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In studying our own interests we consider the interests of our customers ---the two are inseparable.

We have now increased our Capital and are doubling our storage capacity, to meet the requirements of our steadily growing trade.

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GENERAL MERCHANTS, SONORA, TEXAS.

**BERCEUSE.**  
Sleep, little one, with your head on my breast,  
Blossoms and bees in a-dreaming;  
Wrapt in a slumber the bird in her nest  
Heeds not the moon faintly gleaming.  
When ere the silken-winged white butterfly  
Sailed through the garden the bright sun to greet,  
Stillness they rest 'neath the shadowy skies.  
Sleep, thou, my sweet!

Sleep, little one, with your cheek, velvet red,  
Pressed like a rose on my shoulder,  
Dim grows that light in the sky overhead,  
Dim grows the shadows and colder.  
Flushed is the wind on the wooded hill's brow;  
Silence has chained his invisible feet.  
Heavy with slumber the little swallows bow.  
Sleep, thou, my sweet!

—Laura G. Astroyd in Senate.

**Andrew Lang's Wonderful Dog.**  
A Newfoundland named Oscar belonging to myself had often listened with much interest to stories of reasons of drowning persons by dogs. I was one day in possession of an engraving of a dog, and I contemplated it for hours and spy the pose in the mirror. One day two little children were playing alone on St. Andrew's pier, and I was sketching the ruins at a short distance, Oscar running about on the pier. I happened to look up and saw Oscar, as if inadvertently, but quite deliberately, back one of the children (Johnny Chisholm by name) into the water, which is there very deep. The animal then gave three loud howls to attract attention (he had been taught to give "three cheers for Mr. Gladstone"), jumped into the water, rescued the child and carried him, "quite safe, but very wet," to the local photographer's, obviously that the deed might be commemorated by art. Nobody saw the beginning of this tragedy except myself.

Oscar, when brought home, deliberately rapped out "Humane Society" with his tail on the floor; but, much as I appreciated his intelligence, I could not, in common honesty, give him a testimonial. This preyed on his mind. He accompanied a party to the top of St. Rulo's tower and deliberately leaped from the top, being dashed to pieces at the feet of an eminent divine whose works he had often, but unsuccessfully, entreated me to review in an unfavorable sense. His plan was to bring the book, lay it at my feet and return with the carving knife in his mouth.—Andrew Lang in Longman's Magazine.

**Bank Note Paper.**  
The nine kinds of notes printed by the Bank of England are all on this black—A half note is printed on a paper made from naphtha smoke. A peculiarity of the English notes is that the engraving is simple and old-fashioned, in contrast to the notes of other countries, which are most elaborately engraved by complicated machinery, the designs being difficult of imitation by hand, and the lathes and ruling engines being so costly as to discourage counterfeiters.

The English paper is made by a private concern, as is that in use in the United States, the pulp of the latter being a mixture of linen, cotton and silk, the silk threads coming into prominence after the printing.

The French bank note paper is of similar texture, hair being used with the pulp instead of silk threads. Over 50,000 notes are issued by the bank of England daily of an average value of £20.—New York Journal.

**More Dangerous Now.**  
"What are you reading, Richard?" asked Mrs. Mekton.  
"I happened to see something about Ajax."  
"The gentleman who defied the lightning?"  
"Yes, I suppose it was safe enough in those days. But if Ajax had had to ride on a trolley car and pay the bills of the man who fixes the fan and the lightning apparatus, I'm willing to wager a good deal that he would have been more careful about how he got familiar with electricity."—Washington Star.

An excellent Cologne may be made with half an ounce of oil of bergamont, quarter of an ounce of oil of lemon, half an ounce of oil of orange, half an ounce of oil of English lavender, half a dram of neroli and one quart of alcohol. Shake the bottle several times a day for four or five days.

Inventions that have been patented in the United States for not more than one year may also be patented in Canada. A patent will be refused in Canada if the United States patent is more than one year old.

The vice-chamberlain of her majesty's household follows the master of the house and is followed by secretaries of state who are not of the degree of baron.

We go to the grave of a friend, saying, "A man is dead," but angels through about him, saying, "A man is born."—Beecher.

The great pelican often has a wing spread of 15 feet. The bird itself sometimes exceeds 25 pounds in weight.

**THE WALKING GALLOWES.**  
Name Given to a British Officer During the Irish Rebellion.  
The late Mr. W. J. Fitzpatrick was best known in this country perhaps as Lever's biographer, but he was also the author of many interesting historical works, dealing for the most part with the mysteries which shrouded the expenditure of Pitt's secret service money and with the true character of the shadowy figures moving behind the scenes during the rebellion of 1798 and the act of union that followed it.

Time travels slowly over in Ireland. The peasantry still talk of the stirring events of that memorable year in a manner that makes it difficult for a stranger to realize that some hundred years have elapsed since they took place. In a review of Mr. Fitzpatrick's books reference is made to an officer whose energetic measures for suppressing sedition should certainly claim for his memory the same respect and admiration as are awarded to Judge Jeffries and other gentlemen of the same stamp.

When the rebellion first broke out, the militia regiment of a certain county adjoining Dublin could boast the services of an officer of the name of Hepenstall who soon became known throughout the length and breadth of Ireland as the "Walking Gallowes." This notorious officer, originally an apothecary, was a Goliath in stature and a Nero at heart. If after dark, while patrolling the country with his men, he met a peasant who could not satisfactorily account for himself, Hepenstall's mode of procedure was first to knock him down with a blow from his fist, which was quite as effective as a sledge hammer, and then, ordering one of the drummers to take off a cord from his drum, to adjust a noose around the prisoner's neck, draw the rope over his own athletic shoulders and trot about, the victim's legs dangling in the air until death at last put an end to the torture.

