

ANOTHER OIL WELL

THIS TIME SULPHUR, LOUISIANA SCORES A STRIKE.

Forty-three miles from the Beaumont Oil fields—about thirty feet in the air—oil is said to be a much better grade than the Beaumont product.

Beaumont, Texas, May 1.—News was received in this city yesterday afternoon which will revolutionize the oil situation here and throw conditions into the wildest state if a very close study of the conditions have not led to wrong conclusions. This news is the most important which has been given to the world since the strike of the Beauty gusher. It is nothing less than a full fledged active and vigorous gusher at Sulphur Lake, forty-three miles east of Beaumont on the Southern Pacific railroad. Mr. F. Wyche Greer, secretary and treasurer of the United Oil company, of this city, today received a telegram from his representative at Sulphur containing this information and Mr. Greer had the utmost confidence in the information from the very beginning, but the news was afterward verified by a gentleman who arrived here on the train direct from Sulphur and confirms the report in every detail. This man is Mr. S. S. Hunter, one of the wealthiest and most prominent merchants and citizens of Shreveport, La. The well, according to Mr. Greer's telegram, is on the property of the Union Sulphur company and adjoins that of the United Oil company, 1200 feet away. Mr. Greer is naturally very much delighted over the news, but more from the fact that it verifies his judgment in going entirely out of the Beaumont field and securing land throughout of any of the Beaumont investors, rather than for the advertisement it brings him. The United Oil company has no desire for advertisement, but Mr. Greer's good fortune is very gratifying to his friends here.

The message received by Mr. Greer states that the oil is heavy and black in appearance and when it broke loose it went to the top of the derrick, some sixty feet high. It is thought the oil is a much better grade than the Beaumont product, but this is not definite, for it will require analysis to determine this point.

Mr. Hunter said today the information was correct and entirely reliable and that the Union Sulphur company has a genuine and troublesome spouter. He says all the employees of the company are very reticent about the matter and are using every effort to conceal the fact as much as possible. The oil shot up nearly twenty feet at the first leap and then increased until it went to the top of the derrick. This was seen by a number of men. Mr. Hunter says further that every well that has been sunk there has shown a remarkable flow of oil and that the field there will undoubtedly equal the Beaumont field. The only drawback to the place is the fact that it is almost entirely under the control of the Standard Oil company, of which the Union Sulphur company is said to be a part. It is this which has caused this field to be kept a secret as far as possible. The wells have heretofore been bored solely for sulphur, which abounds there in rich deposits, almost absolutely pure. Frequently it is said this company has had to abandon their sulphur wells on account of the oil flow, which has made it impossible to mine further for sulphur. Mr. Hunter confirms the statement that the oil is black and heavy in appearance, but will not make a statement as to its quality, preferring to leave that to a chemical analysis rather than create a mistaken impression.

There have been wells at Sulphur before, Mr. Hunter says, which came up in a genuine geyser fashion, but the fact has never gotten out and has never been considered seriously until the Beaumont strike made it interesting. The strike yesterday, was actually seen, however, and Mr. Hunter says the well is there to show for itself.

The Standard Oil company owns or has leased in that section over twelve square miles of territory and has had it for some years. There is consequently little land available for prospecting. The Forward Reduction Co. has about 6000 acres leased there, and Mr. Hunter owns and controls about 2300 acres. Other than these there is no large acre held in leases and the rest of the land there, not included above, belongs to small farmers and residents. This well is about one mile from the Southern Pacific tracks and located very conveniently for marketing the oil.

Banks of City of Mexico.
Mexico City, May 1.—The condition of the banks of this city is very favorable. They are stronger in cash holdings than for many months and have called in many loans and will pursue a cautious policy for some time. Money continues tight, but it is believed by bankers that large commercial houses are sound.

Advices from Coahuila state that a fire there destroyed an entire business block, causing a heavy loss. Exact loss is not known, but is believed to be to the business community.

San Antonio Strike.

San Antonio, Texas, May 1.—The strike of the carpenters and painters on the contractors has been joined by the electricians, who refuse to work for any member of the Builders' Exchange or to do work on a job for any member of the exchange, although their employer is not a member. The tinsmiths, plumbers and others have taken the same position. As a result several shops are tied up, among them being Schuirth's, where the electricians went out yesterday morning. It now looks as if there would be a general tie-up of all the building trades. The contractors report that they are able to get all the men necessary on their jobs, but before much progress can be made the plumbing shops and electrical establishments will have to find non-union men to wire or lay pipe in the houses erected by non-union carpenters and painters. At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the electricians of the Braden Plumbing and Electric company went out, although this firm does not belong to the exchange and has been on the fair list all the time.

Doing a Rushing Business.
Austin, Texas, May 1.—As a result of the oil discoveries the general land office is doing a rushing business. About 300 patents have been issued this month, which is more than has been issued in any one month since the days of railroad certificates. Parties who purchased school lands in Jefferson, Liberty and Orange counties are rapidly paying out and making final settlements and receiving patents. For years they have paid only the regular annual interest and principal, but now when the land bought for 50 cents and \$1 per acre is selling at not less than \$100 per acre final payments are made and patent taken out.

A large number of patents are being issued as a result of the land act of February, 1900, and more will be issued the latter part of this year after the last land act becomes effective, which takes a number of counties out of the absolute lease district and opens them for settlement.

Rich Silver Find.
Nacogoches, Texas, May 1.—A most reliable farmer, well and favorably known in this county, whose identity is withheld at his request, came to town yesterday to get on to a plan for the development of a rich mine of silver and lead, which he says he has discovered. He refuses to reveal the location of his mine except to say that it is inside of ten miles from this city. He says he sent a fair specimen of the ore to a reliable chemist and assayer, who reports that from the specimen examined this ore yields \$500 of silver to the ton and 200 pounds of lead. It is easy to believe all this, because evidences of these minerals and others have often been found in this neighborhood. Iron ore of the finest quality exists in abundance.

German Naval Station.
Trinidad, May 1.—Information has reached here that the German cruiser Vinetta recently completed surveys of the island of Margarita. Officers of the ship spent ten weeks making charts and soundings. The officers say a fine harbor has been discovered, with every advantage for a coaling station. German merchants in Venezuela will try to buy the harbor, and also hundreds of acres nearby, ostensibly as a private investment, but really to make a German naval coaling station. A secret deal with President Castro of Venezuela is reported, by which, for money, he may permit why President Castro wanted Minister Loomis withdrawn.

Trans-Mississippi Congress.
Cripple Creek, Colo., May 1.—Indications are that the meeting of the trans-Mississippi commercial congress, to be held in June, will be the largest in the history of the organization. Among the prominent men who have signified their intention to be present are ex-Senator Thurston and William J. Bryan of Nebraska, Governor Sayers of Texas and John Henry Smith of Utah, the present head of the Mormon council.

\$300,000 Ranch Deal.
Fort Worth, Texas, May 1.—A large ranch deal has been closed within the last few days. W. D. Reynolds of Albany sold the remainder of the lands of the Monroe Cattle company, aggregating upward of 100,000 acres, in Haskell and Shackelford counties. A cash consideration of nearly \$300,000 was paid by the purchasers, Messrs. Proctor Bros. & Scott of Monroe, Mo., secured in the trade the eastern portion of the ranch, bordering on the Clear Fork of the Brazos river, the eastern part having been sold about two months ago to J. H. Nail of Sherman. The purchasers, it was said, would immediately stock the ranch with native cattle.

Child Scalded to Death.
Paris, Texas, May 1.—The 4-month-old baby of J. E. McKinney, a farmer residing in this county, was fatally scalded near Manchester, Red River county, a few days ago. While in a room alone, it crawled on the hearth and a kettle of boiling water on the fire turned over on it.

IN THE OIL REGION.

THE EXCITEMENT DECIDEDLY COOLER IN BEAUMONT.

Guffey, Galey and Lucas Among the Visitors Monday—Standard Oil Man Says It Is the Most Remarkable Field in the World—Other Notes.

Beaumont, Texas, April 30.—Some people have said that today has appeared to be the busiest day yet seen in Beaumont, but this is not the case. Friday of last week was a better day than today. Yet those not in touch with actual conditions here are apt to be misled into thinking that today was a better day than any before, because the surface indications tend to impress that way. Men started to work this morning with more determination, more force and more enthusiasm than they contained Friday or Saturday of last week. Several large sales have been reported today and money seemed to be changing hands freely, yet many people who went away Saturday night have not yet returned. Opening the stock exchange for business today tended to take a good deal of flightiness out of the situation so far as stocks were concerned, yet as it gets down to more regular and steady work considerable more of the wildness is going to be swept out of the situation.

Colonel J. M. Guffey, Mr. John H. Galey and Captain A. F. Lucas arrived here this morning from the East. Messrs. Guffey and Galey came from Pittsburgh, Pa.; while Captain Lucas joined them in New Orleans, where they have been spending two days talking over the affairs of the company. Messrs. Guffey and Galey visited the oil fields this morning, where Colonel Guffey saw for the first time his immense pipe lines, pumping facilities and storage tanks and the great Lucas well which has made him richer and more famed than he ever was before. Neither Mr. Galey nor Colonel Guffey had anything to say to the press. They gave out the customary interview that they were well pleased with the condition in which they found things, and would only state with reference to the future affairs of the J. M. Guffey Company, that they expected to go along the way they have been going in the past. Said Mr. Lucas: "We are using every facility to place this oil before the people of the country. We are in the oil business here the same as we have been in Pennsylvania for years. As to our future plans, we have none save to sink more oil wells, sell more oil and build more tanks and pipe lines."

Mr. Galey will perhaps remain here in charge of the office and business and Colonel Guffey will spend several days here looking over the country and will probably visit other places in Texas where he has large lease holdings.

Colonel C. F. Lufkin returned this morning from a visit to his home in Lima, Ohio, and will perhaps remain here for an indefinite time. Colonel Lufkin is a cordial gentleman and has a mind wonderfully keen to the conditions effected by oil. He is what is called the field reporter for the Standard Oil company, and is said to be an authority with his associates on matters relating to the fields of the world. He has traveled all over the world, and there is no oil field of size that he hasn't visited and fully investigated. He was asked today what he thought of the situation, and he replied promptly that in his travels and experiences in oil fields he had never before seen anything equal to the thing here.

"Where do you think this thing will end," he was asked, and he replied: "I haven't the slightest idea. I am unable to think a day in the future of this thing. It may last a week or ten years; no one can tell. It is the strangest situation I ever saw in oil matters or anything else. In ordinary times one might think that a dry hole or limit to the field would have some effect on the conditions, but the people seem to have forgotten and do not care what happens in the field. It is the thing of least interest in the whole affair of the oil excitement."

Mr. Lufkin laughed heartily at the story which had been pounced on by the newspapers that the Standard Oil company had purchased the Port Arthur terminals with a view of stopping the oil out of Port Arthur, and there are no prospects that anyone will.

Washington Starts on His Journey.
Washington, April 30.—President McKinley and party started on their long Western trip this morning on schedule time. A large crowd cheered enthusiastically as the train pulled out of the depot. The party included Secretary Gage, Secretary Root, Senator Hanna, Justice McKenna, General Miles, General Corbin, General Sternberg, Secretary White of the American embassy in London, Commissioner of Pensions Evans, Comptroller Dawes, General Bates, Assistant Postmaster General Shellenbarger, Congressman Livingston and many ladies of the cabinet circle.

Canal Will Be Neutral.

New York, April 30.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: In agreeing to insert in the proposed isthmian canal treaty a provision establishing the neutrality of the projected waterway, Secretary Hay has taken action which meets with the full approval of Admiral Dewey and the majority of naval officers. When told that the president would pledge the United States to observe the principle of neutrality in the convention under negotiation, the admiral ejaculated: "Splendid! More than a year ago I said that the canal should be neutral. I am more convinced today of the necessity of such action. The erection of fortifications would make the canal one of the prime objectives of our enemy's operations in time of war. Besides, their construction would entail enormous expense and necessitate constant expenditure to keep them manned and in proper condition. I see no necessity for them. The neutrality of the canal can be guaranteed by our fleet. The canal is to be a commercial waterway, and neutrality therefore will mean its preservation."

