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Against the world I close my heart,
And half in prison and half in fear
I sigh to Love and Lust; Depart,
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A cypress witch has glided in;
She takes her seat beside my fire;
Her eyes are innocent of sin,
Mine of desire.

She holds me with an unknown spell;
She folds me in her heart's embrace;
If this be love, I cannot tell,
I watch her face.

Her amber eyes are happier
Than any joy that e'er had voice;
Since I am happiness to her,
I, too, rejoice.

And I have closed the door again;
Against the world I close my heart;
I sigh to love, I cannot tell,
Would she depart.

I hold her with a secret spell,
Beyond her name and face;
If hers be love, I cannot tell,
But mine is love.

—Arthur Symonds in *London Nights*.

Herbert Spencer and the Blackies.

One afternoon Mrs. Blackie and the writer, sitting on a garden seat, noted a weary wayfarer with dusty boots open the little gate and climb up the footpath. He wore a soft wideawake and gray clothes, and displayed no badge of saintship or lantern of philosophy. "A dominie for you," said Mrs. Blackie. The professor's voice was ringing out from the open window of his turret study, laden with soft Gaelic gutturals. It ceased, and the dominie stood under the porch. A few minutes passed, and Bella came flying to the garden seat. "Please, mump, it's Mr. Herbert Spencer in the drawing room, and the professor is not to be found." He had closed his book and gone by the back door to breathe on the 'sublime heights' before dinner.

Trembling with responsibility, we faced the illustrious visitor, who restored our composure by abusing the highlands, labeling the imbeciles, and accusing our sex of bribing porters with threepenny bits, and so compassing every railway disaster ever recorded. With some indignation we flung our gauntlet in the face of the "father of modern philosophy," and it is to be feared that he fled from such unwelcome treatment. "This has been a very stormy interview," he said, and took his leave. And just afterward, returning from his walk, the professor missed his visit—"John Stuart Blackie," by A. M. Stoddard.

Diamonds have been found occasionally at different places in the United States, but never in sufficient quantities to render systematic mining profitable.

The largest authenticated diamond ever found in this country was picked up by a laborer engaged in grading the streets of Manchester, Va.

Its original weight was about 21 carats, and, after cutting, a 12 carat stone resulted. On this stone, called by Captain Dewey, its owner, the Onicer, there was once loaned \$1,200, but Mr. Knut, the diamond expert, appraised its value at less than \$1,000, as it is poorly colored and imperfect.

In the matter of diamonds Yankee kind at all events does not "lick creation."—New York Journal.

Specimen Pans From London Punch.

The new woman (in French)—Mme. de Maintenon.

"An Isle in the Water" is the title of a new book. Where else should "an isle" be? In a lamp?

Favorite song on the Stock Exchange—"Oh, what a difference in the morning!"

Appropriate decoration for a "biker's" buttonhole.—The cyclamen.

Dentist's motto.—Tooth will out.

They were discussing the merits of various Oxford colleges. "Well," said a certain patron emphatically, "I would never send my son of mine to such a place as Balliol college, Oxford."

Benson Bill's Glory Departed.

Who among the prophets could have predicted that Benson Bill would have depreciated in value more than in any other section of Boston? And yet there is the fact, and it illustrates how the whims of fashion dominate over all things terrestrial.—Boston Herald.

Each state is supposed to have a militia, composed of men from 18 to 45, capable of bearing arms, but in nearly all the states the militia organization is very incomplete. The number of militia actually organized is not far from 100,000.

In families well ordered there is always one firm, sweet temper, which controls without seeming to dictate. The Greeks represented Perseus as crowned.—Blivier.

If the present rate of increase in manufacture is kept up for 25 years, the United States will be as important a manufacturing as it now is an agricultural country.

The Chinese pen from time immemorial has been a brush made of some soft hair and used to paint the curiously formed letters of the Chinese alphabet.

The word verisimilitude originally meant nothing more than to look at.

ODDITIES OF DRESS.

National Characteristics of the Attire of European Women.

It is strange that whereas in every country of Europe, among the higher classes as well as among the peasantry, a distinctive peculiarity of costume exists, there is absolutely nothing of the kind in North America. The newness of the country does not explain this, as in South American states, which are younger than our nation, a national costume is the rule.

