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WHEN THE BABES HAD TONSILITIS

When the babes had tonsillitis, O Lord, but what a time! The father of all the poets could not tell it half in rhyme. It was trouble for the doctor at twelve o'clock at night. And scurry to the drug store before the morning's light. Then baby's pills at seven, and t'other one's at eight. Prescriptions next in half an hour; don't be a minute late. And don't forget the powders, and the iron for the blood. And peptonoids at eating time to take the place of food.

And when the darlings waked and cried 'twas papa walk the floor. With twenty pounds on one arm, on the other fifty more. And keep the house warm all the time, and don't get in a draft. And don't mix up the medicines. Why didn't I go daff? With baby's pills at seven, and t'other one's at eight. Prescriptions then in half an hour; don't be a minute late. And don't forget the powders, and the iron for the blood. And peptonoids at eating time to take the place of food.

The doctor brought them through all right, and thank the Lord for that. And both are strong and rosy now, and both are getting fat. He showed most wonderful skill, I think, as doctors often do. But what I marvel most at is that wife and I lived, too. With baby's pills at seven, and t'other one's at eight. Prescriptions then in half an hour; don't be a minute late. And don't forget the powders, and the iron for the blood. And peptonoids at eating time to take the place of food.

—Buffalo Express.

A French Romance.

M. Joseph Bertrand, the well known French academician and permanent secretary of the Academy of Sciences, lately celebrated his golden wedding. The circumstances under which he became engaged to his wife form a romance surpassing the most lively efforts of the sensational novelist.

In 1842, soon after the opening of the Versailles railway, Admiral Dumont d'Urville, a distinguished officer, famous for the discovery of the Venus of Milo, as well as for many more strictly professional exploits, was traveling from Paris with his charming young bride and his private secretary. A heated axle set the carriage on fire, and, according to the then prevailing custom, the doors were locked. The secretary escaped through the window and did his best to rescue the other two. Admiral Dumont d'Urville thrust the fainting lady out of the narrow aperture into young Bertrand's arms, crying: "Save her! Save her, my friend, and marry her!" An instant later the blazing woodwork fell in upon the gallant old sailor, and he was speedily reduced to a cinder. The secretary fulfilled his dying master's injunctions and two years later led the widow to the altar. Besides Mme. Bertrand he retains another souvenir of that tragic day in the shape of a scar across the nose where the red-hot debris of the carriage left an indelible mark.—St. James Gazette.

He Saw the Joker.

"One day," says an American, "I walked into a bookshop in the Strand and asked for Hare's 'Walks in London.' In America the book is sold in one thick volume. The clerk brought it in two. 'Oh,' I said as I looked at them, 'you part your 'Hare' in the middle, do you?' 'I sir,' he said, with a bewildered look. 'Oh, no, sir! I saw he didn't see the joke, so I didn't explain, but bought the books and went away. A week later I went to the same shop. As soon as the clerk saw me he rushed from the back of the shop, laughing vociferously. 'Good!' he shouted. 'Capital! Part your 'Hare' in the middle! That's capital, sir, capital!'—London Tit-Bits.

The Story of the Young Painter.

A certain rich man was very fond of exhibiting his pictures in an ostentatious and patronizing manner to artists of his acquaintance. One day a young painter lunched with him and was escorted round his gallery, and the young man, wishing to curtsy to the picture owner, "And a very fine specimen of that master!" exclaimed the artist enthusiastically.—London Gentlewoman.

Every seventh year among the ancient Jews was a Sabbath year. No labor was done, and the inhabitants of Judea lived on the natural produce of the earth during this year.

The swords of the ancient Mexicans were composed of bits of flint or obsidian, set in a stick about the length of an ordinary saber.

In 1435 peaches cost in Italy 12 cents a thousand. They were very small, hardly exceeding the size of almonds.

The habit of oats is believed to have been the region north and west of the Alps.

The Kaws or Kansas Indians gave a name to Kansas City. It was adopted in 1839.

Sheboygan means "stream that comes from the ground."

THE ATHLETIC GIRL.

She Is Sweet Enough, but Some of Her Ways Are Not.

Who doesn't know the girl who goes around whacking other girls on the backs and pounding them in the stomachs and pumping them in their chests, saying: "Why on earth don't you stand up? You're as lumpy as a cunel!"

Some folks say that this girl is all right; that she fills her niche in the world's gallery of well-doers with ability and unselfishness. This may be true, but if you happen to be a girl and wander into the way of this well-doer you long to inquire her to adopt milder methods. It isn't pleasant when you are discussing the latest wrinkle in hairdressing to have somebody suddenly give you an awful thump between the shoulders and say: "Stand up, there, now! If you bend over much more, you'll stand on your head." Then you are likely to double up as quickly as a folding bed unsolicited dummies down, and for a moment you may imagine that you are in the hands of a patented massage machine or floundering in the whirling arms of a windmill.

It is this same girl that "does her exercises" on the back porch every morning, to the amusement and gratification of a huge audience stationed at numerous windows. She first plants her hands on her hips and draws several long breaths. She puffs her chest out in a fashion and snorts like a feminine San'ow. After that she stretches her arms toward a neighboring clothesline, and by that time spectators, open mouthed and interested, have assembled.

A man in the act of shaving puts down his razor, deserts his mirror and brush and devotes himself entirely to gazing at the twisting, stretching vision of athletic loveliness. A kitchen lady trots out of a back door with a bucket of potato peelings, but stops midway of her journey to look. In every other window along the entire row of houses beams a face, and as the athletic maiden becomes more and more warmed up to her playful and invigorating performance each face grows into a group of three, or even more. After a few mornings of this the shaving gentlemen and the kitchen lady defer their individual employment until the vision on the back porch starts up her Delsartean poses.

Sometimes when she is in a specially humorous mood she gives an imitation of Lottie Collins' celebrated rough and tumble dance, and at such moments the audience nods its universal approval. Whatever her actions, she's sure of a crowd of on-lookers, and even if her audience does increase daily she frets not, so long as the faithful tape measure tells her that her chest has widened almost half an inch after only three months' of muscle developing torture and exhibitions of graceful wardances.—Philadelphia Times.

Four Feet of Snow in Eight Hours.

"I have seen four feet of snowfall in eight hours," said Conductor Cobb of the Maine Central, "and yet it was so light that you could wade through it just as you can through water."

"It was in the Sierra Nevada mountains—a sort of frostlike snow that falls in the night, burying ev'rything. Twelve feet away from another man you can just see him, with a sort of halo around him, as though somewhere the sun was shining through the storm. In these storms it is impossible to tell direction or distance. One is simply lost when only a short distance from camp."

"In the morning we walked down into town. One man went ahead, breaking the snow, which came nearly to his armpits as he moved through it. He would tread until tired, when he would drop to the rear, and some one else would lead the procession. As we walked into the valley it grew less, and down below in the town there had been no snow, and all the time the sun or the stars had shone. Such a snow goes like dew—disappears, evaporates."—Lewiston Journal.

