

DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

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For the Next 30 Days

We are going to offer some **UNPARALED BARGAINS** in **ORGANDIES, LAWNS, DIMITIES, SILKS** (plain and brocade,) **SILK and SATIN RIBBONS, LACES, LADIES WAISTS, BELTS, ETC., ETC.**

BELOW WE GIVE YOU SOME OF THE ITEMS OFFERED

DRESS GOODS

35 cent French Organdies for 22 1-2c
25 cent " " " 16 2-3c
16 2-3c " " " 12 1-2c

Fancy Figured Lawns and Dimities
16 2-3 cent Grade for 12 1-2c
15 cent Grade for 10c

Everything else in Summer Dress Goods in Proportion.

LADIES BELTS

We have a few dozen Leather and Metal Belts, new styles and good value, which we will offer in this sale at about **HALF PRICE.**

SHIRT WAISTS

We are offering a line of Shirt waists that formerly sold at 50 to 75 cents, during this sale for 25 cents

LACES

We have some Rare Bargains in Laces. See them and price.

SILKS

You can't afford to miss these. We are offering in Silks and Satins:

LOT NO. 1 15 Pieces of Plain and Brocade Silks and Satins, 21-2 to 12 yards in a piece, former price 75c. this sale 35c. Cost Cuts no figure.

LOT NO. 2 10 Pieces of Plain and Fancy Silks, former price 50c, this sale 25c. We are overstocked and these goods must go.

RIBBON

LOT NO. 1 40 or 50 Pieces Plain and Fancy Ribbon, 3 to 5 inches wide, former price 15 to 35 cents, during this sale 12 1-2c

LOT NO. 2 50 to 60 Pieces Plain and Fancy Ribbon, 1 to 3 inches wide, all good values going this sale at 5 to 10 cents

UMBRELLAS, PARASOLS & FANS.

We have an assortment of these goods which we are going to close out regardless of cost.

A careful inspection of the above described goods and Prices, as Advertised for this sale, will convince you that these are Exceptional Values and Worth Double what we ask for them. We need Money and are Overstocked in our Dry Goods Department. TWO GOOD REASONS.

REMEMBER THE TIME AND PLACE.

HAGERLUND BROS. & COMPANY.

AMERICA IN 1800.

The Population Centered In a Very Few Cities Near the Coast.

In St. Nicholas there is an article on the Greater New York article entitled "Reasoning Out a Metropolis," by Ernest Ingersoll. Writing of the distribution of the population at the beginning of the century, Mr. Ingersoll says:

Montreal and Quebec were then large towns, but making no progress. Nothing had come of the expected cities along the coast of Maine. Old Salem had been outstripped by Boston, which already numbered 30,000 citizens; Newport, New London and New Haven were disappointingly small and sleepy; New York, which had borne the brunt of the Revolutionary war, included only some 60,000 inhabitants; while Philadelphia, unharmed by the war, was flourishing and led the list with a population numbering over 81,000. Farther south, Baltimore, with about 27,000 people; Charleston, with 20,000, and New Orleans (then in French territory), with 10,000, were the only coast towns worth mentioning. Civilization had scarcely found its way across the Alleghanies, Chicago did not exist, and Oswego, Buffalo, Detroit, Pittsburg and Cincinnati were mere frontier villages or Indian trading posts. New England and eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland were dotted with villages, but the largest inland towns were those of northern New Jersey and the valley of the Hudson, where Newburg, Kingston and Albany took the lead of all.

Let us see what happened during the next 20 years.

As soon as peace and a firm, united government were gained by the war for independence we Americans began to think about finding out and making use of the wealth of our new country first by setting as many persons as possible to clearing away the forests and planting fields, and great numbers from the older states and from Europe moved west and received from the government tracts of land for which the only pay asked was a promise to stay and cultivate them.

But it was plain that there was no use in farming, no matter how cheap and fertile the soil, or in cutting timber or digging minerals, no matter how accessible and abundant, unless the pioneers had some way to send the grain they grew or the timber or minerals to market. Roads were therefore of the first importance. Nobody but a hunter or an explorer could travel into the heavily wooded interior, except along some navigable river, and at first only the valleys of these rivers were cultivated. Next a few roads were laid out, connecting the coast and riverside towns, but none penetrated inland very far, and these were mostly mere tracks for pack horses. All frontier goods were carried by horses until almost the beginning of this century, as they are yet in remote parts of the far west. This method is exceedingly expensive. It cost, for instance, \$240 a ton, or about 12½ cents a pound, to carry merchandise by pack horses from Philadelphia to Erie in 1784, and when, in 1789, the first wagon road was opened over the Pennsylvania mountains the cost of freightage was \$3 a ton for that part alone—about 140 miles. It was not until 1804 that the first through line of stages was established from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, making the trip in seven days.

These things show how gradual, but how sure, was the advance of civilization westward.

American Paper in England.

England uses American paper in her public offices, finding it of the best quality made. Its decrees, before which foreign nations and tribes all around the world bow, are inscribed over the watermark of the eagle instead of the lion, which ought to stiffen and re-enforce their valour. It has never been remarked of Great Britain that she didn't know a good thing when she saw it or that she did not promptly read out and annex it when it was possible. In the case of stationery there is no impediment and Uncle Sam will cheerfully extradite any quality of it on her requisition, as he has been doing for some time past.—New York Tribune.

Might Be Fractured.

"Of course," observed Xerxes, the king, "my will is law."

"Doubtless," answered the wise man of the court, after consulting a few authorities. "That is to say, if your majesty doesn't leave too large an estate."—Chicago Record.

Not Always Available.

It is said a pinch of salt on a slice of tomato will cure the hiccup every time it is tried, but the man going home late seldom has the salt and tomato at hand.—New Orleans Picayune.

In a Hurry.

"So he married in haste. Did he repent at leisure?"
"No, he repented in haste too."—New York Journal.

MY SCHOOLROOM.

I have closed my books and hidden my slat and thrown my satchel across the gate. My school is out for a season of rest, and now for the schoolroom I love the best.

My schoolroom lies on the meadow wide, Where under the clover the snails creep, Where the long vines cling to the mossy bars And the daisies twinkle like fallen stars.

Where clusters of buttercups gild the scene Like showers of gold cast thrown over the green, And the wind's flying footsteps are traced, as they pass, By the dance of the wren and dip of the grass.

My lessons are written in clouds and trees, And no one whispers except the breeze, Who sometimes blows from a secret place A stray, sweet blossom against my face.

My school bell rings in the rippling stream, Which hides itself, like a schoolboy's dream, Under the shadow and out of sight, But laughing still for its own delight.

My schoolmates there are the birds and bees And the saucy squirrel, more dull than these, For he only learns, in all the weeks, How many chestnuts will fill his cheeks.

My teacher is patient, and never yet A lesson of hers did I once forget, For wonderful lore do her lips impart, And all her lessons are learned by heart.