Davis' Ranch Sold.
El Paso, Texas, April 30.—The large single ranch deal ever made in northern Mexico was closed here today when Captain Chas. Davis of El Paso sold his Mexican ranch to the Riverside Hereford Company of Ashland, Neb. The ranch contains 1,250 acres, bordering on the Rio Grande fifty miles below El Paso. The purchase price was 25 cents an acre, making a total price of nearly \$300,000. Wm. Humphries, general manager of the Riverside Company, is here and made the deal in person. He stated to the correspondent that he was going to stock the ranch with Hereford cattle in part and expected to have the largest herd of fine cattle in Mexico. The Davis ranch is on the survey of the Stillwell railroad and if that road is built it will mean much to the company.

Only Six More Claims.
New York, April 30.—Only six claims remain to be disposed by the Chilean claims commission before it can adjourn sine die, says the Herald's Washington correspondent. Twelve claims have been determined. The claimants ask for about \$2,500,000 for damages alleged to have been sustained in Chile. The commission has rendered a reward of only \$2000. Among the claims to be settled is that growing out of the seizure of the steamer Itata by the United States. Chile intends to make a determined effort to win this case and Senator Don Anibal Cruz, her counsel, is now preparing his brief.

In the Transvaal.
London, April 30.—Lord Kitchener reports under date of April 28 as follows: My fighting scouts under Gensfeldt surprised and captured Van Rensburg's laager at Klipdam. Seven Boers were killed and thirty-seven taken prisoners. Eight thousand rounds of ammunition and all wagons, carts, oxen, horses and mules were captured. Our only casualties were one man wounded. Other columns report three killed, fifty-eight taken prisoner—fifty-seven surrendered and one quick-firer captured.

Gets Leave of Absence.
New York, April 30.—The Herald's correspondent in Salvador reports that President Reglado, on account of bad health and the fact that the country is enjoying complete peace, petitioned congress on Saturday for nine months' leave of absence, which undoubtedly will be granted. The government of Salvador has taken charge of the steamer Ivi, recently bought in San Francisco for coast service.

News from China.
Berlin, April 30.—Dispatches from Peking show that the Germans had a difficult task in carrying the passes leading into the Shansi province. The only approaches were steep mountain tracks and the Chinese held commanding positions, from which they rolled huge rocks down the mountain sides on the advancing Germans. Besides many old guns, eighteen quick firers were captured. The German losses were an officer and seven men killed and four officers and thirty-five men wounded.

Three New Theaters.
Dallas, Texas, April 30.—Henry Greenwall of New York, president of the Greenwall theatrical circuit, arrived here last night from New Orleans and said to the correspondent that the opera house recently burned at Dallas will be reconstructed at once. The building is to cost \$75,000. He also said that he had stopped at Beaumont and made arrangements to have a new house built there to be included in his circuit. These with the new house building at Galveston, which will be ready for next season, will make three new theaters in the Texas circuit. Mr. Greenwall said that all of them would be made up-to-date and modern in every particular.

Lost Their Lives in a Slide.
Seattle, Wash., April 30.—The names of some of those supposed to have lost their lives in the Sunrise slide are as follows: Probst Murfay and Brown.

DEATH IN FLAMES.

FIVE PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES IN AN EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Entire Family Gone—People Saw Their Forms Moving About Before They Went Down to Death—The Fire Started in a Stable—Negro Arrested.

Houston, Texas, April 29.—The dead are: Job C. Coppin, florist, Mrs. Coppin, Gus Coppin, aged 9 years, Lizzie Coppin, aged 6 years, infant Coppin. The injured: Mrs. Jeff G. Hopper, back broken (fatally), Jeff G. Hopper, leg broken and bruises, Stanford Bates, painfully injured.

Probably the most destructive fire, involving loss of life, started at about 3 o'clock Sunday morning and raged fiercely for more than half an hour. After the fire department had checked the ravages of the flames and poured a flood of water upon the ruins, a half a hundred hands dug in the debris and extricated the remains of a whole family.

The fire broke out in the old livery stable known as Ruppersbery's stable, at the corner of Milam street and Capitol avenue. In an incredibly short time the whole structure was wrapped in flames and consumed.

The fire department was promptly in its arrival and a second alarm was immediately sounded. The fire was the fiercest the department has had to contend with for years, and three residences, aside from the old livery building, were consumed before the fury of the flames were checked.

The ground floor of the old livery building has been used for some time past by the American laundry as a stable for their laundry wagons and horses. The upper floor of the building was used for tenement purposes. Three families and a number of rooms occupied it.

Those on the upper floor when the fire broke out were as follows: John Coppin, wife and children; Jeff G. Hopper, wife and son Frank; Mrs. M. J. Thompson, Stanford Bates and Messrs. Canaday and Nichols.

The building was nearly all in flames before the occupants were aroused. Mrs. Thompson, who is a widow lady and a dressmaker, managed to make her escape down the stairway in her barefoot and night clothing. Messrs. Canaday and Nichols and Bates also managed to get down the stairway, but the others were shut off. Jeff Hopper and family, who occupied rooms fronting on Capitol avenue, leaped for their lives from a window to the brick sidewalk below. Mrs. Hopper was the first to jump. She fell on her back and was rendered unconscious. Frank Hopper, who is a messenger boy, was the next to leap, and was in turn followed by his father, and he received a broken leg in the fall.

Upon the arrival of the fire department the injured man and woman were hastily carried from in front of the burning building, a position in which they would have quickly roasted, to a place of safety. A call was sent for the police ambulance, and upon its arrival Mr. and Mrs. Hopper were at once removed to St. Joseph's infirmary.

Early spectators saw the forms of human beings moving wildly about on the second floor. A little girl was seen to throw her hands above her head and then sink into a mass of seething flames. The form of a man battling frantically to extricate himself was also observed. The signs of human life were visible for only a moment, but they had sent a thrill of horror over those who had witnessed them.

The loss in building and personal property will be covered by \$10,000, making a close estimate by experienced hands. Sunday several thousand people visited the scene of the fire and the undertaking establishment of Ross and Wright, where the remains of the victims were taken to be prepared for burial. Mr. Coppin was a member of the local corps of the Salvation Army and many will recall his appearance. He wore the uniform of a great deal.

Trouble Over a Dog.
Birmingham, Ala., April 29.—A dog was the cause of a bloody duel three miles below Oxford yesterday afternoon, in which four participated: J. W. House and son, Gus, and J. W. Johnson and his 14-year-old son. Both the Houses and the elder Johnson were shot with Winchester rifles and one dangerously wounded. The trouble arose over a dog of Johnson's which the elder House had killed. Johnson started in pursuit of House and shot him twice through the stomach. Gus House, seeing the trouble, seized a gun and shot the elder Johnson and was immediately shot by the 14-year-old son of Johnson, who escaped injury. It is thought all will recover.

Bombay Cotton.
Thome, Wash., April 29.—Shipments of raw cotton from the United States to the Orient will be greatly affected by immense purchases of Bombay cotton just made by cotton spinners which embrace the largest cotton manufacturers in Japan. Their

A St. Louis Majority Contest.

St. Louis, Mo., April 29.—In the contest proceedings of George W. Parker, republican candidate for mayor, filed against Mayor Wells in the circuit court today, seven separate grounds for action are alleged. It is alleged that from 50 to 200 legal votes cast for Parker in each of the forty-three precincts in the city were counted for Wells, and that a large number of illegal ballots in nearly every precinct in the city were counted for Wells, although improperly initiated, mutilated or otherwise defaced. It is otherwise charged that in numerous precincts many Parker votes were not counted for him; that thousands of Parker votes were extracted from the ballot boxes and replaced with Welsh ballots; that there was a wholesale fraudulent registration, and, finally, that in twenty-eight precincts the legally certified republican judges and clerks were not allowed to serve, but their places usurped by others under the protection of the police, who ejected the real judges and clerks from the polls when they appeared.

Big Mining Deal.
Butte, Mont., April 29.—A special to the Miner from Helena says: Carl Werngren left for Denver yesterday, after completing one of the largest mining deals of the year in this State, by which he controls the properties of the Bear Gulch Mining company for a foreign syndicate. "This transaction," Mr. Werngren said, "calls for an investment of nearly \$2,000,000 and includes all the mining property, townsite, millsite and water rights owned and controlled by the company, a total of about 300 acres. The present option has been taken in the interest of a foreign syndicate, which proposes at once to make a thorough investigation and, if found as represented, to proceed to equip the property with a large modern plant for the treatment of the product."

Wireless Telegraphy for Steamers.
New York, April 29.—The Cunard line intends to equip its steamers with instruments for wireless telegraphy and make an experiment to determine its value. Marconi sailed on the steamer Champania a week ago. It is reported that he visited Montauk Point before leaving this country with a view to establishing a receiving station there. It is said that the approach of a steamer reporting itself by wireless telegraph to a station at Montauk Point would be known here more than twelve hours before she arrived. Vernon H. Brown of Vernon H. Brown & Co., agents of the line, confirmed the report regarding the adoption of the wireless telegraph, but said that he knew nothing of the details of the plan.

A Little Boy Drowned.
Bryan, Texas, April 29.—Master Douglas Reed, 11 years of age, an adopted son of Major and Mrs. Joe B. Reed of this city, was drowned in the stock water tank of Mr. McP. Beard east of the city yesterday afternoon. It appears he was in bathing with another small boy and got beyond his depth. When he sank the other boy, being too small to get him out, ran for help, but before aid came the little fellow was drowned. Mr. S. H. Franklin reached the scene soon after and plunging in found and brought out the lifeless body. Major and Mrs. Reed have the profound sympathy of all in their great loss. Major Reed in grand record-keeper of the A. O. U. W. grand lodge of Texas.

Crossed Into Shan Si.
London, April 29.—A Reuter dispatch from Peking says the headquarters staff has received a telegram from a British officer accompanying the Franco-German expedition to the effect that April 23 the Germans crossed into Shan Si through the Kuk Nau and Chang Seng Liu passes, in pursuit of the retiring Chinese, whom they followed eighteen miles, fighting a sharp action. The French troops remained in occupation of the passes. The Germans returned April 25 and the French handed over the passes to them and returned to their previous outposts. The Germans are said to have had four men killed and five officers and eighty men wounded. The Chinese loss is not known.

Charged With Train Robbing.
Memphis, Tenn., April 29.—City Marshal Quinn of Greenville has under arrest at that place two men whom he suspects of being in complicity with the hold-up of the Choctaw train at the Bridge Junction near this city last week. These men gave the names of Woods and Woodson. They give their home as Cincinnati. They said that they had come from Evansville, Ind. They passed Greenville Saturday in a skiff after buying supplies there. Marshal Quinn took them up as suspicious characters and noted the fact that Woodson tallied exactly with the description given out by the Wells-Fargo people as the leader of the Choctaw train robbery.

New Well in Corsicana.
Corsicana, Texas, April 29.—W. H. Staley brought in a fifteen-barrel light oil well on the West and Hanley tract yesterday. Mr. Staley's force will start a well on the Meyer tract Monday. Aside from the Southern Oil company's two acres recently brought in, this is the first well finished in some time.

HEAD JERKED OFF.

BLACK JACK, THE NOTORIOUS DESPERADO, HANGED.

Armed Deputies Guarded the Jail All Night—Feared an Attempt at Escape—Wrote a Letter to the President Exonerating Three Prisoners.

Clayton, N. M., April 27.—Thomas E. Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," the train robber, was hanged at 1:21 p. m. yesterday.

The long drop broke the rope, but his head was jerked from his body. Twenty armed deputies were on guard all night at the jail in anticipation of an attempt to rescue Ketchum. Hundreds of armed men, many of them cowboys from the surrounding country, were in town, but everything was quiet. Sheriff Garcia decided to hold the execution about 1 o'clock.

Ketchum received the instruction of a priest during the morning. He ate a hearty breakfast, took a bath and said he was ready to die at any hour. At 11:30 a. m. he called for music. A violin and guitar were sent him.

Ketchum talked for over an hour with visitors, cooler than any who met him. He declared death preferable to imprisonment. Ketchum told of robberies in which he was cornered, but declared that he had never killed a man, and only shot three. He said he was not "Black Jack," and that bandit still lived. Ketchum refused to give names of friends still at large. Besides giving a full account of the Stein's Pass robbery, exonerating the men who were convicted of that crime, Ketchum said that Bud Ushaw was innocent of the murder of A. P. Pewers in Texas, of which he is accused. This killing, Ketchum said, was the result of a conspiracy to which he was a party.

