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MUKDEN WILL BE ABANDONED.

Kuropatkin in Danger of Being Surrounded by the Japs---Armies Are Racing.

The forces of Kuropatkin and Oyama are racing for Mukden. This much stands out of the news of Monday, and is indicated in a report forwarded by Kuropatkin, who says his retreat is being conducted in perfect order, though the Japanese on Sunday repeatedly attacked his rear and continued the attacks until Monday. The result of the race is in doubt. The united Russian forces are now north of Yenta, a station on the railway about ten miles northeast of Liao Yang. They are pushing on to Mukden, to which the bulk of the Japanese forces are marching direct, after having swarmed across the Taitse river.

A strong Japanese flanking column is about thirty miles northeast of Liao Yang and trying to get between the Russian forces and Mukden.

With the race in progress, there was a brief dispatch from Mukden saying that preparations for the evacuation of that place are proceeding. This report is well founded, as is pointed out in the Associated Press St. Petersburg dispatches, would mean the abandonment of the whole of Southern Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign. It was reported in St. Petersburg at a late hour Monday night that Kuropatkin's rear guard had been almost annihilated and that the main Russian army was in danger of being surrounded.

Kuropatkin, in his report, makes no mention of the abandonment of 200 guns at Liao Yang, a rumor to which effect is in circulation.

Advices from Port Arthur by way of Che Foo bring the fighting there up to September 2 and say the Japanese losses were very heavy.

NEGRO HANGED TO A TREE.

Mob Dealt Penalty to Assailant of Girls at Crossett.

Little Rock, Ark.—A special to the Gazette from Crossett states that the negro who attempted to assault two white girls Saturday night was taken from the jail Sunday night and lynched about three miles from Crossett. After stringing him to a tree the mob riddled his body with bullets. His assault upon the girls took place on the Bonham plantation, thirty-five miles from Crossett. No details of the affair were obtainable.

DR. RANKIN INJURED.

Confined to His Bed as the Result of a Fall.

Dallas, Texas.—Dr. G. C. Rankin, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, was painfully but not dangerously injured by a fall down the steps leading to his office at Ervay and Jackson streets Saturday, and it is reported that he is still confined to his bed as a result of the fall. Inquiries today at the residence of Dr. Rankin failed to secure any further information than that he was unable to leave his bed.

MAY END THE CAMPAIGN.

Reported Russian^s Intend to Abandon Mukden.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—It is impossible at this hour to obtain any statement from the authorities regarding the reported preparations for the abandonment of Mukden.

This is the first intimation that such a course is contemplated. If it turns out to be true, it means the abandonment of the whole of South Manchuria and the winding up of the present campaign.

In fact, should Mukden be evacuated, there would be no point for wintering the army of 250,000 men, with its many wounded soldiers. On the other hand, the evacuation of Mukden would give Field Marshal Oyama commodious winter quarters and the practical control of two lines of railway. The Kinchou-Sintin line, tapping rich Chinese territory, stops little short of Mukden, with which it is connected by a good wagon road.

The report of the prospective evacuation of Mukden, if well founded, would indicate that the crippling effect of the Liao Yang fighting on Kuropatkin's army is more serious than has as yet been intimated.

DUEL WITH KNIVES.

One Negro Is Dead and His Slayer Escaped.

Waxahachie, Texas.—Saturday night while a dance was in progress at the home of Holloway Britton, colored, on the Jefferson farm, three miles southeast of Italy, Britton and another negro named Sam Barnes became involved in a difficulty which resulted in a duel with knives. The combatants used their knives in a vigorous manner, and Britton was literally cut to pieces. His wounds resulted in death soon after. Barnes succeeded in making his escape. It is not known how badly he was injured. Britton lived on the Thompson farm two years and was regarded as a quiet and peaceable negro. The officers are on the lookout for Barnes.

BOTH ARE DEAD.

Cantu and Morales Did Not Long Survive.

San Antonio, Texas.—The two men shot at Elmendorf Sunday night while Deputy Sheriff Martinez sought to make an arrest, died in the early hours of Monday morning. They were bystanders. The one, Jesus Cantu, was shot in the groin; the other, Juan Morales, through the bowels. The deputy was placed in jail.

An Eye Injured.

Cuero, Texas.—Young Simon, the engineer at the Crouch & Schlucher rice farm, had his eye severely injured last night by a valve blowing out. He may lose the sight of it.

THE MANASSAS ARMY MANEUVERS.

Troops Are Divided Into Two Armies and a Mimic Battle Is On---Texans In Opposition.

Gainesville, Va., Sept. 7.—The blue and brown armies are facing each other in hostile array. It is the work of the blue army, under Gen. F. D. Grant, operating from Manassas, to strike and drive the brown army, under Gen. G. F. Bell, operating from Thoroughfare, back through the gap of that name in the Bull Run mountains. The zone of hostilities is a stretch of Virginia farms five miles wide and fifteen miles long, comprising the territory over which was fought the two battles of Bull Run. Manassas is the southeast point in the zone, and Thoroughfare Gap is in the center of its western limit.