Rented Diamonds.

It is gradually becoming known among pretentious people that diamonds, like houses and horses and carriages, can be rented for the season. This will enable those who have a high social ambition, but limited means, to make a greater display than they have been able to do formerly. You can go to certain diamond dealers in Maiden Lane in New York and obtain rings for the fingers and ears, necklaces and brooches, pendants, hairpins and all the other kinds of diamond jewelry by depositing or giving bond for the full value of the article and paying 5 per cent a month for their use, and this, I am told, is getting to be a very large and profitable business.—New York Letter in Chicago Record.

An Accommodating Art.

Van Dyke—How long does it take you to paint a portrait?
Van Daub—Two sittings, if it's a gruff old man; from 10 to 50, if it's a pretty young girl.—Exchange.

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FINE STOCK,

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An advertisement in the

DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS,

Will bring you a customer.

dancing line and it is sufficient to say the Washington hop was well averaged. There were a number of visitors from the adjoining towns and the expressions heard were very complimentary to Sonora.

G. P. Hill and daughters Agnes and Nettie, were in attendance at the Washington hop Friday night.

DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS,
PUBLISHED WEEKLY,
Advertising Medium of the
Stockman's Paradise.
Subscription \$3 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.
Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora,
a second-class matter.

MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.
Sonora, Texas. - March 2, 1895

This is the anniversary of Texas' Independence.

The American steer has been shut out of France.

Thirteen persons escaped from the Navarro county farm on the night of the 24th inst.

Gov. Culberson has vetoed the bill to transfer \$90000 from special funds to the general fund.

With a national bank Sonora could not be beat as a live stock trading center.

The Sonora country is not behind any portion of America for cattle, sheep or horses.

Lost Lake is about the highest point in Sutton county, being 2300 feet above the level of the sea.

Five cases of smallpox are reported at Taylor and is also raging in Navarro county.

The legislature of Texas is doing more to destroy democracy in this state than anything else.

Sonora is 2128 feet above sea level and owing to the purity of the water is one of the healthiest towns in West Texas.

You are advised not to ship your sheep to New Orleans as that market is in the hands of the bushers and is only a local market at best.

The golden hoof is all right, so is the trading center of the Stockman's Paradise and the Devil's River News is very well, thank you.

The awarding to a Texas man of the contract to furnish the stone for the new Kansas City court house is a fine testimonial as to the quality of the Llano stone.

The McBride resolution regarding full citizenship as a prerequisite to vote in this state was killed Friday 22nd by a vote of 30 to 85. Being a constitutional amendment it required a two-thirds majority to carry on final passage.

Ex-Gov. Hogg gets \$5,000 a year for ten years as solicitor for the Link Line, formerly the Trinity, Cameron & Western railroad. If he should die before the expiration of the ten years his widow is to receive \$2,500 per annum till the expiration of the contract. He also gets one sixth interest in the franchise of the road.

Prices of sheep have already reached a point where the average flockmaster is beginning to see some profit. The temptation to grasp the opportunity while it lasts seems irresistible with some and the result is that lots of common and half-fat sheep are being sent to market which could be held 60 days longer with much profit. The scarcity and high price of feed in some sections may be the cause of many such sheep coming in, but where it is possible the general impression prevails among sheep dealers that it will pay to get the sheep fat and in good marketable condition. Everybody looks for the market to march steadily upward until Texas breaks loose in the spring.—Drovers Journal.

The Bandera Enterprise publishes a letter from the state superintendent of public instruction, addressed to the county judge of Bandera county, in which he says: "Information has been filed with the state board of education that something near forty names on the scholastic census of district No. 10 of your county for the current year are fraudulent, and I am directed by the state board to notify you to show cause, if any can be shown, why one hundred and forty dollars of the appropriation to Bandera county should not be withheld on account of this information."

John Lane, the fiddler who lived here several years, has received from the Indian tribe which his wife was a descendant, 1400 acres of land and \$5000.—Mason News.

Hood's Has Merit
One Bottle Convinced Continued Use CURED

Hip Disease, Sciatic Rheumatism, Eczema.



Mrs. A. S. Bowen
Cline, Arkansas.

"I read that one bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla would convince me of its merits, and I have found this statement to be strictly true. Some two years ago two ulcers appeared on my hip, which, after being sore a long time, broke and discharged. I also was attacked with sciatic rheumatism, my leg being drawn so that 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 hands. Naturally I began to run down, was weak and low-spirited. 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. In three weeks my rheumatism entirely disappeared and I found that

I was on the pain. 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 sores have stopped discharging, and I found that

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures
I am able for the first time in three years to do my own housework, and can walk ten miles without trouble. I have no symptoms of rheumatism; that tired feeling has entirely left me. My neighbors say I look

Better Than For Many Years.
I do earnestly recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all sufferers, especially those afflicted with impure blood." Mrs. A. S. Bowen, Cline, Ark.

Hood's Pills cure liver bile, constipation, biliousness, jaundice, sick headache, indigestion.

Enormous Production of Wool.

After showing that there has been a decline in the prices of American wools of about one-half since 1880, Mr. S. N. D. North, in the Bankers' Magazine, offers in explanation figures showing the enormous increase in the production of wool. The clip of the four principal fine wool countries was a good deal more than seven times as great in 1894 as it was in 1860, and the clip has advanced well on towards double what it was so recently as 1880. The clip of the United States has increased more than fivefold since 1860; in that year the clip was about 2 pounds per head of population, and last year it was close to five pounds. As the United States has been increasing in population a good deal faster than most, probably than all, other countries, the disproportion between the world's clip and the world's population may be imagined. Not only the clip of United States has increased more than fivefold since 1860, but that of Australia has increased more than ninefold, that of the Cape of Good Hope nearly fivefold, and that of the river Plate more than tenfold.

Mr. North sees no indication of a decrease in the growth of the wool industry in Australia, South Africa and the river Plate. Yet these increases only tell a part of the story. Improvements in transportation are bringing to market the coarse wools of Asia, which were inaccessible a few years ago. Our first importation of wool from China was a million pounds in 1884; in 1893 it amounted to more than twenty million pounds. Some of these carpet wools are available for clothing, but even when they are not they effect the price of clothing wools when entering the markets in large quantities. Modern machinery has made it possible to use wool a second time. Practically all the wool that goes out of a mill as cloth comes back as shoddy, mungo and wool extract, to be woven again into cheaper "all wool" fabrics. This adds enormously to the quantity of material offered to the manufacturer.

