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SONORA, TEXAS. - August 18 1900.

The government is now buying cavalry horses in the West with a view to service in China, and it is reported will lower the standard of size sufficiently to take in Western range horses, or the better grades of them at least, as they have proven to be the best suited for cavalry service.

Denison, Tex., Aug. 9.—H. E. Yorke, homeseeker agent for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, passed through the city yesterday enroute to Wichita Falls. He had about 100 substantial farmers from Iowa and Missouri with him, who are seeking locations about Wichita Falls and in western Texas. Mr. Yorke will bring another party of farmers as large to Texas about the last of this month.

Dr. Eddy, California veterinarian, has been sent to Nevada, Utah and Montana on a horse-buying trip. He has been employed to purchase 3000 cavalry and light better horses for the German army. Some of the animals will be sent to China and some to Africa. The occasion for shipping them to the latter country is not known. Owing to the demand for horses the price has gone up materially.

In India the chief pastime of the natives is unique, though it is not surprising to Americans, as it has a decidedly American twang. The great Indian sport is ram fighting. When the horns first appear they are pulled out. A second pair then grows, which are much larger and stronger than the first. As the ram grows older it is taught to buck. The trainer uses a shield which is padded somewhat, so that the ram will not break its horns. Gradually the animal learns to take a long run before bucking, and, finally, when full grown, it is all that two men can do to hold the shield against its onslaughts. Among the natives a ram fight is a great betting event. They come from great distances to witness it. The combatants fight until one is killed or too seriously disabled to continue the battle. A remarkable thing about the animals is that the one which has been defeated will never face its conqueror again.

Severe Remedy For Scab.

The New Mexico sheep sanitary board met in Albuquerque recently and appointed the inspectors for the various counties for the coming year and made the payment of accounts. The stringent measures taken by the federal government to eradicate scab among sheep was discussed by the board, and the case was recited of a sheep owner who shipped to St. Louis. The government inspectors found three infected sheep in the lot, and they cut their throats and threw them into a crematory, where they were burned up. It is also learned that the same course will be pursued wherever scabby sheep are found.

Constipation, impaired digestion and a torpid liver, are the most common ailments that are responsible for that tired, listless, fagged-out feeling that makes the summer a dreaded period to so many people. HERBINE will cure constipation, it improves the digestion and arouses the liver to normal activity. Price, 50 cents at J. Lewenthal.

No Wonder he Fled.

A Tall, solemn-looking young man entered the restaurant with a mild, apologetic air, and seated himself at a vacant table near the middle of the room. It was evident that he dreaded to intrude. He wanted to get as far away from other people as possible. He even blushed painfully when he gave his order, and the most casual observer could have told that he was bashful.

Just as his dinner was brought to him, a buxom-looking woman with seven small children entered the place. The head waiter swept the field with his eye, pounced down upon the table where the young man had sought solitude, motioned to the mother, who clucked to the chickens, and a moment later they were all around that one table.

That young man's face was a serial story.

Other people entered the restaurant, glanced at the group, smiled significantly, and seated themselves.

"He doesn't look it, does he?" queried a pleasant-faced old lady, in an audible whisper.

"She looks at least ten years older than he," murmured a girl at the next table.

He flew to the hat-rack, tossed a half-crown to the waiter, and tried to go through the door without opening it.

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Sheep in Spain.

In Spain there are some 10,000,000 of migration sheep, which every year travel as much as 200 miles from the plains to the "delectable mountains," where the shepherd feed them till the snow descend. These sheep are known as taass-humantes, says the Spectator, and their marching places and behavior are regulated by ancient and special laws and tribunals dating from the fourteenth century. At certain times no one is allowed to travel on the same route as the sheep, which have a right to graze on all open and common land on the way and for which a road 90 yards wide must be left on all enclosed and private property. The shepherds lead the flocks, the sheep follow, and the flocks are accompanied by mules carrying provisions, and large dogs, which act as guards against the wolves. The merino sheep travel 400 miles to the mountains, and the total time spent on the migration there and back is fourteen weeks.

Piles are not only in, and of themselves very painful and annoying, but often grave and painful affections, and should, therefore not be neglected. TABLET'S BUCKEYE PILE OINTMENT is a great boon to sufferers as it will cure them. Price, 50 cents in bottle. Tubes, 75 cents at J. Lewenthal drug store.

It is not beyond the bound of possibility that Japan should absorb China. This would be the realization of her great ambition; it would make her supreme in the Far East and permanently a power among nations. That such a thing may come to pass and the little nation take in the huge is not as absurd as it may seem at first thought. Japan is able to attend to such a matter. The meal would be more than a mouthful, but she could digest it.—New York Press.

For digestion weakness, nervousness, pains in the side, flatulence, dizziness, wakefulness, headache and other annoying accompaniments of constipation, HERBINE is a prompt and unequalled remedy. Price, 50 cents at J. Lewenthal drug store.

London, Aug. 10.—The Daily News Pretoria special, dated Thursday, says: A plot to shoot all the British officers in this town and take Lord Roberts prisoner was most opportunely discovered. Ten leaders have been arrested and are now in jail. This is probably part of a conspiracy of which the Johannesburg attempted uprising was the first indication.

Diplomatic Aspects.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Aside from the military development of the day the diplomatic aspect of the crisis was made more clear by the publication of the demand made by the United States on the Imperial Government of China and transmitted to Minister Wu last evening. Minister Wu worked assiduously on the message during the day, translating it first from English to Chinese, and then from Chinese into the cipher code of China. Owing to the gravity of the development this work affords scrupulous exactness and time, but it is probable that it is by this time on its way to the Chinese Government. The various foreign representatives in the city showed keen interest in this latest move by the United States and called at the State Department to inquire concerning it. They were furnished copies of the demand and in an informal manner expressed their approval of what had been done. This action by the United States was taken solely on its own responsibility, without consulting other powers as to the advisability of the demand.

The use of the word "demand" in the American text thoroughly indicates the urgency of the message. In the technical parlance of diplomacy it differs from an ultimatum which usually fixes a date or sets a time within which there must be compliance, the lack of compliance during the stated time being a ground for war. While a demand is less specific as to time compliance, it none the less asserts a right which the Government will enforce if the right be not conceded. Owing to the difficulties of communication with Peking it is expected that some days must elapse before an answer can be received, and there is a disposition to grant all reasonable time for this transmission.

