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Her glorious fancies come from far,
Beneath the silver evening star,
And yet her heart is ever near.

Great feelings both she of her own,
Which lesser souls may never know;
God giveth them to her alone,
And sweet they are as any tone
Wherewith the wind may choose to blow.

Yet in herself she dwelleth not,
Although no home were half so fair;
No simplest duty is forsook,
Life hath no dim and lowly spot
That doth not in her shine share.

She doeth little kindness,
Which most have under despise;
For naught that sets one's heart at ease
And giveth happiness on face
Is low esteemed in her eyes.

She hath no scorn of common things;
And though she seem to other things,
Round us her heart entwines and clings,
And patiently she waits for wings
To tread the high and airy things.

Blessing she is to all who see,
And deeds of weekly kindness
Fall from her as doth the snow;
Nor hath she ever ceased to know
That ought were easier than to bless.

She is most fair, and thereunto
Her life doth rightly harmonize;
For clear or thought that was not true
Nor made less beautiful the line,
Unclouded heaven of her eyes.

She is a woman—such in whom
The spirit-time of her childish years
Hath never lost its fresh perfume,
Though knowing well that life hath room
For many lights and many fears.
—James Russell Lowell.

Natural Wadding.

A Penobscot county man tells an amusing boyish experience in the Lewiston Journal. He and a young friend went gunning one fine fall day. They had old fashioned, muzzle loading guns, and wadding was a necessary part of the outfit. We came across a big hornet's nest in a tree, says the narrator and, boylike, climbed up and pulled it down for wadding. We talked about the merits of different kinds of wadding and decided that hornet's nest, a material provided by nature, was the best. We concluded to lay in a good stock of it and began to break it up.

From the inside of the nest we shook out a quantity of the biggest hornets I ever saw—the ferocious kind that have black bands around a long brown body—but they were stiff, as if frozen, and we didn't mind them at all. We turned them all out and sat down to rest and make our new wadding into nice little rolls.

We sat talking in merry good humor for awhile, when all of a sudden Fred screamed like a wild Indian and jumped as much as three feet from the ground. He gave another yell and, striking to right and left on his thighs, started on a wild run for home.

It was the hornets. He had chanced to sit down where a number of them fell, and they, warmed up from contact with his body, and he, it seems, warmed up from contact with theirs. Wadding was a sore subject with him for a long time.

Glaciers in New Zealand.

The rocky precipices descended to the very edge of the Fox glacier and were covered with a mass of fern, shrub and semitropical creepers, forming a brilliant wall of intense green down to the very lip of the dazzling white ice. The mists had by this time lifted, and the sun was already making its appearance and investing this strange and new spectacle with all its splendor. This luxuriant vegetation grew from the moist earth in the crevices of these cliffs, which were almost vertical, but of a stone sufficiently soft and crumbling to allow of numerous fertile deposits in its fissures. These cliffs reached in places some 400 or 500 feet in height, above which the slopes receded, clad with a luxuriant forest of scrub. Here and there little rivulets fell in bright cascades down this veritable tapestry of vegetation.—"Climbs in the New Zealand Alps."

Commercial Grief.

A grocery firm of Liverpool recently sent out circulars announcing the sad death of a partner, and on the blank page gave the current prices for bacon, eggs, butter and other staples dealt in by the firm.—Chicago Chronicle.

The nests of South American hornets are used by the natives as baskets, being light, strong and so tight as to be waterproof. They are cleared of the partitions and cells in the interior and with handles affixed make useful domestic utensils.

The daffodil is a symbol of chivalry. It was once a favorite flower in France, and at one time a fashion prevailed of gentlemen wearing bunches of daffodils in their hats with their plumes.

The marquis' crown bears four strawberry leaves and four pearls. In France the strawberry leaves are replaced by leaves of parsley wrought in gold.

A legal bushel of anthracite coal weighs from 70 to 80 pounds, according to locality.

A letter posted in Constantinople will be delivered in New York two weeks later.

BRINGING IN THE YULE LOG.

A Picturesque Christmas Custom Observed in Provence.

Our procession took on grand proportions, I should explain, because our Yule log was of extraordinary size. But always the Yule log is brought home in triumph. If it is small, it is carried on the shoulder of the father or the eldest son; if of a goodly size, these two carry it together, or a young husband and wife may bear it between them—as we actually saw a thick branch of our almond borne away that afternoon—while their children caracole around them or lend little helping hands.

Being come to the Mazaré, the log was stood on end in the courtyard in readiness to be taken hence to the fireplace on Christmas eve. I fancied that the men handled it with a certain reverence, and the vidame assured me that such actually was the case. Already, being fully destined for the Christmas rite, it had become in a way sacred, and along with its sanctity, according to the popular belief, it had acquired a power which enabled it sharply to resent anything that smacked of sacrilegious affront.

On the other hand, when treated reverently and burned with fitting rites, the Yule log brings upon all the household a blessing, and when it has been consumed even its ashes are potent for good.

The home bringing ceremony being thus ended, we walked back to the chateau together—startling Esperit and Magali, standing hand in hand, loverlike, in the archway; and when we were come to the terrace and were seated snugly in a sunny corner the vidame told me of a very stately Yule log gift that was made anciently in Aix—and very likely elsewhere also—in feudal times.

In Aix it was the custom, when the counts of Provence still lived and ruled there, for the magistrates of the city each year at Christmas-tide to carry in solemn procession a huge cache fio to the palace of their sovereign and there formally to present to him—or in his absence to the grand seneschal on his behalf—this their free will and good will offering. And when the ceremony of presentation was ended the city fathers were served with a collation at the count's charges and were given the opportunity to pledge him loyally in his own good wine.

Knowing Aix well, I was able to fill in the outlines of the vidame's bare statement of fact and also to give it a background. What a joy the procession must have been to see! The gray bearded magistrates, in their velvet caps and robes, wearing their golden chains of office; the great log, swung to shoulder poles and borne by leathern jerkined henchmen; surely drummers and fifers, for such a ceremonial would have been impossibly incomplete in Provence without a tambourine, and galoubet; doubtless a brace of ceremonial trumpeters, and a seemingly guard in front and rear of steel capped and steel jacketed halberdiers. All these marching gallantly through the narrow yet stately Aix streets, with comfortable burghers and well rounded matrons in the doorways looking on and pretty faces peeping from upper windows and going all a-blushing because of the overbold glances of the men at arms. And then fancy the presentation in the great hall of the castle, and the gay feasting, and the merry wagging of gray bearded chins as the magistrates cried all together, "To the health of the count!" and tossed their wine.—"The Christmas Kalends of Provence," by Thomas A. Janvier, in Century.

A Democratic Prince.

The Archduke Ludwig Salvator, a nephew of the Austrian emperor, is very democratic and often goes to the town of Ragusa, a few miles from his home, to do the weekly marketing. When he recently went to that town on his yacht, the military commander heard of it and came on board to pay his respects. He met the archduke on deck and asked him, "Where will I find the captain?" "That is myself," was the reply. "I hear that there is a very distinguished person aboard." "That is incorrect," interrupted the captain. "On board of this vessel we are all equals," showing that he desired to preserve his incognito and would not countenance any interference.

The Motorman and His Crank.

Everybody who observes at all has noticed that the motorman of the trolley car never leaves the front platform without taking with him the crank with which he regulates the current. This is manifestly done in order to prevent any mischievous person from starting the car on a runaway trip. Forgetfulness of this duty means serious trouble for the motorman, and if he is caught off the platform without the crank in his hand he will have to lose several days' pay, and if seen in the fix a second time is likely to have to seek a new field of duty.—Philadelphia Call.

