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CULLDOZING LAWYERS.

The Crow-baiting of Witnesses Should No Longer Be Permitted.

Just by what process the custom of berating and browbeating witnesses came to be established among lawyers is not known. Presumably it comes from the hope that by working upon the indignation of the witness he can be made to lose his head, contradict himself and so lose the value of his testimony. The lawyer who first conceived this plan of cross examination was a great man and a grand originator.

He doubtless won many cases by its use. He deserves much credit for his sharpness. But the thousands of cheap imitators he has bred up in our courts are enough to blot his memory forever. Every crack-brained fledgling of the law school that has his first chance at cross examination ably takes pattern from the "powerful lawyers" he has seen in the same brutish game and squeals his abuse at his betters in the witness chair. His chief desire seems to be to make as thorough-paced an idiot of himself as possible. Judges chuckle at him, old lawyers smile at him, witnesses call him impudent when they leave the stand, and every one who hears and sees him very properly despises him.

Yet he grows up in the business and expands, and his abusive propensity increases with his fees. But bulldozing does not always win. There are finer methods of discomposing a witness than that. Dickens told of an old lawyer who never failed to discompose his victim by a much simpler and infinitely less offensive method. The old lawyer took snuff. Just as he was about to ask a vital question he would take a pinch very slowly and ceremoniously. Then he would draw out an immense red handkerchief and spread it upon his hand.

He would then put the question, screw up his eyes as if the snuff irritated him and deliberately wait in an expectant attitude before blowing his nose until the witness could answer. These tactics, so the author said, never failed to distract the victim, and his answer would invariably be halting, compromising and of inestimable value in "impressing the jury." The bulldozing lawyer will probably continue to bulldoze until the courts discourage the custom generally and thus fill a long felt want.—Chicago Post.

It Is in the Mind That Sees.

How do we see? Did you ever chance to think? I have asked quite a number of people lately, and they reply: "With our eyes, of course. How else?" or words to that effect. Did you ever realize how much of our vision is mental? We see nothing properly and definitely until the mind lends its perception. We may gaze steadfastly at a picture, yet be unable to see anything but a confused mass of color, because the mind is seeing faces and scenes a thousand miles away perhaps. Call the mental vision back, and the figures on the canvas take their proper places. At once we see the picture. Or shut your eyes. Can you not see the faces of those you love or hate as clearly as you ever saw them with the physical means of sight? How many times one glances at his watch, yet when asked the time as he replaces it in his pocket is unable to tell, simply because he looked only with the eyes and not with the mind also.—Boston Advertiser.

Inconsistency.

Customer—I thought you pretended to be a temperance man or a prohibitionist or something of that sort.
Clothier—I am, sir.
Customer—Why don't you sell prohibitionist goods then?
Clothier—How do you mean?
Customer—I got a \$1 umbrella here last week, and it came home soiled the first time I took it out. That's one thing. Three days ago I bought a pair of \$3 trousers. I noticed that they were a little full when I got them. Last night after the shower they got tighter'n any pants I ever had on, and today they're off again. Then there's that thin coat I bought here; had a regular tear Wednesday and hasn't been fit for business since. You're in fine company here if you're a temperance man. Lemme see a standup collar, if you've got one that can stand up.—Farm and Field.

Webster's Comment.

The junior counsel in a case where Daniel Webster was the senior informed the great advocate that the opposing parties were bent on securing a continuance, while the interests of his client demanded immediate decision. Among other annoyances mentioned was the fact that the other side had occupied six days cross examining one witness. When Mr. Webster appeared the next day, he soon had occasion to remark: "They ask for a continuance of this case. Why, may it please the court, they have already occupied as much time in the cross examination of one witness as it took the Almighty to create the universe."—Minneapolis Housekeeper.

His Shoes.

Wright—Those are pretty tough looking patent leather shoes you have on.
Garner—They were all right originally, but the patent has expired on them.—Exchange.

Evolution and Partridges.

A striking example of the effects of environment and changed conditions of life upon the forms of animals is furnished by a species of partridge living in the Canary Islands. About 400 years ago the Spaniards introduced the red-legged partridge from Europe into these islands, and the bird has continued to flourish there; but, as recent examination proves, it has undergone modifications clearly brought about by the conditions under which it lives.

Its back has turned from russet color to gray. This looks like a case of protective coloration, since the bird passes its life amid gray volcanic rocks.

Then its beak has become one-fourth longer and thicker than that of its ancestors and of its European relatives, and its legs also have increased in length and grown stouter.

These changes are exactly such as were needed to suit it to the life that it is now compelled to lead amid the rocks and on the mountain sides of the islands, where a more vigorous physical development is required than was needed upon the plains of England and France.

As has been remarked, if such changes can be wrought by nature in the animal form in 400 years, what might not have been accomplished in 400 centuries!—Youth's Companion.

Volatile Compounds of Lead.

Several new volatile compounds of lead have been brought to the attention of the Royal Society, London, the discovery of which, it is represented, gives a key to the solution of many difficulties which have hitherto beset investigation, and by examining the various furnace reactions of lead compounds in the light of these discoveries the result is claimed to be a true explanation, for the first time, of the metallic luster of lead, founded upon accurate knowledge. The process involved in this discovery consists in passing a stream of air through the lead ore in a Bessemer converter, by which simple means the whole of the ore is converted into pig lead or litharge or sulphate of lead, as may be required, thus enabling manufacturers to insure the product, which at the time is most profitable. No fuel is necessary, as the oxidation of the ore supplies all the heat that is essential for the purpose, and not only is all the lead obtained without loss, but the silver also without expense.—New York Sun.

Raising the Hat.

In Great Britain and in certain elements of New York society which endeavor to imitate English manners, the men, when meeting ladies of their acquaintance, refrain from doffing their hats until the fair one has bowed first, the theory being that it is necessary that, by so doing, the lady should grant permission to the man to salute her. Everywhere else, however, the men bow first, leaving the lady to acknowledge their salute or not, as she may see fit.

The continental practice of slightly raising the hat when either making way to permit a woman to pass by or else when surrendering to her one's seat in a public conveyance has been pretty generally adopted in this country, though not in England, and should be practiced no matter what the appearance or status of the woman. The mere fact that she is a woman entitles her to this courtesy, be she one of the Four Hundred or a scrubwoman.—New York World.

Camphorated Oil.