These details—almost incredible at the present day—were admitted by the gallant officer himself when undergoing cross examination at the trial of a rebel named Hyland, counsel for the defense exclaiming at the close of this remarkable evidence, "Then, sir, you acted the executioner and played the gallowes!"

"Yes, please your honor," came the reply.

At the time that Lord Norbury, the presiding judge, warmly complimented the witness on his loyalty and assured him that he had been guilty of no act which was not natural to a zealous, loyal and efficient officer. Prefixed to that rare and extremely seditious periodical The Irish Magazine for 1810 is a picture of Hepenstall, in his capacity of executioner, slowly strangling an unfortunate wretch, who is dangling behind his gigantic back. His features, handsome in their conformation and serene in their expression, present a puzzle to the students of Lavater's theory, and it is impossible not to admire his magnificent physique. A wit suggested that his tombstone would be suitably inscribed by the following epitaph:

Here lie the bones of Hepenstall—  
Judge, jury, gallowes, rope and all.  
—Pittsburg Dispatch.

**A One Hundred Course Dinner.**  
At a dinner given by the late Prince Ratibor there were a hundred courses. The chefs of the prince were solemnly chosen after the greatest deliberation and cross examination. On one special occasion it was announced that he was in need of a cook, and ten of the best chefs duly presented themselves for the coveted post. They were informed by the prince that each must serve a dinner of his own choice and cooking, consisting of ten courses, to be served the same evening to a jury of the best gastronomes in Paris, who would eat of each different dish and then pass judgment. This programme was carried out and the palm awarded to a Frenchman who had been chef for many years to the Baron Haussman. A trip to Marienbad by the whole of the jury was the sequel to this famous dinner of 100 courses.—London Tit-Bits.

**The Man in the Moon in Germany.**  
The German legend tells us that ages ago an old man went one Sunday morning into the forest to cut timber (hew sticks). He cut a bundle of fagots and swung them over his shoulder and began to trudge home.

On the way he met a remarkable looking individual with a face as bright as the sun. "Do you know, old man, that it is Sunday on earth, when all men rest from their labors?" said the stranger. "Sunday on earth or Monday in hell, it is all the same to me," said the hardened old wretch.

"Then bear your bundle forever," said the stranger as he vanished from sight. A moment later the old sinner and his fagots were deposited on the moon, where they stand to this day a perpetual warning to all Sabbath breakers.—St. Louis Republic.

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Tickets for sale at the Post Office, Sonora, and at Harris' Drug Store, Ang. Stage leaves Sonora and San Angelo every day, Sundays excepted at 7 o'clock a. m. The trip being made in one day. All business entrusted to our care will receive personal attention. Comfortable Hacks, Low rates on Express parcels.

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SONORA, TEXAS, - September 29, 1896.

The membership of the Bryan and Sewall club as we go to press is 114.

Tom Killen and Chas. Broom of Ozona were in Sonora this week.

There were 42 votes cast at the hog election last Saturday. The vote stood 19 to 23 for the hog law.

GREAT SALES prove the great merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Sarsaparilla sells because it accomplishes GREAT CURES.

J. M. Page of Georgetown is in Sonora on land business. Mr. Page is a well-known surveyor and land agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee L. Russell of Menardville were in Sonora this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McConnell.

Episcopal services will be held at the court house Sunday by the resident pastor Rev. A. Roney, at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8 o'clock p. m. All are invited to attend.

Miss Delia Hale of Aransas Pass has accepted a position as teacher of the Martin-Baker school in precinct No. 4. The school will begin on Oct. 5th and will last 6 months.

It is a fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier, has proved over and over again, that it has power to cure, even when other medicines fail to do any good.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists, 25c.

O. T. Word one of the largest taxpayers of Sutton county announces this week as a candidate for commissioner from Precinct No. 2. Mr. Word being a successful business man would doubtless make a good commissioner.

An election was held at Eldorado, Schleicher county Wednesday of which the purpose of determining harbor fit for a tax of 10 on the whole stretch of the coast south of the mouth of the river. The vote was 11 to 22 in favor of the tax.

Sam Merck has been solicited by voters of precinct No. 3 to run for the office of Commissioner and has consented to do so. Sam Merck is "as honest as the day is long." He is truly one of the pioneers of Sutton county and will make a good commissioner.

Vienna, September 18.—The New Froi Press says an inspection of the forts of the Dardanelles by a Russian general is the sultan's reply to England's attempt to force him to abdicate, and that is the response of Russia, who has taken the sultan under protection, owing to England's menace.

Congressman Noonan was invited to visit the public school by the trustees and took pleasure in doing so. His advice and remarks to the pupils should be remembered by them as his knowledge of the world gained by being judge of the district court for 32 years is inestimable. His personal character being above reproach.

There's neatness and finish in the BUCKSKIN BREECHES that is not found in other makes. The reason they are the best is because we make more pants, know how better, and don't waste any time in manufacture. That's why the price is as low as that asked for common pants.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes. 27.

Rev. M. C. Wilson of the Protestant Methodist church of Mason county accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Carlyon of Wyoming, arrived in Sonora Saturday. The reverend gentleman assisted Rev. M. Coppedge in opening the protracted meeting at the church Saturday night and have conducted a very interesting meeting all week.

The Bryan-Sewall democratic club met again at the court house Friday night. There was a good crowd out. Judge Bell chairman, Attorney S. G. Taylor of Sonora was the first speaker and entered into an exhaustive discussion of the free coinage of silver. Chas. F. Dickinson the Ballinger lawyer also addressed the meeting on the position of the democratic party. He touched on the tariff, the free coinage and the nigger control in the republican party.

