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## CRONJE COURAGE.

The Boer General's Bravery Seems to Enthuse His Men

### AND THEY STILL FIGHT AWAY.

The Boers' With Cronje Appear to Not be in as Bad Condition as First News Would Indicate.

London, Feb. 26.—8:30 a. m.—Never before in the course of the present campaign have such crowds visited the war office as went there yesterday. As the Times remarks to-day: "The death of news is somewhat trying at a time when a considerable success was generally regarded as imminent."

No diminution of confidence in Lord Roberts is felt, however, and the public is ready to believe that he has good reasons for not mentioning Gen. Cronje in the official despatches. Probably he is in no hurry to end the situation which is daily bringing small parties of Boers in a vain endeavor to reinforce Gen. Cronje. These he can deal with in detail.

Lord Roberts has already captured over 500 Boers, and at this rate he will soon have quite a respectable array of prisoners to hold as hostages for the 3000 British already in Pretoria.

Gen. Cronje's refusal to accept the offer of Lord Roberts regarding the women and children indicates either that the position is less desperate than has been supposed or that he has been able to dig an absolutely safe place for them.

Everything goes to show that Gen. Buller's advance is most stubbornly contested and most cautiously carried out. It is hoped that he will soon be in a position where Gen. White will be able to assist him materially.

The campaign is now approaching a most interesting phase. In about a fortnight the congress of the Afrikaner bond will meet, and it is rumored that Mr. Hofmeyr will then propose peace terms on the basis of the republic retaining absolute independence, but offering to disarm. If these terms are rejected it is understood that a manifesto will be boldly issued to the Dutch throughout South Africa calling upon them to throw off their allegiance to Great Britain.

Probably these rumors are exaggerated, but there is no doubt that the greatest anxiety prevails in Cape Town regarding coming events.

Germany, through the semi-official Berliner Post, reiterates that all reports of German intervention are quite without foundation.

Capt. Raymond Harvey de Montmorency, who was killed in Gen. Gatacre's reconnaissance Saturday, was the heir of Viscount Frankfurt de Montmorency, and was the fourth heir to a peerage who has fallen in the course of the campaign.

#### Deadly Fire.

Sterkstroom, Feb. 26.—A reconnaissance Saturday in force under Gen. Gatacre with eight guns found the Boers occupying a ridge three miles beyond Moltena in the Steenberg direction.

Montmorency's scouts charged the Boers, who crept around the scout's flank, pouring a deadly fire. The scouts were finally compelled to retire, having lost heavily. Fourteen are missing. Capt. Montmorency was killed.

#### Heavy Losses.

Boer H-12 Lager, Natal, Friday, Feb. 25.—Yesterday the British crossed the Tugela river in large numbers with cannon and over sixty wagons. They attacked the Ermelo and Middleburg commandos, but were forced to retreat under a heavy Mauser fire.

A renewed attempt to storm the Ermelo was made this morning, but the British were again driven off. The fighting continues.

#### Four to One.

New York, Feb. 26.—A Washington special says: Reports of Capt. Bloum of the eighth cavalry, military attaché in South Africa with the British forces, has been received.

The criticism he makes on the tactics and personnel of the British caused the department not to make them public.

Great Britain now has an aggregate of 150,000 men trying to defeat an estimated force of 35,000 Transvaalers, and the British have four guns to the Boers one.

#### Bryan at Nashville.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 26.—Sunday night William J. Bryan, accompanied by Secretary of State W. R. Morgan, left here over the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis road for Memphis. Mr. Bryan attended divine services Sunday morning and again Sunday evening. During the afternoon, with a committee of citizens, he visited the country home of Van Hook Kirkman and later was entertained at lunch by John Thompson, ex-speaker of the senate.

#### Tillman Talks.

Washington, Feb. 26.—During the debate in the senate Saturday on the Hawaiian government bill Senator Tillman of South Carolina vigorously opposed the measure, particularly that portion relating to suffrage. The gentleman from the Palmetto state scored Senator Morgan of Alabama, whom he declared, had when he (Tillman) essayed to reply to Senator Wolcott of Colorado relative to a statement made by the latter concerning the alleged suppressed vote of South Carolina declined to yield part of his time. Mr. Morgan endeavored to interrupt Mr. Tillman, but the latter waved him aside. Mr. Tillman accounted for the smallness of South Carolina's vote at the November elections by asserting that the questions at issue were virtually settled at the primary elections; that there were about 114,000 registered voters, of whom 14,000 were colored, and that 90 per cent of the white vote was Democratic. The result being a foregone conclusion, in fact merely a ratification of the primary vote, only 4000 or 5000 turned out at the November elections in each congressional district to vote. "There is no Republican party," he said, "save the federal officials, who control the patronage and send the delegates to the national Republican convention." The senator declared the whites of the south are patriotic Americans. "I want to protect the whites of Hawaii," remarked the senator, "but don't try to do it by hypocrisy."

Mr. Tillman then read a letter from a person, unnamed, who declared that "a man who dares to oppose the sugar barons in Hawaii was in jeopardy of his life."

Mr. Clark of Wyoming asked for the name of the writer of the letter, saying such a charge ought not to be made lightly in the senate.

Mr. Tillman declined to give the writer's name.

After expressing some sympathy with the argument of Mr. Tillman, Mr. Clark said:

"When the senator from South Carolina charges senators on the Republican side of the chamber with hypocrisy it comes in very poor grace from him to declare by Almighty God that the negroes of the south should not vote."

Mr. Tillman—Such a construction cannot in fairness be put upon my remarks.

Mr. Clark—Will you say to this senate that you are not trying in the south to suppress the negro vote?

Mr. Tillman (with great vehemence)—No; I will say that in South Carolina we have done our level best to keep the nigger from voting.

Mr. Tillman gave notice of an amendment substituting the suffrage provisions of the pending bill.

An amendment to the Puerto Rican bill was introduced by Senator Culberson, permitting the free importation in Puerto Rico works of art and scientific and literary works from Spain for ten years.

In the house the debate on the Pléto Rican bill brought out a speech by Representative Tawney of Minnesota, securing Mr. Littlefield of Maine for his speech of Friday, and also two speeches from the Republican side by Mr. Thompson of New York and Mr. Powers of Vermont opposing the bill. Mr. Thayer of Massachusetts closed the day with a defense of the anti-imperialists.

