting good water very many died in agonies from thirst. More fell victims to a putrid fever, of which the malignity left but three or four hours between robust health and death. Some wasted away with loathsome disease. Over the graves the carrion-crows hovered and often scratched away the scanty earth which rather hid than buried the dead. Hundreds of carcasses floated on ocean. And yet such was the enthusiasm of the English such the resolute zeal of the sailors and soldiers, such the unity of action between the fleet and the army that the verticle sun of June and July, the heavy rains of August, raging fever and strong and well defended fortresses, all the obstacles of nature and art were surmounted and the most decisive victory of the war was gained."—New York World.

The cruiser Amazonius, lately bought of Brazil, has been rechristened the New Orleans, and the Abrouall will be named the Albany.

It has been decided by Gov. Culberson not to call an extra session of the legislature to correct the mistake made in regard to holding the election of the proposed constitutional amendment.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Culled From the Chaff for Busy Readers.

The Holland sub-marine boat has been tested and shows speed 15 feet under water.

D. H. Breeding of San Antonio killed in a wreck on the Cotton Belt at Tyler.

Dr. W. H. Bruce of Athens has been elected president of John Tarleton college at Stephenville.

Mrs. Celia Wallace, of Chicago, has just purchased the second largest diamond in the United States.

John Fuller, a well known and prominent business man of Sherman, was accidentally shot and killed recently.

State Superintendent of public instruction, J. M. Carlisle, says he will not be a candidate for re-election.

It is reported in Washington that 70,000 Spanish soldiers have been killed in the present war with Cuba.

It has been intimated in New York that the administration will withdraw its fleet from Key West provided Spain will withdraw her troops from Cuba.

The way to get rich is to nobody, befriend none, get all you can, keep all you get, get yourself and all that belongs to you, be a friend of no man, and have no friends of yours, heap up interest cent upon cent, to be mean, miserable and dead for some twenty or thirty years, and riches will come as sure as disease, death, and enough wealth has been accumulated by a disregard of the duties of the human race, the expense of education will finish the body is buried, and what you have left goes where? By

Men. It will pay—the dead.

List of Patents.

Granted to Texas Inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co. Patent Attorneys, Washington D. C.—Henry M. Handshy, San Antonio, Cartilage loading machine, Robt. H. Love, Allen, Riveting-machine, Alfred W. Maudlin, Ozona, Pump, Dr. C. Maudlin, Lone Oak, Railway rail joint. Henry E. Smith Middlethian, washing-machine, Geo. C. Woodman, Laredo, Registering voting-machine. For copy of any of the above patents, send 10 cents in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co. Washington, D. C.

Encinal Items.

Mrs. W. L. Hargus has gone to spend several weeks in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. J. Booth Jordan made a flying visit to "Como Hill" on Saturday last.

Dr. W. R. Gillett, a prominent physician of Floresville, was in the city Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Buckley boarded the north-bound train to-day en route to Cotulla.

Dr. H. Hamilton, of Laredo, was called in to attend Mrs. L. H. Hillard who has been seriously ill.

Mrs. L. J. Terry and Mrs. W. N. Terry arrived in Encinal Wednesday last to visit Mrs. F. M. Shaw.

Rev. Daniel, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, preached Sunday night to a large and attentive audience.

T. J. Buckley & Son bought the entire possessions of N. Garcia consisting of store and residence. Mr. Garcia will move to Laredo much to the regret of the people.

RANCHERO.

Dr. Williams spent several days of this week, in the Alamo city.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Begged, Borrowed and Purloined for the Amusement of our Readers.

Age and a little brother tell on a girl.

When a man wants a cigar he never wants it very bad.

It sometimes pays to be good, but it is always good to be paid.

Always avoid the use of big words, they denote a lack of education.

If you would be happy and content never borrow trouble or lend money.

When a woman starts out to reform she always begins on some man.

Justice is probably represented as a woman because it is something a man is always after.

Some barefaced lies are old enough to wear a full grown beard.

Warships should never be built with money taken from the sinking fund.

A man seldom wears his trousers out at the knees praying for work.

The woman who can go out to church in a calico dress is truly religious.

It is better for a man to forgive his enemy than to take a sound thrashing.

The man who doesn't advertise gets more dust on his goods than cash in his drawer.

A cynical lady says, most men are like colds—easily caught but hard to get rid of.

Mirrors reflect without speaking, and people often speak without reflecting.

No girl ever gets so deep in love that she forgets to see if her suit is on straight.

