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Three Per Cent. A Month.

Peter Cooper, the great philanthropist of New York, was one of the most successful, careful and prudent business men of his time. He was strongly opposed to the methods of many merchants who launched out into extravagant enterprises and borrowed money, for which they paid exorbitant rates of interest. The following anecdote illustrates the point forcibly: Once, while talking about a project with an acquaintance, the latter said he would have to borrow the money for six months, paying interest at the rate of three per cent. per month. "Why do you borrow for so short a time?" Mr. Cooper asked. "Because the brokers will not negotiate bills for longer."

"Well, if you wish," said Mr. Cooper, "I will discount your note at that rate for three years." "Are you in earnest?" asked the would-be borrower. "Certainly I am. I will discount your note for \$10,000, for three years at that rate. Will you do it?" "Of course I will," said merchant.

"Well," said Mr. Cooper, "just sign this note for \$10,000, payable in three years, and give me your check for \$800, and the transaction will be complete." "But where is

the money for me?" asked the astonished merchant.

"You don't get any money," was the reply. "Your interest for thirty-six months at three per cent. per month amounts to 108 per cent., or \$10,800. Therefore your check for \$800 just makes us even."

The force of this practical illustration of the folly of playing such an exorbitant price for the use of money was such that the merchant determined never to borrow at such ruinous rates, and he frequently used to say that nothing could have so fully convinced him as this rather humorous proposal by Mr. Cooper.—Merchant's Journal.

#### Endured Death's Agonies.

Only a roaring fire enabled J. M. Garretson, of San Antonio, Tex., to lie down when attacked by Asthma, from which he suffered for years. He writes his misery was often so great that it seemed he endured the agonies of death; but Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption wholly cured him. This marvelous medicine is the only known cure for Asthma as well as Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and all Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed. Trial bottles free at E. S. Briant Drug Store.

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#### Scabby Sheep at Kansas City.

The Kansas City office of the bureau of animal industry is resolving itself into a detective agency. A report from that place says: The bureau is stirring itself in an effort to find out how scabby sheep are being allowed to come to market. There are regulations to the effect that sheep affected with scab must not be shipped out of the state in which they originate. Numerous cases have been found where sheep from Nevada and New Mexico have arrived at the local yards without inspection certificate in the hands of the shipper, but with well developed cases of scabies in the backs of the sheep. When discovered by the local inspectors they are held up and ordered to be immersed or dipped before they can be shipped out of the yards.

Soon after these regulation went into effect, many shipment of scabby sheep were received. The local officials of the bureau of animal industry claimed the order had been but such a short time in effect that they had not been able to get it into working order, but that in a few months not a scabby animal would ever be seen here. The few months have come and gone, and this week one shipment containing over 1800 head, arrived here with the scab, but without the inspection certificate. The owner had made a split of his shipment, and claimed the certificate had gone with the other part of the consignment.

Now the animal industry people are hunting for that certificate and are going to see how it happened.

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#### The Rough Rider.

Rough riding (says a special correspondent of the "Road") has always been the fashion in the British army; indeed, every since the first cavalry regiment was formed. There are, and always have been, several rough riders—absolutely fearless men, who break all the horses and do other dangerous work—attached to each English cavalry regiment. Now the same idea has taken root in America, and I am enabled to place before your readers some interesting facts. I may say that, so far as the other side's arrangements—those in the States—are concerned, it is Governor C. S. Thomas who is the sponsor, projector, and the financial-in-chief of the new military institution organized across the Pond. General Sumner, who is at present in command at Fort Logan, is to be the military head of the encampment. Associated with him will be General Hale and Lieutenant Edward S. Farrow, who will be in charge of the instruction. In speaking of the encampment and the mounted soldier as instruments of war, General Sumner, in an interview which I had with him, observed:—

"Name them as you may, dragoons, cavalry, mounted infantry or rough riders, the men on horse back are now the important feature of an army in the field in time of action, provided they are thorough horsemen and good marksmen. Men may be assembled, armed, and mounted and called cavalry, but there is no man more helpless or less efficient than one mounted on a horse and who cannot ride. When this is the condition of a mounted soldier, he is far more worthless than a foot soldier, because he is in the way and has to be taken care of. I do not intend to include men of this description in this interview in asserting the importance of the mounted soldier. It will be assumed, then, in bringing him forward, that he has been perfected by long experience and constant use of horse and arms and that he is more at home in the saddle than out of it. Now we have the rough rider somewhat toned down and improved by military discipline, and the name is very appropriate, because it indicates a readiness for any and all kinds of service. If necessary he can charge boot-to-boot in the ranks, because he can ride anywhere with perfect ease, but his strength lies in his independence and his ability to get over the ground rapidly and to be able to hold it when he gets there."

"In the new encampment," said General Sumner in answer to my next question, "we propose to properly train young men in all the tactics pertaining to this branch of modern warfare, and to make them as efficient instruments of war as mounted soldiers may be." A million acres of land, situated four hundred miles southeast of Denver, have already been secured for the encampment. To give the men the advantage of riding, trailing, and scouting on mountains, plains, and valleys, continuous camp will be formed. By the end of the year, the time a man is allowed for training, this field of one million acres will have been covered. The immense distances are also to be utilized in developing the new signal service system of wireless telegraphy.