Camphorated oil occupies a prominent place in the household medicine chest. Mixed in the proportion of two parts oil and one part spirits of turpentine, it is one of the best of applications for the relief of chest colds. Apply hot on a flannel cloth and cover with a piece of cotton batting. Here is a suggestion to make the camphorated oil. Get the common cottonseed table oil, which is sold for sweet oil. Small bottles at retail stores usually cost 10 cents. Half fill a six ounce bottle with gum camphor, then fill with oil and let it stand in a very warm place overnight. The oil will take up only just so much of camphor, and when it is used off fill with oil again, repeating the process until the camphor is dissolved. This is cheap and clean and will not soil clothing.—New York Times.

Danger in Phonetic Spelling.

An extraordinary story of the danger of phonetic spelling is told by an Australian paper. A Scandinavian named Ole Baumgartz, who is established in Australia as a schoolmaster, was astonished and outraged one day by the receipt of the following missive: "Old Boom guts is queer. Cur, ass, you ar a man of no legs, I wish to inter my bowie in your skull." A conference was held, and the writer, a newcomer, was visited by a body of inhabitants and asked indignantly to read his letter aloud and what he meant by it. He read: "Ole Baumgartz, Esq. Sir—As you are a man of knowledge, I wish to enter my boy in your school."

Difference in Mothers.

The German mother says that should she by accident lose the heel of her shoe one of her children will die before the year is out, while should a French lady meet with such an accident to her high-heeled slippers disappointment in love is sure to follow.—Philadelphia Press.

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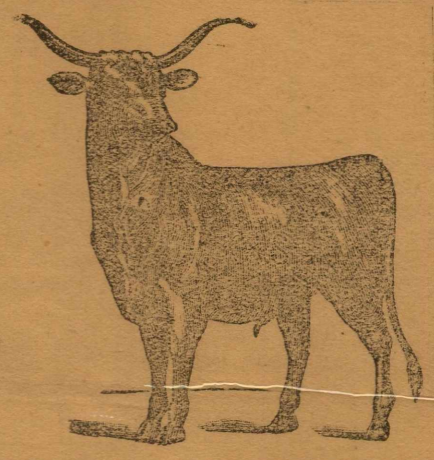
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Stock News.

W. J. Fields bought from K-yes
Tawette, 200 cows at \$8.00.
W. J. Fields bought from G.
W. Whitehead & Sons, 200 cows
at \$8.00.
J. K. Haynes of Edwards county
sold to W. J. Fields 70 head of
cows at \$8.00.
White & Hyles sold to Mitchell
of Runnels county, 1500 sheep at
\$1.50 per head.
Dr. J. B. Taylor bought 1900 3
year old steers from Godair & Co.,
at \$12.50 per head.
Geo. and Mrs. G. L. McDowell
of Crockett county sold 1400 head
of stock sheep to John T. Cooper
and O. T. Word at 71 cents per
head.
Major John Allison was in from
the ranch this week. He reports
having had two good rains out his
way and that the cattle are doing
fine, he has about 30 head of steers
fit to ship to the Territory.
O. T. Word didn't go as far as
Midland. After remaining a day or
two's journey from Ozona and en-
countering dead stock on each side
of the road he concluded that he
was jumping out of the frying pan
into the fire, so he turned back and
passed through Ozona Saturday
on his way home.—Ozona Courier.

Ship from San Angelo.

We are now pre-
pared to furnish
double deck cars
in any quantity on
short notice, and
will furnish a spe-
cial train for 10 or
more cars of sheep
and will see that
all sheep shipments
receive good ser-
vice enroute to mar-
ket.

M. J. Dooley,

Agent, C C & S F. Ry.

Commission for Selling Wool.

Kerrville, Texas, March 24, 1894.
E. N. Halbert, Secretary Sutton
County Live Stock Association,
Sonora, Texas.
Dear Sir.—In reply to your
favor of the 19th inst. beg to say
that our charges are 2 1/2 per cent
commission for selling and handling
wool and lately we have added
25 cents per bag for storage and
insurance, on charges made for in-
surance etc., on bags or packets
weighing less than 100 pounds.
Formerly we only charged 2 1/2
per cent commission and paid the
insurance etc., out of that, but
since the wool is so low, selling
last fall from 6 1/2 to 8 1/2 cents
per pound, the 2 1/2 per cent com-
mission did not pay the insurance
and expenses for handling the
wool any more, so I had to add 25
cents per bag for storage, insurance
etc., but my charges now are about
half of what they charge at San
Angelo and prices we have hereto-
fore obtained here for wool, were,
compared with San Angelo and
other markets, much better also.
In case wool should go on an
average to 10 cents per pound or
over, our charges will only be
2 1/2 per cent commission and no
charges made for storage and in-
surance, but no matter how low
the price of wool may go our charges
will not be more than 2 1/2 per
cent commission for handling and
selling the wool and 25 cents per
bag for storage and insurance—
that will include EVERY ITEM of
cost on the wool.
Would be glad to handle the
bulk of the wool of your district
and will do everything in my
power to please and satisfy your
people, as I know they have a
hard road to travel.
Yours truly,
S. CHAS. SCHREINER.

Chicago, March 23, 1894.
Texas Devil's River News:
Texas cattle receipts have been
liberal this week but prices have
not been very much lower, as
they were selling below any other
class of cattle according to their
value for the last three months.
We think that 80 per cent of the
meal and corn-fed Texas cattle
have been marketed and the
scarcity of good native butchers'
stock will give us better prices for
Texas cattle until grass cattle come
to the market. The best steers
of 1100 to 1300 lbs., selling at \$3.40
to \$3.65; good 950 to 1050 lb steers,
\$3.10 to 3.25; fair lots, \$2.85 to 3.00;
good cows and heifers, \$2.50 to
2.70; common to fair lots, \$2.00 to
2.50; bulls and stags, \$2.75.
SHEEP—Receipts of sheep and
lambs for this week will foot up
about 51,000, against 57,327 same
time last week. The trade during
the week has been active and firm,
prices advancing from day to day.
At the close of today's market
prices on common to medium
grades are close to 50c higher than
the close of last week, while the
heavier grades are only 25c
higher; lambs have advanced
from 25 to 40c—we sold for D. C.
Earl, of Fairbury, Neb., 525 prime
lambs, averaging 117 lbs., at \$1.75;
they were taken for export pur-
poses and go to Liverpool. The
general prices were from \$4.25 to
4.50. In case receipts are not too
heavy, the coming week we look
for prices to advance still higher,
especially on the good to prime
heavy, as there is quite a good de-
mand on export account, and we
would not be surprised if \$4.50
were paid for prime heavy export-
ers. Yours respectfully,
KEENAN & SONS.