Thomas Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," was the most noted desperado of the Southwest. Although he was credited with having taken the lives of many fellow beings, yet he finally paid the forfeit with his own life for an attempted train robbery in which nobody was killed. This crime was committed near Folsom, N. M., August 16, 1899. Single-handed "Black Jack" held up a Colorado and Southern passenger train. He ordered the engineer and fireman to uncouple the engine and leave the train. The conductor and mail agent opened fire on him, to which he promptly responded. He received the contents of a double-barreled shotgun in his right arm, but quickly changing the rifle to his left shoulder, he succeeded in wounding both the conductor and the mail agent. He then escaped in the darkness, but was captured the next day. He was tried for assault on a United States mail agent and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Then, in September, 1900, he was tried upon a more serious charge of assault upon a railroad train with intent to commit a felony. He was also convicted on this charge and sentenced to be hanged in November last. The execution was stayed until March by an appeal to the Territorial supreme court, which affirmed the finding of the lower court and in March a reprieve was granted until April 26. "Black Jack" was said to have been the leader of a band of outlaws who committed many train robberies and other raids in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. This band has been scattered since his arrest. Seven or eight men have been killed, three are in jail and others have been driven to the mountains.

Want American Capital.
El Paso, Texas, April 27.—General J. Barand, minister of justice and public instruction for the Republic of Mexico, and Don J. Dominguez, a wealthy banker and a member of the Mexican senate, arrived here today en route to Buffalo, where they will interest themselves in bringing American capital to Mexico during the exposition. General Barand is one of the foremost men in Mexico, and has done more than any other one man to bring foreign capital to that country.

Will Retain the Australians.
New York, April 27.—It has been decided by the British government, says the London correspondent of the Tribune, to retain the services of the Australian naval contingent in China, provided the permission of the colonial authorities has been previously obtained. It has been hoped they might have been relieved ere this. Their services, however, have been of such a valuable character that the authorities determined to keep them, if possible. In all probability the contingent will now remain in China for some months longer.

Graves Decorated.
Dallas, Texas, April 27.—Confederate Decoration Day was appropriately observed here by the members of Camp Sterling Price. A program of music and orations was carried out at the cemetery and every grave known to be that of a Confederate soldier was covered with flowers. The oration of the day was delivered by General R. M. Gauo.

A COUNTRY ROAD.



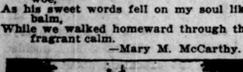
A dusty, stone way, whose bordering sod is thick with blackberries and goldenrod; abrupt, bare hills on one side looking down, and from the other you can see the town; follow the river's course through meadows green, o'er which thick woods and marble ledges lean.

A little further, where the road descends, a brook's soft tinkling with some bird song blends; (Gone from its edge the dear old dame's small cot half hidden by quaint flowers) lush bergamot; makes sweet its banks, its depths the boys still swim, or watch the minnows from some willow limb.

Upon its bridge how often I have stood, watching the west, whose glory seemed to flood; with tenderest light the poorhouse and the graves beside—turn to gold the brooklet's waves—Till from the hill, oh, dearest sight of all! I saw my father and I heard him call.

He came with sturdy stride and swinging gait—My hand in his—told my day's whole tale; Beside the brook, that 'neath his bright smile seemed to grow, while I listened was my every childish woe, As his sweet words fell on my soul like rain.

While we walked homeward through the fragrant calm.—Mary M. McCarthy.



Novel Horseshoeing Rack. Shoeing a fractious horse is not a task to be envied by any one, and there is always danger of accident to the man who performs the work in the ordinary manner, as the animal seems possessed of the idea that the hoofs were made to defend itself with instead of to be shod. In addition to the danger to the shooer, the animal is liable to injure itself in the argument and especially in this case in shoeing colts for the first time, when fright is generally the chief cause of trouble.

To overcome these difficulties John Cea of Iowa has designed the horseshoeing rack shown in the illustration, the inventor claiming that the mechanism will hold all parts of the animal securely in any desired position, at the same time relieving the horse of all strain and depriving it of the power of injuring itself or the blacksmith.

The modern comforts of limited travel. There is a baggage car which also contains a dynamo to furnish electricity to the whole train, a barber shop and a bath room. Then there is a dining car. This car is manned by a picked crew of the best waiters of the Pullman service. When the train is bounding over the sands of Arizona the waiter in the dining car will appear at table clad in a snowy jacket with a carnation in his button-hole. This car is stocked with the very finest market affords. To those who travel with the president all these things are free. The president does not use his dining car but has his own private dining room on the car in which he lives.

After the dining car comes the car devoted to the members of the cabinet and their families. This is a very fine state-room car and each cabinet officer has his private room. The newspaper correspondents on the pres-

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The Marlborough-Vanderbilt wedding was celebrated in New York November 6, 1895, in St. Thomas' church. It surpassed in beauty and splendor any other wedding in this country. Miss Vanderbilt had met the duke only a year before while abroad. She and

president can be alone if he chooses or he can entertain his friends. From the rear of the train he can bow to the crowds as the train moves slowly through a village, or reaching over the railing, he can shake hands with the enthusiasts who crowd around the president's car wherever he stops for even a minute. Or he can make a speech if he is moved to do so, and the chances are that he will at many places.

Wherever the president's train stops for more than a day the party leave the cars and go to some hotel.

Mexico and Austria. The Mexican republic and the Austrian empire, after thirty-five years of real though passive hostility, are about to resume friendly relations. The tragedy of which the unfortunate Maximilian was the central figure nears its final scene. Most of its great actors have passed from the stage. The survivors are about to admit that justice was done and to bury their long quarrel in oblivion.

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To overcome these difficulties John Cea of Iowa has designed the horseshoeing rack shown in the illustration, the inventor claiming that the mechanism will hold all parts of the animal securely in any desired position, at the same time relieving the horse of all strain and depriving it of the power of injuring itself or the blacksmith.

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Before being ordained a preacher Rev. David E. Miner of Uniontown, Pa., was a blacksmith. He has since filled several important charges, but his health gave out, and now he has decided to reopen the blacksmith shop which he left years ago and to regain at the forge the health he lost in the pulpit.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, took the lead in pointedly entertaining the duke, betraying the mother's aspirations for her daughter. Marble House, her splendid home at Newport, was the scene of many social affairs of unwonted brilliancy. The duke paid such open court to the young heiress that it required no cleverness to tell that he seriously contemplated carrying her away to his English castle.

The real victor in the pleasant international affair was Mrs. Belmont. Her pretty but shy and unworldly daughter had made as brilliant a match as any mother might dream of. It was all practically due to her skillful generalship, in which the science of diplomacy had been carried to its utmost, and a tact of the highest order had been exercised. She had won despite her own recent unfortunate domestic affairs, which had long kept society's tongue busy, and which had finally resulted in her divorcing William K. Vanderbilt and following it hastily by her marriage to Oliver H. P. Belmont. In this respect she could meet the duke on somewhat equal grounds, for there had been domestic infidelity in the great house of Marlborough.

The eighth duke had been divorced. It was then that he married Lily Price that was, of Troy and New York city, daughter of Commodore Price, U. S. N.,

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A The oil boom schemers are working it for **GOLD BRICK** all it will stand.

Some of their advertisements, calculated to catch the unsophisticated eye and the gullible mind, are vastly amusing. The idea that \$10 invested with them will yield \$1000 profit later, is characteristic of the grater. There is oil, but how kind of the capitalists to step aside and give the poor man a chance to wax rich and corpulent with his \$10. The capitalist who knows the possibilities of these oil fields is just the man to let the chance slip by. He likes to do such deeds of philanthropy from sheer goodness of heart. He is always looking up rich chances that he may ask his poor acquaintances with their few dollars to help reap the thousands to come. The oil boomer is that sort, and the poor man had better invest his \$10 in Chinese lottery tickets.

The following from our esteemed contemporary, The Del Rio Record, is news to us, but if the railroad company has determined to straighten their line, as the Record says, why 'Rah for old Brackett!'

"It is hardly surprising to one acquainted with the lay of the land to hear that the G. H. & S. A. Railroad intends straightening its track, to save a useless mileage, enormous cost of repair of same and do a good turn by old Brackett, and The Record congratulates the company's management upon determination. Three cheers for the old town. Del Rio is past the point where another's prosperity can depreciate it a bit."

A MISSOURI editor sums up the situation of how much some men think of their dogs by saying that if a man had a \$50 bull pup he would look after it carefully, and not let it run all over town at night. But if he has a boy it is different. He is turned loose at a tender age to go to the bad; and people wonder where the great army of tramps, deadbeats, loafers, gamblers and thieves come from. They are germinated from pure seed, sown broadcast on the streets and alleys. The boy ought to be given an equal showing with the bull pup.

KINNEY County is wet. Monday morning the dry spell was broken by a glorious rain, continuing until Tuesday evening. The water holes are full, the tanks are full, the arroyos are full, the cattle are full, the stockmen are full—of joy, and the festive yearlin' hits the range in high places, with his tail over the dashboard and his head in the air, by gatlines!

KINNEY County hasn't got a most popular girl. They are all so pretty and popular that the boys would not single out one, so we are forced to drop the voting contest.

COURT adjourned this week and peace and quiet reigns in the burg again.

SPOFFORD is in gala attire today, President McKinley will pass through to-morrow evening.

KEEP your eye on Brackett.

G. G. MARTIN,

Chicago Dentist.

Graduate and Post-Graduate of Chicago, Ill., and has a diploma from that school, a member of the Obtundine Dental Association of the State of Michigan, and has a diploma from that State. Also holds a permanent State certificate under the laws of Texas.

Don't Have Your Teeth Extracted!

It is no more dentistry to have your teeth extracted than it is surgery to have your limbs amputated. It is surgery to save them, so it is dentistry to save your teeth. I put in teeth without a plate—nothing but the teeth from ONE TO A FULL SET, that you can bite ice, crack nuts or do anything you can do with natural teeth.

Where your old teeth have been extracted, it matters not how long, I can fill the gaps without a plate, that are as good as natural teeth. I can extract your teeth and put teeth back in the same hole in five minutes afterwards, that no dentist can extract. I can open the bone, it doesn't matter how long your teeth have been out, and put in teeth without a plate, that will give satisfaction. I can extract teeth and put teeth back without a plate in 25 minutes after the old ones are taken out, so you can get your teeth at one sitting.

No matter how many dentists have told you that "your teeth are too soft to stand gold," I can fix them, and will give any dentist ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) to dig it out without moving the tooth structure or using drills.

I can tighten your teeth, it matters not how loose they are, and I will give any dentist ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS to extract them five minutes afterwards.

I cure any and all cases of scurvy and prevent tartar from ever accumulating on the teeth. I do all kinds of regulating and straightening of natural teeth, generally without pain, in a few hours; also cleaning and bleaching natural teeth.

I remove scars, wrinkles and deformities. I do all kinds of crown and bridge work and continuous gum and old fashioned gold plates. I do all kinds of repairing crown and bridge work, old fashioned gold and rubber plates. In fact I do all kinds of work known to the dental profession. I don't wish to boast, but if my work is not as fine as can be executed in the WORLD, it won't cost you a cent. Teeth extracted without pain.

REMEMBER!

You take no chances—if you are responsible, you may have time to test this work before you pay. Money talks—no good, no pay. My prices are as reasonable as any other dentist.

Five Dollars For 22 Carat Gold Crown; Other Work Accordingly.
Office Room, Terrel House. Office hours; NIGHT OR DAY.

San Antonio comes forward and announces a "gusher." We've been expecting it, and the announcement does not surprise us a bit. The gold brick city must have some sort of a boom until the next Battle of Flowers, or annual pilgrimage of suckers.

Don't burn yourself

in a hot kitchen when you can buy a gasoline stove for a trifle and keep cool.

ROACH & CO.

The employees of the two San Antonio breweries are talking of striking, and demand that eight hours' labor constitute a day's work, and that they be given fifteen minutes out of every hour to drink their allowance! Six hours to work and two hours free drinks. Great serpents.