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Gas Batts returned from visiting his mother in McLennan county this week. His mother having recovered from her serious illness.

NO DISGUISE IS POSSIBLE.

Faces Change, but a Man's Handwriting May Betray Him.

"It is impossible for any one to disguise his handwriting so that the attempt cannot be detected," says an expert. "Let me give you an example. Before me at this moment are the papers in a sensational case shortly to be tried. The writer of a series of letters has attempted to disguise his hand so that the letters might appear to have come from several different people. In all there are mirroring indications that they were written by one and the same person.

"For instance, the habits of the man show in the manner of the beginning of the lines. In each case they are begun close to the edge of the paper, the evidently being one of the man's peculiarities. Then the conjunction 'and' is in each sentence made with the sign '&.' Even when the penmanship to the front of the page is written, so that he may be sure the writing is effectually disguised, the writer forgets to disguise this one word, and the signs are so much alike that there is no mistaking them.

"It would almost seem as if nature had made even the cleverest criminal weak in some point or other in order that his crookedness might be fastened upon him. This man has disguised his handwriting, but he forgot to disguise the fact that he is fond of the exclamation point and the interrogation mark as marks of emphasis to his words. Over all the letters both exclamation and interrogation points are thickly sprinkled, in some instances the marks being repeated two or three times. No two men in a hundred would have this peculiarity.

"Then, again, when he printed the letter 'S' this stupid writer forgot that he was in the habit of printing this letter in his ordinary writing, so that this mistake makes it possible to compare the two to detect the similarity. When I put them together, no one could doubt that they were by the same hand. As a matter of fact, the writing of the world is as marked and varied in its peculiarities as are the features of the writers. The close observer distinguishes between nationalities by their writings as readily as he does by speech, physiognomy or any other race peculiarity. Even when one has learned to write another than his native language the race distinction remains to a very perceptible degree. The writing of a German, Frenchman or other foreigner who has learned to speak and write the English language will retain a style perceptible to the expert as will be the accent in the foreigner's speech, and the one can no more be overcome or avoided than the other.

"Although it be a fact that writing ultimately becomes the automatic production of the hand, it is equally a fact that it does so as the pupil and agent of the mind, and in the molding process peculiar qualities of its tutor and master enter unconsciously into its composition, and it becomes a mirror of its creator and the mind. An inspection of the autographs of famous people would reveal the fact that they illustrate how persons whose mental characteristics are a matter of history clearly exhibit those characteristics in their handwriting."—Boston Traveler.

The Coroner's Inquest.

Under some circumstances, and especially if the medical man in charge is one of high standing and repute, the coroner's jury brings in a verdict strictly in accordance with the result of the doctor's examination. This has been commented on, and some surprise has been expressed that 12 men should be called from their business and put to more or less trouble and annoyance, when the doctor's certificate might, and usually does, answer all purposes. It has been suggested that a reputable physician should be attached to the coroner's office, and that every death about which there was the slightest suspicion should be carefully inquired into. The knowledge that the most rigid scrutiny would be exercised in cases where the death was not clearly traceable to well understood causes might act as a restraining influence among the ignorant and decayed where infant mortality and the taking off of the sick and infirm might seem to be an advantage to the survivors.

The coroner's jury business is not very well managed, and it has more than once been suggested that a radical change in the administration of this office ought to be made.—New York Ledger.

The Drama in Mexico.

It is hard on the traveling theatrical folk when excited rancheros rush upon the stage, knife in hand, to avenge the death of a favorite actor, as happened in the interior the other day. That the whole scene was far from a reality never entered the head of the ranchero exaltado.—Mexican Herald.

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The James Gillespie residence on Oak street is for sale. Price \$350. Apply at this office or to JAS. GILLESPIE, OZONA.

READE'S BEST NOVEL.

Circumstances Which Suggested "The Cloister and the Hearth."

Charles Reade was nothing if not combative. "I am very quarrelsome, or other writers are very spiritless," he once wrote to a friend. "The Cloister and the Hearth," his literary masterpiece and most enduring success, was the outcome of a dispute with an editor.

When in Paris, Mr. Reade picked up two stout old volumes on the "Inns of the Middle Ages." They were crammed with curious knowledge and information, and as he turned them over it struck him that they would yield ample material for a story depicting life at the end of the fourteenth century.

He carried them home, made a careful digest of all they contained and with the notebook before him began a story which he called "A Good Fight." The opening chapters were sent to the editor of Once a Week, who printed them in his magazine, not, however, before he had molded them to his own liking by a free use of the blue pencil. Charles Reade objected to this "dry nursing," as he termed it, and addressed a peremptory order to the editor, with the ultimate result that he was requested to wind up his story as quickly as possible. He immediately reversed his catastrophe, made his hero and heroine happy and thus without loss of time put an end to the narrative.

He had hoped to make "A Good Fight" his most remarkable novel, and, despite the unfortunate affair which had cut the story short, had no intention of renouncing his ambition or of wasting the enormous supplies of material he had collected. At Oxford he continued his explorations into medieval literature, recast what he had already written and added much more. The result was "The Cloister and the Hearth."

For information concerning hermits Charles Reade ransacked Magdalen college library and Bodleian, and before he finished had read the lives of 500 famous hermits. The work almost wore him out. Very early in the course of his labors he vowed that this should be the last time he went out of his own ego.

The point on which the story of "The Cloister and the Hearth" turns—Gerard's renunciation of Margaret for the church—was predicated in the author's own life. Had Gerard married Margaret he would, according to his belief, have lost his soul. Had Charles Reade married the woman he loved he would in all probability have starved. Poverty, not religion, kept Charles Reade from happiness. In drawing Margaret the author is said to have had an unknown lady in his mind, and the personal feeling which he infuses into his description of Gerard's self exclusion from home and love is perhaps due to the fact that he himself passed through a similar crisis.

Dame Catherine, the dwarf with the big voice, the little cripple Kate, the Burgundian soldier, are all curiously imaginary characters. Mr. Reade had always the poorest opinion of his own powers of imagination and invention. Indeed, so much did he dread wanting and lacking interesting and useful facts that he filled many volumes with paragraphs cut from newspapers, extreme few of which proved of the slightest value.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Webster and the Singers.

Daniel Webster was exceedingly fond of music, and when he was stopping at Willard's hotel he never ceased to implore the wife of a member of congress, also a guest at the hotel, for "just a little song." He had an old fashioned gallantry in speaking to ladies, and every time he saw the wife of his friend he complimented her most extravagantly on her voice. When Jenny Lind came to Washington, Daniel Webster was of course among the audience. He had come in rather late from a champagne party, and after each song of Jenny Lind's applauded most vociferously. Finally, rising to the pinnacle of enthusiasm, he stood up in the crowded hall and made one of his most gallant bows to the great singer. Then, catching sight of the lady whose voice he also admired, he turned to her, away from Jenny Lind, and made a still lower bow, amid the laughter and applause of the audience.—Washington Post.

An Extraordinary Light.

What is believed to have been an aurora of such extraordinary brilliancy as to obscure the sunlight is thus described in an old number of The Gentleman's Magazine: On the 2d of January, 1756, an unusual light, far above the brightest day, struck all beholders with amazement. The time was 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and it soon faded away. At 7, however, from east to west, streams appeared like rivers of bright fire. A general feeling of alarm was caused by these, but they gradually faded away to the north, their disappearance being accompanied by shocks which were felt by all, but which did no particular damage.