There is a revival in Texas wool
this week. We note sales of 13-
000 pounds fine fall at 55c, costing
scoured, 30c, and 55,000 fine
spring, year's growth, at a clean
cost of 35c. Our reports from
Texas are discouraging. Westward
from San Antonio, in Uvalde, Val
Verde, Maverick and in the
trans Pecos district no rains
of any consequence have fallen for
three years, and the sheep have
become so reduced in flesh that
losses the past winter have been
heavy. In Lampasas and adjoining
counties the sheep are in better
condition. On the whole, every-
thing promises a considerably re-
duced clip from Texas and wools of
a somewhat heavier character than
usual. Shearing in the short wool
sections will commence in about
four weeks. There is still held in
Galveston about 350,000 pounds of
year's growth wool mostly by com-
mission houses who have made
large advances upon it and who
can hardly get out whole on to-
day's market.—Boston Wool Re-
porter.

From San Angelo Standard.
William B. Evans, one of Menard
ville's prominent business men,
was married to Miss Addie Nixon,
daughter of James Nixon, at the
residence of the bride's father on
Tuesday night, March 20th. No
cards.
Wilson, Tankersley & Williams
have entered suit against the fol-
lowing parties for against. They
are all sheepmen who drove their
flocks through the county's pas-
ture: Arthur Anderson, Mitchell
county; O. L. Thompson, S. M.
county; Robert Thompson, Pat Mc-
Hugh and Walter Fielding, John
Noll, Henry E. Hart, Tom Green
Co.; Geo. Burger, Concho County;
Wm. Gidword and others, Glass-
cock county; and two others, 35
cents per pound in Coke county.
This is the beginning of a regular crusade
sheepmen found drifting flocks.
G. S. Long, the extensive mutton
manipulator, favored the Standard
with an interview this week. He
has not purchased a single mutton
so far this season and explains it
on the ground that the prices asked
for the few fat mutton in the
country are too high for the prices
ranging at present in Chicago. To
purchase them at present prices
would include the expense of hold-
ing them till the market strength-
ened, and the risk of losing con-
siderable flesh getting them over
short range to the railroad. He
thinks that there is not over 20 or
25 thousand fat muttons in the
whole country tributary to Angelo
and they are away down in the
Sonora country where they have
been fed so far. As soon as the
range and market improves a little
he will be in the field to pay every
cent that they are worth.—San
Angelo Standard.

Many Persons are broken
down from iron or household cars.
Brown's Iron Bitters Relieves the
system, aids digestion, removes excess of life
and restores vitality. Get the genuine.

Sheep Raising in Texas.
From small beginnings, back in
the 50's, the sheep industry has
worked its way up through all the
changes of prosperity and hard-
times to its present position, which,
in the western half of the state,
stands first among its great indus-
tries. In the early days of the
business the vast ranges, with
their streams and rivers, were
free to the use of flockowners.
Herds could be grazed and watered
wherever they wished. The Mexi-
can shepherd is an important fig-
ure with us. His wants are few and
easily supplied, and the majority
are not unfaithful to their trust—
often exhibiting rare evidence of
interest and devotion to the
wages paid average about \$12 per
month and his food, which consists
of "frijoles" (beans), cheap flour,
or corn meal, coffee, sugar, fresh
goat meat or mutton, and some-
times a small allowance of bacon—
the total cost amounting to about
\$5 per month. The opinion, how-
ever, prevails that they are not as
reliable, a class, now-a-days as
they were in days gone by. I
would seem as though they easily
acquire all of our vices and none
of our virtues. The shearing is
principally done by them, for
which they receive on an average
about three cents per head and
generally they do their work well.
They are a shiftless, improvident
class rarely saving anything aside
for old age, depending for support,
when the storms of life have over-
taken them, upon their relations
and friends, which is always cheer-
fully given.
The first attempts at improve-
ment were made by the breeding of
Ohio and Vermont rams to Mexican
ewes, which in appearance and
value were little removed from
the common goat. Strangely
the first cross as a rule was more
satisfactory where the ram was
pure blood than the second cross,
as sooner or later the Mexican
blood would assert itself. After
years of patient breeding and cul-
ling, the result has been a fairly
good class of high grade sheep,
shearing on an average about 7
pounds of medium to fine wool.
There are, however, many flocks
in the state that average 10 pounds,
and some few as high as twelve
pounds of heavy, greasy wool,
which, when scoured, averaged
70 per cent shrinkage, and in some
few instances 80 per cent. The
profit upon these heavy-wooled
sheep, up to the past two years,
has been large; but, apparently,
Western buyers have got tired of
paying wool prices for Texas
grease and dirt, and paying the
freight on it besides, consequently
this class of wools have been a
drug on the market, and will, we
fear continue to be so. Neither is
this class of sheep desirable for
mutton—they are small in size,
rarely exceeding 85 pounds at four
years old; unshapely, even when
fat and put on the market—killing
out badly, rarely exceeding 46 per
cent—and not of late years in de-
mand by feeders except at a dis-
count. The lighter grade sheep
have not all of the above faults, but
are far enough removed from the
ideal sheep, "mutton and wool
combined," to the obtaining of
which sheepmen should bend their
energies in this Western country.
The cause for the above condition
may be found in the necessity of
introducing density and weight
into the light crosses from the
Mexican sheep, and in days gone
by when wool commanded so
many cents per pound in Texas,
regardless of its quality, it was
rather that kind of wool. I have
often seen some of the leading
sheepmen of the state selecting
rams, solely with a view to "grease
and wrinkles." However, it is
apparent to all intelligent observ-
ers of the sheep industry in Texas
that the necessity for reorganiza-
tion upon new lines is at hand.
Numbers, regardless of their char-
acter, like many other things in
Texas, will soon be things of the
past. When we call to mind the
vast ranges, their cheapness,
healthfulness, peculiar adaptability
to sheep raising, abundance of
cheap labor, in short every thing
in our favor except cheap transporta-
tion, and we may also get that in
the future, we see no reason to
despair of the future of sheep
raising in Texas. It only remains
for those interested in the success
of the business to bring to bear
energy, economy, and good judg-
ment in the production of a new
class of sheep from the ruins of
the present condition, that will
meet the increasing demand for
choice mutton and at the same
time yield a fair return of clean,
long staple wool. TRAVELER.
—An American Sheep Breeder.