Scott's Safety Razor,

with corrugated roller guard, will give you a perfect shave, and you positively cannot cut your face. You run no risk in buying one, as it is Absolutely Guaranteed to give satisfaction or we refund the money. At your store, or we mail it postpaid on receipt of \$1.00. CAUTION—If you purchase at the store, insist on Scott's Safety Razor, with corrugated roller guard. Send for circular describing our Case Sets. GEO. A. SCOTT, 84 Broadway, New York.

Mr. J. S. Morin is in from the ranch and reports the country beautiful since the rain. Mr. Morin was sick for some time, but is alright again.

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH Beef and Mutton. Office Chief Commissary, San Antonio, Tex., April 8, 1901. Sealed proposals will be received here until 11 A. M., May 8, 1901, and opened, for furnishing and delivering Fresh Beef and Mutton, called for by Commissaries at Forts Bliss, Brown, Clark, McIntosh, Ringgold, Sam Houston, and Camp at Eagle Pass, Tex., during six months commencing July 1, 1901. Proposals received and opened same hour by Commissaries of those posts, each receiving proposals for his own post only. Proposals will be received stating prices at which bidder will deliver fresh beef and mutton of temperature not greater than 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Mutton," and addressed to undersigned, or to Commissary at post bid for. John Simpson, Col., Chief Com'y.

He stood in the pale moonlight leaning against a lamp post to keep the earth from whirling away from him, when suddenly the night air was riven by three unearthly toots. "Told yer so, hic," he said to the lamp-post, "knew she'd come. Freight on the Haines, Brackett, & Rio Grande Air Line reckon." There she goes agin." The shaggy little beast near the school house raised his voice once again in thankfulness, and the man in the moon smiled.

PROPOSALS FOR TRANSPORTATION.—San Antonio, Texas, April 6, 1901. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 12 o'clock, M., May 6, 1901, for transportation, (drayage, by water or by wagon) of military supplies for Forts Ringgold, Clark and Brown, and San Antonio, Galveston and Point Isabel, Texas, during fiscal year commencing July 1, 1901. U. S. reserves right to reject or accept any or all bids or any part thereof. Full information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for Transportation," and addressed JOHN SIMPSON, C. Q. M.

WANTED—Ladies and gentlemen to introduce the "hottest" seller on earth. Dr. White's Electric Comb, patented 1899. Agents are coining money. Cures all forms of scalp ailments, headaches, etc., yet costs the same as an ordinary comb. Send 50c in stamps for sample. D. N. Rose, Gen. Mgr., Decatur, Ill.—1 mo.

Farm and Ranch: Of rice alone India produced last year nearly 200 pounds per capita, and yet many thousands of the natives are dying of starvation, while the European residents of that unhappy country are well fed and fat. Great Britain has so many geese laying golden eggs for her that she can afford to kill a large number, by too close plucking of the feathers.

There are forty-three rice mills in Louisiana and Texas, and only nine in the Carolinas and Georgia where rice has been grown for more than one hundred years, continuously. The Southwest is being heard about and read about, and is developing more rapidly than any other section of our country, and its resources have only begun to be discovered.

Oom Paul wasn't making a grand stand play when he said the Boers were going to make England hard to catch. The poor devils deserve their independence if ever a people did. They still fight.

Our Exchange List.

Del Rio Record: J. W. Weaver, of Barksdale, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Kate Walton, are visiting friends in the city. Mr. Weaver is yet as spry as when he played hide and seek with the Apaches on the Colorado.

"I only wish and wish and wish that I could fish and fish: I like to sit the livelong day upon a bale of prairie hay, down where the river sadly wails, and fish for suckers and for whales. 'Tis shameful that on this free soil a man must toil and toil and toil, and grunt and sweat and strive and groan and bust his mattingale and moan, grow old and before his time in following the festive dime. Ah, life would be a pleasant dream if one could sit beside the stream with rod in hand at early dawn, no comrade but a demijohn (the latter filled with lemonade)—to sit there in the drowsy snade. What higher bliss could mortal wish? Ah, let us go and fish and fish."—Karnes County News. Ah, yes, from shady, cool posish: 'tis nice to sit and fish and fish; to lie outstretched the live long day, down where the bullfrog sings its lay, and wend off home when daylight fails and tell some very fishy tales. 't is tough to have to toil and toil, when other men are striking oil; 'tis well to sometimes be alone, to stand on our hind legs and moan; to grumble that all life's a crime, the while we chase the frisky dime. Ah, life to us is just a dream! to think on that nice shady stream! the dewy laden summer dawn, and that broadshouldered demijohn! and cooling drinks we often have made with whisky and a lemon's aid. No greater bliss a man could wish than thus to sit and thus to fish. So when you tote your rod and line, load up for thirts—your thirst and mine—and I beside the shady stream will gladly drink with you and dream.—Houston Post:

The laws of health require that the bowels move once each day and one of the penalties for violating this law is piles. Keep your bowels regular by taking a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when necessary and you will never have that severe punishment inflicted upon you. Price, 25 cts. For sale by Holmes' drug store.

Joe Arredondo has opened a meat market and a barber shop in his new building.

Another good rain will fall in the next 24 hours.

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In cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, The Ladies' Black-Berry Compound, The Chicago Dispensary, 111 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

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Will Murphy will open a first-class meat market in a few days next door to the Arbor.

Our handsome and popular jeweler, Jimmie Nance, is making extensive improvements in his store. He's getting ready for the rush.

James McLymont, the sheep king, was here this week.

HERBINE is well adapted to the cure of fevers of all kinds, because it thoroughly cleanses the stomach and bowels of all bilious humors, and expels all impure secretions of the body. Price 5 cts. For sale at Dr. Partrick's drug store.

The jury on the Kinney Sidig case, after being out from Friday evening until Monday morning, were discharged, being unable to agree.

Spuffin Nolan recently sold 1018 head of sheep to Jas. McLymont at \$3.15 per head.

Billy Coleman, who enlisted at San Antonio with the famous Thirty-third, and was with the regiment in its Philippine campaign, is in the city on a visit to relatives.

A free and easy expectoration is produced by a few doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP, in all cases of Hoarseness, Sore Throat, or difficulty of breathing. Price 25 and 50 cts. For sale at Dr. Partrick's drug store.

School closes to-day and the scholars will enjoy a well-earned vacation. The term just closing has been one of marked progress and the teachers are to be congratulated on the advancement of the scholars. The Brackett schools have always been fortunate in having an efficient corps of teachers, and those now retiring may well feel proud of their work and the success of their scholars, and the general satisfaction given to patrons of the school.

What most people want is something mild and gentle, when in need of a physic. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets fill the bill to a dot. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by Holmes' drug store.

Prof. Witty made application for admission to the bar last Saturday, and passed a splendid examination. The school room loses an able tutor, and the legal profession gains one who will soon be a shining light. The News wishes the Professor success in his new field of labor.

Mrs. A. B. Studer was very ill last week, but is now much better.

A lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles, and may be cured by a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. For sale by Holmes' drug store.

A wedding took place on Live Oak last Sunday, the contracting parties being Mr. Frank Lewis and Miss Cora McBee, Judge Gages tying the Gordian knot. The wedding took place at Mr. Gages'.

A farewell hop was tendered Sergt. Foley Wednesday evening, by his Brackett and Fort Clark friends. A large crowd was present and had an enjoyable time. The dance took place at the Post Hall.

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Two prisoners escaped from the Del Rio jail last week.

D. D. Jones of Del Rio, was in town this week.

Mr. Woodard of Live Oak, is reported seriously ill.

Father Brule will hold services at the Catholic Church. He arrived from Del Rio today.

Will Dooley is trying to explain who those gloves belong to, but it's no use. Pair of ladies gloves.

Sheriff Nolan will begin shearing to-morrow. The tacinques leave for his ranch to-night.

Tom James was here from the Allen Hacienda on Mud Creek, the past week. Tommy is a fine looking boy and its strange he don't get married. It is reported though, that Tommy is negotiating for her hand.

Moore's Pills are a guaranteed cure for all forms of Malaria, Ague, Chills and Fever, Swamp Fever, Malarial Fever, Bilious Fever, Jaundice, Biliousness, fetid breath and a tired, listless feeling. They cure Rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poisoning produced from malarial poisoning. No Arsenic, Acids or Iron. Do not ruin stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. C. Moore Co., No. 310 North Main Street St. Louis, Mo.

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OLD STRAIN

DIXIE WOLCOTT

Out of my childhood's memories,
 "Fresh with the brine of the sea,
 The weird refrain
 Of an old Norse strain
 Comes floating back to me:
 "O the night may be long and dark,
 and dark,
 Too dark for a glimpse of the mast,
 Yet sparkling and bright, the glorious
 light
 Will flash o'er the sea at last."
 Little I recked of those sunny days
 Of the nights so dark and long,
 That loomed ahead
 With their shadows dread,
 As I blithely sang my song:
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THE OLDEST MARRIED WOMAN IN AMERICA

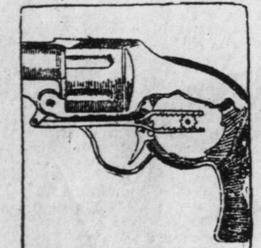
Mrs. Ferdinand Reese, who resides near Laporte, Ind., enjoys the distinction of having not only lived in three centuries but of being the oldest married person in America. Mrs. Reese is 107 years old, and there is nothing problematical about her age, for she has documents in her possession which the parish priest has examined and pronounced genuine, and which substantiate everything she has said of herself. She was born in Volgaritz, Poland, in 1794. Her parents were of the poorest class, and as soon as she was 4 years old she was sent into the forests to pick up bark for the charcoal burners. Her maiden name was Maria Pavleschinsky. When the French invaded Volgaritz the inhabitants fled. Mrs. Reese then a young woman, remained behind in the town trying to save some of the wretched belongings of her family from pillage. The French soldiers had entered the place before she could get out, and one of her neighbors



MRS. FERDINAND REESE, pointed out to her a stocky little man on horseback as the emperor of the French. When a young woman she married Conrad Chappou. They had three children, two of them died in Poland, while the third died at Dunkirk, N. Y. Upon the death of her first husband she married Andrew Katschinsky, who was 24 years younger than herself. In 1870, when nearly an octogenarian, having been left a widow for the second time, she came to America, locating in Dunkirk, where she met and was married to Ferdinand Reese on July 5, 1876. Two years later the couple migrated to Laporte county, Indiana, where the husband owns a 10-acre tract in Hudson township. Both of these old people attribute their great age to the simplicity of their habits. They eat two meals a day, each meal consisting chiefly of corn bread and coffee.