When a nigger begins ter brag about his honesty, yer better go

If kissing went out of fashion, no girl would care to be considered stylish.

A man may run into debt, but he seldom comes out of it faster than a walk.

Books are a wonderful help to a man—especially bank-books and pocket-books.

If the man who has money to burn could only take it with him when he dies, he would probably have a chance to burn it.

When we say that wisdom is better than riches, we always mean our wisdom and other people's riches.

The devil has quit handing out green apples. It takes bicycles and Sunday newspapers to catch the crowds nowadays.

David said in his haste, all men are liars; and no doubt he would have made the same remark after due deliberation.

After a man has had occasion to employ a first-class lawyer its useless to tell him that talk is cheap.

Most of the people who try to ride the wheel of fortune, manage to puncture the tire before they get very far.

Don't laugh at a girl because she can't hit the side of a barn with a brick; you may marry her some day, then you'll be glad of it.

Recently Speaker Reed wished to see a man on some pending legislation and telegraphed him to come to Washington. The man took the first train available but a washout on the road made it impossible for the train to proceed farther toward its destination. Going to a telegraph station he sent this dispatch to the maker.

Washout on line. Can't come. When Reed read the message he sent back this reply.

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HELLO! THERE!



What's your hurry?

I am going to Simon Cotulla's to buy some of his fine fruit and candy.

He hasn't anything extra has he?

Well, I should smile. He has the finest Apples, Oranges and Bananas ever brought to this town, and andy—whew! you ought to see it, and Nuts, too.

Yes, but it is too expensive for poor people, ain't it?

That's where you are off. He's selling at San Antonio prices, FOR CASH ONLY.

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Boils, pimples, eruptions which make their appearance now indicate the impure state of the blood.

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LOCAL & PERSONAL.

Hot—did you say?
Rain is badly needed.
Old newspapers for sale at this office.
Arthur Smith is on the sick list this week.
S. J. Bond was up from Twohig Tuesday last.
If you want cookstoves go to Keck Bros..
S. R. Walker of the Dull Ranch was here yesterday.
Judge S. T. Dowe returned Saturday from Rockport.
Take your shoes to Geo. Krichbaum for repairs.
Ed Reynolds was down from Millett Thursday.
Go to Simon Cotulla & Co. for any old sweet thing.
Ed McCoy was up from his ranch on the Reices Thursday.
Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon.
Joe Gray, of millett was in the city Thursday evening.
Peaches! Peaches!! Peaches!!! at Simon Cotulla & Co's.
Curtis Reynolds, of Twohig, was here several hours Tuesday.
Go to Keck Bros. for barb wire Prices as low as the lowest.
J. F. Hillard, of Encinal was among Wednesday's arrivals.
W. C. Irvin returned Saturday from San Antonio.
For prices of ECLIPSE WIND MILLS call on Keck Bros.
Send your Job Work to the RECORD office.
The merchants have been doing a rushing business this week.
Miss Rosa Moffatt, of Dilley, is on a visit to Miss Janie Thomas.
Peyton Kerr Esq., made a flying trip to Millett Tuesday evening.
Mrs. S. T. Dowe and children last.
Dick Edwards, the well known horse dealer, was in town Sunday.
"Knights of the Grip" were quite numerous in our city this week.
J. W. Elkins was in Tuesday from the western part of the county.
Sam Johnson Esq., was in our burg yesterday from his ranch near Millett.
Look at our new advertisements this week; and profit by the advice they give.
Try bathing in the Cotulla Artisan water. Finest bathing water in the world.
Jim Hazelrigg, of Pearsall, was in our town for a few hours Sunday.
Uncle Mart says he intends going to Havana soon—after a box of Cigars.
Miss Carrie Bell Johnson visited friends in town during the fore part of the week.
Simon Cotulla sold to D. C. Pryor this week 79 head of goats at \$1.50 per. head.
Gus Hazelloff, of Dilley came down Thursday and spent a few hours in our Burg.
If you want a good bath see Guilford Gilmer, Prop'r Cotulla Bath House.
The RECORD office has been very busy turning out Job Work during the week.
P. C. Conway, the Bee man paid the RECORD office a pleasant call Thursday evening.
Thursday's south-bound passenger train was about one hour and thirty minutes late.
A crowd of young people enjoyed a moonlight picnic on the river Saturday night last.
Mrs. L. W. Gaddis left Sunday for Stockdale on a few weeks visit to her mother's family.