Mr. North refers to the substitution of mutton sheep for wool sheep that has been going on in this country for years, and which will simply be accentuated by the removal of the duty. England with free wool has within fifteen millions as many sheep as this country has ever had, with all the fostering care of the tariff. The taste for mutton is increasing in this country, and there are advantages to every farm in keeping a small flock of sheep, even if his farm is made up of high priced land. It is not worth the trouble of not looking for a

but he does not expect a reduction of more than a third at the outside in our wool clip. Sheep will be raised for mutton and the mutton sheep will be shored, but the bulk of the world's wool will be raised in those regions of the southern hemisphere where population is sparse and climatic conditions are particularly favorable and the cost of production is at the lowest point.—N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

Mary's Little Lamb.

The lion's lamb that Mary loved
And followed her round,
Whose wool was white unshrinking fleece,
Brought sixty cents per pound;
Was in the corral, by her side,
Shut up secure and sound,
For Charley Hobbs had said to him
"If you bring me that clip
It's just as sure of sixty cents
As seab of Cannon's Dip."
One day his wife said "Go to town"
And get our "fall supply."
The day was hot, the road was long,
And he was tired and dry;
Into the first saloon he went
And this was very queer
The man who owned it said he had
Run out of Forth Worth beer.
But Mary's pa was very dry
And had no time to wait
So of the kind they had on tap
He ordered several straight
And as he drank them firmly said
"Barkeeper I'll be cursed
If ever in my life before
I've had a better thirst."
The good barkeeper was scared at this
Straight upright stood his hair,
He thought it such an awful thing
To hear a sheepman swear.
At last the old man started home
His head felt very queer
For the saloon at which he drank
Was out of Forth Worth beer.
And when he reached his ranch at last
He had no sense to slam
The gate that closed the corral
That held Mary's little lamb.
That very night a lean coyote
Who saw the dog to sup
Went into the corral sought the lamb.
And killed, and eat it up.
The moral of this woolly tale
Should be to sheepmen clear,
"Would you care to save your lambs
Drink only Forth Worth Beer."

DID YOU SEE THE FIGHT ?

THEY SURE SCRAPPED to get some of the bargains we offered last week, but it was not necessary, for we will give you just as big bargains this week. We have enough shirts in stock to supply every Man, Woman and child in the Devil's River Country, with two a piece, and we will do it, too, at a remarkably low price:

- Shirts that were \$3 50 now 2 25
- Shirts that were \$2 50 now 1 90
- Shirts that were \$1 50 now 1 00
- Shirts that were \$1 00 now 75c

Your Wife will Quit You if You Don't Quit

wearing that shabby, old Hat! You would not be a bad-looking man, if you were only smiling out from under one of our nobby and serviceable Hats, on which you can have 25 per cent reduction on former prices.

DO YOU EAT FRUIT ?

The choicest California canned fruits: Apples, Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Strawberries, Blackberries, etc. 3 pound cans, may be had now at \$4 a case, former price \$6.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY

Clerk of Sutton County, Texas,

Showing the aggregate amount Received and Paid Out of each fund, and Balance to their Credit or Debit.

Also amount to Debit and Credit of each officer.

Also amount of Indebtedness of County, to whom and for what due, with dates of same, for the year 1895.

Fund	Dr.	Cr.
Jury Fund, First Class.		
To Amount Received	\$331 17	
By amount paid out		\$1065 10
By balance, over drawn,		108 48
Road and Bridge Fund, Second Class.		
To amount received,	\$134 80	
By amount paid out,		\$169 67
To balance on hand,		47 29
General Fund, Third Class.		
To amount received,	\$2990 42	
By amount paid out,		\$3348 19
To balance on hand,		326 25
Court House and Jail Fund, Fourth Class.		
To amount received,	\$4640 88	
By amount paid out and transfd'd to Jury fund,		\$4555 07
To balance on hand Feb. 9th, 1895,		1468 92
Available School Fund.		
To amount received to August 31, 1894,	\$2310 00	
By amount paid out		\$2290 77
To balance on hand		19 23

The following balances appear to the debit or credit of the several officers of the County at the close of the year, viz:

Dr.	Cr.	
Tax Collector, County ad valorem fund,	\$2826 33	
do do special fund,	4521 02	
do do poll fund,	55 50	
do District school fund,	493 72	
J. P. McConnell, tax collector, Occupation tax,	846 00	
J. L. Davis, do do		50
J. P. McConnell, Sheriff, Fines and Judgments,	131 00	
Geo. Traweck, J.P. No. 1, do do	15 71	
W. A. Stewart do do do		108 48
County Treasurer, Jury fund		326 25
do do General fund		47 29
do do Road and Bridge fund		1468 92
do do Court House and Jail fund,		1065 10
do do Dist. School fund, Aug. 31, '94		1923

Outstanding Indebtedness of the County at close of the year ending February 9th, 1895.