Lieutenant Farrow, who is to have command under General Sumner, as head of the department of tactics, is a young officer who has seen 17 years of active service, mostly spent in fighting Indians. He is the author of a military encyclopaedia which has received the official endorsement of many leading countries, and of "Mountain Scouting," from which he claims, with characteristic assurance—so typical of the modern American, by the bye—that Major-General Baden-Powell borrowed some of his ideas on reading signs, trailing, &c., which have been so highly commended in his recent book of "Aids to Scouts." Concerning the plan and scope of the new enterprise, Lieutenant Farrow declares:— "The plan has already met with

such popular approval that we are actually over-run with applications from young men wishing to take the training. Many of the applications came from students of Yale and Harvard Universities who are to graduate this year. Fifty applications have already been received from England. Young men between 17 and 25 years of age will be permitted to join by regular enlistment. They will be sworn to serve one year, during which time they will receive practical training in rough riding, scouting, reading signs, trailing, and all the arts of up-to-date warfare. For this each applicant will have to pay a tuition fee of £100, which sum covers his expenses for the entire year, including equipment, horse, clothing, and rations. Each applicant must also pass the United States Army examination and receive a surgeon's certificate before entering the encampment for instruction.

Special innovations, of which Lieutenant Farrow declares himself to be the author, are to be introduced into the encampment. Regarding these alleged innovations, that ambitious gentleman said:—"We are to have a gun which is equal to ten of the Krag-Jorgensen, the gun now used in the United States army. The improvements of the rifle are my own. It is what is called a magazine rifle, which, by a cut-off, can be used as a rapid single-loader, with a magazine holding seven cartridges in reserve, available as a repeated whenever the cut-off is thrown in. As a repeater its sustained rapidity of fire is greater than in any other known rifle. The distinctive feature of the new gun is that of the 'packet.' These packets are charged into the magazine, which lies under the receiver, in one movement, and en bloc, as if the packet were a single cartridge. The cartridges are fed into the chamber by a positive movement. The rifle holds eight cartridges, one in the chamber and seven in the magazine. The action is that of the Colt system. The order for the manufacture of these guns has already been given."

"Another new feature of the encampment will be the tents. We shall use a tent capable of instant change. It can be used either as the 'A' or the common tent, or for a storm or shelter tent. I shall also insist upon the abandonment of the bayonet and revolver. The bayonet is of no use what ever to-day, as one cannot get close enough to the enemy to use it. I shall replace it with a combination trowel and tent-peg. The new guns is to be carried either by sling across the shoulder or across the pommel. Particular attention will also be given to individual marksmanship. There will be open-order firing, which will prove the utter uselessness of bayonet charges. I am also at work upon a new system of tactics and drill regulation."

#### The Bravery of Women.

Was grandly shown by Mrs. John Dowling of Butler, Pa., in a three years' struggle with a malignant stomach trouble that caused distressing attacks of nausea and indigestion. All remedies failed to relieve her until she tried Electric Bitters. After taking it two months, she wrote: "I am now wholly cured and can eat anything. It is truly a grand tonic for the whole system as I gained in weight and feel much stronger since using it." It aids digestion, cures dyspepsia, improves appetite, gives new life. Only 50c. Guaranteed, at E. S. Briants Drug store.

Statisticians have figured out that the ice crop of Maine was worth as much last year as the hay crop; that the 3,000,000 tons of ice annually gathered on the Hudson river yields a larger profit than does California's yearly output of gold, and that the ice crop of the United States (25,000,000 tons at an average price of \$4 per ton) is worth more than the entire products of the country of the precious metals, which last year amounted in value to about \$96,000,000.

### CHAS. SCHREINER.

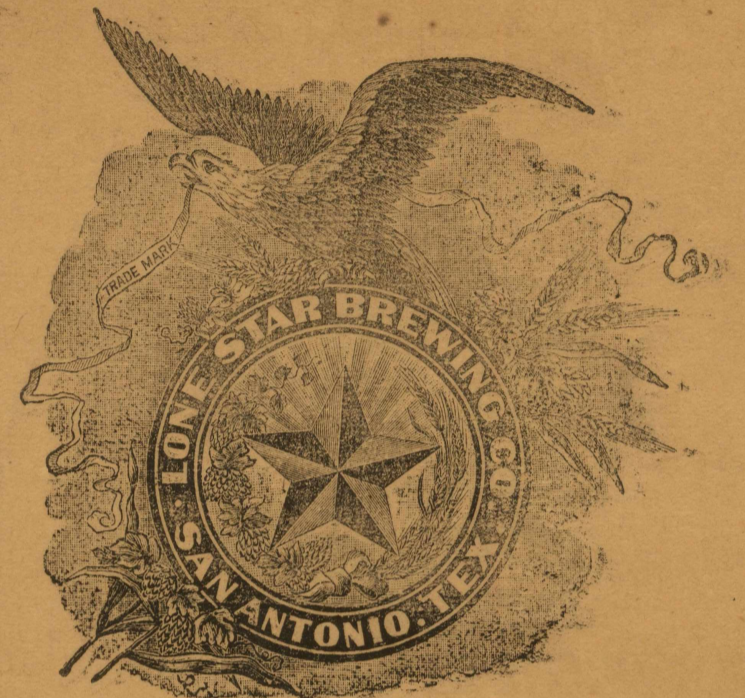
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London, Sept. 3.—It is reported that Lord Roberts has issued a proclamation formally annexing the Transvaal to the dominions of the British crown.

Texas seems to lead the procession with reference to education. She has to the credit of her state school fund in the vault of the treasury \$7,600,000 in bonds, \$1,300,000 in cash belonging to the permanent school fund and \$167,000 in cash available for current expenses.

The Russia Proposition.

Berlin, September 3.—Negotiations continue among the powers respecting the propositions of Russia. It appears that the portion of the proposal which contemplates the removal of the legations to Tien Tsin does not meet with opposition, but the proposal that the troops should vacate Peking will not be acted upon until after thorough examination of the case by other power from a special view to the question of military advisability.