The other speakers were Mr. Eddy of Minnesota for the bill and Messrs. Clayton of Alabama and Broussard of Louisiana against it.

A dance at Pounds Gap, Ky., wound up with a free-for-all fight, in which pistols and knives were freely used. One man was killed and several wounded.

#### Cases Unknown.

New York, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Mamie Hayes was murdered in her sleeping apartments in the Hotel Endicott by Dr. Franklin L. Caldwell, who then shot and killed himself. The woman was shot in the head. Caldwell was employed as an assistant by Dr. Ephraim H. Hayes, husband of the dead woman.

Nothing was found that gave any idea as to the cause of the shooting, so far as is known.

#### Personnel of Commission.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Gen. Luke E. Wright of Memphis, Tenn., called at the white house in company with Senator Turley. On leaving, Gen. Wright said the president had offered him a place on the Philippine commission and that he had accepted it. The commission will be as follows: Judge Taft of Ohio, president; Prof. Worcester of the present commission, New York; Gen. Luke E. Wright of Tennessee; H. C. Ide of Vermont, and Bernard Moses of California.

#### Cold at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 26.—The storm which began on Friday night reached its height Sunday. The temperature here was near the zero mark and a fierce gale from the northwest blew all day. During most of the day snow fell also. Cars on the street lines were operated with difficulty. The storm was general throughout Northern Ohio with the temperature as low as 14 degrees below zero.

#### FIELD, RANCH, GARDEN.

Recent cold snap injured oats in some locations.

Cameron county has an abundance of vegetables.

Eight hundred steers are being fed for market at Ladonia.

Strong county farmers say wheat could not be better.

The recent cold snap caught strawberries in full bloom at Mansfield.

Many Irish potatoes have been planted in Lamar and Delta counties.

Stockmen report cattle in fairly good condition in the Indian Territory.

F. M. Weaver of Fort Worth is feeding 3000 cattle at Rockwall and other places.

Navy county fruit growers pronounce the outlook for a good yield flattering.

The Skidmore (See county) Melon Growers' association will plant 200 acres in melons.

Rev. Burton of Sildell, Wise county, shipped a car of fat steers to Kansas City lately.

Two hundred and fifty thousand more sheep and lambs were slaughtered in Chicago last year than in 1898.

Walter O. Farmer, the Nashville, Tenn., horseman, says he has cleared \$30,000 on mules inside of a year.

J. A. Longins of Prio county has raised a turnip 28 inches in circumference and which weighs 15½ pounds.

One grower near Victoria has 20,000 cabbage plants which are doing well, and he expects to ship out several carloads.

English buyers paid 9 cents for cotton in Mobile, Ala., a few days since. It classed as good middling, and brought the highest price in the south this season.

The rate on cabbage from the coast country around Corpus Christi to Kansas City is 40 cents per 100, and that section is making preparations to ship 1000 carloads to market in the near future.

Mrs. N. C. Collins of Alice, Tex., has recently purchased a ranch in Duval county containing 15,000 acres from Francis Smith & Co. of San Antonio.

W. N. M. Grinnett, a prominent stock farmer of Merkel, has about completed the erection of a creamery which will utilize the milk of about 250 cows.

Pemberton Bros. of Midland have sold an interest in the M—branch to G. F. Cowden. The cattle were valued at \$23 per head and the ranch property at \$15,000.

W. H. Cowden sold to Cowden & Cochran of Midland his ranch and cattle, consisting of about 1000 head of cattle, at \$23 per head, and the pasture for \$6000.

In some localities in Cooke county the recent cold spell is said to have badly frosted wheat at the top, giving it a sickly appearance. Oats have also been damaged.

A disease known as lion glanders has broken out among the horses in the vicinity of Austin, and twenty-five head have died from it recently in the Del Balle neighborhood.

During the recent cold weather John Swain and a few of his neighbors near Gibson, Lamar county, inaugurated a rabbit hunt. They killed seventy-two the first day and forty-eight the second.

The total valuation of live stock in Arizona, as rendered for taxes last year, was \$5,666,937.38, consisting of 369,579 cattle, 450,974 sheep, 41,516 horses, 1281 mules, 1639 asses, 19,620 goats, 7882 swine.

The Alamo Cattle company of Hutchinson, Kan., has been organized, with a capital of \$10,000. The directors for the first year are C. A. Rathburn and Carrie Rathburn of Hutchinson and A. A. Stephens of Allen.

Market gardeners in the southern portion of Texas have been watching the recent cold weather very closely. A severe cold snap would entail much loss to them, and in consequence they feel more or less uneasiness.

Weston, Collin county, is enjoying the convenience of the rural free mail delivery system, which was inaugurated on the 15th inst. One carrier traverses the route daily, which is twenty-four miles in length. It covers an area of thirty-four square miles, and serves a population, mostly farmers, of 1093.

M. Jackson, a prominent farmer of the Lebanon, I. T., community, was in Denison with four bales of cotton. Mr. Jackson hauled this cotton a distance of forty-five miles. He sold his cotton for \$3.25—the highest spot price of the season there.

Green & Griffith of Shiner a few days ago made their third shipment of cattle. Two cattle were consigned to Chicago, and consisted of four carloads of fine beefs. These gentlemen intend doing considerable shipping to Chicago and other cities.

The Fannin County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association is now in good working order. A large quantity of seed was recently received and planted, such as Irish potatoes, cantaloupes, and onions, and the association hopes to ship out several carloads this season.

#### EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Santo Domingo will abolish capital punishment.

The navy department has chosen Wake Island as a station for the Pacific ocean cable.

The claims Italy has against Santo Domingo will be paid.

Argentine and Portuguese ports have been declared free of typhoid plague.

Senor Rodriguez Alves has been elected governor of Sao Paulo province Brazil, with opposition.

Judge Richard Buckner, one of Kentucky's most noted attorneys, died at Lexington, aged 87 years.

Benjamin Wood, proprietor of the New York Daily News, died at the Fifth Avenue hotel in that city.

