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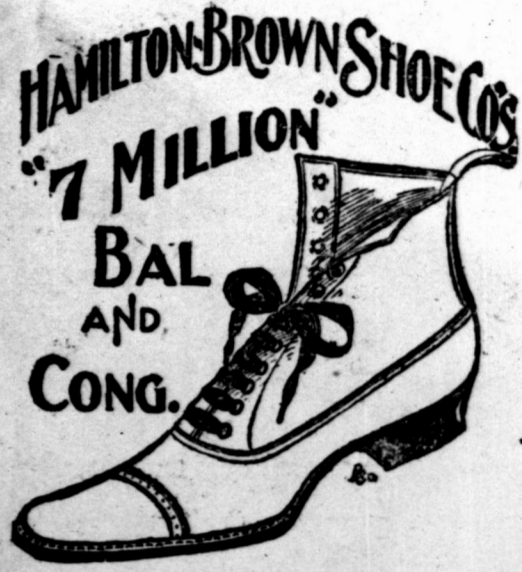
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LEADING STORE IN THE CITY.

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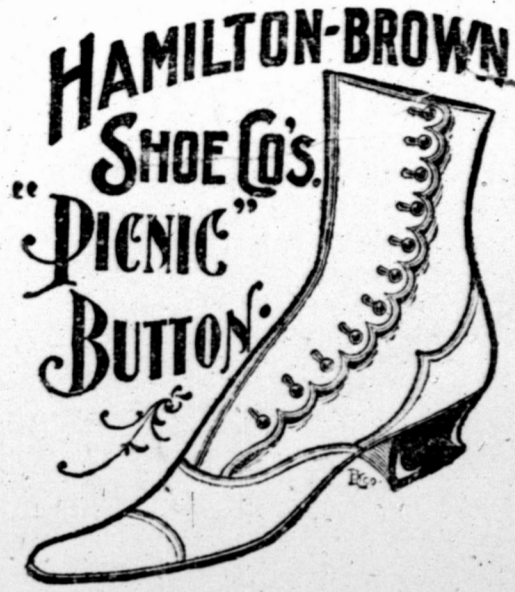
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THE CATTLE COUNTRY

Interesting Phases of the Struggle for New Territory.

Lured by Stories of Sudden Riches, Men Have Flocked in from All Parts of the World--Odd Incidents.

For ten years, more or less, say from 1874 to 1884, and later than this in the northern range, there was universal prosperity and plenty of money; to be a cowman meant being a small, but powerful king with a princely kingdom, the boundaries of which were set by precedent and by the honor of custom--as far as a man on horseback could see, and by water--as firmly as if corner-marked and title-deeded. There was no rent, and virtually no taxes to pay. A man might own a hundred thousand cattle, and not an acre of land, though he claimed "range rights" to 50,000 acres, and enforced those rights with blood and iron, writes Ray Stannard Baker, in Century.

Apparently this was a new sort of free life in which man had risen above the old slow rules of thrift. It was a simple business; turn the cattle to grass, and when money was needed, round them up and sell them. But the lucky dog sometimes had difficulty in enjoying his home in peace. Lured by the stories of sudden riches in the cattle country, other men, as bold and hardy as the first, flocked in from all parts of the world, and began raising big and little herds. The building of the railroads across the continent stimulated immigration; the great Texas boom followed the completion of the Texas Pacific railroad in 1883. At first the early comers welcomed the new rangers, sold them cattle at exorbitant prices, chuckled at their innocence, allowed them to come in on the ranges, and grew richer and richer. There were times when Texas steers, big and little, brought \$25 each on the range. But the tide swelled, and the cattle continued to increase and increase. Presently the first real settlers, the "nesters" of Texas, who wished to fence the land for farms, appeared in numbers, and the early comers, the original cowboys, began to chafe. "Who's elbowing me?" they inquired, and there was prompt and effective shooting, and the wholesale cutting of the new fences.