Late in the day the State Department received an important dispatch from Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai announcing the landing of British troops at that point. The Consul General did not state that he had protested against this action, and the State Department judged from this that no protest would have been made by him in the absence of instructions. He stated, however, that merchants in the city strongly disapproved the landing of the British troops, fearing that it would incite the anti-foreign Chinese to hostilities. The Government at Washington has taken no action in the nature of the protest, and it is stated officially that no such action will be taken. On the contrary, the United States Government recognizes the right of any power to protect its citizens at Amoy, China, were reported to be in danger this promptly send an armed force for their protection. This right of protection claimed by the United States is conceded to be open to all powers alike. At the same time the State Department recognizes that there is a question of wisdom involved in this particular landing of troops, as to whether our Government would express any doubt upon the wisdom of the movement the officials decline positively to say.

Secretary Root regards the situation both from a military and diplomatic point of view as much improved. The promise of cipher communication with the Ministers in Peking, together with the advance of international forces toward that city, is believed to have co-relative significance. It is also believed that the resistance by the Chinese has not been and will not be as great as anticipated by some authorities who said that the Chinese forces consisted of the best of the army. The movement on Yang Tsun is in accordance with information contained in the dispatch from Gen. Chaflee, which was not made public, and also in a dispatch which was made public after Peking had been taken. It is the expectation of the officials of the War Department that the present reconnaissance in force will continue.

It Helped Win Battles.

Twenty-nine officers and men wrote from the front to say that for Scratches, Bruises, Cuts, Wounds, Sore Feet and Sulf Joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for Burns, Skin Eruptions, Sold by E. S. Briant druggist.

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She said, "If your father gave you mother 30c. to-day and 2c. to-morrow, what would she have?"

And a small boy near the bottom of the class replied, "She would have a fit."

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Yellow.

The color that we all dislike
Is yellow;
The "Boxer" with a head on pike.
Is yellow;
The dragon blot a yellow plain,
Each road is but a yellow lane,
All China seems one mighty stain.
Of yellow.
The banner each sensation flies
Is yellow;
The tint of all the glowing lies
Is yellow;
For each is penned in yellow ink,
By scribes who thru buff glasses blink,
And all the crooked though they think
Are yellow.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 13.—The per capita scholastic appropriation of \$4.75, as made by the State board of education last Saturday, is meeting with the utmost satisfaction from the school teachers and patrons throughout the State. It will enable the country school to run almost if not six months.

General Massacre Probable.

London, Aug. 14. 3:50 a. m.—The British consul at Canton says the Daily Telegraph's correspondent there has received the following message, dated Aug. 6, from Sir Claude MacDonald, British minister in Peking:

"Our situation is desperate. In ten days our food supply will be at an end. Unless we are relieved a general massacre is probable.

"The Chinese offer to escort us to Tien Tsin, but remembering Canton, we refuse the offer. There are over 200 European women and children in this legation.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, writing yesterday, says: "The allies at noon Saturday were within twenty miles of Peking."

J. L. Davis bought from G. Huber 30 head of stock horses at \$6 per head, colts not counted.

The streets have been crowded with freight wagons all week caused by the bad roads last week. When these conditions occur it shows the enormous amount of freight received at Sonora.

Mrs. L. P. Nelson and sons Lin, Mellwaine and J. E. Nelson were in Sonora this week on business connected with the transfer of their ranch property in Schleicher County.

C. A. Markwood the sheepman who has been ranging his flocks on the Mellwaine Bros. & Nelson ranch in Schleicher county for the past year, has about closed a deal for a ranch 30 miles, north of Sonora.

The meeting at the church this week, conducted by Rev. W. L. Lorraine, D. D., of Oak Cliff and Rev. B. T. McClelland of Brownwood has met with increasing interest. Dr. Lorraine is probably the most interesting speaker that has occupied the Sonora pulpit. The meeting is in the interest of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. John D. Fields of Manor Travis county, arrived in Sonora Monday on a visit to his son W. J. Fields and to look after his land & live stock interests in the Sonora country. Dr. Fields has for years been a prominent figure in State politics and was a supporter of ex Gov. Hogg at the late Waco convention.

The following is the list of jurors for the present term of County court which convenes in Sonora Monday, August 20: S. P. Woodward, G. M. Cox, H. C. Hunt, D. R. Holland, F. M. Justice, Fred Koenig, W. H. Lightfoot, Abner Mayer, J. J. North, T. D. Newell, O. H. Palmer, J. R. Robbins, J. D. Russell, Mike Sharp, J. A. Ogden, H. B. Balch.

The Dallas or Galveston Weekly News, Houston weekly Post, San Antonio weekly Express, San Antonio Stockman and Farmer, Live Stock and Farm Journal, New York Thrice-a-week World, Louisville Courier-Journal, Atlanta Constitution, St. Louis Globe Democrat, St. Louis Republic, Any of the Above and the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS For one year for \$2.50, Subscriptions.

Americans Praised.

New York, August 14.—A dispatch to the World from the headquarters of the allied troops in the field at Tai Tsung, China, August 8, via Taku, Chee Foo and Shanghai, August 13, says: The general advance of the allied forces began this (Wednesday) morning. The order is to rush to Peking with no rest. We probably shall arrive at the gates of the Chinese capital in seven days, reaching there next Wednesday.

The enemy is demoralized. The Chinese are reported to have retreated straight to Peking after having been unexpectedly driven out of Yang Tsun on Monday.

Yang Tsun was captured by the Americans under General Chaffee. They led the allies in the forced march from Pei Tsang and attacked before the natives had recovered from the effects of their signal defeat of the day before.

The United States regulars made a dash when they found the enemy and soon were masters of the position.

But just here a most distressing thing happened. The Americans had done their work so quickly and thoroughly that they were in the Chinese trenches before the rest of the allies knew it, and a Russian battery threw shells among the Americans through a fearful error.

The American casualties are estimated at about seventy, mostly among the men of the fourteenth infantry.

Part of the fourteenth's losses were caused by Russian shells. Forty per cent of the men of the ninth infantry were exhausted by long, hard marching and the intense heat.

Big Advance in Canned Meats.