The few days' national shooting tournament at Whittington park, Hot Springs, Ark., was a grand success.

The health department's answer of Manila shows that city's population to be 190,000, including 31,000 Chinese.

Bermonconsula have been named for every city and large town in Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay.

The United States battleship Kearsarge was placed in commission at Newport News, Va., with the usual ceremonies.

Decatur, Ala., was visited by a \$100,000 fire it commenced in Kinney Bros. establishment and consumed the entire block.

A German bank has been established at Manaus, capital of the state of the Amazonas, Brazil, with a capital of 20,000,000 milreis.

The 4-year-old child of M. Betzer, living near Parkland OK., was burned to death by her clothing igniting from burning grass in the yard.

Federal Judge Townsend appointed Hon. Alexander Gullett a United States commissioner at Duncan I. T. Mr. Gullett is from Gunnison Cal.

A. E. Stilwell, who built the Pittsburg and Gulf railroad is at the head of a scheme to build a road from Kansas City across Texas to Topolobampo, Mex.

Lieut. Col. Henry R. Brinkerhoff, eleventh infantry, has been appointed Treasurer of the Island of Puerto Rico, relieving Major James A. Buchanan, fifth infantry.

Near Norman J. T. Skinner of Chandler, Jean Shaddick and Hays Baumgardner of Norman were held up and robbed of \$120, \$175 and \$20, respectively by masked men.

United States Minister Sampson has sent a note to the Ecuadorian government saying America is not taking or contemplating steps to obtain dominion over the Galapagos islands.

The sultan's envoy, Munier Bey, has presented the president of France with the insignia and grand cords of the order of Nichamitiaz, the highest decoration in the Turkish empire.

Wm. McDonald, a young California gaucho, who has been singing with the Bostonians for two seasons, is seriously ill in San Francisco, suffering from what physicians say, is paralysis of the jaw.

Another aspirant for the gubernatorial chain in Kentucky has appealed in the person of a crazy negro, residing at Nicholasville, who imagined he had been elected and is actively looking for his seat.

Over 2,000,000 acres of land in the Choctaw Nation have been surveyed into forty-one tracts and appraised made of the same by four parties in the field under the supervision of Chief Kenyon.

A trolley car on the Collins Park and Belt line at Atlanta, Ga., became unmanageable on a steep grade and, jumping the track, snapped a large iron pole and dashed into a stone wall on a curve at the foot of the grade. Mortimer Green, Conductor Nash, Policeman Barrett and B. F. Freeman were injured.

An effort is being made to establish a state religion in Japan.

The Gumar foreign office waxes with solicitude the growing anti-German sentiment in Great Britain. The truth is Germany, since the outbreak of war in South Africa, has maintained the strictest neutrality. No responsible German statesman or official has expressed Anglophobe sentiments.

A flock of Angora goats sumbring 2900, belonging to Tatti Bros. of New Mexico, recently sustained a loss of 1960 head in an attempt to cross a canyon which was filled with a snow drift. Of those killed, 75 were imported bucks, recently purchased at \$100 per head.

The queen has promoted Gen. French to be Major General. Gen. French before has only ranked as a Colonel in the army with held rank of lieutenant general. Lieut. Col. Kekewich has been promoted to Colonel for services in the defense of Kimberley.

Gen. John B. Borden, commanding the United Confederate Veterans, has issued an order calling the attention of all Confederate posts and veterans to the circular of the Chickamauga Park Commission, appointing a general inspection of the park in October next.

#### TOOTHACHE.

Suggested as the Cause of the Sudden Frenzy of Elephants.

"I told you the other day about the Sultan of Zanzibar's clock," said Robert Crawford, "but there was another thing I heard of while in that country which is not without interest. The Sultan used to take me round to show me the place and of what its trade consisted. It is the greatest clove raising country in the world, and as such conveys comfort and courage to out between the acts theater goes the world over. Other spices and coconut rope are also important features of their export trade. But in addition to the sale of that which they raise within their own borders their revenues are largely increased by the trade in ivory. Zanzibar is the greatest market for South African ivory, which is brought there in large quantities from the interior. This ivory is placed in large warehouses, from which it is either sold at once or else held therein for a better market. The man in charge of these warehouses was a very interesting character—an expert in ivory. He told me many curious things about it, and among others propounded the following theory as an explanation of why elephants go mad and occasionally run amuck: In the warehouse was a pair of magnificent tusks, measuring 14 feet from tip to tip, which in life must have been carried by a veritable Goliath among elephants. The expert in showing me these tusks pointed out the fact that while one of the tusks was complete and flawless, the other was broken off at the point and showed deep scratches and abrasions throughout its length. 'Now,' said he, 'if you will look near the base you will find a hole made by decay that had struck into the nerves and given that elephant a toothache, and think what a toothache of toothaches a fourteen-foot tooth must have held. In his efforts to relieve this pain the elephant rubbed his tusk against rocks and trees and drove it into the earth, which mutilated it in the manner you see here. I have frequently come across places where an elephant has ripped up great spaces in a forest and torn down trees, and I am positive that toothache was the cause of this frenzy. An elephant in a circus going suddenly mad and killing his keeper is not an uncommon thing, but I'll wager that in nine cases out of ten if they would properly investigate the matter they would find that the brute's sudden frenzy sprung from so ordinary a cause as common, everyday toothache.'—New York Tribune.

#### Frightening the Lions.

M. Foa, the French explorer, says that lions have a wholesome fear of African wolves, which hunt in packs, and do not scruple to attack even the lion. There are terrible battles in which the lion succumbs to numbers, and dies fighting. In connection with the lion's fear of wolves, M. Foa tells a story from his own experience. It was a very dark night, so black that trees could not be distinguished until the travelers were close upon them. Lions prowled about the party, one of them roaring from a point so close as to have an alarming effect on the nerves. The animals could not be seen, but they could be heard on all sides. Reaching a tree, the men found one of their comrades with rifle cocked peering into the darkness, trying to discover the whereabouts of the animals, that could be plainly heard walking among the leaves. A second man was trying to relight a half-extinguished torch. Still the lions could be heard coming and going in the darkness. At this point the native servant whispered the advice to imitate the cry of wolves in the distance. The party at once began barking and shouting, "Hu! hu! hu!" in an undertone, as if the pack were still at a distance, while the man at the camp made the same well-imitated cry. The effect was instantaneous. There was the sound of a rapid stampede across the dry leaves. The lions decamped in a panic, driven off by the supposed approach of a pack of wolves. For the rest of the night the party was undisturbed.