Mrs. J. L. Hicks has been on the sick list this week, but is much better at present.
W. F. Jay, Candidate for Assessor, was in town talking election fore part of the week.
If you want your horses fed well, leave them with us.
Tarver & Hall.
A. Armstrong sr., left Monday for San Antonio and other points, on business.
Mrs. Jennie May left Monday for San Antonio, returning here Wednesday.
Sheriff W. M. Burwell left Thursday for a business trip to the Alamo City.
J. H. Bucklieu, cow-boss on Dull Bros., Ranch, was in town Sunday evening.
We have a new line of Suspenders of all kinds sizes and prices.
Barlow & Co.
Shannon and John Burris left Monday for Gainesville to visit relatives.
Geo. Tarver, of the Elkhart ranch, attended commissioners court here Monday.
Dr. A. E. Spohn, of Encinal, came up Sunday and returned home next day.
D. C. Pryor, of Pearsall, was in Cotulla buying sheep and goats during the week.
Merchants at Carrizo Springs have been receiving lots of goods during the past few days.
If you need any guns write to our advertisers for their prices before buying elsewhere.
JUST RECEIVED—A complete assortment of Duck Goods. Call and get prices. Barlow & Co.
Mrs. Ed Reynolds came down yesterday from her home in Millett to visit Mrs. Coleman.
Geo. Lowery, one of Dilley's enterprising young business men was seen on our streets Thursday morning.
W. E. Campbell and family, of Encinal spent several days in visiting relatives and friends.
Capt. J. H. Rogers moved into the Swift residence, in the North-western part of town, Saturday last.
Commissioners court met Monday with a full board in attendance. They will meet again next Monday.
Miss Clifton Brooks left Wednesday for San Antonio to spend a few days as the guest of Mrs. A. Armstrong jr.
Miss Juanita Poole spent a few days at the Armstrong ranch as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. T. H. Poole.
Commissioner S. J. Jordan from the Encinal precinct came up Sunday to be at the opening of court Monday.
T. H. Gardner, Dimmit County's Hide and Animal Inspector, was in Tuesday to purchase supplies for his ranch.
Send your Laundry to the San Antonio Steam Laundry. They guarantee their work.
Emmett C. Stevens, Agt.
Jack Baylor Esq., of La Motta Ranch near old Ft. Ewell, was in town a large part of the week past visiting Chas. Gilmer.
Mrs. Tom Alderman arrived on Tuesday's train from Twohig; she is visiting her mother, Mrs. B. F. Burris at the ranch.
Jno. Omera, of Carrizo Springs, passed through here Sunday enroute to San Antonio. He returned Wednesday on his trip home.
If you want to buy anything, or have anything to sell, trade or give away; advertize through the columns of the RECORD.
Dr. J. M. Williams took Sunday's train for San Antonio; he went on business pertaining to his large Drug Store.
D. W. McKey came in from his ranch Monday morning to represent precinct No. 4, in the commissioners court here that day.

J. B. Portis, who has been repairing Ed Roebuck's house at Twohig, returned home yesterday evening.
Mrs. H. E. Laird, arrived yesterday from Phoenix, Ariz., on a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. C. Smith.
Geo. Cavender, one of Dimmitt County's stockmen, passed through here Sunday enroute to the Alamo city.
Tax Assessor Jas. Breeding came up yesterday evening from Encinal to complete his rolls for the year 1898.
Miss Rosa Hudson returned to her San Antonio home Sunday, after a month spent in visiting Mrs. J. H. Bucklieu of the Dull Ranch.
Mrs. Jennie Atchley, of Beeville, came in on Saturday's train to spend a few weeks with her husband, who is here buying honey.
Capt. J. H. Rogers and Rangers J. H. Dubose and C. I. Rogers left Monday for San Antonio on official business; returning Wednesday.
Boys Suits—If you want a nice suit of clothes for your boy, come and look at our complete line before going elsewhere.
Barlow & Co.
Mrs. A. Burks, came up from the La Motta Ranch Tuesday and left Wednesday for San Antonio, where she will spend about two weeks.
Laundry shipped to the San Antonio Steam Laundry next Tuesday. Leave your orders at S. T. Dowe's office Monday.
Emmett C. Stevens, Agt.
A select party was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Jennings last Tuesday night. We could not learn the names of all that were present.
NOTICE.
My Residence in Cotulla is for sale at a BARGAIN. Address,
F. B. SWIFT.
Care Traffic Dept., M. N. R. P. Pasco at the Reform, P. O. for young County Mexico.
Carpenter C. B. Burwell returned during the fore part of the week from the Irvin ranch where he has been erecting a residence for J. J. Irvin.
W. H. Gates is again on our streets after several weeks absence at the Irvin ranch assisting in the erection of the beautiful ranch residence for J. J. Irvin.
W. A. Matthis, one of La Salle's prominent stockmen from the vicinity of Encinal, made a business trip to Cotulla Sunday returning home Monday.
Pablo Lopez, one of the section hands under E. M. Sparks, had the misfortune to get his foot badly mashed while trying to throw on the brake of the hand car, Thursday evening.
N. A. Swink, business manager of Armstrong & Swink's large grocery establishment departed Wednesday evening for Kansas City and other points, to spend a few days in recreation.
Mrs. G. Philipe, in company with her daughter Luta returned to San Antonio Monday last to place herself under the care of an oculist in the hope that eyesight may be restored to her.
Charlie Atchley, assistant editor of the Southland Queen, returned Wednesday from Uvalde, where he has been buying honey. He brought back about three thousand pounds with him from those parts.
J. K. Beretta, a former merchant of this place but now a banker of Laredo, stopped off here Monday during the delay of the South-bound train to chat a while with his former townsmen.
A. D. Rippstein from near Tuna was in town Thursday preparing to bore a well for Jos. Cotulla on his large farm just north of here. He is to go 210 ft to find, if possible, flowing water, a that depth.