The biggest advance in prices ever made by Western packers at one jump came a few days ago, when the Chicago packeries advanced the price on roast and canned beef from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per dozen for one-pound cans. The heavy orders for meats for the allied armies in China, coming at a time when the supply had been exhausted by the demands of the Spanish-American and South African wars, caused the raise. England has been unable to get her customary supply from Australia on account of the drought, which has killed many cattle, hence she has made heavy demands on America, and the Chicago packeries have also supplied 2,000,000 pounds or more for the Klondike and Cape Nome. This exhausted the stock, and with the heavy demand at present, which packers cannot fill except as they get the live cattle and kill them, forced them to advance the prices so that they could protect themselves for future deliveries. Besides the orders for canned meats, the packers state they have large orders for bacon, sausage, short cuts, short ribs and all side meats, amounting in all to several million pounds. A great deal of this stuff, especially the bacon is for use of the United States government, large quantities to go to Manila and much to the marines now in China.

Extreme hot weather is a great tax upon the digestive power of babies; when puny and feeble they should be given a dose of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. Price, 25 cents at J. Lewenthal drug store.

Important Land Legislation Contemplated.

Anstin, Texas, August 4.—Mr. J. L. Robinson, legal examiner of the general land office, proposes at the state convention at Waco next week to offer a resolution providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment that would reserve all public lands from sale except to actual settlers and prohibit corporations from acquiring such lands either for agricultural, horticultural or speculative purposes. As to the arid school lands in the western portion of the state, however, Mr. Robinson's resolution will declare in favor of executing long time leases thereto to corporations, his theory being that with leases of this kind the big cattle companies would invest considerable money in wells and other improvements on these lands, enhancing their value and considerably increasing the market price of the school fund's holdings of this character. There are about 10,000,000 acres of arid lands which if developed would form a nice source of revenue.

Dowager Empress Scared.

Berlin, Aug. 13.—At the Chinese legation in Berlin the correspondent of the Associated Press was informed today that the Empress Dowager had declared her intention to leave Peking and to transfer her court to another city before the allied force reached the capital. Lu Hai Houan, the Chinese minister here, on learning of this intention, telegraphed to both the Empress Dowager and the Emperor not to leave Peking, but quietly to await the arrival of the international forces.

The German foreign office still believes that the allies have not begun the advance on Peking, the rainy season being unfavorable.

The Chinese protest against the landing of troops at Shanghai has been officially received here. A Foreign Office official discussing it, said today:

"The protest is here, but who pays any attention to Chinese protests?"

Great Britain, according to the German Foreign Office, has not given any other declaration of purpose in landing troops at Shanghai than the declaration made by the British consul general to the foreign consuls there, namely, the protection of life and property.

Please Take Notice.

As I have a chance to dispose of my property and ranch interest, and close my business in Sutton county, all parties knowing themselves indebted to me by notes or account will please settle with me inside of thirty days or said notes and accounts will be placed in the hands of my attorney W. A. Anderson, for collection.

Very respectfully,
GEO. S. ALLISON,
Sonora, Texas, July 19th.

Uvalde, Tex., Aug. 9.

All candidates for county offices of Uvalde County met last night and signed a pledge to abstain from treating in any manner any voter, Mexican or white, during the present campaign. They also pledged themselves not to participate or interfere in any manner with the voters of the county outside of mere soliciting of their votes.

Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns and bruises which heal rapidly when BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is applied. Price, 25 and 50 cents at J. Lewenthal's drugstore.

New York, Aug. 9.—The Harper Bros. building on Pearl and Cliff streets, together with all printing presses and other apparatus on the premises and with all rights to publish the Harper periodicals were sold at the New York Estate Exchange today for \$1,100,000 to Alexander E. Orr, chairman of the reorganization committee for the publishing house.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cts. Sold by E. S. Briant, druggist.

Hongkong, Aug. 9.—Three thousand Indian troops are leaving Hongkong to reinforce Vice Admiral Seymour at Shanghai for the defence of the Yang Tse. It is reported here that 3,000 Black Flags have already left Canton, going northward, and that more will follow.

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Coltis P. Huntington is Dead.

Utica, N. Y., August 14.—Coltis P. Huntington, president of the Southern Pacific railroad, died at Pine Knot Lodge, his camp in the Blue mountain region, early this morning. Mr. Huntington went into the woods last Thursday afternoon and was in apparently excellent health. Friday and Saturday he was about his camp noting the progress of the improvements which he has been carrying out this year, Sunday he remained at his lodge very quietly, receiving the calls of several friends from the neighborhood camps. Yesterday he continued in good health and made no complaint of illness. He retired last night at 11 o'clock apparently in the best of health, and so far as can be ascertained, slept soundly as no disturbance was heard from his room until a short time before his death. Moans proceeding from Mr. Huntington's room aroused members of the household and they immediately went to his assistance. In about ten minutes he was dead. He was born on October 22, 1821, at Harwinton Conn.

A Great War Impends.

The uplifted mailed of the civilized world threatens the heathen. The Caucasian menaces the Mongol. The powers of earth seem about to league in the most gigantic war the world has ever witnessed. Civilization is aiming a mighty blow at barbarism. Escape from the bloodiest war in history seems impossible. The peace of the world has been broken and only a prophet can forecast the consequences. If the reports of the horrible atrocities alleged to have been committed on foreigners in Peking prove to be true, it would seem that nothing prevent the descent of the allied armies on the heathendom of China. The outlook to the statesman, the diplomat, is direful in its forebodings. That this cup may pass without being drained to the dregs by civilization is the prayer of every thoughtful man.

But if the sword is to reek with blood the producers of America must take note. The armies of the world afield must be provisioned from the farms of America. Ten carloads of canned meats were shipped last week from Chicago to armies in the Orient. It was the initial order of what promises to prove a stupendous demand. Russia took five carloads and Japan five carloads. The modern commissariat is as much improved as the modern armament. An army travels on its belly. Thus Napoleon voiced the fundamental fact of warfare. In the development of the arts of peace food preparation has been so advanced that now in time of war equipment of commission is easy and convenient. Canned meats, soups, beans and other vegetables and barreled pork and beef afford ideal rations for armies afield. The packers of Chicago can declare peace more effectively than all of earth's potentates combined. They can spike the guns of the armaments of the world. Once they would withhold supplies the fighting forces would be rendered as ineffective as if the supply of powder failed.