Resigned by Silver Men.
Washington, March 21—Presi-
dent Cleveland's private office at
the executive mansion was the
center of unusual activity to-day.
The leading silver men of Congress
appeared before him to urge
that he sign the Bland silver stor-
age bill. At one time there
were fifteen of them about the
president earnestly pleading with
him.
Representative McMillin of the
ways and means committee was
just back from a visit to his state,
which satisfied him, he said that
a silver veto meant political disaster.
Representatives Tucker and
Wise of Virginia were there, with
the junior Virginia senator, Mr.
Houston, on the same mission.
Representatives Patterson of
Tennessee, Wheeler of Alabama,
Caruth of Kentucky, Black of Illi-
nois and Sibley of Pennsylvania
added to the formidable gathering
of congressional leaders. Every
one of the callers was an ardent
silver man, except possibly Rep-
resentative Black, and he, too was
there to urge that the people of
Illinois wanted the Bland bill
signed.
Representative McMillin of Ten-
nessee said that no democrat would
be elected to congress in his state
who would endorse a silver veto.
Representative Bryan of Nebraska
took for his text the significant
fact that the center of population
in the United States was 800 miles
west of New York. He said that
the northwestern people, whether
right or wrong, feared the presi-
dent closed his eyes to them and
thought only of the east.
Mr. Cleveland interposed to say
that he knew no section, and that
he had the deepest desire to act
for the welfare of the whole peo-
ple, east and west alike.
Representatives Sibley and
McDonald voiced the views of
Indiana and Illinois, respectively.
Then occurred a striking scene,
which will long be remembered by
the representatives present.
Mr. McCulloch, son of the ex-
secretary, and now an Indiana
banker, had urged that the western
bankers were not afraid of an over-
supply of silver. He instanced
his own bank, in which he said
there was a constant call for silver.
The metal was never on hand in
quantities greater than the de-
mand. The people seem to hoard
it as much as any other class of
money.
At this point President Cleve-
land framed a reply to the many
pleas which had been pouring in
upon him, and which, up to this
point, he had not attempted to
answer or parry except for casual
remarks. He stood beside his
large desk, with one hand resting
on it, and spoke to the fifteen or
twenty earnest men before him.
His words came slowly and with
deep earnestness. He spoke of
his anxiety to help the congress-
men and their people by such
action as would be best for the
whole country. It was a question
above majorities in congress or of
any other personal or selfish con-
sideration. He told them that
they had his sympathy and that
he earnestly wished that he was at
liberty to look at the matter and
act solely from their point of view.
In fact, nothing would please him
more than to leave the matter to
be settled by congress. But con-
gress had turned it over to him,
and upon him rested the responsi-
bility which he could not and
would not evade. The perform-
ance of his full duty obliged him
to consider, not the interests of
this or that section, but the welfare
of the whole people, and that duty
he should endeavor to discharge
to the best of his ability. To that
end he had sought information
from all courses and heard all in-
terests. He intended to take all
of the facts into consideration and
to base his decision upon the con-
viction he should reach as to the
interest of the whole people. The
president spoke feeling of the
gravity of the responsibility thus
imposed upon him by the differ-
ences in various localities. He
pointed out some of the features
against the bill. He did not say
they were fatal defects, yet the
tendency of his statement was
to show that he could not yet recon-
cile himself to the views the silver
men had expressed.
Mr. Cleveland spoke for fully
five minutes.

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St. Joseph, Mo., March 23—
(Copyrighted 1894 by W. T. Fos-
ter.)—My last bulletin gave fore-
cast of the storm wave to cross
the continent from the 24 to 28 h
and the next will reach the Pacific
coast about the 29 h, cross the
western mountains by the close of
the 30th, the great central valley
from the 31st and April 2, this
Eastern States about the 3rd. This
will be a severe storm and its
course should be carefully watched
as it crosses the continent. It
will probably be at its greatest
force in middle Canada and the
great central valleys.
The second storm wave of April
will reach the Pacific coast about
April 3, cross the western moun-
tains by the close of the 4th, the
great central valleys from the 5th
to 7th and the Eastern States
about the 8th. This will also be a
severe storm at its greatest force
in and west of the great central
valleys.
The latter part of March and
the first half of April will be so
crowded with weather disturbances
that the regular storm waves will
become somewhat irregular, fair
weather days will be few and far
between and severe storms may
strike on any day.
The warm wave will cross
the western mountains about
March 29 and April 3rd, the great
central valleys 31st and April 5th,
the Eastern States April 2nd and
7th.
The cool wave will cross the
western mountains about April 1
and 6, the great central valleys
about the 3d, and 8th and the
Eastern States about the 5th and
10th.
For April the whole temperature
of the United States will average
above, while at a few locations
the temperature will average be-
low. This will bring what is called
an early spring in the extreme
North-Western States and Canada, a
late February brought a late
spring in the south, just as pre-
dicted in these bulletins. Farm
work will probably be retarded by
rains during the first part of April
east of the Missouri and near and
east of the lower Mississippi.