Oh, come, oh, come, or we shall be late, And autumn will fatten the golden gate!—Katherine Lee Bates in American Agriculturist.

The Horrible and Grotesque.

Not a few of the scenes a clergyman is called upon to witness are both grotesque and terrible. An old man had been ill for months, but clung to life with that wonderful pertinacity which is so common with old people. He was, of course, a great burden to his two daughters, who had to nurse him and at the same time earn their own bread. One day, on being asked how the old man was, one of the daughters, even while she stood by the bed, announced: "He's just the same; he is such a time a-dyin. I wish 'e'd 'urry up a bit; it's s' awkward for me and my sister, with our other work to do." It was terrible enough to see natural feeling all but destroyed by poverty, but there was something truly awful in the scene when the old man gasped over from his bed: "I am a-making 'aste sin't I? I've got no call for to live."—Cornhill Magazine.

The London policeman on an average arrests seven persons every year.

Black Chalk.

It is often extremely desirable to obtain black chalk, and a simple process for preparing this useful article is convenient to have in one's scrapbook. Take pulverized ordinary chalk and mix it with a strong decoction of logwood. The addition either of chromate of potassium or green vitriol solution will cause the logwood to become intensely black. A pasty mass is formed that molds very readily into crayons or pencils, and these, when dried, are fit for use. The addition of an extremely small amount of gum arabic water is suggested, but the amount must be so small as to be scarcely appreciable, else the pencils will be so hard as to be almost useless. For ordinary work on hard substances the gum is desirable, but if the pencils are wanted for paper or cardboard the simple chalk and logwood solution will give better satisfaction.—New York Ledger.

It is estimated that Londoners spend \$20,000,000 a year on advertising.

It is an easy matter, according to a writer in The Telephone, not only to talk through six hats, but through their owners if they will join hands for the passage of the telephonic current. The idea of being talked through without any knowledge of the conversation is more curious than agreeable.

The best slingers of the Roman army were from the Balearic isles. Boys were trained to early proficiency by having their dinners suspended from a tree and being required to cut the string with a sling stone ere they could dine.

Austria is the country most lenient to murderers. In ten years over 800 persons were found guilty of murder, of whom only 23 were put to death.

CHAS. SCHREINER.

WOOL COMMISSION MERCHANT,

BANKER AND DEALER IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Headquarters for Ranch Supplies

KERRVILLE, TEXAS.

Ranch Saloon

A. J. Swearingen, Prop.

KEEPS ON HAND OLD PHILADELPHIA CLUB WHISKEY

AND THE FINEST WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS.

GIVE US A CALL.

Bank Saloon

MIKE O'MEARA, PROP.

The BEST Whiskeys, Brandies, Wines, and Cigars.

ECHO SPRINGS, (Ky.) Windsor, Canadian Club

and other reliable whiskeys.

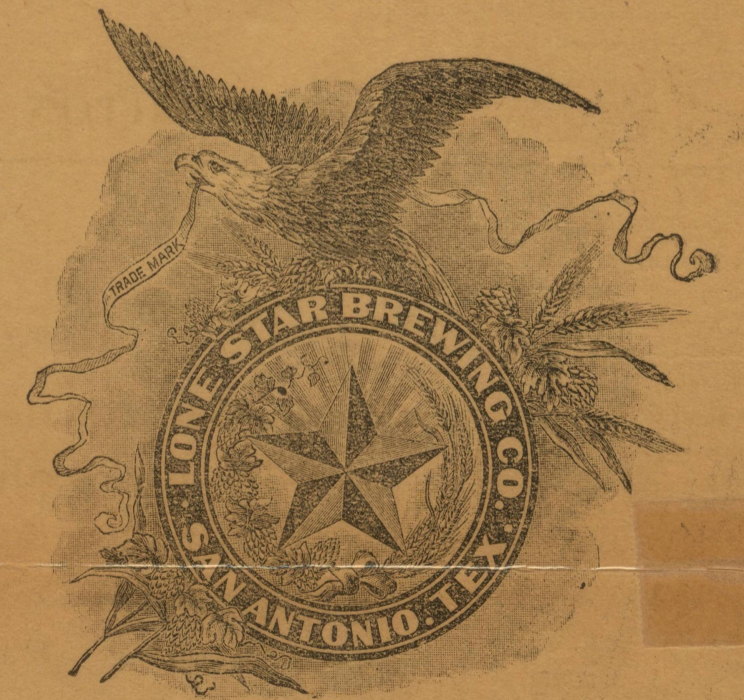
The Most Popular Resort in Town.

GEORGE W. MORRIS,
PROPRIETOR.

"MAUD = S"

= SALOON =

Carries the finest line of Wines, Liquors and Cigars in the West. Everything first-class. Just the place to treat your friends. Bowling ally connection.



BREWERS OF THE CELEBRATED

Cabinet, Pilsener, Erlanger and Standard Beer,

FOR SALE AT THE

BANK SALOON.

ALAMO IRON WORKS,

San Antonio, Texas.

WELL DRILLING and PUMPING

Machinery and Supplies.

Devil's River News

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

Advertising Medium of the Stockman's Paradise.

SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora, as second-class matter.

Sonora, Texas, - June 10, 1899

Rain items have been numerous in the Sonora country this spring, but the rain of this week has been the best in many years. All the rivers and holes are full of water and many of the new tanks are full for the first time. The grass and stock are growing fine and the country is a picture.

A cloud burst struck Marble Falls, doing much damage and washing away the power house.

The Concho rivers were very high the present week. Even Pecan was so high that the mail hack had to wait 5 hours for the flood to subside.

The Conchos, Llano and San Saba rivers being up, put a big head on the Colorado, and the water was rushing over the Austin dam 12 feet high on Wednesday.

Both draws at Sonora were unusually high Monday night. The San Angelo draw being almost as high as five years ago, and the McKavett draw was higher than it has been in five years.

Hobson who lives in East Sonora, attempted to cross the McKavett draw Monday afternoon and had to swim out. He lost one horse in the river and another had been in the water so long that it died shortly after being taken out of the river.

The San Saba river at McKavett was higher from the rains Sunday, Monday and Tuesday than ever before in the knowledge of the oldest inhabitant. A family living in the old G. W. Morris place, spent the Monday night in the trees.

Theo Savell and Joe Caldwell, spent Monday night in the mail buggy on the side of the draw six miles above town. Owing to the old road being fenced off they could not come to town. The road should be put back on the hillside or gates put in for use during wet weather.