The central west and the Chicago manufacturers of the meats it grows are the keys to successful campaigns. If the thundercloud of war, now big with protent, breaks in fury, scenes of unexampled packing-house activity will be witnessed. American is equal to this country's fields and herds and flocks, its roller-mills and packing-houses, are of ample capacity to feed the allied armies of earth in the threatened onslaught. Nor will it be of short duration. The yellow terror is countless. The teeming millions of the Celestial Empire are more like ants in a hill than human beings in a state of society, and heathen barbarism well aroused and multiplied by numberless units will present a problem that will tax all the resources of civilization to solve.

—Breeders Gazette.

For mosquito bites, or stings of insects, animals or reptiles, apply BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It counteracts the poison in the wound, subdues the inflammation and heals the flesh. Price, 25 and 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal drug store.

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Gen. De Wet is Hard Pressed.

London, August 12.—In a dispatch to the War Office, dated Pretoria, August 11, Gen. Roberts reports that Gen. Kitchener is on the Catsrand, and is in communication with Gen. Methuen, who is to the southwest. The Boers are fleeing. They were trying on Saturday morning to cross the railway at Wolverdine, where Gen. Smith-Dorrien engaged them.

Gen. Methuen captured six wagons and two ambulances on August 9, at Beffel's Hoek.

Lord Roberts' report to the War Office is as follows:

"Pretoria, August 11.—The enemy is fleeing in front of Kitchener's and Methuen's forces. Early this morning he was trying to cross the railway at Wolverdine station, where he was engaged by Smith-Dorrien.

"Methuen on August 9 fought a rearguard action near Buffetshoek. He captured six wagons and two ambulances."

The clever and plucky maneuvers of Gen. De Wet to make his escape from the British, who are pursuing him, are watching with great interest here. The correspondents represent him as being hard pressed, and this may well be true. Nevertheless, unless Gen. Smith-Dorrien is able to hold him in check until Gen. Kitchener and Gen. Methuen overtake him, he has a fair chance of getting away. It transpires that he crossed the Vaal River by constructing a drift. Gen. Methuen had several encounters with his burghers, but did not succeed in retarding his progress.

Gen. Delarey, since capturing the Elands River garrison, has made four attempts to join Gen. De Wet, but Gen. Smith-Dorrien prevented him in each attempt.

The Boers seem to be very active in the whole district northwest of the Klerksdorp and Krugerodorp Railway.

Lord Edward Cecil, commissioner at Zoverst, has withdrawn to Mafeking with his staff and a number of burghers who have taken the oath of neutrality. His arrival seems to have caused considerable alarm, indicating that the Boers are strong in the neighborhood. The anxiety is increased by an order for all non-residents to leave.

Meanwhile, Gen. Buller continues to advance, he occupied Ermelo on Saturday.

A Boer report from Durban states that an action has occurred between Middleburg and Lydenburg, in which the British suffered heavily. They are said to have retired to Middleburg.

Story Of A Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., 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. It is a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down people. Cure guaranteed. Only 50c. Sold by E. S. Briant druggist.

"Owing to the natural diffidence of flies, not much is known of their family arrangements or how long they live after they get to be old enough to vote. It is estimated, though, that if papa and mamma of the early spring could hold out to attend a family reunion of their offspring held in the latter part of August, upwards of two millions of their own blood and kin would come to the picnic, not counting maggots in army. Fortunately for them, papa and mamma do not live much longer than a fortnight. Even a fly's perseverance would be unequal to the task of keeping track of two millions of descendants. As Artemus Ward says, 'This is a 2 catch.'"

Prevented A Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of Now Straitsville, Ohio, saved two lives. Frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her; and she writes, this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of its power to cure all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed. Trial bottle free at E. S. Briant drug store.

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Announcements.

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

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

S. E. Taylor as a candidate for election to the office of District Attorney of this 51st Judicial District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

For Treasurer.

John R. Word as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

Basil M. Halbert as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county, at the ensuing election.

M. Y. Sharp as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

D. H. Burroughs as a candidate for election to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

For County Judge.

J. F. Cannaday as a candidate for election to the office of County Judge of Sutton County at the ensuing election.

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

W. A. Anderson as a candidate for election to the office of Judge of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

Sheriff and Tax Collector:

Sam Merox as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

E. S. Briant as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

District and County Clerk:

T. C. Cahill as a candidate for election to the office of District and County Clerk of Sutton county.

J. B. Hill as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Sutton county.

S. H. Stokes as a candidate for election to the office of District and County clerk of Sutton county.

For Tax Assessor.

E. C. Saunders as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

For County Attorney.

Randolph Robertson as a candidate to the office of County Attorney of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

For Surveyor.

John McNeil as a candidate for election to the office of County Surveyor of Sutton county at the ensuing election.

Justice of the Peace.

D. B. Woodruff as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 1 Sutton county, Texas, at the ensuing election.

Commissioner.

D. B. Woodruff as a candidate for election to the office of Commissioner for Precinct No. 1 Sutton county, at the ensuing election.

For Constable.

Henry Sharp, as a candidate for the office of Constable of Precinct No. 1 at the November election.

\$100. Reward.

I will give one hundred dollars to learn who threw a rock into my house on the night of July the 4th.

W. A. ANDERSON.

E. S. BRIANT,

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Precinct No. 2, Barbecue.

The Barbecue and dance at the school house in precinct No. 2, Friday August 10th was a grand and complete success. The school house and arbor was surrounded by hacks, buggies and vehicles of all kinds enough to make one believe that a Boer commando might be camped there. The arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of all was perfect and the community ranchmen and their families were always on the lookout to see that the visitors had a good time.

The barbecued beef, mutton etc. were done to perfection and if you were hungry between dinner, supper or breakfast all you had to do was to help yourself. The school house is large and the floor was fine for dancing. The tables were well shaded and could accommodate 200 people at a time. There was a large arbor convenient with seats for 600 people and to say the place was crowded will give an idea of the number of people present. Every one was in good spirits and the numerous candidates were so glad to see every body with their wife and babies that the good fellowship became infectious and they all ate, drank and were merry.