Many good men lay down in the hot sand, never to rise again. But that, bad as it was, did not tell the whole story of destruction. If cattle had been killed instead of men, the trouble might have been averted, but the herds went on multiplying until they covered all the range, giving it no rest winter or summer. Each cowman scrambled for all he could get; he argued that if he did not take the grass his neighbor would. And who cared a rap for the

future? Life was short and money tangible. At first there had been every two acres of land; in half a dozen years a steer did well to make his living on five acres. After that the ratio steadily widened. So great was the struggle for new territory that whole herds of cattle sometimes went 20 miles or more to water and then back again, galloping every step, and working hard between times to get enough from the failing ranges to keep life within their lean carcasses. And today there are many parts of the range that will not support ten cattle to the square mile, one steer to every 64 acres, and it is a good range indeed that will feed a steer to every 20 acres. There are whole ranges in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, once rich beyond belief, that are completely deserted and given over to the desert.

Substitutes for Panama Hats.
Panama straw hats are highly fashionable in Japan, though on account of the price, which is much higher than that of the ordinary straw hats, they are bought only by the rich or the fashionable. This obstacle may be removed if, as reported in an Osaka paper, the substitutes for the Panama straw found in middle Formosa are really adapted for the purpose. The substitutes are said to be the fibers of the leaves of a certain tropical tree of very rapid growth. Six fibers can be obtained from each leaf, which is about four inches wide and four feet long, and it is said that the cost of 10,000 fibers is about six yen. A certain foreign firm of Yokohama is said to have already given a large order for the fibers, and the Panama hats made with this new material may therefore appear on the market this summer. If the new fibers are really suited for headgear Formosa may be said to have hit upon a new resource.--Japan Weekly Times.

Chances for a Divorce.
He--I understand young Simkins and his wife are not living happily together.
She--What seems to be the trouble?
"Incompatibility of temper."
"Which is at fault?"
"Both. He furnishes the incompatibility and she supplies the temper."--Chicago Daily News.

Her Martyrdom.
Sylvia--I'm surprised to hear that Isabel married young Dashington after declaring that he wasn't good enough for her.
Phyllis--Yes, but later she declared that he was too good for any other girl, so she married him out of sheer sympathy.--Chicago Daily News.

Both In and Out.
Boroughs--Is Mr. Lenders in?
Office Boy (who has been "posted")--No, he's out.
"Well, just run in and tell him he's out more than he thought. I come to

return \$10 I borrowed last week. Good Rev. Philadelphia Press.

INSIDERS.

The state of New Jersey has been the leader in the good roads movement in this country.

In the year 1900 treatment was provided in London hospitals for nearly 1,900,000 persons.

Crude spirit made from potatoes is coming more and more into use in Germany as a cheap fuel.

What was probably the first public library in the United States was started in Charleston, N. C., in 1749.

Ohio courts have sustained the right of the city of Columbus to charge its citizens for water by the meter system.

Emerald and beryl are precisely the same substance, except for coloring matter; amethyst and rock crystal are likewise identical.

A large bird can travel 20,000,000,000 times its own length in an hour. In that length of time a sloth can only travel 56 times its own length.

A mummy of an Egyptian king recently discovered has in its mouth a set of artificial teeth. The plate is of wood and the teeth are knobs of brass.

The Columbia, which sailed from Boston in September, 1757, was the first ship that carried the Stars and Stripes completely round the world.

There are 257,006 names in the new city directory of Boston, an increase of 4,722 over the number of last year. Surprisingly, the John Sullivans this year outnumber the John Smiths three to one.

While in New York Prince Henry saw and admired a keyless clock which was in course of manufacture. It was the first timepiece of its kind. The prince ordered one which he will present to his brother, the kaiser. It will run continuously for a year without change of battery.

QUEER FRUITS OF JAVA.

Among Them Is the Durian, Which Smells Abominably, But Tastes Deliciously.

"The fruits of Java," writes a correspondent of the Pittsburg Dispatch, "form an interesting study in themselves, there are so many and of such strange varieties. The most common is the strangest of all. It is called the durian, and grows like a huge excrescence from the trunk of a tree somewhat similar to our pear tree. The fruit, which is pear-shaped, grows to a great size, often several feet in length, and has a yellow skin, rough like a pineapple. The most remarkable thing about the durian, however, is its odor. To say you can smell it a block off is putting it mildly. A combination of aged eggs and the ripest cheese could not compare with it. When you break open the shell to

find what can be the cause of all this stench, you are disappointed. It is not so delicious as you might expect. It is a rather disgusting custard your amusement is greater still.

