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## For the Farmer.

Farming is not sufficiently profitable to justify one in paying 20 per cent interest on money for a few months' use, and yet that is exactly what many farmers are doing, says Alva Agos in The National Stockman. Freight rates add materially to the price of all fertilizers. On this account a dollar unit is not more than a fair price for available phosphoric acid. Buying for cash, one need not pay more than a dollar for each unit in the figures giving percentage of available phosphoric acid. The farmer may buy 15 per cent goods for \$15 if he buys his fertilizer with the same method that he uses in buying a barrel of sugar. But the credit system prevails, and the result is that more phosphoric acid is sold for \$1.25 a unit than for a less price. The same condition of things in a less marked degree prevails in the farm implement business. There is a "long" and a "short" price. The country merchant selling on credit must furnish supplies to farmers at relatively high prices or else go into bankruptcy. No blame attaches to the manufacturers and merchants for demanding comparatively high prices for farmers' supplies so long as the farmers demand credit. There are big risks and expense in the credit system, and the consumer must foot all bills, or else merchants must go bankrupt. This or that measure is proposed for the betterment of the farmer's condition, but there is nothing obtainable that would effect it more quickly than the abolition of the credit system. Most men who have sufficient credit to secure any goods on time have sufficient credit to borrow the cash needed for their purchases. The interest would be a trifle as compared with the interest really paid under the credit system. The dealer abuses a safe man that he does not need or want the cash, and this may be true, because his credit price covers the charge for the use of the money two or three times over. But if farmers insisted upon low cash prices and none asked for credit dealers would and could make lower prices. The saving in fertilizers alone would be a huge sum, providing farmers bought intelligently. There could be a great saving all along the line that would be satisfactory to dealers and consumers. It is the latter who make high prices necessary. Cheap as many articles are, no price is low enough until it is the lowest cash price which gives the dealer a safe profit and enables the consumer to reduce his bills materially. If necessary, borrow the money, but pay cash and buy right.

### Grubworms.

An Ohio farmer writes to The National Stockman that much damage has been done in that section this year by the common white grubworm; it having completely destroyed many meadows, pastures and wheatfields. One splendid blue grass pasture a short time ago now has nothing left green except the thickets. It does not trouble clover at all, and a field of corn planted on heavy sod and escaped when other fields around it were destroyed last year, and this year wheat upon the same field has not been touched. He believes a three years' rotation of clover, corn and wheat would keep the worms away. In his pastures he succeeded in destroying many of them by moving the hens to the infested spots. They devoured large numbers of them, and with small portable houses they would probably clean them out if there were hens enough to each field. Such patches will have to be plowed and sowed or planted next year, and he advises clover, with timothy and blue grass, as the best seed to exterminate them.

### When to Sow Blue Grass Seed.

This seed can be sown at almost any season of the year when there is

enough moisture to cause it to germinate. The best time, however, according to The New England Homestead, is in autumn, say about the middle of September or in early spring, when the frost is coming out of the ground. Possibly the best way to sow it is in connection with timothy or some other grass. If blue grass only is wanted, sow it alone in a well prepared seed bed. Keep the weeds down until a good sod has been formed. It soon crowds out the other grass, so that sowing with timothy may be more satisfactory in that a catch is often more easily secured than if sown alone.

### Squash in Place of Pumpkins.

There are now many varieties of squash that are even more productive than pumpkins, besides being better for pie and even for stock. There has been a great improvement on the pumpkin itself as regards quality. Whichever is grown, it pays to get the best. Those with large open spaces in the fields and filled with seed should no longer be planted. However large they grow, they produce less weight per vine than some of the smaller pumpkins that have thick flesh and comparatively few seeds.—Boston Cultivator.

### Clover Hay For Swine.

There are some who do not appreciate the value of clover hay for swine. It is to be regretted that such appreciation is not universal, says an exchange. It is not only valuable because of its high merit as a feed, but because of the bulk that it furnishes. No growing animal should be fed exclusively upon the grains.

### Washing Milk Utensils.

In washing milk utensils they should first be rinsed out with cold or tepid water, then washed in water as hot as the hand can stand, scalded thoroughly and then, if possible, set out in the sun.

### Unkind Star.

Mrs. Slimdick (to new boarder)—Did you sleep well last night, sir?  
New Boarder—Not very, Mrs. Slimdick. That bed reminded me so much of home that I felt sort of homesick.  
Mrs. Slimdick—Indeed! Where is your home?  
New Boarder—In the Rocky mountains.—Harlem Life.

### New Year in Japan.

The Japanese New Year is the chief fête of the year. No self respecting Japanese thinks of working for at least three days, which he mainly devotes to the business of drinking, and every household, by a tacit consent, plants a bamboo grove in front of his shop or house and hangs out as many colored lanterns as he can conveniently dispose.

The last night of the old year no Japanese goes to bed. The shops and theaters are kept open most of the night, and the most popular shops are those which sell battle-axes and shuttlecocks, for shuttlecock is the great New Year game in Japan. For at least three days it is played by every one—staid fathers of families, old women without a remaining tooth, girls, young men and schoolboys. The whole thing strikes a western barbarian as extremely childish.

To do the Japanese justice, however, it is only once a year that they descend to these frivolities. Generally speaking, they have adopted the more vigorous games of the west, and Japanese regattas, race meetings, bicycle races and athletic sports bear frequent witness to the fact that the youth of the nation has a muscular ideal before it which it is steadily pursuing.

### One Exception.

"I am reduced from affluence to beggary," he muttered.  
It was few words as possible she broke their engagement.  
"I wish to show," she observed haughtily, "that women, contrary to general report, do not necessarily care for things just because they are reduced!"—Detroit Journal.

### Naturally So.

The Albino—The ossified girl is altogether too proud.  
The India Rubber Man—Yes, I never saw anybody as stiff with her friends as she is.—Kansas City Independent.

On life's highway everybody is not only willing but anxious to take the rich man's dust.—Little Falls Herald.

## Live Territorial News.

The Eagle says White Oaks has more coal in sight and better coal today than at any time since the mines were opened.

The Elks of Las Vegas are making an effort to have the national home which the order intends to build located at that place. Citizens on the Gila river reserve have asked Gov. Otero to forward to Washington a petition protesting against the decision of the department ordering all sheep off the reserve.

Sam C. Meek, deputy postmaster at Socorro, has received notice that he is one of several heirs to property in Richmond, Indiana, valued at over a quarter of a million dollars.

Celso Garcia of La Jara, Valencia county, was placed in Bernalillo county jail Monday to await action by the grand jury on the charge of having murdered Luis Velarde and then robbed the body.

According to the Springer Stockman the public domain is being so rapidly taken up by homesteaders that it will not be long until there will be very little open range in Colfax and northern Mora county.

At Santa Fe Judge McFie Saturday granted a decree of foreclosure of a mortgage on the Congregational church and lot near the Santa Fe railroad depot, in favor of the Congregational Church Building society represented by W. H. Pope, Esq.

### Bland Brevities.

A. Simpler, of Albuquerque, is erecting a building in which he will conduct an undertaking establishment.

F. B. Fowles is erecting a couple of residences on the lots recently purchased by him. From all appearances he will have a cozy home.

J. C. Thomas, an efficient pharmacist of Cerrillos will open up a first class drug store next week in the building opposite Myers & Smith's restaurant. He comes highly recommended and with the best credentials.

Benham & Hunt, the sawmill men, have undertaken the immense task of building a road up the Media Dia canon from their mill site. The road, which was commenced only a few days ago, is nearing completion.

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tion. This will greatly shorten the distance between Bland and the mill.

### Line Burned a Wagon.

Ascension Romero, of Cimarrilla, had a strange experience this week on the way to Bland, with 1,800 pounds of flour and 300 pounds of lime. On his wagon, standing on the line, he also had a keg of water. He camped on the Rio Grande for the night, and when he awoke in the morning he found that the wagon and contents had burned up with the exception of a front wheel. The water had evidently leaked and coming in contact with the lime set the wagon on fire. This morning Romero bought a new Rain wagon from W. H. Goebel and asked that he was over \$200 out of pocket through his bad luck.

### Paid Dear For His Leg.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a running sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for piles. 25 cts. a box. Sold by Blackmore Drug Co.

Packed meat of all kinds and corned beef at the U S Market.

## ANOTHER OUTLAW CAPTURED.

Was a Member of the Black Jack Gang for Years.

Alamogordo News, Nov. 30.  
Probably the most important arrest that has been made by Otero county officials since the capture of George Maggrave and three of his pals last April by Eddy and Otero county officers, was made last Sunday by Sheriff Baker when he surprised and captured W. H. Kelly on the Pecos who is wanted in Tom Green county, Texas, for murder committed several years ago. Papers for the arrest of Kelly have been in the hands of the sheriff for the last two years, but all efforts to locate him proved fruitless. He was traced to Casas Grandes, Old Mexico, where all trace of him was lost and his whereabouts was unknown to the authorities until Sheriff Baker located him in the Pecos county jail week.

Kelly's true name is Dave Adkins and it is supposed that during the period of his outlawry he has assumed the name of Kelly as an alias to try to conceal his identity. While in Casas Grandes he was accused of being a member of the noted Black Jack gang, which so terrorized the western country in years past. When captured Kelly was taken completely by surprise as he was not aware that the authorities were after him and had no show to make any resistance, so surrendered peaceably. He denies his guilt, but there is little doubt as to his identity as he tallies exactly with the description which Sheriff Baker has of the man he is supposed to be.

Kelly was brought to Alamogordo Monday and placed in jail to await the arrival of the officers from Tom Green county.

Delegate and Mrs. Pedro Perea are occupying apartments at the Metropolitan hotel in Washington. Mr. A. E. Perea, their son, is studying law at the Catholic university, and spends every Sunday in the city with his parents. It is expected that Delegate Perea will be named a member of the committee on territories, on military affairs and of private land claims at the coming session of congress.

Archbishop Chapelle, formerly at Santa Fe, papal delegate to the Philippines islands, passed through El Paso Friday last week, en-route to the islands from New Orleans, accompanied by his niece and his private secretary. They sailed on the transport Rhemann December 5th with Father McKinnon. The duties which await Archbishop Chapelle are many, the principal task confronting him upon his arrival being to straighten out the middle into which the islands have fallen. He will make his headquarters in Manila, where he will be furnished with a body guard by General Otis, last some fanatical native, involved at the friendship with which the papal delegate has denounced the attempt to despoil the church of its property in the Philippines, should try to assassinate him. His secretary stated that the question of protecting the archbishop had been fully discussed. He will not recklessly expose himself, and this body guard will be made as large as needed. Before returning to New Orleans the Archbishop will visit Rome. From Italy he will go to France, and then to Porto Rico. His stay in the Philippines will cover a period of about nine months.

Snow fell in the Sacramento this week.

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## GEMS IN VERSE.

### An Old Wedding Ring.

It was made, they said, from the golden gold—  
Four little rings, so frail and old.  
It is worn to a thread, for it has known  
A world of love and regrets outgrown.

As I look at the ring, so fragile, so frail,  
That shines on my hand while I whisper my tale,  
I stoop the delicate thread to him,  
For it breathes anew of its lived out life.

And could I go back to the years that have passed,  
With the tender look that she wore to the last,  
My grandmother's face, arising fair,  
Would smile, as if listening to love's sweet prayer.

By the ocean she lived and loved and wed,  
And beside it her first glad vows were said,  
While mild chorons of billows that singing  
Broke.

It was there the voice of her future spoke.

Ah, well, she vanished a long time ago!  
She had joys and regrets that we all must  
Know,  
But she sleeps with her lover in changeful  
Repos.

And perchance remember it all—who knows?  
—Annie G. Murray.