A special dispatch to the San Angelo Standard, was received from Eden Wednesday, to the effect that Menardville had been a sufferer from the flood Monday evening. The San Saba river had gotten so high that the people moved out of the low places, and it was well that they did so, as at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday morning another rise came down, that put the river seven feet deep on the business street of the town. John Callan's drug store was washed about four blocks and stranded in front of the Australian Hotel; Henry Tipton's beer saloon, Chas. Graham's barber shop, Dr. McKnight's office, Suchardt's lumber yard and carpenter shop, Dock Maddox, F. Lukenbach's and D. G. Benchoff's residences were washed for a considerable distance. Numbers of places below town were totally destroyed among them the fine barn and crops of W. W. Lewis valued at \$1700, and Philip Hockingsmith lost everything. The Noyes farm lost several ranch houses and it is feared the damage is more extensive further down the river. A Mexican who could not be induced to leave his home was drowned. John Callan and Mac Russell had narrow escapes, having to swim out. The water stood 22 inches in Henry Vander Stucken & Co's. store, and all other places on Main street were in about the same depth of water. All the crops, fences, etc., above and below town were washed away. Old timers have said that years ago, before Menardville was built, evidences of high water were visible and predicted that what had happened could happen again.

Noah Rose the Sonora photographer lost everything in the flood at Menardville and his family saved only a few clothes and quilts. At Menardville it was reported that Voca and Camp San Saba were also washed out. Gus Noyes valued his farms at \$50,000 before the flood and now at \$15,000; loss \$35,000. "I can't even guess at the towns' loss. I have counted six houses in town completely destroyed; three outside of town that I have heard of; seven in town moved from 15 feet to three blocks

and some almost torn up, and barn too numerous to count. I cannot describe the scene of devastation."

Hurst & Adams' Dry Devil's river tank is full of water. This tank will probably solve the opening up of the Great Dry Devil's River country. It is a good sized lake and will afford water all year for all the stock that can be run on the range.

IDEAL WINDMILLS

HAVE PROVED THEMSELVES FAR AHEAD OF ALL OTHERS AND ARE NOW CONSTANTLY INCREASING IN DEMAND.

THE NEW 20 FOOT IDEAL SAMSON Will be Here this Month.

John Finziater, Jr., SAN ANGELO, TEX.

Full Line of Black and Galvanized Pipe, Casing and Well Supplies.

ONE PRICE TO ALL, By Visit, Letter or Open order.

What has gradually dawned upon the people as a great prize fight was pulled off at the Coney Island Club last night. Being a 20 round glove contest between Bob Fitzsimmons and Jim Jeffries for a purse of \$20,000. The house was crowded, the box receipts amounting to \$45,000. The betting up to the time the participants entered the ring was two to one in favor of Fitzsimmons.

Most bets were taken where the odds were long as the California (Jeffries) was growing in favor up to the 5th round, the paring for points was about equal through Fitz had a little the best of this round.

There was some hard punishment in the sixth of a give and take kind.

The seventh, both men were getting hot and hitting at each others head. Round closed by Fritz hitting Jeffries in the mouth and bringing first blood. The fight then looked like Fitz had the best of it.

In the eighth several hard blows were landed by both. They clinch and Fritz got worst of the round.

In the ninth the hitting gets heavier. Fitz was knocked flat on his back twice and once to his knees. Fitz is nearly out.

The tenth and last round was Jeffries. Both are hitting hard. Jeffries lands a knock out blow on Fitz heart.

WELINGTON CLUB

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.

J. B. Sybert a well-known stock man of Milan, was in Sonora this week on a visit to his sister Mrs. G. T. Sharp. While here Mr. Sybert met several of his old time friends.

ROSE

THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Has lost everything in the flood at Menardville. Parties owing him money should remit to him at once.

John Rae of Schleicher county, sold 200 yearling steers to M. Z. Smissen at \$15 per head.

For cheap grain and hay go to Hunt's. 91

William Grinnell of Schleicher county, sold to M. Z. Smissen 60 yearling steers at \$15.

For cheap grain and hay go to Hunt's. 91

C. F. Adams bought 1000 fat mutons from J. H. Coleman and 1000 from Dobbias Bros., of Edwards county this week at private terms

Hunt up Hunt's livery stable when you come to Sonora.

J. C. Hewes the Schleicher county sheepman, was in Sonora this week. He reports that March Bros of San Angelo, sold his wool for 12 cents.

Bob Dawson keeps a full line of hand made spurs and bridle bits.

R. F. Halbert received yearlings from the following parties last week at \$15 per head: J. E. Mills 15; Ed Lehne 18; Joe Parker 44; S. I. Nicks 13; B. M. Halbert 20;

Cheap trunks at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Pasturage for 1500 head of cattle may be had on the best range in Sutton county by applying to W. J. Fields, Sonora, Texas.

Saturday's Only.

On every Saturday till further notice, we will sell schooners of Lone Star beer at 15 cents, two for 25 cents, from early morn to "Dewey" eve at the

Bank Saloon.

Clarence H. Roberts aged about 30 years, died at the Sanitarium in Sonora, on Sunday June 4th 1899, of consumption. The funeral took place Tuesday at the Sonora cemetery. Deceased had no relatives in the Sonora country where he has lived for the past few years. For some months prior to his last illness he was in the employe of C. J. Nichols. He had been in the Sanitarium about ten days and everything possible was done to relieve his suffering. Mr. Nichols sat up with the fast sinking man for five nights before the last call. Deceased had relatives living in New York, Milwaukee and St. Louis to whom the News extends its sympathy.

J. W. CALDWELL,

Agent for the

SAN ANGELO

STEAM LAUNDRY,

Basket Leaves the Decker

Hotel every Tuesday and

Returns Saturday.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six

bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this great discovery at J. Lewenthal's Drug Store. Only 50c. and \$1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

On June 3rd, Governor Sayers issued an extradition warrant for John Keton, in jail at Juarez, Mexico, and wanted in Coleman to answer to the charge of participation in the train robbery at Coleman. The warrant was forwarded to President Porfirio Diaz, who will order its execution.

"MAUD S" BARBER SHOP.

D. H. H. BERRY, Prop.

First-class attention given our patrons.

Hot and Cold Baths 25cts.

YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

Perasols at cost at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Born on Wednesday May 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glascock a girl.

Howard Hendey a young man working for J. W. Keene had the misfortune to shoot himself in the leg last Friday.

Chas. Schreiner of Kerrville has sold his spring consignment of wool, about 1,000,000 pounds at "good figures."

Mrs. Geo. H. McDonald and children and Miss Lula Causey left on Saturday for Goldthwaite, on a visit.

Just one of the proprietors of the Sonora and San Angelo telephone line, was in Sonora Wednesday on a business trip. Come again we'll treat you right.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morris and family returned from a visit to McKavett Wednesday. Geo. says the San Saba river was higher than he ever saw it before.

C. T. Turney the well-known stockman returned from San Angelo Sunday, with his daughter Miss Maude Turney, who has been attending school.

W. A. Miers the stockman was in Sonora this week. Will has moved his stock to Tom Birtrong's ranch, where he will reside in future.

Fred Koenig the jolly stockman from down the draw, was in town Tuesday on a visit to his family, and reports very heavy rains down the draw.

Charlie Blandon the stockman from Val Verde county was in Sonora Saturday and Sunday and reports everything damp down his way.