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Union Sabbath school every Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m.

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

BAPTIST:—Rev. W. D. Matthews Pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m., on the first and third Sundays in Sonora, also preaching and conference on Saturday night before the first Sunday.

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, - December 19, 1895.

It is generally conceded that Gen. Maceo the Cuban leader has been killed. The Cubans claim he was assassinated.

The superior court of Wisconsin holds that the insane clause in the Knights of Pythias insurance policy is not binding. This decision effects the K of P's about \$100,000 worth.

The Sailer a North German Lloyd steamer of 3000 tons register with a general cargo and about 400 persons on board, bound from Bremen to Buenos Ayres via Coruna, was wrecked on a reef of rocks off Cape Carrubedo and all on board lost.

The Republicans will probably pass a new tariff bill during the present session. The silver republicans who want to be re-elected in January are opposed to the bill coming up so soon, but Speaker Reed will run it through the house anyway.

Stock News.

I Will Trade for Sheep

My ranch 112 miles east of Sonora, and 75 head of good young cattle.

T. B. Birtroug, Sonora Texas.

S. G. Taylor sold to R. W. Callahan 3) head of stock cattle at \$10 a head.

Chas Schreiner of Kerrville sold August Hedden's fall clip of wool for 7 cents.

Dan Cauthorn bought from John Stanley of Rock Springs, 900 yearling wethers for \$1.40 a head.

The Austin, Fleming & Davidson ranch in Maverick county sold four cars of fat steers at \$25 a head last week.

Jones & Black of Sonora, sold to Lips & Hainey of the Cherokee Nation, 550 head of steers, 400 being one's and the balance 2s, 3s and up. The price paid is private.

Holland & Kokernot sold to J. D. Jackson 200 steers at \$25 and 6) cows at \$15.—Alpine Avalanche

Edward E. Bolt purchased Capt. Gordon's flock of goats this week at \$1.25 per head.—Kimble County Citizen.

Capt Broome sold his 191 brand of cattle this week to Bill Massie at \$12.50 per head. These cattle were of good blood—Ozona Courier.

Anson & Verner sold to Godfrey Miller 130 head of Hereford cattle at \$20 for cows and \$15 for yearling heifers.—San Angelo Enterprise.

Jim Rose sold 133 head of steers 3s and up to Bush Stell, of Runnels county, for \$22 per head.—Abe Miller has sold 200 head of the John Jones steers to P. Nation of Fort Worth. It will be remembered that Mr. Millar bought these steers from John Jones, of Junction City, last summer for \$13.50 per head and realized \$24 per head for them.—Concho Herald.

From the San Angelo Standard:

E. Davis bought from Cal Davis 1100 head of stock sheep at this week at \$1.40.

Virge Ryan bought 100 yearlings from Sam Runkles this week at \$10 per head.

N. B. Spearman bought from A. J. Bowman 20 cows and calves at \$20.

Yesterday Gus Muecke sold another car load of steers to Richardson & Campbell at \$25 a head.

On Saturday Fred Baker sold a car load of cows to Lowe & Lovelady at \$13.75.

Callan & Co., sold recently to Lee Russell 400 big steers at \$26 and 200 2s at \$20. Spring delivery

Putnam & P. per bought 6) stock cattle from John Berry this week at \$10.50 per head calves counted.

At Newkirk, Okla., John Live-lady sold 49) head of the Loyelady, Felton & Adams hogs at \$3 per hundred.

McKintley Bros., brought in 68 head of steers from their Lipan ranch yesterday and sold them in the stock pens to Richardson & Campbell at \$30.00 per head, or \$20.40. This is the top price that has been paid in San Angelo for years.

The Sam Henderson steers over which there was so much guessing and betting as to weights among our local experts, resulted as follows: At St. Louis on Tuesday, 12 cars averaged 930 pounds and sold at \$3.25, three cars averaged 1020 and sold at \$3.45.

Claud Broome made the following sales during the past week: To Painter & Loomis, 200 steers for Knapp & Rappleye, 1s, 2s, and 3s, at from \$15 to \$19; 60 head of 1s for C. S. Howard, at from \$13 to \$15; 800 head of 1s for Jack Perse at \$14.50. To E. W. McKenzie, 500 head of stock cattle for Lewis P. Hinde, at \$10.50; 200 head of stock cattle for W. W. Rittinger at \$10.50.—San Angelo Standard.

After the Wild Animals.

A petition will be circulated in Sonora next week asking the Texas Legislature to provide for the destruction of wild animals, preferably as follows:

"An act entitled, 'An Act to Provide for the Destruction of Wolves and other Wild Animals' and the Payment by the County Commissioners of a Bounty Therefor."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That hereafter when any person shall kill, in any county in this state, any coyote wolf, lobo wolf, panther or wild cat, he shall be paid by the county in which such animal was found dead, the sum of not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 for each coyote wolf; the sum of not less than \$5 nor more than \$15 for each lobo wolf; the sum of not less than \$10 nor more than \$15 for each panther, and the sum of not less than 50 cents nor more than \$1 for each wild cat."

Section 2 author's the commissioners court to regulate the bounties in conformity with section 1.

Section 3 provides for the payment for the scalps.

"Section 4. The Commissioner of any county is hereby forbidden to levy in any one year a tax of more than 10 cents on the \$100 of taxable values, in their respective counties, to meet the expenses accruing under the operations of this act."

Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 provide for the receiving of scalps and the payment for them; the duties of the county judge and commissioner; the destruction of the scalps; and the penalty for false swearing and the repeal of other laws conflicting.

It will be seen by the terms of the above proposed bill, that it is made imperative that every county in the State be required to pay a bounty for the destruction of the different kinds of wild animals enumerated in the bill of not less than a minimum, nor more than the maximum amount, and that each county pay her own expenses, that the State incurs no expense by reason of this proposed bill.

Therefore if a county has few or no wild animals, the people of such county will incur little or no expense under the operation of such a law, but that it will permit counties having wild animals, and in large numbers as a greater portion of the State has to offer such inducements to their people as will induce them to accomplish this much needed relief from damage so long endured. The limit of taxation under this bill is limited to 10c on each \$100 valuation.

The James Gillespie residence on Oak street is for sale. Price \$350. Apply at this office or to JAS. GILLESPIE, OZONA.

MAYER BROS. & CO.

WE ARE DETERMINED TO REDUCE OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF

Mens and Childrens Clothing, Overcoats, Ladies Capes, Jackets and Knit Goods,

ALSO OUR ENTIRE LINE OF DRESS GOODS.

WE THEREFORE ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL ALLOW

A Grand Discount of 25 per cent.

ON THE ENTIRE LINES ABOVE MENTIONED.

ONE-FOURTH OF THE REGULAR PRICE SAVED.

Our Entire Line of Ladies and Misses Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at One-Half of the Regular Price.

WE DON'T WANT TO CARRY A SINGLE ONE OVER.

THIS IS THE BUYERS OPPORTUNITY--A WISE ONE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER.

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SONORA, TEXAS. - December 19, 1896.

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

A Christmas tree will be held at the Church on Dec. 24th.

Jim Lelew the cattleman from the western edge of the county was in Sonora Tuesday.

There is no reason why he who advertises little may not advertise well.

A grand ball will be given at the court house on the night of Christmas.

Hosey Underwood the Edwards county cattleman was in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.

Bring your Deer skins, Furs and poultry to us, we will buy them and pay highest market prices. Mayer Bros. & Co.