### Reconciliation.

Said Life to Death: "Methinks, if I were you,  
I would not carry such an awesome face  
To terrify the helpless human race.  
And if indeed these wondrous tales be true  
Of happiness beyond, and if I knew  
I would not hide so miserably all trace  
Of my past knowledge, Death, if I were you,  
But, like a glorious angel, I would lead  
Above the pathway of each sorrowing soul,  
Hope in my eyes and comfort in my breath,  
And strong conviction in my radiant mien,  
The while I whispered of that heavenly goal.  
This would I do if I were you, O Death!"

Said Death to Life: "If I were you, my friend,  
I would not lure confiding souls each day  
With fair false smiles to enter on a way  
So filled with pain and trouble to the end;  
I would not tempt those whom I should defend  
Nor stand unmoved and see them go astray,  
Nor would I force unwilling souls to stay  
Who longed for freedom, were I you, my friend,  
But, like a tender mother, I would take  
The weary world upon my sheltering breast  
And wipe away its tears and soothe its  
Griefs."

I would fulfill my promises and make  
My children bless me as they sank to rest,  
Where now they curse, if I were you, O  
Life."

Life made no answer, and Death spoke again:  
"I would not woo from God's sweet nothingness  
A soul to being if I could not bless  
And crown it with all joy, if I were man,  
My face seems awesome, tell me, Life, why then  
Do they pursue me, mad for my career,  
Believing in my silence lies redress  
For your fond falsehoods?" (so Death spoke again.)

"Oh, it is well for you I am not fair,  
Well that I hide behind a voiceless tomb  
The mighty secrets of that other place,  
Else would you stand in impotent despair,  
While undeluged souls straight from the  
Father's womb  
Rushed to my arms and sped upon your  
Face."

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Century.

### The Infatuated Man.

There was a man who never made  
A blunder in his life.  
He loved a girl, but was afraid  
If she became his wife  
That he or she might run the day  
That brought them bliss, and so  
He put the happiness away  
That wedded lovers know.

One day the man who never made  
Mistakes perceived the way  
That led to fame, but still afraid  
Drew back and stole away.  
He dreamed the winding path that led  
To distant, unseen ends  
And kept the road that stretched ahead  
With neither steps nor bends.

At last the man who never made  
Mistakes fell by the way.  
In garments that were badly frayed,  
And pale and starved he lay.  
No weeping friend bent o'er him there,  
Nor servant, child nor wife,  
But victory was his—he never  
Had blundered in his life.  
—Chicago News.

### Almost Got Its Name.

Communication had been established  
at last with Mars. The man at the in-  
terplanetary telephone called out:

"Hello!"  
"Hello!" came the answer back.  
"Am I speaking to Mars?"  
"To whom?"  
"Mars."

"Try again. I don't understand you.  
Stand a little farther away from the  
phone, please."  
"I say—hear me any better now?"  
"Yes."  
"Is this Mars?"  
"What?"

"Mars—fourth planet in order of  
distance from the sun—Mercury, Venus,  
Earth—this is the Earth—Mars. That's  
you, you know."

"No, sir. You are away off. You  
haven't got the names of any of them  
right. This is the fourth planet from  
the sun, but its name is not Mars. It  
is—"

(But the world is not ripe for this  
knowledge yet.)—Chicago Tribune.

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The fifty-sixth congress convened Monday and Willie delivered his message over which he has pondered so long but into which he succeeded in getting very little of real worth to the people, who are supposed to—but don't—represent. The chief aim of the message seemed to be to bolster up the republican party and the single or gold standard, all else being of secondary consideration in the eyes of Hanna's man. Despite his efforts to uphold the gold standard McKinley in his message admitted its weakness. He said:

"Happily at the present time we are not compelled to resort to loans to supply gold. It has been done in the past, however, and may have to be done in the future."

McKinley admits then that there is no certainty about gold even with a single standard, yet the republican press has been howling at the hoarse about the "over abundant supply of gold" that "would, has and will" continue to flow into the treasury under the gold standard. If that be true, why does McKinley admit the possibility of having to resort to loans to secure gold? The single standard was used as a scare-crow to secure votes for the republican party, and now that McKinley admits this, what will Hanna do with Willie?

The people of the United States hardly expected to find in the report of the head of the cabinet department a polemic discussion of the attitude of the United States toward their newly acquired possessions such as is contained in the report of Mr. Elihu Root, secretary of war. They had rather expected to find it in the message of President McKinley to Congress.

Secretary Root makes a masterly presentation of his way of looking at the question. His assumptions are as follows:

1. The United States as a nation have a right to acquire such additional territory.  
2. The people of the ceded territory are subject to the dominion of the United States, subject to no legal limitations except such as are contained in the treaty of cession.  
3. The islands have no right to ask to be treated as territory previously acquired has been treated.

4. The islands have no right to assert claims under the constitution established by the people of the United States to meet conditions existing on the American continent.

5. The islands have no right to assert any claims not found in the treaty of cession.

6. The judgement and charity of the United States are the only guides of the colonial policy, colonial inhabitants not being endowed with the ancient American right of government by consent of the governed.

Mr. Elihu Root, before he became secretary of war, was one of the best lawyers in a city in which first-class lawyers abound. The criticism of his analysis which the people of the United States will make is that it insists so rigorously on the provisions "nominally in the bond." It is the way with minds accustomed to taking precise legal views of questions. What is not down on the paper is not binding. This can hardly be said to be the best ethical view of a question.

In his analysis Elihu Root does not consider the poor Monroe doctrine which the United States once maintained with such pride. It is not down on any law book, nor is it mentioned in any treaty of cession, and therefore it need not be recognized.

Nor does Mr. Elihu Root consider any promises which may have been made during the war to the people of the ceded islands. They are not down in the treaty of cession.

This may be a good legal view of the question but it is not a good American view.

John Wanamaker is a republican who has done the party some good in his day. He was postmaster general in the cabinet of Benjamin Harrison. Long time has been a local participant in the politics of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania; he is thoroughly familiar with his party's methods and record. Therefore what he says will be taken as the truth unless disproved by a preponderance of evidence. Through the agency of the New York World, Mr. Wanamaker contributed the following summary of conditions in Philadelphia:

"In Philadelphia we have not had an honest election for many years and the debauchery of the ballot has weakened the system and prediction of a struggle with the dominant as called

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republican machine. This has not been the growth of a day or a year, but has been perfected by a steady, systematic development of the most minute details of original ingenuity. The machine has educated its followers in election crime, rewarded them according to their perfection of fraudulent arts and extolled and honored the leadership which best knew how to devise and avail itself of corrupt practices, and prospects and promotes its debauched toms and deceptions."

Gage's Bond Call.

Mr. Bryan is very emphatic in speaking of the recent bond call by Secretary Gage. He says and every one knows that there was no necessity to purchase the bonds payable five or six years hence at a high premium except for the purpose of lending a helping hand to the speculators of Wall street. Every one knows that there is not a sufficient volume of money in this country. This fact is shown by the recent delenda in which the eastern speculators found themselves. Money in circulation comes south in the fall to move and pay for a certain crop, and it leaves the money centers of the east high and dry.

There are millions of securities and abundant credit, but actual money is scarce. Then when the money is sent back east to pay for insurance of all kinds, for manufacturing goods and the many things which they now buy of others, the south's exchequer is depleted. It is the business of the government to supply enough metallic money to prevent either of these conditions. It is not the duty of the government, however to come in and rob either section, but a republican administration will help Wall street when it is in a pinch, when the farmers are in need they must hustle or starve.

It is, says the Austin Statesman, against this discrimination, that Mr.

Bryan protests when he says:

"The republicans have been saying all the time that there was plenty of money in the country. When the free silver people advocated the enlargement of the monetary system they were told that the circulation fully met the demands of the money trade."

"Now, when Wall street becomes a little short of money the government is prompt to come to its relief. All we free silver people ask is that Uncle Sam will do as much by the farmer and laborer."

"The gold men claiming that there is plenty of money in the country, never make the proper distinction between a standard dollar and a credit dollar. They assume that for all purposes an actual dollar and a promise to pay dollar are the same."

"The failure to make the distinction between the money and the final account and the various forms of credit employed in the transaction of the country has greatly confused the minds of those controlled by the gold standard idea."

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 60 cents at Blackmore Drug Co. Every bottle guaranteed.

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LAWRENCE, Anderson Co., Ky., 1894.  
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Very Respectfully,  
J. S. SEARCY.

Of Dangerous Import.

Congress is to be memorialized to enact a law against lynching. This is another move to reduce the jurisdiction of the state that the jurisdiction of the federal courts may be proportionately extended. Such a bill cannot pass now, but such a bill may hereafter find its way to statutory enactment if the pronounced tendencies of this period, in the direction of centralization of all power within the scope and exercise of the federal government, be not bravely and vigorously opposed.

The crime of lynching is local in occurrence, local in its application as it affects community or state, and is necessarily local in its punishment. It is confined to no particular section of the country, despite the efforts of eastern memorialists to create a contrary impression, although it prevalence is admitted to be greater in the populous negro districts of the south where the bestial offense that, above all others, moves the uprisen community to ignore constituted authorities while it attends to visitations of retributive justice with ready hand is therefore of greater frequency.

Lynching is confined almost exclusively to the punishment of a single offense that is the most infamous, unnatural and revolting in the criminal category. Wherever it occurs, whether north, south, east or west, neither the grip of the law nor public sentiment in behalf of the orderly punishment offenses against the peace and dignity of the state, has been strong enough to prevent the grim and violent ministrations of the supreme court of Judge Lynch whose juries are the people and whose decisions are as unalterable as the hearts, the loves and passions of men.

If these colored agitators and their blubbery co-operators in the north and east, who want to throw the punishment of the crime of lynching into the laps of the federal courts, would put aside their hysteria and devote their energies as thoughtful men and women to the education of that element of the black race out of the bestial and incomprehensible. Just that, notwithstanding the absolute certainty of death in whatever form the very climax of diabolism suggests, impels it to the commission of an unspeakable crime, they could accomplish for society a great good. But when, moved by prejudice, sectionalism, ignorance and hysteria to the suggestion of a plan that will no more stop lynching but excite greater awe to men who take

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upon themselves the punishment of crime than the state courts, merely to extend the jurisdiction of the federal tribunals they enlist their service in a scheme that carries with it not only the suspicion that the state courts cannot be relied upon to do justice to the colored offenders, but that these must yield up their jurisdiction to the encroachment of federal authority until, indeed, the sovereignty of the state shall be wholly overthrown.—Houston Post.

Just Saved His Life.

It was a thrilling episode that Charles Davis of Bowerston, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cures have for 25 years proven its power to cure all throat, chest and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blackmore Drug Co.

Colorado Women Legislators.

Addison sought to frighten some progressive and strong minded English dames of his time out of their interest in political affairs by telling them that such a course would make them home-ly. Had Addison lived in the present time and visited some of the feminine members of the Colorado legislature he could not have honestly advanced that argument. In the main they are handsome women, whose faces beam with intelligence as they talk of governmental principles and political issues. Nor does their activity in affairs of state lessen their interest in domestic concerns. A new cooking recipe, a bit of information about home decoration or a pattern sheet of the latest fashionable gown interspersed their just as much as though they were not stateswomen.

Some of the most beneficent laws on the Colorado statute books were introduced by these women legislators. Dr. Mary Barry, a talented young physician of Pueblo, introduced and secured the passage of a measure which pro-

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Fridays 7:30 p. m.) JAR. S. MATTHEWS, Rector.

In the last year recorded in the report, that of 1897, was the largest in the history of the department, being of the value of \$22,783,544. The bounty upon which was \$157,504. Germany also is now preparing to develop the fishing fleets of the Baltic and North seas and has spent some \$3,000,000 in opening up fishing harbors. In France in 1897 the sum of \$123,187, was spent upon fishing vessels, and Japan last year voted \$75,000 per annum to develop its deep sea fisheries.