"Another strange fruit is the serpent fruit, so called from the fact that its skin is the exact counterpart of that of a snake. There is the pomelo, like a great orange; the potato fruit, which resembles that vegetable in all but its fine flavor; the custard apple, with a yellow custard-like pulp, having a rather decided taste of turpentine; the poppae, like a melon growing on a tree; the green jack fruit, of rather a coarse flavor; a small yellow fruit, with an unpronounceable native name, incased in a great burr like a chestnut; and a hundred other varieties, with none but native and scientific names, some good, some indifferent, and some entirely unpalatable to any but a native. The orange is rather a scarce fruit, but the pineapple and banana are abundant and delicious, especially the former. There are more than 20 different varieties of bananas native to Java."

COACHMAN'S BUTTONS.

Some Supplied by an Exclusive Philadelphia Family Cost Six Hundred Dollars a Set.

If it were generally known how valuable are the buttons that servants of Philadelphia's prominent families wear upon their liveries a new field for the collector's energy might be opened, says the New York Commercial. The student of heraldry, too, would find these buttons of great interest, for the family arms in their most approved form are stamped on many of them. Nor would the collector's interest be the only value connected with them. They are made of gold and silver and decorated in the most artistic and expensive fashion. Alexander Van Rensselaer's, for instance, cost \$600 a set. They are made of solid silver, and, as an evidence of their quality, the good word "sterling" is stamped in deep letters on their backs. Alexander Van Rensselaer's town house is the imposing structure of pale limestone that stands on the northwest corner of Eighteenth and Walnut streets. His wife was a Miss Drexel. His family is one of the oldest in America. Therefore, on the silver buttons, the Van Rensselaer crest--a basket from which flames issue--is embossed. The buttons are in three sizes; one, as big as a half dollar, for the front of a coachman's coat; another, as big as a quarter, for the coat's back, and a third, as big as a dime, for the waistcoat.

They are made by a dextrous smith in New Jersey, and their shanks have a peculiar strength, for if they should break or disappear it would be a seri-

ous loss. Furthermore, they are made upon the spot in a word, to make them safe.

THE POWER OF MUSIC.

How a Clever Salesman Sold an Organ to a Lady Who Had Little Use for It.

In one of the local music stores the other day several salesmen were relating experiences connected with the craft, when one of the party, who had been a dealer in organs in a small way in a western state, where he had acted as agent for a big concern in supplying the local trade, grew reminiscent, relates the Washington Star.

"I remember an incident connected with the sale of those cottage organs that has somewhat the flavor of the David Harum boss trade," said he. "My rival in the organ business in the western town was one of the slickest salesmen that ever cajoled the elusive currency from a folded fist. The fellow--his name was Bishop--sold organs to nearly every family in three counties. We got our instruments for about \$25 net, and the regular selling price was \$60.

"Bishop had a light wagon constructed especially for carrying a cottage organ, and he would load in one of the instruments and, together with his assistant, who was a fine musician, would start for the country.

"One day he drove to a farm owned and managed by a wealthy old Irish lady who couldn't tell a music score from a baseball tally sheet. As Bishop and his assistant drove up to the house with organ in the wagon the old lady came out before the door and with her arms akimbo struck a debartean pose suggestive of the haughty decision, and said:

"Take that thing out of me yard! Move on wid yez. I won't have no music boxes around me. Don't ye dare to take it out av the wagin, or I'll break it open wid an ax."

"Oh, I didn't intend to take the organ out, Mrs. Murphy," said Bishop. "I only wanted to water my horses."