Chas. Zenker has bought the Star Saloon, next door to his old place, and invites his friends from the Sonora country to call and see him. 72-1f

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Potter were in from their ranch on Dry Devil's River Friday. Richard says it is not very dry down their now.

The News sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. D. K. McMullan in the loss of their 12 month old child which occurred at their home in San Angelo on June 3rd.

Daye Gentry the well-known stockman from the line of Brown and Coleman counties and family are in the Sonora country this week; Mr. Gentry is on the look out for a ranch.

Everyone recognizes the necessity of a fence around the grave yard, and the ladies hesitate about asking for subscriptions. They will thankfully receive your donation.

EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK, (SUNDAYS EXCEPTED.)

Lone Star bottled beer on ice at 25 cents a bottle at

The Bank Saloon.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. Geo. D. Williams of Manchester, Mich. tell how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by J. Lewenthal, druggist.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown, Mrs. J. C. Randolph, Mrs. E. M. Brown, Misses Birdie Gann, Maud and Willie Lewis and Messrs. R. I. Bowen, J. E. Brown and F. W. Dodson all of Coleman, are out on the San Saba fishing. Messrs. Bowen and Brown came over to Sonora Friday night to see their friend Sam Woodward. Misses Kate and Daisy Woodward and Sophie Vander Stucken accompanied by S. P. Woodward returned with them and will spend Sunday on the San Saba.

The Dee Ora lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 715, at their last regular meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: T. J. Dodson, W. M.; J. J. North, S. W.; D. H. Burroughs, J. W.; J. Lewenthal, secretary; H. G. Colson, treasurer; T. C. North, Tyler. The installation will take place on June 24th.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Dickinson returned from Sonora, accompanied by Mrs. D. B. Cusenbary Friday last, and accompanied by H. E. Dickenson they returned to Sonora Monday. Dr. D. is having some trouble over land lines connected with his Sutton county ranch, and H. E. went down to do some surveying.—Ballinger Ledger.

A good beef hide is now worth from \$2 to \$3 more money than the same class of hides brought before the present duty on hides went into effect. This, of course, means that the producer of aged beef cattle is getting something like \$2 more per head for his animals than he would be receiving if hides had remained at low water mark. There is every reason why the American cattleman should be a protectionist.—Texas Stockman and Farmer.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The Commissioners Court of Sutton county will meet in Sonora on June 12th, 1899, for the purpose of equalizing the tax renditions. Parties interested are here by notified: By order of the court.

J. B. HILL, County Clerk, Sonora, Texas, May 23, 1899.

Estray Notice.

The State of Texas, County of Sutton. Taken up by Geo. J. Trainer and estrayed before J. B. Hill, County Clerk, Sutton county, Texas, one sorrel mare, branded as follows: J-B on left shoulder and shown to have been fistulosed also saddle marks. Appraised at \$5.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 10th day of May, 1899.

[SEAL] J. B. HILL, County Clerk, Sutton County.

Lost Gun.

A double barreled breach loader shot gun, Parker's make, stock broken and tied with wire, on Wednesday morning May 17th, between Huber's and Glascock gates on the Junction road. Liberal reward will be paid for its return to this office. 99

NOTICE.

On and after June 1st 1899, all work will be cash unless arrangements have been made before work is done.

M. V. SHARP & SON, Blacksmiths.

Residence Property.

Two lots on Main street known as the Gus A. Batte property with improvements, for sale. For particulars apply to P. Hunst, Administrator. 974f

WHAT IS SAN ANTONIO PROUD OF?



San Antonio Brewing Assn.

A TRUE HOME INDUSTRY. HANDLED IN SONORA BY THE RANCH and MAUD S SALOONS. ALL the stock owned by SAN ANTONIO citizens. The LARGEST brewery in the South. Last year's output 150,000 Kegs more than any other brewery south of St. Louis. Cec. S. Allison, Agent, Sonora, Tex.

THE RED FRONT LIVERY - STABLE, R. S. CARUTHERS, Prop.

FIRST CLASS RICS. FEED FOR SALE

The Sonora BAKERY, W. JACK OWENS, PRO. BREAD, CAKES, PIES, BUTTER, EGGS, ETC. SONORA, TEXAS.

C. J. NICHOLS Builder and Contractor SONORA, - TEXAS Estimates furnished on application.

SONORA & SAN ANGELO MAIL, EXPRESS & PASSENGER LINE. TOM SAVELL, PROPRIETOR. Single trip \$4. Round trip \$6.50.

Tickets for sale at T. L. Benson's Sonora, and at Harris' Drug Store, Angelo 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.

Wearing Glasses. The care of the eyes is perhaps one of the most imperfectly understood of any of our daily duties. More ills arise from their misuse than the public generally appreciate. Epilepsy is a frequent result of eye strain, and a careful and intelligent observation will convince most people that more headaches come from abuse of the eyes than from any other cause. Probably one-sixth of the adult population of this country would be benefited by the use of glasses, at least during their working hours. They tire quickly, have headaches, the digestive apparatus is completely upset, there are pain in the back and a general feeling of dizziness and nausea, and the true cause is never suspected. The patient is bilious or nervous; has indigestion or liver complaint. The evil is attributed to everything but the proper cause. Fit the person to good glasses and the difficulty vanishes almost as if by magic.—New York Ledger.

Unknown Genius. Warren's hall in Freeport, Me., has a drop curtain which was painted by an unknown tramp. When the hall was being built, a tramp applied to the proprietor for something to eat, and was set to do some painting to pay for it. The owner wanted some fancy decorating done, and the tramp was allowed to try his hand at it, and succeeded so well that his work was accepted and now remains as a testimony of the skill of an unknown wandering genius.—Boston Herald.

It is possible to go round the world and touch on British territory all the way—viz., from England to Halifax, across Canada to Vancouver, across the Pacific to Hongkong, thence to Singapore, Penang, Mauritius, Cape Town, St. Helena and England, or from Penang to Ceylon, Bombay, Aden, Perim, Malta, Gibraltar and home.

In Portugal the wine trading is done by a gang of men dancing to the music of a bagpipe. The work is hard, the weather warm and the results are indescribable.

At Cost AT COST

We Having Sold Our Entire Mercantile Business in Sonora to

THE VANDER STUCKEN CO.,

Delivery of which will be made on June 15th, 1899, and in order to reduce our stock we will sell from this date on to June 15th, our entire stock of

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, CARPETS, GENT'S FURNISHINGS, AND IN FACT, EVERYTHING IN OUR DRY GOODS ESTABLISHMENT AT COST, ACTUAL COST.

The New Firm being Determined to Reduce the Immense stock of Dry Goods now on hand are willing for us to give you the Benefits of same. Don't fail to take advantage of this offer. Respectfully,

MAYER BROS. & CO.