VOTING CONTEST.
The voting Contest at Simon Cotulla's stands as follows:
For the most popular young lady:
Miss Juanita Poole.....81.
" Daisy Carr.....71.
" Ruby Smith.....7.
" Eva Stevens.....4.
For the most Popular young man:
Mr. Bert Warnock.....58.
Simon cotulla.....37.
Clarence Manly.....32.
Emmett Stevens.....24.
Votes will be counted by impartial Judges and published every week.
R. E. Chew, one of La Salle's prosperous stockmen, returned Monday from San Antonio where he spent a few days with relatives.
A. Landrum, our progressive center street merchant, returned with his wife Wednesday, from a visit to friends and relatives in South and East Texas.
Mrs. C. O. Ellis, who has been visiting in the city for the past two weeks, left Wednesday for her home in Laredo. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Hargus.
B. Wildenthal, of the merchantile firm of Wildenthal & Kerr, left Thursday for San Antonio in company with his daughter Miss Mamie. Mr. Wildenthal goes on business, Miss Mamie on pleasure, they will return to-day.
After several months residence in Cotulla, A. F. Warnock returned to San Antonio Sunday last to make that his future home. Although Mr. Warnock lived here only a short time, he made many friends, who, one and all regret his departure.
A very pleasant party was given by Mrs. Quinn to the young folks of the town last night. Knowing the enjoyment that was in store for them the couples began, early in the evening, to gather in the brilliantly lighted parlors, and make the most of their few short hours of pleasure. The hour of twelve had long past ere the guests bade adieu to their kind hostess and turned their backs and thoughts homeward.
Attorney, Covey C. Thomas, returned from the Democratic Convention at Galveston, Sunday evening. He reports a pleasant trip and plenty of knowledge and experience gained to fully repay him for the time and money spent in attending.
Stockdale, Aug. 8th, 1898.
Editors Cotulla Record:—
Thinking that perhaps your many subscribers would like to hear from this section of the country, I take the time and liberty to write you a few lines in regard to the crops weather, etc., in and around our little burg.
The corn, which in this country is bountiful, and which is fully matured at this season is selling at the very low price of twenty-five cents per bushel, (you Cotulla folks buy at about sixty cents per bushel that is hardly as good as ours.)
A short while ago the prospects for an excellent crop of cotton where of the best but the Mexican boll weevil (called by some sharpshooters) began their work of destruction all over the county, and later, some of the common cotton worms have been seen on a few of the farms around. Owing to this cause, and the dry weather, no estimate what ever can be made of the crops but the aggregate yield will be greatly curtailed.
We are needing rain very badly now, none having fallen for several weeks past; it reminds one of old La Salle County in this respect if in no other.
The Baptists are holding a protracted meeting here and a good attendance is being secured when some interest manifested.
More anon,
—Cousin Batt.
Glad to hear from you, Cousin, write again; your efforts are appreciated not only by us but by our subscribers.

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Well Fed.

Yard at Corner of Center & Main Streets. Cotulla, Texas.

The Cotulla Record.

Eight thousand well trained carrier pigeons are in use in the German army.

The buildings, walks and ornamentation of the Paris Exposition in 1900 will cost more than \$20,000,000.

During a storm Sunday in W. Virginia, lightning struck two outlaws, who had taken refuge under a tree, and broke every bone in their bodies.