The Russian "kakochnik" is one of the most charming articles of adornment in Europe. It originated among the Muscovite peasant women, but has been adopted during this century by the ladies of the court, and is now worn at the English court.

The Spanish mantilla is well known and has been somewhat vulgarized on the comic stage. The national dress of Roumania has escaped that fate. Carmen Sylva always wears it when at home. It consists of a white linen sleeveless garment made with as few folds as possible and somewhat resembling the Egyptian "fellahien." It is thickly embroidered in a cross stitch arabesque in bright red, sky blue, orange, yellow and black silk, intermingled with gold and silver threads, a band of similar embroidery encircling the waist, with streamers of colored ribbon falling therefrom in a shimmering cascade. The hair is braided in four plaits loosely tied with chains of sequins and the feet are incased in crimson kid slippers strown with seed pearls.

In Poland princesses and peasants wear around their throats several rows of huge coral beads, and so loath to part with these supposed bringers of good luck are they that when a grande dame is arrayed for a ball and is obliged to put on pearls and diamonds she carries her coral beads in her pocket.

In Austria-Hungary is found the greatest divergence in the matter of costume. The garb of the Hungarian peasant is so fetching that the wealthy ladies copy it when on their estates. It consists of a short puffly skirt of colored satin, a matching sleeveless velvet bodice imprisoning a snowy shirt, stiffly starched and embroidered in contrasting colors, and an artistically knotted head scarf from under which escapes a thick braid of hair entwined with colored ribbons.

In the plains of Provence and in the Normandy lands the wealthy still cling to their little lace cap, the intrinsic value of which is some times inestimable, made as they are of rare point lace fastened down with quaintly chased golden pins, heirlooms in families.—New York Telegram.

Where to Plant Watermelons.

Several young farmers were discussing the raising of watermelons, says a correspondent of the New York Post. Many opinions were expressed as to the most desirable soil, the best seed, the best fertilizer and the like, and finally one of the group accented an aged colored man who happened to pass. The question was stated, and the young man said:

"Come now, Uncle Winton, what is your opinion about all this? You must have made many a fine crop in your time."

The old man's eyes twinkled. He took off his hat, scratched his gray wool and answered:

"I ain't rightly sure 'bout de 'low-mesa of fertilizer, neither as to de 'visable kind ob seed what is more better dan common. But I's dead sure able to pick out de best patch for plantin' watermelon, whedder de land is cen de county or de 'tinin (adjoining) one. Boss," he added, pausing to emphasize his words, "I done figure it out long time dat de perfectest place for raisin' melons is de patch what faces all de windows cen de big house up and down, and nober is lost sight ob."

The Fatal Postscript.

"Are you fond of etchings?" asked a young man who had taken the hostess' pretty niece from the country down to supper.

"As a general thing, yes," she answered, looking up into his eyes with an encouraging frankness that threatened havoc to his heart, "but," she added hastily, as he started to say something "frotty," "not any to-night, thank you—it's rather late. A very little lemonade is all I care for."—New York Mercury.

Origin of the Barbed Arrow.

The barbed arrow doubtless had its origin in the observation of different kinds of thorns. Many thorns have natural barbs which render them both inconvenient and dangerous to travelers.—Chicago Chronicle.

Asking Too Much.

"So you want to marry one of my daughters, eh? Suppose you take the eldest."

"But, my dear sir, my debts are not so large as all that."—Fliegende Blatter.

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Capt. McMullan was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

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

Sam DeLano left for San Angelo Saturday.

When calling for Beer be sure and call for Fort Worth.

Alex Bedford the sheepman is back in the Sonora country. He was in town Monday.

Do you drink beer? If you do call for "Premium Pale" it's the best.

F. M. Wyatt returned from a business trip to San Angelo Tuesday.

N. W. Dean of Ballinger was a welcome visitor at the Devil's Retreat this week.

While visiting Ozona stop at the Ozona Hotel, best accommodation in town. Drummers sample room in connection.

The Dallas or Galveston Weekly News and The Devil's River News will be sent to your address one year for only \$2.50

Back and Jim two artistic painters arrived in Sonora Monday from Ozona.