There will doubtless be some horse racing in Sonora during the holidays but arrangements for them have not been made. Those interested should get to work.

Judge J. J. Ellis the well-known cattleman from the Kickapoo country in Edwards county, was in Sonora this week. Mr. Ellis has about 500 steers for sale.

C. C. Lemen and family left for Aransas Pass Thursday where they will probably make their home. Mr. Lemen owns some valuable business and residence property in the future deep water port.

Buy your lumber, shingles, doors, windows, fencing and building hardware from the well-known and reliable firm of Wm. Cameron & Co., of San Angelo. This firm is ably represented by Wm. Kelly, who is one of the company and always treats his customers properly. They are doing business at the old stand at new time prices. 25

A dance will be given at the court house Dec. 23rd.

S. D. Foote the lawyer of Ozona was in Sonora Monday.

Buckwheat for cakes and the finest sugar house syrup to go with it, at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Green Justice the well-known Edwards county cattleman was in Sonora Tuesday trading.

Split Pigs Feet, Fancy Mackrel, Cod Fish, Sauer Kraut, etc., at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

G. W. Chesser the Val Verde county sheepman, was in Sonora Monday trading.

Read our ad this week and take advantage of the bargains offered. Mayer Bros. & Co.

E. Jackson and B. L. Einyon from the ranch in Crockett county were in Sonora trading Monday.

D. J. Dunagan the Schleicher county sheepman was in Sonora Saturday.

Don't fail to see our Xmas opening Monday. Come and look at the toys and make your selections early. Mayer Bros. & Co.

E. D. Tullis one of the successful general merchants of Ozona, was in Sonora for a few days this week.

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

S. G. Tayloe Sonora's successful and rising young lawyer, returned from a professional visit to Ozona Sunday.

Glazed Citron, Lemon Peel, Orange Peel, Currants, Seedless Raisins, Layer Raisins, at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Public school at Junction City was suspended last week owing to the development of scarlet fever among a number of the pupils.

Ladies don't miss the chance of getting one of our handsomely trimmed hats at half price. Mayer Bros. & Co.

R. A. Williamson the sheepman from the "God's country" part of Crockett county, was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

For toys, handsome presents to suit anybody and everybody, watch the Christmas end of our store. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeké Cox of Edwards county, were in Sonora Tuesday trading and showing Santa Claus to the baby.

We have in transit the following cars of merchandise to arrive next week:—Two cars of corn, one car of oats, one of sulphur, and have just received one car of canned goods and we will sell them at rock bottom prices. Come and see us. Mayer Bros. & Co.

Santa Claus

with all his pretty presents will be at our store next week. "Come and look at them. Mayer Bros. & Co.

Wm. McKee the sheepman from the McKee-Cox-Williamson part of Crockett county, was in Sonora Tuesday trading.

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

Porter Hodges and Miss Nettie Miller of Junction City were married at the residence of J. A. Browning in that city on Dec. 8th.

O. I. Weldon and Miss Jennie Cowser were married at the home of the brides parents on the North Llano, Kimble county, on Dec. 8th.

C. A. Mogford and C. E. Warrmund, cattlemen of Gillespie county, were in Sonora Sunday having delivered their steers to F. Mayer & Sons Taylor ranch.

If you have fat cattle for sale let the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS know what kind and how many. Buyers are here every day wanting fat cattle.

Hon. W. A. Williamson and John Ketton went to Austin this week to present a petition for the pardon of Pierce Ketton.—Kimble County Citizen.

E. Holekamp the well-known general merchant of Junction City has filed a deed of trust naming T. C. Johnson as trustee, Assets and liabilities not given.

S. L. Wooten aged 71 years died at his home on the South Llano in Kimble county on Dec. 3rd. He was a well-known and respected citizen and had been a resident of the county for 15 years.

C. P. McClung of the sheep firm of Hodges & McClung of Burnett county who are wintering 1700 head of sheep in Hood Murchison pasture in Schleicher county, was in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.

S. G. Tayloe bought the J. M. Bell residence property last week for \$500 cash. Mr. Tayloe will move his family to town and occupy his new home about Jan. 1st.

J. H. Neuman the Val Verde county cattleman was in Sonora Saturday. Mr. Neuman says the hyena wolf that did so much damage to young cattle and horses in his country a year ago, has left that range.

Sam Cox the cattleman was in Sonora Saturday trading. In seeking of horse racing Mr. Cox said he would enter his two year old Sutton county colt against any two year old in the county for a sweepstake purse of \$50, a quarter of a mile distance. Mr. Cox will put \$10 in the pot.

Persons having copies of the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS of Oct 10th and October 31st 1896 will confer a favor by sending same to this office to enable us to complete our files.

Thos. Bond the energetic sheepman from the divide in the southeastern part of the county was in Sonora Monday. He returned to the ranch the same day accompanied by Mrs. Robt Duncan.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will give an entertainment at the Court House on Wednesday Dec. 30th. The entertainment will consist of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc., after which social games will be indulged in.

Don't worry about your health. Keep your blood pure by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and you need not fear the grip, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia or typhoid fever.

Hood's pills are the favorite family cathartic easy to take, easy to operate.

At the meeting in San Angelo last week of the Texas Wool Growers the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. G. Burbank, president; James McLymont, vice-president; Geo. E. Webb, treasurer; Geo. R. Chardson, secretary.

Episcopal service will be held at the court house Christmas morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Arthur Rooney. He will also hold services at the court house on Sunday Dec. 27th, at the usual hours morning and night. All are invited to attend.

T. O. Guest of Utoia, Uvalde county, was in Sonora this week. Mr. Guest is a brother to Isaac Guest, the watch maker who was in Sonora a few years ago, and uncle to Wm. and N. T. Guest, the well-known stockmen of the Sonora country.

The public school Christmas holidays began this morning and will last until the Monday after the New Year. The teachers and pupils are preparing to thoroughly enjoy themselves during the holidays and will begin business with new life after their vacation.

Scientific cutting and stitching is what makes the BUEKSKIN BREECHES the best jeans pants that can be had any price. The seams are carefully and strongly made, the buttons are riveted on. The pockets won't rip or tear and they are the best in fit and finish. They are cheaper by far than the common grades. In actual price they cost the same.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes. 27

Private Detectives.

We want one or two young men in this country to represent us as private detectives. Money for the right man. Experience unnecessary. Address with stamp. Texas Detective and Protective Agency. San Antonio, Texas. 13 12f.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cooper on Dec. 15th a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Swift on Dec. 17th a girl.

Sam Merck the stockman from the Frank's Defeat country was in Sonora Tuesday.

C. J. Nichols and J. M. Thomas have been building an addition to the O. T. Word residence this week.

H. Strauss, representing the clothing house of I. & S. Bing of Cincinnati, Ohio, was in Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yaws from the eastern edge of Sutton county were in Sonora this week shopping.

Calvin Miller who has been teaching the school in the Adams neighborhood in precinct No. 3, was in Sonora Friday.

Sheriff J. P. McConnell, Sol Mayer, Al Haley and R. C. Mahan, visited San Angelo this week on court business.

The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Bean wish to return thank to the people of Sonora who so kindly assisted them in their last sad affliction.

O. H. Wood the sheepman was in Sonora this week. He sold his Buckley ranch in Val Verde county to W. Sultmier a sheepman of Gillespie county for \$1000.

W. Sultmier the sheepman with 2500 sheep from Gillespie county, who bought O. H. Wood's Buckley ranch, was in Sonora this week for supplies.