If the Republicans nominate Capt. Crouch for congress, we may expect a warm contest in this district with a fair probability of a democratic defeat.—Javelin.

The fighting at Santiago shows that bayonets and pistols are of no use now, as there was not a wound dressed in any hospital, that was inflicted with either of them.

Congressman Bailey in his gallant opposition against territorial expansion may have been the under dog in the fight, but time and experience will show that he was right.—Laredo Times.

Was there a forecasting of our new admiral's fame in Lord Nelson's signaling through the British fleet just before the battle of Trafalgar, "England expects every man to Dewey's duty.—Judge.

It is reported that some of the victims of the La Bourgogne disaster showed evidences of having been alive in the water for two days at least, and that the body of one woman showed that she must have lived four days after the sinking of the ship.

The fool killer must have been off duty when a delegate in the Galveston convention sent up a resolution requesting the authorities to send Admiral Cervera to the Dallas State Fair, to be used as a side show. To the credit of

The resolution was adopted to reach the desk.—Laredo Times.

A curious artesian well at the water has regular flow at eight o'clock in the morning, gradually rising until it reaches its greatest flow at noon in the afternoon, and then gradually falling until it reaches its lowest flow at eight o'clock in the morning.

Prior to the surrender of San Juan a New York broker wanted General Shafter to shell the Spaniards with rockets instead of the use of guns. He has invented a rocket which will travel 1,000 yards, carrying on the tail of the stick a pound of dynamite, and proposes to send flights of these curious engines of destruction into the Spanish trenches. The inventor claims that the rockets are safe to handle and accurate in execution.—Hondo Herald.

The whole of Europe during the two years 1782 and 1783 was shrouded by a dry fog so thick that at noonday in summer the sun took a blood red hue. This extraordinary haze was of a blue black color never lifting day or night. Voyaging on the Mediterranean was made dangerous by it, and it was just as thick on the tops of the highest Alps. It was not in the least affected by rain and extended alike over the countries such as Britain, where the climate is changeable, and Spain and Italy, where it is usually serene and clear. The greatest alarm prevailed. Public prayers were made, and probably so agitated a state of the public mind was never known before. Its cause is supposed to have been the terrific explosion of the volcano Skapter Jokull, in Iceland, which ejected 80,000,000 tons of matter. One of the worst fogs within recent times, alike for its density and protractedness, was the one which prevailed in London from the beginning of November 1879 to the following February.—Ex.

IN MAMMOTH CAVE.

Exhilarating Effect of the Cool and Germless Air.

The entrance to Mammoth Cave is reached by descending a picturesque pathway leading from the hotel down the hillside over jutting moss and fern-covered limestone cliffs into a beautiful glen extending from the top of the hill down to Green river, which is 194 feet below the mouth of the cave, and about half a mile distant. If the weather is warm, as we near the entrance we step into a bracing, cool, pure air, welling up from the cave and flowing down the glen beneath the stratum of lighter and warmer air. I have stood near the entrance and extended one hand into a temperature of 90 degrees, while the other hand was extended into a cool flowing river of air with a temperature of about 60 degrees. The air within the cave has a uniform temperature, summer and winter, of 54 degrees. The cave may be said to breathe twice a year—inhaling during the winter, and exhaling during the summer. This breathing of the cave, and the purity of the air and its freedom from germs, are among the most interesting problems to be studied. By what process the air in the cave becomes sterilized remains to be determined.

But our faithful negro guide has counted the party, selected the requisite number of lamps, and given the word, and we follow him in single file down the rude stone steps into the vestibule of the cave. Turning, we look up at the beautiful effect of daylight which we are leaving, and admire the delicate cascade falling from the overhanging arch at the entrance.

Here our lamps are lighted, and we enter this silent, mysterious, changeless abode of eternal night, where the heat of summer and the cold of winter, the storms and thunders of the outer world, never penetrate. A few hundred yards and we feel the peculiar sensation of emerging into expanding space. We catch only glimpses of white limestone projecting out of black shadows of the far-away walls and ceiling of an immense, almost circular room about 70 feet high, which our guide proclaims the Rotunda.

We note the peculiar musical effect of the human voice. Years ago it was my good fortune to hear a celebrated German musical society sing in this Rotunda. I went far away in one of the great avenues leading from here, blew out my light, and sat alone in the darkness, and listened while the grand anthems rolled and reverberated through the lofty corridors in majestic waves of melody. I could then appreciate the inestimable privilege of the few who heard Jenny Lind sing here, and who in the Star Chamber heard a member of her party render on his violin the prayer for "Der Frel. schutz."