DATE OF WARRANT	Month	Day	Year	TO WHOM ISSUED	FOR WHAT DUE	AMOUNT
Sept 26	1892	David Adams	Jury service	\$10 00		
Feb 25	1893	J. R. Benson	do	10 00		
Nov 25	1893	A. J. Swearingen	Ba. iff	12 40		
Nov 7	1893	A. Betts	Jury service	2 00		
Dec 8	1892	Jesse Mayfield	do	2 00		
do 8	1892	R. H. Wyatt	do	2 00		
do 8	1892	Oscar Clark	do	2 00		
Jan 23	1893	Jack Douglass	do	4 00		
do 23	do	Jas A. Hagerlund	do	4 00		
do 23	do	A. W. Pride	do	4 00		
April 21	do	E. C. Johnson	do	3 65		
do 21	do	E. C. Saunders	do	4 00		
Sept 25	do	R. Jackson	do	10 00		
do 25	do	R. A. Williamson	do	10 00		
do 25	do	M. D. Alexander	do	7 50		
do 25	do	Wm Schuchbach	do	9 50		
do 25	do	Mort Ball	do	8 95		
do 25	do	Peter Robertson	do	10 00		
do 25	do	W. J. Davis	do	10 00		
do 25	do	O. Clark	do	7 50		
do 25	do	E. Hall	do	9 30		
do 25	do	R. J. Turner	do	9 30		
do 25	do	A. Risher	do	8 95		
do 25	do	P. J. Prnett	do	8 50		
do 25	do	R. J. Bean	Ba. iff	1 85		
do 25	do	J. W. McKagen	Jury service	12 50		
do 25	do	A. A. Baker	Ba. iff	12 50		
July 22	do	M. D. Alexander	Jury service	2 00		
Oct 20	do	W. J. Fields	do	3 65		
May 16	do	J. H. Barrall	Nurse for Morton	28 00		
Feb 16	1894	E. Hall	do	18 00		
Feb 16	1894	Geo. D. Barnard	Supplies	30 30		
do 21	do	A. W. Mills	Jury service	8 00		
do 19	do	Wm Babb	do	6 50		
do 19	do	Ed Jones	Ba. iff	12 50		
do 19	do	Sam White	Jury service	8 00		
do 19	do	N. T. Gusts	do	6 95		
do 19	do	A. W. Pride	do	6 95		
do 19	do	M. B. Atkinson	do	10 00		
April 20	do	Jas A. Hagerlund	do	8 00		
do 20	do	Jus. Batts	do	8 00		
do 20	do	Doc Simmons	do	8 00		
do 20	do	Sim White	do	8 00		
do 20	do	R. W. Callahan	do	8 00		
do 20	do	R. T. Baker	do	2 00		
do 20	do	J. Q. Sharrp	do	2 00		
do 20	do	Mike Murphy	Printing Fin Stmt.	78 99		
do 20	do	John Allison	Com's salary	6 00		
June 13	do	Pat Fogarty	Digging grave	1 50		
July 17	do	A. W. Pride	Jury service	4 00		
do 17	do	Jas A. Hagerlund	do	4 00		
do 17	do	R. B. Hemphill	do	4 00		
Aug 16	do	C. L. Lemen	Water supply	37 50		
do 16	do	W. R. Rudick	Assessing taxes	105 00		
do 16	do	J. M. Bell	Ex-celso salary	7 50		
do 16	do	H. Knauzenberger	Com's salary	9 00		
do 16	do	J. M. Bell	Criminal fees	6 00		
do 16	do	J. L. Davis	Court costs	7 00		
do 16	do	H. G. Jones	County physician	10 00		
do 16	do	J. L. Davis	Boarding prisoners	6 45		
do 16	do	Geo. D. Barnard	Stationary	74 00		
do 16	do	Clark & Courts	do	5 75		
do 16	do	J. L. Davis	Seavenger work	1 00		
do 16	do	J. M. Brotherton	Road service	32 00		
do 16	do	H. Knauzenberger	Service on Fin Com	6 00		
do 16	do	W. A. Stewart	Com's salary	9 00		
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do 16	do	J. M. Bell	Service on Fin Com	6 00		
do 16	do	S. W. Stephenson	Jury service	6 00		
do 16	do	J. L. Davis	Waiting on court	8 00		
Sept 3	do	W. B. Stillman	Keeping finance ledger	25 00		
do 19	do	P. A. Tschudy	Jury service	6 00		
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do 22	do	Sam White	do	8 00		
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do 22	do	J. M. Brotherton	do	8 00		
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do 22	do	D. J. Wyatt	do	6 00		
do 22	do	A. J. Swearingen	do	6 00		
do 22	do	W. P. Covington	do	6 00		
do 22	do	Ed. Jones	Ba. iff	10 00		
do 22	do	Jas. Tallafarro	do	10 00		
do 22	do	M. Parker	do	6 00		
do 22	do	J. L. Davis	Waiting on court	10 00		
do 22	do	G. W. Morris	Jury service	4 00		
do 22	do	F. M. Wyatt	do	4 00		
do 22	do	J. A. Ogden	do	4 00		
do 22	do	R. E. Covington	do	4 00		
do 22	do	E. R. Misenor	do	4 00		
do 22	do	N. W. Coward	do	4 00		
do 22	do	R. R. Ranche	do	4 00		
do 22	do	Ed. Tallafarro	do	4 00		
do 22	do	W. T. Lassiter	do	4 00		
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do 22	do	J. M. Babb	do	4 00		
do 22	do	J. L. Davis	Waiting on court	10 00		
Sept 3	do	H. Knauzenberger	Com's salary	3 00		
Nov 13	do	J. M. Bell	Ex-officio salary	75 00		
do 13	do	J. L. Davis	do	75 00		
do 13	do	H. Knauzenberger	Com's salary	9 00		
do 13	do	W. A. Stewart	do	12 00		
do 16	do	J. L. Davis	Boarding prisoners	51 30		
do 16	do	M. J. Murphy	Publishing notice			

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Mr. Fred Miller of Irving, Ill. writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure all kidney and liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c for large bottle. At W. H. Cusenbary & Co's drug store.

Washington's birthday passed off very quietly in Sonora during the day but at night the court house was crowded with lovely women and gallant men, who tripped the light fantastic for several hours. Sonora's reputation in the dancing line is well established and it is sufficient to say that the Washington hop was well up to average. There were a number of visitors from the adjoining towns and the expressions we heard were very complimentary to Sonora.

G. P. Hill and daughters Misses Agnes and Nettie, were in attendance at the Washington hop last Friday night.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fetter Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or haemorrhoids. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by W. H. Cusenbary & Co.

James Robson, the sheepman from Buffalo Draw, was in Sonora Wednesday trading. He also subscribed for the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS and Fort Worth Weekly Gazette.

A claim of Kerr county against Mason county for \$321.30, expenses of this county in the case of Tom Adams brought here from Mason, has been sent out for collection. This claim, now nearly two years old, was brought to light and saved from loss by county clerk Hamilton.—Kerrville Paper.

Madames Stanley and Cecil Green of Edwards county were in Sonora last Friday and attended the hop at the court house.

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Stock News.

Some Muttons For Sale in the Sonora Country.

J T Cooper & Co,	10,000
J T Cooper	10,000
O T Word	7,500
Sol Mayer	4,000
T B Birtrong	3,500
T D Newell	2,350
D A Cauthorn	2,000
John Rae	1,700
H Knusenberger	1,500
C F Adams	1,500
R F Halbert	1,500
Schupbach & Dunagan	1,400
G Huber	1,100
A W Mills	1,000
Hudspeth & Swift	1,000
Fred Koenig	1,000
T T Thomson & Bro	1,000
R A Williamson	1,000
J F McKee	1,000
J O Rountree	800
H H Sheard	800
F W Schwalbe	700
B F Byrd	600
E W Wail	600
Mollenhauer & Hedden	600
W A Holland	400
Thomas Gillespie	400
Geo Van Buren	300

If you want muttons come to Sonora. DeBerry & Haey of Sonora are in the market for steer cattle. All ages. Sidney Bremner sold his muttons to W. W. Beasley & Son at a price close to \$2 a head.

Massey Bros. of Crockett county sold to W. W. Beasley & Son, 2000 head of wethers at \$2 a head. Andrew Paterson sold to Guy Burden of San Antonio, 500 dry ewes and wethers at \$2 a head.

If you want sheep Sonora is the place to operate from. The stallions of Morris' Ranch, Gillespie county, will stand the season at from \$50 to \$500.

Mollenhauer & Hedden sold 540 head of ewes and wethers to Sam Butler of San Angelo, at \$2.00 a head. H. McKenzie of Sonora bought 3000 head of muttons from Ed. Jackson of Crockett county at \$1.80 a head.

The San Angelo Standard reports the price obtained by D. C. Ogden of M. Kavett for his sheep, at \$1.62 1/2.

G. B. Jackson and Wm. Shattuck of San Angelo, sold 3,000 sheep ewes and wethers, to W. Beasley & Son of Chicago at \$1.80 a head. G. S. Long of San Angelo bought 2000 head of sheep, wethers and ewes, from D. F. Williams of Schieffelin county at \$1.75.