\$60,000.00 Trade.

The biggest trade made in West Texas for some time was consummated this week by Sol Mayer buying for F. Mayer & Sons of Sonora the ranch and all the cattle belonging to the estate of the late Dr. J. B. Taylor, situated in Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett counties, excepting the Jot Gunter herd of about 650 head of blooded stock, for the sum of \$60,000. The ranch is a very valuable property. There are supposed to be 5,300 head of cattle and Mr. Mayer says they will average in price \$10 per head. Uncle Henry Stevens is expected to-day to make the delivery.

J. P. Morris and son J. R. of Coryell county were in Sonora Saturday with 1900 sheep for sale. They sold the sheep Monday to J. L. Quinn, of Howards Well for \$125 a head. The flock consisted of 600 3 to 5 year old wethers, 400 lambs and the balance ewes and young wethers.

A. A. Kelley received 51 head of 1s from Lee & Landers last week, which he had bought at \$11. He had a 12 per cent cut back out of the bunch.

R. W. Foster sold to A. B. Robertson this week, sixty head of fat cows at \$13 per head. They were shipped to the St. Louis market.

W. L. Foster of Sterling county, sold to Green Igo, of Emma Texas last week, 300 1s at \$11.50, with a five per cent cut back.

J. A. Canfield bought of G. B. Loyling last week 1000 head of one and two-year-old heifers at \$9 and \$10.—Colorado City Times.

The sheep market has been in a deplorable state this week, and the cause has been nothing but an oversupply. A few weeks ago the outlook was encouraging, for a good demand from the East had sprung up, but it seems that this was only temporary, and the heavy shipments from Chicago soon flooded the Atlantic States with mutton. The result has been a stagnation in the market, and packers have been unable to find an outlet for their products. This week closes with the market in the worst shape it has been this year. Receipts of sheep for the year so far show a big gain over last year, and it is not likely that they will fall below the average to the end of December.

Sheep feeders feel that there is a splendid opportunity now for buying stock sheep and lambs, but they are in the same boat with cattlemen. Not many have enough ready cash to put in a big supply of sheep, and banks won't let them have it, even on first-class security. Money lenders are not taking any chances, and, of course, are not doing much business. After it is decided in November what the money basis shall be there will be no excuse for such conservatism, and likely enough the banker will be hunting customers. But in the meantime the live stock man will have to wait for the favorable change, and see his accumulation of feed put to no profitable use.

From now to the first of November receipts of sheep are likely to be excessive, as they were last year, and the year before during the fall months. It was hoped that some new combination of circumstances would arise this year that would so equalize receipts that there would be no congestion of supplies this fall, but such has not been the case. A big crop of feed has had little or no effect in checking receipts, as many supposed it would. It has caused a good demand for feeders, yet the demand is no larger than usual at this time of the year.—Chicago Drovers Journal.

What Newspapers Do. The newspapers really cover a wider range, relate the daily history of more countries, make personalities much more visible and not infrequently narrate stirring incidents in a style which makes them as exciting as any adventures either in the historic past or in fiction. The surface of the world is spread out before the readers of a wealthy newspaper like a great panorama, with the advantage that all the personalities upon it are seen, as in some of the newest photographs, in actual and continuous motion. The world is reduced to a stage, and the observer is positively fascinated by the drama going on, which, being well "rendered," is so attractive that not a few of the spectators become stagestruck.—London Spectator.

What He Meant. He had proposed and been rejected. "Very well," he said coldly, "there will come a time when your treatment of me will be regretted." "I shall never regret it," she replied. "Oh, I don't mean you," he murmured hoarsely. "I refer to the man you finally accept."—Philadelphia North American.

In the manufacture of knives the division of labor has been carried to such an extent that one knife is handled by 70 different artisans from the moment the blade is forged until the instrument is finished and ready for the market.

The German patent office makes a careful examination of all applications for patents and rejects such as appear to lack novelty or have been introduced to public use or placed on sale before a patent was applied for.

The oldest sons of viscounts follow those secretaries of state who are not of noble birth and are themselves followed by the younger sons of earls.

Most birds of prey are provided with nictitating membranes that serve to keep the eye perfectly clean and bright.

Judge thyself with a judgment of sincerity, and thou wilt judge others with a judgment of charity.—Mason.

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

News From Last Week.

Ex-Sheriff Frasier Shot to Death by J. B. Miller of Pecos.

Toyah, Texas, September 14.—J. B. Miller of Pecos killed Bud Frasier here this morning. Trouble had been anticipated between the two parties for the past two or three years. Miller entered the saloon of Welch & Co., where Frasier was sitting playing cards with friends when Miller shot both barrels of a shot gun at Frasier tearing his face to pieces. Miller gave himself up to the sheriff. The two sisters of Frasier attempted to shoot Miller but were disarmed by friends. Further trouble is expected.

On Sept. 6th 1896, Mr. G. W. Hodges to Miss Hattie Alley, Elder A. J. McCarty officiating. Mr. Hodges is one of the most prominent cattlemen in this part of the State. The bride is the eldest daughter of Judge and Mrs. E. S. Alley and is one of the most beautiful young ladies in this part of the State.

On Thursday evening, Sept. 18th Episcopal church, Mr. Andrew Paterson and Miss Nansie Roberts were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. A. Roney officiating. Mr. Paterson is a prominent stockman of this county and his bride is the accomplished sister of Mr. Joe Roberts.—Junction City Citizen.

Judge W. A. Stewart of Sonora was in the city this week and had his name enrolled on the list of the elect who know a good paper when they see it. In conversation with the Record reporter, Mr. Stewart said Steve Murphy was all right but Mike was strictly n. g.—Del Rio Record.