When the Rotunda is illuminated we note the perfect clearness of the atmosphere, the freedom from dust particles of any kind, and we soon learn that nature has done her best to give us a rise upon our shores. We note also the exhilarating effect of the air upon the members of our party. It is believed that the air has become oxygenated by chemical process; certainly, from its purity and dryness, it enables one to undergo exercise for hours without a sense of fatigue. Here before us is evidence of the wonderful dryness of the air. The salt-petre veins created in 1812, and the timbers which have remained in their present position since then, show no evidences of decay. In these veins the salt-petre was leached from the nitrous earth abounding in the upper and middle dry avenues, and used for the manufacture of gunpowder. The war of 1812 was fought, on the American side, with gunpowder made from salt-petre taken from caves, and Mammoth Cave supplied the greater part. One wonders how, in the absence of germs and of decay, the earth becomes charged with nitroren. It has been claimed that nitric acid in the atmosphere, combining with the limestone, forms nitrate of calcium, and the disintegrated waste from the walls and ceiling yields the great supply of nitrogen abounding in the cave.

It requires a day and a half to make the regulation journeys through the cave; one-half a day to what is known as the short route and an entire day to the long or river route. But that by no means exhausts the objects of interest, and one may spend days visiting avenues and chambers and domes not included in the regular routes.—John R. Proctor, in Century.

How He Shot. A Texas military company was out on the range recently practicing at rifle shooting. The lieutenant in command suddenly became exasperated at the poor shooting and seized a gun from one of the privates, cried, sharply: "I'll show you fellows how to shoot!" Taking a long aim and a strong aim and an aim altogether, he fired and missed. Coolly turning to the private who owned the gun, he said: "That's the way you shoot."

He again loaded the weapon and missed. Turning to the second man in the ranks, he remarked: "That's the way you shoot."

In this way he missed about a dozen times, illustrating to each soldier his personal incapacity, and finally he accidentally hit the target. "And that," he ejaculated, handing the gun back to the private, "is the way I shoot!"—Los Angeles Express.

Beat Them All. "She's a demure-looking little thing—not at all the style you would pick out for a successful politician," said the stranger in the western town. "Well, you can't always tell about these demure little things," returned the new woman. "This one beat us all out."

"How was that?" "Why, while we were all chasing around looking after appointments she quietly slipped in and married the mayor before the rest of us knew what she was about."—Chicago Post.

HEART OF THE WORLD.

water would not reach it for another eight or ten days.

About midday I returned to the apartments that had been assigned to me in the palace, and hearing that the senior was still in attendance on the lady Maya, I ate my dinner alone with such appetites as I could find, and lay down to sleep awhile.

I was awakened from my rest by the senior, who arrived looking merry as he used to be before ever Molas came to lead us to the old Indian doctor and his daughter, and fell off talk about the preparations for his wedding that night. I listened to all he had to say and strove earnestly to fall into his mood, but, as I suppose, without effect, for in the end he fell into mine, which was but a sad one, and began to talk regretfully of the past and of the future. Now, I did my best to cheer him up, but with little avail, for he shook his head and said:

"Indian as she is, I love Maya dearly, and no other woman has been or can be so much to me, and yet I am afraid, Ignatio, for this marriage is ill-omened. I pray that what has been begun in trickery may not end in desolation. Also the future is black both for you and me. You came here for a certain purpose and will desire to leave again to follow your own path, although I take this lady to wife, do I wish to spend my days in the City of the Heart. And you! it would seem that unless you can escape, this is what we must do."

"Let me hope that we shall be able to escape," I answered. "I doubt it," he said, "for already I have discovered that though we be treated with all honor, yet we shall be closely watched, or at least I shall find myself in a snare. Still, come what may, I trust that my marriage will make no breach in our friendship, Ignatio."

"I do not know, senior, though I think that for weeks its shadow has lain between us, and I fear lest that shadow should deepen. Also it has been said that women and children should come between me, my ambitions and my friends. From the moment that my eyes fell upon Lady Maya, bound to the altar in the chapel of the hacienda, I felt that her great beauty would bring about my ruin, and it would seem that my heart did not lie to me."