William Gray of Schieffelin county sold to G. S. Long of San Angelo 1850 head of sheep, at \$2 for wethers and \$1.75 for ewes.

David Adams of Sutton county, sold 600 ewes and wethers to John Lovelady of San Angelo, at \$1.90 a head. Mr. Miller of Indiana, who has been in the Sonora country for the past two weeks has bought several cars of sheep which he will ship and feed. Hugh King sold him 900 head, Campbell & Chapman also sold to Mr. Miller several hundred head.

The American Sheep Breeder says that the sheep trade is brightening up in Ohio. Ewes that would not bring \$2.50 in October now bring \$5.00 a head. Buyers are scouring the country for good ewes of mutton breeds and cannot find them.

Smoke "Our Favorite."

21 Cusenbary & Briant. John Rae, the genial stockman of Buckhorn Draw, was in Sonora this week trading.

Drink Lemps' extra pale it takes the lead. Geo. Bond, agent, San Angelo, Texas. 5

The rain of Wednesday was general throughout the state. For short orders go the Exchange restaurant. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Birtrong gave a very enjoyable dance at their residence in West Sonora Thursday night.

The most remarkable cures for scurfiness on record have been accomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine is unequalled for diseases of the blood. Take only Hood's.

Hoods pills are hand made, and perfect in proportion and appearance. 25c. Read the ads in the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS and save a years subscription on every bill of goods you buy.

Budwiser and premium pale can't be beat. For sale by all first class saloons. Geo. Bond, agent, San Angelo, Texas.

S. H. Huling of Mills county is in the Sonora country prospecting with a view to going in to the sheep business.

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

James Paterson a well-to-do stockman of Kimble county was in town last week. Mr. Paterson owns the finest ranch house in Kimble county.

For a pleasant smile, a good smoke and genial company, make Zenker & Maier's your head quarters while in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Cooper gave a dance at their residence last week which was well attended. The dance was in honor of Miss Mollie Fivash, niece of Mrs. Cooper.

Fresh fruits, vegetables, butter, eggs and confectionery and any thing in this line to be had on the San Angelo market always on hand at W. R. Holman's next to the post office. 19 ft.

T. T. Cooke owner of the old Taylor & Marsh ranch on the edge of Sutton, Kimble and Edwards counties, was in Sonora Saturday trading. He is a brother to the Rev. W. G. Cooke, Methodist minister of Sonora.

The best usually costs the most. Not so with "THE BUCKSKIN BREECHES." They cost no more than others, yet they are absolutely the best Jeans Pants in the world. Every pair warranted. Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes. 27.

In order that you may better understand the financial statement of the county published in this issue, the following accounts were on at the close of business Jan. 31, 1894: Jury fund \$75.08; Road and bridge fund \$82.16; General fund \$684.02; Court house and jail fund \$1383.11; Available school fund, August 31st, 1893, \$131.89.

Smoke "Our Favorite" for 5c.

21 Cusenbary & Briant. In this issue may be seen the annual report of County Clerk S. H. Stokes, showing the condition of the finances of Sutton county.

Meals to order at all hours at the Exchange restaurant. 29

John and Sam McKee the cow men from Frank's Defeat country, were in Sonora Wednesday, trading.

J. C. Barksdale has put in a 640 acre horse pasture at his ranch 6 miles below Sonora.

Your cigar dealer will give you a briar pipe free. See adv't of Duke's Mixture. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williamson of Crockett county were in Sonora last week. Mrs. Williamson was under the medical attention of Dr. H. G. Colson.

Be sure and get Lemps' extra pale, Budwiser or premium pale when you call for beer.

Three of a kind. Rackety Jim, Silas and Jim at the Exchange restaurant.

Jim and Silas Keeton of San Angelo, are now running the Exchange restaurant. They are experienced restaurateurs and will put you up meals to order at any time of day or night.

Nelson Morris' Opinion.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Speaking of the first issue by the French government prohibiting the import of American cattle, Nelson Morris, the well known packer, said: "We shipped \$18,000,000 worth of cattle and products to France alone last year and this great trade is absolutely destroyed by the order of the French government. I knew this was coming some months ago, and with the exception of two or three boat loads not any cattle or product has been sent to France in the last ten days. The effect of the German and Belgium embargo has been to reduce the price of cattle of the classes shipped to those countries by \$10 a head, and this French edict will even more injuriously affect the stockyards. This has been the effect on prices, notwithstanding the fact that the supply of cattle has been cut down to two-thirds on account of the lack of feed.

The effect on the product is even greater than the effect on the live cattle trade, especially so far as France is concerned. We were shipping 7000 cattle a week, and as many or more in addition in the form of product. France has been taking a great number of lean cattle for soups, and this class of cattle will be very injuriously affected by the new edict, while as to dressed beef, pork and products the result will be even more far-reaching."

The warm wave will cross the western mountain country about the 28th, the great central valleys about March 2nd and the Eastern States about March 4th.

The cool wave will cross the western mountain country about March 3, the great central valleys about the 5th, and the Eastern States about 7.

Indications are that the temperature of March will average below normal east of the Alleghanies and north of Richmond, Va.; above normal in the Atlantic States south of Richmond; below in the Ohio valley and the upper and lower lake; below normal in the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys; below in the Red River country; above in the lower Mississippi valley and east gulf; below average in the arid districts east of the Rockies; below average on the North Pacific slope and above on the South Pacific slope.

March rainfall will be well distributed and about normal throughout the country except a probable excess on the Middle Atlantic coast.

The Sonora country is certainly in a prosperous condition. The rains of last summer put the range and stock in splendid condition. The winter has been exceedingly mild on stock up to the storm of two weeks ago, when the rain and snow which fell then put a good season in the ground and the warm days which followed started the weeds and grass. On top of this came the warm, slow, soaking rain Tuesday night and all day Wednesday with the warmth and sunshine of Thursday. Yesterday brought March in a roaring lion which is a sure indication that it will go out like a lamb and we will have the blessing of an early spring.

Andrew Paterson, a bonny Scot, who has been all around the world for sport, has for some years been settled in the Sonora country, was in town this week. Mr. Paterson has a nice flock of sheep and is desirous of meeting his fate.

A Quarter Century Test. For a quarter of a century Dr. King's New Discovery has been tested, and the millions who have received benefit from its use testify to its wonderful curative powers in all diseases of Throat, Chest and Lungs. A remedy that has stood the test so long and given so universal satisfaction is no experiment. Each bottle is positively guaranteed to give relief, or the money will be refunded. It is admitted to be the most reliable for Coughs and Colds. Trial bottles free at W. H. Cusenbary & Co's drug store. Large size 50c and \$1.

The Chicago Drivers Journal says that Montana has large stocks of stock sheep but no muttons.