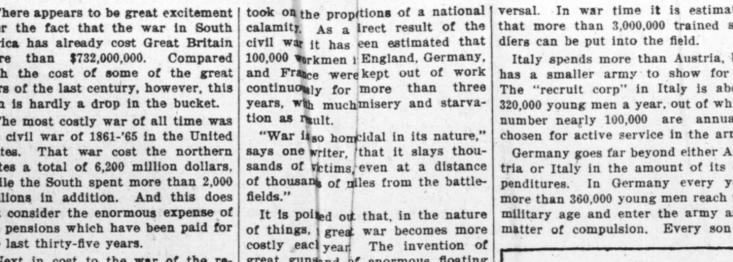
NEW AUTOMATIC REVOLVER

Evidently the inventor of the firearm illustrated herewith has come to the conclusion that the double-acting

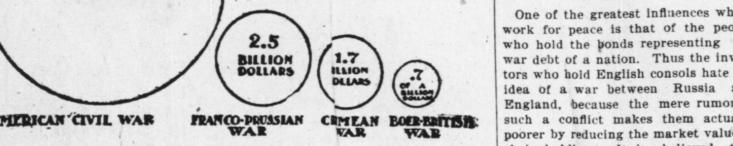


revolver in common use is not rapid enough in discharging its bullets. At any rate, he has designed a gun which is almost automatic in its action, needing but one pull on the trigger to empty the chambers in short order. The gun shown has a breakdown barrel and cylinder, and it will be seen that the action of opening and closing this mechanism operates a lever located underneath the cylinder. The rear end of this lever is slotted and toothed internally to rotate the shaft in the body of the revolver. On this shaft is mounted a toothed disk, which is locked against backward revolution by engaging the trigger. When the gun is opened for reloading and also

AWFUL COST OF WAR



There appears to be great excitement over the fact that the war in South Africa has already cost Great Britain more than \$732,000,000. Compared with the cost of some of the great wars of the last century, however, this sum is hardly a drop in the bucket. The most costly war of all time was the civil war of 1861-'65 in the United States. That war cost the northern states a total of 6,200 million dollars, while the South spent more than 2,000 millions in addition. And this does not consider the enormous expense of the pensions which have been paid for the last thirty-five years. Next in cost to the war of the rebellion was the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. It cost, in round numbers, 2,500 millions of dollars. The Crimean war stands third on the list of comparatively recent wars, with a total cost of 1,700 millions. The British affair in South Africa has cost the British up to date, less than one-tenth of what the United States spent in four years of its great civil conflict, and less than a third as much as France and Germany poured out in their short struggle. The present aggregate war debts of all the nations of the world are so great as to entirely pass comprehension. They sum up more than 30,000 millions of dollars. As there are nearly 1,500 millions of people in the world it will be seen that if equally divided among



them the world's war debt would give an average of \$18 apiece for every man, woman and child in the world to carry. Even more startling are the figures which show what war has cost in the destruction of human life. In this line also the United States civil war stands in first place, with a total of more than 800,000 men killed in battle and died of wounds and disease. Close to this terrible record is that of the Crimean war, in which 750,000 men lost their lives, while in the Franco-Prussian conflict the losses were 225,000. In these three wars alone enough people were killed to more than entirely wipe out the population of Chicago and leave it a lonely uninhabited desert. In addition to those who are recorded as dying in battle and of disease, there were other hundreds of thousands who were maimed in these wars or who contracted disease from which they never fully recovered. And, doubtless, in thousands of cases deaths were caused by the absence from home of their natural provider while these great wars were being waged. How much the world lost by losing the services of all these millions of stalwart men it is entirely impossible even to estimate. Writers on the cost of war estimate also that every war of any consequence directly affects practically everybody on earth, no matter how far distant they may be from the scene of the conflict. Thus during the civil war, for instance, the cotton mills of England were cut off from their supply of raw material and as a result there was a "cotton famine" in Lancashire, which

took on the proportions of a national calamity. As a direct result of the civil war it has been estimated that 100,000 workmen in England, Germany, and France were kept out of work continuously for more than three years, with much misery and starvation as a result. "War is homicidal in its nature," says one writer, "that it slays thousands of victims, even at a distance of thousands of miles from the battle-fields." It is pointed out that, in the nature of things, great wars become more costly each year. The invention of great guns and of enormous floating fortresses among the causes of this rapid increase. A few years ago, comparatively, the cost of firing the largest gun made was not more than a few dollars. Now it costs \$87 to fire a single shot from a 16-inch rifle, or more than enough to pay the wages of a private soldier in the regular for five long years. Even an 8-inch rifle costs \$125 each time it is discharged. If the twenty-seven large seaports of the United States were each protected, as military messay they should be, with ten batteries of five rifles each, it is estimated that it would cost nearly half a million dollars to fire a single round from all the guns in position. A single battleship or large cruiser costs million, and yet it may be entirely destroyed by a torpedo or by a few shots if they happen to hit the right places. Every new discovery, either in the way of new engines of warfare or of more deadly and dangerous explosives, makes war more costly. A don old ships of the line could be built completely equipped for less than costs to put a modern battleship in the water. A ton of gunpowder would not do as much

What Washington Patent Office Expects.



"SCIENTISTS ARE UNANIMOUS IN CONDEMNING THE RATE AS AN ENEMY OF CIVILIZATION."—News Item. Let's the Flies Out. It is an easy matter to let flies into a room, but is another matter to get them out again, and even when the housewife thinks she is rid of the pest for a time, several of the limitations of the insects are sure to be buzzing around to aggravate her. William Strutman, a Missouri genius, thinks he has invented a device which will attract the flies to the window screen and then induce them to make their exit of their own accord. The drawing shows the device attached to a screen and also an enlarged view illustrating the details of the invention. The arrangement comprises a sheet metal base and a half-cone of wire gauze. The base has a slot cut in the cen-

ter, and means are provided for securing the exit to a window screen after an opening has been cut in the wire cloth to allow the flies to crawl outside when they are once inside the device. To attract the insects sugar or syrup is placed on the base, and the flies crawl through the slot to get at it. In attempting to leave they crawl up the walls of the attachment and find the small opening at the apex, through which they pass, and find themselves outdoors. The device is also intended for use on other doors and windows, and the inventor claims that the flies do not readily find the slot from the outside to return to the room. Thus the device is constantly in position to induce the flies to leave and affords them no aid in returning. Frail Naval Midgets. The mishap that has overtaken the British flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers on its recent three weeks' cruise is a reminder of the limitations to which such craft will be subject in war. Eight destroyers in this flotilla have limped home disabled. One of them had her back broken by a wave

An Historic House

Its Name Associated with George Washington

(New York Letter.) The famous Jumel mansion in New York, associated with the name of Washington and other heroes of the revolutionary struggle, has been purchased by the municipality and is to be maintained forever as an historic relic of that story period of our colonial history. The grounds, which cover 67,391 square feet, are to be converted into a park, and the house itself is to be suitably improved.

The mansion was built in 1758 by Roger Morris, at that time a colonel in the British army. He occupied it until 1776. When Washington's forces were stationed in that part of the state the house furnished shelter for some of the Continental troops, while at several times between June and the middle of October, 1776, it was occupied by Washington as his headquarters. In one room, known as the council chamber, Washington and his generals planned their operations.

In 1800 Stephen Jumel, a rich French merchant, bought the place. Jumel died in it, but his widow remained there and when late in life she was married to Aaron Burr they lived in the old colonial house. In it she gave many grand receptions, among those she entertained being Lafayette and Napoleon III. Madame Jumel died in 1865. After her death the property became the subject of much legal wrangling, and was finally ordered to be sold by the supreme court.

The Jumel mansion is one of the few remaining places in New York which sheltered Washington. A towering office building occupies the site of a house at No. 1 Broadway which sheltered the commander-in-chief in 1776 before the battle of Long Island. At



THE JUMEL MANSION.

WAS KIND TO BEGGARS.

Chris Magee, Quay's Great Rival, Had a Tender Heart. The recent death of Chris Magee, the eminent and wealthy Pennsylvania politician, has brought forth a flood of anecdotes concerning him. Most of these, as might be expected, relate to shambles away when Magee, who was now a resident of New Orleans, who enjoyed the acquaintance of the boss, tells this incident, of which he was a witness: "Magee was a bitter fighter politically, but personally he was big and genial and extremely tender-hearted in the presence of suffering. One evening several years ago I was in Harrisburg on some business and, strolling out of the hotel after dinner, I encountered him on the corner with a couple of mutual friends. I joined the group and while we were standing there, talking about nothing in particular, a very tough-looking hobo slouched up and made a general appeal for a dime, declaring he was half starved. One of the party waved him off and he was shambling away when Magee, who had not observed him before, asked what the man wanted. "He says he wants a square meal," I replied, "but I guess he means a beer." "Oh, well, maybe he's really hungry," said Magee, and, raising his voice, he called the fellow back and gave him a quarter. "Go and get something to eat," he said. "Have you any idea what he will do with it?" I asked in surprise. "Not the slightest," said Magee. "but I make it a rule never to refuse a beggar who claims to be hungry."

Then he told this curious story, as nearly as I remember, these words: "One night a long time ago," he said, "I was standing in a doorway in Pittsburgh when a tramp came along and begged for money to buy food—just as this one did a moment ago. He said he was almost starved, but he didn't look it particularly, and not being in a very good humor at the time, I ordered him off. An hour or so later the policeman on that beat found a dead man in an alley, and when the doctors held an autopsy on the body they discovered that he had undoubtedly died of that battle Washington was the central figure in the dramatic picture when the British landed at Kip's bay and when he dashed his hat to the ground and tried by every means, moral and physical, in his command to restrain the fleeing continentals. This spot is now covered with the brown stone fronts of Murray Hill. Soon afterward came the battle of Harlem Heights, personally conducted by Washington. This battlefield has been occupied by Columbia University, Grant's tomb, St. Luke's hospital and other buildings. Two months later came the battle and massacre of Fort Mifflin. The chances were a poor ignorant fellow who knew nothing about organized charity. Anyhow he starved while he was trying to get help," added the big politician, sighing, "and since then I have never turned down a beggar who said he was hungry, no matter how ragged, dirty or drunk he might happen to be."

Each Has Self-Denial Bag. That's How Bayonne Women Are Paying Off a Church Debt. Christ Presbyterian church in Bayonne, N. J., has a debt of \$286, and the women of the congregation have pledged their word to pay it off before the annual meeting in spring. They are doing it by practicing self-denial, and their way of doing it has so attracted the admiration of their friends outside the church that more contributions are flowing in from all sides and the chances are that the church, instead of having a debt, will have a surplus when spring comes. Each of the women church members has a self-denial bag. Whenever one of them thinks that she can deny herself new ribbons, a lot of candy, a new spring hat, or anything else that isn't absolutely necessary to life and happiness, she puts the money into the self-denial bag and the church is the gainer to that extent. The money is needed to 'buy' standing in a doorway in Pittsburgh when a tramp came along and begged for money to buy food—just as this one did a moment ago. He said he was almost starved, but he didn't look it particularly, and not being in a very good humor at the time, I ordered him off. An hour or so later the policeman on that beat found a dead man in an alley, and when the doctors held an autopsy on the body they discovered that he had undoubtedly died of that battle Washington was the central figure in the dramatic picture when the British landed at Kip's bay and when he dashed his hat to the ground and tried by every means, moral and physical, in his command to restrain the fleeing continentals. This spot is now covered with the brown stone fronts of Murray Hill. Soon afterward came the battle of Harlem Heights, personally conducted by Washington. This battlefield has been occupied by Columbia University, Grant's tomb, St. Luke's hospital and other buildings. Two months later came the battle and massacre of Fort Mifflin. The chances were a poor ignorant fellow who knew nothing about organized charity. Anyhow he starved while he was trying to get help," added the big politician, sighing, "and since then I have never turned down a beggar who said he was hungry, no matter how ragged, dirty or drunk he might happen to be."

A Peculiar Claim for Damages. John C. Schaffer, of Wichita, Kan., has brought suit against a church society of that city on rather remarkable grounds. He declares that he bought and paid for a burial lot in the cemetery owned by the church organization, and that he buried his wife there. Recently his daughter died, and her last request was that she be buried by the side of her mother; but when the arrangements were being made the church officials denied the use of the cemetery on the ground that the girl had not been a member of their society. The girl was buried elsewhere and the father asks for \$5,000 damages.

Co-Education of Races Forbidden. Tennessee was the only southern state in which negroes and whites could and did attend the same public schools. The legislature has just passed a law forbidding the co-education of the races. Among the fruits of the unhappy condition into which exorbitant taxes, low wages and other industrial evils have plunged the masses in Italy today is an increase in the number and

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Mrs. Haven's Second Letter.

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ENGLISH SPARROWS SPREAD.

Present Distribution of This Nimble Bird in the United States.

The agricultural department has recently printed a map showing the extent of country now occupied by the English sparrow. It has been multiplying with marvelous rapidity and is now found in most parts of the country. Only three states (Montana, Nevada and Wyoming) and three territories (Alaska, Arizona and New Mexico) are free from the sparrow. It is found in California both north and south of San Francisco, in the valleys of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and along the coast. It is scattered among the settlements on the Columbia river and Puget sound. It has spread all over the eastern half of the country from North Dakota to the Mississippi delta. It has, however, avoided the sandy region of Florida and is not found to any extent in our most densely wooded areas. As might be expected, it has given our vast semi-arid region a wide berth, though a large colony has settled in the fertile agricultural region around Salt Lake City. It is only fifty-one years since the English sparrow was first introduced into this country by a gentleman from Brooklyn who sought a remedy for the worms that were destroying the trees of that town. The sparrow has a keen appetite for worms. In the course of time the injury done to the trees by worms was largely abated through this little bird. So it became quite a fad to import sparrows from Europe and turn them loose in our towns. A thousand birds were sent to Philadelphia in a single lot. Many birds also were distributed far and wide from the colonies already started. Thus everything was done to help the sparrow to increase and replenish the part of the world. Undoubtedly the sparrow has destroyed a great many tons of worms. But the remedy has proved worse than the disease. Perhaps the worms have been held in check to some extent; but we have a great many more sparrows than we have use for. They destroy fruit and grain, disfigure buildings in cities and towns, drive away other birds, and in fact are nuisances. The dear little sparrow has come to be regarded as the worst of the feathered pests. Efforts to exterminate it are now making in this country, but it is too late. The sparrow has been naturalized and he is here to stay. Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Utah in the past few years have paid out many thousands of dollars in the bounties offered for its destruction, but no one has yet observed any diminution in the number of birds.—New York Sun.