At daylight today Gen. Grant has established a front across the zone and pushed his line two-fifths of the way to Thoroughfare. The northern half of this line (Grant's right) is a picked mass of infantry; the southern half (his left wing) is a patrol of cavalry. It is with the strong right that the blow will be struck. To meet the attack General Bell has established a line of battle which sweeps in a semicircle from Buckland on the southwestern limits of the zone, to Woolsey, on the north. Buckland is less than two miles from the western limit of operations, and Woolsey a little more than that distance. General Bell's center is the strongest part of his line.

Up to a late hour no collision of any consequence had occurred. The lines of battle, however, have been formed and the attacking forces are being marshaled for the assault.

RUSSIA TO YIELD.

In Regard to the Question of Contraband.

London, Sept. 7.—The preliminary representations made by Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to the foreign office, indicate that Russia is on the point of making substantial concessions to the United States and Great Britain regarding the question of contraband of war, as a result of the admission by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff of the report of the general commission to Emperor Nicholas today, together with information transmitted by Ambassador Benckendorff, showing the views of the British government. The Russian foreign minister is expected to present to the British government through Sir Charles Mardinge, the British ambassador to Russia, tomorrow the formal reply of the Russian government. It is understood in official circles here that Russia, while not acknowledging herself at fault for the captures made by her ships in the past, more specifically describes the conditions under which certain goods, such as foodstuffs and cotton, become, in her view, contraband.

The British foreign office is satisfied from the representations made to it that such substantial concessions will be made by Russia as will lead to an easy settlement of the vexatious question.

By reason of the fact that the day is to end at 3, military experts look for the main engagement tomorrow. General Bell has advanced his lines at least two miles further east than the one he originally took up.

Between the two forces is a stretch of open country of about a mile. This country is rolling and on either side are woods or corn fields. The outposts of General Grant's forces were stopped in their forward movement about 10 o'clock. Four companies of the Seventy-fourth New York and one company of the Fifth infantry (regular), under Brigadier General Wint, commanding the First brigade of the blue army, were ruled out of action for attempting to cross the open space. They were subjected to the concentrated fire of a long line of the Second Texas regiment, under General Lee, commanding the First brigade of the brown army. This brisk skirmish developed such strength on the part of the brown army that hostilities seemed to cease almost entirely. This would seem to indicate that General Grant was either preparing to make a strong attack or to make a swift move to flank General Bell on the right.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 6.—A special to the Herald from Atlanta says in discussing the refusal of a Georgia soldier to salute a negro officer, Governor Terrell today said: "That's what I call true Georgia grit. He is made out of the proper stuff."

SCENE OF RECENT BOMBARDMENT AT PORT ARTHUR.



The scene of the recent fierce bombardment of Port Arthur reported by Gen. Stoessel, is indicated on the map. The fortifications under fire are what are known as the Keekwan forts, the most northerly and easterly of the defenses of the fortress. Sushiyen, or Sui-sze-ang, also is pointed out. It is in front of this village that the Japanese are said to be digging trenches in the Tiger valley. Sushiyen is a mile west of the railroad and four miles from Port Arthur.

The Two Captains

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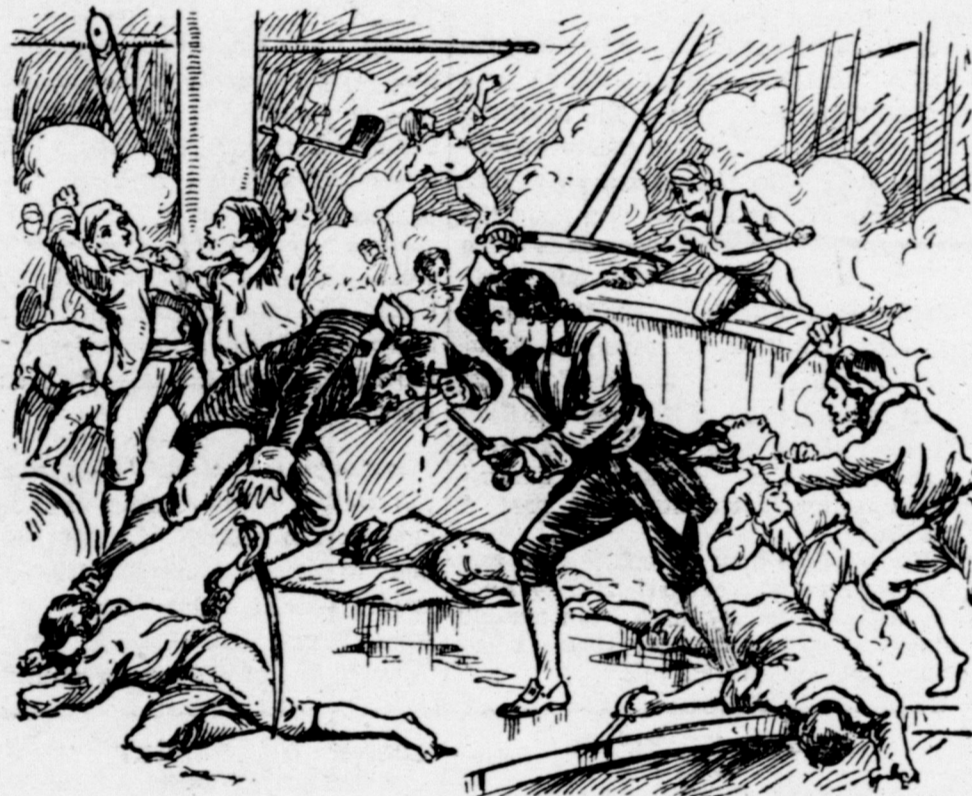
CHAPTER XIV.—Continued.