A high official of the German foreign office said today in defining Germany's position. Germany has not answered Russia formally although she has informed her confidentially as to the views of the German government.

Most of the German papers are of opinion that it is very doubtful if Germany can adopt Russia's proposition, and they deplore the evidence of a threatening split in the European concert.

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Rome Shield Buys the Stiles Ranch. G. W. Shield has bought the W. G. Stiles ranch and cattle, for \$38,000. The ranch is located in the center of west Tom Green county, about 75 miles from San Angelo, and is one of the finest ranch properties in this section.

The Standard learns that Mr. Stiles will move to Big Spring, and it doesn't like it a bit either for Mr. Stiles is of the highest type of citizenship and it hopes that he will reconsider and conclude to make San Angelo his home.

After Texas Mules. Galveston, Tex., Aug. 29.—Mr. W. T. Wilson, who is associated with Mr. Chas. I. Hicks in the shipment of horses and mules for the British army, says he has it from a reliable authority that the German government will soon make contracts for a large number of mules in the United States, and he furthermore thinks the United States government will make some purchases in the near future.

A Powder Mill Explosion. Removes everything in sight, so do drastic mineral pills, but both are mighty dangerous. Need to dynamite your body when Dr. King's New Life Pills do the work so easily and perfectly. Cure Headache, Constipation. Only 25 cents at E. S. Bryant Drug store.

Big Turf Event

New York, Sept. 4.—The World prints the following: The rivalry between W. C. Whitney and James R. Keene promises to result in one of the greatest match races the American turf has had. Mr. Whitney says he has the champion colt of the year in Ballyhoo Bay. Mr. Whitney states that he will match Ballyhoo Bay against either Tommy Atkins or Commando, the choice of the Messrs. Keene, for any amount of money the Keenes may name.

He will also give them the choice of distance for the race, either seven furlongs or a mile. In an interview he expressed himself as follows: "Yes, I will match Ballyhoo Bay against Tommy Atkins or Commando just as soon as my colt is in shape to race."

The Flatbush stakes is agnateed stake of \$5000. In order to make it worth that amount the Coney Island Jockey Club had to add \$3000 to the entrance sweepstake and the starting fee. The addition of a similar sum by Mr. Whitney attests the strong faith he has in Ballyhoo Bay. It is up to the Messrs. Keene to decide whether there will be a race.

Times in the west are certainly prosperous when Utah sheepmen are playing ordinary sheep herders \$30 to 40 per month and board. The Mexican herders in Colorado and Arizona are getting \$20 to 40 per month and rations, and other branches of industry are flourishing correspondingly.

Some of the foreign papers seem to comment upon the bravery of American soldiers in China as if it was a subject of comment. It may be a surprise to some foreigners to know of what mettle Americans are made, but our own people know very well, and the world seems to be rapidly finding out.

Texas stockmen and farmers are greatly pleased with the behavior of the weather this summer. Texas is a big state and meteorological conditions are different on different localities, but as a rule there has been enough rain at the right time to make good grass and crops—better on an average than Texas has had in several years.

The demand for feeding sheep is apparently very strong. More buyers have been in the field than ever noticed before at this time of the year. So far the chief inquiry has been from farmers and small feeders, and it is believed that most of the business will be done by this class of feeders this fall.

Some of the big feeders are afraid that too many sheep will be fed and that market prices next winter will not justify the outlay. Feeders made lots of money last winter and that is the reason so many are eager to try it this year. Sheep are cheap enough now, but success depends on the state of the market when they get fat.

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The British government is making no more contracts for mules at the present time. Mr. Wilson says when the existing contracts shall have been completed 33,000 mules and 7000 horses will have been shipped from the United States to South Africa for the British army about two-thirds of them having been furnished by Texas.

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The Upside-Down House.

The strangest thing in the Paris Exposition Midway is the "upside-down house," said a guest at one of the hotels, who has just returned after a visit to the other side of the pond, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Nobody but a Frenchman would ever have thought of such a thing. It is a big, old-fashioned three-story manor house, apparently resting on its gables, with the foundation eighty feet in the air.

One goes in through a domer window through the attic, and finds everything upside down. Under foot are what appear to be the ceilings, sporting chandeliers like giant lead stools, and overhead are chairs, tables and all the other ordinary furniture of a house, miraculously clinging to the reversed floors.

There are even books and small articles scattered about on the carpet, and sticking to them as if by magic, and on some of the tables lamps are burning, top down. Everything about the place contributes to one of the most bewildering illusions imaginable, but the really amazing feature of the house is the view through the windows. They command a considerable expanse of the exposition grounds, and incredible as it may seem, everything is upside down.

One sees all the familiar buildings standing on their heads, throngs of reversed people walking to and fro, and the sky yawning where the earth ought to be. The effect is indescribable starting. I puzzled over those windows for a long time, but I finally discovered their secret. The illusion is produced by means of two mirrors, both set at angles in the casing and overlooking the other.

By that means the outside scene is turned about topsy-turvy and cast back into the room with all the realism of an open-air view. Visitors are not allowed to go very close to the windows for fear as the attendants say, that they will fall into the sky. A man should be perfectly sober before he inspects the upside down house.

Birmingham, England, turns out every week 300,000,000 buttons, 4,000 miles of wire of different sizes, five ton of hair pins, 500 ton of nuts and 20,000 pairs of spectacles.

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One Way of Looking at it. "Look at this, will you?" exclaimed the estate and house renting optimist. "In this paper there is a record of eighty-seven marriage licenses issued yesterday."