Private information from Cape Town to New York wholesale merchants indicates that the war scare in the Transvaal is having a serious effect on trade generally. Shipments from New York during the past week to British South Africa barely reached \$150,000. This is hardly half the amount of the exports from New York during any week under ordinary conditions. Steamers now leaving for African ports carry considerable lumber and manufactured iron, but only a limited amount of other customary effects.

Thousands of Texas goats are now being slaughtered and their flesh sold for mutton. While the deception is reprehensible, the meat is all right. A spicy Texas Angora is both toothsome and wholesome, and there seems to be no good reason why the meat should not be sold under its own name.

We speak of the Indian as "poor Joe," but he sold over a million dollars' worth of land to the government the other day.

An Irritating Phrase.

"Are you seriously ill?" asked the well meaning friend.

"Oh, no," answered the dyspeptic with a jarring, sarcastic laugh. "I hurt all over and don't care whether the sun rises tomorrow or not. But I'm not seriously ill. I'm just peevish, flippantly and farcically ill. I'm going through all the symptoms, but I don't mean one of them."—Washington Star.

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### TENANETTES.

Many shade trees have recently been set out at Hillsboro.

Five divorces were granted in one day at Elburne recently.

Four parties charged with robbing trains have been arrested at Luling.

The sham battle at Elburne on Thanksgiving day was a grand success.

The Ballard law factory at Fort Worth burned, entailing a loss of \$7000.

Brick sidewalks are being put down at Henrietta in the business portion of the city.

A lodge of the Switchmen's Union of North America has been organized at Texasiana.

The large dredge built at Beaumont was launched in the presence of a vast concourse of people.

W. C. Bullard narrowly escaped drowning while trying to cross a ravine in Dickens county.

The recent bazaar held by the congregation of St. Mary's Catholic church, Austin, netted \$2000.

F. P. Gayne of Houston filed a petition in bankruptcy. He alleges he has no assets save wearing apparel.

A street car and a bakery wagon collided at Fort Worth. The driver of the street car had a foot badly crushed.

The Westside Street Railway company of San Antonio, capital stock \$75,000, has filed its charter at Austin.

The 2-year-old child of F. W. Lack, a farmer near Midship, while playing near a tank of water fell in and was drowned.

County Treasurer Prather's books show Dallas county's cash balance for quarter ending Oct. 31, 1899, to be \$814,45.47.

The Home Forum Benefit Order of Elgin has been granted permission to do business in Texas as a fraternal insurance company.

Mrs. Nancy Miller, mother of Mayor Miller of Sulphur Springs, died in that city, aged 83 years. She was a pioneer, coming to Texas in 1836.

Dr. C. P. Ellis of Baird, Lamar county, was terribly killed by one of his horses. He was rendered unconscious for several minutes.

A large rock was thrown into a coach on the Texas and Pacific road near Paris, hitting a passenger in the forehead inflicting a painful wound.

Gus Sauter, proprietor of a saloon and meat market at Houston, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities about \$41,000, assets \$20,000.

Mother Claude, who has been superior at the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway hospital at Temple, has been transferred to Galveston. Sister Margaret succeeds her.

I. A. Miner of Ellsworth, near Sherman, captured a centipede the other day that was over thirteen inches in length and fully an inch across the broadest part of the back.

Reports continue to reach Austin of the further discovery of rich copper deposits near Burnet, in Burnet county, sixty miles west of Austin on the Austin and Northwestern railroad.

An application in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States court at Fort Worth, by J. Bryant of Fort Worth. Liabilities are placed at \$6001.01 and his assets at \$293.

A large gray wolf was seen six miles southwest of Paris a few days ago. It went into a ditch. J. W. Early procured a shotgun, slipped up to where it went into the ditch and firing killed the brute.

Jim Wilson, charged by indictment with murder, who has been in jail at Belton for two years and four months, has been released on \$5000 bond. He left at once on a visit to his father and mother, who reside in Mississippi.

Col. J. W. Allison, president of the Ellis Oil Mill company, has returned to that city from a tour of Europe. His son, Andrew Allison, will soon go to Europe to superintend the erection of several oil mills in a number of cities.

A fire which destroyed the four-story building occupied by Philip Rinn & Co.'s planing mill, Division and Crosby streets, Chicago, threatened the two big gas tanks of the People's Gas Light and Coke company, and for hours kept hundreds of residents in fear for their lives and property. Loss \$175,000.

Mrs. Rosenberg of Galveston presented the convention of the Texas division of the Daughters of the Confederacy with a gavel made out of wood from the home of the late ex-President Jefferson Davis at Beauvoir, Miss.

Colored children near Jacksonville were playing with a lighted kerosene lamp when it exploded. One of their number, 10 years old, was covered with the burning oil and was so badly burned that his death followed after several hours of awful agony.

## ROBERTS DENIED

Set Until the Committee Has Made Report.

### PLEADS HIS OWN CASE.

The Galleries Were Thronged With Spectators, Mostly Women. Senate Held a Short Session.

Washington, Dec. 5.—After an interesting debate of three hours, the house yesterday, by a vote of 302 to 30, adopted the resolution offered by Mr. Taylor of Ohio Monday for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges against Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative from Utah. Previously the house had rejected a substitute resolution offered by Mr. Richardson, the leader of the minority, to allow Mr. Roberts to be sworn in and to send the whole case to the judiciary committee.

The substitute, however, by no means commanded the full Democratic strength. Only fifty-seven members voted for it. Of the thirty who voted against the Taylor resolution, all were Democrats but two, Mr. Loud, Republican, of California, and Mr. Newlands, Silverite, of Nevada.

By the terms of the resolution Mr. Roberts is not only excluded from all participation in the proceedings of the house until the committee reports and the house passes upon his case, but he is denied a seat in the hall. Whether this will be interpreted to deny him admission within the chamber pending the disposition of his case is yet to be decided.

The reading of the president's message was completely overshadowed by the dramatic proceedings, which resulted in the action of the house yesterday. The galleries were thronged with spectators, mostly women, who sat patiently through the three weary hours until it was concluded.

The most remarkable feature of the debate was the fact that Mr. Roberts' presentation of his own side of the case, which lasted almost an hour, became so absorbing that he won the sympathy of many of those in the galleries and was several times showered with applause. It was evident that he realized that the house was overwhelmingly against him and at times he spoke fiercely and defiantly.

Yesterday's session of the senate lasted two hours and forty minutes, practically the entire time being consumed in the reading of the president's message. The reading was largely perfunctory, few senators according it any attention. The senate adopted resolutions of regret on the death of Senator-elect Hayward of Nebraska, presented by Senator Thurston, and as a further mark of respect, immediately adjourned.

### School Teacher Killed.

Tombpkinsville, Ky., Dec. 6.—Yesterday O. D. Saunders, a school teacher, was called out of his schoolhouse at Athensville in the west end of this county and stabbed in the throat and killed by Will Harlin of Mason county, Tennessee. Last Saturday night the schoolhouse at Athensville was burned. Mr. Saunders had accused Willie and John Harlin and two other boys of the crime. The Harlins and two other boys are under arrest, and are being guarded.

### Beet Sugar Manufacturers.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 6.—Delegates from many states attended the annual meeting here yesterday of the American Beet Sugar Manufacturers' association. The industry was reported as having flourished during the past two years, but now it is greatly disturbed over the prospect of free beet sugar from the insular dependencies. Many new factories, the report says, orders for which are ready to be placed to the value of several million dollars, are held up pending this uncertainty.

The association took strong grounds against President McKinley's recommendation for free sugar, adopted emphatic resolutions against a policy and provided for a vigorous campaign on the subject.

Henry T. Oxnard was elected president, M. Allen of Ames, Neb., secretary, and George Stroh of Detroit, treasurer.

A little child was killed near Paris recently by a falling tree.

### Fined for Issuing a Pass.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—An opinion was handed down by the North Carolina supreme court yesterday holding the Southern railway liable to the law imposing a fine of \$1000 for issuing a free pass in this state. The case was sent up in April, the Southern railway being indicted in Burke county for giving a free pass to T. N. Hallyburton while he was doorkeeper of the house of the North Carolina legislature.

A Destructive Fire.  
Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 6.—A special to the Age-Herald from Meridian, Miss., says:

The most disastrous fire in this city's history occurred last night. The Rosenbaum building, situated in the heart of the business portion of the city, is a mass of ruins and adjacent buildings are seriously damaged by fire and water. The fire was discovered at 6 o'clock in the Rosenbaum building, and owing to the difficulty experienced by the firemen in getting to the fire, the flames, soon after their way to the walls of the building, completely gutting it.

Early in the action the firemen turned their attention to the houses adjoining and across the street from the burning building. The whole block at one time was doomed, but the department, assisted by hundreds of citizens, succeeded in confining the fire to the Rosenbaum building, which occupied the southwest corner of the block, and to the Handley-Wright building, immediately adjoining on the east. Several times during the progress of the conflagration the buildings on the south half of the block fronting Front street and Twenty-second avenue, caught fire. The Southern hotel caught at one time but the blaze was quickly seen and extinguished.

It is not known how the fire originated.

The damage will reach \$250,000. So far as learned every firm affected by the fire carries insurance to nearly cover the loss sustained. A cordon of police kept the crowd beyond the danger line of falling walls.

The Southern hotel is situated across the street and caught fire but the building was saved after hard work.

The heaviest losses are A. L. Rosenbaum, owner of the block; Alex. Loch, clothing; E. R. Souter, jewelry; M. A. Cross, hardware; J. L. Handley, furniture; Oscar Lillybeck, drug store; Queen City millinery parlor and Southern hotel. The upper floors of the Rosenbaum block were used for offices and holding rooms, and a number of lawyers, doctors and dentists are heavy losers, among them being Doehran & Rosenbaum, who lost their library, valued at \$4500.

At a late hour last night the total loss was estimated at \$200,000. A close estimate of the insurance places the figures at \$250,000.

### Situation at Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 6.—Although the repairing of the cable between Aden and Zanzibar has restored the route "via Aden" to South Africa, and thereby relieved quite a budget of belated dispatches, there is nothing at hand throwing light on Gen. Buller's preparations for the relief of Ladysmith or the movements of the other British columns.

News from Ladysmith has been received up to the night of Wednesday, Nov. 23, when all was well, provisions were plentiful and the bombardment was ineffective. Dispatches of the same date from Boer headquarters refer to the renewal of a heavy bombardment with a fourth siege gun christened "Emmett," which had just arrived from Pretoria, and a lifeless response from the garrison.

A special dispatch from Durban says the Boers lost 1800 men at what has been popularly known as the battle of Glencoe. It is also said that scurvy and dysentery are rampant among the burghers, who are beleaguering Ladysmith.

A dispatch from Pretoria mentions an important sortie from Kimberley Nov. 27, and says:

"The British prisoners are well. The government has permitted them to subscribe to the state library and also allows them to purchase beer and newspapers."

### Senator Hayward Dead.

Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 6.—United States Senator Hayward died at 6:20 o'clock yesterday morning.

United States Senator M. L. Hayward was 53 years of age and had lived in Nebraska City for thirty-two years. Although a lawyer by profession, he made his wealth largely through investments in lands in Nebraska and Kansas. His election to the United States senate was his first appearance in national politics. He was defeated for governor by Poynter two years ago, reducing the fusion majority from 18,000 to 3900. When the last legislature was found to be Republican, Mr. Hayward announced his candidacy for the United States senate and the fight which followed was one of the bitterest in the history of the state. The long drawn-out caucus deadlock finally resulted in his election, but soon afterward he was stricken with paralysis while addressing a political meeting. Senator Hayward was a veteran of the civil war.

### Steamer Aground.

London, Dec. 6.—It is impossible to save anything from the stranded British steamer, Shillito, Capt. Olsen, the rocks having penetrated her bottom. The Shillito sailed from Galveston via Norfolk for Aarhus, and went ashore near Stavanger, Norway, Nov. 29.