Subscriptions taken at this office for any national news paper or magazine published in the United States at regular rates.

Lee Richards and Tom Bradley two of Brady's prominent business men were in Sonora for a few days this week enjoying themselves.

How about that resolution you made last summer about putting in that big dirt tank this winter. Have you kept it?

Edwin Trimble and Jess Hill are holding down the chairs in the old stand barber shop. Don't forget the boys when you want a clean shave or a smooth hair cut.

G. B. Duke, the blacksmith will shoe horses for \$1 and \$1.25 a set, for cash as long as he can buy shoes as cheap as at present. He wants to give his customers the benefit.

More trade is coming to Sonora every day. Prices and printers ink do the work.

Gold SAM RUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for fine Imported Brandy, Imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars.

Pellett the freighter is trapping at John Rae's ranch on Buckhorn, and since Dec. 1st has trapped 17 wolves, 4 wildcats and 10 polecats. Trapping pays the ranchman and the trapper.

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

D. S. Babb and daughter Miss Mattie and son James came over from Menareville on a short visit. Mr. Babb's many friends were pleased to see him looking so well.

Sonora keeps up with the times. You can get liberal cash advances on your spring wool from Mayer Bros. & Co.

Drink PROVINCE and MANHATTAN CLUB whiskies made by Cook, Bernheimer & Co., of New York. For sale in Sonora at Morris & Allison's saloon. Levy, Rosenberg & Co., of Galveston sole agents for Texas.

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Roll of Honor.
[For the month ending Jan. 24] First Grade.
Orville Word, Mezie Simmons, Erma Marshall, Lillie Bradford, Murdock McDonald, Joe Parker.
Second Grade.
Ralph Schubbach, Floyd Turney Willie Williams.
Third Grade.
Fanny Traweck, Laura Stokes, Christian Hemphill, Guy Hudspeth, Arthur Atkinson, Melvina Valentine, Clyde Bell.
Fourth Grade.
Willow Lovelace, Florrie Duke, Maud Turney, Edna Birtrong, Eda Morris, Wade Marshall, Emmet Bell, Arthur Simmons, Dudley Yaws, Oran Schubbach.
Fifth Grade.
Lou Thomason, Millie Simmons, Cora Lovelace, Lena Stephenson, Minnie Bean, Orville Word, Carl Schubbach, Firis Atkinson.
Sixth Grade.
Daisy Johnson, Sallie Lovelace, Hattie Beaver, Minnie Palmer, Hollie Davis, May Wyatt.
Seventh Grade.
James Schubbach, Earl Duke, Cal Miller, Lula Holland.
Eighth Grade.
Mary Hudspeth, Mona Rountree.
Claude Stevenson, Prin.

Fort Worth Beer is handled by Morris & Allison

John Hall the stockman from thirty miles down the river was in Sonora Saturday.

If you want something real good to chew get Paul Brown's natural leaf at Hagerlund Bros.

J. F. Edmonds of Kerrville, was in Sonora this week. Mr. Edmonds is a portrait enlarger.

Try Brown's Indian Maid chewing tobacco, it will more than please you. Hagerlund Bros have it.

C. G. Lovelace moved a house to the Covington well in East Sonora last week.

Hagerlund Bros. are prepared to make liberal cash advances on your spring wools. See them before making arrangements elsewhere.

G. P. Hill was in town Saturday and reports his sheep fatter now than they have ever been at this time of the year. Mr. Hill has always been noted for having his sheep in good condition.

Our cat goods are going rapidly. Prices is what makes them go. Get our prices and satisfy your selves that you can buy them for less money than ever before offered in Sonora.

Chris Hagelein, senior member of the hardware and windmill firm of Chris & Geo. Hagelein, of San Angelo, was in Sonora this week. Chris says they will move into their new premises, the old Rackley furniture house, about Feb. 4th.

John Rae offers for sale in this issue 15 head of one-half, three-quarters and seven-eighths bred yearling Devon bulls, sired by Ivanhoe. Ivanhoe is said to be the finest bred Devon bull in Texas. If you want good bulls to improve your stock write to Mr. John Rae at Ozona, Texas, or call on him at his ranch on Buckhorn. These bulls having been raised on range similar to your own make them more desirable than those raised in other parts of the state.