"Well, what of it?" said his partner, the pessimist of the firm, who was leaning back in a chair with his hat doled down over his eyes. "What of it?" echoed the other. "Can't you? Those eighty-seven marriage licenses mean eighty-seven marriages. The eighty-seven marriages will lead to eighty-seven inquiries for houses, flats or at least eligible apartments. Its bound to stimulate business in our line, and we'll get out there."

"That doesn't follow at all. Those eighty-seven licenses represent 174 persons, don't they?" "Yes." "Probably all adults." "Undoubtedly. What of it?" "Nothing," growled the pessimist, "except that 174 persons who have hitherto occupied 174 apartments will hereafter occupy eighty-seven. You give me a pain. Go away."—Tit Bits.

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THE TRICKSTER TRICKED.

A card sharper who had evidently been doing the ruses joined a small group of farm servants in a public house. Failing to interest the company in the mysteries of three-card monte, he exclaimed in desperation: "Well, look here, gents; I'll bet any one of you 5 shillings I can cut the ace of spades any of you to shuffler and arrange a deck of cards as you like," at the same time producing the pack, which he pushed toward a colored victim, who agreed to accept the wage, took up the pack, shuffled them and then placed them on the table.

The sharper then took his knife and cut his pack clean through, at the same time saying: "There, I've cut the ace."

"Now you hadn't neither," quietly said the darkey, grinning. "The ace of spades is up my sleeve—see?"—Collier's Weekly.

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Mexican grazing land has advanced from 10 cents to 60 cents an acre, still there is some demand for the lands. When the former price was first announced there was a rush to take advantage of the green pasturage, and this continued until President Diaz raised the price. There are several reasons assigned for this big advance in land prices by the president.

Some time ago the Mexican government gave to railroads building in the republic something like \$6,500,000 and the belief of many people who profess to know is that the president hopes to reimburse the Mexican government for this large subsidy by advancing the value of the public lands in the republic.

Diplomacy in Old Pajaro. "I am," replied the suitor. "As I told you, I am a business man, and I started out to get one. I've secured the refusal of two girls this morning, but my option expires in 24 hours, and if I can't have your daughter I want to close with one of them before it's too late. Do I get her?"

"No." "Good. There's nothing like having a clear understanding. One of the other girls lives in the next block, and the other is half a mile away. I'll take the nearest, save a good ten minutes of valuable time and get back to my desk in time to look over the late mail. There's no use letting the minor affairs of life encroach on one's business. Good day, sir."—Chicago Post.

Yucatan Ruins. "Apropos of the wonderful ancient ruins in Yucatan," said a New Orleans college professor, "there is one very fortunate circumstance which has protected them almost entirely from spoliation by the natives. It is currently believed by the natives all through that part of the country that the ruins are haunted and that devils will carry away anybody who attempts to molest them. This superstition has been encouraged by explorers and is a better safeguard than a picket of soldiers."

A Gem of London Humor. "Well, goodly, Mr. Green. It was so nice of you to come. It does honor to me a lot of good to have some one to talk to." "I was delighted to come, Miss Brown, but I'm afraid I'm not much of a conversationalist."

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Old's Know Dore. In discussing the want of comprehension of one branch of art for another Mr. Sutherland Edwards says that when Gustave Dore began to illustrate the "Tidyls of the King" Tennyson did not even know him by name. "I wonder what they are going to do with my 'Tidyls' next," he said to a friend. "They have now got a man called 'Dore' (without the accent) to illustrate them."

There is a basis for the claim of the epicure that he can distinguish between American made and French or Italian made macaroni, spaghetti, vermicelli, noodles, etc. The Italian and French makers employ in their manufacture a special hard wheat grown only in Taganrog, Russia.

A Heroine. In a cemetery on the banks of the St. Lawrence river, near Prescott, is an epitaph saying that the stone was erected to the memory of Elizabeth Richardson, who heroically defended the life of her lover by sticking a pitchfork in a wild cow's nose. The heroine Miss Richardson was 38 years old when she died.

If a man has a good scheme and makes money out of it, people call him a genius; if he loses, they call him a fool.—Chicago News.

Mistakes in Christening.

At Ramsbury Manor, England, there once resided a pouter's family of the name of Duck. The third son was to be christened, and the mother wanted the name to be William. Just before starting for church the nurse ran up stairs to the father, who was laid up with gout, to tell him they were off. "What be going to call us, nurse?" "Monsieur says it's to be William," was the reply. "William be blowed!" said the invalid. "Call us plain Bill!" In accordance with these laconic instructions the nurse gave the name of Plain-bill to the clergyman, and the infant was christened accordingly.

In an even funnier way is the queer Christian name of Mr. Ona Tichener of Peckham accounted for. When his parents and sponsors arrived at the church, his name had not been settled upon, and when the clergyman said, "Name this child," one of the friends said "John," and another said "Oh, no!" meaning not John, and, as no one else spoke, the clergyman thought that was to be his name and baptized him Ona. The full account of the baptism is contained in Black's "History of Camberwell."

A clergyman's son vouches for the following: "My father was baptizing a boy of 6 years of age. The names given were Benjamin Joseph. After the ceremony he said to the boy, 'You have two very good names, and you ought to be a good boy. How did you come by them?' 'Please, sir,' said the boy, 'we was twins, and the other died?'"

Easy For Him. "You understand, of course," pursued the lawyer, "what is meant by a 'preponderance of evidence?'" "Yes, sir," replied the man whom he was examining with reference to his qualifications as a juror. "Let me have your idea of it, if you please."