The British steamer Spennymoor, Capt. Davies, while leaving Fecamp for Mobile, ran aground yesterday while trying to avert a collision.

## CONGRESS MEETS.

Both the Senate and House Held Short Sessions.

### HENDERSON ELECTED SPEAKER.

Enormous Crowds Witnessed the Opening Scenes in the House. The Roberts Case Discussed.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Appropriate tribute to the memory of the late Vice President Hobart was paid by the senate yesterday at its first session of the fifty-sixth congress. The session lasted only thirty-three minutes and only the most formal and necessary business was transacted. After the adoption of the usual routine business and the administering to the new members of the oath of office, Senator Sewell of New Jersey presented fitting resolutions on the death of Vice President Hobart. The resolutions were ordered to be communicated to the house, and the senate, on motion of Mr. Keane of New Jersey, was suspended.

Enormous crowds witnessed the opening scenes in the house yesterday. The principal interest centered in the disposition of the case of Mr. Roberts, the Mormon representative from Utah. Those who anticipated a sensational denouement were disappointed. The programme outlined by the floor leaders at their conference on Friday night was partly carried out. The objection to the administration of the oath to Mr. Roberts was entered by Mr. Taylor of Ohio, as predicted, and he stepped aside without protest except to ask if by doing so he waived any of his rights. To this the speaker responded in the negative.

There was not a protest from any quarter against the objection to the administration of the oath to Mr. Roberts. But, on the contrary, the only voice raised, except that of Mr. Taylor, was that of Mr. McElree, a Democrat of Arkansas, who joined with Mr. Taylor in his protest. Mr. Taylor offered his resolution to refer the case to a special committee, but by mutual arrangement the consideration of the resolution was postponed until to-day in order that routine business in connection with organization might be transacted.

Although Mr. Roberts was not sworn yesterday, he secured a seat. This was, however, by an accident pure and simple. In the seat drawing lottery no provision had been made for Mr. Roberts, but when the drawing was completed two others as well as himself had not been provided with seats, and the speaker asked and secured from the house general permission for those members who had not drawn seats to make such selections as they could. Under this authority Mr. Roberts got a seat in an obscure portion of the hall. His daughter sat in the gallery and watched the proceedings from beginning to end.

The election of Speaker Henderson and his introduction to the office, the appointment of the usual committees to wait upon the president, the seat-drawing contest with the usual amusing features went off without a hitch.

The only other feature out of the ordinary was the adoption of the Reed rules for the present congress. The Democrats knew it was futile to more than protest against the adoption of these rules after the Republicans had decided upon the course in caucus, and the debate on the resolution to adopt them was very brief. They were adopted by a strict party vote.

### Gen. Joe Wheeler.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Notwithstanding the reported statements to the effect that General Joe Wheeler is about to return to Washington to resume his seat in congress, the officials of the war department assert that they know nothing of any such purpose on the part of Gen. Wheeler. Certainly he has not yet applied to the department of leave of absence, although perhaps it may not have been necessary for him to go further than his immediate superior officer, Gen. Otis, to secure permission to return to the states. In that case, however, his leave would be limited to sixty days.

The officials point to the decision of the last house that Gen. Wheeler had forfeited his seat in the house by holding his army commission, and make the point that conditions are now precisely similar, so that if the general returns he must either resign his commission or his seat in congress.

It is suggested a solution of the problem might be had by appointing the general as major general and retiring him at once, in which case the retired officer might continue in the executive branch.

### Prisoners Escape.

Carlsbad, N. M., Dec. 5.—Late Sunday night an inmate of the county jail here struck the trusty in charge over the head, rendering him unconscious, and with an iron bar pried a stone from the dividing wall, and three prisoners escaped. Two were charged with horse theft and one with robbing a safe in this place of \$700. They undoubtedly had been provided for them. Officers are out scouring the country in all directions.

### The Official Canvass.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 5.—Fifty-one counties were canvassed by the Kentucky state board of election commissioners yesterday, out of a total of 119 in the state. Of these fifty-one counties five were passed over to be considered immediately upon the conclusion of the work of the canvassing board.

The counties canvassed yesterday were Goebel 74,164, Taylor 68,878.

The counties passed over are Christian, Fleming, Green, Harlan and Harrison. The board met at 11:30 in the office of Secretary of State Finley, all three members, ex-Chief Justice Pryor of the state supreme court, W. T. Ellis and C. B. Pontz, being present. The board got down to business at once. There was a clash between the commissioners and Secretary Finley, who by virtue of his office acted as custodian of the certificates received from the county boards of election.

"We are ready for the returns, Mr. Finley," said Judge Pryor, "Adair county," replied the secretary, handing out a large envelope. "Why don't you give us the returns from the entire state?" inquired Mr. Ellis. "I am custodian of these returns," replied Mr. Finley, "and as such I prefer to keep them in my own hands. I don't mean that the board would for an instant misuse them, but as they are in my charge, and I am responsible for them, I cannot give them up except as they are required by the board."

"They are the property of the board, Mr. Finley," replied Mr. Ellis, "and the board has all the right in the world to have them, one by one or all at once, as it may elect. I am willing that you should be joint custodian of the records while they are in the possession of the board, but I consider even that a concession on the part of the board."

"I must decline to hand them over," was Mr. Finley's reply, "and I request leave to consult with my legal advisers."

Mr. Ellis waved his hand in assent, and after a short talk with Augustus Wilson of Louisville, the attorney acting for the Republican party, Mr. Finley turned around, remarking:

"I will waive the point, Mr. Ellis. Here are the returns," and he handed them out.

This was practically the only argument that occurred during the day and it was carried on without bitterness or discourtesy on either side.

Once begun the canvass went on rapidly, thirteen counties being disposed of when the board adjourned at 1 o'clock for dinner.

It reconvened at 2:30 and within three hours thirty-eight counties, including the five that were passed, were canvassed.

The first county over which any trouble arose was Christian, which gave 2816 votes to Goebel and 3471 to Taylor. It was passed on account of alleged irregularities in the precinct of Hopkinsville, Fleming, was the next county laid over for future argument. The county commissioners first certified to 1958 votes for Goebel and 1890 for Taylor. They discovered errors in the count and sent a substitute certificate, giving Goebel 1771 and Taylor 1963. The county was passed by mutual consent of Democrats and Republicans.

Green county was passed on account of alleged irregularities in the Brentwood precinct.

At Des Moines, Ia., Judge Wilson of the United States district court died the other afternoon after an illness of several weeks.

### Spanish Tran ports.

Manila, Dec. 5.—The Spanish transport Aliva and the gunboats Villalobos and Quois, with the Spanish garrison and civilians of the Caroline islands, arrived here yesterday. They report that the German governors of the islands who arrived on the warship Jaguar, occupied Yap, Nov. 3; Depan, Nov. 16, and Ponape Oct. 3. They garrisoned the places with fifteen men each. The Spanish governors of Yap and Ponape said they considered the small garrisons in danger from the natives.

The Spanish gunboats will probably be offered for sale to the United States government.

Quente, has arrived here with a note from Col. G. Gilmore to his sister, Mrs. Major Price. He says he has been ill, but is now in fairly good health. The Spaniards befriended him and gave him money and clothes.

Frank McConell knocked out Charley Burns at St. Louis the other night.

### Fought to a Draw.

New York, Dec. 5.—Frank Erne of Buffalo and Jack O'Brien of New York fought twenty-five rounds at 133 pounds at the Coney Island Sporting club last night and at the end the referee, George Siler, declared the bout a draw. This decision was fair and just, but it did not satisfy a number of persons, who had picked a favorite. O'Brien did a lot of forcing and fighting but Erne's work was of a cleaner and more scientific character.

### Illustrating a Definition.

Teacher—"What is the meaning of the word 'canvass'?"

Scholar—"To hollow out."

Teacher—"Give me a sentence in which the word is properly used."

Scholar—"The small boy always excavates when his father whacks him."

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## CHAPTER VI.

From the drawing room as they ascended the stairs came a pleasant clatter of teacups, and when they entered they found the family assembled. Mary was pouring out tea, Dr. Stelling, wonderful to relate, had found time to join the cozy circle, Mrs. Stelling sat with her usual pile of clothing for the poor hands her.

There was a cheerful little family ebullition.

"Oh, here you are!" "Well?" "What have you done, Madge?"

"A cup of tea first, in mercy!" cried Marguerite, sinking on to a hearth-rug and leaning aside her head.

Five o'clock tea is the time for chatting. All Marguerite's adventures were related, with comments and a denunciation from Bernard.

"And so Mr. Martineau will let me know when he finds the will," she concluded. "And now I must tell you the bright suggestion which Bruno has just made. One does occasionally get flashes of inspiration, even from a great bear."

"Do you want a flash of hot tea on your nose?" demanded Bernard, who was towering above her.

She laughingly averted her face, holding up her little hands.

The suggestion of advertising in the local papers met with general approval and it was decided that Bernard should insert the advertisement, without consulting Mr. Martineau.

"By the way," he said, "what sort of a fellow is Martineau? I never used to know a Martineau. A tall fellow with a fair complexion and slow way of talking."

"Yes, that is very like this man," said Marguerite. "He was nice to talk to. He gave you the idea that he possessed a great deal of character, but I was sometimes not sure whether he

letter, and Marguerite read it over her shoulder.

"Lincoln's Inn, Tuesday, Bernard Selwyn Stelling, Esq."

"Sir—We have to announce to you the death of Miss Letitia Clara Selwyn of Selwyn Court, Hants, on the 8th inst., and to inform you that, with the exception of several legacies to old friends and servants, you inherit the whole of her personal and landed property, and all her money, invested in securities which represent an annual income of about twenty thousand pounds, together with the estate and house of Selwyn Court, the whole being bequeathed to you on the sole condition that you add the surname of Selwyn Stelling Selwyn."

"We have the honor, sir, to remain, your obedient servants."

"Blade & Skinner, Solicitors."

The silence in the drawing room lasted for many minutes. At last Bernard roused himself.

"What a coward I am," he said, with a laugh. "To be so upset. Mary, give me that paper. Pater, do you think it's a genuine thing?"

"It certainly seems so," answered the doctor, glancing at the paper. "I remember now that Blade & Skinner were Miss Selwyn's solicitors. It must be genuine."

"I always said she would do something for you, Bernard, my darling!" said his mother, the tears rolling down her cheeks.

"Mother—my beloved old mother, don't cry," pleaded Bernard, now himself again. "It was a knock-down kind of announcement, wasn't it? But I look it like a fool! There is no need to cry. If this letter be true, this is your last week in this dingy hole! A fortnight more and we are—where? In El Dorado I think."

The question had come.

"Marguerite," he caught her in his

written a few short notes I might have kept my money in my pocket. What does it matter to me who I am? I only know that I shall never be Bernard's wife!"

## CHAPTER VII.

When the door closed upon Marguerite Selwyn, as she left the lawyer's office in Lance Lane, Valdene Martineau walked up to it and turned the key in the lock. Then he went back to the table, sank down in the large armchair, leaned his arms on the blotting paper which covered the desk, and dropped his head upon them.

What was there in Marguerite's artless narrative that could have so deeply shaken the habitual composure of this man of the world?

The bowed head did not stir for upwards of half an hour. Valdene Martineau was alone in the company of a thousand evil thoughts, the phantoms of a discredited past.

Presently he raised his head, the powerful hand which lay on the desk was clenched, and through his set lips came one word:

"Traitor!"

He pushed back his chair, and began to pace the room as if rest were impossible to him.

"That she should have come to me, of all men in the world!" he said aloud. "Talk of poetical justice—talk of the irony of fate! Ye gods, that she should come to me for her rights!"