PRIC. 25c

Probably the oldest mail carrier in the United States, Saml. Gibbons of Houghtonville, Ky. He is 76 years old and for sixty-three years, with hardly an intermission, has been in the employ of the government as a mail carrier. His present capacity was begun in 1836 when he was 11 years old, during the "Old Hickory" Jackson administration.

Treasury officials prophesy a counterfeiter \$5 note which has made its appearance is among the most interesting imitations of good money ever seen. The certificate is a reproduction of the new 1899 series, which bears the portrait of the Indian. Each of the counterfeiters bear the check letter I.

A poor family in Boston overlooked a credit of \$40 in a safe bank in 1850 and the matter was forgotten until 1857, when the accumulated amount was \$43.81. It is allowed to remain and on January 1, 1901, was \$1,820.10. The interest allowed has gradually been reduced from 7 to 4 per cent.

Heretofore tramp smelters have monopolized the trade between New York and the rest of the world. The line of passengers and sight vessels is to be established. Six steamships of 8000 tons each are now nearing completion on the Cx, and will trade between New York and India by way of Cape Town.

Bulldogs and terriers have doubled in price since the Mason Square show ended. Like any other society, the fashion in dogs has, and as society has decreed this year that bull pups and terriers are i style, therefore those breeds are in only one to be considered by an member of the 400 or those who would like to be.

Dr. R. W. Perkins, who has been pastor of the First Baptist church of Lock Haven, Pa., for the last fourteen years, has been elected president of Leland University, New Orleans. Dr. Perkins has had large experience in secondary, college preparatory, and normal school work, is a fine scholar, and a good disciplinarian and a man of affairs.

The cinematograph for the blind is a machine which passes under the fingers of the blind, a series of reliefs representing the same object in different positions—the branch of a tree, a bird or any other object. The blind person has the illusion of moving scenes, just as photographs passing over a luminous screen lend the illusion to those with sight.

A Sheffield (England) manufacturer who has had trouble with the postoffice about registering his mail packages is taking his revenge by sending 200 employes daily to the postoffice to buy penny stamps. Each employe is decorated with a sovereign's worth of coppers with which he buys one stamp at a time.

An Oklahoma country postmaster sent the following notice to the postal department: "Sir, I wish to not fy you that on next Wednesday this office will be shut as I am gone dear hunt. You kin fire me if you see fit, but I'll give you apintar that I'm the only man in the neighborhood that kin rede and rite."

People expect much from Garfield Tea and they are never disappointed; it purifies the blood and cures stomach, liver, kidney and bowel disorders.

Pugilism seems to have a black eye. So have a good many pugilists.

An old bachelor says that marriage is the undertaker of love.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SODA is a 20th Century product and is perfectly pure. Insist on having it. All grocers.

If a man owns but one shirt he is naturally short of change.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION is a permanent cure. No fee or charge unless you are cured. Send day's use of the medicine. FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. KING, Ltd., 211 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

You can never judge a man's brains by the length of his beard.

A man is not sick unless a doctor visits him twice a day.

When you want bluing buy Russ' Bleaching Blue, the famous bag blue, 1 package equals 20 or 30 cents worth of any other blue.

A horse eats nine times its weight in food in a year, a sheep six times.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Low of Springfield township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, were born on the same day fifty-seven years ago, were never separated a day during their thirty years of married life, and died on the same day recently. They were buried in a double grave.

One of the women type writers in a Broadway hotel has copied so many successful plays that she has come to be regarded as a mascot and superstition dramatists have been known to wait until she was at liberty rather than trust to operators who have not been so much favored by chance.

"Catch a thief and you'll get a day off," is Captain Chapman's offer to his squad of night police in New York city. The captain thinks that a man who makes a good arrest is entitled to lay off a day because he has to take his prisoner to court in the morning and thus loses a good deal of sleep.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOTTEN, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

A man who neglects his own business can't be trusted to look after other people's affairs.

Save money by using Russ' Bleaching Blue, the famous bag blue, 1 package equals 20 or 30 cents worth of any other.

Reason is a man's guard and principle is his safeguard.

GET A PACKAGE OF VELVET STARCH from your grocer and read the splendid prizes we are giving away to housekeepers.

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'Tis sweet to kiss; so is Kiss-Me Gum to chew.

Two sorts of men do not pause to reflect—the angry man and the coward.



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CURE all bowel troubles, appendicitis, biliousness, bad breath, bad blood, wind on the stomach, bloated bowels, foul mouth, headache, indigestion, pleurisy, pain after eating, liver trouble, slow complexion and dizziness. When your bowels don't move regularly you are getting sick. Constipation kills more people than all other diseases together. It is a starter for the chronic ailments and long years of suffering that come afterwards. No matter what ail you are, start taking CASCARETS to-day, for you will never get well and be well all the time until you put your bowels right. Take our advice: start with CASCARETS to-day, under an absolute guarantee to cure or money refunded.

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New Size SOZODONT LIQUID 25c
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A Dentist's Opinion: "As an antiseptic and hygienic mouthwash, and for the care and preservation of the teeth and gums, I cordially recommend Sozodont. I consider it the ideal dentifrice for children's use." [Name of writer upon application.]

HALL & RUCKEL, NEW YORK.

Italy's present national debts is \$2,672,693,491 and the yearly interest is \$115,971,015. The annual revenue of the kingdom is exhausted in the payment of current expenses and the interest on the debt, so that no provision for reduction of the principal is possible. In other words, the country is virtually insolvent at the present time.

Information as to reduced railway rates can be had on application to the Superintendent of Immigration, Department of Interior, Ottawa, Canada, or to J. S. Crawford, 214 W. 9th St., Kansas City, Mo., or Capt. E. Barrett, Houston, Tex.

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"New Rival," "Leader," and "Repeater"

Insist upon having them, take no others and you will get the best shells that money can buy.

ALL DEALERS KEEP THEM.

MAM-MA! DON'T YOU HEAR BABY CRY?

Do you forget that summer's coming with all its dangers to the little ones—all troubles bred in the bowels.

The summer's heat kills babies and little children because their little insides are not in good, clean, strong condition.

Winter has filled the system with bile. Belching, vomiting up of sour food, rash, flushed skin, colic, restlessness, diarrhoea or constipation, all testify that the bowels are out of order.

If you want the little ones to face the coming dangers without anxious fear for their lives, see that the baby's bowels are gently, soothingly, but positively cleaned out in the spring time, and made strong and healthy before hot weather sets in.

The only safe laxative for children, pleasant to take (they ask for more) is CASCARETS. Nursing mothers make their milk mildly purgative for the baby by eating a CASCARET now and then. Mama eats a CASCARET, baby gets the benefit. Try it! Send for a 10c box of CASCARETS to-day and you will find that, as we guarantee, all irregularities of the little and big children's insides are

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A LUXURY WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL!

"EXCELSIOR."

The shades of night were falling fast, As through a certain city passed A youth, who from his mother bore This order for the grocery store—"LION COFFEE."

His eye was glad, his mouth beneath, Curled in anticipatory wreath, And like a memory there hung The wholesome taste upon his tongue—"LION COFFEE."

His happy home he saw so bright, With table set in morning light, Above it rose the fragrant smell—Aroma that he loved so well—"LION COFFEE."

"Try something else," the grocer said, "Here's other brands to buy instead. And these are just as good, my son,"—The boy replied, "There is but one—"LION COFFEE."

"O stay," the grocer said, "and try Of fine glazed coffee one supply. It is self-setting when supplied."—"That settles it!" the boy replied—"LION COFFEE."

"'Tis not the coffee glazed with glue, Nor hid by artificial hue. This was my mother's last request, I must insist upon the best—"LION COFFEE."

"And with each package we secure A Lion's head; a few of these Bring us free gifts, so give me, please—"LION COFFEE."

In every package of LION COFFEE you will find a fully illustrated and descriptive list. No housekeeper, in fact, no woman, man, boy or girl will fail to find in the list some article which will contribute to their happiness, comfort and convenience, and which they may have by simply cutting out a certain number of Lion Heads from the wrappers of our one pound sealed packages (which is the only form in which this excellent coffee is sold).

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ARRIVED AT AUSTIN

And the State Capital Gave Visitors a Welcome

IN SOUTHERN HOSPITABLE WAY,

Gov. Sayers Invited Them To Pull Off Their Coats and Make Themselves at Home and Judge Reagan Spoke.

Austin, Tex., April 29.—When the New York business men touring Texas leave for home they will doubtless have great faith in the hospitality and generosity of the people, for they have been entertained every minute they have been in Texas.

Upon arrival at the union depot in this city the party was taken in carriages and driven directly to the state capitol, where Gov. Sayers received them in his reception room. Nearly every member of the state administration was present, including Hon. John H. Reagan, chairman of the Texas railroad commission. Among other distinguished gentlemen present were Hon. A. W. Terrell, ex-minister to Turkey; Hon. Frank Lubbock, ex-governor, and Hon. Guy M. Bryan. Several members of the legislature were also present.

Hon. R. E. Prince, speaker of the Texas house of representatives, who welcomed the party into the state upon the party's arrival at Orange in behalf of Gov. Sayers, was presented by Mr. Louis J. Wortham and made a report to the governor upon the trip thus far. He related the history of the movement which had been inaugurated by the governor and the object of the visit. In concluding he introduced Mr. Charles M. Jesup, chairman of the delegation from the Chamber of Commerce of the state of New York, who made a happy and interesting address.

Mr. Trowbridge spoke for delegation from Merchants' association.

Gov. Sayers began his address to the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' association by saying that when he went to New York last October he had no intention of extending the invitation for the organizations which they represented to send delegations to Texas, but when he stood in the presence of those bodies he felt that the hour had come to render Texas a greater service than he had ever rendered it before or perhaps would ever be able to render it again. He emphasized the fact that the delegations were not asked to Texas to inquire into any private interest, and he expressed gratification that the citizens of Texas were not seeking to bring any private enterprise to their attention.

He felt that when they knew Texas as they had never known her before, they would realize that investments were as safe in Texas as in their own state. In concluding he said:

"Gentlemen, in the old southern way, I bid you to take off your hats and coats and make yourselves at home in this city."

The governor's remarks were frequently applauded.

Leaving the capitol the visitors were driven to the splendid home of Mr. John Bremond, whose guests they were at luncheon.

After luncheon their carriages were returned and the party was driven over the city, getting view of the principal state institutions.

The party again stopped at the capitol and went through the various departments, and then returned downtown, taking quarters at Driskill hotel.

The dinner at the Driskill was informal. The only speech of the evening was made by Hon. J. H. Reagan, chairman of the Texas railroad commission, on the subject of "The Railroads of the State."

At the conclusion of the address Mr. Corwin, secretary of the Merchants' association, propounded a number of questions to Judge Reagan. Mr. Corwin asked if he did not think there should be an experienced railroad man on the commission, or if the government should not avail itself of an expert railroad man. Judge Reagan replied that expert services were indispensable. He said, however, that he thought the interstate commission as it exists is qualified to regulate rates. The trouble is that the circuit courts have picked the law away.

It is estimated over 30,000 native Christians were slain in China.

Callahan Cleared.

Omaha, Neb., April 29.—After considering over night the guilt or innocence of James Callahan, the jury announced at 9 o'clock Sunday morning that he had no part in the kidnaping of Edward Cudahy, Jr. The verdict was an evident surprise to the court, and Judge Baker expressed his disgust in emphatic terms.

Callahan was immediately arrested on two other counts, which the state is not prepared to say will be made use of.