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6,025 acres of land, almost in a solid body lying about eight miles west of old Fort Terrett in Sutton county, occupied for several years past by R. T. Baker. Has excellent well, fitted up with good wind mill, troughs, tank, corrals etc. In ordinary seasons has abundant surface water. Could be fenced cheaply, as cedar is convenient, and could be enlarged by renting adjoining school land. Excellent ranch for sheep or cattle. Will sell low, on long time, and easy terms, or will RENT CHEAP.

Address, D. C. OGDEN, 28 1/2 Fort McKavett, Texas.

The cheapest place.—The Pioneer Drug Store, San Angelo. 38 ft

The boys who were down to Fritz town at court, report having had a very religious time. "Our Favorite" is the best cigar. 21 Cusenbary & Briant.

W. F. Decker will commence building a two story hotel on his property on Main street, shortly.

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

Herman Strauss representing the manufacturing clothing house of I. & S. Bing of Cincinnati, O., was in Sonora Friday.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor's daughter and Miss Lane T. Anderson left for El Paso, Texas, this week, to join Mr. Taylor.

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Hardly; but catalogues telling you about them. Wm. Knaba & Co. Boardman & Gray, and Crown PIANOS. CROWN ORGANS.

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Jack Drago and Forest Beaman intend leaving for Montana this month. Jack and Forest are popular young men and we wish them success.

Married on Sunday Feb. 24th, 1895, Rev. D. S. Babb officiating, R. H. Martin to Mrs. A. E. Bradford. The Devil's River News extends best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Martin.

W. J. Perry a gambler of Houston was killed by Joe H. Stahl in that city on the 22nd.

F. Hagaman has sold his ranch on the divide comprising twenty sections of land to August Meos. Mr. Hagaman expects to move to Louisiana, where he will engage in stock farming.—Miss Elsie Wood who has been teaching near Sonora is in the city. Miss Wood has suspended her school for the present and will remain in town some time, to inhale Junction's salubrious atmosphere and be under the care of Dr. Burt.—Junction City Citizen.

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SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS.

Detectives Find Them Easy of Recognition, and Guard of Deduction.
What is it to "act in a suspicious manner?"

The phrase has come into common usage, and people have accepted it as meaning something.
The policeman, in his report of an arrest or in his testimony before a court, says that he was standing on a corner when he saw a man "acting in a suspicious manner" and at once took him into custody.

There must be such a thing as a "suspicious manner" accompanying the crook. A good detective can often pick out a thief whom he has never seen before. The criminal cannot very well hide his trademark. But what is this trademark? The expert thief catcher is often unable to tell what it is that excites his suspicion. He only knows that the man struck him as "queer" and he took him in.

The dogged alertness, the restless eyes, the talking without moving the lips, so common among men who have "done time," the overacting innocence, the affected shrink of the "con" man, the too ready story—all these have their effect on the trained observation of a good policeman, but he finds it difficult to analyze the impressions made or him.

You say the prisoner was acting in a suspicious manner. Now, what do you mean by that?" asked a lawyer of an officer who had made the arrest.

"Well, he was hanging around and didn't seem to have anything to do. I didn't like his looks."

"Do you arrest a man just because you don't happen to admire his style?"

"No, but I was satisfied this fellow wasn't right. I could see he was trying to throw me off, and—well, I can't explain it, but I knew he wasn't right."

The policeman was correct. The man he arrested was "wanted," and he guessed as much, but he couldn't tell why he guessed it.

Once a city detective became suspicious of a well dressed middle aged man whom he had seen around the hotels engaging in conversation with visitors from the country. At last he asked the man to accompany him to the Army station. The man went under protest. He said he was a reputable business man and would make the city of Chicago suffer for the indignity on him. By the time they reached the station the detective was frightened and half convinced that he had made an awful blunder. The "business man" continued his indignant protests when taken before Lieutenant Mike Evans of the identification bureau. The lieutenant studied him for a moment and said, "It's Big Ed Rice."

"That's right," said the indignant gentleman, melting into a smile, "but I didn't think you'd know me."

The detective had brought in the most expert "con" man in America. But there was no case against him, and he was discharged.—Chicago Record.

Advice to Inventors.
According to the popular version, Watt, as a small boy, saw the lid of a teakettle move up and down when the water was boiling, and this suggested to him the construction of the steam engine. As a matter of fact, Watt made himself acquainted with what had been done before, a point altogether ignored in the popular version, and had to work very hard before he brought his invention to a successful issue.

This example is typical of the true method of progress, and it may be said generally that in order to approach a problem with the best prospect of success it is necessary (1) to define as accurately as possible the want that exists or the particular object that is to be attained; (2) to be well acquainted with the scientific principles which come into play; (3) to know how the want is met or the object attained in practical life; (4) to find out what proposals have been made by others in the same or in a similar case. A careful attention to these requirements will prevent much disappointment and waste of energy.—Alexander Siemens in Nature.

The Inhabitants of a Cheese.
Dr. Adametz, a Swiss scholar, has been taking a census of the inhabitants of a cheese. The microscopic examination of one "gram" of a fresh Emmenthaler cheese, such as is sold here under the name of Gruyere, contained no fewer than 99,000 so called microbes. This prodigious encampment, after 70 days, proved to have increased to a tribe of 80,000. Another sort of cheese contained within a single "gram" board and lodging for about 2,000,000 microbes, while in a "gram" cut from the rind of the same cheese Dr. Adametz found about 3,000,000 of these inhabitants. A piece of cheese upon our tables of a few pounds weight may consequently contain more microbes than there are human inhabitants in the world.

Professional Pride.
Mrs. Paucate (to tramp)—So you're a landscape gardener, eh? Well, I think these grounds would look better if that wood in the back yard was sawed and split.
Frosty Frolic—Madam, would you think of asking Michael Angelo to paint a cobble's sign?—Exchange.

To Readers and Friends:
of the Devil's River News
You will help this paper by patronizing those who advertise in its columns. Give advertising patrons of this paper preference when placing your ads.

The wooden rollers on which the Egyptians moved their blocks of stone are to be seen in the Cairo museum.

THE MICROBES OF OLD AGE.

If the Little Chap Can Be Run Down, People May Heavily Suffer.
A few years ago an Italian bacteriologist proclaimed that he had discovered the "germ of old age." The idea was scouted by all scientific men, but there may be something in it after all. At any rate there seems to be good ground for believing that germs, if not a specific germ, are at least one of the most important influences which bring on old age. It has long been known that the plagues of toxic substances produced by microbes are capable of setting up various degenerative processes. Degenerative changes in the joints, the liver, the kidneys and other organs have been directly traced to this cause. The writer has for some time held the opinion that the degenerative changes incident to advancing age are due to the same cause—namely, the toxins absorbed from the alimentary canal. These toxins are constantly present in greater or less quantity, according to the extent to which fermentative and putrefactive processes prevail in the stomach and intestines. These processes depend, first, upon the integrity of the digestive process in the individual; second, upon the character of the substances introduced into the alimentary canal as food.