The stockmen and their families were there from miles around in all directions and Juno, Ozona and Sonora were represented. This was the third or fourth annual picnic and barbecue given by the wholehearted people of that neighborhood and while the others were a success this effort is said to have surpassed all previous events. The News man was a little late in arriving but was pleased with the attention shown him and is indebted to many for courtesies extended.

Commissioners court, was in session several days this week on the tax rolls.

D. O. Simonds of Rock Springs, was in Sonora Thursday on business.

B. M. Halbert moved into Bob Halbert's residence on the square, this week.

Jim Cusenbary is working in the grocery department of E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Sheriff Briant left for Ozona, Friday on official business.

J. R. Beard the photographer and family returned from their visit to Lampasas Thursday.

John Simmons and family left for their home Tuesday after visiting his brother Dock.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stuart and family and Mrs. N. H. Jackson were in from the Stuart ranch Thursday for supplies.

Albert Turner has gone to New Orleans in charge of a shipment of horses, by Claude Anson. The horses will be put on shipboard at New Orleans for transportation to South Africa, for British army use.

A train of steers were sold in St. Louis this week averaging 1132 pounds and sold for \$4.50; another train at Chicago averaged 1200 pounds brought \$4.85. They were a part of the cattle Harris Bros. of San Angelo sold to Rowland in the Territory a few months ago. They were raised in Coke county and fed in the Indian Territory.

M. Z. Smissen has sold his "hat" brand of cattle, variously estimated at from 5000 to 8000 head, located on Live Oak, Crockett county, to C. D. & A. F. Crowley, of Midland and Fort Worth, respectively, at \$18 around, calves counted. The Messrs. Crowley have also leased the ranch, comprising about 100,000 acres, for two years. Mr. C. D. Crowley left San Angelo Thursday to commence receiving the cattle.

The sale of Johnathan Miles lands in Tom Green and Menard counties under mortgage to J. B. Watkins, trustee, took place at the court house in San Angelo Monday afternoon. The lands amounted to about 5011 acres and were bought in for \$3 000 by A. H. Burroughs, of Lynchburg, Va., attorney in fact for Chas. A. Stoddard, the beneficiary under the mortgage. Mr. Burroughs accompanied by U. G. Taylor, went to Menard and effected leases of all the property in that county. —San Angelo Standard.

F. M. Sanders and sons, Lon and "Red," of Fort Stockton, passed through Sunday with about 100 head of horses, looking for pasture. —Pecos Times.

Belger is dead.

R. W. Braton the stockman left on a visit to his family in San Antonio, Tuesday.

W. A. Miers the stockman made a business trip to San Angelo this week.

Miss Millie Phillips of Stephenville, a sister of Mrs. T. D. Newell is expected to arrive in Sonora Saturday on a visit.

Cost sale on summer dress goods at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

A. A. Williamson commissioner of Precinct No. 4, was in Sonora this week attending to commissioners court.

Sam Stokes commissioner of precinct No. 2, was in Sonora this week attending to commissioners court.

Mrs. S. G. Taylor and child returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Omaha, and Kansas City, Tuesday.

The News will be obliged for the return of a few copies of our issue July 28.

Mrs. W. J. Owen left for San Angelo on Tuesday's mail hack; from there she will go to Canfill's Gap, Bosque county on a visit to her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brannan, and Mrs. J. T. Cooper and children returned from Santa Anna last Tuesday where they had been on a visit to relatives.

Tell your troubles to Walter White the windmill man. He does all kinds of wind-mill and pump repairing. Call at M. V. Sharp's blacksmith shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dozier, of Concho county, who had been visiting in Sonora for several weeks left for home last Sunday; they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Dodson while here.

Bob Fitzsimmons and Gus Rhulin met before the Twentieth Century club in New York City last Friday night for a twenty round fight. Fitz knocked the fighting and Gus was forced down and out in the sixth round of the fight.

SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL FAIR

OPENS OCTOBER 2,
Closes November 3, 1900.

Ice, Ice, at C. M. Deere.

A. R. Cude of Ballinger is out here looking at the country.

E. R. Jackson, president of the First National Bank and Mr. Aris Sherwood of San Angelo, whose expected arrival was mentioned in last week's News, arrived Tuesday night and the First National Bank of Sonora, was opened for business on Wednesday August 15.

Cashier Aldwell is now in his element, being naturally a busy, energetic man he enjoys work. The First National Bank has opened under favorable circumstances and it is the intention of President Jackson, the directors and Cashier Aldwell to make the interests a success.

WALTER WHITE.

Windmill Builder and Repairer.
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The Ladies interested in mental science gave a fine supper on the square Tuesday night. The grounds were lighted with Japanese lanterns and presented a pretty effect. A large number of young people participated in a dance at the court house and helped increase the expense fund by partaking of ice cream, cake, fruits etc. during the dances. The supper was mostly donated by ladies of the town who furnished salads, cakes, pies, etc. but even then those who had undertaken the task did not have an easy time and if it had not been that they are believers in mental science they would surely have been very tired the next day. The ladies were pleased with the appreciation their efforts received at the hand of the people and are gratified that the entertainment was a success. Two very fine cakes offered at 10 cents a vote to be given to the prettiest girl and ugliest boy. The cakes netted ten or eleven dollars and were won by Miss Willow Lovelace and Frank Galloway respectively.

When you want a nice cool glass of beer and a quiet, orderly place to sit down and rest or read, go to the Bank Saloon. Your patronage will be appreciated and the service will be the best. 90-1f



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Premium List in every Package.
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To Whom It May Concern.

Owing to the increase in the price of groceries, meats, provisions, etc., we the undersigned, feel compelled to raise the price of meals served at our respective houses; therefore on and after this date the price charged for meals will be 35 cents.

Very respectfully,
G. T. KIRKLAND,
Mrs. ADA STEWART
Mrs. LAURA DEKOR
Sonora, Texas, August 15th, 1900.

Col. Black of McKavett, was in Sonora Wednesday.

Geo. Black the stockman and butcher returned from a business trip to San Angelo, Thursday.

Lon Adams left for Lampasas and Burnet, last Monday on a visit.

Miss Hollie Davis of Sonora has been selected as teacher by the trustees of the Precinct No. 2, school.

Everything in our dress goods stock at actual cost. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.