H. C. HUNT,
Livery, Feed and Sale Stable

EVERYTHING BRAND NEW
COURTEOUS HOSTLERS. FINE HORSES.
BOARDING HORSES A SPECIALTY.

W. H. CUSENBARY,
Sonora's Original Druggist,
SOLICITS YOUR TRADE

NEW STOCK OF DRUGS AND DRUGGISTS SUNDRIES.
STORE IN ALLISON BUILDING.

PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED BY DR. W. D. BIGGS.
I KNOW YOUR WANTS AND WANT YOUR TRADE.

For cheap grain and hay go to Hunt's.

E. E. Sawyer the Fort Terrett stockman was in Sonora Saturday

If you want a pair of shoes at cost go to Mayer Bros. & Co.

Mrs. Jones intends leaving for McKavett today.

The famous Harper whiskey and other fine liquors at Fred Schmidt Parlor Saloon in San Angelo. 97

Mrs. R. A. Halbert is in Sonora on a visit to her sons R. F. and B. M. Halbert.

A first class phaeton, better than many new makes, for sale cheap by James A. Hagerlund.

Mrs. W. W. Martin of Midland, Texas, is in Sonora on a visit to her daughter Mrs. Geo. Black.

Mayer Bros. & Co., are selling their entire stock of dry goods at cost.

J. A. Schwabe, the stockman from Taylor Box draw was in Sonora Friday.

You can buy a pair of ladies kid gloves for 75 cents at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Daye Berry the barber expects his brother Hollis from Lampasas next week to work in the barber shop.

Make out your lumber bill and send it to Cicero Smith, San Angelo. He will furnish the best material at the lowest price. 97

For cheap grain and hay go to Hunt's. 91

John Mayfield and son Carl, were in from the ranch Friday.

Put your team in Hunt's stable when in Sonora. Good care taken of horses and rigs.

Our old friend Chris Hutto of Eldorado, was in Sonora Friday for supplies.

The best line of saddles between San Antonio and El Paso, can be found at Bob Dawson's.

John Bailey the young stockman from the Schleicher divide, was in Sonora Friday.

Good drivers and stylish double or single rigs at Hunt's livery stable.

A number of narrow escapes from drowning in the deep crossings are reported but no fatalities.

Geo. Morris has a second-hand Aermotor wind mill for sale, good as new.

Ed Trimble the barber, left for Ozona Thursday on a prospecting trip.

FOR SALE.—Large lot, new house and furnishings. Apply to John Anderson, Sonora. 98 4

Squire Boone the popular dry goods man for Hagerlund Bros. & Co., returned from a visit to Coleman this week.

For cheap grain and hay go to Hunt's. 91

THE SONORA SANITARIUM

is conducted for the benefit and comfort of the people of Sutton and surrounding counties who are in need of medical attention.

Special arrangements made for ladies coming here for treatment or confinement. Mrs. Stephenson will give such patients personal attention.

For special arrangement call upon
DR. A. L. TAYLOR,
Office at Sanitarium.

Office Hours: { Eight to ten A. M. and from Four to six P. M.

T. L. Benson, sells grain and hay. 98

Lis Moss was in from the ranch for a few days this week.

Bob Dawson has a fine line of Concord harness both wagon and buggy.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Mayer were in from the T half circle ranch for a few days this week.

Lumber, shingles, doors, sashes, etc., of the best quality at Cicero Smith's, San Angelo. 97

Jim Barton the handsome young stockman was in from the ranch Wednesday for supplies.

See that line of Ladies Shirt waists, at Hagerlund Bros. & Co's 40 to 75-cent values at 25-cents.

John Bryden who has been working for Geo. S. Allison for the past four years is in town on his holidays.

Don't forget that we have a complete line of Ladies Oxfords and Strap Sandals.

Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Will Whitehead the stockman from Val Verde county, was in Sonora several days this week on a visit to his family.

Cicero Smith the lumber dealer of San Angelo is doing an extensive business in the Sonora country. Send him your order. 97

Geo. S. Allison sold the stock of goods he got from the Geo. H. McDonald, estate to Walter Fielden the Santa Rosa merchant for \$650

Wm. Sultemyer the well-known sheepman was in from his ranch last Saturday, and reports everything in fine condition.

Shirts and Ties at Cost

We offer our entire line of \$1 00

Neglige Shirts at 75 cents

Also a beautiful line of Mens Scarfs, regular 65c grade at 40c

Our regular 75 and 85 cent Scarfs during this sale, for 50 cents

Nothing like them in town for the money. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Harness from \$5.00 to \$10.00 at Bob Dawson's.

Sol Mayer the stockman and merchant was in Sonora Monday.

Full stock of grain and hay at T. L. Benson's all the time. 98

Geo. S. Allison bought all of Henry Decker's hogs this week

Screen doors at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

John B. McDonald left for his home in Neches, Texas, Wednesday.

Great Bargain in Mens Hats

In order to reduce our stock we will sell you, while they last, a black hat:

3 inch brim, regular price \$3 00 at \$2 00

Our regular \$2 00 hat for \$1 50

A line of \$2 00 hats for \$1 25

A few mens hats, Alpine shapes, in light colors, regular 2 50 grade at \$1 75

Our regular 1 50 hat for \$1 00

Straw hats while they last, regardless of cost.

You can't afford to miss these bargains. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Louis Barksdale accompanied his cousin Dona Barksdale to her home in McKavett Sunday.

Tom Jenkins the stockman was in Sonora Wednesday from his ranch on Wild Cat Hollow.

The lowest price for the best lumber, shingles doors, sashes, etc is given by Cicero Smith San Angelo. 97

Kos Barry the sheepman who is running his sheep in the Mellwaine pasture, was in Sonora Wednesday.

When you go to San Angelo, call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f

Fourth of July Race Programme

Sonora, Texas July 4th and 5th 1899.

First race.—July 4th, 3-8 mile, open to all two year olds, catch weights. Purse \$75 00

Second race.—July 5th, 1-4 mile for all ages, open to all except the winner of the 2-year old race, catch weight. Purse \$75 00

Entrance fee, 10 per cent of purse; second horse to save entrance fee. American racing rules to govern, unless otherwise specified. Three horses to enter, two to start.

Jud Swearingen,
Geo. W. Morris,
R. S. Caruthers,
Committee.

Do You Need Shoes?

If so, don't miss our great bargain sale, begins to-day. Watch our prices: A line of mens shoes, Congress and lace, regular \$2 00 grade, going in this sale at \$1 50

Also a few mens shoes, in lace, \$2 00 grade, bargain sale price \$1 25

Children's and Misses Shoes and Slippers, \$1 50 grade, during sale \$1 00

Also a line of shoes and slippers for children, former prices \$1 00 to 1 40 going in this sale at 50 to 75 cents

Come quick and get first choice Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Mrs. J. W. Keene made a business trip to San Angelo this week.

M. V. Sessem the stockman from down the draw, was in Sonora Wednesday for supplies.

Babe Barksdale returned from a visit to New Mexico this week. Babe says this country is good enough for him.