These considerations suggest at once the thought that while all human beings must necessarily be constantly subject to the influence of toxic substances generated in their own alimentary canal, and consequently must grow old and succumb sooner or later to the degenerative process of old age, these processes may be greatly accelerated by subsisting upon a diet which favors the production of toxic substances in the alimentary canal.

If this theory is correct, we should expect to find the greatest longevity among those animals and those men who subsist upon the simplest and purest diet, other conditions being equal. It would be impossible to find a sharper contrast than that which exists in this respect between carnivorous and vegetarian animals. Contrast, for example, the dog, which grows old, becomes rheumatic and infirm in 8 or 10 years, with the donkey, which lives a useful life to 40 or 50 years, and the elephant, which is still active and useful at 100 years. The same is true among men. The greatest number of persons now alive above 100 years of age are to be found among Russian peasants, who rarely taste meat. Those people have been practical vegetarians for so many centuries—perhaps from the earliest ages—that anatomists have noted a distinct difference in the length of their alimentary canals, as compared with those of the flesh eating Germans, whose ancestors were cannibals.

Rheumatism in its protean forms is one of the most constant and distressing disorders of old age. The relation between English roast beef and the gout and rheumatism, which prevail so extensively among Englishmen, was clearly pointed out by that distinguished physician and essayist, J. Milner Fothergill. The above considerations, if not considered absolutely conclusive, are worthy of thought.—Modern Medicine.

Don't Drive to His Door.

One night a party of New York railroad men strolled up Broadway after dinner. Near Forty-second street the conversation turned upon the prices of cab hire in different cities. William Hayward, ex-railroad commissioner of Connecticut, said that New York cab fares were higher than in any other city in the country.
"Where are you staying?" asked a New Yorker.
"Within six blocks," was the reply, "and a caddy will not drive me to my door for anything near \$5."
The New Yorker made a bet of a supper for the crowd that any caddy would drive him to his door for \$1.
"Bring him along," was the reply. The money was posted, the caddy called and the standee asked for and given as: "St. Cloud hotel, fourth floor. Drive up to the door." A merrier party than the one which drove round to one of the Tenderloin ovals would have been difficult to find.

Painted Marble.
The new academy at Athens is built of marble from the same quarries which furnished the marble for the Parthenon, and its sculptures are richly decorated in red, blue and gold. This might be considered a bar to its use, if it were not for the fact that since the discoveries made in excavations at Athens within the last 25 years it is no longer possible to doubt that the ancient Greeks often painted their choicest marbles in the most gaudy colors.

Foverty Would Be Pleasant.
If the people were only willing to see poor, they would be very pleasant. But they would not consent to imagine the rich people beg for them on account of their poverty. Sometimes purse proud persons do manifest a topifical scorn for poor people, but such proud folk show by this that they are made fools by their money. It is a weakness in the poor to care for the supercilious silliness of the haughty rich, and the sensible rich should frown down all such silliness. No sensible person feels any contempt for the poor on account of their poverty, and what silly people think is no matter.—Louisville Western Recorder.

Her Weight.
Lady (to her husband)—I am growing so fat that I am beginning to feel alarmed about it. I have just discovered that I weigh 240 pounds.
"Two hundred and forty pounds! And where did you get weighed?"
"On the butcher's scales."
"Oh, then calm yourself! You weigh exactly half."—Figaro.

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TIM AND THE CINNAMON BEAR

An Exciting Episode in Which Brain Was Treated to a Surprise.

Of all the beaches of railway engineering there is none which brings the officer into closer contact with a hardworking lot of men than the maintenance of way work. Sometimes there are comical features even in this department, and one of these was recently told by a well known engineer, who hides his real name under the pseudonym of Jerry Sullivan. It is a tale of one Tim, a track walker, who came in late one night and reported to the other occupants of the bunkhouse that he had been delayed by an extraordinary encounter with a bear.

"Near the end of the section," said Tim, "close to the old camp, I was coming along about 3:30 o'clock, and just after crossing that little bridge I heard a noise of something rustling in the bushes down at the bottom of the dump, and thinking it was a rabbit I fired a rock down into 'em, and in a second there was a terrible splash around in thin bushes, and I saw a big cinnamon bear come out sneezing and rubbin his nose, and then, before I rightly came to me senses, the bear seen me and up the dump he come. Well, I started down the track as fast as I could go, but I hadn't went two telegraph poles until I look back and see the bear still coming and gain on me every jump. So I dropped me adze and rinch and stretched meself for all I was worth. But it was no use, the bear was still gainin, and I was wonderin what on airth I was goin to do, when I see the iron pipe under the track near the cut, and I made for that and went in just clean, when the bear jammed his head in at the end. But he was too big to go in, and he couldn't reach me, and so he pawed around and snorted and bit the end of the pipe and tried first one side and then the other. But I was safe, and I hid there and panted and blessed the man that invented iron pipe.

"Well, I thought the bear would go away after awhile, but he didn't. He snorted right there, wid his head in first way end of the pipe and then the other, and when he come round to the upper end I wished I had held on to the rinch, so I could hit him a belt over the nose. After hein in there over two hours I begin gettin cold, and I see somethin had to be done, and I thought I'd try smokin him out. So I managed to light me pipe, and then I smoked for all I knew how, but the bear still kept his head in the hole, and I crawled up closer and blew the smoke right in his face. He snorted a little, but wouldn't back out, and seemed to be gettin madder all the time. Then, when I was nearly froze to death, I happened to think of the stick of giant powder in me pocket, and, thinks I, Now, I'll settle your hash. So I puts a fuse in the stick of giant, and crawl up and threw it right under the bear's head, and then I touched off the fuse and backed down to the other end of the pipe. I guess that bear thought I was goin to run away, for he run across the track to the other end. Then, when I crawled back to get me feet out of his reach, he crossed back again and stuck his head and neck into the pipe just as the giant went off. Well, I thinkin, I had made a big cannon out of the water pipe, and when it went off I was fired out and landed in the middle of the river and was nearly drowned before I knew just where I was at. But I finally struck the other bank and got out and went up to the station and flagged the passenger and rode home. After climb up the bank I looked back and saw smoke coming out of the lower end of the pipe, and the bear still lookin at the upper end and tryin to see what had happened."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

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FATE OF A RUSSIAN COLONY.

Every Man Left on Hall's Island, In Bering Sea, Eaten by the Bears.

From the quarter deck of the United States revenue steamer Corwin, lying off Hall's island, at the northern end of St. Matthew's island, in Eering sea, the captain and several officers were looking toward the shores. Douglass, the pilot, had just pointed out something under the cliffs that looked like low, half fallen walls, and said they were ruined barabaras. The barabaras is the Aleutian house, built half underground. Some of the gentlemen wished to explore the interior of the island in hopes of finding signs of valuable minerals.