#### The Blood Red Banner.

Royal and national colors vary with nations and times, but since Cain slew Abel blood-red has been the sign of revolt. In the earliest revolt known to history, when the Persians rose against their king 4000 years ago, they were led by a blood-red banner, and during the riots which took place in Paris the men in the blood-red caps were followed by the mob. A blood-red flag waved over Bunker hill when the Americans fought for liberty, and it was the emblem of the German peasants in their great uprisings in 1242, 1492 and 1525. Blood-red was the color of the trade union flags during the middle ages, and it formed the background of the emblem of the Swiss confederacy in 1315.

#### A Blessing in Disguise.

"A big family," said the old colored inhabitant, "is sometimes a great blessing to a po' man. I got nine sons—ol' e'n young. One got run over by a railroad, on I got damages out er him; n-er one had a leg shot off endurin' de las' war, en de gov'ment come up han'some fer him; en all de res' er dem has had de good luck ter git hatted in some way, en ever' time dat come I got de damages; so in my ol' age I feelin' mighty comfortable, en I rises up en calls dem ebilun blessed!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Senator Wolcott's Fine Law Library.

Senator Wolcott's famous law library in Denver is the envy of the Colorado bar. The senator recently refused an offer of \$50,000 for its 19,000 volumes.

#### Cost of Extra Session.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 26.—The general deficiency and additional appropriation bill passed by the special session and approved by the governor, with the exception of one item, makes a total appropriation of \$223,795.65. This total does not include the item vetoed, which was \$5000 to refund certain filing fees on application to purchase land where such was erroneous.

The extra session cost \$45,000, according to figures furnished by Controller Finley. Mileage and per diem amounted to \$42,000 and contingent expenses \$3000, a total of \$45,000. The appropriations were \$45,000 for mileage and per diem and \$10,000 for contingent expenses, neither of which were exhausted.

The extra session also appropriated \$50,000 with which to start work on the buildings of the epileptic asylum at Abilene; an appropriation out of the general revenue of \$17,180.37 was made in the general land bill. While this is not a straight out expenditure, the amount is subtracted from general revenue and added to the school fund. The money to come out or have partially come out of the general revenue fund as a result of the sitting of the special session might be itemized as follows: General deficiency bill \$223,795.65, for epileptic asylum \$50,000, by Potter land bill \$17,180.37, mileage and per diem \$42,000, contingent expenses \$3000; total \$333,976.92.

#### Mother and Child Drowns.

Orange, Tex., Feb. 25.—Tuesday morning the sloop Willie Bell, with six persons on board, passed up the river and when nearly opposite the Wingate mill, tacked just as a hard puff of wind struck and capsized her. The passengers on deck were thrown into the river, but in the cabin was Mrs. Mann Poole and her 3-year-old daughter, both of whom were drowned. Mrs. Poole had been sick with typhoid fever for three weeks and was not able to move. The boat drifted to the Louisiana side and was brought up against the Bancroft boom and a Mr. Richardson immediately jumped into the cabin, got hold of the drowned lady, but as she was evidently clinging to something under the water, he was unable to release her. He at once searched for the child and, after a careful search, failed to find it. As soon as other assistance got there the boat was righted up and the bodies of both victims were taken from the cabin and carried to the residence of Wm. Sneed near by. Mann Poole, the husband was on board, but was thrown into the river when the sloop went over and could not get to his wife and child in time to rescue them. The Pooles were moving to this place from Jefferson county.

#### Will Sign.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 28.—The governor announced that he will now sign patents which have heretofore been held up because of the unsettled condition of the school fund in regard to the public domain. The Potter bill having cleared up and settled all differences, the governor will now sign patents. There is a large number of acres involved in the old Gibson certificates which was settled in the case of Leon and H. Blum, purchasers of the certificates. In this connection Land Commissioner Rogan announces that on account of work accumulated in the office it will be some time before the patents can be issued, and hence advises patience.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury, said he had received no information relative to the Boer guns.

#### Hunt Back.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 28.—The state health officer W. F. Hunt returned from Galveston, where he has been for the past several weeks. He was sick with pneumonia during a portion of the time, but is now completely recovered. He says that all the contracts for the converting of the bark Hazeto into a state fumigating barge have been let and everything is now in readiness for the work to commence. It will take about five weeks to fit up the barge according to the plans and specifications that have been adopted.

#### Damages Asked.

Crossland brought suit in Judge Surratt's court against the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company, alleging that she reached Waco asleep on the former route and the car she occupied was coupled to a Katy train, over which she had no ticket. When aroused by the conductor she was in a forest and rain falling, and nevertheless she was compelled to leave the train at once. She asks for \$6000 as damages.

#### Governor's Brother Marries.

Bastrop, Tex., Feb. 28.—Married at Calvary Episcopal church in this city Tuesday at 12:30 o'clock. Hon. S. S. Bayers and Miss Nora Buchanan McLary, both of Bastrop. Rev. John Sloan officiating. The groom is a brother of Gov. Bayers, and a son of the late David Bayers, and by his lifelong record here holds a prominence in all hearts as a noble man, worthy of the very best, while the lovely bride is among the most winning and accomplished women.







Man has fingers, that something may slip through for others.

#### Know How It Was Himself.

Queen Victoria frequently visits her tenantry on the Balmoral estate, and a little book could be written about the romantic meetings of queen and peasant. On one occasion the queen called on a certain old crofter and his wife, and was as usual received with extreme consideration. The day happened to be misty and very disagreeable, and the old crofter brought a glass of whisky to the queen, which the royal lady graciously put to her lips. The old crofter of the house with Highland hospitality pressed the queen to "take it off," for the day was cold and wet, to which her old man rejoined:

"Toots, wumman, dinna press her majesty; she mebbe had a drap afore she cam' here."

