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Found Dying in a Thicket.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 9.—An unknown girl, barely in her seventeenth year, was found Monday afternoon at 6:10 o'clock suffering from Carbolic acid poisoning and lying in a thick clump of brush about 150 yards north of Baylor street and near the old Schreiner field in the southwestern part of the city.

Ignacio Barrera was the first man to see the girl, and, believing her to be dead, telephoned police headquarters to that effect. Mounted Officer Garvin responded to the call, and reaching the spot found the girl alive, though in an unconscious state. He carried her to the home of Alfred Herrman on Baylor street, where she died a few minutes after 7 o'clock.

Assistant City Physician Clinvin was called and reached the girl before she died. There was nothing to be done in her case, as the poison had done its deadly work.

Justice Unscheid later viewed the remains and ordered them taken to Zink's undertaking establishment on St. Mary street, where they are being held for identification. Up to a late hour no one had identified her.

When Officer Garvin reached the girl she could say nothing in response to his speaking to her. She had gagged herself with a handkerchief, and only an edge of this protruded between her teeth. Beside her lay a 4-ounce vial and bearing the label of the DeCar Drug Company. The vial was found almost to the last drop. The paper in which the bottle was wrapped also lay near by. The young lady had carefully removed her hat, and after adjusting the hatpins, laid it upon the ground.

After death occurred, a plain gold ring was removed from the third finger of the left hand. In the band of the ring there was an inscription, "A. V., to —". Her handkerchief was marked with the initial K. She was stylishly attired, wearing a black tailor-made skirt and mouse colored waist. Her shoes were of excellent quality and other garments all of good texture. No letters or papers were found on her person to lead to her identity. Fully 300 people saw the body before it was removed to the undertakers, and while some expressed the belief of having seen her on the streets, none could call her name.

There were no evidences of foul play near the place where she was found, and no theory is assigned, except that it was a clear case of suicide, probably brought on by a love affair.

THE DEAD GIRL IDENTIFIED.

"Why that's our classmate, Julia Voigt?"

This exclamation by several school girls late Tuesday evening led to the identification of the young girl who committed suicide in the brush near Baylor street Monday evening.

After having been viewed in the morgue on St. Mary's street by thousands of people, the body of the girl suicide was identified by Mrs. Hattie Voigt of 220 Mason street Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock as that of her 17-year-old daughter, Julia D. Voigt. The identification was led to through recognition of the girl by some of her schoolmates. Mrs. Voigt says her daughter was in bad health, and to this she attributes the act.

Julia Voigt was a student in the low ninth grade at the high school.

After going home from school Monday afternoon, she left her books, and going back to town boarded a car for Englewood without telling anyone of her intentions, and in the outskirts of the city took her life by drinking carbolic acid, which she bought at a drug store in the city. Her little brother was the only one at home when she came from school, and he stated to his mother that she said nothing to him, but she went away immediately.

Her younger sister, who also goes to the same school, was detained in town, and between 4 and 5 o'clock, as she was going home, met Julia on Avenue D, going in the direction of the city. They were on opposite sides of the street, and as Julia was walking east, the girl did not stop her, supposing she was on an errand.

Julia then went to a drug store on Houston street and bought the agent with which she ended her life. She was next seen after 5 o'clock in the neighborhood Baylor street by residents of that vicinity. Nothing more is known of her movements until she was found in the brush near Baylor street by Ignacio Barrera.

When Mrs. Voigt returned home Monday and found Julia's school books and heard the statement of her son, she supposed the girl would come back by night. Night coming on without any word, she confidently took it for granted that Julia was spending the night with friends. Her daughter was even then lying in the morgue viewed by hundreds of curious persons.

The first tidings from the missing girl came to the mother nearly twenty-four hours later, after thousands of men and women had looked at the body and had tried in vain to identify it. When the schoolmates of deceased recognized her it was nearly 6 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Voigt was sent for and she immediately knew her child upon seeing the corpse.

Mr. Adolf Voigt, the father, is a printer, and is at present in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He has been notified of his daughter's death and his arrival here is looked for here at an early date. The mother, two sisters and little brother of deceased were prostrated with grief. The ring which the girl wore contained her father's initials, A. V., and belonged to her mother.

As the body lay in the dead room at the morgue, some woman's sympathy prompted her to place a beautiful white rose in the lifeless hands of the girl.