The cry thrilled through the hearts of the men, and seemed also to thrill through the heart of the brig which reeled slightly to some passing fresher motion of air as though in her clumsy way she rejoiced. Many of the sailors sprang into the shrouds and rushed aloft. It was some time since a sail had broken the sea line, and the rascals' vision thirsted.

What was she going to turn out to be? Each ship was traveling, and heading toward each other, and therefore, shortly after the two captains had taken the altitude of the sun, there lay full and fair in the sight of the pirates, upon the blue sea right over the bows, no man-of-war, indeed, but a tall, full-bosomed ship, with painted ports, the hull sitting deep, a fine English West Indiaman of about six hundred tons.

"That's what she is," cried Pope, and now he began to sing out orders.

Pope talked swiftly, communicating his intentions and plans. Meanwhile, the mass of the pirates lay concealed along the scuppers, under the bulwarks, and about the carronades.



Pope had cut him down.

Scarcely more than half a dozen figures were visible on the brig's deck.

And meanwhile the fine ship came slowly on, lightly rolling her great heights with majesty.

"She shows no guns," were Pope's last words to Crystal before he began to yell orders to his crew.

"She'll be an easy capture," was Crystal's answer.

"Stations!" roared Pope. "Port your helm. Down with that red ensign."

With his own long arms he rushed the black flag aloft, and broke it, and it streamed out inky as a funeral pall, an unequivocal assurance to the ship—an all too familiar syllable of doom in those days.

"Fire!"

The two starboard broadside carronades were discharged. The crash of the round and grape as they tore into the solid plank could be plainly heard. It was Pope's way of hailing.

"Sail us right aboard of her!" he thundered to the helm.

The pirates on the main-deck loaded the carronades with the frenzy of savages. On board the ship every female vanished; the commander, a short, square, powerfully built man, stood at the brass rail, which protected the break of the poop, shouting to his men to rally and repel.

"Surrender your ship, and we'll give

you good quarter," yelled Pope, waving his sword.

"You'll get no ship from me. We'll fight you, you dogs!" roared back the commander.

"Fire!"

Smash went a second ruining drench from the pirate. All between the ships was filled with smoke.

"Down helm, every spoke," was Pope's next roar. Then "Port watch follow me! Crystal, her forechains are your chance."

The brig's people, however, were not to meet with that easy success which Crystal had confidently predicted. The foremost crew of the West Indiaman consisted of thirty-two hands: in addition were a commander, three officers, and five male passengers. The captain, who resembled Crystal, had spunkily rallied his men.

It was a barbarous scene for noise; the pirates yelled as they leaped and climbed, and the West Indiaman's people yelled in return as they fired their pistols pointblank or swept the air with cutlasses, with the frantic passions of men fighting for their lives. The pirates' furious entry was

bloody and fearful to them. Five scoundrels in the first onset fell back wounded or dead, cut down or shot, two between the grinding sides of the vessels, the others on the brig's deck, where they lay. But neither were the pirates idle. Pope had marked his man. His first leap when he gained the deck—a truly noble, heroic figure—was for the commander of the ship. His opponent leveled a pistol at him full and fired: the pan flashed. He hurled the useless weapon at the head of Pope, who, dodging the missile, leaped upon the man, and before he could draw another pistol, Pope had cut him down. The unfortunate commander of the West Indiaman fell, cleft deep in the neck: his head was half off, and he dropped, a dreadful sight.

In a breath Pope had attacked the mate of the ship; the man fired, missed, and was instantly run through, and all the time this was doing Pope was roaring out encouragement to his men and hawling to the ship's seamen to fling down their arms and they should be well used.

All this while a terrible fight was being fought under the main-deck and about the forehatch. Several bodies dead or wounded lay about the planks. If Pope was animated with the strength of ten, Crystal certainly fought with the spirit and fury of five.