Miss Maggie Word daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Word returned home from a visit to friends in San Angelo, last week.

Ladies' Home Journal and Saturday Evening Post, both for \$2 per year. Subscribe now at Post Office. This offer is limited.

Sheriff Knox and deputy sheriff Saunders of Coleman, arrived in Sonora last Friday morning and returned with Bill Taylor Friday evening.

Walter White, the windmill and machinery repairer, has returned from a visit to Sherwood, and brought his family with him.

Chas. F. Burgman, the mental science lecturer will give a series of lectures in Sonora on Monday August 27, 28, 29 and 30. All are invited to hear him.

If you want to buy stock, ranch or town property, see Caruthers & Allison's list for sale at a bargain.

Miss Mona the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rountree, arrived home Thursday from a visit to friends at Menard Wells and Ballinger.

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by E. S. Briant Druggist.

R. M. Farguhar, road overseer Precinct No. 1, is putting time this week to good advantage grading Main street from the Post Office corner to the creek. The recent wet spell Sonora has been blessed with has shown the necessity for this needed improvement.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF

COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

WASHINGTON, D. C. JUNE 23, 1900.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Sonora, in the town of Sonora, in the County of Sutton and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking.

Now therefore, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Sonora," in the town of Sonora, in the County of Sutton and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty five of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In Testimony Whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this twenty-eighth day of June, 1900.

T. P. KANE,

Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

No. 5460.

Try the El Principal cigar for sale at the Bank Saloon. 90-1f

John Bryden was in from the T half circle ranch Saturday.

Ed. Kinsey who has been drilling for W. C. Myers down on Dry Devil's was in Sonora this week.

Fred Trainer, Quince Adams and Jim Pettigrew were in from the Llano Monday.

Ranchmen see my D. P. Flour before buying elsewhere, its the best, C. M. Deere.

J. C. Lehw the cattleman now ranching with T. D. Word on Willow, was in Sonora Tuesday.

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THE CALAMITY CAME.

ZEB'S WIFE KNEW THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN.

The Possum Hunter Tells How He Came to Have a Lively Bear For a Bedfellow and the Result It Had on Certain Opinions of His.

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"One mornin' at the breakfast table," said the old possum hunter as he asked him for a yarn, "me an' the old woman got into a jaw 'bout coons. I held it to that all coons ordered he bin bottled, an' she contended that the Lawd made 'em as he wanted 'em an' did a good job. We wasn't mad at fust, but the m' we talked the mainer we felt, an' bimbeby we got downright ugly. It was Sunday mornin', an' we was goin' off to preachin' that day, but when I got my m'nd up I said:

"As long as I'm fur bottled coons an' the Lawd didn't make 'em that way it ain't no use fur me to hear preachin'. I'll stay home, an' yo' kin go alone."

"I reckoned that would cool her off a bit, but it didn't. She chased away at her bacon fur while an' then said:

"Zeb White, thar's bound to be a calamity around this cabin. Can't nobody find fault the way yo' do without somethin' happenin'. I'm goin' right along to preachin', an' if yo' want to fly in the face of Providence, yo' must take the consequences."

"I'm contendin' fur bottled coons," said I. "If all coons was bottled, they'd look a heap purtier an' git along a heap better."

"But how kin they be when it's all fixed?"

"Dunno, but I'm contendin'."

"Then yo' keep on contendin' an' see how yo'll come out. Thar's bottled varmints in the mountings, an' mobbe yo'll git 'nuff of them befo' yo' git through thisin' Providence."

"If she'd coaxed me a bit, I'd have gone with her," explained Zeb, "but



SHE DUMPED HIM OUT.

she'd said all she meant to. When she got ready, she started off through the woods an' never even looked at me. My rifle was out of order, an' my old dawg had run away, an' so I couldn't go strollin' through the woods. I set down on the doahstep an' smoked a pipe or two, an' as it was a warm day I begun to feel sleepy. I went over an' tumbled on to the bed, an' it wasn't five minits befo' I was sound asleep. The doah was left wide open, an' 'bout the last thing I heard befo' I drapped off was the old mowl brayin' in the stable. I'd bin asleep an' hour when sunshin' crowded me over ag'in the wall, an' I woke up. I opened my eyes to find a big b'ar on the bed with me. He'd found the doah open an' walked in, an' seem me asleep, he set out to heve some fun. He didn't see me open my eyes, an' I took keer to shet 'em ag'in arter one look. Befo' the Lawd, but I was skeered! I felt the cold chills creep in an' down my back, an' the sweat busted out on me as if I was choppin' at a big tree.

"I had found fault with the Lawd fur not makin' bottled coons," contended the old man as he refilled his pipe, "an' a bottled b'ar had bin r'at in revenge. It wasn't no use to think of jumpin' up or fightin' him. He had all the advantage, an' if I made him mad he'd finish me up in a minit. My game was to play possum on him, but I hope I shall never hev sich another two hours while I live. That b'ar wanted a good time. He was feelin' good natured, an' he jest tried all sorts of circus tricks with me. He'd roll me over ag'in the wall with a bang, an' then arter a chuckle he'd roll me back with a flop. He didn't bite at all, but every time he put his claws on to me they went through the cloth. I believe that varmint turned me over 50 times befo' he got a little tired of it. I was playin' dead all the time an' didn't know what minit he'd git mad an' set out to finish me. He finally got thirsty an' jumped off the bed an' went to the water pail on the bench an' lapped away fur ten minits. I had my eyes open all the time an' was anxious to git away, but I was afear'd of him. I couldn't fight him bareheaded an' stand any show.

"I jest laid thar till the varmint had quenched his thirst an' looked around, an' then he come back ag'in. The circus was only half over. He was so rough at times that I almost yelled out with the pain, an' between the clinchin' an' the skeer I wasn't much better than a dead man. The mowl smelt of b'ar an' kept up a tremendous brayin', an' the old woman heard the noise when she was yit a mile away. Bimbeby, when the varmint had had a show with the price of admission, he settled down fur a rest. I was then lyin' with my face to the wall, an' he planted all four feet ag'in my back an' kept up a sort of purrin. He had me crowded ag'in the cabin logs till I could hardly breathe, an' I had made up my mind that I'd never t're another coon when the old woman got back from preachin'. The old mowl was kickin' an' brayin', an'

she seen the tracks of the b'ar leadin' into the cabin. She stood in the doah an' got sight of the varmint on the bed, an' she did a thing which no man on these yere Cumberland mountings would hev attempted. Thar was no gun at hand to shoot with, an' her only show was to take that b'ar by surprise. That's what she did. She tipped up to the bed an' fastened her fingers in his fur, an' though he was a hefty load, she carried him to the doah an' dumped him out. I never knowed she was home till she pulled the b'ar away. As I riz up the astonished varmint was makin' fur the woods, while the old woman hadn't even turned pale.