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Stock News.
Have you improved the water storage on your ranch?
The Sonora country will have for sale this spring a big string of big yearling steers.
Geo. L. Abbott of San Angelo bought 240 head of big steers from G. W. Whitehead & Sons.
The man or men who buy the yearling steers of the Sonora country this spring will have the finest young cattle in West Texas.
Geo. S. Allison bought from S. J. Palmer his half interest in the 6000 muttons owned by Palmer & Keton.
George Richardson of the firm of Jackson & Richardson of San Angelo, has returned from New York.
If you want yearling steers do not overlook the Sonora country. The finest yearlings in the State are to be found here. Make a note of it.

The herds of the Sonora country are well graded and for the past twenty months the range has been unusually fine, cattle have been in splendid condition and yearling steers this spring will be beauties.

J. J. Alsop, the well-known and obliging agent for Little's sheep dip was in Sonora Monday looking after the interests of his firm. Little's dip seems to be gaining favor with the sheepmen.

R. F. Halbert the Schleicher county stockman was in Sonora Saturday and told the Devil's River News that one of sulphur to three of salt is a cheap and well known preventative for black leg.

Messrs. Vanham & Bunting have sold to Mr. Waite of Ft. Oona, 300 head of heaves at \$25. This is a good figure and shows that prices are not declining much.—Uvalde News.

Jas. Stone bought Fred Iigner's stock of cattle, between 300 and 400 head, at \$12 round. The stock includes many fine heaves, and a 1 in good condition.—Del Rio Record.

Messrs. John and Dan Berry, of Schleicher county, were in the city this week. Mr. Dan Berry bought 2118 head of sheep and a half interest in 27,000 acres of land from his brother, at private figures.—San Angelo Standard.

You may be a believer in free trade but would you rather support the Chinese who live on rice or the American flock master and wool grower who helps pay the taxes and spend his money where you stand a chance of getting some of it.

Dress Making.
Mrs. Etta A. King, an experienced dress maker, solicits the patronage of the ladies of the Sonora Country. Residence, Main Street, Sonora.

Thos. J. Lee, of Waco, has been appointed agent, at a salary of \$1,500 a year, to traverse and report upon the condition of the State university lands with the view of dispossessing trespassers and promoting leases.

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Geo. S. Allison, proprietor of the Ranch Saloon, is agent in Sonora for Oca Philadelphia Club whiskey, made by Rossekam, Gerstley & Co. This whiskey is very fine. Houghton & Robinson of Austin, state agents.

Tuesday night and Wednesday morning a glorious rain fell in the Sonora country, followed by sunshine. On Wednesday night it was repeated, filling the water holes and running the main draw at Sonora. The sun came out early Thursday morning and the prospects for an early spring were never brighter.

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MONTHLY HOP.
To the People of the Devil's River Country:
You are respectfully invited to attend a hop at the Court House in Sonora on Friday night, Feb. 14th St. Valentines day.

F. M. Wyatt sold his residence this week to N. G. King for \$500.

Sol Mayr the cattleman was in town this week.

Sheriff P. McConnell and Mark Baugh made a trip to Brackett last week.

Clarence Evans representing J. A. Caldwell of San Angelo was in Sonora this week.

Mr. Pope representing F. K. Nance of San Angelo, made Sonora a visit this week.

Wm. Schubbach the sheepman was in Sonora this week visiting his family.

Mrs. G. C. Yess of McKavett, was in Sonora this week the guest of Mrs. W. R. Rucil.

Messrs. Routh, Majors, Rabb and Taylor of Binger were in town Monday. Ty are out on a hunt and fish.

J. B. Striling the stockman from Llano county who putting down a well in the northeastern portion of the county was in Sonora this week.

The Maud S soon license having expired Tuesday and as J. P. McConnell the proprietor is negotiating a trade for the business the license will not be renewed until to-day.

Mrs. W. L. Black of McKavett was in Sonora this week on a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Jones, this week. Mrs. Black was accompanied by her sons Geo. and Alex. and grandson Leslie Jones.