Car Shortage Ended.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 3.—The famine of stable cars in Texas is at an end, and roads are now receiving plenty of cars to handle the cattle movement, which is now practically over. There are several thousand head in West Texas yet to go, and by two or three weeks longer shipments will have reached an end. The Texas & Pacific has served notice on the Katy that no more cars are needed than those already secured. Probably eight or ten thousand head of cattle are yet to be moved to market by the Texas & Pacific. Stable cars are being used in the Territory to haul coal.

Daring Street Car Hold-Up.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 4.—There was a street car hold up in Houston last night, done in true bandit style.

The famous hold up of street cars that gave Chicago such a notorious reputation in the criminal line has been duplicated in this city. The highwaymen were young men under 30 years of age, and the daring with which the crime was committed showed how much nerve the desperadoes possessed.

The victims were the motorman and conductor of car No. 150 on the South End line. Frank Wisnoskie was the motorman and Tom Miller the conductor. The men were on the last trip and were headed up Louisiana street on the way down town. There were three passengers in the car, two white and one colored man. At the corner of Holman avenue and Louisiana street motorman Wisnoskie noticed two men standing beside the track, waiting for the car. He slowed down and as he reached the corner one of the men jumped on the steps of the front platform and the other on the rear. Quick as a flash up went two sixshooters and the astonished motorman and conductor were told to throw up their hands. They promptly complied and the motorman was told to run as far as the next corner and stop.

In the meanwhile robber No. 2 was doing business with Conductor Miller. He flashed his revolver dangerously close to the face of the man who pulls the bell cord and told him to hand over the day's receipts, and be quick about it. Miller was inclined to argue the point, but a threat on the part of the man with the gun to shoot his body full of holes caused him to turn out his pockets and hand over all the money he had. The total amounted to an even \$28. By this time the car had reached the next corner and here the men jumped off and disappeared in the darkness.

The passengers in the car, which is one of the new compartment cars, were hardly aware of what was going on before the robbery was over.

The motorman and conductor sent word to the police and to company headquarters and also warned other car men on the same line to look out for the robbers.

The police sent men out at once and several officials of the Houston Electric company visited the scene of the hold up and attempted to gain a clue.

Run Over by Car.

Dennison, Tex., Jan. 3.—Fred H. Alterkause, vice president of the Denison Milling Company, was run over by a car at the mill just before noon to-day and received injuries that will result fatally.

He was for some time head miller at the Eagle Mills at Sherman. He is a member of the Sons of Hermann Lodge and the Red Men at Sherman.

Killed in Runaway.

Llano, Tex., Jan. 3.—Word has been received here of the killing of Dick Stubbs in Colorado in a runaway accident, on the 29th ult. He was a brother of the ex-superintendent of the schools at Llano, Prof. A. L. Stubbs, and has several brothers in Blanco and Gillespie counties. He was a stockman and had lived in Colorado about fifteen years.

Body Identified.

Temple, Tex., Jan. 3.—Yesterday's daily papers contained an item from Rio Visti, near Cleburne, telling of the finding of the body of a boy, which had been mangled on the Santa Fe track.

It develops that the boy was Short Jackson, of this city, whose father is a machinist here and who has a married sister, Mrs. Donald Breece, with whom he made his home. It seems that in company with two other boys, Russ and Potts, young Jackson went to Fort Worth on Wednesday night. According to the boys' story, the three started on the return home and met up with a man, who tried to induce Jackson to join him on a tour. Jackson refused and a quarrel followed. Jackson got up on top of the car and the boys supposed he made it to the caboose or engine, and thought nothing more of it until they got to Temple and learned yesterday that Jackson had not returned, and later, of the finding of the mangled body. The two boys were sent to Rio Visti yesterday to identify the body, which, from all descriptions, must be that of Short Jackson.

Cut By Prisoner.

Temple, Tex., Jan. 4.—Special "Katy" Officer W. B. Farmer, was last night quite seriously cut on his way up town from the Wallahan saloon, having in charge a prisoner under arrest for drunkenness. The prisoner had requested to see a friend to go his bond and on the way there, showed fight, apparently slapping at Mr. Farmer, who struck him with his pistol. The prisoner, being the larger man of the two, succeeded in getting away, when Mr. Farmer discovered he had been cut. He discharged his pistol to attract help, which soon arrived, and he was assisted to a physician who dressed the wounds. A deep and ugly gash on the neck is the most serious wound and there are two others on the face and cheek bone that may leave very ugly scars. One of the wounds was dangerously near the jugular vein, but it is not thought they will prove fatal. Mr. Farmer is resting easy this morning.