He was engaged in murderous conflict with a gigantic seaman belonging to the Indiaman when Pope and Grindal bounding from the poop came rushing forward; at sight of whom, seeing that their captain and officers were killed, two of the ship's men shouted: "Quarter! We surrender," and threw down their arms. Instantly the rest followed their example, but the raging pirates were for cutting down every man that stood before them, when Pope rushed among them shouting with twenty curses:

"Back, you dogs! They've surrendered. The ship's ours. Back, you bloodhounds! We don't want these men's lives, but their services. In with ye," he roared to the prisoners.

And Crystal and Grindal helped him to drive the helpless survivors into the top-gallant forecabin, where they were secured.

CHAPTER XV.

Laura.

Accompanied by the square man, whose face splashed with blood looked terrible with it, and followed by two or three of his seamen, Pope, sword in hand, walked swiftly toward the cuddy. He was unharmed. His face was clean and red and hot. Upon his white clothes were some stains of blood. He passed through the cabin door and stopped.

Standing, not one of them sitting, in postures more or less expressive of exquisite distress and terror, were a number of ladies and gentlemen. I do not propose to describe the ladies, because, coming as shadows, they will shortly so depart; they are but breathings upon the mirror of this page I am holding up. But one there was, and her portrait must be painted as she stood beside the shaft of mizzenmast, supporting her shoulder by it.

She was a fine, gracefully built young woman, with a face lovely and wonderful in color; eyes and lips: in the masses of her magnificent black hair; in the swan-like setting of her throat, so that each movement of head had an inimitable grace of floating. Her flashing vision was upon Pope, who eyed her intently as he approached.

"Gentlemen and ladies," said he, coming to a stand half-way down the table, "this bloodshed is not of our seeking. That I have told you. We are gentlemen of the liquid road and are at sea to make our fortunes, and toward that fortune you must contribute. You will all of you, with one exception—he turned his eyes upon the young beauty, and her mouth suddenly closed and her lips tightened with an expression of fear and distress—"lay upon this table the valuables you have upon your persons, and I would advise you not to withhold a shilling's worth of property, for if my men should take it into their heads to search you after you have disburdened yourselves and discover," he cried, raising his voice, "so much as a brass farthing reserved, it may go very hard indeed with the person who has cheated me."

This speech followed by a general movement among the unfortunate passengers. They all made great haste to empty their pockets and girdles, and every few seconds one hand or another was stretched forth to place upon the table a watch and chain, two or three rings, a brooch, a purse, and so on.

"Have you cleared out your pockets?" called out Pope, running his eyes over them.

"To my last dollar," exclaimed one of the male passengers, pointing with a lean and yellow forefinger at the pile upon the table, and the others murmured to the effect that they had removed everything from their persons. Pope, in a voice of thunder, without stirring from the side of the table, called through the cuddy door to one of the pirates, who immediately came aft. While he was ordering the man to make the heap of trinkets and watches upon the table into a parcel, Crystal, Grindal and several of the brig's seamen came into the cuddy.

Now no sooner was Crystal in the cuddy than he began to stare with all his might at the handsome girl, who looked also very hard at him, and the face of each wore a singular sub-expression of inquiry. In a moment the girl, putting her hands upon the table, said, in a sweet but trembling voice, "Is your name Crystal?"

"Ay," he answered.

Then suddenly planting his hands upon the table as she had, and leaning eagerly forward, he cried, "You are not going to tell me that you are Laura?"

"I am Laura Crystal," she answered, holding herself erect and clasping her hands.

"Jim Crystal's daughter?"

She made the sign of assent with her head.

"By heaven, Pope," cried the astonished man, "she's my cousin's child; and she used to sit upon my knee when a little girl," saying which Crystal walked around the table to her.

He grasped her by the hand, pulled her more fairly into the light, and after gazing for a few moments with unfeigned admiration into her face, he cried out, "How did you know me?"

"By a look of father about you," she answered, "and by your name. But what are you doing here? What has this ship done that she should be boarded and her people killed and robbed? You are not a pirate, cousin?"

Here Pope burst out, "Blame it all, Johnny, but introduce me, will ye?"

"Pope, Richard Pope, Captain Pope of the pirate brig, Gypsy," exclaimed Crystal, and the handsome Irishman made the lady one of his most elegant bows.

She curtsied in return, and said to Crystal, "Where is Captain Kerr? What is to become of us? Am I safe? Are the lives of the passengers safe? Oh, cousin, to find you—there are little children among us."

"As excitable as ever," said Crystal, grimly.

He was proceeding; Pope broke in. "Depend upon it," he exclaimed with profound significance, "you are perfectly safe, and so too," he added lightly, with a glance at the lady passenger, "are the others."

The sun was now close to the edge of the sea, and those are parallels where the twilight moves with giant strides, trailing behind it glittering robes of stars, when its brow is still burnished with the glory in the west. Much was to be done. It was a delightful task to talk to a beautiful young woman after days of the dreary monotony of the ocean, but the business of the two ships must be seen to, and Pope left the cuddy followed by the pirates.