Miss Elma Blanks and Pearl Mills accompanied by Montie Mills attended a dance at Sherwood last Friday night. They had a very enjoyable time.

Dead in Sonora on Sunday Dec. 13th 1896, Eva L. Bean aged 13 years, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bean. The funeral on Monday was largely attended.

Dos Russell a blacksmith from Utopia, Uvalde county, was in Sonora this week prospecting. He will probably open a shop at Eldorado, the capital of Schleicher county.

In this issue will be seen the advertisement of John Findlater Jr., the well-known windmill and hardware merchant of San Angelo. Everything in his house is for sale at a big reduction. Now is the time to buy.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is glad to acknowledge receipt of a copy of News of Oct. 10th and Oct. 31st, from a subscriber at Ada, Texas. Any others having issues of those dates will confer a favor by sending them to this office. Our file papers for those dates Oct. 10th and 31st, were taken from our files.

Notice to Tax Payers.

I will be at the following named places on the dates specified from 9 o'clock a. m., to 4 p. m., for the purpose of collecting state and county taxes due for the year 1896: Wm. Guest's ranch Dec. 18.

Mayfield's Lost Lake ranch Dec. 19th.

Allison's Llano ranch Dec. 21st. Office in Sonora Dec. 22 and 23.

Yours respectfully,
J. P. McCONNELL,
Tax Collector of Sutton county,

Texas.
Sonora, Texas, Nov. 27th 1896.

P. L. Baker the North Llano cattleman was in Sonora Friday.

Mrs. King was in Sonora from the N. G. King ranch in Val Verde county Thursday.

The Mexican base ball nine that played at the diamond Sunday, are a good match for the town boys.

The holiday games opened last night with a party at the residence of Mrs. T. D. Word. They had an immense time.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS would very much appreciate a present in the shape of the two dollars it takes to make the wheel go round.

If the next issue of the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS does not see you before Christmas allow us to tender you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas now.

Doubtless several weddings will take place in the Sonora country during the holidays. There are some matrimonial chapters on page four of this paper.

Max Mayer, Judge Burroughs, Don Cooper, R. A. Williamson and John McKee will try to catch the panther, that makes its home in Mayer's Taylor pasture and lives off the fattest calves in the pasture, Sunday.

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.

Peace on earth. Good will to all men.

Rev. D. W. Matthews of Brownwood the new Baptist preacher for the Sonora and Ozona mission, arrived in Sonora this week and will hold services at the church tonight, to-morrow morning and night at the usual hours.

Rev. H. Q. Kendall was in Sonora this week. Mr. Kendall is at present without an appointment. Mr. Kendall wishes to correct the title of his subject at the last Fifth

Sunday meeting from "Can a common ranch man be a christian?" to can a cowman or ranch man be a christian? as it should have been. Errors will occur in printing offices even.

The holiday season in Sonora will open with a dance (and it is said a wedding) at the court house on Dec. 23rd. The day following will be devoted to the purchasing of presents and putting them on the Christmas tree for your loved ones and attending the distribution of them at the church at night.

Services will be held at the court house Christmas morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. Arthur Rooney of the Episcopal Church. The balance of the day may be devoted to racing, cattle roping, turkey shooting, games, etc., not forgetting your Christmas dinner. A grand ball will be given at the court house at night and the Saturday following will be a good time to take your best girl riding, walking or in whatever manner lovers see fit to enjoy themselves. Sunday there will be service at the court house in the morning and at night. There is nothing on the programme that we know of for Monday and Tuesday, but probably the Debating society will have something on the boards for one of these nights. On December 30th the ladies of the Baptist church will give an entertainment at the court house which will consist of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, games, etc., for the benefit of the church building fund and a generous support should be given. On New Years eve you may dance the old year out and the new year in and have a pleasant time. On the night of Jan. 1-1, the Sonora Fire Department will give a grand ball for the purpose of supplementing the department fund. There is no doubt as to the success of this dance as the gentlemen in charge are experts and the dances heretofore given by the fire boys have been most enjoyable. The events above mentioned are of a public nature. During the holidays many private entertainments will be given and all those who spend the holidays in Sonora are sure to have a fine time.

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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor,
SONORA, TEXAS, December 19, 1896.
SHE TOOK HIM.

The woman at the gate of the
plantation farmhouse was an unusual
one of mountain mien, in that
she was enormously large of frame
and had the flesh to match, it so that
she might have weighed 200 pounds
at the least. She was good looking,
and her hair was inclined to
be red, and there was a snap in her
eye, and she could get her dinner
in half an hour, and by that time her
husband a man not half her size
was seated at the table, and she was
sitting at the foot of the table.
After the meal she husband
was out on the farm again
and she sat under the shade to smoke a pipe
and sing.

"My husband wanted to smoke
under the house," she said, "but I
wouldn't let him."
"I beg your pardon," I responded,
taking my pipe out of my mouth.
"Keep right on," she said, disap-
pearing in the house and coming out
again in a minute with a clay pipe.
"I wouldn't hear to have a fillin' uv
your store tobacco myself. I git
kinder tired uv long green."
As she filled and lit her pipe she
went on:
"Hi looks kinder funny, mobbe,"
she said, "to see me smokin' a not
lit Jim smoke, but he ain't gotter
let uv control over hisself, an' thar's
no tellin' how lazy he'd git ef I let
him set round smokin' all the time.
Smokin' is powerful lazyn ef you've
ever noticed."

"I confessed to the soothing qual-
ities of the weed and branched out
on the subject of her husband.
"Is he your first?" I inquired
mildly.
"Well, no," she laughed. "I'd be
plum ashamed uv myself ef I
couldn't do no better'n that the first
time. He's my third, an' I needn't
at all him, I reckon, ef I hadn't been
sorter obliged to him for favors."
"May I inquire what kind of fa-
vors a gentleman could show a lady
that would impose such an obligation
upon her?" I said very politely so
she would not think I was poking
fun at her.
"Well," she said hesitatingly, "ef
I just hitch your idee, he saved my
life, an' I thought hit wasn't no
more'n a fair to sheer hit with him
when he ast me to."

"But how could a puny little fel-
low like he is save the life of such a
big, strong woman as you are?"
"That's what I would 'a' thought
of hit hadn't accasly happened. Hit
was about two year ago, an' he'd
been workin' fer me about two year
an' kinder hintin' round ez he
might be axin me some day, an' I
just laughed, fer I knowed I didn't
want no small packages like him.
Well, one day I was up in the field
whar he was workin, an' all to once
a copperhead swung round on a log
an' hit me in the hand. I ain't afear-
ed uv nothin' like I am uv snakes, an'
I just kerfundermined an fell over, an'
a pore little 'im couldn't 'a' packed me
home to 'a' saved his life. Well, I
came to rter while, an' thar wuz
Jim with his mouth to whar the
snake's teeth had gone in, an' he
had plum sucked every drop uv pi-
zon out, an' I wuz able to set up
while he went an' got a wagon to
haul me home in, fer I wuz that
shook up I couldn't 'a' walked 't all.
But my life wuz saved, an' when Jim
axed me to marry him I felt obliged
to him for favors, as I told you, an'
I just took him. Jim ain't no great
shakes mobbe for a husband, but
he'll be mighty handy to have
round the house in case uv snakes,
an' this is a powerful neighborhood
for snakes," which I know to be the
truth, for I had seen 100 rattlers and
copperheads within a month.—W.
J. Lampton in New York Sun.