Minnie Cox Leaves.

Indianola, Miss., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Minnie Cox, the colored postmistress of this place, on account of whose resignation the Government ordered the postoffice here closed, left Indianola to-night for Birmingham, Ala., accompanied by her mulatto assistant. It is now thought there is little danger of further trouble, and although the sentiment of the people is against the action of the Government in closing the office on account of the consequent partial paralysis of business, no violence is anticipated. Before she left to-night, Mrs. Cox made a statement in which she denied that she had been subjected to any indignities, and stated that no violence had been threatened her. She said, however, that she would not again take the office of postmaster under any circumstances. Her husband, who is employed in the United States railway mail service, also made a statement, in which he said that his wife had not been threatened, but that he understood the race problem in the South, and had advised her to give up the place.

"There is no doubt," he continued, "that there is a general sentiment here against a negro postmaster."

Soldier Runs Amuck.

Brackett, Tex., Jan. 6.—There was great excitement on the streets Sunday evening when officers were sent from the post to arrest a half-drunken soldier. When the guard appeared to arrest him he fired several shots into the ground about the officers, then leaped on a horse belonging to a citizen and went in a gallop up the Kickapoo road, firing his revolver and reloading as he rode along.

At one time he fired into a crowd of young ladies, but fortunately no one was hurt. Sheriff Levering sent his deputy, John Doolley, and two special officers, John Sheedy and Walter Balantyne, to assist him. When they closed in on him the soldier fired about eighteen shots at Doolley, eight at Sheedy and several times at Balantyne. The officers shot also, but the bullets of both pursuers and pursued went wild.

The soldier ran to the gate near Mr. G. A. Anderson's, and then turned up the fence toward the gate on the McKavitt road. By this time the town was alarmed, and many citizens turned out with revolvers and Winchesters and joined the pursuit. Finally, seeing he was being closed in on horseback, the soldier left his horse and started on foot through the fence toward Las Moras mountain. Walter Balantyne followed him on foot and when closing in on him the desperate man snapped his revolver in Balantyne's face. Had it not been for a faulty cartridge, Balantyne would have been a dead man, but he escaped by accident. He knocked his man down with his Winchester and captured him. He now lies in the Kinney county jail, awaiting trial.

Rev. Rankin After the Gamblers.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 6.—Rev. George C. Rankin of the Dallas Law and Order League, started out late last night on a personal crusade against gambling. During the last thirty days gambling has been run more boldly in Dallas than for five years. Rev. Rankin visited three "swell" club rooms last night. In the third he was identified after he had stood warming at a stove for five minutes then there was a stampede. Rev. Rankin went before the grand jury to-day with a long list of names. Many gamblers left town before night. Rev. Rankin said this evening: "I desired to ascertain if gambling was wide open in Dallas. I ascertained. In one club room, I counted eighty players; in another fifty; in the third more than 200. They were playing poker, faro, roulette and other games. Many of the players were young men, who belong to what are known as the best families of Dallas."

Boy and Horses Cremated.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 4.—Fire this morning destroyed the large stables and one of the warehouses of Hughes Bros. plant for the manufacture of extracts and kindred goods at Ervay street and Hughes Circle. A 16-year-old boy, J. H. Williams, sleeping in the stable loft, and twenty-three horses were burned to death. All the transportation equipment, feed and machinery were destroyed, and in the warehouse large quantities of manufactured product and raw stock were burned. The losses are estimated to be \$50,000, the insurance from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

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Herman Harper, of Harper, was among the visitors in Kerrville Tuesday.

Emil Karger, of Comfort, was among the visitors in Kerrville Wednesday.

You can't tell our desiccated coconut from the fresh grated. Ask to see it. J. L. PAMPPELL.

County clerk J. M. Hamilton returned Tuesday from a business trip to San Antonio.

Murray Vann, of the Ingram community, was among the visitors in Kerrville Wednesday.

Buy cream of chocolate at Pamppell's Needs no cream, needs no sugar, for drinking or cooking.