Robt Maudeley passed through Sonora Thursday with a bunch of sheep for Jim Hamilton of San Angelo.

WILL BE CLOSED FOUR DAYS,

The store of **MAYER BROS. & CO.**, will close on Tuesday night, June 13th, 1899, for the purpose of invoicing and will remain closed on the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th.

On Monday, June 19th, the doors will be open ready for business under the management of the new firm: **THE VANDER STUCKEN CO.**

We wish to thank our friends for the liberal patronage shown us in the past, and to assure them that the new firm will use every effort to merit a continuance of the same. Yours truly,

MAYER BROS. & CO.

Mrs. B. F. McDonald was in from the ranch Saturday for supplies.

Robt Duncan the sheepman who is running his sheep at D C Ker's ranch, was in Sonora several days this week.

Russ Hamilton son of James R. Hamilton the mutton buyer and A. Evans of San Angelo, were in Sonora several days this week.

Fred Schmidt of the Parlor Saloon carries a fine line of whiskeys and cigars. Call on him when in San Angelo. 97

J. V. Stokes a prominent stock man of Midland, with his wife and sister-in-law Miss Emma Dawson, were in Sonora several days this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stokes.

John Hurst the handsome blond came over from Ozona Thursday, and reports heavy rain.

Robert Bailey the stockman from the Eldorado country, was in Sonora last week figuring with our merchants for a windmill outfit.

Dan Parker the stockman from over the line in Edwards county, was in Sonora Wednesday and paid the devil his dues.

H. C. Hunt, the new livery man, has received a consignment of double and single rigs. If you want a stylish turnout, see Hunt.

Geo. S. Allison the well-known stockman traded 20 head of dry mares and geldings to John B. McDonald for the stock of goods of the estate of the late Geo. H. McDonald.

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Have Come to Be the Modern Method.

WE ARE UP TO DATE.

If a Piano is worth \$300, that is our price for it.

We do not say that it is a \$450 piano that we are selling for \$150 less than its value. Such a statement made by anyone is generally untrue.

We sell PIANOS in San Angelo at the same prices for which the same instruments are sold at the Factory retail warerooms,

We substantiate every statement we make about goods and prices. We are here in the field and have been for ten years.

We have Single-tone Pianos for \$200 and upward.

The Many-tone "CROWN" Piano for \$300 and upward.

Organs: New and Second-hand for \$25 and upward.

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Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald

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Regular Meals Served Upon The European Plan.

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GLASS, PAINTS, PUTTY, ETC. A CHOICE LINE OF

WATCHES, JEWELRY and SILVERWARE,

School Books and Stationery.

Spring Clothing.

We have the prettiest line of Spring clothing ever brought to Sonora. At prices—well call and see up. We will not quarrel about prices. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

H. F. Williamson was in Sonora this week. He has sheep in the Fields pasture.

If you want laces and embroidery at cost go to Mayer Bros. & Co.

John Drennan, who has been jailor in San Angelo for several years died there last week.

Frank Turney the obliging clerk for the Red Front livery stable, returned from a visit to Coleman Friday.

Go to T. L. Benson's for fresh butter, eggs, fruits and vegetables. The best and most complete stock in Sonora.

The ladies of the Cemetery Association wish to acknowledge receipt of \$2.50 from Dr. H. G. Colson.

We are selling our clothing at cost. Mayer Bros. & Co.

G. J. Nichols the well-known builder and contractor left for Jno. Rae's ranch Thursday on a business trip.

Buy you a sailor hat at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Mrs. John Anderson and Joe Anderson left for New York last week where they will take the steamer for the Old Country, they expect to be away several months.

If you want cheap towels go to Mayer Bros. & Co.

O'Meara & Kessler leased the Decker livery stable. The new firm intend to run a first-class feed and sale stable and will always have on hand hay, corn and oats.

Jim Hewes the handsome sheep man who is running his sheep in John Rae's pasture on Buck Horn was in Sonora Thursday to see a party.

To the Public.

We, the undersigned, Max and Sol Mayer, having sold our interest in the firm of Mayer Bros. & Co., to Felix and Alfred Vander Stucken, take this method of thanking our numerous friends and patrons for their liberal support and patronage for the past years, and we sincerely hope that the same favors will be extended to the new firm.

Again thanking you, we remain
Yours Respectfully,
MAX AND SOL MAYER.

NOTICE.

All parties knowing themselves to be indebted to the firm of Mayer Bros. & Co., are hereby given notice to call and arrange satisfactory settlements for their accounts as soon as possible.

Max and Sol Mayer having sold their interests in the above firm to E. F. and Alfred Vander Stucken delivery of same to be made June 15th 1899, and we are desirous of closing up the old business as near as possible by that date. Please give this your prompt attention.

Very respectfully,
MAYER BROS. & CO.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We have bought out the interest of Sol and Max Mayer in the firm of Mayer Bros. & Co., and expect to continue the business as heretofore. We solicit a share of the liberal patronage that has been given to the old firm in the past, and shall do all in our power to merit same.

Very truly,
FELIX & ALFRED VANDER STUCKEN

Dr. C. A. Lee, of the firm of Ralliff & Lee, dentists of Lampasas and Brownwood, and his assistant J. R. Dorbant, arrived in Sonora Friday and will remain several days, they are the guests of the Decker Hotel.

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HARRISON'S SUBSTITUTE.

The Backwoodsman Who Undertook to Speak for the Ex-President.

One August day in the summer of 1895 there was a great gathering at the only hotel at Old Forge, the best known of the gateways to the Adirondacks.

In this loitering crowd was a chore boy from one of the Fourth lake camps, a reckless, irresponsible fellow, but of unusual cunning and shrewdness.

The ceremony of the pole raising was announced for 2 o'clock. At that hour the ex-president had not arrived at the hotel, and the people who had gathered there were nervously moving about, disgusted with the weather and annoyed at the delay.

Finally the former chief executive arrived. The crowd, which had formed on the slope of the lawn before the hotel, immediately revived and hurrahed and cheered the noted guest.

Uncovering with great care his frouzy head, he laid his broad brimmed hat on the secretary's table. Wholly unmindful of the gentleman over whose distinguished face there fluttered a half quizzical, half amused look, he turned to the crowd, and with all the confidence and assurance of a speaker who is conscious of the power of his words, said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I presume you came here to hear me speak." The presumption was too greatly exaggerated to pass unnoticed. Before George could further indicate the supposed desires of his audience, he was struggling in the hands of the irate committeemen, and the nails in his boot heels were drawing parallel lines on the boards of the piazza.

While Meade's army was marching out of the Wilderness, a drum corps in passing Grant's headquarters caught sight of the chief and at once struck up a then popular negro camp meeting air. Every one began to laugh. "What's the fun?" inquired the general. "Why," was the reply, "they are playing 'Ain't I glad to get out of de wilderness!'"