Absolutely True.
We are indebted to Dean Hole's
book on America for the following
anecdote. The dean says that a Den-
ver audience is notably benevolent.
It is said that a chairman, after
a depressing address, assured the
speaker that his discourse was "mov-
ing, soothing and satisfying." When
repeated next morning for having
commended a dismal failure, he de-
nied the charge and maintained that
he had uttered no approbation, but
only simple facts—namely, that the
lecture was "moving," because a
large proportion of the audience fidgeted
in their seats, and several left
the room; it was "soothing," be-
cause many fell asleep, and it was
"satisfying," because there was not
a single person present who had not
had quite enough.

Well Recommended.
There is a story told of the late
Dr. Tait, archbishop of Canterbury,
when he applied for his letters to
some village postmaster in the Land
o' Cakes. "And ye'll be the arch-
bishop noo!" cried the little shop-
keeper, peering urbanely at his
grace over his spectacles. "Weel,
I've heard tell o' ye frae my son, who
is weel placed in London and has
hardly ye preach. And indeed he was
verra weel satisfied w' your dis-
course."

Nervous
People find just the help they so much
need, in Hood's Sarsaparilla. It fur-
nishes the desired strength by puri-
fying, vitalizing and enriching the
blood, and thus builds up the nerves,
tones the stomach and regulates the
whole system. Read this:
"I want to praise Hood's Sarsaparilla.
My health run down, and I had the grip.
After that, my heart and nervous system
were badly affected, so that I could not do
my own work. Our physician gave me
some help, but did not cure. I decided
to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. Soon I could
do all my own housework. I have taken

Cured
Hood's Pills with Hood's Sarsaparilla,
and they have done me much good. I
will not be without them. There taken 12
bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and through
the blessing of God, it has cured me.
I worked as hard as ever the past sum-
mer, and I am thankful to say I am
well. Hood's Pills when taken with
Hood's Sarsaparilla help very much."
Mrs. M. M. MESSENGER, Freehold, Penn.
This and many other cures prove that

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists sell.
Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Beware of cheap imitations.
Hood's Pills
Not easily, promptly and
effectively. 25 cents.
FOR BETTER OR WORSE.
Some of the Quaint Old Marriage Can-
ons and Superstitions.

According to an old writer, the
wedding ring was first designed by
Prometheus and fashioned out of
aluminum and iron by Tubal Cain.
The same writer says that it was
"given by Adam to his son to this
end, that therewith he should en-
dure a wife." When paradise had
quite receded from view, men, who
are deceivers ever, got into a fash-
ion of wedding with a ring made of
ruses, to make their vows the less
binding. But in 1217 the bishop of
Salisbury effectually put his foot
down on this practice. Wedding
rings were made as often of silver
as of gold and of fantastic shapes,
with "posies" inside, one of which
ran:

Fortune doth send you, hap it well or ill,
This plain old ring to wed you to your will.
The wedding cake is the remains
of a Roman custom. In ancient
Rome a bride held in her left hand
three wheat ears; the attendant girls
three corn, either in grains or in
small bits of cake, upon the heads
of the newly married pair, and the
guests picked up the pieces and ate
them. In the eighteenth century the
wedding cake came into general use.
It was then composed of solid blocks
laid together and lead over with
sugar. When it was served, it was
held over the bride's head, and the
outer crust was broken, then the
cakes inside fell on the floor and
were distributed to the company.

Throwing the slipper has an origin
the reverse of sentimental and is a
reminiscence of those barbarous
times when the relations of man and
wife were much akin to those of
master and slave. The shoe was an
Anglo-Saxon emblem of authority
and was given by the bride's father
to her husband in token of trans-
ference of power, which the groom ac-
knowledged by tapping his bride
lightly on the head with it as an
earnest of mastery.

The superstitions connected with
entering the married state are num-
erous and curious, and most of
them are a purely feminine posses-
sion. As a preliminary there is a
little difficulty about choosing a day,
if this little veto is to be believed:
Monday for wealth,
Tuesday for health,
Wednesday the best day of all,
Thursday for crosses,
Friday for losses,
Saturday no luck at all.
If a day has finally been chosen,
then comes the question of season.
"Marry in Lent, and you'll live to
repent," takes that period out of
consideration. Then each month has
certain unlucky days, on which
marrying and giving in marriage
is not to be thought of. Then there
are other sibylline utterances to
which the prospective bride should
pay heed. She must know that "to
change the name and not the letter
is to change for the worse and not
the better," also that to marry and
yet "to keep her own name is to
keep her condition forever the same."

When all these little obstacles are
overcome, a bride in arraying her-
self for the ceremony must be sure
to wear
Something old and something new,
Something borrowed and something blue.
The sun must shine on her wed-
ding day, and she must not trip on
the way to the church or cross the
threshold with the left foot first.
The same applies to the bridegroom.
No one must open an umbrella while
the bridal pair are in the house.
That would bring the worst of ill
luck. A horseshoe and a wishbone
hidden in the flowers under which
the pair stand to plight their troth
have a most salutary influence on
their future life.

So, if those who are contemplating
matrimony wish to secure the prize
of happiness in that lottery of lot-
teries, they have only to follow
faithfully all the directions here
given.—Newark Advertiser.
The Devil's River News is
read by more people than any
local newspaper in West Texas,
with one and possibly two excep-
tions.

BLOOD MARRIAGES.
Authorities Seem to Differ as to Whether
They Prove Injurious.
The results of blood marriages
have been differently regarded by
various authors. Esquirol attributed
to them a predisposition to insanity
among the descendants. Moreau af-
firms that in the majority of cases
deaf mutes owe their infirmity to
the ties of relationship between
their parents. Lucas thinks that
these marriages are a cause of de-
generation in the human race; that
they produce mental dullness, brut-
ality, insanity, impotence, etc.
Lichtrich states that consanguinity
is frequently the cause of pigmen-
tary retinitis among the descend-
ants. Raynaud ranks consanguinity
among the conditions which may
produce albinism. Tays seemed to
have proved also, says the writer,
the injurious influence of consangu-
ineous marriages.

On the other hand, says the writ-
er, others have boldly declared
themselves in favor of these mar-
riages and state that they are not
at all injurious—that generally they
give good results. It is not astonish-
ing then, he says, that in the face
of such extreme opinions other au-
thors, such as Levy, Bouchardat,
Voisin, Darwin, Lacaze, Ballet
and others, should view the ques-
tion from both sides and affirm that
these marriages are productive of
both good and evil results, accord-
ing to whether the contracting par-
ties are exempt from or affected by
constitutional diseases. With such a
diversity of opinions, continues the
writer, it is difficult for physicians
to decide when they are consulted
by patients in regard to the subject.

M. Perrin recently made a study
of the question under consideration
and gives his conclusions as follows:
First of all, among the numerous
affections attributed to marriages
of consanguinity, idiocy, insanity and
epilepsy are generally to heredi-
tary, but in few cases consanguinity
of the parents may certainly be
the cause.

As to convulsions in the young,
the cases are so numerous that it is
impossible to attribute this affec-
tion to the influence of consanguin-
ity. It may have a share in the pro-
duction of deaf mutes, but it is not
an invariable factor. With regard
to affections of the sight, the influ-
ence exercised by consanguinity has
been distinctly proved. Concerning
sterility, M. Perrin thinks this
cannot be attributed to consanguin-
ity alone. He has further shown
that certain congenital deformities
have been so frequently observed in
children whose parents were per-
fectly healthy that in these cases
we are forced to admit the theory
of consanguinity alone.