#### About Your Hat.

Some men will buy two or three black derby hats a season, and these will always look rusty and old. Other men will buy not more than one a year, and that will never lose its deep and brilliant gloss. "I'll tell you why it is," said one of the best dressers in Philadelphia, the other day. "It is because one man brushes his hat with a stiff-bristled whisk, and the other rubs his hat with a piece of woolen cloth. The felt of a hat is such a delicate stuff that a stiff whisk applied to it has pretty much the effect that a curry comb or a rake would have on a suit of clothes. It wears the nap off, exposing the bare gray foundation in short order. A piece of woolen cloth, rubbed over a hat with a circular motion that conforms to the grain, doesn't rub off the nap at all, but keeps it lustrous and firm and of good color. I buy one two-and-a-half hat a year, and rub each morning with a bit of flannel. I guarantee that it outlasts three \$5 hats that are raked and scraped with whisks every day."

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"But where does your specialty come in on such a proposition as that?"

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#### Another Woman Helped

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#### "Laid Over" for Years.

A good lawyer learns many lessons in the school of human nature; and thus it was that Lawyer Hackett did not fear to purchase a tract of land which had been "laid over" for years.

Some of the people wondered why he wanted to get hold of property with such an incubus of uncertainty upon it. Others thought that perhaps he wanted some legal knitting work, and would pitch in red hot to fight that line fence question on his own hook.

That's what the owner of the adjoining thought. So he braced himself for trouble when he saw Hackett across the fields one day.

Said Hackett: "What's your claim here, anyway, as to this fence?"

"I insist," replied the neighbor, "that your fence is over on my land two feet at one end and one foot at least at the other."

"Well," replied Hackett, "you go ahead just as quick as you can, and set your fence over. At the end where you say that I encroach on you two feet, set the fence on my land four feet. At the other end push it on my land two feet."

"But," persisted the neighbor, "that's twice what I claim."

"I don't care about that," said Hackett. "There's been fight enough over this land. I want you to take enough so you are perfectly satisfied, and then we can get along pleasantly. Go ahead and help yourself."

The man paused abashed. He had been ready to commence the old struggle tooth and nail, but this move of the new neighbor stunned him. Yet he wasn't to be outdone in generosity. He looked at Hackett.

"Squire," said he, "that fence ain't going to be moved an inch. I don't want the land. There wasn't nothin' in the fight, anyway, but the principle of the thing."

#### Friend of Newspapers.

The lord chief justice of England is a friend of the newspaper and of newspaper men. It is pleasant, therefore, to have him take a stand on that much abused word, "journalism."

"Holding," also, as is well known, some strong opinions on the sunny side of company promoting, he gave expression to some very mightily winged words in a case where a person describing himself as a "financial journalist" played a conspicuous but none too creditable part. The court praised the journalistic profession, but broadly intimated that many who claim to belong to it are, like the person who stood before him, no more journalists than a janitor of a courtroom is a member of the bar. "The profligate dishonesty of such men," said his lordship, "brings the press with which they are connected into contempt and disgrace, and nobody feels this more than journalists themselves." Commenting on this, the London Chronicle says: "Just as a certain class of women always appear in a police court as 'accused,' so the honorable profession of letters is vilified by the blackmailers and financial tipsters who describe themselves in the law courts as 'journalists.' It is not always the case that they have even any connection, as the particular man in point had, with any reputable paper; but when they have it makes the case, if possible, worse."

#### Mammoth Mule.

Coffey county is feeling very proud these days. "We will wager our coat-of-arms," says the Burlington Independent, "that Coffey county has raised and shipped to the Transvaal war the tallest mule that will cross the ocean. It was the property of Winnie Allen, of Burlington, and was reared by Mahlon, of Neosho township, this county; the mule measures eighteen hands and one inch in height in his sock feet and is built accordingly. A special agent of the English government was sent here to purchase this mule, with the belief and expectation that he will kick the whey, kraut and emerald out of the Boers in less than thirty days. To show the foreign heathen the wonderful products and resources of this favored country, before being taken on board ship this mule will be branded: Made in Coffey County, Kas., U. S. A."

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## KANSAS CITY GETS

The Democratic National Convention by a Large Vote.

### NATION'S NATAL DAY THE TIME.

Milwaukee's friends worked faithfully, but their efforts were fruitless—Gorman took active part.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The next national Democratic convention will be held at Kansas City, Mo., July 4. This was the decision of the Democratic national committee, which met at the Hotel Raleigh Thursday to fix the time and place of holding the convention.

Milwaukee was the only other city which competed for the honor of entertaining the convention, and the poor showing she made when the vote was taken (the result being Kansas City 40, Milwaukee 9) caused general surprise. The claims of the rival cities as to hotel accommodations, railway and telegraphic facilities were presented in open session by representatives of each city, and subsequently in executive session.

Gov. W. J. Stone, in behalf of Kansas City, and National Committeeman E. C. Wall, on behalf of Milwaukee, explained the financial inducements which the city each represented was willing to make. Each offered the committee \$50,000, but in addition Kansas City was willing to furnish hotel accommodations for the committee and the hall, with decorations and music free of expense to the committee.

One of Milwaukee's strongest arguments was the political effect which the holding of the convention in that city would have upon the German-American voters, who were represented to the committee as wavering in their allegiance to the Republican party.

It seemed to be taken for granted by at least two speakers that Bryan would be renominated and that the Chicago platform in substance would be reaffirmed. Opposition to trusts, expansion and imperialism, together with every mention of Bryan and the Chicago platform, aroused enthusiasm, but during the open session of the committee there was no allusion to the issue of free silver.

Three dates for holding the convention were proposed: May 4, by Mr. Townsend of Oregon; June 14, by Senator Tillman of South Carolina; and July 4, by Mr. McGraw of West Virginia. A speech by ex-Senator Gorman in favor of holding the convention at making a date later than that of the party in power had considerable effect in causing "Independence day" to be chosen.

After the committee had selected the Gate City of the West, the Kansas City boomers held a jollification meeting in their rooms at the Raleigh. Ex-Gov. Stone addressed the gathering, predicting that those who attended the convention will depart with praises upon their lips for the hospitality they had received and that the nominee of the convention would be the victor at the polls in November.