Poster's Predictions Being
Verified.
A Local Newspaper.
Dallas, Tex., March 24.—Major
J. G. Randle is behind the bars of
the county jail tonight with twenty
years sentence staring him in the
face. The result was a surprise to
the public, as the tactics of the
defense and the prestige of the
great lawyers who preferred Randle
lead the majority of citizens to
believe that there was no hope of
conviction. Col. W. S. Crawford,
Supreme Judge John S. Henry,
Col. S. H. Russell, the leaders
of the Dallas bar, put up the greatest
fight of their lives and all to
no purpose. Judge Chas. F. C. in-
terposed the jury on murder in the
first and second degree and man-
slaughter at 1 o'clock. At 3 o'clock
in just two hours a verdict of mur-
der in the second degree was reach-
ed and a twenty years sentence was
imposed. Maj. Randle was crush-
ed by the verdict but had little to
say. He is now 55 years old.
The Roe-Reid Tragedy.
Bastrop, Tex., March 24.—The
county authorities have returned
from investigating the Roe-Reid
tragedy and give the following
version of the affair:
Last Friday night Reid was
present at a dance given at Claude
Roe's home. A dispute came up
between the two about paying for
the music, which terminated in a
fight, and Roe was knocked down
two or three times. Mutual friends
interfered and things were tem-
porarily quieted until the day of
the killing, when Roe went to his
father's, Mr. William Roe, where
Reid was working, and going down
in the field where his brother and
Reid were plowing, the row was
renewed. It seems that both parties
left the field and went to the
house. Reid went into his room
and was changing his shoes at the
time of the shooting, though it is
said he was attempting to draw his
knife when shot.
Roe was placed under a bond of
\$1000 to answer to the grand jury.
Romantic Wedding.
Llano, Llano Co., Tex., March
23—A very romantic wedding
took place here this evening. The
contracting parties are Mr. R. L.
Speck and Miss Annie Denton.
It seems that the father of the
bride was opposed to the match,
and was doing everything possible
to keep them apart. About ten
days ago Mr. Speck in company
with a brother of the young lady
came in and secured a license for
them to marry, and as the young
lady was under age they produced
an order from the father for the
license, but he finding it out, came
in bringing his daughter with him,
and swore out a complaint against
Speck, charging him with forging
the order for the license. The old
gentleman in the meantime kept a
close watch on the girl, taking her
with him wherever he went. To-
day the case was brought before
Justice E. W. Farmer on an exami-
ning trial. Attorney Johnson, for
the state, introduced two witness-
es, one of whom was a sister of the
bride. She swore that her brother
Bob wrote the order for the license.
Attorney Johnson then stepped
into the county judge's office to
procure Miss Annie preparatory to
pleading her on the stand as a
witness against her lover. Find-
ing her seemingly an unwilling
witness, he questioned her as to
her feelings toward Speck. He
soon found that she was anxious
for the marriage and was willing
to marry Speck any time. Mr.
Johnson told her he would let
Speck in to her, and going into the
courtroom, he informed him of the
situation. Speck went in to see her
and in five minutes County Judge
Moore made them man and wife.
The whole matter was kept so
quiet that no suspicion of what was
going on had got out till the cere-
mony was over. When it was
made known in the courtroom the
crowd that had collected to witness
the trial hurried into the hallway
and made known their approval by
their loud demonstrations of joy,
and covered the young couple with
congratulations. Attorney John-
son immediately on the part of the
state moved, as there was no case
against the accused, he be dis-
charged. There was great excite-
ment over the fine, and the
sympathies of the people were en-
tirely with the young folk. All
the parties live on Wright's creek
five miles north of town. The
groom is a hard-working young
farmer. The bride is a beautiful
and intelligent young lady about
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I could hardly get around the house. I hardly
knew what a good night's rest was. The hip
trouble caused me great trouble and annoyance,
and eczema appeared on my neck and face. I
began to run down, was weak and low spiri-
ted. The physician told me my hip would have
to be operated upon before I would get any better.
At last I decided to take one bottle of Hood's
Sarsaparilla. My hip has been restored
to good condition, the ulcers have scupped, the
eczema disappeared and I found that
I was on my feet again.
This was very encouraging, and I found that I
could sleep well at night. My health steadily
improved, and, of course, I continued taking
Hood's Sarsaparilla. My hip has been restored
to good condition, the ulcers have scupped, the
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I do earnestly recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla
to all sufferers, especially those afflicted with
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A. J. Swearingen, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Sutton county, at the November election.

For District Attorney.
Eugene Cartledge, for the office of District Attorney of the 5th, Judicial district at the November election.

"Get in the road" if you are out for office.

Don't put off 'till next week what can be done this. Announce now.

WOODFORD (1881) WHISKEY
is the finest article that has ever sailed over the San Angelo bars. No headache guaranteed. For sale only at the Corner Saloon. San Angelo.

Read The Devil's River News

NOTICE-TAX SALE.

Notice is hereby given that I, J. L. DAVIS, Tax Collector of the County of Sutton, have by virtue of the power in me vested, seized and levied upon each of the following described tracts of land situated in said county, to satisfy the unpaid taxes as assessed thereon and now due for the year 1893, together with all costs accrued thereon, the assessment rolls of which are now in my hands showing that the taxes as hereinafter enumerated on the said lands have not been paid, and that I will by virtue of the aforesaid premises sell the same for cash to the highest bidder, at public outcry, at the Court House door of Sutton County, in such manner as the law directs, and between legal hours, on the first Tuesday in April, 1894, being the third day of said month, and will continue such sale until said lands are disposed of, described as follows:

UNRENDERED.

OWNER.	Acres	ORIGINAL GRANTEE.	Acres	Tax & Costs.
Unknown	150 2283	24 G C & S F Ry Co.	609 6 10	\$12 55
do	596 405	531 Adolph Neuber	321	7 65
do	521 0 193	24 J. W. Rieley	6 0	12 86
do	807 275	E. L. Hoffman	6 0	12 86
do	816 135	G. B. Fields	6 0	12 86
do	817 114	do	6 0	12 86
do	818 109	do	6 0	12 86
do	819 108	do	6 0	12 86
do	821 0 035	11 T W & N G Ry Co.	496 1 4	10 27
do	827 195	W. A. Fields	6 0	12 86
do	828 131	do	6 0	12 86
do	829 115	do	6 0	12 86
do	830 107	do	6 0	12 86
do	831 151	A. J. Winkler	6 0	12 86
do	833 387	15 G F M C Ry Co.	2 0	12 86
do	845 18 1027	Day Land & Cattle Co.	673 1 3	13 40
do	836 58 1928	do	300	7 36

NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

Mrs. Sallie Hoffman	529 16 37	73 S P R R Co.	649	12 86
EM Blood & David W Adams	470 30 77	29 G C & S F Ry Co.	721	8 52
W S Smith, Est Joo Twaing	21 201	532 Andreas Bilo	49	3 15
do	21 201	532 do	123	4 44
J S Spafford	704 6 55	27 T W & N G Ry Co.	640	12 86
do	585 6 70	do	480	10 27
A J Knox	197 373	11 D & S B Ry Co.	640	12 86
J C Campbell	84 1161	11 E L & R R Ry Co.	610	12 86
do	85 1161	do	640	12 86
Christian & Crocker	650 0 279	63 T W & N G Ry Co.	640	12 86

TOWN LOTS.

OWNER.	Town.	No. of lot.	Block.	Tax & Cost.
Unknown	Sonora	3 & 4	Q.	\$5 54
do	do	1	P.	2 77
do	do	2	S.	2 77
do	do	2	W. 9	2 77
do	do	3	W. 10	2 77
do	do	2, 3, 5 & 6	W. 18	11 08
do	do	6	W. 21	2 77
do	do	2 & 3	W. 22	5 53
do	do	1	W. 23	2 77
do	do	1	W. 25	2 77
do	do	1	W. 29	2 77
do	do	1	W. 30	2 77
do	do	7 & 10	W. 38	5 54
do	do	2	W. 35	2 77
do	do	3	W. 35	2 77
do	do	3	W. 8	2 96
A. R. Jones	do	3, 4 & 5	1.	7 92
Juan Gomez	do	2 & 3	W. 24	5 54
Jim Bradberry	do	do	do	do

J. L. DAVIS, Sheriff and Tax Collector,
Sutton County, Texas.

Improved horse powers and pumping jacks and large eypress cisterns for sale at half price.