News was received yesterday from Sherwood, that on last Monday at Big Lake, situated in the western portion of Tom Green county, three men attacked Henry Lindley's brother-in-law and a young man about twenty years of age and left them for dead. Mr. Lindley's brother-in-law is now in Sherwood, under medical attention but is not expected to live. The young man, or boy, recovered from the effects of the attack. The sheriffs of Crockett, Irion and Tom Green were notified and are at work on the case. The particulars are very meagre.—San Angelo Standard.

And then the rhinoceros snorted. The sparrow was a sight to see. Exploded is no word for it. And it sat all in a heap on the corner of the house and chipped the mournful chirps. "I didn't the smallest notion the thing was alive," it said. "Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" And it wouldn't be healed for a long time. Its astonishment had been severe and had got "into the system." I remembered the story of the boy who sat on the whale's blowhole. Behemoth had got stranded on the Shetland coasts. While the population was admiring it an urchin climbed on the head of the distressed monster, and exultantly seated his graceless person on its forehead. He lay but a short time to enjoy his triumph, and the next instant the whale, filling itself with air, blew such a blast through its blowhole that the boy was blown up into the air and out to sea. So said the veracious chronicler of the day, and I hope I was true, for little boys should not under any circumstances sit on the blowhole of whales, nor young sparrows on the nostrils of a rhinoceros.—English Illustrated Magazine.

The Galle Japanese. There is no peculiarity about the Japanese that is not particularly known—they never utter an oath," said Colonel A. W. Gruber. "The reason for this is that there is no word in the Japanese language which is equivalent to an oath. Even the vast number of foreigners who have gone to that country during the last ten years, and the thousands of new words added to the language have not, in the least affected the Japanese in this respect. The Japanese stand alone, for all other inhabitants of earth can, when they step on a tack, use a stronger expression than the one used in general conversation."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Expense of Living in Japan. A writer in The Literary Digest says that in Japan a merchant, manufacturer or gentleman farmer of the first class spends on an average \$40 a year; of the second class, \$25; of the third class, \$16. A first class wedding costs \$120 and a first class funeral \$80.

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AN ASTOUNDING SPARROW.

It tickled the Rhinoceros' Nose, and the Great Beast Sneezed. It is not easy to astonish a sparrow. You can scare it—"often scared as off return, a pert, voracious kind"—but to make it fly away, but that is one thing. Cause the sparrow has the bump—self preservation very prominently developed and takes a hint as to personal danger with extraordinary promptitude. But, though it may remove its small body out of harm's way for the time being, it is not disconcerted. You can see that by the way in which it immediately goes on with its toilet. Its nerves have not been shaken—that is evident from its obvious self possession and the way it scratches its head and makes a note of the fly which went by. It would not commence once a frivolous altercation with another of its kind if it had been disconcerted.

And really it is not to be wondered at that the sparrow should be beyond the reach of astonishment. Think of what it sees, and see quite unconcernedly, in the streets of London. Put a tiger into Fleet-street or a bear at the Bank, and the poor beasts would go crazy with terror. A single omnibus would stampede a gang of sparrows. They are not dismayed and retreats with its back to the street when a runaway van comes thundering death down Ludgate hill. The small bird's life is, in fact, so made up of surprises that it regards the astounding as commonplace. So a fly, sitting down in a train, thinks nothing of finding itself in the next county when it gets up. Its whole existence is volcanic and seismic. It cannot settle on a hand without the hand moving. What would a dog think if, on going into a ten acre field, the field suddenly turned over? But the fly is not put out of countenance by such "phenomena." It comes back to the hand. It is the same with the sparrow. It thinks no more of another wonder than the Seven Companions did of another dragon in the day's work.

All the same, I have seen a sparrow totally confounded and all to pieces. It was, I confess, only a young one, with just the promise of a tail, nothing more, and some odds and ends of fluff still clinging between the red feathers. I was looking at the rhinoceros, which was lying down close to the railings, and a very sleepy rhinoceros it was. Except for slight twitches of the tail and an occasional fidget of the ears it was quite motionless. And the young sparrow hopping about in the inclosure, coming to the beast, hopped on to it, looking in the chinks of its skin for chance grains or insects. And it hopped all along its back on to its head—the rhinoceros winked—and along its head to the little horn, and from the little horn and then the sparrow turned on to its nose.

And then the rhinoceros snorted. The sparrow was a sight to see. Exploded is no word for it. And it sat all in a heap on the corner of the house and chipped the mournful chirps. "I didn't the smallest notion the thing was alive," it said. "Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" And it wouldn't be healed for a long time. Its astonishment had been severe and had got "into the system." I remembered the story of the boy who sat on the whale's blowhole. Behemoth had got stranded on the Shetland coasts. While the population was admiring it an urchin climbed on the head of the distressed monster, and exultantly seated his graceless person on its forehead. He lay but a short time to enjoy his triumph, and the next instant the whale, filling itself with air, blew such a blast through its blowhole that the boy was blown up into the air and out to sea. So said the veracious chronicler of the day, and I hope I was true, for little boys should not under any circumstances sit on the blowhole of whales, nor young sparrows on the nostrils of a rhinoceros.—English Illustrated Magazine.

The Restoration of Organs of the Body. A surgeon had occasion to operate upon a dog that had its spleen injured, and the greater portion of this organ was removed. Six or eight months later the dog died of other causes, and the doctor had the curiosity to look over his bit of surgery. He found the spleen almost entirely reproduced. During several months succeeding the operation, however, the animal suffered severely from indigestion and lack of nutrition, and the utmost care was necessary to keep it alive. As the spleen grew toward its natural size the animal improved in health and would probably have lived for some time except for the accident that terminated its career. Medical authorities have never been able to decide what is the special office of the spleen. That it has something to do with assimilation and nutrition is evident, but just what or how no one is able to say.—New York Ledger.