The vote upon fixing the date of the convention was in favor of July 4—37 votes; June 14, 21 votes; May 4, 1 vote.

A speech which had a great deal of influence on the fixing of the date was made by ex-Senator Gorman. He said that four years ago it might have been well to hold the convention early, as the party then took a new position, one which drove many of the leaders out of the party or into temporary retirement. The organization then went into new hands; into the hands of able men, but many of whom had not been active in control of party affairs. It took them some time to organize. Now there was a good organization. The party was ready and equipped to enter upon the campaign. The party in power should be allowed to hold its convention first, and the indictment of that party could be made as it has been made in times past.

Mr. McLean of Ohio also favored the later date. The committee decided the District of Columbia contest for national committeeman in favor of James L. Norris.

A sub-committee was named to audit the accounts of the committee. Chairman Jones was authorized to appoint a sub-committee of seven to make arrangements for the convention.

Dan Rice, the famous clown, died at Long Branch, N. J. His widow lives in Texas.

Anti-Imperialists. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—An "eastern conference" of anti-imperialists began here Thursday. The conference is said by its promoters to be another step in the movement to bring the war in the Philippines to an end. The leaders say that a show of hands in Philadelphia a few months in advance of the Republican national convention will have some weight in inducing the delegates to recognize their claims. Ex-senator Edmunds is honorary president.

### "Fight to a Finish."

London, Feb. 23.—Cronje is seemingly making his last stand. He is dying hard, hampered in by British infantry and with shells from sixty guns falling into his camp.

On the third day of the fight the Boer chief asked for an armistice to inter his dead. "Fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally," was Lord's Kitchen's reply. Gen. Cronje immediately sent back word that his request for a truce had been misunderstood and that his determination then, as before, was to fight to the death.

The battle went on. This was the situation of Gen. Cronje Tuesday evening as sketched in the scanty telegram that emerged from the semi-silence of South Africa.

Officially Lord Roberts wires that he scattered the advance commandos of the reinforcements that were striving to reach Gen. Cronje. It is regarded as singular that Lord Roberts wiring Wednesday should not mention the appeal for an armistice on the previous day also that the war office should withhold good news, if it has any.

Without trying to reconcile even the scanty materials at hand, it seems plain that Gen. Cronje is in a bad, and even a desperate situation and that the British are pressing their advantage.

While the attack on Gen. Cronje proceeds, there is a race for concentration between the Boers and the British.

The engagement with Gen. Cronje's 6000 to 8000 entrenched men is likely to become an incident in a battle between the masses. The separated factions of the Boer power are rapidly drawing together to attack Lord Roberts. Will Cronje be able to hold out until the Boer masses appear, or if he does, will they then be able to succor him? The British are facing the Boers on ground where the arms, tactics and training of the British are expected to give them the advantage.

Gen. Buller, according to a dispatch from Chibulwe, dated Wednesday, finds the Boers in positions north of the Tugela largely reinforced. This seems strange.

The war office for the first time has given out an official compilation of the British losses. The total is 11,268 to Feb. 17. This does not include therefore, Lord Roberts' recent losses, nor the Witwatersrand prisoners.

The press association learns that the Boer losses at Koodoos Rand were 700.

### Committee's Call.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The national Democratic committee issued the following call:

The national Democratic committee having met in the city of Washington on the 22d of February, 1900, has appointed Wednesday, the 4th of July, as the time, and chosen the city of Kansas City, Mo., as the place of holding the national Democratic convention. Each state is entitled to a representative therein equal to double the number of its senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, and each territory, Alaska, Indian Territory and the District of Columbia shall have six delegates. All Democratic conservative reform citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political affiliations and differences, who can unite with us in the effort for pure, economical and excellent government, and who favor the republic and oppose the empire, are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention.

The committee at 6:30 p. m., adjourned to meet at Kansas City, July 3.

### Useful and Ornamental.

The International and Great Northern Railroad company has had manufactured by the Matthews-Northrup company of Buffalo, N. Y., a wall map which is truly a both useful and ornamental addition to any Texas business office. The great state of Texas, in its immensity, is elaborately set forth, while the border states of Arkansas and Louisiana receive much space. Oklahoma and the Indian Territory are duly remembered, while Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Missouri and even distant Mississippi are not overlooked. The various states of our sister republic, Mexico, are most excellently portrayed, together with Campeche, Guatemala and Yucatan.

Accompanying this superb work, on both sides, are seventeen Texas scenes, the whole nicely set off by a train at the upper end and one at the lower.

The geographical features are every whit in keeping with the artistic ones, and those who possess a copy are certainly fortunate.

The house of commons has rejected at its second reading the Irish evicted tenants' bill, 232 to 136.

Commissary service of the Boers is pronounced good.

### Both Sustain Severe Losses

London, Feb. 23.—The British losses at Koodoos Rand were heavy. The soldiers were under fire all day, and the fighting had no definite results, as the Boers' larger was well barricaded and they remained there.

The British guns shelled the laager vigorously and the Boers confessed to a loss of over 800 men. The terrible shelling was resumed Monday, when Gen. Cronje asked for an armistice.

The shelling was continued Tuesday, over fifty guns pouring lead into the Boer camp.

### Trains Collide.

Mincola, Tex., Feb. 23.—A serious wreck on the Texas and Pacific road occurred here at 12:27 Friday afternoon.

Passenger train No. 1, westbound, in charge of Conductor Gossett, was pulling into the station on the main track at a speed of about twenty miles per hour.

Freight train No. 18, eastbound, had sidetracked a short distance east of the passenger depot. Through some sort of oversight, not yet accounted for, the switch had been left open.

This was not discovered by the engineer on No. 1 until his locomotive was so near the other that he barely had time to throw the emergency brake and reverse lever.

The engineers and firemen of both engines jumped from their cabs almost at the very moment of the terrible crash.

They were all more or less bruised and badly shaken up. That they escaped alive is miraculous.

The passenger engineer, D. Morain, had bleeding wounds on his hands and his left ear. His fireman, C. C. Dobbs, was also badly bruised up and returned to Marshall.

Engineer T. E. Watt of the freight had an ugly bruise on his head near the ear and was suffering from a hurt of his left hip.