"Was—was it a b'ar?" I asked, as she took off her shubbunnet an' began to chatter the stove.

"Of co'se," she keetlessly replied. "An' what did yo' do with him?"

"Jest dumped him outdoahs. 'Pears to me yo''ve bin havin' heaps of fun. Most of yo' clothes her bin chawed off, the bedquits chawed to rags, an' yo' ar' blood from head to heel. Mebbe yo' was learnin' that b'ar a lot of tricks?"

"I tried to git out of bed to lug her an' praise her spunk," explained Zeb to me, "but I was so weak that I fell down. She never let on to mind me, an' I had to help myself up. Bimbeby I got over to a cheer an' dropped into an' asked:

"Did yo' find the preachin', an' was it good?"

"Powerful good," she answered, "but it wasn't 'bout coons or b'ars. Anythin' wantin' of me befo' I puts the kittle on."

"I'm wantin' yo' to help me doctor up 'bout yo' hundred scratches, an' I'm a-wantin' to be forgiven fur my remarks 'bout coons."

"How is it, Zeb?" she said as she turned on me. "When the Lawd dun' put a long tail on a coon, was it fur the likes of pore human critters to kick about it?"

"Reckon not—not skassily."

"An' how 'bout b'ars? Mebbe yo' find fault becase the Lawd made 'em bottled?"

"I haven't a word to say ag'in it."

"Jest goin' to let the long tails an' the bottails ramble around as the Lawd made 'em to ramble?"

"An' his is."

"An' I go to hear preachin' when thar is preachin' at the skulehouse?"

"Fur suh."

"Then I'll warm up some coon's fat an' grease yo' fur, an' yo' jest let this be a powerful warnin' to yo' not to find any m' fault with the Lawd's way of doin' things. It was fur him to put long tails on coons an' foxes an' bottails on b'ars an' wildcats, an' yo' jest keep yo' gab still 'bout it an' reckon to consider that it was all fur the best."

M. QUAD.

A SPELLING TEST.

Here Are Some Tongue Twisters With Which to Grapple. If you can spell every word correctly in the following rhymes—all legitimate expressions—you may consider yourself qualified to enter a spelling bee:

Send up, ye spelles, now and spell— Spell phonotactopoeas and knishit. An' take some single word as chally. Or gasper or the garden lily. To spell such words as tytophiam An' hysterios and apachosism. An' Pentastob and maccheris. Apocryph and selatinis. Jopanis and homophany. Paralytic and elioctofora. Hithonoc and nauchodier. Metempsychosis, guackins, baguins. Is certainly no easy task. Kalamitocoe and Tansocism. Hametobata and orysepela. And etiquette and namastis. Insalible and epicalider. Aleropathy and rheumacism. And catalyem and beleaguer. Twelfth, eighteenth, twentieth, intriguer. An' loads of other words all found On English and on classic ground, Thus being strait and Michalcousus. Thermopyla, Japa, Havasun. Cincogedi and Ipeocoumia. An' Happpahnoock, Shenandosh. And Schuyllkill and a thousand more. Are words some prime good spellers miss In dictionary lands like this. Nor need one think bimself a scroyle If some of these his efforts foil Nor deem bimself unwise forever To raise the name of either city. The Dulpece, Refine or Quadaquiva. —Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

The Stomach. Large portions of the stomach may be excised, or even the whole may be removed, with no very great mortality, and in successful cases with wonderfully little effect on the patient's disposition. The stomach hardly occupies in our popular opinion so important a place in digestion as it formerly held. We know that it is rather a preparer for the exercise of the digestive powers of the pancreas than an active digestive agent itself and that one of its functions is to render innocuous many of the micro-organisms which enter with the food. So we can understand to some extent the small amount of interference with digestion produced by even considerable resections of the stomach.—Lancet.

Cassava and Fish. Cassava and fish form the chief articles of food of the Caribs of Guateoulin, and the former is cultivated only in sufficient quantities for their daily needs, and a vegetable to eat with their fish, to make their strange bread and to make the cassareep, which forms their only sweet.

Two Opticians. "What," exclaimed the orator—"what two things are helping mankind to get up in the world?" "The alarm clock and the step-ladder," answered the dense person in the rear of the hall.—Baltimore American.

It always makes a man mad to have his name misspelled in a newspaper, because he believes everybody ought to know his name.—Acheson Globe.

No man is absolutely perfect, but one who acknowledges his faults is more than half way up the ladder.—Chicago News

Wanted a Stone. "Have I not always been generous with you in the matter of household expenses?" he demanded. "Yes," she replied bitterly. "I asked for a stone and ye gave me bread."

Then he realized that he would have to get her the diamond she desired before there would be peace in the family.—Chicago Post.

The proportion of genius to the vulgar is like one to a million; but genius without tyranny, without pretension, that judges the weak with equity, the superior with humanity and equals with justice, is like 1 to 10,000,000.

When a new star floats into the field of vision of some watchful astronomer, the world honors the discoverer, gives the new star a fitting name, and records the addition to the sum of human knowledge gained by this discovery. Yet of what small profit to humanity at large is this discovery? What will those cold star rays do for the sleepless sufferer who coughs and burns the long night through?

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Death to the Workmen. It was in an art store in Fifth avenue, and the dealer was showing gilded clocks and candelabra to a customer. Pointing to one particularly handsome set, he said, "That is worth \$500." Pointing to another of similar pattern, but not so handsome, he said, "That is worth \$600."

"But the other one is better," said the customer.

"Well," said the dealer, "the chief value of this one (pointing to the \$600 affair) is in the gilding. It was gilded by the mercury process which is now forbidden by law almost everywhere. The other one was treated with the electroplating process."