Singing and Whistling Mice. Singing and whistling mice are occasionally reported, but it is not generally known that these musical efforts of the little rodents are signs of fast approaching death. The "music" is caused by a parasite in the liver, and the sounds are the result of spasmodic breathing caused by its presence.—St. Louis Republic.

Resented. "I suppose," said the man trying to be chummy, "it doesn't hurt your glass eye when you get anything in it?" "Does it look as if it would ever be likely to have a pane in it?" responded the other frigidly. "And he gave him the glassy stare."—Indianapolis Journal.

A man may guy, a man may lie, and a man may puff and blow! but he can't get trade by sitting in the shade, waiting for business to grow. If he's wise he'll advertise in the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

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A MAN WHO WAS DREADED.

Baron Hirsch's Reputation as Death's Ally Among the Superstitious. Perhaps no man of his time had so uncanny a reputation among his enemies as the late Baron de Hirsch. The evil eye was the least of the mysterious agencies for evil ascribed to him. Many persons—not all of the ignorant classes—believed that by a movement of the fingers he could bring down ruin upon whomsoever he wished to harm, and his breath was said to be poisonous, resulting in lunacy or slow death to those he breathed upon. Nor were there wanting proofs to those whose object it was to find them in the strange disasters that overtook many with whom he came in contact. Count Weimpfen, the Austrian ambassador to France, who was allied with him in many enterprises, killed himself in Paris at a time when he apparently had everything to live for.

Baron von Blaschke, one of the finest officers in the Austrian cavalry, became associated in friendship and business with Baron de Hirsch and killed himself shortly after. Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria was De Hirsch's friend. His mysterious death at Meyerling and the subsequent assassination of all those admitted to still closer intimacy with this strange person escape.

His right hand man and general factotum, Henry Coward, was found with his throat cut, every evidence being present to show that it was a case of carefully prepared self destruction. Count Pompey Coronini, whom De Hirsch admitted to an intimacy accorded to few, became notorious in a poisoning case and was ruined in reputation.

Finally the baron's only son, Lucien, died suddenly and unaccountably, taking from De Hirsch's life one of the few real spots of brightness in it, for the affection between son and father was very strong. It is said that the baron knew of this unfortunate reputation of his, and that, once driving in the country with an acquaintance, he passed two peasants who made the sign of the cross, averting their faces.

"There is an instance of what the persecution of slander can do," said De Hirsch bitterly to his companion. "I would rather they had stoned me." To the sinister reports of superstition, the effect of which was marvellously widespread, was due the blackballing of Baron de Hirsch at the Jockey club in Vienna, and it is said that it underlay the refusal of Count Festeticz to allow the Prince of Wales to bring the baron in his train on his proposed visit to Kesthely, the count's castle in Hungary. As a consequence, the prince at the last moment declined to go. To what extent he was manipulated in the correspondence on this delicate subject, De Hirsch, who was then

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Stockmen's Meeting. The citizens of Fort Worth have determined to make the coming meeting of Stockmen—October 12 and 13—in their city, the event of years in live stock circles, and to that end have gone to work with characteristic vim and energy, and give out the following program: First day—Monday, October 12—Gigantic Fat Stock Show, with entries from all over Texas of choice steers, cows, heifers, hogs and sheep.

Monster Barbecue, with preparations to feed 10,000 people. Thrilling scenes from Ranch Life, where will be shown the most exciting riding, roping and branding contests ever witnessed. Second day—Tuesday, October 13—The National Live Stock Exchange will be in annual session. Giant Trades Display and Clubs' Parade, ending with fire works and a "Night Out."

There will be a great concourse of visitors from other states and every Texan interested in the development of his state and appreciative of exciting though innocent fun should be in attendance. The rail roads have made very low rates and everybody should go and take his folks. Splendid premiums will be awarded on the roping and riding contests, and those interested should address J. W. Barbee, Live Stock Agent Cotton Belt, Fort Worth.

Private Detectives. We want one or two young men in this county to represent us as private detectives. Money for the right man. Experience unnecessary. Address with stamp, Texas Detective and Protective Agency, San Antonio, Texas.

Strayed or Stolen. On Sunday night Sept. 13th, from G. Huber's ranch 15 miles east of Sonora, one dun horse, black mane and tail, 14 hands high, 9 years old branded C on left shoulder and spanish brand on left thigh. I will pay \$5 reward for his recovery. Wm. Kelo, Sonora, Texas.

Wanted a position as governess in a family by a teacher of seven years experience. English, French, Music, Drawing, Physiology, Elementary Latin, Geometry and Algebra. Address, Miss Abbotts Smith Lampasas, Texas.

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H. KNAUSENBERGER.  
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**Announcements.**

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce the following candidates for the office specified:

**Tax Assessor:**  
A. J. Suenrigen as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the ensuing November election.

M. B. Atkinson as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

Steve Murphy as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the election on November 3rd, 1896.

J. W. Bunton as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the November election.

W. R. Rudick as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the November election.

**For County Judge.**  
J. O. Rountree as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

J. N. Halbert as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Sutton county at the November election.

Gus A. Batts as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

**Sheriff and Tax-Collector:**  
J. P. McConnell as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax-Collector of Sutton county at the election in November.

J. L. Davis as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county at the election on the 3rd of November.

J. E. Fulcher as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax collector of Sutton county at the election in November.