On the whole, says the writer, we
may conclude that if under certain
circumstances consanguinity and
heredity are two etiological factors
which combine in the same family
to bring about the same morbid re-
sults it is none the less true that in
some cases consanguineous mar-
riages among healthy persons may
exercise an unfavorable influence
on the children. M. Perrin, says the
writer, advises physicians not to
dissuade their patients from mar-
riage if there is no diathesis, no her-
editary disease, and if they are in
good health and have strong con-
stitutions; on the other hand, it is
not well to encourage them, he says,
because even in the best conditions the
children of such marriages have
presented irremediable defects. But
if the physician discovers the least
trace of physical or mental affec-
tions he should exert all his influ-
ence to prevent such marriages, for
they could only be productive of de-
plorable results.—New York Med-
ical Journal.

Presence of Mind.
An example of presence of mind
was that of a woman who, being
left alone in the house one night,
heard a noise in the dining room
and knew that burglars were re-
moving the plate. She was too far
from any other house to summon
assistance. Seizing a large paper
bag which lay on a table, she in-
flated it and broke it on the wall of
the stairs with a loud report. The
thieves, mistaking it for a pistol,
dropped their plunder and fled.
There is no quality perhaps which
we all covet more than this ready
wit which makes action as prompt
as thought in danger. Self control,
which we can cultivate, helps us to
attain it in a degree, but it is large-
ly a gift of nature, like a keen eye
or nimble tongue. We who are born
without it may console ourselves
with the fact that emergencies come
but once or twice in life, while every
hour calls for the use of common
sense, patience and self control, a
few of which we can have if we will.—
Youth's Companion.

Where the Drains Were.
Cholly—Did you see me d'wiv-
ing my bwahe this afternoon, Miss
Kostique? I tell you, you don't see
d'wiv-ing like that without bwa-ns.
Miss Kostique—No. I remarked
that the horses appeared to be very
intelligent.—Philadelphia Record.

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REMARKABLE HEREDITY.
Professor Pellmann of Bonn University
Shows How Crime Begets Crime.
The hereditability of crime has
long been a problem that has exer-
cised the minds of sociologists and
criminologists of all countries. It is
contended by some scientists that
when a child develops criminal pro-
clivities the fact is due not—or at
least not so much—to an inherently
defective brain as to the tainted at-
mosphere in which it is reared; that
conscience, the moral sense—to quote
the words of Dr. E. S. Williams in a
recent essay upon the subject—re-
flects the individual environment
during the period of plasticity, when
conscience is forming—that is, in
childhood and adolescence.

Dr. Williams contends that there
are good as well as bad tendencies in
everybody, and that in the great
majority of cases criminals have
failed to better themselves simply
because they were human and could
not rise superior to the surroundings
amid which they were born and
brought up.
There is a good deal of logic in
this argument, which is that adopt-
ed by many thinkers who have
made a special study of this impor-
tant question. It there is equal
logic in the asseverations of others
who claim that hereditary criminality
may be, and in many notable cases
is, a form of moral degeneracy that
is inherited, like certain bodily dis-
eases and drugginess.

This latter contention has just re-
ceived striking confirmation from
Professor Pellmann of Bonn univer-
sity, Germany. Professor Pellmann
has made a profound study of drunk-
enness, its causes and effects. With
infinite labor and perseverance he
has taken bad cases of persons ad-
dicted to inebriety in different parts
of his country and traced the habit
back through many generations un-
til he has been able to present tabu-
lated biographies of hundreds de-
scended from some original drunk-
ard.

Professor Pellmann now comes
forward with the account of a Ger-
man Jane Calchese in the person
of Frau Ada Jurke who was born
in the year 1740, and who, it is to
be hoped, will forever hold her un-
enviable record as the transmitter of
depravity to more than 700 of her
descendants.

Frau Ada Jurke was 60 years of
age when she "paid her debt to na-
ture," and for the last 40 years of
her inglorious life was a drunkard,
a thief and a tramp. Her descendants
have numbered 824 of whom 700
have been traced by Professor Pell-
mann in local records from youth
to death.
Of the 700 he found that 196 were
born out of wedlock. There were
142 who were beggars, and 64 more
who lived from charity. Of the wo-
men 181 lived respectable lives.
Seventy-six members of the family
were convicts, of whom 7 were sen-
tenced for murder. The remainder
were more or less addicted to exces-
sive tipping.

Altogether the German savant es-
timates that Frau Ada Jurke and
her descendants have cost the state—
that is, the taxpayers—no less than
\$125,000,000 for maintenance, etc.
This monumental instance of in-
herent depravity is certainly a
strong argument in favor of those
who assert that, however unexpec-
tionable the environment of a child
may be, and whatever advantages
of precept and example it may en-
joy, the taint of vice transmitted to
it through successive generations
will inevitably manifest itself at
some period or other of its career.—
New York Herald.

Burns In Dumfries.
About ten years ago I met in
Dumfries a venerable lady who told
me that her mother had vivid re-
ollections of Burns. As a child she
frequently saw him in the evenings
at her father's fireside and heard
him entertaining his social circle
with fluent and merry talk. There
invariably came a stage in the pro-
ceedings at which the matron of the
household sent the youthful mem-
bers of the family "ben the house,"
for "it wasna' right," said the nar-
rator, "that they should hear a
Robbie's nonsense." He might be a
very clever poet, she gravely admit-
ted, "but he was gay as well like
in Dumfries, an' oik had their ain
thoughts about him." Like Principal
Shaun, my venerable friend was in-
clined to think that the exaggerated
praise of Burns had gone too far.—
Notes and Queries.

A Good Cab.
A learned professor was in Edin-
burgh one wet Saturday, and desir-
ing to go to church he hired a cab.
On reaching the church door he
tendered a shilling the legal fare
—to cabby and was somewhat sur-
prised to hear the cabman say,
"Twa shillins, sir."
The professor, fixing his eagle
eyes upon the extortioner, demand-
ed why he charged two shillings.
Upon which the cabman dryly an-
swered, "We wish to discourage
traveling on the Sabbath as much
as possible, sir."—London Tit-Bits

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CITATION.
THE STATE OF TEXAS:
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citation in some newspaper published in
the County of Sutton, if there be a
newspaper published therein, but if not,
then in any newspaper published in the
Fifty-first judicial district; but if there
be no newspaper published in said judi-
cial district, then in a newspaper pub-
lished in the nearest district to said
Fifty-first judicial district, for four con-
secutive weeks, previous to the return
day hereof, Henry Leonard, his heirs
and assigns, versus Texas Central Rail-
way company and assigns, whose resi-
dence is unknown, to be and ap-
pear before the honorable district
court of Sutton county for the Fifty-
first judicial district, at the next regu-
lar term thereof, to be holden at the
courthouse of said county, in the town
of Sonora, on the third Monday in Feb-
ruary, 1897, then and there to answer a
petition, filed in said court, on the 13th
day of October, A. D. 1896, in a suit
numbered on the docket of said court
61, wherein the State of Texas is plain-
tiff, and the Galveston, Harrisburg and
San Antonio Railway company and
assigns are defendants.