All the passengers on No. 1 were badly shaken up and several more or less injured.

T. B. Littell of Longview was among those most badly hurt. He says he was thrown over four seats in one of the coaches.

An elderly lady of Cisco, Tex., thought she had a broken rib, but concluded to continue her journey.

A little girl, daughter of Alderman Foy of Dallas, had a bad cut on the head, but not supposed to be dangerous.

The company's local surgeon, Dr. Patten, was promptly an hand, and rendered all necessary treatment to the injured.

The passenger engine, No. 18, is a complete wreck, and the freight engine, No. 223, is badly disabled.

Some idea of the force and extent of the collision can be formed, when it is stated that everything between the front ends of the boilers is gone, with the exception of part of the drum of the freight engine, which was telescoped by the boiler of the passenger engine, leaving the ends of both boilers and the cylinders almost touching.

The cab is entirely gone from the passenger engine and the tender is partly up on the engine. The baggage car was damaged and had to be set out. The freight engine cab is back on the tender, and the tender is driven back into what was a car of hay.

### Mills' Present.

Coriscana, Tex., Feb. 24.—Hon. Roger Q. Mills has just received from Mrs. Garret A. Hobart, widow of the late vice president, a splendid picture of her deceased husband, which is presented to the ex-United States senator at the request of Vice President Hobart, made just before he died. The picture represents Mr. Hobart standing erect, his figure showing from the knees up, and his right hand thrust inside his closely buttoned cutaway coat, the left arm hanging by his side.

### Another \$100.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 24.—Another 100 pounds sterling has been forwarded to the lord mayor of London as the last of the Texas subscription for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the British soldiers now serving in South Africa. This is the second amount forwarded, and makes a total of 350 pounds raised by the Galveston committee from all parts of Texas and concludes their labors.

### Left in the Hole.

Coriscana, Tex., Feb. 24.—A streak of bad luck has struck oil well drillers in this field. In addition to the destruction by fire of the rigs of Sturm Bros. and George Broughton and the serious burning of John Wynne, J. M. Lee, another driller, reports the loss of 1400 feet of well hole. By that he means he had drilled down 900 feet in one well and 500 in another, at which depths the cables parted leaving the big iron drills in the holes.

### Free Clinic.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 24.—An organization to be known as the North Texas Free Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic was formed in Dallas, Friday morning. It will afford assistance to those afflicted with ailments of any of the organs named, provided they are worthy and unable to pay for such service. Headquarters have been established at the southeast corner of Elm and Akard streets, upstairs. Some of the best citizens are officers.

### Cattle Shipment.

Coriscana, Tex., Feb. 24.—A train of nine carloads of fat steer cattle was shipped from this point to Chicago Friday, the train-load being made up by different parties as follows: C. B. West, three cars; Robert Herring, three cars; Cook, one car; Joe Beauchamp, one car. The shipment will run over the Central, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and Washburn, the routing having been secured by Livestock Agent James Harris.

An advance of 5 cents per barrel is quoted for Coriscana oil.

### Protests Sent.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 27.—The railroad commission Monday received numerous protests from Galveston against withdrawing the reconignment privileges on sugar and molasses from interstate points to Texas points.

A protest was received from the Texas Molasses and Warehouse company, a petition signed by Wallis, Landers & Co., Jake Davis & Co., Focke, Wilkens & Lange, Ullmann, Lewis & Co., M. M. Levy & Co., Gust Heye & Co., and P. J. Willis & Bro., was also against the withdrawing of such privileges.

Mr. F. O. Becker, writing for the Galveston freight bureau, states that if the commission should decide to put in low emergency rate the railroads, in order to avoid the rates, would withdraw the present reconignment privileges, which, he declares, would take all this character of business out of the state, as was the condition until the roads granted the request of the Texas jobbers in molasses and sugar. For this reason Mr. Becker asks that a general hearing be had before the adoption of the emergency rates.

The railroad commission realizes that to force the abandonment of the present arrangement would be to shut out Houston and Galveston from this trade and place it in the hands of the Shreveport and New Orleans jobbers, but the commission insists that the same privileges be granted other Texas cities besides Galveston and Houston.

The commission decided to set down for hearing the matter of disagreement over the sugar and molasses reconignment privileges now exercised by Galveston and Houston. Friday, March 9, is the day set for the hearing, and the notice is broad enough to cover any change the commission might decide to make in the present arrangement.

### Fear Small-Pox.

Paris, Tex., Feb. 27.—About twenty negro wood choppers have been engaged the past three weeks in cutting cordwood fifteen miles southeast from Paris, in what is known as the Oklahoma country. The darkies lived in a large tent. At a late hour last Saturday night some persons unknown went to the place after they had gone to bed and shot the top of the tent full of holes, driving out the negroes, some of whom fled without taking time to put on their clothes. About fifty shots were fired. No attempt was made to harm the darkies. The motive assigned for running them out was that it was feared they would introduce the small-pox in the neighborhood.

### Chairman Bell's Call.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 27.—The following call is self-explanatory: To the Members of the Democratic State Executive Committee of the State of Texas: The Democratic state executive committee will meet at the city of Waco, at 1 o'clock p. m., on March 12, for the purpose of determining the time and place at which the state conventions to select delegates to the national convention and to nominate a state ticket, shall be held, and for the further purpose of transacting such other business as the executive committee may deem proper.

C. K. BELL, Chairman.

### Transferred.

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 27.—Capt. Eva Tomlinson, who has been in charge of the Salvation army corps here for seven months, has been transferred to Texarkana. During her stay there have been seventy-two conversions and much good work done. Who will succeed her is not known.

### Wolf Killed.

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 27.—A pack of perhaps a dozen gray wolves have been lately seen prowling around in the ravines south of the slaughter house. They were no doubt attracted by the smell of blood washing down Post Oak creek into Choctaw bayou. A very large specimen was killed in C. W. Batwell's poultry yard, on South Travis street Monday. John Redrose, a colored servant, hemmed the animal in and dispatched it with an ax.