Buying at Bombay.

Tacoma, Wash., April 29.—Shipments of raw cotton from the United States to the orient will be greatly affected by the immense purchases of Bombay cotton just made by cotton spinners, who are among the largest cotton spinners in Japan. Their agents have bought 250,000 bales to be shipped within the next few months. Of this quantity the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Steamship company is to carry 100,000 bales, 12 rupees per ton.

DEAL LOCATED.

What is Said to Have Transpired in Regard to Port Arthur Matter.

Beaumont, Tex., April 29.—The facts in the Standard Oil company Port Arthur deal which has created such widespread interest have been located, and they are directly in line with what has been published in these dispatches. John Searles and J. S. Cullinan purchased all the acreage of the Port Arthur Land company, amounting to about \$30,000 acres in round figures. Whether it is the Standard Oil company or not is another matter and purely conjectural. J. S. Cullinan is well known to be the Texas field representative of the Standard, and John Searles' connection with the round bale trust lends the opinion that he may also be allied with the oil trust. But even if both these men were part of the Standard Oil company, no one could deny them the right to purchase land in their own name while at the same time any one is justified in believing that they purchased for the Standard. However, here are the facts about the deal.

Last Thursday John Searles told W. H. McFadden of this city that they had bought the land for less than \$25 an acre, or a total of \$750,000. It seems that the Port Arthur Land company is in some sort of trouble with its Holland representatives or bondholders, and the present trustees of the Port Arthur company were anxious to make the sale before the property was taken from their hands, and they have openly offered the land to several parties, among them Perry McFadden, Mr. McFadden in conversation with Mr. Searles last Thursday remarked that he could have bought the land for \$25 an acre, whereupon Mr. Searles replied that that and the deal had been closed, as was evidenced by a telegram to Mr. Searles from J. W. Mackie, attorney of Corsicana, who had engineered the transaction, in which Mr. Mackie informed Mr. Searles that the deal had been closed at less than \$25 an acre. The transaction was made with the trustees of the Port Arthur Land company at Kansas City, who are A. E. Still, E. L. Martin and James Med. Trimble. This is of course what started the rumor that the Port Arthur docks had been bought by the Standard.

It is easy to discern the connection in the two stories and how the one could have started the other. The idea it was intended to convey in the rumored purchase of the docks by the Standard was that it would tie up the Beaumont oil field by preventing the shipment of oil save as directed by the big monopoly, but this is ridiculous and every one knows that the Beaumont field is controlled by production better than by the Standard company. It can never be done because there is Sabine, Pass and Galveston, both of which are near enough to the field to make it possible to get the oil there at a very slight cost, and moreover, the Neches river, a navigable stream from Beaumont to its mouth, can in a very short while be opened up to the gulf, and when once done there would be no longer any fear of a tie-up of this field.

Bait Called.

Kansas City, Mo., April 29.—Foreign stockholders of the Port Arthur Land company have interposed an objection to the sale of 29,000 acres of land at Port Arthur, Tex., negotiated last week, according to local officials of that company. Negotiations for the sale of the land which lies around Port Arthur and between that city and Beaumont were practically consummated in Kansas City last week for a sum said to have been \$25 per acre. The prospective buyer was W. J. Mackie of Corsicana, Tex., said to be the legal representative in Texas of the Standard Oil company.

As New Beaumonts.

Austin, Tex., April 29.—The visiting New Yorkers arrived at New Braunfels at 7 o'clock Sunday, and turned out to view the beauty and thrift of the little city. Through the kindness of Harry Landis, owner of the lovely natural park near by, the guests were given an open air breakfast under the huge overhanging trees to the music of the purring streams beside them. This time the diversion of the millionaire visitors took on the shape of droll stories, begun by the inimitable raconteur, Mr. Marble.

George D. Bennett of Dallas was elected president of the Travelers' Protective association.

Suit Begins.

San Antonio, ex., April 29.—The attorney general has filed in the district court here suit against the Farmers' and Merchants' insurance company of San Antonio, for quo warranto forfeiture of charter, injunction and the appointment of a receiver. The papers filed allege that the company was organized in January, 1898; that during the first year policies in the amount of \$2,547,355 were issued, but since then it is not known how much was issued.

Liano Visited.

Llano, Tex., April 29.—The gentlemen composing the New York delegation have spent a very delightful day in journeying through the country traversed by the Austin and Northwestern railway.

The citizens of Llano had a fine exhibit of the resources and products of this county in the hall where they welcomed the visitors, including the minerals as well as the farm products of the county. They attended religious services here.

SIX TRAINS

Carried About Fifteen Thousand Visitors to Beaumont Sunday.

Beaumont, Tex., April 29.—Of course Sunday was the biggest day ever seen in Beaumont, and it is possible that there were more people here than ever before at one time. Altogether there were six trains from Houston. Three of these were the regular morning trains and three later ones were excursion trains from Galveston and Houston and the Central train from north Texas, and all of them were well loaded. At 1 o'clock the trains began running between Beaumont and the oil field, making six trips of ten coaches each during the afternoon. It is estimated that there were not less than 15,000 people at the field. The Beatty well of the National Well and Pipe Line company, the Higgins O. I. company's well furnished the amusement. The first two spouted into the air and the Heywood was turned loose into a tank. The crowd went back to town in good shape, and the last train left for Houston about 6:30 o'clock.

While the crowd at the depot was the thickest and jammed together like wheat in a shock, a difficulty occurred in which a pistol was exploded four times in the heart of the crowd. Peter Higginsman, a well-known young man of this city, had some words with a negro named George Taylor, and the negro ran at Higginsman with a long knife in one hand while he struck him over the head with an umbrella in the other hand. Four shots were fired. Three of the bullets took effect in the negro's head, while the fourth struck Mr. O. F. Nugent of Vinton, La., who was standing in the crowd, in the left thigh. The negro is not thought to be fatally hurt, though he may not live. He was struck on the chin, once in the left eye and the other time in the top of the head.

Physicians C. C. Nash and D. D. Henderson, who examined him, said the wounds were not necessarily fatal, though very serious. Nugent was not seriously hurt. Higginsman was arrested.

The field showed up well Sunday. Hamill Bros. brought in another well for the J. M. Guffy company on the Gladys City property in the bunch near the Lucas well. The well spouted about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, while quite a number of the excursionists were on the ground. It was promptly shut off after being tested for a few moments and found to be a regular gusher just like all the rest.

The most interest of the day was centered in the well of the Texas and Colorado Oil company, called variously the Smith, the Denver or the Lea well. This well is on lot 5, Spindletop Heights subdivision, and being the well furthest from the gushers, except the Kelley well, it is very important. From what can be learned, the drill passed through the rock in which they have been drilling for the last few days at 6 o'clock Saturday night. It is said the drill passed into the oil sand, but the weight of the water in the pipe prevented the oil from flowing. This was the case with the Sabine gusher—in fact, has been the case with all of them.

Horrible Houston Holocaust.

Houston, Tex., April 29.—Probably the most destructive fire, involving loss of life, that ever occurred in Houston started at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. After the fire department had checked the ravages of the flames and poured a flood of water upon the ruins, a half-hundred hands dug in the debris and extricated the charred remains of a whole family.

The fire broke out in the livery stable known as Ruppert's stable, at corner of Milam and Capitol avenues. In an incredibly short time the whole structure was wrapped in flames. The dead:

- Job C. Coppin, forist.
- Mrs. Coppin.
- Gus Coppin, aged 9 years.
- Lizzie Coppin, aged 6 years.
- In fant of Coppin.
- Injured:
- Mr. Jeff G. Hopper, back broken.
- Mr. G. Hopper, leg broken.
- Stanford Bates, painfully injured.

Gen. Kitchener reports the capture of a number of Boers.

Hundreds of oil land leases are being made in New Mexico.

An American squadron will visit Japan.

Shot to Death.

Beaumont, Tex., April 29.—Another negro was shot to death at the Southern Pacific depot. Carlo Jesus is the victim, but the man who fired the shot can not be located, although there were twenty-five or fifty people within twenty feet of the shooting. The eastbound Southern Pacific passenger train was pulling into the depot and just as the engine passed where Jesus was standing two shots were fired, both striking him in the head and killing him instantly.

All in One Family.

Greenville, Tex., April 29.—County Health Officer Milner went to the northeast portion of the county to look after the smallpox situation. Two more of the Evans family were buried. occurred in this family, the first to die being a daughter. The mother was next, and last two were father and a grandchild 20 months of age. There are nine other cases in the family.

PRESIDENT STARTS

Both of Those Cities Elegantly Entertained the New York Party.

Bristol, Tenn., April 30.—The first day of the president's long tour to the Pacific coast by through an historic section in Virginia, across the valleys of the Rapidan and James, in sight of the homes of Madison and Jefferson, up past the peaks of Otter, so dear to the hearts of the Virginians, into the picturesque Blue Ridge mountains. The Tennessee border was reached at 10:55 Monday night with the arrival of the train at Bristol. The route as far as Lynchburg was over the Southern railway. Then the train was shifted to the tracks of the Norfolk and Western for a short cut to Bristol, where it resumed its flight over the Southern road. The presidential party received a flattering ovation from the time the train left Washington. Large crowds assembled at every station, the countryside and crossroads each had its little group of waving watchers straining their eyes to catch a glimpse of the magistrate as the train whisked by. At Charlottesville the students of the University of Virginia turned out; at Lynchburg Senator Daniel. Virginia's orator made a speech greeting the president, and at Roanoke two hands crashed out their welcome. At each of these places the president responded to the loud calls made upon him and spoke briefly from the platform of his car.

If Monday's reception through Virginia is a indication of what is to occur throughout the rest of the trip, the president's tour across the continent will be a triumphant one. Some of the people, in their eagerness to grasp the president's hand, clambered up the railing surrounding the platform. He president received these demonstrations good naturedly and never failed to grasp the hand extended to him Mrs. McKinley, sitting at the window in the observation car smiling at waving her handkerchief in response to the greetings of the multitude created no less enthusiasm than the president.

At Charlottesville.

Charlottesville, Va., April 30.—The president's train with a tiny flag on the pilot engine, denoting that the chief magistrate of the nation was on board, arrived at Charlottesville on schedule time. A brief stop was made at Alexandria. At Manassas, Culpepper and Orange crowds were especially large. At the last place a large American flag flew from a staff in the National cemetery, where are buried many of the Union dead. At Charlottesville there was an immense assemblage at the station. The students from the university lined up alongside of the train and gave the president three rousing cheers and a tiger when he made his appearance. From the platform of his car the president spoke as follows:

"It gives me very great pleasure to receive the greeting of the people of Charlottesville and the cheers of the young men of the University of Virginia. Your institution is linked with great names and great deeds and has influenced both. What an array of immortal names Virginia holds in her keeping to remind us of lofty patriotism, broad statesmanship and noble achievements. To no other state of the American Union belongs such history to preserve and cherish, and such examples to inspire and emulate. May the young men of the state of Virginia prove worthy sons of their noble ancestors and contribute in the future, as they did in the past, to the well-being and honor and glory of the republic. Let me assure you, gentlemen, that the present and future hold rich reward for good scholarship, high character and noble endeavor; and the wish which I leave with you is that of these you may have your full share."

Ends His Existence.

Vienna, April 30.—A dispatch to the Neue Freie Presse from Bucharest says Carevici, one of the largest grain exporters at Braila, has committed suicide by shooting himself. His alleged liabilities are 55,000,000 francs.

Act Approved.

Little Rock, Ark., April 30.—Gov. Davis has approved the act of the legislature appropriating \$1,000,000 for completing the new state capitol, which was begun under the act of 1889. The governor will appoint a board of four capitol commissioners, who will proceed to let a contract for the completion of the work. It is estimated that the new capitol will be completed within four years. It will be an elegant structure.

No Distinction.

Washington, April 30.—Americans who go abroad this summer expecting to bring back in their baggage large quantities of valuable purchased will find that the tariff duties imposed by the law will be carefully collected. New regulations prepared by the treasury department for the examination of personal effects of tourists are being rigidly enforced at the port of New York, and all persons will be treated alike, rich and poor.

To be Taxed.