"I understand it, I tell you." "Well, what is it?" "Why, anybody can understand that." "I would like to have your definition of it."

"I know what it is, all right. When I tell you I know what a thing is, I know it. That's all there is about that." "Well, what was the question I asked you?" "You ought to know what that was. If you've forgot your own questions, don't try to get me to remember them for you."

"I don't want to hear any more of that kind of talk," interposed the court. "Answer the questions addressed to you by the counsel." "Judge, I did. He asked me if I knew what it was, and I said I did." "Are you sure you understand what is meant by the term 'preponderance of evidence?'"

"Of course I am, Judge." "Well, let us hear your idea of it." "It's evidence previously pondered."—Chicago Tribune.

No Time to Waste. "I'm a business man," he said brusquely, "and I've no time to waste. I want to marry your daughter. Can I have her?" The merchant gasped. "You seem to be in a good deal of a hurry," he suggested.

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There is a basis for the claim of the epicure that he can distinguish between American made and French or Italian made macaroni, spaghetti, vermicelli, noodles, etc. The Italian and French makers employ in their manufacture a special hard wheat grown only in Taganrog, Russia.

Caruthers & Allison. Live Stock & Real Estate Commission. Will furnish you with Description, Prices, Terms, Etc., of all kinds OF LIVE STOCK, RANCHES AND TOWN PROPERTY. Write them what you want and receive a Large List to select from. Office 3 doors South of Decker Hotel. SONORA, TEXAS

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MILLS' ICE CREAM PARLOR CONFECTIONERY, COLD DRINKS, FRUITS AND ICE FOR SALE. McDonald's Store Building, Sonora, Texas

William Anson of Coleman, the well known stockman of that section is registered at the Menger and will leave this afternoon for a short trip down the San Antonio & Aransas Pass. Mr. Anson is buying horses for the British government and will be back in the city in a few days to examine such as may be offered him here, he having advertised his dates elsewhere in The Express. He says that he has had no difficulty in securing horses as fast as he could get around to look at them and war has demonstrated that the horse of 14 3 to 15 1 and possessing the staying qualities of the Texas animal are the only ones which can overcome the vicissitudes of campaign.—San Antonio Express.

WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE is essentially the child's tonic. It improves the digestion and assimilation of food, strengthening the nervous system and restoring them to the health, vigor and elasticity of spirits natural to childhood. Price, 25 cents at J. Lewenthal drug store.

Argentine has succeeded in getting an opportunity to turn the tables on France. The South American republic has been suffering on account of the embargo laid on its cattle by European nations on account of the foot and mouth disease. Now that disease is prevalent in France, Germany, Austria, Belgium and Switzerland, and when a cargo of French cattle recently reached an Argentine port the cattle were not allowed to be landed and an embargo was placed by Argentina on all livestock from France.

Corn-buskers' sprained wrists, barbedwire cuts and sprains, or cuts from any other cause, are quickly healed when BALLARD'S SNOW OINTMENT is promptly applied. Price, 25 and 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

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

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SONORA, TEXAS. - September 8, 1900.

### Announcements.

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

#### FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

S. E. Taylor as a candidate for elec-  
tion to the office of District Attorney  
of this the 1st Judicial District, sub-  
ject to the action of the Democratic  
party.

#### For Treasurer.

John R. Word as a candidate for elec-  
tion 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 elec-  
tion 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. Canaday as a candidate for  
election to the office of County Judge  
of Sutton County at the ensuing elec-  
tion.

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

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 Merck as a candidate for election  
to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collec-  
tor of Sutton county at the ensuing  
election.

S. Briant as a candidate for elec-  
tion to the office of Sheriff and Tax  
Collector of Sutton county at the en-  
suing election.

#### District and County Clerk.

T. C. Cahill as a candidate for elec-  
tion 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 elec-  
tion to the office of District and County  
clerk of Sutton county.

#### For Tax Assessor.

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

#### 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 re-  
lection to the office of County Sur-  
veyor of Sutton county at the ensuing  
election.

#### Justice of the Peace.

D. B. Woodruff as a candidate for re-  
lection 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.

### SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL FAIR

OPENS OCTOBER 20,  
Closes November 2, 1900.

### E. S. BRIANT,

PROPRIETOR OF THE  
SONORA DRUG STORE,  
SOLICITS YOUR TRADE

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

PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED BY OTIS MITCHELL.

I KNOW YOUR WANTS AND WANT YOUR TRADE.

Mrs. Ada Stewart made a busi-  
ness trip to San Angelo, Monday.

Mark Tankersley the stockman  
was in from his ranch in Edwards  
county Monday for supplies.

W. H. Casenbary came in from  
the Sanders county Wednesday  
looking very well.

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

Claud Matthews nephews of R  
A Williamson left on Tuesday for  
San Angelo, where he will meet  
J. N. Brennan and will likely go  
to South America with Jap.

WANTED.—To exchange Buggies,  
Wagons, Farm Implements, and Har-  
ware of all kinds for Horses and Mules.  
C. H. DEAN Co.,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Frank Wyatt the steam well  
driller, was in Sonora Monday on  
his way to Eldorado, to visit his  
family. Frank is drilling for  
Whitehead and is down about  
400 ft. and has to get more rope.

H. C. Boyd the jeweler, who has  
been in business in Mason for the  
past seven years, is in Sonora and  
will remain for a few weeks. He  
can be found at E. S. Briant's drug  
store.

J. M. G. Baugh and son J  
Mark Baugh left on Thursday for  
Sanderson with two load of furni-  
ture. Mark expects to start his  
paper out there in about a month's  
time.