W. R. Price returned Monday from Harper, where he has been for the past two weeks, visiting relatives.

J. M. Hankins, Sr., returned on Friday of last week from San Antonio, where he had been with a big shipment of hogs.

Miss Grace O'Bannon, who teaches in the Tivy High School, returned Sunday, from a holiday visit to her home at Sherman.

Miss Edna Faquahr, who teaches in the Tivy High School, returned Sunday from La Grange, where she had been spending the holiday vacation with relatives.

G. W. Farris, of Medina, was in the city Monday. Mr. Farris was on his way home from Llano, where he had been spending the holidays. He reports heavy rains in that section.

J. H. Bate, of Marietta, Ga., is a guest at the Hutchison. Mr. Bate's family will join him shortly and they will occupy the Goulding cottage on Water street.

Wieners at Walther's. N. R. Scarborough, of Center Point, was in Kerrville Wednesday. A. M. Henderson of Ingram, was in Kerrville Tuesday.

Hugo Weidenfeld, of Comfort, was in Kerrville Monday.

If you want something good for dinner, order some fresh sour kraut from W. W. Noll, phone No. 33.

Robert Gregory of San Antonio, is visiting his brother, W. V. Gregory, of this city.

Preston Cook and family of Cherokee, spent the holidays with Mr. Cook's sister, Mrs. Chas. Price.

Sunday school and singing at the Union church every Sunday at 2:00 p. m. Everybody invited. J. W. JUMP, Supt.

We sell San Antonio cream bread and will deliver it at your residence any time. Call phone 34, Baldrige & Dawson.

Misses Abbie and Mattie Cook, of Harper, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Price, this city, during the holidays.

Charles T. De'vees and Miss Claribel Dewees spent last week with their sister, Mrs. J. T. S. Gammon. They returned to their home in San Antonio Sunday.

Little Miss Phenie Lackey, of San Antonio, who has been spending the holidays with her cousin, Master Richard Hayes McCardell, left Tuesday for her home.

Judge Lee Wallace returned last Saturday from a two weeks' visit to his old home in Van Zandt county. Lee says the people there have an abundance of spare rib, ribbon cane syrup, yellow yams and the trimmings, and are prosperous and happy.

Ira McDonald, of Harper was in Kerrville Monday. Jas. Matthews, of Japonica, was in Kerrville Wednesday.

All the good fresh eggs you want for 20 cts. a dozen at W. W. Noll, phone No. 33.

Sheriff J. T. Moore made a business trip to San Antonio the first of the week.

For Rent at Center Point.
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Stray Hog.
I have an unmarked Berkshire sow at my place near Kerrville, that is strayed. The owner may have same by proving property and paying for my trouble. S. ECKSTEIN.

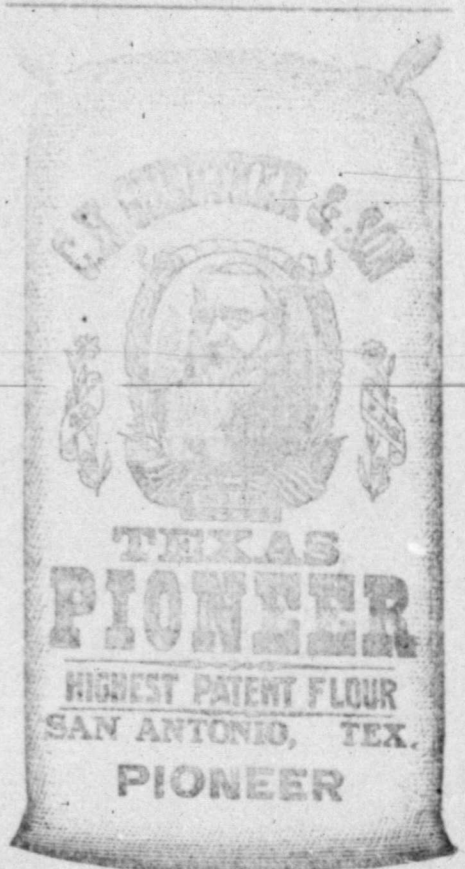
Public Notice.
From this date until further notice I shall not be at my office on Thursday and Friday as I shall spend these two days of each week visiting the various schools of the county. On the remaining four days of the week I will be at my office at the courthouse. JULIUS REAL, County Judge Kerr Co.