"Mr. Douglass, how about going inland here?" inquired the captain.
"Well, I don't know, sir," said the pilot. "I wouldn't care much to go at this time of year unless the party was large and well armed. Any one can see from here what a forbidding country it is, and it's sure to get worse when you reach it. It's chock full of bears, and in the breeding season they're mighty ugly!"

"How does it happen that there are so many polar bears on St. Matthew's and Hall's islands?" asked the captain. "This must be about the southern limit of their range."

"Well, I suppose, sir, they come down from the arctic on the field ice, following the seal and the walrus. The winter pack reaches way south of here, and the bears make homes on the island among the rocks and caves. They breed here, and as more come every year from the north they naturally get plenty. So long as they find enough to eat they won't trouble anybody unless cornered, and once food gets scarce they'll attack anything. One look at what's left of those barabaras has always been enough explanation for me in those parts.

"There's a sad story about those old houses, sir," continued the pilot. "A good many years ago the Russians thought they'd form a settlement here. So they sent a ship with I don't know just how many people to make a start. No doubt the settlers were a hard lot—convicts of one sort or another—the Russians often made such use of their hard labor. But that's neither here nor there. They were human beings and were put on shore right here, and they built or dug, whichever you like to say, those barabaras. Provisions for a year were given them, and they were told to skimish round and see what they could do in the hunting line. Then the ship sailed away, promising to call round next year and see how they were getting along.

"And so she did, but the settlers were not doing anything that the visitors could see. They hoisted no signal and made no sign of life at all, and when a party from the ship landed a gruesome sight it was they saw. The tops were ripped off the barabaras, and everything was knocked about. Not a living thing could they find. Some moldy provisions were left, and, worst of all, some human bones, not whole skeletons lying as though the people had been starved or had died of disease, but just human bones spread about the floors, and some of 'em outside on the ground.

"Not a bit of writing was found. Nothing at all to say how or when the trouble came. Water was plenty, and provisions, too, and only the bears could account for the wiping out of the little colony. They must have cornered the settlers in the dead of winter, when the pack ice is all around the island and hunger makes 'em fierce, and then they must have torn off the roofs of the huts and made short work of the people. The ship sailed away, and the Russians never tried to colonize the island again."—New York Sun.

Quack Medicine.
Nearly every quack medicine kingdom was founded by a quack healing art, says Julius Rosenberg, a German writer. In the oldest medical book now known, composed in Heliopolis, where once Joseph served in the house of Potiphar, we find means for increasing the growth of hair, prepared for Schesch, the mother of Tote, the king of Upper and Lower Egypt.

Dogs' teeth, overripe dates and asses' hoofs were carefully cooked in oil and then grated. As Tote lived before Cheops, it is supposed that hair oil is older than the great pyramid at Gizeh and is supposed to date back more than 6,000 years. The heads of venomous serpents have held an important place in medicine. A strong broth, made from them and mixed with salt and spices and 100 other remedies, was employed, under the name of thoric, as a cure for every conceivable disease. Three drops of the blood of an angry cat gave relief to the epileptic.

The Oldest Statue.
The earliest known statue is one that has been recovered from an Egyptian tomb. It is that of a sheik or head man of a village, is made of wood, with eyes of glass, and is evidently a portrait. It is 6,000 years old.—Philadelphia Ledger.

CURIOS INSTINCT OF THE LLAMA.
South American Animals Which Always Hunt Up One Dying Place.
It is well known that at the southern extremity of Patagonia the guanacos have a dying place, a spot to which all individuals inhabiting the surrounding plain repair at the approach of death to deposit their bones. Darwin and Fitzroy first recorded this strange instinct in their personal narratives, and their observations have since been fully confirmed by others. The best known of these dying or burial places are on the banks of the Sarra Cruz and Gallegos rivers, where the river valleys are covered with dense primeval thickets of brush and trees of stunted growth. There the ground is covered with the bones of countless dead generations.

"The animals," says Darwin, "in most cases must have crawled before dying beneath and among the bushes." A strange instinct in a creature so pre-eminently social in its habits, a dweller all its life long on the open, barren plateau and mountain sides. What a subject for a painter, the gray wilderness of dwarf thorn trees, aged and grotesque and scanty leaved, nourished for 1,000 years in the bones that whiten the stony ground at their roots, the interior lit faintly with the rays of the departing sun, chill and gray, and silent and motionless—the guanacos' Golgotha! In the long centuries, stretching back into a dim immemorial past, so many of this race have journeyed hither from the mountain and the plain to suffer the sharp pang of death, that to the imagination, something of it all seems to have passed into that hushed and mournful nature. And now come, the latest pilgrim, has come, all his little strength spent in his struggle to penetrate the close thicket, looking old and gaunt and ghastly in the twilight, with long, ragged hair, staring into the gloom out of death dimmed sunken eyes.

To this account of the animal's dying place and instinct Darwin adds, "I do not at all understand the reason of this, but I may observe that the wounded guanacos at the Santa Cruz invariably walked toward the river."

It would not do to rash to affirm of any instinct that it is absolutely unique; but, putting aside some doubtful reports about a custom of the Asiatic elephant, which may have originated in the account of Sindbad the sailor's discovery of an elephant's burial place, we have no knowledge of an instinct similar to that of the guanacos in any other animal. So far as we know, it stands alone and apart, leading up or suggesting any family likeness to it. But what chiefly attracts the mind to it is its strangeness. It looks, in fact, less like an instinct of one of the inferior creatures than the superstitious observance of human beings, who have knowledge of death and believe in a continued existence after dissolution of a tribe that in past times had conceived the idea that the liberated spirit is only able to find its way to its future abode by starting at death from the ancient dying place of the tribe or family, and thence moving westward or skyward or underground over the well worn immemorial track invisible to material eyes.—Land and Water.

The Age of Niagara Falls.

For more than 100 years the scientists of the Old and New World have been figuring out the age of the great falls. Elliott in 1790 fixed the age at 55,000 years; Lyell in 1840 claimed the falls could not be over 35,000 years; Woodward in 1886 even reduced the figure to 12,000 years, and still more recently Gilbert, after learned arguments about the matter, estimated their age at 67 centuries. Now Professor Spencer comes forward and says that all calculations so far had been based upon the retrogressive movement of the soil through the action of the water. While this recession is nearly regular, he adds a new element of calculation—that is, the different phases of the formation of the river itself and its greater or lesser force of erosion exerted both on river bed and banks. Spencer argues that the river has existed for about 32,000 years. During 1,000 years or more it had drained the Erie basin without having formed a cascade. The waters of Lake Ontario getting lower and lower, the falls resulted, but were formed slowly and gradually until they reached their present height.

"The Niagara falls as we know them today," says Spencer, "will last at least 10,000 years." Nature.

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