B. M. Halbert has resigned his position with Mayer Bros. & Co., and will leave next week with his family for Kickapoo, Edwards county, on a visit to his wife's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ellis. On the expiration of the visit Basil will locate a ranch in Sutton county.

Cook, Bernheimer & Co's famous NIAGARA whiskey is sold in Sonora at the Maud S. saloon. Levy, Rosenberg & Co., of Galveston, sole agents for Texas.

Those who have fruit trees and desire to have fruit this summer, should keep the trees back as much as possible for at least a month longer. Keep the ground around the roots of the trees cold by mulching.

The Devil's River News is read by more people than any local newspaper in West Texas, with one and possibly two exceptions.

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R. S. Alexander a sheepman of Glasscock county was in Sonora Monday. Mr. Alexander bought sheep just before they started down but by close attention to business has made some money. He is looking for a ranch location where he can get his muttons fat early.

It never rains too much in West Texas for the general good.

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To Divide Turkey.

London, January 28.—The Daily News this morning prints a dispatch from Vienna which asserts that news has been received there from Constantinople and Sebastopol which agrees that Russia has a fleet lying at Sebastopol and at Odessa and that the Caucasian armies of Russia are being concentrated upon the Armenian frontiers in readiness to move next spring to realize the plans of Peter the Great for the partition of Turkey between the powers, Russia taking Armenia and Constantinople, France taking Syrian and Palestine and England taking Egypt and the eastern shores of the Persian gulf, the remainder of the Turkish empire to be divided among the other powers.

The Daily News has a dispatch from Sebastopol which records that secret preparations are going forward there of shipping and of armaments of a volunteer fleet. It is the general belief there this dispatch asserts, that the preparations foreshadow some action in the spring.

Something Better?

"The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS will be sent one year as a wedding present to the first Sonora young lady who gets married this year." They are slow a-coming, Mike, but who in the name of the Retreat don't you advocate leap year parties and the like, that might be a greater if not a better incentive. —San Angelo Enterprise.

The color line has been drawn in the Chicago public schools.

The stockmen of the Sonora country can not fail to have fat cattle and sheep this spring.

The sensation of the week has been the reported alliance between Russia and Turkey.

Prince Henry of Battenburg, died of fever in South Africa on Jan. 21st. He was the husband of Princess Beatrice of England.

Potter Palmer of Chicago will probably be named as Mr. Runyon's successor by President Cleveland as ambassador to Germany.

Miles Crowley the democratic congressman from the Galveston district will probably retain his seat in congress.

Theodore Runyon, United States Ambassador to Germany, died of heart failure in Berlin on Jan. 27. His body will be embalmed and shipped for burial at Newark, N. J.

The United States will not allow the Chinese to immigrate to this country but allow them to ship their wool here to compete with the American production. Last years importation of China wools took the place of 22,000,000 pounds of American wool.

Ed Eason, editor of the Sherwood Record in his paper of Jan. 26th, offered to pay house rent for six months to the first couple to marry in Sherwood. The next thing we heard was that on Sunday Jan. 26th, Ed Eason and Miss Bertha Beaty were married. Rev. N. D. Bullock officiating. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS extends congratulations and best wishes and is glad to know that Ed has enough money ahead to pay house rent for six months.

The chances are that the democracy of Texas will be divided this year on the silver question. Chairman Dudley of the democratic State executive committee, in his call for the meeting of that body at Austin on February 7th created the impression that there was to be but one democratic State convention which is construed into a scheme of the silver men to carry things their way. It has been the custom in presidential years to hold a convention to express the sentiment of the state on national issues and elect delegates. If both conventions are not held the party will split.

Wool Market.

Boston.—A consignment of fall Texas wool was within a few days received at a Worcester county woolen mill, which fact taken in connection with recent sales in this market of similar wool "to arrive," would seem to indicate that a large part of the fall wool that came here has been disposed of, and that the remainder is being held pretty firmly; 9 and 10 cents is the local asking price.

A choice, fine year's growth Texas is worth 26c clean; good average, 35c and eight months' spring wool sells at 33 to 34c clean.

New York.—There is a large supply of Texas wools here, there being considerably over 1,500 bales, the most of which is fall. The large part of this stock is very defective, but otherwise it is quite desirable. There have been some fair sales on a basis of 28 to 30c clean.