#### \$20.00 Reward.

For the recovery of 31 head of  
Angora buck kids, recently pur-  
chased from R. H. Wyatt, near  
Sonora, and lost about ten miles  
North on Fort McKavett road; or  
I will pay \$20.00 for information that  
will lead to their recovery.  
No ear marks.

Wm. L. Black,  
96tf  
E. McKavett.

M. B. Atkison and son Harry  
returned from a business trip to  
San Angelo last Friday. They  
report having bought 50 head of  
stock cattle and 13 head of 3 year  
old steers from I. T. Heneman at  
t. p. also 180 head of steers 1, 2  
and 3 from a Kimble county man  
at t. p.

John Hurst who has been work-  
ing with Frank Wyatt steam drill  
was in Sonora several days this  
week haying a good time.

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

Geo. Mauzy the mutton man  
was in Sonora Sunday from San  
Angelo, on his way down the  
river.

Ruff and Jim Winn prominent  
stockmen from Rock Spring-  
country, were in Sonora Monday  
attending to some business.

Get the daily market report at  
Caruthers & Allison

Bob Martin came in from the  
ranch Wednesday on his way to  
San Angelo, Jud Swearingen  
went with him.

T. M. White the well known  
stockman from down on Devil's  
River, was in Sonora Monday for  
windmill fixtures.

12 1/2 Dmity for 7c. Hager-  
lund Bros. & Co.

R. T. Biker was in from his  
ranch Monday with one of his  
boys who was having some dental  
work done.

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.

Will Whitehead the stockman  
came in from the ranch Sunday  
and left on Monday for San An-  
gelo on a business trip.

John Swinbourne the rockma-  
son and plaster, is finishing the  
plaster work on the new bank  
building. His nephew Ernest  
Swinbourne is helping.

S. G. McCasland who is looking  
after Dock Simmons ranch while  
Dock is at the Paris Fair, was in  
Sonora Saturday and says every  
thing is all right out at the ranch.

Try Echo Springs whiskey, it is  
a strictly hand made sour mash  
and can be depended upon in sick-  
ness and for family use. Satisfac-  
tion guaranteed. It can be had at  
the Bank Saloon. 90-tf

Miss Della Carlton the charm-  
ing daughter of Mrs. Will Adams  
was in Sonora for a few days this  
week on a visit to her friend Miss  
Hemphill.

Frank Barksdale of Edwards  
county, was in Sonora Monday.

Bob Miers returned from a  
business trip to San Angelo Mon-  
day.

Joe Ross the stockman was in  
from Brown & Ross ranch Mon-  
day with Miss Mattie Brown.

Watches, clocks and jewelry of  
all kinds repaired by H. C. Boyd  
the jeweler at E. S. Briant's drug  
store.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Holmesly  
of Ozona, were in Sonora Monday  
on their way to Comanche, on a  
visit to friends and relatives.

Miss Alice Brick of San Angelo,  
has accepted a position with  
Hagerlund Bros. & Co. Miss  
Brick is an expert milliner and  
will have charge of that depart-  
ment.

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C. H. DEAN Co.,  
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John McCoy was in from the C.  
T. Turney ranch Monday.

Lisa Moss was in from the  
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Virg Brown the stockman was  
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supplies.

El Sawyer the stockman from  
Fort Terret was in Sonora Wed-  
nesday wanting some bucks.

Geo. Allison moved his family  
in from the ranch this week for  
school purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hemphill  
and family left for Fort Worth  
Thursday, where they will reside

R. A. Williamson bought 300  
head of sheep from Claud  
Matthews at t. p.

I will be between Ozona and  
Sonora about 5th of September  
with the A. G. Anderson and  
California bucks.

Jno. Trent.

The News acknowledges receipt  
of season complimentary ticket to  
the 15th annual Entertainment of  
Texas State Fair and Dallas Ex-  
position which will open Sept 29  
and close Oct 14.

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

The San Antonio International  
Fair will be held at the Alamo  
City this year Oct 20 to Nov. 2  
The International promises to be  
all of it and the News is indebt-  
ed for seasons pass.

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 patron-  
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Commissioner of Precinct No. 3,  
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County Clerk of Sutton county:—  
One gray stray mare branded W  
on left shoulder and A D on left  
thigh, size 12 1/2 hands high,  
seven years old, and that the  
marks and brands thereof have  
not been altered or disfigured  
since the same was taken up and  
that notice has been given accord-  
ing to law and no owner has ap-  
peared and claimed the same.  
Appraised at — dollars.  
The owner of said stock is re-  
quested to come forward, prove  
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Given under my hand and seal  
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### FIRST NATIONAL BANK, —OF— SONORA, TEXAS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF  
COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY

WASHINGTON, D. C. J. NE 28, 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 com-  
plied 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 nine 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.  
[SEAL]  
T. P. KANE,  
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of  
the Currency.  
No. 5466.

Sam Stokes left for Austin Tues-  
day to attend to some business.

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

LOST.

On the Juno road, between  
Sonora and the ranch house of T.  
P. Gillespie, August 22, 1900, a  
memorandum book containing im-  
portant and valuable information  
to the owner. The book has the  
name of the owner, "Walter Mc-  
Donald, Sonora, Texas," in it.  
The finder will confer a favor  
by returning the book to Mrs.  
Josie C. McDonald, Sonora, Texas.

Mike Murphy, the man at the  
head and seal of office this twenty-  
eighth day of June, 1900.

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 patron-  
age will be appreciated and the  
service will be the best. 90-tf

Executors Notice.  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF SUTTON.  
To those indebted to, or holding  
claims against the estate of H. G.  
Colson, deceased.