"It was a warm day and, after watering the animals, the two began conversing pleasantly with Mrs. Murphy until her aggressiveness relaxed. Bishop declared it was too warm to take to the road for a while and that they would have to rest. He presently induced the old lady to let them put the organ under a shade tree out of the sun. The two conspirators against the peace of the household strolled aimlessly about the yard, and after awhile the young fellow opened up the organ and began playing lively airs with the Irish sticking out all over them. He was an excellent performer and he coaxed all the Irish out of that instrument there was in it, and presently Mrs. Murphy peeked out at the door. The assistant played through his list of airs and started on some of

the old songs dear to every native of like stock; the old lady presently asked Bishop:

"We usually get \$75 for that organ," he replied indifferently, and went on sauntering about the yard.

"The music continued, and after a few minutes Mrs. Murphy asked: 'Would ye sell it any cheaper for cash?'"

"No," says Bishop, "that's the lowest cash price."

"Mrs. Murphy walked back to the house. Finally the young man closed the organ with a snap and backed up the wagon preparatory to reloading. Mrs. Murphy came out with unmistakable interest visible in her countenance. She looked the organ over a moment and then said:

"Now, Mr. Bishop, couldn't ye throw off five dollars if I'd give ye cash money?"

"No," said he, "this organ is the one I am using for a sample, and it's one of the best. I don't care to sell it anyway, but I have some down at the store," and he went on reloading.

"The old lady's Irish blood was up. She couldn't let an instrument that could express the sentiments of those old melodies so sweetly escape her, so she said: 'I don't want any other one. Just be aisy now and wait a minute,' and she dodged into the house, where the family bank, consisting of an old stocking, was opened, and she counted out \$75 for the lucky salesman.

"The organ was placed in the parlor, the assistant taught the old lady a chord, and as they drove away they could hear her hammering on the organ with execratable results. Down the road for half a mile they could hear 'tum, tum-tum, tum, tum-tum,' as she endeavored to get her money's worth. The only time it afforded her satisfaction, however, was when some visitor who could play dropped in, and then the music of old Erin could be heard from the roadway for hours."

Phenomena of Pelle Eruption.

While the fiery tornado, passing toward the south and west, widened the sweep of its destructive power in order to extend its devastations further, another remarkable phenomenon came to stop it in its course. Two strong atmospheric currents, laden with rain, moving, one from the southeast, the other from the north, fell of a sudden upon the sides of the fiery spout, and, encircling it along a distinctly marked line, cooled it to such a point that I have seen persons who, finding themselves precisely upon this line of demarcation, were struck on one side by fiery missiles, while on the other, and only a few feet away, nothing was falling but the rain of mud, cinders, and stones which descended on the countryside everywhere.--Century.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

From Brackett High School.
 Some suggestions of very much im-
 portance to patrons.

The following suggestions to
 patrons are embodied in the new
 set of School regulations. We
 do not presume to place the
 patrons under regulations as we
 do pupils, but we would like for
 them to observe these sugges-
 tions:

Sec. 1. If any Complaint is
 to be made concerning your
 child, we respectfully suggest
 that you confer first with the
 teacher directly in charge, and,
 if satisfactory adjustment can
 not be made, you should apply
 to the Superintendent whose duty
 it is to look into such matters.
 If you are not satisfied, teachers
 and Supt. are ever ready to con-
 fer with you, but we suggest
 that you come at some time not
 during the regular school hours
 as you would thus stop the sys-
 tematic working of the school.

Sec. 2. If in your opinion
 your child is not learning well at
 school, speak plainly to that
 effect to the teacher in charge,
 or to the superintendent. The
 combined efforts of teacher,
 superintendent and parent,
 ought to secure the success of
 any pupil.

Sec. 3. Require regular night
 work from one to two and one
 half hours according to the grade
 of the pupil. Nobody but your-
 self can do this. Provide a quiet
 well lighted room and prevent
 interruption. No child is so
 bright and no grade so easy as
 to make this night work unnec-
 essary.

Sec. 4. As to parties, social
 gatherings, etc., we respectfully
 suggest that they be held only
 on Friday evenings, and even
 then not to be had every Friday.
 It is impossible for teachers
 to arouse and maintain a schol-
 arly spirit if entertainments are
 had so frequently as to absorb
 the interest of the pupil and de-
 tract from their love of books.
 We suggest, that if parties are to
 be had at all, that they be allow-
 ed about once a month during
 the regular session.