Washington, April 30.—The United States supreme court decided in the case brought by ex-Congressman Stephen V. White of Brooklyn that a "call," as the word is used in the stock exchange, is an agreement to sell, and therefore subject to taxation at the rate of 2 cents per \$100 under the war revenue law.

Oak Cliff is to have a system of sewers.

TEMPLE AND WACO.

Both of Those Cities Elegantly Entertained the New York Party.

Waco, Tex., April 30.—The New York business men were royally entertained Monday at Temple and Waco. Their special train arrived in Temple via the Missouri, Kansas and Texas at 8 o'clock. They were met at the depot by a large number of the representative citizens of Temple, also by a number of citizens of Belton, who had driven over in the early morning to greet the visitors. From the depot the visitors were taken to the railroad Y. M. C. A. building, close at hand, where an informal reception was held. Here they had the pleasure of meeting a number of the ladies of Temple and Belton, and those charming, bright, handsomely gowned women soon captured the hearts of the visitors, New Yorkers and Texans alike. The New Yorkers wish it distinctly understood that they are all bachelors, widowers or "single men," although only one of them is Batcheller in name. They felt it an especial compliment that these ladies should have come out at such an early hour to meet them and welcome them to the black land belt of Texas. From the Y. M. C. A. building the guests were escorted by the ladies to Harvey's for breakfast. It was quite an elaborate spread.

Mr. Pink Downs, with a very cordial address of welcome, spoke with pride of the resources of Bell county and of Texas in general, of the need of factories, of the need of capital and the desire of the people of Texas to have New York come in and help develop the state.

Mr. Charles M. Jesup responded in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Alvah Trowbridge introduced Mr. Dick Ramsay to respond for the Merchants' association. Mr. Ramsay's remarks were very happy. The visitors were taken to the round bale gin, which they saw in operation, and where they saw a number of finished bales stacked alongside a pile of square bales. The ladies were with the visitors on this drive. The party left at 10 o'clock for Waco.

The excursion of New Yorkers arrived at Waco Monday, and from the time of their arrival until their departure they were entertained with a royal hospitality by the Business Men's association and the ladies keeping in mind those seeking to give the visitors a welcome calculated to impress them with the hospitality of Texas. A trolley car excursion came first, followed by luncheon at the State house, then a carriage drive over the city, and next the banquet at the Commercial club rooms, with speaking, several brilliant efforts of oratory coming forth from local speakers and New Yorkers.

There were flowers everywhere, and they were profusely used in the lunch room and at the rooms of the Business Men's club. It is the season in Texas when flowers are at their best, and the ladies arranged them for the very highest effect that rich and glorious blossoms of spring can produce.

A delegation of Temple ladies reinforced their Waco sisters in extending hospitalities to the visitors.

The speakers at the Business Men's reception were Mayor Riggin, Judge George Clark and Dr. H. Behrens on the part of Waco, and on the part of the visitors Messrs. Richard Deever, C. M. Wicker and others.

Leah Claimed Beth.

Dallas, Tex., April 30.—The hand of death entered into the household of one of the most beloved families in Dallas Monday night, and by its mysterious destiny swept away the father and eldest son and left the wife and the other children.

The father, Arthur P. Cary, had laid at his door of death for eleven days, making a hard fight for life. His condition was known to every one in the city and every effort was made to render any assistance possible.

Just about dark the little boys who had been playing with his 7-year-old son, Joseph Milton, Jr., came terror-stricken and said that the child had fallen into the water in the city park. Nighbors went instantly and found the body of the child in the Horse Shoe reservoir in the park.

Buying Land Certificates.

New York, April 30.—George J. Gould, since his return from Texas, has been quietly absorbing large quantities of Texas land trust certificates through banking interests.

Every Precaution.

Wytheville, Va., April 30.—The president and his party will keep in close touch with Washington throughout the trip to California and every facility has been arranged to transact such business as is necessary from the train. The railway officials in charge of the train on the various divisions over which it passed took every precaution to guard against the possibility of a mishap of any character. The track, switches and bridges were inspected.

Has Commenced.

Manila, April 30.—The trial of Capt. James C. Reed, former depot commissary at Manila, was begun, and bids fair to develop into a celebrated case. Capt. Reed is charged with soliciting and receiving bribes.

At the beginning of the trial counsel for the defendant objected to the jurisdiction, alleging that under an act promulgated in 1901 officers of the regular establishment are ineligible as members of the court martial to try an officer of volunteers.

GALEY AND GUFFY

Arrive at Beaumont and Their Gusher Paid a Visit.

Beaumont, Tex., April 30.—Some people have said that Monday has appeared to be the busiest day yet seen in Beaumont, but this is not the case. Friday of last week was a better day. Yet those not in touch with actual conditions here are apt to be misled into thinking that Monday was a better day than any before because the surface indications tend to impress one that day. Men started to work that morning with more determination, more force and more enthusiasm than they did Saturday or Friday of last week. Several large sales have been reported, and money seemed to be changing hands freely, yet many people who went away Saturday night have not yet returned.

The opening of the Stock exchange for business Monday tended to take a good deal of the flightiness from the situation so far as stocks were concerned, yet as it gets down to more regular and steady work, considerable of the wildness is going to be swept out of the situation.

Col. J. M. Guffy, Mr. John H. Galey and Capt. A. F. Lucas arrived here Monday morning from the east. Messrs. Guffy and Galey came from Pittsburgh, Pa., while Capt. Lucas joined them in New Orleans, where they have been spending two days talking over affairs of the company. Messrs. Guffy and Galey visited the fields yesterday, where Mr. Guffy saw for the first time his immense pipe lines, pumping facilities and storage tanks and the great Lucas well, which has made him richer and more famed than he ever was before. Neither Mr. Galey nor Col. Guffy had anything to say to the press. They gave out the customary interview that they were well-pleased with the conditions in which they found things and would only state with reference to future affairs of the J. M. Guffy company, that they expected to go along the way they have been doing in the past.

Capt. Lucas said: "We are using every facility to place this oil before the people of the country. We are in the oil business here the same as we have been in Pennsylvania for years. As to our future plans we have none, save to sink more oil and build more tanks and pipe lines."

Fort Worth's Greeting.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 30.—The New York special arrived here at 9 a short stop at Hillsboro. The party a short stop at Hillsboro. The party was met at the depot by a large number of citizens of Fort Worth and were escorted to the Hotel Worth, where dinner was immediately served. Mr. Paul Waples presided.

The visitors were welcomed by Hon. T. J. Powell, Mayor of Fort Worth. Mr. Charles M. Jesup responded for the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Alvah Trowbridge, chairman of the Merchants' association, presented Mr. Charles T. Root of his delegation and editor and owner of the Dry Goods Economist, and other leading trade papers, to respond. Mr. Root made the principal address of the evening. He manifested great enthusiasm concerning Texas, especially in regard to manufacturing. He aroused enthusiasm among all of his hearers. The gentleman was carefully listened to.

Hon. B. B. Paddock of Fort Worth responded to the very nice things which Mr. Root said of him.

Will Contest.

Wharton, Tex., April 30.—On March 25 the will of the late Dr. August Saltman was entered for probate; April 13 R. E. Vineyard was appointed administrator, giving bond for \$50,000. A contest to the will offered for probate has been filed by Charles F. Holmes, Terry Smith and Emile Saltman of New York, the petition stating that for two weeks before Dr. Saltman's death his mind was in an unsound condition, and that he was unable to make a will.

Were Welcomed.

Madrid, April 30.—The mayor of Buenos Ayres and the Argentine delegation, which came here to present the queen regent with a beautiful reliquary, have been accorded an enthusiastic welcome. They are being dined and feted. Their visit is interpreted by the Spanish press as a sign of political rapprochement.

The Herald recounts a number of Argentine measures testifying to the revived pro-Spanish feeling.

While trying to escape, a negro convict was wounded near Dallas.

With Pistol in Hand.

Dallas, Tex., April 30.—Jefferson D. Thomas, residing at 322 McKinney avenue, was found dead in his room Monday a few minutes after 12 o'clock.

He was lying on his back on a lounge with blood flowing from both temples and a 38-caliber revolver clenched in his right hand.

The ghastly discovery was made by his wife, who had left him only five or ten minutes before.

Terrible Affair.

Houston, Tex., April 30.—A tragedy occurred Sunday at the Shoght home, near Pierce Junction, where in Valentine Carlson accidentally emptied a load of buckshot into his brother's neck at close range, producing instant death. The boys are the sons of a prosperous farmer, living just across the Southern Pacific tracks on the poor farm road. Justice Malisch was called to the scene of the tragedy to hold an inquest.

TEXANETTES.

All cities report business good.

Dan Scales, colored, was fatally wounded at Annona.

Waxahachie is to have three letter carriers by July 1.

Ben Williams of Texarkana dropped lead at Mineral Wells.

Gainesville is to have a mattress factory with a daily output of 100.

A number of cities observed the anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto.

Mrs. Lucinda M. Orr, 60 years of age, a Hill county pioneer, died near Brandon.

The convention of the B'nai B'Rith was held at Houston, with a large attendance.

It is estimated that Waxahachie citizens have invested \$150,000 in oil companies.

Gen. Pearson of the Boer army says the Tascosa country resembles some portions of the Transvaal.

An unknown white man, 65 years old was run over and killed by a Katy train at Galveston.

O. P. Brady, while on duty in a Fort Stockton saloon, was killed. E. A. Teel is charged with the killing.

Mrs. Sam Alexander and baby were so badly burned by a gasoline explosion at Dallas that both died a few hours afterwards.

Eight Denton county boys who had been fighting in the Philippines were met at the Denton depot by 200 citizens and given them greetings.

Bud Spear was shot and killed in a school-house eight miles from Tyler. Pick Messers, who had been courting the dead man's daughter, was arrested.

Anthony Westfield, colored, living two miles east of Paris, cut his throat, but failed to sever the windpipe. He was lodged in jail on affidavit of lunacy.

A. W. Risien, a contractor, fell through an elevator shaft from the third story of a building he was erecting at Oak Cliff and fractured his skull, dying instantly.

T. A. Morris, on trial at Corsicana charged with the murder of W. G. Broomes, whose body was found in a tank near that city last October, was given the death penalty.

A mine has been discovered in Mike Rogers' pasture, four miles from Tyler. The ore contains both copper and gold. A stock company has been formed and development will soon commence.

The fishing schooner Lizzie B. Adams of the Galveston Red Snapper company's fleet brought in the news to Galveston of the loss at sea of James Carroll, otherwise known as Tinker Carroll.

In a train wreck twenty miles from San Antonio on the International and Great Northern railway F. W. Hicks, fireman, was killed, and Pat Monahan dangerously wounded. A switch had been tampered with.

C. J. Benton, an ex-Confederate soldier, was found dead on his knees in a hotel at Cleburne. He was an old miner and was on his way to the Beaumont oil fields. He came to Texas from Mississippi.

The Junction hotel at Whitesboro burned. The guests had to escape in their night apparel. The building, which was erected in 1880, was insured for \$3000, and the furniture and kitchen utensils for \$1000.

A negro boy was burned to death in the south part of Hempstead. His clothing caught from a burning trash pile in the yard, and before he could be rescued from the flames he was so badly burned that he died.

A deal has been closed whereby Ed. M. House of Austin, T. W. House of Houston and other parties obtain control of the streets in the Spindletop Heights subdivision of Beaumont. These streets are near the Lucas and Higgin's wells.

The thirty-sixth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Texas, was held at Galveston, with over 160 delegates in attendance from the Woman's Relief Corps.

A hot water heater in the rear of T. O. Ray's barber shop at Plano exploded blowing the top of the heater through the ceiling and making a hole six feet long and three feet wide. It broke the glass in the rear windows.

Frank Lee, colored, living near Madisonville, gave his wife \$70 to put away. She selected the kitchen stove as a suitable hiding place. That evening before cooking supper she forgot the safe was a bank, and Lee is minus that sum.

Col. Charles Kellar of the United States army passed away at Fort Sam Houston. Col. Kellar returned about two months ago from the Philippines, where he had been since 1898. He had been in several Indian campaigns, and had a fine record.

J. A. Burnett, on trial at Hillsboro charged with the murder of Mrs. Jenkins near Blum in December, 1895, was found guilty and his punishment assessed at life imprisonment in the penitentiary. On a