**For Treasurer.**  
John W. Hagerlund as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the general election on Nov. 3rd.

**Justice of the Peace and Commissioner.**  
W. A. Stewart as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, at the November election.

**For Commissioner.**  
O. T. Word, as a candidate for Commissioner for Precinct No. 1, at the November election.

Sam Merck as a candidate for county commissioner of precinct No. 3 at the ensuing election.

**For Constable.**  
James Capitulo as a candidate for Constable of Precinct No. 1, at the ensuing election.

**Rams For Sale.**  
I have at Sonora 80 head of fine acclimated Delaine Rams for sale at low prices. Robt. Anderson.

Walter Pitman of Edwards county was in Sonora this week.

R. W. Davis of Bastrop county, father to J. Love Davis of this county is out on a visit.

Go to SAM HUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for the imported Brandies, imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars.

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

**The Ed Looney Killing.**

Monday night about 10:30 o'clock a number of men were congregated at the Maud S. Saloon among the number being Al Haley and Ed Looney. Haley called all present to the bar to take something. Those present did so and while standing at the bar some words passed between Looney and Haley. Blows were struck and the deadly six-shooter came into play and Ed Looney lay on the floor dying from the effects of two mortal wounds. One entering the left shoulder and ranging down to the middle of the back and lodging against the spinal column the other entering the right side of the back and almost passing through the body to the left side in front. The other wound was a flesh wound in the right shoulder, four shots in all being fired. Looney's pistol fell to the floor when he fell or was dropped. Looney did not shoot. After the shooting Haley left the saloon and ran down the back street to Wyatt's livery stable where he surrendered a few minutes later to Special Ranger George Black who had heard the shooting and followed. He offered no resistance and was taken to jail by Ranger Black, F. M. Wyatt and Deputy Sheriff Hancock of Menard county. Sheriff McConnell who happened to be in another part of the town at the time of the shooting, overtook them before they arrived at the jail with their prisoner.

The grand jury found a bill of murder against Al Haley and Judge Timmins fixed the bond Wednesday at \$3,000 which was quickly given with J. C. Barksdale, R. W. Cailahan, Geo. H. McDonald, E. W. Wall, A. J. Drago and Ira L. Wheat as sureties.

Al Haley is a well-known cattleman and hide and animal inspector of this county. He moved his family and stock here from Edwards county about four years ago. He is about 40 years of age.

Ed Looney was in his 25th year. He came to Sutton county from near Cisco in Eastland county, in the spring of 1891 and had worked J. W. Mayfield, O. T. Word and A. J. Winkler in the cattle business.

ing after the cattle in Deats of Mrs. Davis of this county. He also had cattle of his own. He returned Sunday from a visit to his parents at the old home near Cisco after an absence of three years. He was very popular with those who knew him and his friends were numerous. The funeral which took place from A. J. Winkler's residence Tuesday, was probably the largest ever seen in Sonora. Service was conducted at the grave by Rev. M. C. Wilson and was quite affecting. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS extends to relatives and friends its sympathy.

W. A. Wright the brilliant young lawyer of San Angelo arrived in Sonora on professional business Monday evening and at the solicitation of the Bryan-Sewall Slayden Club, addressed the meeting of that club at the court house Monday night. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance and although Mr. Wright did not come prepared to make a speech he prefaced his remarks by saying like Hill of New York, "I am a Democrat." He then spoke on the principles of his party and the Chicago platform, paid his respects to the Palmer-Buckner ticket, the Republican party, the dictation of foreign powers and advocated bimetalism.

Geo. P. Miller the steam well-driller was in Sonora this week. Geo. looks as natural as ever and is kept busy all the time. His machine is at work in Pecos county.

Another heavy rain is falling in the Sonora country as we go to press. It has rained every Saturday for the past four weeks.

C. Lemen came home on Friday stage from his trip around the country with Lemen Bros. monster show.

A. T. Nicks of Burnet county, father to J. T. and S. I. Nicks the sheepmen of the Sonora country is out on a visit.

W. Burton, W. Vargo, W. Crane and J. Crane stockmen of San Saba county are in the Sonora country prospecting with a view to locating.

**Congressman Noonan visits His Constituents.**

Congressmen may not attract much attention in Washington but the visit of Congressman Noonan and the fact that he would address the people at the court house brought out a large crowd Thursday night. Congressman Geo. H. Noonan is the present representative of this the 12th congressional district. He was elected as a republican two years ago and is a candidate for re-election.

The meeting was called to order by H. Knausenberger, chairman of the Sutton county Republican executive committee, who made a few appropriate remarks and introduced the Hon. Geo. H. Noonan.

Congressman Noonan's remarks were mostly confined to the tariff which he considered of the greatest importance to the people of this district. He spoke of the stoppage of legislation by the tariff men and how it had influenced his hearers not to be influenced by prejudice but to vote for the best interests of the country. That patriotism and protection was the great American principle. That the country would again be prosperous on the restoration of confidence by the election of Wm. McKinley as president and the carrying out of the principles and policies of the republican party and not by the fallacy of free silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. He spoke of the object governing the bimetallic league and the silver party. That it was more to the interests of his hearers to have the finest country the sun ever rose upon fully stocked with cattle and sheep on a paying basis than help the silver mine owners increase the value of their mines. He advised the people to read closely the literature that would shortly be distributed and vote for the best interests of themselves, their families, their homes and country. Congressman Noonan is not an orator but the knowledge of his personal character seems to add weight to what he says and causes his hearers to listen attentively. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested when he closed.