The general smiled at the ready wit of the musicians, and said: "Well, with me a musical joke always requires explanation. I know only two tunes—one is 'Yankee Doodle,' and the other isn't."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Spiders. Spiders have played important parts. It is said when Mohammed fled from Mecca he hid in a cave and a spider wove a web over the entrance. When his pursuers came thither, they saw the web and believed no one was there. It is said a spider performed the same kindly act for David when Saul was hunting him.

FARADAY'S ANCESTRY.

It Proves Acceptable to the Sensible English Upper Crust.

With a sigh of relief our English contemporaries announce the result of the investigation into the ancestral history of Michael Faraday.

A representative of the family, "John W. Faraday of Hayle, Cornwall," furnishes the information that "one Robert Faraday married Elizabeth Dean, the owner of Clapham Wood Hall, in Yorkshire. This hall, it is said, was of some beauty, and of a style peculiar to that part of the country; architecturally, it was very effective.

Faraday's father was verger and sexton of the village church, leader of the choir and a shoemaker by trade. Faraday's uncle was the owner of a neighboring quarry and employed a number of "day laborers" and "was noted for his kindness to his employees."

All of which is very interesting, but scarcely worth the fuss that has been made about it. However, it seems as if old world prejudices must be consulted even when the recognition of genius of the highest order is involved.—Western Electrician.

A Noted Cook.

Formerly appreciative recognition of successful effort was absolutely essential to the accomplished cook. Some cooks were so sensitive on this point that they could not do justice to themselves if it was withheld.

"When a Danish housewife wishes to cook a ham, she prepares it properly about dark and puts it into a pot of cold water, which she places over the fire. As soon as the water comes to a hard boil she lifts the pot from the fire and puts it into a hay box, carefully covering the top of the box with a close fitting lid.

The Worm Was Up Late. A father was lecturing his son on the evil of staying out late at night and rising late in the morning. "You will never succeed," he said, "unless you mend your ways. Remember, the early bird catches the worm."

The Household Bless. "Let's see, you married Darlington's widow, didn't you?" "Yes." "But you always said you'd never marry a ready made wife?" "Well, I found out afterward that this one was made to order."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

J. F. CANNADAY,

Formerly of Coleman, Texas. MAKES BOOTS AND SHOES TO FIT YOUR FEET. With Many Years Experience He's STOCKMENS BOOT IS A SPECIALTY. Good work in all styles. Shop next to Decker's Hotel, Main, St.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers; Salt Rheums, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box.

FOR SALE BY J. Lewenthal.

HAM COOKED IN A HAY BOX.

The Danish Housewife's Plan and Its Delicious Results Told by a Traveler.

"Talk about your turkey stuffed with Eye-talian chestnuts or Lynn Haven oysters, all you want to do, is to get the transplanted southern colonel. 'But I say give me a thin slice of southern ham cooked as they cook it in Virginia or South Carolina and you can keep all of your stuffed birds.'"

"I used to think that you southern people knew how to cure and cook hams, too, until I went to Denmark," answered the returned traveler, "but, bless your soul, your southern ham tastes as tame and flat by the side of Denmark ham as northern ham does compared with southern. Of course a ham has got to be good and properly cured at the start, but the biggest part of a sweet, juicy, tasty ham lies in the cooking. Now I've been in 17 countries and I have never tasted such ham as I got in Denmark. 'The nearer the bone the sweeter the meat' cannot often be applied to a ham that you strike in this country, because half the time the meat is about half cooked when you get toward the bone. Now, in Denmark you might carve a hundred hams a day and each one would be done through and through, and yet they are only allowed to come to a boil."

"Why, how can they be done, then?" asked the transplanted southern colonel's transplanted wife. "Ham is a thing that should be boiled for hours and hours over a hot fire. Now, in South Carolina, where I was born, and in Virginia, where the colonel was born, we always put a ham on right after breakfast when we want it ready for a midday dinner, and, furthermore, the cook keeps a little nigger busy keeping up the fire all the time the ham is on the stove. Ham isn't ham if it isn't well boiled before it is baked."

"That's where you and the people in Denmark disagree," remarked the returned traveler. "They say emphatically that ham to be thoroughly cooked should not be boiled. How do they cook it? In a hay box. What is a hay box? Hay boxes are used a great deal in Denmark. A hay box is an ordinary wooden box with a lining of hay about a foot thick. The hay is covered with cheese cloth to keep it in place and for durability. Of course, your hay box can be of any size, but the vessel must fit in it closely. But that is getting ahead of my story."

"When a Danish housewife wishes to cook a ham, she prepares it properly about dark and puts it into a pot of cold water, which she places over the fire. As soon as the water comes to a hard boil she lifts the pot from the fire and puts it into a hay box, carefully covering the top of the box with a close fitting lid. When she gets up in the morning, the ham is thoroughly cooked to the bone. Will the water boil in the hay box? Oh, no! But it keeps at the same temperature all night, and an oven temperature is the secret of perfect cooking. The water is just as hot when she gets up in the morning as when she goes to bed at night. The ham is done, and she doesn't have to worry her head as to whether it will be done to the bone by dinner time, and, best of all, she never has to send it to the kitchen to be cooked over. A ham cooked in this way retains all the juice and sweetness and fairly makes your mouth water to think about it."

"Those Danish hay boxes, Mme. Colonel," he went on, "are great things. Such a thing as running water is unknown in the houses of Denmark, but, by George, the people over there seem to love to flush with hot water than we are with all our boilers, coal ranges and miles of hot water pipes. In the cupboard of the washstand in every bedroom or in the closet is a hay box, and at every hour in the day or night you can find a vessel of steaming water there. A little enough thing in itself, eh? But it's the little things that make life livable, isn't it? Yes, you people down south know how to cure and cook hams, and you know how to do it well, but you yourselves would own that you are mere novices at the business if you once got a taste of a Danish ham cooked overnight in a hay box."—New York Sun.

No Alternative. He was a speculator, and for a year past nothing had been coming his way but expenses. One day his daughter informed him in an unfeeling manner that if he did not give her a diamond bracelet worth at least \$150 she would elope with the coachman.

"Come to my arms, my darling child," he exclaimed, as the tears of joy coursed down his wrinkled cheeks, "come to my arms!" "But shall I get the bracelet?" she asked hesitatingly. "Of course not," he smiled delightedly. "You get the coachman. I owe him eight months' wages." That ended it.—Pearson's Week-

THE BRITISH "MIDDY."

An English Water Drains Comparisons Between Him and His American Counterpart.

Admiral Sir Vesey Hamilton published not long ago an interesting conversation which he had with an American admiral, wherein the latter spoke with the warmest admiration of the manner in which he saw our young midshipmen handling their boats and keeping their men in order and then drew comparisons between them and his own "fine gentlemen," most unflattering to the latter. His young gentlemen, he said, knew how it ought to be done, but ours knew how to do it.