The undersigned, having been duly  
appointed Executor of the last will  
and testament of H. G. Colson deceased  
late of said county, by the Judge of  
Sutton County, Texas, sitting in  
probate at the August term 1900 of  
said court and having duly qualified as  
such, hereby notify all persons in-  
debted to said estate to come forward  
and settle the

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REUNITED. Let us begin, dear love, where we left off; To the broken threads of that old dream...

PERFUME AND DISEASE.

Refrate Practiced, Not Poetical, In Escattering Sweet Blossoms. A French physician has decided that perfume is a danger to health.

The Eagle Got the Fish.

At this junction of the thoroughfare and Island lake on a dead pine more than 100 feet high sat a white-headed eagle. In the air a large fish hawk was sailing over the water looking for his dinner.

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Straw is put to strange uses in Japan. Most of the horses are shod with straw. Even the choicest of cart horses wear straw shoes.

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A wedding ring should fit the finger. If it is too large, it is a sign of shallowness of purpose; if too tight, it suggests that the union pinches somehow.

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"I was troubled for three years with ulceration and female weakness and my doctor gave me but little relief. I began the use of Golden Medical Discovery, and in a few days I felt new strength. I have also recommended these medicines to some of my friends, who suffer from female weakness, and good results have followed."

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TIGHT CORNERS.

EXCITING CHAPTERS IN THE LIFE OF A POLICE CAPTAIN.

A Hard Struggle for Life With a Stall Murderer and a Narrow Escape From Death at the Hands of an Armed Maniac.

"Yes, we have to deal with some queer people and some dangerous people," said a police captain, "and I must say, but not boastfully, that we now and then have to use judgment that is at once quick and reliable. I remember several years ago we had a highwayman in the station house who had shot a man and robbed him. He was a dangerous criminal and he was in a good position to go down for life or to be executed for his victim was at the point of death. One night he asked that I be sent to his cell. I had arrested him and had tried to get a confession from him, but all my efforts had been vain. He had taken a violent dislike to me, and he had laughed at all my endeavors. The deduction I made when I heard he wished to see me was that he had changed his mind and intended to confess, so I went to the cell and talked with him. 'Captain,' said he in a confident way, 'I want you to come in here and sit down. This secret is making a wreck of me, and I want to tell you everything.' 'He seemed quite pleasant, and with one and no satisfaction I opened the cell door and sat down on the bench beside him. 'Is Mr. - going to die?' was his first question. 'The doctor says he cannot live,' I replied. 'Then the chances for my going to the chair are better than good?' asked he. 'I replied that they were. The prisoner looked apparently into deep meditation, and while the spell was upon him he paced up and down the cell. Suddenly he slammed the door of the cell, placed himself before me and said in a rather fearsome voice: 'I've finished one, and if I do two I can get nothing worse than the chair. 'Saying which he leaped at me, landing on a powerful blow as he did so. I was, of course, up and ready for him and had a Billy in my hand. He had nothing but his big fists, feet and teeth, any of which he was ready and anxious to use, but he was twice a match for the even up. I don't know how I did it, but he had got the best of me just for a second. I would have been pounded to death, there is no doubt of that. I rapped him on the head time and time again with my Billy, but his blood flying over my head he snarled and also felt the imprint of his powerful fists. It took me five minutes to lay him out, and I must say that I never spent five busier minutes in my life. Oh, he's in prison now. He's doing 20 years. 'I remember another little experience I had that is not easy to forget. I was sitting in my private office one afternoon when a well built, stylishly clad young man entered, bowed pleasantly and sat down on the edge of the sofa. 'I never was down in this part of the city before,' he said, 'and being new, I thought I'd stop in and visit with you.' 'That's right,' I rejoined. 'I'm always glad to receive callers.' 'I looked closely at the man. I couldn't place him at all. It seemed that I had seen him some place too. He was about 30 years old, was staidly built and had an attractive face that bore slight traces of dissipation. 'Beg pardon, my friend,' said I, 'but I really can't just place you. I know we've met, but where?' 'No,' he hadn't met before. 'I never saw you before today in my life. I'm from Baltimore. I've heard of you a lot of times.' 'The dialogue lagged for a few moments, and in that time I scrutinized the stranger. He mystified me in a small degree, and I was interested in him. He broke the silence: 'Say, captain, I've got something very important to see you about. I'll just close this door, and it's just as well that no one knows what we do or say. Now, I wish first to impress you with the importance of this meeting. It is the most momentous occasion of my life, and on its success or failure depends my future.' Captain the stranger leaned over and whispered in my ear, 'I'm going to put your throat! 'I was sitting with my profile to the stranger, and he was leaning toward me. Casting my eyes sideward, I saw that he held an open razor in his right hand. 'I did not move immediately. 'So you're going to cut my throat?' I said, quietly turning part way around. 'Yes, captain. I have been commanded by God to do so. I'm sorry, but it must be done. Got ready?' 'That's all right, my friend. I'm perfectly willing you shall carry out your mission; but, to tell the truth, I hate to get blood all over my furniture here. It wouldn't be nice to dirty up the office, would it? Suppose we go in the back room?' 'That'll do. Come on,' rejoined the maniac quickly. 'I got up. The maniac's back was toward me. With one bound I had my arms about his waist and his arms pinned to his side. 'I then called for help, and two officers rushed into my office. I took four big men to put that maniac in a cell. He's in an asylum now.' - Buffalo Express.

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Questions for Women

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ODD BANK VISITORS.

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Paying Tellers Have to Be Models of Vigilance All the Time to Dodge the Schemes and the Schemers That Lie in Wait For Them.