Wm. L. Black of McKavett was the next speaker. He gave a short sketch of his life. He was born in the South, a democrat by birth and affiliation without investigation, until democracy and tariff reform won the day in 1854 and the change of conditions caused him to investigate the question. He is now a republican and working for the party because he is convinced the policies of the party are for the best interests of the United States. He spoke of free silver as a benefit to no one but the silver mine owners and gave his reasons for favoring sound money and asked the people not to be fooled by the free silver cry.

Nat Sulzbacher of San Antonio was the next speaker. Mr. Sulzbacher has been making the trip from Mason to Sonora with Congressman Noonan and on account of being hoarse was not down for a speech. He was called for however and his remarks were received with enthusiasm. He eulogized Judge Noonan, spoke of the work accomplished by him in spite of the opposition of all other representatives from Texas; the measures he had introduced for the benefit of his constituents and the conviction that these measures will be passed during the next session of congress. He gave some figures from personal knowledge of the condition of labor in Mexico, the most prosperous silver country in the world and made the comparison with conditions in gold standard America.

A Republican Sound Money meeting was held at the court house Wednesday night for the purpose of organizing a Noonan club. The meeting was addressed by H. Knausenberger, chairman of the Sutton county Republican organization. His remarks touched on the issues of the day generally and particularly in regard to protection to live stock and wool and the money question. There was a good attendance and after the address twenty-seven of those present joined the club.

The membership of the Noonan club as we go to press numbers 114.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell of Crockett county died Thursday Sept. 17th.

The burglary case against the Mexican women Andrea Morales and Simora Rodrigues resulted in a verdict of guilty and sentenced to two years each.

The assault with intent to murder case against Pancho Rubio was continued by the state and defendant admitted to bond in the sum of \$200.

The J. D. Powell swindling case was continued by agreement.

The theft of sheep case against L. V. Lane was continued by agreement.

**District Court.**

The district court, September term 1896, of Sutton county, opened in the court house in Sonora on Monday Sept 21st. Hon. J. W. Timmins judge, presiding, J. P. McConnell sheriff, S. H. Stokes clerk and L. N. Halbert attorney, being present. The grand jury was impaneled as follows: D. B. Cusenbary, N. T. Guest, James A. Hagerlund, August Hedden, A. W. Mills, T. T. Thomason, R. H. Wyatt, C. C. Yaws, Fred Koenig, M. B. Atkinson, F. M. Wyatt, T. P. Gillespie. James A. Hagerlund was appointed foreman, W. A. Stewart foot bailiff and Wm. Estes and A. J. Owens riding bailiffs to the grand jury.

The grand jury up to Friday night had returned 7 bills of indictment 6 felony and one misdemeanor.

The petit jury was discharged for the term Friday evening and the grand jury is still in session as we go to press. The following proceedings were had, to wit:

**STATE DOCKET.**  
The cases against Lon Reynolds were continued by the State.

The hog case against J. Ratliff was continued by agreement. That against Henry Ratliff was tried and defendant found not guilty.

The burglary charge against Antonio Laniez, resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

The assault with intent to commit rape charge against Francisco Bevanio pled guilty and was sentenced to ten years.

The J. D. Powell swindling case was continued by agreement.

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**CIVIL DOCKET.**  
29. Fred Kessler vs Luda Kessler, divorce. Continued to perfect service.

30. R. W. Barton et al, vs. J. M. Taylor, suit on vendors lien note. Judgment for plaintiff.

31. State vs. C. R. Callender, suit for delinquent taxes. Continued for service.

32. State vs. Jos. Warner, suit for delinquent taxes. Judgment for plaintiff for \$216.16 with interest from the first day of Jan. 1896 at 6 per cent per annum with foreclosure and costs.

Nos. 33, 34, 35, 36 being the State vs. T. F. Cocke, Edward J. Blakley, Beaty, Seal & Forward, Sherley Goodwin, suits for delinquent taxes, were all continued for service.

37. August Hedden et al, vs. Robson Bros., suit for debt and labor bill. Defendants have leave to file 1st amended answer.

Sheriff Ira L. Wheat of Edwards county, was in Sonora this week with witnesses.

The burglary case against the

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John J. Ford of Rock Springs, was in Sonora this week. Mr. Ford will have rams in Sonora for sale next week.

W. A. Jones, deputy sheriff of Val Verde county, John Wernet riyer guard and Rolly Shackleford all of Del Rio were in Sonora this week.

John Blanks has bought an interest in the F. M. Wyatt livery stable and feed yard and is giving close attention to the business. They are expecting some new rigs and intend running a first-class business.

Died at the ranch of her parents 16 miles below Sonora, Friday, Sept. 25th, Lula, the 3 year old daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cauthorn. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS extends sympathy.

Editor John M. Stokes of the Rock Springs Rustler and one of the most successful poung writers in West Texas was in Sonora this week on a visit to his brothers family. Mr. Stokes has many friends in Sonora who are glad to know of his success.

W. P. Covington the well-driller informed the News this week that they had finished the well for T. D. Newell for the water works and secured abundance of water at a depth of 290 feet.

Miss Mona Rountree has been engaged to teach a five months school at Horton Allan's ranch in Precinct No. 3. School begins on Monday and the patrons of the school are to be congratulated on the selection of teacher.

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PORTUGUESE IN AFRICA.  
Their Power and Influence Have Completely Passed Away.

The first to come were the men of Portugal, then in the fresh spring-time of its power. Bartholomew Diaz discovered the Cape of Storms, as he called it, in 1488, and after Vasco da Gama, in 1497-8, had traced the southeast coast as far as Sofala, a little to the south of the modern port of Beira, the Portuguese established settlements at that place and farther to the north of it, and thence carried on a considerable trade with the natives, chiefly in gold brought down from the interior of Mashonaland. However, the unhealthiness of the flat country which lies between the coast and the interior plateau checked their projects of exploration and conquest. Individual traders, and sometimes missionaries also, penetrated far into the interior, and articles which the Portuguese must have brought to Africa, such as fragments of Indian and Chinese pottery, and even, in one or two instances, small cannon, have been found many hundreds of miles from the seaboard. But, on the whole, the Portuguese exerted little influence on the country and its inhabitants.