Street Improvement.
Water street, one of the main thoroughfares of the city is closed between Quinlan and Clay streets, for repairs. Street Commissioner Thomas is busy with the street gang removing the old wooden bridge at the crossing of Clay and Water streets, and replacing it with large tiling, over which the street will be graded. When completed this will be one of the most valuable pieces of street improvement ever done in the city.

The Killing of Will Turk.
Last week's issue of the Star contained an account of the killing of Will Turk, at Hope, N. M. Since that time we have learned that Will Turk, who formerly lived in Kerr county, has been for many years in the stock business in Mexico, and was, at the time of his death, a wealthy sheep grower. Mr. Turk and his brother had come across the line into New Mexico for the purpose of purchasing supplies and while in Hope, Will Turk requested a settlement of an old claim, which he had against McDonald. During the settlement a quarrel arose and the two men fought. Afterward, when Turk was fixing to leave town, and was standing talking to a friend, McDonald came out of his saloon, armed and began firing on Turk. Three shots taking effect and killing Turk instantly. McDonald was arrested and placed in jail at Carlsbad, N. M., to await the action of the grand jury.

Masonic School of Instruction.
W. W. Peavy, a member of the Masonic Committee on Work, will be in Kerrville, Friday, January 16 to hold a Masonic School of Instruction, for one week. All neighboring lodges are cordially invited to attend. H. REMSHEL, W. M., Kerrville Lodge 697, A. F. & A. M.

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City Treasurer's Report.
The following is a summary of the City Treasurer's report from September 30, 1902 to January 3, 1903:
January 3, By Cash General Fund \$222.76; Sinking Fund \$174.98; Road and Bridge \$103.75; Total cash on hand \$501.49.
I certify that the above is correct. L. A. SCHREINER, City Treasurer.
Examined by Finance Committee January 6th, 1903 and found correct.
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"But where to find that happiest spot below; Who can direct, when all pretend to know?" —Goldsmith.

Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good crop raiser. Not only cattle, but wheat, cotton, corn, feed-stuffs, cantaloupes, garden truck and good health flourish here—in a district where malaria is impossible and very little doing for jails and hospitals.

Land, which is being sold at really low figures—the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and farms and ranches of all sizes, very happily located, are being purchased daily.

We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little book, published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statements of what PEOPLE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED along the line of

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Bill Sewell, Roosevelt's Guest.

President Roosevelt has invited Bill Sewell, of Island Falls, a guide in the Maine woods; to visit the White House, and he and his wife will go to Washington early in February. When the president was in Bangor last August he met the old guide, with whom he has been acquainted since he was 17 years old, and entertained him at luncheon at the Bangor house. Later Sewell accompanied the president and party to Ellsworth, where they were entertained by Senator Hale. When President Roosevelt owned a Western ranch, several years ago, Sewell was one of the foremen of the place.

A "Pass" From President Ingalls.

President Ingalls of the Big Four road writes an execrable hand, and a farmer living near Springfield, Ohio, is glad of it. One day Mr. Ingalls was riding over a division of the road and came within smelling distance of a particular emphatic hog pen owned by a farmer. Next day he wrote an autograph letter to the agriculturist, complaining of his hog pen. The farmer could not read a word of it and showed the missive to a Big Four agent. The latter could not make anything out of it either, but said it looked like the passes sometimes used by President Ingalls. This was a suggestion to the farmer, who declares that he made several trips on the road, using the illegible scrawl as a pass, before the conductors discovered that it was a protest instead.

Has Had 22,000 Proposals.

M. Paul du Chaillu, the African explorer, during the course of a lecture given at St. Petersburg, related that during his sojourn in West Africa he had received 22,000 offers of marriage. One black king offered him 753 brides in a single day. He had explained that if he married one the other 752 would be jealous. The king quite agreed with him, and invited him to marry all of them.

A Mark Twain Story.

A friend once wrote to Mark Twain asking his opinion on a certain matter and received no reply. He waited a few days and then wrote again. His second letter was also ignored. Finally he sent a third note, enclosing a sheet of paper and a 2-cent stamp. By return post he received a postal card on which was the following: "Paper and stamp received. Please send envelope."

Dumas' Pedigree.