69-124 Inquire at Dr. J. B. Taylor's ranch.

Great Flow of Water.

One of the most wonderful artesian wells in Southwest Texas has just been struck in McMullen county on the ranch of Dr. J. B. Taylor of this city.

The first information the doctor had of the great strike was contained in a telegram which he received Monday, stating that the well drillers had struck a remarkable subterranean basin or current of water at a depth of only 300 feet and that the flow from the mouth of the 8-inch casing rose to a perpendicular height of fifty feet. The great volume of water, the telegram stated, was sweeping everything away in that neighborhood and could not be controlled.

Dr. Taylor was greatly rejoiced upon learning of the wonderful strike of water and he left for his ranch Monday evening accompanied by an expert and necessary appliances for controlling the flow. -San Antonio Express.

Peter Jager, San Angelo, manufacturer and dealer in marble slabs, tombstones, monuments, and all kinds of marble works, solicits your trade. \$2 a year for the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

Dan Cauthorn the sheepman, was in Sonora a few days this week.

Go to SAM BUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for fine Imported Brandy, Imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars. 17-1f

R. E. & W. P. Covington, are drilling a well about a mile and a half west of town for Sam Stokes.

Call on Zenker & Maers at the Favorite Saloon, when in San Angelo, take a glass of their cool beer and you will continue to call every time you chance that way. 38-1f

In the announcement column this week will be seen the name of A. J. Swearingen as a candidate for the office of assessor. Mr. Swearingen is well known in this section of the country having been elected County Attorney at the last election, but owing to pressure of business at that time he resigned. We think if he gets elected he will fill the office to the best of his ability.

J. A. Caldwell dealer in wool, hides, furs, gins, hay, etc., San Angelo, has opened a first-class free wagon yard in the rear of his warehouse. Good water and sheds. He solicits the patronage of the Devil's River County. 101-1f.

Frank Lurge the sheepman returned to the ranch from Crockett county last week. He was in town for supplies Monday and says that he will give a dance when he gets 15 cents a pound for his wool.

Church Notes.

Go to church to-night to-morrow and to-morrow night.

Come to Sunday School early that the preaching service may begin at 11 sharp.

R-v. Covington, Baptist minister will hold services in the church tomorrow at the usual hours.

R-v. J. W. Cunningham is subscription agent in Sonora for "Scenes from Every Land." Edited by Gen. Lew Wallace, author of Ben Hur, Prince of India, etc. This is a fine work and has over five hundred photographic views making a very instructive work.

Parents and guardians of over and unders who attended the 1893 public school are requested to settle for same with the trustees, W. A. Stewart, S. G. Taylor or T. F. Thomason.

Alice Hagerlund entertained the following little friends at an Easter egg hunt, on Easter Monday, at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. John W. Hagerlund:

Clara Allison, Myrtle Cusenbary, Myrtle Colson, Christian Hemphill, Ella DeBerry, Masters Mertz Bishop and L. L. Jones.

They hunted Easter eggs, played games and had light refreshments.

H. H. Sheard the sheepman was in Sonora this week.

Dr. J. B. Taylor, was in Sonora this week looking after some trades.

C. C. Hammonds was in town Monday working up some trades.

G. H. McDonald was in from the ranch Monday ordering some rain.

John Rieley, the well known sheepman was in Sonora Monday on law and land business.

James Robson, who is ranching with Mollenhauer & Hedden, was in Sonora Monday.

Wm. Mollenhauer of the firm of Mollenhauer & Hedden was in Sonora Monday. Mr. Mollenhauer has brought back his sheep from Devil's river where he had them all winter.

See the World's Fair for Fifteen Cents.

Upon receipt of your address and five cents in postage stamps, we will mail you prepaid our SEASON'S PORTFOLIO OF THE WORLD'S COTTAGES. Extra postage the regular price is Fifty cents, but as we want you to have one, we make the price nominal. You will find it a work of art and a thing to be prized. It contains full page views of the great buildings, with descriptions of same, and is executed in highest style of art. If not satisfied with it, we will refund the stamps and let you keep the book. Address, H. E. BUCKLEN & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Max Mayer, of the firm of F. Mayer & Sons, was in Sonora Tuesday, he is rounding up the firm's cattle in the different pastures so as to have them ready for shipment.

She Would Neither Paint nor Powder.

"I positively will not use cosmetics," said a young lady to the writer, "my complexion is so bad that it occasions me constant mortification. What can I do to get rid of these dreadful blotches?" "Take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," was my prompt reply. "Your complexion indicates that you are suffering from functional derangements. Remove the cause of the blotches and your cheeks will soon wear the hue of health. The Favorite Prescription is a wonderful remedy for all diseases peculiar to your sex. Its proprietors guarantee to return the money if it does not give satisfaction. But it never fails. Try it." The lady followed my advice, and now her complexion is as clear as a babe's, and she enjoys better health than she has for many years.

To permanently cure constipation, biliousness and sick-headache, take Dr. Pierce's Peppermint. Of dealers.

Stage Driver Arrested.

San Angelo, Tex., March 25.—J. McGee, the stage driver, who, upon arrival at Sherwood, Irion county, on the night of the 14th, reported that he had been held up by two masked men at the point of a Winchester and the mail and express rifle and all the valuables taken, was arrested at Sherwood last night by Deputy United States Marshal Broome, charged with the robbery. The preliminary trial is set for Monday before the United States commissioner.

PECULIAR in combination, proportion and preparation of ingredients, Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses great curative value. You should TRY IT.

J. F. Baumann, who had been living in this country for the past year, died on March 17th, near St. Louis, on his way home to Belleville, Ill. The Devil's River News sympathizes with his friends and relatives.

Our trip from Sonora last Saturday was agreeable. The green of the weeds, grass and shrubs being a pleasant sight to the stockman and all others interested in the country's welfare. A meet the entire country between Sonora and San Angelo has had splendid rains and two weeks of warm weather will bring weeds and grass to such an advanced stage that mutton and cattle may be brought to this place for shipment successfully. Cattle shipments to the Territory is at present occupying the full attention of commission men and shippers and the prospects are good for a prosperous year. The sheep market is brightening and the demand at Chicago on the 26th inst., was active with 10,000 head on the market that day the prices advanced 15 to 25 cents per hundred. A close watch is being kept by prospective buyers as to the condition of muttons but we do not expect to see any activity in the local market until there is a general rain and a few weeks of warm weather. The fact that the Sonora country has thousands of fat mutton for the early market is admitted by those who have visited that country and looked at the flocks, but as we said before nothing will be done until the most conservative man is satisfied that the rains are general.