The two captains walked the poop of the West Indiaman, and a man had been fetched from the forecabin to steer her. The skylight was spacious; its casements stood open; it framed a considerable portion of the picture below. Laura Crystal sat almost directly beneath. Beside her was a child, whose hand she cherished as though she sought to hearten the little creature.

"She has the most beautiful face of any woman I ever met in this world," says Pope. "Damn me, Crystal, how come ye by such relatives?"

(To be continued.)

A Family of Pastors.

Last Sunday was a notable day at the First Methodist church at Latrobe, Pa. On that occasion the pulpit was filled by representatives of three generations of the Mansell family. The morning services were in charge of Rev. Josiah Mansell of Upper Middletown. He is the father of Dr. R. B. Mansell, the pastor of the church, and will be 81 years old Oct. 10. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon an old-fashioned Methodist love feast and class meeting was held, at which the pastor was present. In the evening a grandson of Rev. Mr. Mansell, Rev. Harry Beeson Mansell of Uniontown, occupied the pulpit.

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 Off in an idle moment, or with dyn-
 Amite have blasted, or, perhaps, re-
 hashed
 (Unconscious plagiarism is no sin).

Too oft, alas; the envelope returns
 With all my "stuff" and just a printed slip
 (Nor e'en the cheque for which the fond heart yearns),
 Declining cruelly each gibe and quip.

Oh! why don't editors accept my "pomes"
 With grateful, eager, joy, and print them, too,
 To gladden with their illit the toll-wrung homes
 Of millionaires? Who knows? I don't. Do you?
 —W. E. P. French, U. S. A.

In fasting feats the sect known as the Jains, in India, is far ahead of all rivals. Fasts of from thirty to forty days are very common, and once a year the people abstain from food for seventy-five days.

Moses and Pharaoh.

Certain summer tourists visited a Highland church about five years ago, when the worthy clergyman chanced to be expounding the story of the destruction of Pharaoh and his host. His peroration was in these sublime words: "And Mossus and his people crossed over safely to the other side, but Pharaoh and his host were submerged in the water. And Pharaoh lifted up his eyes and saw Mossus standing safely on the other side, and he cried and said, 'Oh, Mossus, safe me!' But Mossus nefer let on that he was hearing him. And he cried again, and said, 'Oh, Mossus, safe me, and I will let the children of Israel go!' And Mossus turned and looked at him, and said, 'Pharaoh, I think I haf seen you pefore.'"—Scottish American.

Old Man's Secret.

Alpena, Mich., Sept. 5 (Special).—Seventy-five years of age but hale and hearty is Mr. Jerome K. Fournier of this place, and to those who ask the secret of his splendid health he gives the good advice "Use Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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THE NEWS is authorized to announce H. Falcott for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1.

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THE NEWS is authorized to announce Jos. Veitmann for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor.

THE NEWS is authorized to announce R. Stratton for Re-election to the office of Treasurer.

THE NEWS is authorized to announce Henry I. Moore as the Republican candidate for Judge of the 63rd Judicial district.

THE NEWS is authorized to announce Judge B. C. Thomas as the Democratic Nominee and candidate for Judge of the 63rd Judicial district.

Come in and get acquainted.

A man of the people is J. S. Morin.

Next week we plan to make big improvement in our paper.

The present management bought all subscription accounts including those unpaid. If you owe anything, we will gladly accept the money,

OUR BOW.

In assuming the management of this paper, the editor makes no promises. He, however, hopes with assistance, the good will of the people of Brackett and Kinney county, that he will be able to build up a local paper of which all may justly be proud and loyally support.

Politically, the paper will continue to be republican. In a dignified and steadfast way it will support the National, State, Congressional and District nominees. In local matters it will be conservative and independent.

Brackett, its prosperity and its best interests, shall be our watchword; and to this end we ask the cordial hearty support of every person interested in the growth and development of the town and county.

Beginning with next issue the paper will be enlarged to 5 columns 8 pages.

Will W. PRICE.

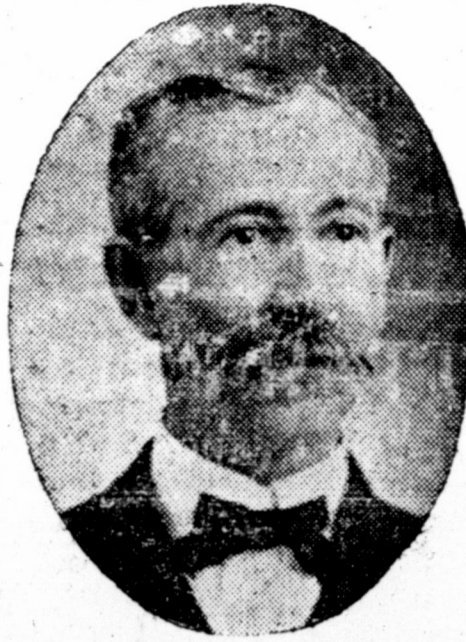
With this issue, I sever my connection with the newspaper business, having sold out to Price Brothers of Del Rio, Texas, who come well recommended as first class newspaper men, and whose aim will be the up-building of Brackett and the publishing of an up-to-date newsy paper. Mr. Will W. Price will have charge of the paper at this place and I trust that the citizens of Kinney County will continue to give their support to the News and help Mr. Price make it a good paper and a credit to the town. I wish to thank my friends and patrons for their kindness and support while publisher of the News, and with best wishes to all, I now retire from the journalistic field.