Philadelphia.—Texas wools remain quiet. Fall Texas ranges from 9 to 10c. Choice lots of Tex. are even held at 12c. —American Wool Reporter.

Black Leg.

Strawn, Tex., Jan. 26, '96. Editor Stock and Farm Journal:

Will you please give a remedy through your valuable paper for black-leg in cattle (or we call it that). Affects cattle from 8 to 16 months old and those in best flesh; skin puffs up, black and bloody, and jelly-looking between skin and flesh; usually die in twenty-four hours or less time; but few ever recover.

S. B. Strawn.

Answer.—Blackleg is a common disease, said to be produced by a germ or parasite, dreaded by every stockman, rarely cured, and both virulent and contagious. Causes various, such as sudden change of temperature, stagnant water, decayed vegetable matter, miasmatic exhalations and many others, causing malconditions of the blood. As you state it generally attacks the best conditioned animals. No certain remedy appears to have been discovered. Change of range and feed is about the best that can be done; also shelter from excessive cold, especially at night. Chlorate of potassium in from one to three drachm doses dissolved in water and given every two or three hours is sometimes efficacious, but as a rule by the time an affected animal is observed its blood is in such condition that treatment is useless. Great care should be exercised in handling the carcass of an animal that died of blackleg, as the blood and excrement are poisonous. Carcasses should be burned or buried at once.

As stated in the above there is no known remedy for blackleg, but the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is reliably informed that one of the cheapest and best preventatives is plenty of salt and sulphur in a trough where the cattle may have access to it at all times. Use one of sulphur to three of salt.

From the American Sheep Breeder.

In 1891 only 350,000 sheep were slaughtered in New York city for local consumption. In 1895, 1,041,000 were slaughtered in that city for home consumption, an increase of almost 300 per cent in local mutton consumption in four years.

It may be of interest to American shepherds to know that in nearly all portions of Australasia the shortage in the lamb crop of 1895 is so marked as to seriously affect both the mutton and wool products for 1896—the shortage generally ranging from 20 to 50 per cent.

According to government report, the total value of fleeces under McKinley bill in 1893 was \$125,909,264. Jan. 1st, 1895, under free wool, the value of fleeces dropped to \$66,685,765, or the average value of a sheep under the McKinley bill was \$2.66; under free wool, \$1.58.

The Dingley bill provides for a duty of 6 to 10 cents per pound on clothing wool; on combing wool, including mohair, 7 2-10 cents per pound; on washed wool of class 1, 13 2-10 cents per pound; on scoured wool, classes 1 and 2, 19 8 10 cents and 26 6 10 cents per pound. (On carpet wools, same as McKinley bill, or 32 per cent under 13 cents a pound in value; 50 per cent on wool over 13 cents a pound in value. All restrictions in McKinley bill are re-enacted.) On woolen rags, mungo and fleeces, 60 per cent of 10 cents or 6 cents per pound. On noils, wastes, shoddy, etc., 60 per of 20 cents per pound, or 18 cents. These

duties are a long way better than free wool.—American Sheep Breeder.

An article in the San Antonio Express of recent date on beef cattle, contained the following: "The Devons are a very old family—as old, if not older, than the short-horns. They are a most excellent mountain cattle, resembling in habits and characteristics the elk and deer; if necessity requires it they are superior hustlers, and will live where the elk and deer can, and on poor, scanty herbage, they are our best cattle. They seem to do well in Texas, and have the best digestion of all the bovine race in our country; their droppings are quite like that of the elk and deer. I have mentioned these different breeds of cattle because we have them among us; they are considered thoroughbreds are good cattle and each breed is better suited to some localities and climates than any other.

Chicago, January 28.—Hardly enough cattle to make a market, yet prices did not advance. Texas cattle steady at \$3.30 to \$3.85. On the sheep market, the prices ruled steady for desirable fleeces. Sales on the basis of \$2.80 to \$3.35 for superior to choice natives. Texas at \$3.25. Receipts 12,000.

Chas. Schreiner of Kerrville sold N. G. King's fall clip of wool at 7 cents a pound.