The difference is great. The British midshipman is brought up in his profession, and when he finds himself suddenly in a tight place he knows what to do instinctively without waiting to reason about it. He does the right thing at once, and as rapidly of action is one of the most important factors of success in nautical matters he generally gets out of his tight place with credit to himself and his profession. Thus he gains confidence at every step and prepares himself for more important commands. On what grounds, then, of logic or of common sense are we about to alter a system which has produced such excellent practical results?

It is only fair, however, to see what can be said on the other side of the question, and thus we would frankly acknowledge that our naval officers are the worst educated in Europe, taking the word "education" in the sense in which it is generally used. It is only quite natural and reasonable that they should be so, for reasons which we have already sufficiently indicated. For our own part we do not think they are by any means such utter ignoramuses as they are sometimes supposed to be and portrayed as being by some self constituted critics.

For instance, a well known civilian writer on naval subjects, masquerading under the title of Nauticus, published lately a violent diatribe on the gross and deplorable ignorance of British naval officers. He described them as being altogether behind the times, as comparing most unfavorably in point of general knowledge with the officers of all European nations as well as with those of the United States. They were held up to scorn for not being "men of the world" and for not being able to "blime in society," in consequence of their faulty education, and it was further stated that they were not sound scientific officers. It is quite possible that all three accusations might be true—the third modified—and yet that ours might be the best naval officers in the world. We say the third modified, as it depends a good deal upon what we understand by a sound scientific officer. It is probable—may, almost certain—that, so far as abstract science is concerned, our naval officers are surpassed by those of most other countries and certainly by those of France and Germany, but when it comes to the practical application of such scientific or other knowledge as the officers of the different nationalities possess it has been proved a hundred times over that our officers are ahead of all. Ten thousand horsepower which cannot be applied is not so good for propulsive purposes as 5,000 horsepower which can be applied.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Teles of the Types.

A writer in Macmillan's Magazine offers in an article on printers' errors some superb "mixes," as blends of alien paragraphs are called. We borrow a couple. The first owes its character to an interpolated line from a report of a public meeting: "On the 3d inst., at Elkington, the wife of J. S. Terry, schoolmaster, of a son. He spoke indistinctly, but was understood to say that on the 3d inst., at Ripon, the wife of Joseph Landseer, tailor, of a daughter."

The second occurred in a description of the campaign of Roman Catholic missionaries in central Africa: "They are accustomed to begin their work by buying leather children and educating them. The easiest and best way to prepare them is to first wipe them with a clean towel, then place them in dripping pans and bake them until they are tender. After which cut them in slices and cook for several hours."

Celloid Pictures.

The celloid films used in the veriscope and vitascope may be the source of danger if not carefully guarded. Celloid is extremely explosive and inflammable and a spark may set it off with most terrific results. It would seem that some other material should be chosen for all purposes where intense light and heat are employed. Even the harmless looking dressing comb may endanger life if, while my lady is making her toilet, she brings it too near to the light. In many homes celloid articles are strictly prohibited for this reason. Especially should this be noted where there are children who cannot understand the necessity for extreme prudence.—New York Ledger.

Strictly Practical.

"What's dat you all is studyin'?" inquired Mr. Erastus Pinkney. "Rifmetick," replied Pickaninny Jim. "What's dat?" "Rifmetick," quoted the boy faintly, "is de science ob numbers." "Well, las' night I dream ob er bowlegged buzzard an er chicken wif er glass eye." "Spos'n yoh did?" "Well, I ze gwinter test yer education. I has er little money an wants yoh ter tell me what numbers dem is de signs ob."—Washington Star.

Its Meaning.

Little Elmer—Pa, what does "re-qui-scat in pace" mean? Professor Broadhead—"Please stay dead" is near enough.—London Tit Bits.

Our Language.

An intelligent foreigner is said to have expressed himself after the following fashion on the absurdities of the English language: "When I discovered that if I was quick I was fast, if I stood firm I was fast, if I spent too freely I was fast, and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged, but when I came across the sentence, 'The first one won one \$1 prize, I was tempted to give up English and learn some other language.'"—Exchange.

TOLD BY THE CIRCUS MAN.

The Big Giraffe Catches a Cold, Which Settles in Its Neck.

"Seems to me I told you once," said the old circus man, "about the giraffe having a sore throat! It is a serious matter for any giraffe to have a sore throat, bad for the giraffe and bad for the owner. When you come to take an 18 foot giraffe like ours, a sore throat meant large expense and a large amount of trouble, and the big fellow hadn't more'n happened to him that gave us even more trouble. He caught cold, and the cold settled in his throat. I suppose he was still stiff-necked there, and it gave him a stiff neck, so that he couldn't bend his neck at all."

"You can't have any idea what a stiff neck means until you see a giraffe afflicted in that way. We'd had all sorts of trouble with animals in one way and another, but for real bother this beat 'em all. We discovered it one day on the road. The giraffe always ducked his head under the branches that hung down, sort of like a swan or a goose does, but this day, carrying his head right up straight in the air, he brought up against a branch that was at least 15 feet above the ground. That was such an amazing thing that we knew something must be the matter, and when the giraffe's keeper came up and spoke to him, and all he did was to bend his nose down and look down, why, we saw he couldn't bend his neck, and then we knew what was the matter."

"Well, of course, the first thing we did was to set a man to march alongside of him with a tent pole, with a crutch in the end of it to lift the branches for him. Most of the time—almost all the time, in fact—we could steer him clear of overhanging branches, and of course lots of the way there was long stretches where there wasn't any trees at all, and then we'd come to places where the man would have to lift a branch to let the big giraffe go under, and a great pity it was, too, to see him compelled to go about in that manner."

"He went that way for about ten days. Ordinarily we used to put his feed for him on top of an animal cage, so that he wouldn't have to bend down more than eight or ten feet, but he couldn't do that now. So we set a ring in the center pole 18 feet from the ground, and we used to receive a rope through that and make one end fast to the bucket with his food or drink in it and hoist it up and let him eat there. On the road we used to throw that rope over the croch of a tree at a suitable height. For his entry into the great tent at show time we had to cut a great slit in the canvas, but we didn't regret that because it was a mighty impressive thing to see him march in in that way. It made him look 35 feet tall instead of 18."

"Twice a day a man used to go up on a ladder and put a strap around his head, and we'd hook on a fall with a boy's chair, and a man would ride down his neck and rub in liniment. He used to like that very much, and it helped him greatly, too, and one morning when the men went out to give him the usual rub they were delighted to see the old chap with his head down pretty near to the roof of the grizzly bear cage, which stood next to him, which showed that his neck was coming around all right, and also indicated that he'd take his breakfast this morning in the old way, if you please."—New York Sun.

Celluloid Pictures.

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Its Meaning.

Little Elmer—Pa, what does "re-qui-scat in pace" mean? Professor Broadhead—"Please stay dead" is near enough.—London Tit Bits.

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