Respectfully,
J. M. BAUGH

Del Rio is hoping for the Sanitarium, Brackett is hoping for the straightening of the railroad.

Henry I. Moore will make a strong race for District Judge. In fact there is a little question but what he will come out several lengths ahead.

Don't think for a minute that we have any personal grievance against the present member of congress for he has done the best he could, but Sam Morin can do more for he is a republican.



HON. J. S. MORIN
Republican candidate for congress 15th District.

Morin is a worthy competent man and the voters of this district, regardless of party, may rest assured that he will give good faithful service when he goes to Washington.

It is acknowledged by all who have studied the situation, that not for many years has there been such splendid prospects for electing a republican congressman in Texas as now exist in the 15th district.

Judge B. C. Thomas has been spending considerable time in the lower end of the district recently. He had better not go to sleep for he has a much harder job on his hands to beat Henry Moore than he had to beat Kilpatrick.

Hon. J. S. Morin, the republican nominee for Congress accompanied by Hon. T. J. Martin, campaign manager, will soon begin active campaign work. Mark this prediction, where ever they go, they will

make friends and supporters, regardless of party.

If the Republican candidate for congress in the Fifteenth district has a good position, he will do well to not resign to make a canvass. If the chaparral were full of birds they wouldn't be worth one in his hand.—San Antonio Express.

He won't resign any job, but he has got his ear to the ground now, waiting for a call to take a job with a bank. Morin is not a bad fellow and will make a good banker.—Eagle Pass Guide.

Of course he is not a bad fellow. And you fellows will find out that he will make a first class congressman after next November.

SOME STOCK NOTES.

Richardson Fulkerson bought from Joe Brown one horse for \$70.

Bob Jacobs sold to R. L. Witt, the fine goat man of East Prong, his ranch and sheep for \$4,800.

Richard Fulkerson and Virge Miller bought of Lem Beckett 98 goats at \$1.75; kids under six months old not counted. Virge will run them with his home bunch.

J. M. Ballantyne, our efficient Hide and Animal Inspector received communication Monday from Will Allen of Standart that he had made a sale of 2000 steers to a party. They are to be delivered Sept. 20 at the Cox ranch on East Pinto.

Be it high ball or straight, be it early or late, at the bar at the Club on the sly, be the drink hot or cold be the man young or old, let him specify RED TOP

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LOCAL.

Plenty of rain.

Come in and get acquainted.

Attend the Episcopal entertainment.

Jos. Iredale of Del Rio is in the city this week.

Tell us the news. That is what we are here for.

Tom Johnson of Del Rio is visiting relatives near town.

The range in Kinney County are in fine condition since the rain.

Rev. Gates of Del Rio is in town holding meetings this week.

Marion Pafford, of Del Rio, was in Brackett on business recently.

If you have a friend or some relatives visiting you, let us know about it.

John Dooley spent last Sunday in Del Rio. 'Tis said that he looked sad as he came back this way alone.

J. C. Whiteley and family departed Sunday for San Antonio where Mr. Whiteley intends to make his future home. He will take charge of a dairy.

The many Brackett friends of R. E. Erwin and family will regret very much to learn of their misfortune in losing their fine piano and some furniture by fire while camping on their way to Uvalde. At this writing we were unable to get the particulars as to the cause of the fire.

Don't forget the Episcopal entertainment.

A. Baum, of Eagle Pass, was in town this week.

Don't forget the barbecue at Rock Springs the 15th and 16th.

Robert Balantyne made a business trip to Del Rio last Saturday.

Doc Fowler, of the Vick ranch, has spent several days in town this week.

Sam Hutchinson Sr., of the Nueces was in town for a load of supplies Tuesday.

A large number of drummers have been in town this week calling on our busy merchants.

J. M. Price, editor of the Del Rio Record-News accompanied the editor of this paper to Brackett Monday.

J. L. Hill of Del Rio was in town Tuesday. He was on his way to Uvalde where he will purchase a bunch of goats.

Miss Ruby Curtis, who has been spending some time on the Hudson ranch on the Pinto, has returned to her home in Spofford.