There was a pause. He went to the window and gazed blankly out, then struck the woodwork with a force that shook it.

"I can't do it," he muttered between his clenched teeth—"no man could do it! But I'll have my revenge on him," he cried, with a sudden inspiration, and, darting back to the desk, he seized a pen and began to write:

Sir—Three years and six months ago, when I was a penniless adventurer, you tempted me, and I fell. It may be as well that I recall to you now the exact terms of the conspiracy. You informed me that you had a niece— orphan daughter of your only sister. This child was heiress to an enormous fortune, and you were her sole guardian. By the terms of her father's will you were to have entire control over her during her minority, and if she married against your wish before she attained the age of 21, the whole of her money came to you. Your suggestion to me was that I should go through the form of marriage with your niece, apparently without your sanction, in order to enable you to claim the money due to you in that case. You represented to me that your niece was mad—hopelessly out of her mind—and that on that account I should do her no harm by going through this form, as nobody else would ever be likely to marry her. There could be, you represented, no difficulty in the matter, as the young lady in question was to all appearance quite sane and perfectly docile and submissive. At the church door my part of the contract was to cease. You undertook to provide for her future; all I had to do was to go through the marriage ceremony. For this service you offered me a bribe that dazzled me. I was half mad with difficulties, penniless, in debt, I urged, however, that the step you wished me to take would hamper my future, as I could not ask any other woman to be my wife so long as this poor girl lived. This was just what you wanted to secure my silence, so long as I kept secret the fact of the conspiracy, you kept secret the fact of my marriage. I was to sign a false name in the register, and there would be nothing to witness against me—nothing to damage my future career.

(To be continued.)

## SERUM FROM SERPENTS

said to be an Absolute Cure for Hitherto Incurable Leprosy.

New Orleans Special to New York Tribune. Dr. J. B. Dyar, a well-known physician and an expert on leprosy, has reached some remarkable results regarding that terrible disease, and has effected two positive cures. The antidote to the leprosy poison Dr. Dyar found in a serum compounded by Dr. Calmette, a French chemist. The serum was made by the French man from the venom of serpents and was designed solely as a cure for snake poison, which it did accomplish. The serum is now in wide use in India. Dr. Dyar visited Dr. Calmette's laboratory in Paris, and brought away some of the serum, having even then a vague idea that among the traditions of the leprosy colony in Louisiana was one that several lepers who had been bitten by venomous snakes were cured. Dr. Dyar applied the serum to five cases of leprosy in New Orleans, and in two of the cases absolute cures were effected. In two other cases there was a marked improvement, and the cases were lost sight of, so that the final result was not known. In the fifth case the man's system proved repellent to the poison, and the change was for the worse rather than the better. Dr. Dyar has been consulted. It is reported by the United States government as to the establishment of a national leprosy hospital, to which all the lepers of Louisiana and other states will be sent.

What the Minister Said. Jingo—"What did the minister say when the plate came up?" Ringo—"He said he wouldn't mind so much if the buttons were all alike."—Syracuse Herald.

The strongest sentiment of the Turk is his reverence for his mother. He always stands in her presence until invited to sit down—a compliment he pays to no one else.

She sat up, pushed back her hair, and rested her clasped hands on her knee.

"Why did I go to the lawyer's today?" she sighed. "If I had only

## Capt. A. B. Thomas Dead.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 6.—Capt. A. B. Thomas will be buried to-day with Masonic honors. He will also be escorted to his grave by Confederate veterans, as he was a gallant soldier in the southern army and was in more than twenty of the bloodiest battles of the civil war, in two of which he was severely wounded. Capt. Thomas died of morphine poison at an early hour yesterday morning, having lingered for fifteen hours after taking the fatal dose.

He left a letter to his friend W. E. Cowens, explaining why he took the drug, giving his reasons for committing suicide. About two years ago he was one of the parties in a thrilling and fatal affray occurring on Webster street, in which his friend and neighbor, F. J. Penn, was slain. The combat arose about a small dog, the property of Penn, which attacked Thomas as he was passing Penn's house, whereupon Thomas struck the dog and the fight commenced.

It was a fearful struggle, in which a dirk, a sword cane and a billet of wood figured. Both the men were injured. Penn dying in a few minutes from stabs in his throat and side. The two men were remarkable for bravery. They were both Confederate soldiers, and up to the time of the fatal encounter were warm friends, residing about two blocks apart and daily associating together. Penn was buried with the honors of the Confederate camp, and to-day his antagonist will be followed to his grave by the same veterans.

The grand jury returned an indictment against Thomas in connection with the killing of Penn, and one verdict having been set aside, the case was about to come up again in Judge Scott's court. In his letter to his friend, Mr. Cowens, Thomas referred to the homicide in language of deep regret, declaring that the fight took place, and claiming, as he did on trial that it was purely self-defense. He was a great sufferer from an incurable malady and was sentenced to taking small doses of morphine to ease his pain, and until the letter was found the presumption was that he had merely taken an overdose. The letter settled the question of suicide, and the justice holding the inquest decided accordingly. Thomas was a retail grocer, his place of business being on Third street under the Odd Fellows' temple.

When the clerk opened the door Monday morning he found Thomas in a comatose condition and the doctors continued with him to the last, succeeding in prolonging his existence, but failing to entirely neutralize the poison, and his death took place at 120 yesterday morning. He presents, in his coffin, a decidedly military appearance, having a high brow and large moustache. He is as white as marble, which causes his battle scars to show in very distinct relief.

The case against Capt. Thomas, in which he is charged by indictment with killing F. J. Penn, will be called next Thursday in Judge Scott's court, that day having been appointed for the trial. When it is called County Attorney Thomas will suggest the death of the defendant, whereupon the proceedings will be finally dismissed.

Justice Davis, who held the inquest, has written to the relatives who reside in a distant state, and in the meantime the property of deceased will be in the hands of his friends.

Henry Robertson was convicted of burglary at Houston the other day.

The bank of Cornell, Ill., was robbed a few nights ago.

## To Improve Schools.

Hillside, Tex., Dec. 6.—The Hill county public school teachers have been systematically to work up the public schools of the county. The plan they have adopted is to hold one or two mass meetings a week at the different schoolhouses over the county at which educational speeches are made by Prof. T. S. Cox of this city or by some leading citizen who is interested in educational work. At these meetings funds are raised to provide libraries, maps, charts or to make repairs on buildings. Meetings have been held at Lakewood, Massey, Huron, Lovelace and one or two other points with gratifying results. The attendance in each instance has been large and good funds were raised. It is expected in this way to enlist the interest of all citizens and school patrons in school work in order to increase the attendance in the schools and to stimulate the students.

Mrs. Bailey fell and seriously injured herself at Paris the other night.

## Remains Identified.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 6.—The parents of the unknown man who was run over and killed by a train on the Cotton Belt railroad a few days ago have been identified at Bettie, Tex. They saw a description of the dead man and came here just before the body was buried. The deceased was fully identified and his name given as Samuel Johnson. The relatives who came to Texarkana for the purpose of inspecting the remains stated that Johnson was a mute.

## Good Roads Convention.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 6.—The Good Roads convention, under the auspices of the Interstate Good Roads association, met at the court house yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Representatives were present from Red River, Hunt, Kaufman, Fannin and other counties. Gen. E. G. Harrison of New Jersey, a road expert, who is in the employ of the United States government, was present and made a talk on the methods of building roads, prefacing his remarks with an explanation of how the bureau of roads inquiry came to be established in the agricultural department. He contended that the building of good roads was more essential than the erecting of fine court houses and public buildings, and that stone and brick should be used in their construction. It was not necessary that the stone with which to build should be found along the road. In some of the eastern states stone was being hauled 200 or 300 miles, and in the end the benefit to the farmers and to the towns would be greater than the cost, even if the stone had to be hauled a distance of 500 miles. To have good roads it was necessary to have dry roads. The subject of drainage was discussed at length and the different characters of soil explained, some being more percolative than others, which required different methods. In muddy places it was suggested that a V-shaped ditch in the center of the road filled up with rubbish or blocks of wood and covered over would afford a good remedy, as wherever there is a vacuum the water will run, the atmospheric pressure causing the earth to dry out. A number of questions were propounded by road overseers and farmers present and were answered. The convention adjourned at noon, and at 2 p. m. a sample piece of road was constructed a mile south of town by the county tending the work and explaining it as it progressed.

## After Cotton Thieves.

Corleanna, Tex., Dec. 5.—Farmers in this county have been greatly annoyed and put to no little loss during the present cotton season by cotton thieves who have been stealing cotton that was baled as well as cotton not even ginned. Many complaints have been made of losses sustained, but up to yesterday no arrests have been made.

Several days ago a farmer named Campbell of the Roane neighborhood reported to City Marshal Cole that during the night previous about a half bale of unginned cotton had been stolen from a pen in his field, and asked that the officers keep a lookout and try to catch the thief. The gimmers in the city were also notified and requested to keep a watch.

Yesterday morning a party appeared at one of the gins with a load of seed cotton which he endeavored to sell, but the gimmers declined to buy it and the man hauled it from one gin to another trying to sell it until the officers got on and notified Campbell by telephone. A son of Campbell came to the city at once and made complaint and the party was arrested and turned over to the county authorities.

## Confederate Veterans.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 5.—The regular meeting of the United Confederate Veterans was held Sunday afternoon in Yocum hall. After the routine business was transacted a joint social session was held with the Daughters of the Confederacy, at which the matter of giving an entertainment during Christmas week for the Confederate charity fund was discussed. The matter was not fully decided, but was left to the ladies to take whatever action they desired.

## Charter Filed.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 5.—The charter of the Colorado, Texas and Mexican Railroad company was filed in the secretary of state's office yesterday. The capital stock is \$200,000, being \$1000 per mile. The principal office is at Abilene. The road is to begin at or near Haskell in Haskell county and is to run to Llano in Llano county, passing through Haskell, Jones, Taylor, Callahan, Rungels, Coleman, McCulloch, San Saba, Mason and Llano counties.

The board of directors consists of George R. Carr of Baltimore, Md.; W. C. Merritt of Wyoming county, Pennsylvania; J. S. Doe of Columbus, O.; M. R. Locke, J. M. Daugherty, H. Parramore, R. C. Anderson, C. N. Merchant and Fred Cockrell of Taylor county, Texas.

Four steamers loaded with coffee from Santos have been quarantined at New York.

## Bonds Not Registered.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 5.—City Clerk Catlin returned from Austin without being able to have the recent \$50,550 bond issue registered. The comptroller refused to register the bonds on the ground that the city election to ratify them had not been held according to law. The mayor failed to post a notice in each precinct twenty days prior to the date of the election, as required by law, and the attorney general ruled that the issue was invalid. Another election will be held.

## San Antonio Farmers Meet.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 4.—The Fannin County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association met in the county court-room Saturday afternoon, pursuant to the agreement at the last meeting. A large attendance was present, farmers and fruit growers from all over the county being on hand.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. by Temporary President High, and the report of the last meeting was read and approved. The association then got down to business and proceeded to effect a permanent organization and to elect officers.

The following officers were the choice of the association: Charles Hill, president; Dr. John Cunningham, vice president; Benjamin Smith, secretary; Judge J. M. Lusk, treasurer.

After the officers had been elected several pointed talks were made before the association and were well received. The object of this most worthy association is to encourage the more extensive raising of fruit and vegetables in this county, and to secure reduced rates on all products shipped to other points.

Mr. Smith, secretary, has already received a number of communications from different railroads and express companies offering to quote the association reduced rates on shipments, and a number of individuals from different parts of the state have written very encouraging letters, expressing a desire to see the movement meet with success. The farmers of Fannin county have been made to see during the past year or so that the practice of diversification is essential to success at farming, and they are very enthusiastic over the meeting and its prospects. The meeting Saturday was a decided success, and the organization starts out with the most flattering prospects.