Without answering the senior, I went down on the bed, where he remained, whether sleeping or awake I do not know, till the hour of sunset, when I was awakened by the sound of the bells and attendants, who came to lead me to the bath. On his return our messengers entered, bearing magnificent robes and jewels, the gift of Lady Maya, to be worn by him and by me. The chamberlain, who had been trimmed and scented his hair and beard according to the fashion of this people, he was decked out like a victim for sacrifice. So soon as all was prepared the doors were flung wide, and six officers of the palace came through the heavy portals of the sanctuaries, accompanied by a troop of singing girls chosen for their loveliness, which, to speak the truth, was small. In the midst of these officers and ladies the senior was placed, and followed by the young women, he came with a heavy heart, he set out for the banquet hall.

As we reached the doors we threw open and the singers set up love songs, pretty enough, but not to our taste. At the threshold and looking at the guests seated in their most brilliant attire, who were the lamp-light shone bravely. Through this company we walked till we reached an open space at the far end of the hall, around which, by a sort of magic, the members of the Council of the Heart, Tikal and his wife being placed in the center of them, having Mattai on their right, and on their left that old priest Dimas, the foster brother of Zibabai, who had been the first to set the example. As we advanced, with one exception all the council rose and bowed to the senior. That exception was Tikal, who stared straight before him and did not move. Scarcely had they resumed their seats when the sound of singing was heard again, mingled with that of music, and far away, at the foot of the long hall, appeared a band of musicians playing upon pipes of reeds, clad in a royal livery of green and crowned with oak leaves. After the musicians had marched, or rather danced, a number of young girls dressed in white only, and carrying white lilies in their hands, which they threw upon the floor to be trodden by the feet of the bride.

Next came Maya herself, a sight of beauty which I had never seen before, and caused me to think more gently of the senior, who had become party to a trick to win her. She also was arrayed in white, embroidered with gold, and having the symbol of the Heart on her forehead. Her hair was braided and her waist and neck were a girlish and collar of precious emeralds; on her hands was set a tiara of perfect pearls, and in past ages from the shellfish lake, and round her wrists and feet were bracelets of dead gold. Her hair was braided and her waist and neck were a girlish and collar of precious emeralds; on her hands was set a tiara of perfect pearls, and in past ages from the shellfish lake, and round her wrists and feet were bracelets of dead gold. Her hair was braided and her waist and neck were a girlish and collar of precious emeralds; on her hands was set a tiara of perfect pearls, and in past ages from the shellfish lake, and round her wrists and feet were bracelets of dead gold.

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When all were at their places a herald rose and cried out the names and titles of the pair, reciting briefly that they were to be wed by the direct command of the guardian god of the city by the wish of the Council of the Heart, and because of the love that they bore one another. Next reading from a written roll he published the text of the agreement whereby Maya renounced her right as ruler in favor of her cousin Tikal, and I noticed that this agreement was received by the company in cold silence and with some few expressions of disapproval.

Lastly, from another roll he read the list of the honors, offices, wealth, houses and servants which were thereby assigned to the lady Maya and her consort, and also to myself, their friend, for the maintenance of their rank and dignity and of my comfort. Having finished his task he asked the senior and Maya whether they had signed to the lady Maya and her consort, and also to myself, their friend, for the maintenance of their rank and dignity and of my comfort. Having finished his task he asked the senior and Maya whether they had signed to the lady Maya and her consort, and also to myself, their friend, for the maintenance of their rank and dignity and of my comfort.

seat as though to commence the service, then sank down again, saying: "Seek some other priest, herald, for this I will not do."

CHAPTER XXII.

MATAI PROPHESES EVIL.

At Tikal's words the company murmured in astonishment, and Mattai, bending forward, began to whisper in his ear. Tikal listened for a moment, then turned upon him fiercely, and then said aloud so all could hear him: "I tell you, Mattai, that I will be no party to this iniquity. Has such a thing been heard of before that the Lady of the Heart, the highest lady in the land, should be given in marriage to a stranger, who, like some lost dog, has wandered to our gate?"

"The prophecy—" began Mattai. "The prophecy! I put no faith in prophecies. Why should I obey a prophecy which I know, when or by whom I do not know? This lady was my affianced bride, and now I am asked to unite her to a nameless man, who is not even of our blood or faith. Well, I will not."

"Surely, lord, you blaspheme," answered Mattai, growing wroth, "and beseeching that it is not for the highest priest to speak against the oracle of the god. Also," he added, with meaning, "what can it be to you who are not ten days wed to the lady at your side, that she to whom once you were affianced should choose another as her husband?"

"What is it to me?" asked Tikal furiously. "If you desire to know I will tell you. It is everything. How did it come to speak my truth and to take your daughter as a wife? Through you, Mattai, through you, the liar and false prophet. Did you not swear to me that Maya was dead yonder in the wilderness? And did you not, to satisfy your own ambitions, force me to forsake my daughter, my wife, and is not this marriage between the Lady of the Heart and the white man a plot of yours, devised for the furthering of your ends?"