Mrs. T. M. Milam of Uvalde, after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Clamp returned a few days ago to her home in Uvalde.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Seargeant were in San Antonio recently, the former to attend the County Clerks convention and the latter to have taken from her hand a piece of needle which had broken off in the flesh. The X-ray was used to locate the metal piece which was quickly extracted. The piece of needle had moved several inches since breaking off.

Episcopal Entertainment only 35 cents admission.

Brackett has been enjoying a good rain most every day this week.

Mrs. H. Brookins made a short visit to Eagle Pass one day this week.

George Schwandner, of Silver Lake, was in town recently and reports good rains in his section.

S. Frankenstein, a junk dealer of San Antonio, was in Brackett on business several days this week.

We are very grateful to the many friends who have so kindly assisted us in getting the news this week.

Miss Alice Veltmann visited home last Saturday and returned to San Antonio Monday where she will enter college.

The many friends of "J. H. Pratt are glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering from his recent attack of rheumatism.

Geo. Houston, of Uvalde, is in town renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Houston is a prominent stockman of Uvalde County.

Mr. R. E. Erwin and family have moved to Uvalde where they will reside. Mr. Erwin and his son Roy have secured employment there. Brackett regrets to lose them.

W. G. Miller, who had the misfortune to break his leg at the Standart shipping pens about six weeks ago is up and around again and has about fully recovered. Mr. Miller is thinking of moving to Brackett so his children can enter our public schools.

Help a good cause by attending the Episcopal entertainment.

Phil Griffin, a prominent stockman, was in town greeting his many friends this week.

Virge Miller, a prosperous stockman of Tularosa, was transacting business in town Monday.

The wedding invitations are out announcing the wedding of Miss Clara Lula Slater to Homer V. Cook to take place Sunday September 11th, 1904 at 4:30 p. m.

John Stadler, of Silver Lake, was in town recently. Mrs. Stadler expects to move out soon and they will occupy the Kruger residence in the Silver Lake pasture.

Mrs. Jas. Murphy and Mrs. G. T. Reiley returned to Del Rio Saturday after a brief visit with relatives. Mrs. Reiley will return to Brackett soon and will open up a millinery store.

Miss Mabel Anderson left last Saturday for Tempe, Arizona, where she will visit her sister Mrs. Ben Mouer. She has entered the Tempe Normal to continue her studies, having graduated in the Brackett High School, session '02-'03.

H. C. Neer, who for the past year has been living in Brackett, being connected with the Q. M. department at the Post, departed Tuesday with his wife for Ft. Logan near Denver Colo. Mr. Neer has shown himself to be a public spirited citizen since coming to Brackett and it is with regret that our people see him and his estimable wife depart.

in New York in 1789, chiefly through the efforts of William Mooney, an upholsterer in New York city, its first grand sachem, to oppose the Federalists.

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For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

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When you feel like telling your troubles, write them down—then burn the paper.

"I had Inflammatory Rheumatism, but I am well now, thanks to Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. It's my best friend." Garrett Lansing, Troy, N. Y.

It is suggested that the waste sugar cane in Hawaii—more than 2,000,000 tons a year—which is now consumed as fuel, could be more profitably used for the manufacture of paper.

A Leeds, England, motorist drove his car up the twenty steps in front of the town hall, and then drove it down again without accident.

Women's White Canvas Oxfords—the most popular and stylish of summer footwear—all sizes and widths—sent postage paid for \$1.60. Satisfaction guaranteed. Ed. Kiam, Houston, Texas.

Prizes were offered at an English cat show for the happiest cat, the best performing cat, and the funniest cat.

Home at the World's Fair.

D. C. Kolp, ex-Chief Clerk of Iowa House of Representatives, is manager Hotel Alta Vista, near Agricultural entrance and is prepared to entertain guests with rooms at \$1.00 and cots 50 cents. Electric lights, toilet and bath rooms, cafe. Market street cars direct from Union Station. Highest and coolest point around St. Louis. Official maps of Fair and other information sent on application. Make reservations now.

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A merchant in Russia can be declared bankrupt if his liabilities exceed \$1,000 and he has not the ready cash to meet them. He can be arrested, and his detention depends on the will of his creditors.

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Grand Monarque Said to Have Squandered \$5,000,000 in This Way.

Twenty thousand dollars for a drop-shaped pearl scarfpin, \$15,000 for a pearl stud, \$4,940 for a coat fastener formed of a white bouton pearl with gold bar, \$850 for seven buttons en suite and \$775 for a pair of brilliant sleeve links—these are a few of the prices realized at the recent sale in London of a noble marquis' jewelry.

But, after all, everything is comparative, and the marquis' gems, rare and costly though they are, would have been quite eclipsed by Louis XIV's personal jewelry. The "grand monarque" had many crazes, but for buttons he had a positive mania. In a single year, 1685, he squandered \$600,000 on them, and some of his purchases are well worth glancing at.