The next meeting will be held in this city Saturday, Dec. 16, and will be extensively advertised all over the county, and a large number of new members are expected to enroll before that time.

## Water for Irrigation.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 4.—Col. W. C. Rodgers of New Mexico has been traveling over Texas, looking into the prospect of water for irrigation, and he says opportunities are offered which will make many fortunes in the future, when laws are passed by which rights in irrigation will be protected and privileges afforded under the state law. He found a considerable area already under irrigation, and says private ventures in this line are succeeding in all parts of the state. He called attention to the failure of persons making dams across rivers and streams to provide fish-ways, and he says that will provide a serious fault unless it is remedied before the damming of rivers becomes general.

It is absolutely necessary to let the fish have means of passing up and down the streams, and to limit them in that respect would cut off a large amount of young fish and aid in reducing fish life in the state.

Col. Rodgers said: "I think there must be 500,000 acres of land in Texas submerged by the artificial lake makers, and it seems to me that eventually the process of creating large bodies of water must necessarily influence the climate and cause a larger and more regular rainfall. Instead of waiting for the winds to blow vapors from the distant ocean, mista will be created in the interior of the state and will form clouds and produce the moisture which the land needs and which is the only need of Texas soil. It is the richest country I ever saw, considered as a whole, and when the storm water is impounded and the rivers regulated it will be a garden state of the earth."

## Trouble at Cypress.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 4.—Yesterday evening a rather meager report was received here from Cypress, twenty-five miles from here, to the effect that a fight had occurred there in which whites and blacks were involved, and several persons wounded. So far as obtained last night the wounded are: Bully Green, white, in the head; Felix Givens, colored, in the back; P. Colby, in the arm; F. F. Jurgens, deputy sheriff, in the leg.

Sheriff Anderson yesterday received a telegram from Deputy asking for assistance and saying that there was trouble and he was unable to control the parties, and further that he had been wounded.

Sheriff Anderson left on the first train at 10 o'clock for the scene of trouble. He was accompanied by Deputy Jim Wynne.

The cause of the trouble was not learned.

Felix Bolt was given a life sentence at Benjamin a few days ago for murder.

## Boat at Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 4.—William Hood, chief engineer Southern Pacific company, arrived in the city yesterday morning, accompanied by Engineer Boschke, in charge of the Huntington improvements of the West End flats. He went over the ground where preparation work for the three large piers is in progress and expressed himself as well pleased with the work. A large force of men will be put on in a few weeks.



"IT MUST BE A HOAX—IT CAN'T BE TRUE."

was laughing at me or him. The latter part of the time I think he really was interested."

"Talking of Laurie—I beg his pardon, Viscount Thorsbush," said Mary, "there's another letter from him for you on the mantelpiece, Bernard."

"Oh, Bruno, it's to entrust you to go! You must go!" cried Marguerite.

"I find it to me, therefore a good paper," said Bernard.

"Here's a business-like document as well," observed the doctor, with his spectacles on as he took another envelope from the mantelpiece.

"Oh, take it away—I know it's a bill—it makes me feel faint!" said Bernard, feebly.

"Why, to whom do you owe money in Lincoln's Inn?" demanded the doctor, turning over the blue envelope. "Messrs. Blade and Skinner, solicitors. Who are they, Bernard?"

"Never heard of them. Give it to me," said Bernard.

The doctor tossed over the letter. It was Bernard, and alighted on Marguerite's lap. Without promission of what was to come, she lifted it, and laid it on Bernard's knee.

He was absorbed in the document's letter; but in a minute or two he gave it to Marguerite, and casually opened the blue envelope.

Marguerite, who was watching him, saw a burning flush spread over his face. He stared at the paper as if stupefied, then uttered a smothered cry.

"My boy!" exclaimed his mother, looking up.

The color had left his face now—he was pale indeed.

"It must be a hoax—it can't be true," he said, hurriedly, as if he did not know what he was saying. Springing from his seat, he strode to the window, stood there a minute, reading the communication once more straight through. Then the paper fell from his fingers; he turned, leaned his arms on the window frame, and rested his head on them. Mary picked up the



## LOCAL.

Cattle shipments continue.

A. C. Campbell is home from Denver, repairing the sidewalks and crossings. Mrs. Ed King was seriously ill this week.

W. W. Ogle was in town Wednesday in Roswell.

Hunters are out of luck this season; no game is scarce.

There was plenty of cold weather a week but no fog.

Conditions are changing and it now is without an effort.

Several sheepmen are here looking for locations for their herds.

George Wardman left Monday for Mexico to visit for a month.

John, Wednesday, December 6, 1899, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cameron, a boy.

J. W. Harfield left Tuesday for San Angelo to see his brother who is dangerously ill.

A. L. Robertson has been succeeded by Edw. Ramsey as manager of the St. Carlie Co.

There was a big dance at the home of Mrs. Merchant on Black river Wednesday evening.

L. W. Carlen passed through Monday for Liberty, N. M., with 8,000 head of sheep. He was from Marfa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Starkweather left Monday night for the city on their way to Roswell, where they will reside.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Kate Bigger, Tuesday afternoon, in a very profitable session. F. A. Robertson sold a thirteen month old pig to Garhart this week at an out-of-pocket price of the kind the country, the gross weight being 10 pounds.

W. C. McDonald, of White Oaks, was in town Sunday. Mr. McDonald is a prominent stockman in his section, being manager of the Carlsbad stock company.

The force at the Eddy Drug Co. has been busy the past week arranging for display of Christmas goods, which complete in every detail and displayed in elegant style.

Mr. Walter Thayer celebrated Thanksgiving at his home in the Guadalupe by inviting the neighbors in on miles around and having a big round of good things.

Rev. Arthur Marsten, of the M. E. church at Roswell, came down Tuesday night to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. H. N. Walker, who was a member of his congregation.

H. B. Armstrong returned Monday from Roswell where he has charge of the books of Joyce, Fruit & Co. during his absence in the east of their regular bookkeeper, Mr. Rookfeller.

Ed Gamble and Charley Staples returned Saturday night from a week's hunt in the mountains. They went to the head of McKittrick canon but didn't so much as see a deer's track.

Johanne Harvey dropped into the sheriff's office Wednesday morning to secure a list of the ministers. He is probably figuring on an important association and wants to get the list first.

Work on the artesian well has been on this week owing to breakage in machinery. The water is very strong this year and Carlsbad may have an artesian flow of medicated water long.

Ed Gamble this week received the next shipment of candy to be found anywhere in the west. The shipment comprises everything from stick candy to the finest on earth. Nothing is too good for Gamble's customers.

A train of twelve cars of cattle, belonging to Dan Lucas, Pendleton & Co., R. S. Benson and O. W. Cowden, was shipped to Kansas City Thursday night. The cattle were in charge of J. T. Towner, Geo. Pendleton, Geo. Williams and Len Scott.

Master Mechanic C. M. Stansbury of P. V. & N. E., was in town Saturday last from Roswell, looking after matters in general and chatting with friends. Mr. Stansbury says the shops are in good shape and everything working in fine style.

Attorney George Milburn, of Lennox, Mo., who spent the winter here two years ago the guest of Henry Cobb, arrived Tuesday evening to gain test the climate cure. George was greatly benefited by his previous stay and is very much in love with his climate.

Work on the wool scouring plant will begin next week. In fact W. G. Polgrove arrived Saturday evening from Colorado City and has been busy locating a site, arranging plans, etc. This will be a great addition to the town, employing as many men as a railroad shop.

The following pupils attending the primary department of the Carlsbad schools were neither absent nor tardy during the month ending November 27: Mary Skelton, Frons Leck, Nat Roberts, Thomas Pendleton, Harmon West and Marian Ezell. These pupils receive much credit for such an excellent record.

## The Poor Children.

Poor folks don't have no Christmas—just don't have none at all. An' Brother Jim won't get no drum, an' Sister Sue no doll. 'Cause, since our mother went to where they say it's angels stay. They don't know where we're livin' at, an' Santa's lost the way!

Poor folks don't have no Christmas, an' all they got to do is stand an' see the toys an' be wishin' for 'em, too! But I bet 'you if our mother was livin' here today, she'd send a word to Santa Claus an' tell him where we stay!

## Prisoners Escape.

Three prisoners escaped from the Carlsbad jail Sunday evening and it appears they made good their escape. At any rate Sheriff Stewart has been unable to get trace of them so far but may succeed yet in capturing them ere they get out of reach. Jailor John Stewart went down about 6 o'clock to lock the prisoners up for the night in the steel cages, they being allowed the run-around in the day time, but found they had tired of his hotel and had changed lodgings. On examination it was found the prisoners had removed an iron bar screwed onto the locks and used as a lever to close the cell doors. With this bar they dug away the rock in the wall above the door, put the Mexican trusty to sleep by a good choking, then lit out for parts unknown. Two of the prisoners, Charley Ware and Sam Morrow were pals of Jim Nite and were taken in at the same time by Sheriff Stewart and posse in the Oregon mountains.

Ware was under a five years' sentence and was held awaiting the decision of the supreme court. Morrow had not been tried but as he was Ware's companion in crime there was no doubt about him receiving a good large term in the pen. Elmer Clarkson was accused of robbing Kemp & Woerner's saloon not long since and was bound over to the grand jury. The prisoners could not possibly have been gone more than thirty minutes when there absence was noticed, as it was then barely dark, and they certainly would not venture out before dark. It stands to reason that they had assistance from an outside source to elude the officers in this manner. Sheriff Stewart is doing all in his power to recapture them and has sent out the following circular:

## \$150.00 REWARD!

For the arrest of Samuel Morrow, Charley Ware and Elmer Clarkson, or \$50 for either of them.

## SAMUEL MORROW.

Is about 18 or 20 years old, about 6 ft. 10 in. tall, light complexion, dark hair, blue eyes. Had on big broad-brimmed black hat, black suit of clothes, white shirt, red tanned shoes, with sharp toes, about number 8 or 9. Is a cowboy by occupation and will weigh about 160 pounds.

## CHARLEY WARE.

About 30 years old, about 5 ft. 6 or 8 in. high; dark complexion, black hair and beard (when any), was smooth shaven when he escaped; black or brown eyes, will weigh about 145 pounds; had on about No. 6 shoes, black tanned and sharp toe; black hat sold by Hamilton Bros., Houston, Texas; black frock coat, light pants over another pair (don't remember the color of other pants).

## ELMER CLARKSON.

Aged about 21 or 22 years, height about 5 ft. 6 in., light complexion, light hair and blue eyes set well back in his head. Wore small black hat, brown suit of clothes with black check in them; black shoes sharp toes, No. 6 or 7, with cloth tops; is a monte dealer and is of very restless disposition; will weigh 130 or 135 pounds.

These men broke jail here Dec. 3, 1899. All have been in for some time and were very wild when they escaped.

Arrest and wire me,

M. C. STEWART, Sheriff,

Carlsbad, Eddy Co., N. M.

The electric lights will probably be running again shortly.

Bishop Kendrick is expected in Carlsbad next Tuesday.

J. Carson vs. R. S. Benson was a case before Justice Roberts' court Saturday. The jury returned a verdict for \$75.53 in favor of plaintiff.

J. Barnett, charged with horse stealing, had a hearing before Justice Roberts, Monday, and was bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$400.

Monday morning the fourth campaign of the sugar factory opened. The machinery in the factory has been greatly improved the past season and everything is working in a satisfactory manner. Nearly all the idle men in and around town have found employment, either in the factory or harvesting beets.

Geo. Munro, the Roswell contractor and builder, was in town Thursday in consultation with J. S. Hagerman who awarded him the contract for erecting a \$25,000 barn on the Chisum ranch south of Roswell. Mr. Munro was also figuring with Mr. Hagerman on removing the freight warehouse from Carlsbad to Canyon City.