Now, while all stood astonished, of a sudden Mattai, who had been so silent in stony silence, rose and said: "My lord Tikal forgets that common courtesy should protect even an unwelcome wife from public insult." Then she turned and left the hall by the door which was behind her.

Now a murmur of pity for the lady and indignation against the man ran through the company, and as it died away Tikal said: "Evil will come of this night's work and in it I will have no hand. Do what you will and abide the issue, and before any could speak in answer he also had left the hall followed by his guards.

For awhile there was silence, then folk began to talk confusedly, and some of the members of the Brotherhood of the Heart, rising from their chairs, took hurried counsel together. At length they resented themselves, and, holding up his hand to secure quiet, Mattai spoke thus:

"Forgive me," he said, addressing the audience, "if my words seem few and far between, but it is hard for me to be silent in the face of the open insult which has been put upon my daughter and myself before you all. I will not stoop to answer the charges that the lord Tikal has brought against me in his rage, but some evil power must have afflicted him with madness, that, forgetting his honor as a man and his duty as a prince and priest, he should dare to join his name to that of the white man chosen to be a husband to the lady Maya, and myself, the keeper of the sanctuaries. There were many among you who held me foolish when, after much prayer and thought, to further what I believed to be the true interests of the whole people, I gave my voice in favor of the lifting up of Tikal to fill the place and honor of enquire in room of our late prince, Zibabai, whom we thought dead with his daughter in the wilderness. To-night I regret that they were right, and that I was foolish indeed."

"But enough of regrets and bitter talk that make ill music at a marriage feast. Tikal, the head of our hierarchy, has gone, but other priests are left, nor will the will of the Council of the People of the Heart, for whom the Council speaks. Their will it is that this marriage should go forward, and Dimas, my brother, as the oldest among us, I call upon you to celebrate it."

Now the company shouted in applause, for they were set upon this strange union of a white man with their lady, if only because it was a new thing and touched their imagination, and even those of them who were of this party were wroth with Tikal on account of his ill behavior and the cruel affront that he had offered to his new-made wife. So soon as the tumult had died away the old priest, Dimas, rose, and taking the hands of Maya and the senior, he has brought with him a very touching and beautiful prayer over them, blessing them and entreating the spirit, Heart of Heaven, and other gods to give them increase and to make them happy in each other's love.

Lastly, he laid a white silken cloth which had been prepared upon their heads as they knelt before him, and, losing the emerald girle about the waist of the bride, took her right hand and placed it upon the arm of the senior, then he bent and kissed the bride's hand and arm, and in a few solemn words declared these twin to be man and wife in the face of Heaven and earth till death united them.

Now the cloth was lifted and the girle loosed, and standing upon their feet the new wed pair kissed each other before the people. A shout of joy went up that shook the paneled roof, and one by one, in order of their rank, the guests pressed forward to wish joy to the bride and bridegroom, most of them bringing some costly and beautiful gift, which they gave into the charge of the waiting ladies. Last of all came the old priest, Dimas, and said: "Sweet bride, the gift that I am commanded by the council to make to you, though of little value in itself, is yet one of the most precious to be found within the walls of this ancient city, being nothing less than the holy symbol of the all-seeing Eye of the Heart of Heaven, which through you men behold to-day for the first time for many generations."

"Wear it always, lady, and remember that, though this jewel has no sight, yet that eye of which it is a token from hour to hour reads your most secret soul and purpose. Make your thoughts, then, as I have seen within the holy harbor neither guile nor evil, for of all these things in a day to come you must surely give account."

As he spoke he drew from the case that hid it nothing less than that awful eye which we had seen within the holy harbor neither guile nor evil, for of all these things in a day to come you must surely give account. As he spoke he drew from the case that hid it nothing less than that awful eye which we had seen within the holy harbor neither guile nor evil, for of all these things in a day to come you must surely give account.

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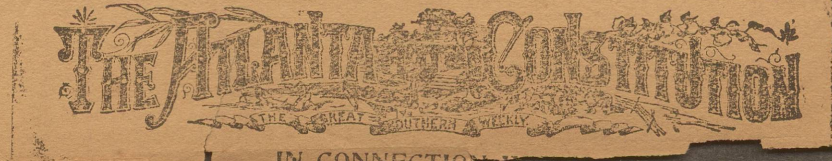
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