On Aug. 1, 1685, he bought two diamond buttons for 67,966 francs and seventy-five diamond buttons for 586,703 francs. The buttons for a single vest cost Louis \$200,000. Of the 254 "boutonnieres" used 162 contained five diamonds each, while the remainder were single diamonds. In all, the "great monarque" is said to have spent \$5,000,000 on buttons alone.

Dance Given in Coal Mine.

There are several instances on record of dances having been given in coal mines. One such event took place some time ago at St. Etienne, in France. The mine was over a third of a mile deep, and the guests were taken down in the cage, ultimately finding themselves in a large chamber, which was brilliantly lit with lamps in all colors, hung on the black walls of this remarkable dancing hall.

The municipality of Troppau, in Austria, Silesia, has followed the example of the Bohemian and Moravian capitals in making the trailing of ladies' dresses in the public parks punishable with a fine.

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When a little human machine (or a large one) goes wrong, nothing is so important as the selection of food which will always bring it around again.

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"When I reached my sister's home she said immediately that we must feed him Grape-Nuts and, although I had never used the food, we got some and for a few days gave him just the juice of Grape-Nuts and milk. He got stronger so quickly we were soon feeding him the Grape-Nuts itself and in a wonderfully short time he fattened right up and became strong and well.

"That showed me something worth knowing and, when later on my girl came, I raised her on Grape-Nuts and she is a strong healthy baby and has been. You will see from the little photograph I send you what a strong, chubby youngster the boy is now, but he didn't look anything like that before we found this nourishing food. Grape-Nuts nourished him back to strength when he was so weak he couldn't keep any other food on his stomach." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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A Society Leader and Club Woman of Kansas City Writes to Frank Doan's Kidney Pills for a Quick Cure.

Miss Nellie Davis, of 1216 Michigan Ave., Kansas City, Mo., society leader and club woman,

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To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

Descendants of the first town officers of Lincoln, Middlesex county, Mass., were privileged to wear a purple badge as a mark of distinction at the recent celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the town, and 110 residents were so adorned.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in ½-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Whistler a Poor Customer.

"Curiously enough," remarks Mortimer Menpes, "whenever one came in contact with Whistler one entirely forgot one's own affairs and became completely occupied with his. The fit of the master's coat was far more important to me than my own artistic work. At the tailor's Whistler would give an elaborate description of how a certain coat was to be made and the tailor would carry out his directions literally. But no sooner had the man accomplished the work than Whistler would say: 'This is all wrong. How dare you say that it is what I told you to do? I am a painter. It is not my business to make coats. That is your province. Therefore you should have led me to do what you knew to be right.'"

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The czar is reported to be holding his own. But the nurse does not permit him to do it long.

O. J. de Jong van Beek en Donk is not a trunk falling down stairs, but the governor of Curacao.

Anything Miss Lillian Russell says about marriage and divorce will be regarded as expert evidence.

Whatever else he may do, Mr. Kipling will certainly never make a hit as a writer of campaign songs.

It must be inconvenient to have so many jewels that you can forget what became of \$200,000 worth of them.

The stork will now have time to devote a little attention to the queen of Italy and young Queen Wilhelmina.

Tobacco is now said to make the hair come out. In the form of cigarettes it is liable to do almost any old thing.

In Paris the women have taken to Panama hats. "Straws" evidently continue to show which way the wind blows.

Mike Obuchowski has been put in jail at Pittsburg for highway robbery. He probably used his name to disable his victims.

A Chicago man named Love has been ordered to pay his wife \$50,000 alimony. But perhaps he loves money less than liberty.

A Washington man advertises what he calls "bottled sunshine," but bottled moonshine will continue to hold its own in Kentucky.

The Governor of Louisiana has eighty colonels on his staff. The consumption of mint over there must be something tremendous.

A fellow in Massachusetts has been discovered who wears a tin shirt. Must be next to impossible for a girl to touch that man's heart.

Count Kwamura is known in history as the "father of the Japanese navy." It might be said, also, that Commodore Perry was its grandfather.

A Minnesota man has invented an automobile that is propelled by the wind. Eye-witnesses report that it goes—when the wind is right.

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Don't be alarmed. The man who accuses you without introduction or apparent excuse and begins talking wildly is not an escaped lunatic. He is canvassing for a straw vote.

When his wife has gone to a summer resort, the husband, left alone in the midst of his housekeeping incapacity, ceases to indulge in that cynical inquiry of "Why did I ever marry?"

Are we to understand from Henry Labouchere's new idea that titles should be conferred only on those who are worthy of them by reason of their big bank accounts that "Labby" is at last willing to accept a title for himself?

President Elliot's suggestion that education should not cease with youth, but should be prolonged into adult life, is worthy of general attention. Doubtless President Elliot himself, although he knows so much, still learns something every day.

A floating paragraph asserts that a sign of politeness in Tibet on meeting a person is to hold up the clenched hand and stick out the tongue. That may be etiquette in Tibet, but any such demonstration in this town would precipitate something very like a riot.

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