## Christmas Gifts

WE HAVE NOW ON EXHIBITION A LARGE STOCK OF

Toys, Books, Toilet Cases, Manicure Sets, Xmas Cards, Fancy Calendars, Sterling Silver Novelties, Watches and Silverware

OF ALL KINDS SUITABLE FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

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Eddy Drug Co.

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FOR Breakfast.

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Children, as well as grown people, like its flavor.

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J. E. LAVERTY.

Mrs. Knowles visited with her friend Mrs. Jno. Mihlfred at Otis a couple of days last week.

Mrs. W. P. McIntosh Jr., of the Bolles Farm departed last week Friday, for a visit in Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McIntosh Sr. of Colorado, are visiting their son at Bolles Farm, Otis.

Ran Jones was in town this week from the Guadalupe. Ran disposed of his bees at \$3 per hive.

## Market Notice.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to Lowenbruck & Stone, formerly U. S. Meat Market, please call and settle with me at the old stand between now and Jan. 1, 1900, as all unpaid bills at that date will be turned over to a collecting agency for collection.

JOHN LOWENBRUCK.

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## Thanksgiving Exercises.

The district school assisted by the union Sunday school observed Thanksgiving day at the Smith school house on Black river, Wednesday, Nov. 29, with appropriate exercises. The interest taken by the patrons of the district and the marked ability with which the exercises were delivered and enthusiasm shown by the pupils are sufficient evidence that our teacher, Miss Sarah Douthitt, is an able and competent instructor, and well deserves the credit of being the first teacher to inaugurate the observance of our national holiday in this district. The following program was rendered:

Song "America" By School  
Scripture reading, 100 Psalm  
President's proclamation, G. W. Witt  
Song "Fill the Baskets" By School  
Recitation, "On the Old Home" Minnie Forehand  
Recitation, "Thanksgiving Acrostic" Georgia Lee Witt  
Paper, "History of Thanksgiving Day" Miss Douthitt  
Recitation, "The Story of Columbus" Seven Little Boys and Girls  
Recitation, "The American Boy" Barney Beach  
Recitation, "Measuring Up" Hal Smith  
Recitation, "A Puzzling Question" Elmer Witt  
Recitation, "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin" Laura Smith  
Recitation, "Under Green Boughs" Daniel Beach  
Recitation, "The School Master's Guests" Miss Bishop  
Recitation, "Thanksgiving Dinner that Flew Away" Lulu Beach  
Recitation, "On Clover" Dean Smith  
Recitation, "Thanksgiving Joy" Edna Johnson  
Recitation, "Golden Rod" Alma Beach  
Recitation, "The New Convention" Ridgely Pendleton  
Recitation, "When Thanksgiving Comes" Ora Beach  
Recitation, "Somebody Else" Minnie Forehand  
Soleil Reading, Mrs. G. W. Witt  
Song, "God be With You" By School

## A VISITOR.

The above was received by the CURRENT too late for publication last week. The program was certainly a very creditable one, and it would be well for more of our schools to adopt this method of observing Thanksgiving day.

## ANOTHER GALLANT LIEUTENANT LOST.

Lieutenant Keyes, Brother of Mrs. Max Luna, Shot By the Philippines.

Maxwell Keyes, second lieutenant of the 3d infantry, who was killed at San Ildefonso, Philippines, November 24, was a brother of Mrs. Maximiliano Luna, wife of Lieut. Luna, who was recently drowned in the Agno river. This double bereavement is indeed a sad one, for both husband and brother were in the most promising days of their manhood, and their prospects for the future were brilliant. Lieut. Keyes was born at Fort Hill, I. T., the son of Major and Mrs. Keyes (nee Maxwell). His mother was a daughter of the original owner of the Maxwell grant, and his father had seen honorable service in the United States army. Lieut. Keyes received his education at the Brothers' college at St. Louis. At the breaking out of the war with Spain he was given a commission as second lieutenant of company F, 1st United States volunteer cavalry, known as the rough riders. He was mustered in May 6, 1898, and according to the records his age was 24 years and 10 months, although Mrs. Keyes, aunt of his late brother-in-law, states that he is only 23 years old. He did gallant service in Cuba at the charge on San Juan hill and the other engagements in which the rough riders participated. He was promoted to first lieutenant and was made adjutant of his regiment; was mustered out of service September 13, and shortly afterward went to Washington to be examined for the regular army. He was given a commission as second lieutenant in the 3d infantry, and has been doing conspicuous service in the Philippines since.

Lieut. Keyes is well known in Santa Fe for it was only a few months ago that he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bergers. He was handsome and possessed a great charm of manners. He was brave and manful and was beloved by all those who knew him. The rough riders in this city all speak well of him and regret his untimely death. Only last evening letters were received by relatives here from his mother, stricken with grief at the death of her son-in-law, and not yet knowing that her oldest son too had fallen in the service of his country. Lieut. Keyes was unmarried and is survived by his parents, who reside at San Antonio, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. Max Luna, at present at San Antonio; Mrs. Fluke, wife of Lieut. Fluke, now with him at present at Idaho, and Miss Ethel Keyes, who is at home. Two brothers also survive him. They are J. J. Keyes and Geo. Keyes, who are both at San Antonio.

## Alliance of Sheriff.

The following opinion on sheriff's mileage was last week given out by Solicitor General E. L. Bartlett:

"My opinion is that sheriff's are entitled to receive from the treasury for transporting prisoners to the penitentiary mileage at the rate of 12 1/2 cents per mile actually and necessarily traveled from their county seat or where they may receive the prisoner to the penitentiary and return. Also, per diem at the rate of \$4 per day, and for guards at \$2 per day, in addition to their railroad fare, and for the prisoners actual railroad or other fare paid for them, together with actual expenses incurred by the sheriff, guard and prisoners for meals."

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and back him. That this was the intent of the legislature as shown in the legislation bill for the eighth, fifty-first and fifty-second fiscal years, where the appropriation is made for 'per diem and expenses of sheriffs in conveying prisoners to the penitentiary,' instead of 'for transportation of convicts to the penitentiary and executing death warrants,' as heretofore, the amount of such appropriation is also reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000 annually.

## Our Hero "Pirate."

The English press hastens to lay wreaths upon the just-discovered grave of John Paul Jones. They are talking of the "pirate," the "pirate and naval adventurer," the "pirate's ashes," etc.

It is now nearly a century and a quarter since John Paul Jones, flying the American flag, sailed up and down the English coast, filling them with terror of his name and of the sea prowess of the new republic. In some of those English coast villages mothers still lull their babies to sleep with assurances that John Paul Jones will not harm them.

It is therefore not surprising that English newspapers should still bite their nails and chatter their ineffectual teeth at the first of America's heroes.

In spite of English adverse comment we must bring home the "pirate's ashes" and bury them in our soil with ceremonies that will freshen in the minds of the youth of the republic the memory of the man who, when his ship was burning and sinking, answered the British captain's demand for surrender with the immortal sentence: "I have not yet begun to fight."



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## A RAILWAY MAIL CLERK

By OT WARMAN.

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Railway mail clerks are not railway employees, although they are under the orders of the railway officials when on the road. They are, as a class, a bright lot of men. They bring more brains and acquired skill into their work than any class of the government employees, in proportion to the amount of money they draw. They ride the fastest trains in the country, and ride ahead. On most roads their car is coupled to the locomotive and they take whatever is left when the grim reaper has finished with the engine.

Reliable statistics show that the mortality among railway mail clerks through railroad accidents is greater than that among the troops in the civil war. These clerks are required to pass an examination at a rating of more than 90 per cent. Department employees at Washington are given 30 days' vacation each year, but the railway mail clerk is called upon to face the dangers of midnight rides 12 months in the year. I know one mail clerk intimately and found him one of the most interesting characters I ever met. The story of his eventful life would be interesting at any time, and ought to be especially apropos here as an illustration of the character of the average railway mail clerk and of the dangers through which he passes.

The farms in Illinois upon which we were reared were not far apart, but "Doc," who lived with his uncle, left home before he was 21 and went west. I had been in town to get the plow sharpened and on my way home I saw Doc climbing across a cloudy field behind a harrow, and he hailed me. When he came out he hung his chin over the top of the fence and said: "I'm going west. Will you fine me?"

"What's it to cost?" I asked.  
"Forty-nine dollars, second class, from St. Louis to Denver."

"Have you got the money?" Doc shook his head.

"Did you ever see that much money?"

"Well, not at one look, but I've got it all figured out."

"How much have you got?"

"Haven't got any, but I got a job at Whitcomb's stable in Carr street, and if you'll go I'll see that you never want. We can sleep in the haymow and be around."

"How'll we get to St. Louis?" I asked.

"Hide when we're tired of walking, and walk when we can't ride," was his



"I'm going west. Will you fine me?"  
replied. "I'm in the silk and you're in the tassel," he added thoughtfully. "Life is all before us, but you can't get anywhere on a farm. Look at some of the folks around here. What do they know? They simply stand round on one foot like a gander till the beard breaks through the freckles, and then they push the old folks off and take the plow, and in a little while get pushed off themselves. Life on a farm is one continual round of work and want. Will you fine me?"

The thought of getting up at morning and not knowing where I was going to sleep at night frightened me, and I told Doc so and we parted.  
A few years later, in the dawning of the morning, as I was climbing out of an upper berth at another mountain town a man caught hold of my coat-tail, and I found that the "man under my bed" was Doc Pippin. He said he was living in Denver; so was I, and in a few days he came in to see me. He came often, and told the best stories I had ever heard. He was thin and pale, and I noticed that he coughed and pounded his left lung when he did so.

Doc went to Chicago and became acquainted with a well known detective. He was offered employment, accepted it and was sent at once to a small town in Illinois to find out a band of thieves who were stealing hogs and robbing shops. If Doc had tried, he could never have become a good detective. Even clothes that were made for him didn't fit, and he wore his hat crosswise, like the leading man at a French funeral. His appearance upon this occasion was in his favor, and he was not long in forming the acquaintance of the toughest lot of loafers in the town. They liked Doc, as every one did who knew him, but it was a long time before they would trust him. Doc's money gave out, and he tried to borrow, and the gang gave him the laugh. "Git out and turn a trick—work," said one of the men.

"What can I do? Show me and then watch me," said Doc.  
"See that Jay rider out of town?" said the tough, nodding down the road where a lone horseman was going away with the sunset on his back. "Well, he's gone out to his place in the country—goes every Saturday night and comes back Monday—hold 'im up." Doc knew the man, as he knew near-

ly every man in the place, by the description given him at Chicago, and by the middle of the following week this wealthy citizen had been notified from headquarters that he would be head up on the next Saturday night. Doc was at his post, and as the lone horseman came down the road the highwayman stepped out from the shadows of a jack oak and covered his man. That night the gang drank up the best part of \$25.00 and voted Doc "a dead game toucher."

The veridicality of the gang he had to deal with made Doc's work comparatively easy. He invariably drank gin and water, and by a simple trick that a child ought to have detected—the trick of drinking the water and leaving the gin—he was always sober.

When the proceeds of Doc's raid had been expended together with the \$7 received for the "Jay's" watch, the gang determined to rob a hardware store. The job had been undertaken once, but had failed. The time arrived, the store was entered and when they were all in Doc ducked down behind the counter and reached the rear end of the store. Now a big bull's eye was turned upon the gang, who arose from their work to look down the dark barrels of a half dozen shot guns. One of the gang, seeing Doc with the sheriff's party, made a play for his pistol, but the sheriff shoved his shotgun yet nearer the robber's face and said, softly, "Be quiet," and he was calm.

Young Pippin's success in this now celebrated case won for him the full confidence of the agency, and before he had reached Chicago other important work was mapped out for him, but to the surprise of the agency he refused to accept another assignment.