"Well, it's handsomer," said the customer. "Is it as durable? If it is, why should I pay \$250 more?"

"It is practically as durable, and it is handsomer," said the dealer. "But you can duplicate it, and you can't duplicate the other. The mercury process of gilding was death to the workmen who engaged in it. They inhaled the fumes of the mercury, and in the end it killed them, and it wasn't long doing it, either."

"I'll take the mercury one," said the customer, "but the other is handsomer." —New York Sun.

The Cossacks of the Don. The Don Cossacks are the finest looking race of men ever seen. Kingly in their carriage, tall and slender, lithe and graceful, their untamed spirit visible in every motion, their bearing is that of an unconquered people. Used as a living barrier against the Tartar invasions of Russia, they were never conquered. Living in what they call camps, each with his horse and gun, they are always ready to move in response to the emperor's call.

Their costume is a long, light fitting coat reaching to the knee, having loose sleeves and a small standing collar and with a row of ammunition pockets across the breast. The colored belt which encircles the Cossack's slender waist bristles with ornamental knives, daggers and pistols. Short, high boots without heels and a great lamb's wool cap, with a little touch of color for the soft crown, and then the burka or long cape of hairy felt which they seem to wear in all sorts of weather complete the costume. These burkas appear to be worn on the theory that what keeps out the cold keeps out the heat. Anyway, these long black or white garments protect horse and rider equally from the rain and cold.—Self Culture.

His One Suggestion. "Furthermore, John Henry Meeker," said Mrs. Meeker, who was standing in front of the mirror and putting the finishing touches to her toilet, "I want you to take notice that I am perfectly capable of getting ready for church without any prompting from you, and you can cough and look at your watch as much as you please—it won't hurry me a single second. Do you clearly understand that?"

"Yes, my dear," mildly replied Mr. Meeker, "though I think I could understand it a little better if you didn't have your mouth quite so full of hairpins." —Chicago Tribune.

A Probable Result. "If people were only compelled to practice what they preach!" sighed the theorist.

"What good would that do?" demanded the practical man.

"It would make the world better, wouldn't it?"

"Oh, I don't know. I'm inclined to think that whatever changes we noticed would be in the preaching rather than in the practice." —Chicago Post.

His Show. "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I want you to be more careful about the use of firearms."

"Why, I haven't!"

"Charley, dear," she proceeded, with sweet severity, "you mustn't try to deceive me. I heard you telling yesterday about how you fell down on a long shot. If you must go in for such things, you'd best get a gun that won't kick." —Washington Star.

Due to Ignorance. "Well, he never was much of a man for acquiring knowledge."

"What has that to do with it?"

"Why, he probably never has consulted the dictionary and learned the difference between fame and notoriety." —Chicago Post.

Took It Away From the Jury. There are any number of stories to be printed about Judge Caldwell, but here is one that is said to be typical: He was having an argument whereby an attorney for an insurance company was attempting to evade payment of insurance on a purely technical ground. Judge Caldwell interrupted him. "Let me understand you, Brother Todd," he said to the attorney. "The policy was issued?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"And the premiums were paid?"

"Yes."

"And it was not set on fire?"

"No."

"Brother Todd," said Judge Caldwell, "you can sit down. The jury will return a verdict for the plaintiff." —Indianapolis Sun.

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Legend of the Narcissus.

Dafodil is a corruption of affodilly, which is derived from Asphodelus. Its other name is narcissus, and the legend of the latter name is well known—how Narcissus, for whom a nymph died, was punished by seeing his own face in a pool of water and becoming so infatuated with it that he was spell-bound to the spot till he pined away and died and was changed into the flower that bears his name today.

He Won.

"How is your brother, Tommy?" "Ill in bed, m'ns. He's hurt himself." "How did he do that?" "We were playing at who could lean farthest out of the window, and he won."

Diplomacy in the Pulpit.

"Yes, one word," said Uncle Remus from the pulpit as the collection was about to be taken, "dar's been a mighty sight of chicken stealin' 'bout here lately. Now, don't any you niggers dat help steal dem chickens put nuffin in de 'lection box. I ze not cohn hab any you 'sgraun de good Lawd dat way, no how!" —Harper's Bazar.

A Father to be Appreciated.

Teacher—I called to see you, sir, about your son's schooling and am sorry to say that he is behind his studies. Parents—That's all right. If he wasn't behind, how could he surpass them? Boston Courier.

How It Started.

A restaurant keeper in Galena hung out the sign, "Our meals are hard to beat." A rival hung out the "He is best." And the fight commenced. Kansas City Courier.

A Lame Proposition.

A lame proposition regarding who red helped persons without need to get red in the face. Red hairs are a liability that should cover a head as well as a face. Boston Herald.

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THE CALAMITY CAME.

ZEB'S WIFE KNEW THAT SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN.

The Possum Hunter Tells How He Came to Have a Lively Bear For a Bedfellow and the Result It Had on Certain Opinions of His.

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"One mornin' at the breakfast table," said the old possum hunter as he asked him for a yarn, "me an' the old woman got into a jaw 'bout coons. I held it to that all coons ordered he bin bottled, an' she contended that the Lawd made 'em as he wanted 'em an' did a good job. We wasn't mad at fust, but the m' we talked the mainer we felt, an' bimbeby we got downright ugly. It was Sunday mornin', an' we was goin' off to preachin' that day, but when I got my m'nd up I said:

"As long as I'm fur bottled coons an' the Lawd didn't make 'em that way it ain't no use fur me to hear preachin'. I'll stay home, an' yo' kin go alone."

"I reckoned that would cool her off a bit, but it didn't. She chased away at her bacon fur while an' then said:

"Zeb White, thar's bound to be a calamity around this cabin. Can't nobody find fault the way yo' do without somethin' happenin'. I'm goin' right along to preachin', an' if yo' want to fly in the face of Providence, yo' must take the consequences."

"I'm contendin' fur bottled coons," said I. "If all coons was bottled, they'd look a heap purtier an' git along a heap better."

"But how kin they be when it's all fixed?"

"Dunno, but I'm contendin'."

"Then yo' keep on contendin' an' see how yo'll come out. Thar's bottled varmints in the mountings, an' mobbe yo'll git 'nuff of them befo' yo' git through thisin' Providence."

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