We find that the commercial interests of San Angelo have not suffered materially by the general depression of the past twelve months. There has not been a failure of any kind, which fact speaks wonders for the stability, integrity and business ability of the merchants, bankers and business men of this surprisingly progressive community. As a matter of course, business is now being conducted on a most conservative basis, which, although working a hardship on the stockmen for the present will bear good fruit for the benefit of all.

The wool commission men are not particularly buoyant as to the outlook for the spring clip but expect a slight improvement on the prices received last fall.

The residence portion of San Angelo has improved to a surprising extent. The residences that have been built in the year are of neat and substantial construction in fact a drive around the city is an agreeable surprise to one who has always been a believer in San Angelo's future.

All Free.

Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on the advertised Druggist and get a Trial Bottle, Free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills Free, as well as a copy of mine to Health and Household Instructor, Free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and cost you nothing. W. H. Cusenbary & Co. Druggists.

In this issue the name of Eugene Cartledge appears in the announcement column as a candidate for election to the office of district attorney. Mr. Cartledge is a man of sound business judgment and for the past four years has been an untiring worker in his chosen profession at San Angelo and Robert Lee. He is young of great energy and asks the voters of Sutton county to consider his candidacy.

The Blood is the source of health. Keep it pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is peculiar to itself, and superior in strength, economy, and medicinal merit.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, carefully prepared from the best ingredients. 25c.

"Marching on to Washington" is the cry of "General" Coxe, who now has the distinction of being the biggest crank that ever sprung a scheme. Mr. Coxe, an imaginative individual had a scheme to put money in circulation and make prosperity without producing wealth. He expected to start from Massillon, Ohio, on Easter Sunday, with one million other cranks, tramps &c., their object being to present themselves to congress and demand that that body that the printing presses be set at work and kept going until five hundred million dollars be printed and that that amount be proportioned among the different states according to the mileage of

each state. The start was made at the appointed time, but a hundred instead of a million was the number. Many have started from other points, but they have trouble, all of them in getting along towards Washington.—Ballinger Ledger.

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THE MANIA.

It is not the sea, but the man who is the cause of the mania.

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"POPE'S NIGHT" IN MARBLEHEAD.

Tenacity With Which One New England Town Clings to Old Customs.

Marblehead, that curious Massachusetts fishing town, which has figured so prominently in every war in New England's history, is famous for the rough dialect, quaint expressions and unfettered independence of its people.

Here some queer old time customs prevail that have died away elsewhere in the United States.

"My business detaining me in Marblehead for a few days one November," said a commercial traveler,

"interrupted the first evening by a tremendous blowing of horns and beating of drums and tin pans in the street."

Looking out of the window, I saw a long line of boys and girls marching down the street in double file, carrying torches.

Their faces were blackened; they were clad in long, white gowns, and as they shouted and performed antics the townspeople, who had turned out to view the procession, applauded the spectacle.

This strange procession paraded up and down through the town until bedtime. All the while huge bonfires, a part of the celebration, were blazing down near the water's edge.

"Upon inquiring as to the meaning of this weird spectacle, I learned that the children were carrying out their annual custom of celebrating what is known to them as 'Pope's Night.'"

It is doubtful if any of them ever heard of Guy Fawkes or the gunpowder plot, but they know that the evening of Nov. 5 is a legitimate time for them to indulge in all sorts of mischief.

The town was settled in 1638, just 24 years after the exposure of Guy Fawkes' conspiracy, by people from the islands of Jersey and Guernsey and from the west of England.

The first comers undoubtedly brought this quaint celebration across the Atlantic to their new home, and it has survived to be observed today, more than 250 years after the founding of the town.—New York Sun.

At a Dutch Window.

You impatiently scale six or seven square inches of ice from the window of the room which looks upon the street and seek diversion in the outer scenes.

The houses of brick red and yellow brick, with their staircase gables, cloaked precisely in nice white snow, upon which the pallid gold of the January sunlight shines mildly, are pretty enough to behold.

Quite likely, too, as you peer forth you meet the eyes of a chubby, sympathetic Dutch maiden or full-blown citizeness in her room opposite.

The lady, you perceive, has a retort set in ivory and congealed as can be seen from the window—unfading indications that the temperature of her room is very agreeable.

She has also a subtle arrangement of mirrors outside the window, so that siding by the double panes she can see a great deal of what happens in the street both ways.

No wonder the dear soul is able to meet your gaze with an expression of serene self-satisfaction that is never becoming, and which in your situation enhances to you such beauty as she may possess.—All the Year Round.

The Two Pairs of Fetters.

Some years ago a fierce war waged in India between the English and Tipu Sahib. On one occasion several English officers were taken prisoners; among them was one named Baird.

One day a native officer brought in fetters to be put on each of the prisoners, the wounded not excepted. Baird had been severely wounded and was suffering from pain and weakness.

A gray haired officer said to the native official: "You will not think of putting chains upon that wounded man?"

"There are just as many pairs of fetters as there are captives," was the answer, "and every pair must be worn."

"Then," said the noble officer, "put two pairs on me. I will wear his as well as my own."

This was done. Strange to say, Baird lived to regain his freedom—lived to take the city, but his noble friend died in prison. This was indeed a noble act—to bear a heavy burden for another, which that other could not bear for himself.—New York Advertiser.

Cholly's Dilemma.

"What's the matter, Cholly?" said a friend of that young man, who dropped in just as he was getting ready to go out for the evening.

"I'm in a daze of a worry."

"What about?"

"Too many gulls gave me neckties four weeks, don't you know."

"That's nothing to be troubled over."

"Oh, yes, it is. I tell you it's next to impossible to keep track of which gull gave which necktie, so I won't wear the wrong tie to see the right gull, don't you know. And yet if I go away I just bet they will say it was egawwitt!"—New York Clipper.

Good Logic.

"My dear," timidly ventured Mr. N. Peck as his wife stood at the ticket window arguing with the agent,

"there are more than 40 people behind you getting madder every minute."

"I don't care," snapped Mrs. Peck. "Forty people are not going to get any madder than just one."—Indianapolis Journal.

Beginning Afresh.

Mr. Vexill (angrily)—I hate a woman who always contradicts everything a man says. If I don't, I'm an idiot.

Mrs. Vexill (sweetly)—Well, dear, I'll turn over a new leaf and commence right now by not contradicting you.—New York Herald.

The Imperial Eagle.

The imperial eagle, the largest of the species known, flies to a height of from 10,000 to 15,000 feet. It is a native of South America, and its habitat is among the lofty mountains of that country.