### Caused by a Scratch.

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 27.—H. J. Williams, aged 50 years, a farmer who resides near Ellsworth postoffice, a few miles north of the city, is deaf and his interment took place at West Hill cemetery, this city. About two weeks since, while engaged in a fox chase, his left ankle was scratched severely by a thorn. The place gave him more and more trouble each day until he was compelled to take to his bed, and Sunday evening he died.

### Cheese Factory.

Coriscana, Tex., Feb. 27.—The proposition to put in a cheese factory plant to cost \$25,000 at this point is about to win out, all that is now needed being a subscription of \$2000, to raise which President George T. Jester has appointed S. W. Boyer and Dr. Hines to make a canvass of the city. All other money needed is guaranteed. Mr. Jester is very much interested in this enterprise, and is giving it all the encouragement he can.

### Gov. Sayers' Reasons.

The following in substance are Gov. Sayers' reasons for not calling another special session:

"Of the tax bill before the house of representatives," says the governor, "not one-half has been considered, a good portion of that remaining being of a character that will inevitably involve discussion. Were the legislature to be again convened it could only hold for thirty days. The work to be submitted must necessarily be begun anew.

"Under the circumstances I do not feel that I would be justified in again convening the legislature. I confess to disappointment that it will not be possible to give, at this time, to the people the promised relief from the existing inequalities in our tax laws. It would be unprofitable, however, to now discuss the reasons and to point out the influences that have conspired to prevent a fair, candid and impartial consideration of the subject."

After stating that the tax commission was created by the legislature by unanimous vote at the demand of the Texas Democracy in convention assembled, and referring to the arduous labors that the commission's work involved, Gov. Sayers justifies his course in calling the legislature in special session as follows:

"The reduction of the rate of taxation, thus saving to the people an annual contribution of about \$300,000 for the support of the state government, the settlement of what is due to the permanent school fund from the state and the law providing a form of government for the schools in the place of the statute recently declared unconstitutional by the supreme court, thus providing for the continuous progress and advancement of our splendid system of public education, these measures, without taking into account other laws that have been passed, will, in my judgment, entirely justify the special session of the legislature before the bar of public opinion."

### Train Wreck.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 26.—There was a passenger train wreck on the Galveston, Houston and Northern railway near Deep Water Saturday night. It resulted in the death of Julius E. Sprague, express messenger, and slight injuries to Mr. Byron Johnson of Galveston and the following negro passengers:

A. J. Vickers, Phil Marshall and W. S. Stillman of Galveston and George Gillette of Cedar Bayou. Their injuries were slight.

General Manager W. W. Kent of the road was on board, and with Conductor McGuire walked a couple of miles to wire to Houston for a relief train.

It was about 3 o'clock Sunday morning when the relief train got back from the scene of the accident. From the best information it seems that an axle of the trucks of the tender broke and caused derailment.

The ties and track were torn up considerably. Mr. Sprague was a nephew of General Manager Christensen of the Wells-Fargo Express company, headquarters at Chicago. He had been on this run only a short time.

### Improvements.

Coriscana, Tex., Feb. 26.—Since Jan. 1 of this year there have been started in this city forty-eight new buildings, more than one for each day, excluding Sundays. Lumbermen say there never was in Coriscana such a demand for lumber as there is at present. The cost of the buildings completed and started since Jan. 1 is in the neighborhood of \$60,000, and the indications are that as the season advances the building operations will increase.

### Will Speak at Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 26.—A telegram from W. J. Bryan to Col. W. L. Moody announced that Mr. Bryan would speak in Galveston on next Saturday night under the auspices of the Jackson Democratic club.

Invitations have been extended to ex-Gov. Hogg, the members of the Texas railroad commission, Gov. Sayers, State Chairman Bell and other prominent Democrats to be present.

### Board of Regents.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 26.—Under the decision of the supreme court declaring void the school trustee act, as construed by the attorney general with reference to the board of regents of the state University, the governor has reappointed six of the eight regents. They are: F. M. Spencer of Galveston, Beauregard Bryan of Brenham, George W. Brackenridge of San Antonio, R. E. Cowart of Dallas, H. B. Marsh of Tyler and T. S. Henderson of Cameron. The two others are T. W. Gregory of Austin and H. M. Garwood of La-Grange.

### Effective at Once.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 26.—The question has been raised as to whether the deficiency appropriation bill passed at the special session of the legislature goes into immediate effect. The bill failed to pass by the necessary two-thirds vote, and the point involved is whether it is on the same footing with a general appropriation bill. If so, it goes into immediate effect. Judge R. H. Ward, assistant in the attorney general's department, says it goes into immediate effect.

## Seriously Wounded.

Months of Suffering Caused by an Accident—Mr. Elias Blaisdell, of Randolph, Neb., Over His Life to a Renowned Remedy.

The following story told by Mr. Blaisdell will be read with considerable interest:

"In the summer of '98 I sustained a serious injury by having the lines of a plowfork strike me in the left knee. The wound soon healed, but I did not enjoy the same health I had previous to the accident, and it was but a short time afterward that I was compelled to take to my bed on account of the severe pain throughout my limbs and the stiffness of the joints. A physician was called and the knee lanced three different times. The disease was at first called sciatic rheumatism, but afterward the physicians designated it as blood poison. During this time I was all run down physically and seemed to me that I had hardly any blood. My kidneys, heart and lungs all seemed affected, and once when I happened to bruise one of my fingers the wound seemed to be light and watery and not the color it should be. I had five different physicians. They said that the upper portion of one of my lungs had become affected and I could see that they did not entertain very much hope of my recovery."

"I was confined to my bed for eleven weeks and derived but slight benefit from the treatment that had been given. One day in the course of my suffering with a cousin, he remarked that I ought to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"Perfectly willing to try any medicine that seemed likely to cure me, I began taking the pills. In about three weeks a noticeable improvement was observed. Gaining in health and confidence in the curative powers of the pills I followed directions closely, and took in all ten or twelve boxes."

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### An Avenger to Black Point.

The late Miss Dorothy Dene, the actress, has a pretty gift of humor, and was fond of telling a tale about the astonishment of the workman to whom she entrusted the painting of her flat in West Kensington. She had a charming dining room, with terra cotta walls and black doors, but had a great struggle to get the workman to put on the black paint. "I'll do it if you like, miss," he said, "but it'll look like a 'carcase'!"

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