Sec. 5. Let your excuses be
 in your own handwriting. The
 experience of all teachers is that
 written excuses must be demand-
 ed of pupils and great care must
 be taken to see that they are the
 parent's own writing.

Sec. 6. Teachers assume au-
 thority over pupils while they
 are on the school premises and
 while passing back and forth be-
 tween school and home. After
 reaching home and putting up
 their books, children are under
 the parents guidance. Now if
 any disorder occurs between
 home and school, the chances
 are that no teacher is near to ob-
 serve it, and all citizens of the
 town will confer a favor to report
 to the Supt. any quarreling,
 fighting, boisterous conduct, or
 misbehavior of any kind on the
 part of pupils. Prompt punish-
 ment will be rendered for each
 offense.

Sec. 7. Within three days
 after the close of each month,
 every pupil of the school will be
 given a monthly report of atten-
 dance, deportment and schol-
 arship. Study this report care-
 fully, sign and return. If you
 observe your child falling below
 85 per cent on any subject it will
 be best for you to look into the
 matter. No one ought to be
 satisfied with less than 90 per
 cent for a child of average intel-
 ligence.

Sec. 8. Visit the school room
 often. Teachers will carry on
 the regular work during your
 presence and will consider it a
 favor for you to come, as it spurs
 the children to renewed activity.
 Remember, however, that you

may expect to see some miscon-
 duct, or hear some mistakes in
 recitation made in any school
 room you may visit in any city.

Sec. 9. Dont accept as true
 all the rumors you may hear
 floating about concerning your
 neighbors or your school. Chil-
 dren more frequently misrep-
 resent than grown people, and
 some children when deservedly
 punished, try to make their par-
 ents and friends believe that they
 were innocent and that the teach-
 er was at fault. Investigate if
 you choose, but always consult
 the teacher and get that side of
 the question.

Sec. 10. You turn your child
 over to us to be educated. We
 are equally interested in seeing
 him study hard and behave well.
 We may have to punish, just as
 you have to at home, but we
 will do it only for his own good
 that we may improve him.
 Hence, don't take offense if we
 punish your child.

Sec. 11. Have your child
 enter the first day, and be pres-
 ent every day if possible, till
 the close of the session. One
 day's absence in each week is
 sufficient to prevent a child's
 success at school and one day's
 absence in a month will detract
 considerably from his ability to
 make a good grade. Absence
 causes a loss in interest in
 school work as well as prevent-
 ing pupils from keeping up with
 the regular class work. It also
 causes mischievous pupils to be
 more disorderly on their return
 to school. This is the testimony
 of all experienced teachers.

TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the
 tax rolls have been completed
 and turned over to the collector,
 and those wishing to pay their
 taxes can do so by calling at my
 office. J. W. NOLAN,
 Tax Collector Kinney county.

An appropriation of several
 thousand dollars has just been
 made for the completion of a
 sewer system at the Post. Work
 will begin shortly.

Miss Ada Leroy, a former
 Brackett girl and Dr. A. B.
 Olyan of Columbia barracks, D.
 C., were married this week at
 Eagle pass. THE NEWS extends
 congratulations.

In this issue appears the an-
 nouncement of Tom Perry as a
 candidate for the office of Sheriff
 and Tax Collector of Kinney
 county. Mr. Perry needs no
 introduction to the voters of Kin-
 ney county, he is well known by
 everybody, competent, and if
 elected will fill the office to the
 best of his ability.

It is with profound sympathy
 we this week chronicle the death
 of little Alma Della, the three
 months old daughter of Mr. and
 Mrs. Lundgren, which occurred
 at their home in this city Thurs-
 day morning at 8:15 o'clock.
 The little one had been ill but a
 few days, but the Heavenly
 Father in his wisdom saw fit to
 call her away to that home where
 no sickness or sorrow ever enters.
 Four little school girls acted as
 pall bearers and a large con-
 course of friends followed to the
 cemetery where the little one was
 laid to rest. THE NEWS extends
 to Mr. and Mrs. Lundgren its
 deepest sympathy in the loss of
 their little one.

Wiley Barksdale was in this
 week from his ranch on Mud
 Creek and reports two splendid
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