Jo Parker's fall clip of wool was sold by Chas. Schreiner of Kerrville at 7 1-8 cents.

Among the sales of fall wool made by Chas. Schreiner of Kerrville we learned of the following (this week): A. V. Lamar, M. B. Atkinson, and J. A. Schwalbe at 6 3/4 cents; C. Whitfield, Dock Simmons, P. B. Benson, S. H. Huling and H. A. Covington at 7 cents.

Bulls For Sale.

Fifteen head of one-half, three-quarter, and seven-eighths bred Yearling

DEVON BULLS,

Sired by IVANHOE.

Which I will sell cheap for cash.

JOHN RAE, OZONA, Texas.

Ranch on Buckhorn, 23 miles, northwest of Sonora.

\$2.00 Reward

For the recovery of one blue gray horse branded T on left shoulder and B on left thigh. Lost from Wolf Water Hole on Nov. 28th 1895.

802 Apply at this office.

Notice to Sheep Owners.

I will have a good company of 25 or 28 picked shearers for the spring shearing, and will shear ordinary sheep at 3 1-2 cents a head, and close wooled wrinkled Merinos at 4 cents. Everything furnished. I solicit your patronage and guarantee satisfaction.

MIGUEL HERNANDEZ,
76. Sonora, Texas.

Popular Monthly's Great Lee Articles.

There is no American, living or dead, North or South, who stood nearer the hearts of the people, or whose memory is held with more sacred affection, than General Robert E. Lee. All on this side of the wiped-out but never-to-be-forgotten "line" feel that they know him; but there is still much of his history and that of his family and his ancestors that has never yet been told. On this account the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is pleased to note the announcement of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly regarding the series of notable Lee papers that begin in the February issue. The first is "The Ancestors of General Robert E. Lee and the Times in Which They Lived," by Mrs. Judge Roger A. Pryor, of New York. The whole series, beginning with the earliest colonial times down to the present date, will be enriched with numerous portraits and illustrations of special interest, heretofore unprinted, and a large speaking likeness in water colors of General Lee. Altogether these articles will form a valuable addition to the history of the great men of the nation,

That River Adventure.

On Dec. 12th Jim McMahan and his son Ben and Walter Strickland left Del Rio in three skiffs to descend the Rio Grande on a trapping and hunting expedition. At Eagle Pass they were joined by Jack Blevins, a brother-in-law of Wm Aaron of Comstock, in another boat.

The party had a very pleasant, profitable and uneventful voyage to Laredo, which city was reached on the morning of the 7th of Jan. They remained in Laredo one day and shipped about \$100 worth of pelts to the St. Louis market from that place, leaving there on the morning of the eighth instant.

Saturday noon January 11 they reached an island in the Rio Grande, about ninety miles below Laredo where "beaver signs" were plentiful and concluded to stop over night. They made camp on the American bank of the river and prepared for the night's trapping.

Along in the afternoon nine Mexicans appeared on horseback on the Mexican side of the river, six being in the uniform of rurales or rangers, and the others in citizen clothing. These men acted suspiciously all the afternoon and remained where they could see the Americans. After dark the rurales were heard fording the river below the camp of the Americans and the latter, becoming uneasy, crossed over as quietly as possible to the island and spent the night, avoiding all noise and lights which might betray their whereabouts.

The following morning, Sunday the 12th, the campers were up early, had their breakfast, and began collecting their traps as quickly and quietly as possible; but daylight came upon them before they could get ready to start down the river, and the party of Mexicans were revealed upon the southern bank.

As soon as they could see the rurales rushed down the bank and opened fire upon Walter Strickland and Ben McMahan who were in the head boats. The boys jumped into the river and the Mexicans ran under cover again, where they held a parley in Spanish with Jim McMahan, finally informing him that they would kill all the Americans and take their property. The latter got to the American bank as quickly as possible and ran into the brush, leaving all traps and provisions, and being chased by number of bullets from the opposite bank.

The Americans had no idea where they were as to settlements but believed they were near to Rio Grande City than to any other town. They struck across country and soon found a good plain road with parallel telegraph lines. They started west, and after a walk of forty miles reached the town of Carrizo in Zapata County, Monday the 13th, having had but one meal in two days. This they secured at a Mexican jacal by the roadside.