"I could not bear," he said to me, "the thought of living a whole life that was a lie—to appear always to be that which I was not—to mix and mingle constantly with the wicked of this world, in which there should be so much happiness. It is a great and important work which ought to be done, but it is not for me."

Returning to the west again Pippin entered the service of Uncle Sam as a railway postal clerk.

Finding a letter in the mail marked to me he took his blue pencil and wrote on the back of the envelope, "Hello, Doc—R. M. S." and I knew then that he was in the railway mail service.

It was some time after the receipt of this brief message that the meeting in the sleeping car, already referred to, occurred, and it was during his many visits to me at Denver that he related the detective stories herein related.

"How is it," I asked one day, "that you are assistant superintendent of the mail service in the west when you are under 30 and now, comparatively new, at the business?"

"Hard luck," said Doc, smiling sadly, coughing and thumping his chest.

Then it was he began to tell me some of his experiences in the postal car, but he did not tell them all. He was as modest as he was honest and would not tell me, his friend, the real tales of heroism in which he was himself the hero. He told enough, however, to cause me to find out more, and I learned that his loyalty, bravery and devotion to duty had been warmly commended in autograph letters from the highest officials in the mail service.

It was, indeed, a bit of luck that brought him promotion, and an easy place. One night, when the train came roaring down the canyon, the engine jumped the track, the mail car went to pieces against the locomotive, the coaches piled upon the pieces, and the wreck began to burn. When the trainmen and passengers came forward to look for "the fellows up ahead," they saw large and small envelopes sailing out of the burning debris, and they knew at once that the mail agent must be fast in the wreck. The whistle engine drowned all other sounds and made it impossible for the men to hear the cries of the imprisoned postal clerk. All this he knew, and while the hungry flames were eating their way to where he lay he pulled the register bag to him and began to shuck the valuable mail out into the sagebrush.

When the steam was exhausted and the cry of the engine had hushed, there came no sound from the engineers, for their voices were hushed in death. Above the sound of the crackling flames they could hear Doc calling to them from his place below the wreck, and the brave train crew worked desperately right in the very face of the fire to rescue the unfortunate.

Gradually the voice of the prisoner grew fainter and fainter, and before the rescuers reached him it hushed entirely.

At last, just as they were about to give him up, as he was now apparently dead, they succeeded in dragging Doc from the wreck, and to the joy of all he soon revived. He was yet alive, but had breathed so much of the flames that his left lung was almost ruined, and he was never able to resume his place on the road.

It was this unfortunate wreck and the story of his heroism that gave him the important position of assistant clerk of the western division of the United States mail service when he was not yet 30 years old. It was the burn in his breast that made him cough and beat his left lung, that pinched his face and made his eyes look larger than they were. He went to silently, almost cheerfully, doing what he could, but who who watched knew that the hidden scar he had there was wearing his life away.

Not long ago I returned to Denver, and meeting the chief clerk in the street, asked him about Doc. I had been wandering over the face of the earth for nearly two years, and now, as my friend looked at me his face took on a sadder shade, and he answered slowly, "We buried Doc six months ago."

## THE SPORTING WORLD.

The story of two deer dying with antlers locked in fight is literally true, though generally supposed a fabrication and too often published because believed such, says a correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle. There are in the museums of the country many pairs of antlers found in the field so tightly locked that it is impossible for one person to separate them. The peculiar angles of the numerous branches of the horns of a deer make it quite possible for them to lock when driven together at high velocity, because the flexibility of even the thickest horn is much greater than one would imagine. In one case the two deer were found before decay had set in, but I know of no case in which the combatants were found before starvation.



ANTLERS LOCKED IN BATTLE.

tion had done its work and no case where the horns were ever seen to lock. A fight between two bucks in which a lock is liable at any moment to occur is by no means uncommon, and many a hunter has seen that. In the fall several bucks often follow the same doe, and if any of them meet there is liable to be a disturbance of friendly relations. Many a hunter has shot several of these on the same trail, but they are generally a hundred yards in space and several minutes in time apart. But occasionally it is the other way, and two or even more may arrive on the disputed carpet at the same time. Some fun is liable to result when they do, although it is only on very rare occasions that it results in a death lock of the horns.

## The Queen of Skiers.

Miss Freda Knagen, a charming and athletic brunette of Christiania, is the only woman living who has eclipsed all male rivals in any branch of athletics. At the great skiing competition held last year at Holmenkollen she cleared the astounding distance of 103½ feet in a single jump, leaving the highest previous record 16 feet in arrears.

The course at Holmenkollen, on the outskirts of Christiania, is the scene of the championship contests in the Swedish national sport. The course, which is of snow, deep, crisp and firm, slopes upward from a frozen lake at a sharp angle to the height of 100 feet. Two-thirds of the way down the course there is a platform, from which there is a vertical drop of 30 feet.

The competitor, with his wooden runners strapped to his feet, slides rapidly down the crevice, acquiring momentum with every yard of the descent until he literally flies down the slope with the speed of an express train. When he reaches the "top," he takes a flying leap in the air, lands skillfully after a flight of from 50 feet to 100 feet on the soft snow, and at a still higher speed, due to the momentum of his leap, flashes down the rest of the course and sails away over the flat surface of the lake until, by a dexterous turn, he comes to a stop.

## Snyder on Pitching.

"Pitching in these days seems to be confined to one specialty, and that is throwing the ball," says Charles Snyder. "Of course we have several fine fielding pitchers in the big league today, but for all around work, such as batting, base running and fielding, where can we find the equals of Bobby Caruthers, Dave Fouts and those association pitchers of the eighties? Why, when Bobby Caruthers was not called on to pitch he was played in the outfield for his batting, being one of the timeliest batsmen on the team. Dave Fouts was also one of Combie's outfielders when he was not twirling. This pair of pitchers alternated in the outfield. Many a game did they win out, single handed, you might say. That is, when a timely hit was needed to tie or win, Bobby or Fouts was often there with the goods. Ask a pitcher in this league today to double up in the outfield, and he would fall, knocked out enough to have ten seconds counted over him. 'Old Hoos' Radbourne often played the outfield for Providence, and it was a home run hit by Rad that won the Providence team an extra inning 1 to 0 game between the Detroit and Providence teams. This memorable game was played on the Detroit diamond, and Johnnie Ward pitched for Providence that day."

## St. Louis in the New League.

So far as one can see, St. Louis is to be the hub around which this new league is to revolve, says the New York Telegram. That is enough to settle its chances. No league with St. Louis as headquarters is going to do much active work against the present organization. If baseball cranks could look to reform from the new league, it might be worth consideration, but its projectors, so far as announced, are a weaker lot of sisters than those who compose the present governing organization. There is no hope for good results from such a combination.

## THE BORE.

He talks and talks, then talks some more—  
The bore.  
He draws around six times a day  
And always says the same old way.  
He comes wound up, prepared to stop.  
He talks you blind and deaf and gray  
Until within your heart you just  
That he may die, or go away.  
He tells the same thing over and over,  
Into your ears he'll drill and pierce.  
He talks about the weather, or  
His tale how he would run the war.  
Against the world he makes a war.  
He alive his ill-litigation store  
Of misdeeds, medicine bore.  
He talks until your head is sore.  
You want to sink down through the floor,  
You long to rise and shed his gore,  
You yearn to kick him through the door,  
And then, as was remarked before,  
He talks and talks and talks some more—  
The bore.

Of instances he ranks the first—  
The bore.  
The smallest calender, the worst,  
The longest wheel, the most absurd,  
At heart a bore and a bore of men  
The bore of all who want to win.  
He is a bore of war, of peace,  
He is a bore of life a barren waste.  
Within God's grand economy  
He serves no use unless it be,  
Like the mosquito or the fly,  
To buzz, to torture and annoy.  
Of all the creatures in his pie  
God made to bear his form of man  
He is the worst that's dreamed in pants.  
The kicker's not a circumstance.  
He talks and talks for such a spell  
He has no time to think, so well  
He likes to hear his wind work go  
He never gives his brain a show.  
He talks as soon as it is light,  
He talks until it's late at night,  
He talks at home and when he eats,  
And then he talks upon the streets.  
A dreary, everlasting sound  
Goes through his hat the whole day long.  
In fact, so hard at it he keeps  
He even grumbles when he sleeps.  
If he should reach the heavenly shore,  
He'd talk as much there'd he the door  
And drive his old foreman—  
The bore.

—Denver News.

## Stern Necessity.



"Don't leave the table," said the landlady as her new boarder rose from his scanty breakfast.  
"I must, madam. It's hard wood, and my teeth are not what they used to be."—Tit-Bits.

## A Genius.

The proprietor of the store told the new window trimmer that his salary would depend on his success in making women look in at the show window.

In an hour the sidewalk was so crowded that the proprietor could not get out.

"What in the world have you done?" he asked.

"Hung a piece of black velvet just back of the window glass," said the trimmer.

"Why should all these women crowd up to look at a piece of black velvet?"

"It makes a mirror."

The proprietor admitted that he could not pay such a man a suitable salary, so he took him into the firm.—New York World.

## Briefs From Billville.

Our first bale of cotton was marketed yesterday. We got \$10 or 30 days for it.

Several of our boys who have been mustered out of the war have returned home to eat up their pensions.

Very few have enlisted for the Philippines. In fact, it's not enough in the Georgia pines for us.

The Lord will provide. Cotton has been largely killed out, and we won't have to sell it for 8 cents.

We're out for councilman from the First ward; but if we miss it there we'll cross over and run in the Second.

Politics is quiet. Almost the only people running are those who have the sheriff beheaded them.—Atlanta Constitution.

## Outclassed.

"You must remember," said the proud Yankee girl, "that I am a Daughter of the Revolution."

"Poo!" exclaimed the beautiful, dark-eyed woman from Central America. "I am a Daughter of Six Revolutions."—Chicago Times-Herald.

## The Old Jealousy.

"How in the world," asked somebody in the group, "will Chicago ever manage to dispose of the 108,000,000 eggs packed in cold storage there?"

"She'll use them in her next census," growled a man from St. Louis.—Chicago Tribune.

## The Druggist's Work.

There is a druggist in one of the suburban districts who advertises: "The doctor prescribes; we execute." Such advertising cannot fail to appeal to those who desire to be executed.—Boston Journal.

## What He Wanted to Know.

"How old is she?"

"Twenty-three."

"Oh, you misunderstand me! I didn't ask how old she says she is, but how old she is."—Chicago Post.

## Detected.

Jaggies—Didn't that house you think of buying have exposed plumbing?

Waggies—Yes. The expert I took to make an examination exposed it.—New York World.

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Mother's furnished up the parlor—got a roll, new, haircloth set, and there ain't a nester parlor in the county no more.

And she's put it out in pictures and in easy chairs and rugs; got the neighbors all a-squint, 'cause we're puttin' us such lugs; got up curtains round the windows, whiter'n snow and all of lace; fixed that parlor till, by gracious, I should never know the place, and she says as soon's it's settled she shall give a yaller tea.

And invite the whole caboodle of the neighbors in to see.

Can't own up that I approve it; seems to me like I'd fud and fud.

To a man who's lived as I have—just a blamed old kitchen cuss.

Course we've had a front room always; tidy place enough, I guess.

Couldn't tell, I never set there, never opened it unless

Parson called or sometimes mother give a party or a box.

When the women come and quilted and the men come round to see

Now we're givin' to use it common. Mother says it's a time to start.

If we're any better'n hostess, so's to sweeten life with us;

Says I've grubbed too long with plain things, haven't lifted up my soul;

Says I've dinned there in the kitchen like a woodchuck in his hole.

It's along with other notions mother's gettin' from the alk,

But I've got no green a-comin'—mother ain't let up on grub.

Still I'm wakin she would let me have my smokes and take my nap

In the corner, side the wood box. I'm a plain old kitchen cuss.

—Holman F. Day in Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

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