The white population remained very small, and it became degraded by intermarriage with the Kaffirs, for in Africa, as well as in Brazil, the Portuguese have shown little of that contempt for the native blacks and aversion to a mixing of their blood with the latter, which have been so generally characteristic of the Dutch and the English. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the colonizing force of Portugal declined with the decline of her European power.

She made no further efforts to explore, and even abandoned some of her stations on the Zambezi. She remained, however, undisturbed in her possessions till a few years ago, when a question arose between her and Great Britain regarding the right to Delagoa bay, a port the value of which, as the only deep water harbor fit for large vessels along the whole stretch of the southeast coast south of Beira, was now generally admitted to be of great value to whom as arbitrator the controversy was referred, decided in favor of Portugal. Subsequently Germany appeared as a formidable neighbor on the north, while boundary disputes arose with the British settlers who in 1890 had occupied the inland country to the west.

Thus the Portuguese frontier, which had been very uncertain, has now become defined. It includes a vast area, but in that area the number of white men, or even of semi-civilized half breeds, is so small that, although some fitful efforts have been made by the Mozambique company, little or no progress in occupying or improving the country can be recorded. Portugal sends no emigrants to Africa. Her government, now hard pressed for money, cannot find the sums needed to develop her African territories, nor is there private capital in Portugal to supplement the weakness of the government. The Beira railway and the Delagoa Bay railway—of which more than one have both been built by foreign companies. Practically, Portugal may be looked on as an extinct force in South Africa.—James Bryce, M. P., in Century.

**The Great Cocker.**  
Glancing through a pile of ancient copy books and letter writers, one dimly realizes what an awful thing it used to be to compose and put upon paper a thoroughly correct epistle. It was not an affair to be lightly taken in hand any more than matrimony. No, not even if one had learned penmanship from the immortal Cocker himself in his house in "Paul's Churchyard, betwixt the Signes of the Sugar-Loaf and the Naked Boy and Shears."

Cocker's fame rests on his arithmetic, now obsolete, but the worthy man, besides being a ready reckoner, was also a mighty penman. Doubtless many a seventeenth century youth toiled along with ink fingers under his direction. Hoaroken to what the master says to him: "Let not your breast lie on the desk you write on, nor your nose on the paper, but sit in as majestic a posture as you can. With practice you may do brave things."—Good Words.

**The Roentgen Rays.**  
The electrical waves which Herz and others have experimented with are, as a rule, too large to decompose the salts of a photographic plate, but they can traverse opaque substances, such as the human body, without causing sensation, as Tesla's experiments showed. If they are too large to affect the sensitive plate and the eye, they are also too large to irritate the nerves. Roentgen and others have demonstrated, however, that certain of these electric rays or wave motions can affect the sensitive film indirectly by exciting phosphorescence in bodies on which they fall. Hence the Roentgen silhouettes and the cryptoscope of Salvioni.—London Globe.

# Cripple

The iron grasp of scrofula has no mercy upon its victims. This demon of the blood is often not satisfied with causing dreadful sores, but racks the body with the pains of rheumatism until Hood's Sarsaparilla cures.

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The camel, be it at once said, is an overrated beast. There is a great deal of him, but he is not for his size nearly so strong as the useful, unpretentious donkey. Then, too, his anatomy is so strangely conceived. His legs are attached to his great unwieldy carcass with seemingly so little consideration for the uses to which, merely viewed as legs, he might be expected to put them. And his neck and tail are so obviously disproportionate to the rest of him, and both so useless, that one cannot avoid the thought that the camel is somehow incomplete, or, owing to some mistake, was never finished off at all.

Even the qualities he possesses tend to strengthen one in this bewildering suspicion. For instance, when a question arose between her and Great Britain regarding the right to Delagoa bay, a port the value of which, as the only deep water harbor fit for large vessels along the whole stretch of the southeast coast south of Beira, was now generally admitted to be of great value to whom as arbitrator the controversy was referred, decided in favor of Portugal. Subsequently Germany appeared as a formidable neighbor on the north, while boundary disputes arose with the British settlers who in 1890 had occupied the inland country to the west.

Thus the Portuguese frontier, which had been very uncertain, has now become defined. It includes a vast area, but in that area the number of white men, or even of semi-civilized half breeds, is so small that, although some fitful efforts have been made by the Mozambique company, little or no progress in occupying or improving the country can be recorded. Portugal sends no emigrants to Africa. Her government, now hard pressed for money, cannot find the sums needed to develop her African territories, nor is there private capital in Portugal to supplement the weakness of the government. The Beira railway and the Delagoa Bay railway—of which more than one have both been built by foreign companies. Practically, Portugal may be looked on as an extinct force in South Africa.—James Bryce, M. P., in Century.

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When the time came for the people of the 13 united colonies to proclaim to the world that they were free and that they held themselves absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and Great Britain was totally dissolved, a committee of the continental congress was appointed to draw up a declaration of independence. The members of this committee were Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. Why was it that their colleagues committed the writing of the Declaration of Independence to Thomas Jefferson and not to Benjamin Franklin? The Virginian was not the most prominent man even of his own section, and, although his reputation could not fairly be termed local, it was but little more, while the name of Franklin of Pennsylvania was well known throughout the whole civilized world.

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