The party went from Carrizo to Laredo and submitted their case to United States Consul-General Donley at Nueva Laredo.

The officials treated the party with much courtesy and assured them that the outrage would be brought to the attention of the Mexican government, with a request for proper indemnity.

Of course our government will insist upon and indemnity, on proper establishment of the facts, if Mexico should display any disposition to refuse a just claim for damages; but the very friendly sentiment that now exists between the two nations will not be allowed to rupture over a few thousand dollars, and it is expected that the Diaz government will readily and cheerfully remunerate the injured parties in a proper manner, and take such steps as may be necessary for the apprehension and punishment of the offenders. —Del Rio Record.

O.K. BARBER SHOP

Edwin Trimble, Manager.

EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS.

Edwin Trimble and Jess Hill our artists want you to call on them at the old stand next to the bank, when you want a shave, haircut, bath, etc. They are anxious to please and will give satisfaction.

A Book for Young Men.

An immeasurable amount of suffering and injury to the human race, is due to the ignorant violation of physiological laws by the youth of our land. Ruinous practices are indulged in, through ignorance of the inevitable injury to constitution and health which surely follows. By every young man, the divine injunction, "Know Thyself," should be well heeded. To assist such in acquiring a knowledge of themselves and of how to preserve health, and to show those pernicious and most destructive practices, to which so many fall victims, as well as to reclaim and point out the means of relief and cure to any who may unwittingly have violated Nature's laws, and are already suffering the dire consequences, an association of medical gentlemen have carefully prepared a little book which is replete with useful information to every young man. It will be sent to any address, securely sealed from observation in a plain envelope, by the World's Dispensary Medical Association of 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y., on receipt of ten cents in stamps (for postage), it enclosed with this notice.

A. W. Graham, the printer who cut Ruby Ray, and who was apprehended last week in Cuero, arrived in Del Rio Sunday, in charge of Sheriff Jones. In the examining trial before Judge Gildea Tuesday morning he was committed to jail in default of \$1,000 bond for appearance before grand jury. —Del Rio Record.

Crick Atmore and Wils Mason quarreled over a section of school near Shafer Lake, in Andrews county and came to blows. They went home and arming themselves with Winchester sought each other and firing simultaneously both were killed.

Fort Stockton, Texas, Jan. 29. —Joe Brutinet of Colorado City, became involved in a shooting scrape here to-day with J. A. Livingston shortly after noon in which the former was instantly killed by a bullet through the body and one through the head.

A. F. and A. M. Dec Ora Lodge, No. 715.

Will meet in the Masonic Hall in Sonora, the first Saturday after the full moon in each month at 8 o'clock p.m. Officers: S. H. Stokes, W. M.; H. G. Colson, S. W.; S. G. Taylor, J. W.; J. P. McConnell, Treas.; J. O. Rountree, Sec.; S. D. Foote, S. D.; O. Clark, J. D.; J. D. Boyd, Tyler.

Eugene Renfro who was charged with murdering John Heard, at Howath, near Hempstead, last July, was shot and killed by Will Heard, a brother to the deceased, and a brother-in-law to Renfro, at Howath on Jan. 28th.

Germany has semi-officially informed the President of Venezuela that the Monroe doctrine does not apply to defaulting debtors. Germany may use force to collect what Venezuela owes her for railroad work.

Sonora is the trading center for a very large scope of country. The trade of this territory is valuable. It is reached by the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

Sonora does more business than any town west of Temple on the San Angelo branch of the Santa Fe railway with the exception of Brownwood and San Angelo.

Subscriptions taken at this office for Brann's Iconoclast. Published monthly at Waco, Texas, at \$1 a year.

It is rumored that Gomez the leader of the insurgents in Cuba has died of consumption but the report is not believed.

The sinking of the ship J. W. Hawkins with \$80,000 worth of ammunition and men for Cuba is attributed to treachery.

The Governor of New Mexico says he can not stop a prize fight for want of law and money.

O. T. Word the well-known stockman was in from the ranch Friday.

Subscriptions for Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly \$3 a year taken at this office.

R. K. James the sheepman was in Sonora Thursday trading.

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