Many are the uses and the schemes that are devised for the purpose of beating the paying tellers in banks, and the cranks are as much to be feared as the crooks.

"That old man who has just left the bank," said the teller as he ran his fingers quickly over the new bills, "has been coming to this place every day for the past two years calling for money. He comes in every morning exactly at 11 o'clock and asks quietly if his check has arrived. I always have to tell him no, and he thanks me graciously and goes away. I was new at the bank when he came in the first time, but I saw at a glance that he had something the matter with his headgear. When he asked about his money, I told him that we had nothing, and he looked greatly surprised and worried. He asked many other questions and then left. He returned the next morning and the next, and he has been coming ever since. One day he failed to show himself, and I thought he had given up the hunt as a bad thing. For a month he kept away, but by and by he bobbed up serenely again. 'I've been sick,' he said, 'and I hope I have not caused you any inconvenience in holding my money. No money here? What? That is strange.' 'With this he thanked me and went away. He will be here again in the morning, and he'll keep coming day after day until death sends him to a bigger bank. The man is just a sample of what we get every day, although he is the most regular chap of the kind I have ever seen. The boys around the bank feel rather superstitious now if he fails to come in, and I'll gamble that that black porter yonder will quit his job the very first time that old man fails to make his daily visit.' 'The teller leaned on the counter. 'Yes,' he went on, 'it would surprise you to know how many people come here day after day to get money when they have absolutely no reason for coming. They have no papers on which money can be secured, but they just come right along, hoping, I guess, that some one of them will hit the bank. Now, last week a big fellow who had evidently been drinking rushed in and pulled me that he wanted \$1,000. I had never seen him before, and he made no pretense of handing up any papers. He said he was in a big rush. I realized at once that he was crazy, and I acted quickly. Reaching back to my drawer, I put my hand on my revolver and waited. He did not see the weapon. 'The vault is closed,' I said, 'and you cannot get any money today.' With that he reached his hand to his hip pocket, but I did not move. I looked him squarely in the eye and waited. He stood there for 20 seconds, with his hand on his hip and his eyes on me, and then he bowed. Without a word he turned his back to me and walked out. I tried to find out who the man was, but failed, and he never came back to repeat the demand. 'Another time I had a really dangerous crazy man to handle, and I acted like a flash and possibly saved my skin. It was about 1 o'clock one summer day when the weather was stilling. The front and side doors were propped open to let in the breeze, and I was looking over the books when a big fellow ran in the front door screaming. I looked up and saw him flourish a butcher knife, which fairly glistened in the light. 'Where did he go with that money?' he called at the top of his voice as he halted and looked at me. 'Right out that door,' I said quickly, and in a moment the man had dashed through the door and went sailing down the alley. A policeman was called, but the man was not seen afterward. I am sure I would have felt the edge of his dangerous knife if I had not sent him out that door. 'Another strange thing happened once while I was working as a clerk in another bank. I was standing by the teller's counter when a nicely dressed young man came in, walking rather awkwardly. He managed to reach the teller and presented a paper. 'Will you please cash this for me?' he said. The teller took the paper mechanically and looked at the stranger. 'Why, this is no good,' he said. 'This is only a piece of white paper. What kind of a game are you trying to work?' The man gasped. 'Why, it is a check,' he called quickly. 'Not much,' said the teller, handing I back. 'The man looked at it. 'Good God! he cried. 'Then I am blind.' They took him away, and he died at the hospital before he had a chance to explain. The doctors said it was a mystery, and the man's body was kept for six months. Finally it was sent to Kansas on the order of a woman who wired a description and said it was her son's.' - New York Sun.

The Banyan Tree.

In the fruiting season the banyan tree is an arbor for the feathered creation, and a rude temple is often set up under or close to its shade, at which the wayfarer stops to cook a meal more frequently than to offer a prayer. These sacred trees, with their grateful shade, are common in every part of India, and are confined to the tropical zone. As timber they are of no value, but granule is obtained from their juice, and the bark is used by the Hindus medicinally.

The Doll is Probably the Most Antiqu.

The doll is probably the most antique of toys. It has been found inside the graves of children of ancient Rome.

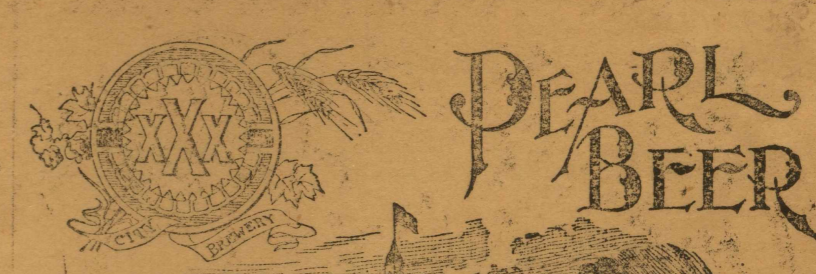
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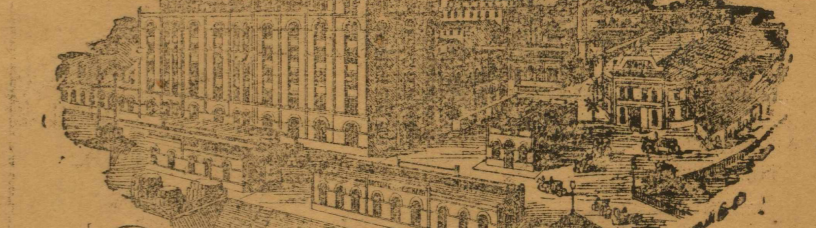
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