The nature of the demand set out in
said petition being an action to recover
of the defendants the sum of seventy-
seven and fifty-three one hundredths
dollars, being the amount due plaintiff
for taxes, interest and costs for the years
1891, 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895 on the
following described property, to-wit:
Six hundred and forty acres of land
situated in Sutton county, Texas, ab-
stract No. 264, original grantee Texas
Central Railway company, certificate
No. 81, survey No. 57, original grantee
plaintiff's lien on said property, and
plaintiff further prays for cost and gen-
eral relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then
and there before said court, on the said
first day of the next term thereof, this writ,
with your endorsement thereon, show-
ing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and seal of said
court, at office in Sonora, this 13th day
of October, A. D. 1896.
[Seal] S. H. STOKES,
Clerk District Court, Sutton County,
Texas.

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be no newspaper published in said judi-
cial district, then in a newspaper pub-
lished in the nearest district to said
Fifty-first judicial district, for four con-
secutive weeks, previous to the return
day hereof, Ginio Ramirez, his heirs
and assigns, whose residence is
unknown, to be and appear before the
honorable district court of Sutton county
for the Fifty-first judicial district, at the
next regular term thereof, to be holden
at the courthouse of said county, in the
town of Sonora, on the third Monday
in February, 1897, then and there to
answer a petition filed in said court,
on the 13th day of October, A. D. 1896,
in a suit numbered on the docket of
said court 75, wherein the State of
Texas is plaintiff, and Ginio Ramirez,
his heirs and assigns are defendants.

The nature of the demand set out in
said petition being an action to recover
of the defendants the sum of twenty-
three and twenty-one one hundredths
dollars, being the amount due plaintiff
for taxes, interest and costs for the years
1891, 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895, on the
following described property, to-wit:
Two hundred and nine y-five acres of
land, out of and a part of 1888 acres,
abstract No. 61, certificate No. 103, 105,
survey No. 61; patentee, L. M. Thorn,
and to foreclose plaintiff's lien on said
property, and plaintiff further prays
for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then
and there before said court, on the said
first day of the next term thereof, this
writ, with your endorsement thereon,
showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and seal of said
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of October, A. D. 1896.
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Clerk District Court, Sutton County,
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be no newspaper published in said judi-
cial district, then in a newspaper pub-
lished in the nearest district to said
Fifty-first judicial district, for four con-
secutive weeks, previous to the return
day hereof, the C. O. S. D. & R. G. N.
G. R. R. Co. and assigns, whose
residence is unknown, to be and ap-
pear before the honorable district
court of Sutton county for the Fifty-
first judicial district, at the next regu-
lar term thereof, to be holden at the
courthouse of said county, in the town
of Sonora, on the third Monday in Feb-
ruary, 1897, then and there to answer a
petition, filed in said court, on the 13th
day of October, A. D. 1896, in a suit
numbered on the docket of said court
61, wherein the State of Texas is plain-
tiff, and the Galveston, Harrisburg and
San Antonio Railway company and
assigns are defendants.

The nature of the demand set out in
said petition being an action to recover
of the defendants the sum of eleven and
nineteen one hundredths dollars, being
the amount due plaintiff for taxes,
interest and costs for the year 1891,
on the following described property, to-
wit:
Three hundred and twenty acres of land
situated in Sutton county, Texas, ab-
stract No. 49, certificate No. 483; pa-
tentees, J. J. and A. J. Duff; original
grantee, C. O. S. D. & R. G. N. G. R. R.
Co., and to foreclose plaintiff's lien on
said property, and plaintiff further prays
for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then
and there before said court, on the said
first day of the next term thereof, this writ,
with your endorsement thereon, show-
ing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and seal of said
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cial district, then in a newspaper pub-
lished in the nearest district to said
Fifty-first judicial district, for four con-
secutive weeks, previous to the return
day hereof, the Galveston, Harrisburg
and San Antonio Railway company and
assigns, whose residence is unknown, to
be and appear before the honorable dis-
trict court of Sutton county for the Fifty-
first judicial district, at the next regu-
lar term thereof, to be holden at the
courthouse of said county, in the town
of Sonora, on the third Monday in Feb-
ruary, 1897, then and there to answer a
petition filed in said court, on the 13th
day of October, A. D. 1896, in a suit
numbered on the docket of said court
64, wherein the State of Texas is plain-
tiff, and the Galveston, Harrisburg
and San Antonio Railway company and
assigns are defendants.

The nature of the demand set out in
said petition being an action to recover
of the defendants the sum of twenty-
six dollars, being the amount due plain-
tiff for taxes, interest and costs for the
years 1890 and 1891 on the following de-
scribed property, to-wit:
Six hundred and forty acres of land,
situated in Sutton county, Texas, ab-
stract No. 266, certificate No. 1301,
survey No. 23, original grantee, Texas
Central Railway company, and to foreclose
plaintiff's lien on said property, and
plaintiff further prays for cost and
general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then
and there before said court, on the said
first day of the next term thereof, this writ,
with your endorsement thereon, show-
ing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and seal of
said court, at office in Sonora, this 13th
day of October, A. D. 1896.
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then in any newspaper published in the
Fifty-first judicial district; but if there
be no newspaper published in said judi-
cial district, then in a newspaper pub-
lished in the nearest district to said
Fifty-first judicial district, for four con-
secutive weeks, previous to the return
day hereof, J. J. Riley, his heirs and
assigns, whose residence is unknown, to
be and appear before the honorable
district court of Sutton county for the
Fifty-first judicial district, at the next
regular term thereof, to be holden at
the courthouse of said county, in the
town of Sonora, on the third Monday
in February, 1897, then and there to
answer a petition filed in said court,
on the 13th day of October, A. D. 1896,
in a suit numbered on the docket of
said court 76, wherein the State of
Texas is plaintiff, and J. J. Riley,
his heirs and assigns are defendants.

The nature of the demand set out in
said petition being an action to recover
of the defendants the sum of thirty-sev-
en and twenty-one one hundredths dol-
lars, being the amount due plaintiff for
taxes, interest and costs for the year
1890, on the following described prop-
erty, to-wit:
One thousand two hundred and eighty-
eight acres of land situated in Sutton
county, Texas, abstract No. 19, certificate
No. 1399, survey No. 1, original grantee
Perry Brown, patentee William Cassin,
and to foreclose plaintiff's lien on said
property, and plaintiff further prays for
cost and general relief.

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cial district, then in a newspaper pub-
lished in the nearest district to said
Fifty-first judicial district, for four con-
secutive weeks, previous to the return
day hereof, J. C. Campbell, his heirs
and assigns, whose residence is
unknown, to be and appear before the
honorable district court of Sutton
county for the Fifty-first judicial district,
at the next regular term thereof, to be
holden at the courthouse of said
county, in the town of Sonora, on the
third Monday in February, 1897, then
and there to answer a petition filed
in said court, on the 13th day of Octo-
ber, A. D. 1896, in a suit numbered on
the docket of said court 63, wherein the
State of Texas is plaintiff, and J. C.
Campbell, his heirs and assigns are de-
fendants.

The nature of the demand set out in
said petition being an action to recover
of the defendants the sum of fifty and
thirty-four one hundredth dollars, being
the amount due plaintiff for taxes, in-
terest and costs for the year 1892 on the
following described property, to-wit:
Six hundred and forty acres of land,
situated in Sutton county, Texas, ab-
stract No. 59, certificate No. 1461, origi-
nal grantee, E. L. & R. R. R. Co., and
to foreclose plaintiff's lien on said
property, and plaintiff further prays for
cost and general relief.

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Fifty-first judicial district, for four con-
secutive weeks, previous to the return
day hereof, the Galveston, Harrisburg
and San Antonio Railway company and
assigns, whose residence is unknown, to
be and appear before the honorable dis-
trict court of Sutton county for the Fifty-
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