Its power of flying to high altitudes is only exceeded by the condor of the Andes, which is said to have attained the height of six miles, or within one mile of the greatest height ever attained by a balloon.

The eagle sails in the air at heights ranging from three to five miles, and when seen to soar upward by an observer on the earth's surface disappears from sight in about three minutes.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Patronize Our Advertisers.

If You Want Cash Customers

Advertise in the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS,

Language of Postage Stamps.

Of late years the postage stamp has been invested with a language of its own.

When a stamp is inverted on the right hand upper corner, it means the person written to is to write no more.

If the stamp be placed on the left hand upper corner inverted, then the writer declares his affection for the receiver of the letter.

When the stamp is in the center at the top, it signifies an affirmative answer to a question or the questions, as the case may be, and when it is at the bottom it is a negative.

Should the stamp be on the right hand corner at a right angle, it asks the question if the receiver of the letter loves the sender, while in the left hand corner means that the writer hates the other.

There is a shade of difference between desiring one's acquaintance and friendship.

For example, the stamp at the upper corner at the right expresses the former and the lower left hand corner means the latter.

The stamp on a line with the surname is an offer of love; in the same place, only reversed, signifies that the writer is engaged.

To say farewell the stamp is placed straight up and down in the left hand corner.—Baltimore Every Saturday.

La Fontaine.

La Fontaine, the famous French poet and writer of fables, was a notable example of the eccentricity of genius.

When he lost his entire fortune, a lady, who was one of his best friends and an ardent admirer of his works, hastened in alarm and distress to find him.

She met him in the street, penniless and cheerful. "You must come to our home," she said.

"I was going there," he replied, and then began a visit which prolonged itself into years, during which La Fontaine never seemed to be troubled by a thought that he was dependent.

Now did the lady or her family have any other feeling than one of delight and pride that he made his home with them.

Some one adopted one of his sons when the child was a baby. Knowing that the boy was in good hands, he seemed to forget all about him.

Years afterward at a dinner party he met a young man whose wit and charm of manner pleased him greatly.

"Why, that is your son!" he was told. "Indeed! I am pleased to hear it," was his remarkable reply.—Youth's Companion.

Goethe as a Joker.

On an occasion when Goethe was staying at the court of Saxo-Weimar with his friend Duke Charles Augustus, one of the court ladies, when about to retire for the night, found her candle suddenly extinguished just before she reached her bedroom door.

Taking no notice of the occurrence, she groped along in the dark, but to her astonishment could not find the door handle.

Again and again she felt her way along the wall, but with the same result. At last she made up her mind to go to the duchess for advice.

The latter, however, was already asleep, and no help was to be had from her. The poor lady did not care to take any one else into her confidence for fear of being laughed at, and so spent some hours in vain search, only to find at last that Goethe and the duke himself had with their own hands taken the door off its hinges some time earlier in the evening and carefully walked up the entrance to the room.—New York Journal.

Get Rid of the Thim.

Mr. Waddy, Q. C., who is a popular Methodist preacher, as well as a prosperous advocate, on ascending the platform in a chapel in some circuit town espied in a front seat the facetious and scornful countenance of Mr. Frank Lockwood, the humorist of the British bar.

Instead of yielding to timorous impulse, the valiant Waddy seized the situation by the horns, so to speak. He gave out a hymn in the usual manner and added that it gave him great pleasure to welcome that day to the service his friend and professional brother, Mr. Lockwood, on whom, after the hymn had been sung, he would call to lead the meeting in prayer.

Panic-stricken at the prospect, Mr. Lockwood seized his hat and withdrew precipitately.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Fifty Dollars Reward.

Will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the party who removed or stole our pasture gate on the Sonora road, on the night of Friday, April 21.

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BERENDO STOCK CO., By F. B. Ewing, president and manager. 24 tf.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We have sold our business and have placed books and all accounts in the hands of S. D. Foote for immediate collection.

We need the money and have instructed Mr. Foote to collect. All parties owing us are requested to come forward and settle at once.

39 ALEXANDER BROS., Sonora, Texas, June 9th, 1893.

General Directory.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

President—Grover Cleveland

Vice-President—Adlai E. Stevenson

Secretary of State—Walter Q. Gresham

Secretary of the Treasury—J. G. Carlisle

Secretary of War—Dana S. Lamont

Secretary of Navy—H. A. Herbert

Secretary of the Interior—H. S. Smith

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—J. S. Morton

Attorney-General—Richard Olney

Postmaster-General—W. S. Bliss

STATE OFFICERS.

Governor—J. S. Hogg.

Lieut. Governor—M. M. Crain.

Comptroller—J. D. McCull.

Land Commissioner—W. L. McLaughlin.

Attorney General—O. A. Carter.

Treasurer—W. B. Wortham.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. M. Carlisle.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Judge—J. W. Tunnings.

Attorney—G. W. Perryman.

Clerk—W. B. Sullivan.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Judge—J. M. Bell.

Attorney—L. N. Halbert.

Clerk—W. B. Sullivan.

Sherriff—J. L. Davis.

Probationer—W. H. Cosensberry.

Assessor—B. R. Richel.

Surveyor—John McNeil.

Deputy—H. & A.—W. A. Woodcock.

Commissioners.

W. S. Stewart, Precinct No. 1

O. H. W. Woodcock, " 2

John A. Smith, " 3

H. K. Woodcock, " 4

Justices of the Peace.

W. A. Stewart, Precinct No. 1

E. B. Smith, " 2

COURTS.

District court is held in Sonora on the third Monday in February, and September in each year.

County court is held on the 3rd Monday in January, April, July and October in each year.

Commissioner's court is held on the 2nd Monday in February, May, August and November in each year.

Justice court in Precinct No. 1 is held on the fourth Monday in each month.

Justice court in Precinct No. 2 is held on the second Monday in each month.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

METHODIST—Rev. J. A. Wright, Methodist minister of the Sonora Mission will attend the following regular appointments:

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on second and third Sundays at Sonora.

First and fourth Sundays at Ozona, Crockett county.

BAPTIST—Rev. J. W. Cunningham, pastor. Services held in Sonora on the first and second Saturdays and Sundays in each month. On Saturday at 7:30 p. m., and on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

First and fourth Sundays at Ozona, Crockett county.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Union Sabbath school every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Evangelical League has its convocations every Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

The Juvenile Aid Society will meet on Saturday at 7:30 p. m., before the second Sunday.

Remember revival services will be held on each 2nd and 4th Sunday evening in each month during this conference year.

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