All his life, the elder Dumas, author of "Monte Christo," "The Musketeers" and many other famous works, was taunted with his negro descent; the caricaturists and lampooners, with execrable taste, made the crisp hair and lean calves of the quadron the subject of innumerable gibes. A person more remarkable for inquisitiveness than for correct breeding once took the liberty to question the romancer rather closely concerning his genealogical tree. "You are a quadron, M. Dumas?" he began. "7800S., 890S., 90S., 10S., 11S." "I am, sir," replied the author. "And your father?" "Was a mulatto." "And your grandfather?" "A negro," hastily answered Dumas, whose patience was waning fast—to fast for him to trouble about accuracy. "And may I inquire what your grandfather was?" "An ape, sir!" thundered the great man—"an ape, sir! My pedigree commences where yours terminates!"

A Rival for Cushman.

Mr. Cushing, of Washington state, may have a rival in witty speaking with the next house of representatives. The prospective candidate for the honors is "Jad-am" Bede, of Pine City, Minn. Mr. J. Adam Bede is in great demand as an after-dinner speaker and for making addresses on all sorts of public occasions. He has three or four lectures, which he has delivered from time to time that are said to be not only bright and scintillating, but tunny enough to make his hearers fall off their chairs. Personally, Mr. Bede is regarded by many as a "dead ringer" for Whitcomb Riley. He publishes a weekly paper known as Bede's Budget, in which are many pithy paragraphs. Everywhere out West he has been a howling success, and the only fear that his friends have is that in congress he may find himself in too deep water, as many a man with a local reputation for ability in some particular field has done.

Some Pen Names.

Pen names are coming into fashion again. In the old days men and women used to choose two or three and write under them as well as under their own—or worse. Many writers do better work when in hiding, but they obtain less personal advertising. A young writer, now considerably sought after, is "Theodora Garrison." Some admirers think her superior to "John Winwood." Others regard Miss McCrea Pickering as in advance of both. And not one reader in a million knows that this trinity is one flesh, and that she is the fair daughter of Silas V. Pickering, wit and philosopher. Miss Pickering's output is so large that magazine editors do not like to publish all of it under one name. To do so would smack of favoritism.

Had Nothing But Pedigree.

William Few Chrystie, a man whose history was entirely ancestral, died at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, Wednesday, in his 80th year. He was an alumnus of Columbia college and of Harvard law school, but he never did anything but take care of his property. He had forbears that did things however. His paternal grandfather, Major James Chrystie, was one of Washington's confidential officers; his mother's father was William Few, the first United States senator from Georgia and afterward a leading New York banker. One of his great-grandfathers was James Nicholson, the second commander-in-chief of the navy.

Petroleum Habit in Paris.

The petroleum habit is said to be assuming alarming proportions in Paris, and the medical societies demand of the authorities immediate steps for its abatement. Some have ascribed this habit to the increase of the alcohol tax, but an investigation of the vice shows that it was prevalent long before the alcohol tax was imposed, and that it has been growing all the time. Physicians do not agree as to all the effects produced by it, but they do agree as to its general harmfulness. It is said not to make the victim brutal, but stupid, despondent and morose. That in France, the land of cheap and good wines, men should take to drinking petroleum as a beverage is passing strange, not to say incomprehensible.

Wouldn't Separate 'Em.

Wayne MacVeagh, who is thought to have won no better than second money in his recent duel of wits with John Mitchell, was at a dinner in Philadelphia some years ago at the home of the late George B. Roberts, president of the Pennsylvania road, for which Mr. MacVeagh was then solicitor. Archbishop Ryan was also a guest. Turning to the archbishop MacVeagh said: "Mr. Roberts has given us all free passes to his place. Can't you return the favor by giving him a freepass to heaven?" "I am afraid it might separate him from his solicitor," was the archbishop's reply.

Some Average Earnings.

Announcement in the British Medical Journal that the average income for physicians is \$2,500 a year has caused much controversy. It is maintained that only a small number can earn so much, even after years of arduous work. In this country some average incomes are averaged thus: Surgeons, \$2,000; physicians, \$1,750; lawyers, \$1,250; journalists, \$1,000; clergymen, \$900; artists, \$750; authors, \$500; nurses, \$300.

One Preacher's Work.

Rev. C. A. Herrman, of Hamilton, O., has announced his retirement. While serving as a pastor in Hamilton he has baptized 2782 infants, confirmed 1716 children, solemnized 963 marriages, preached 1796 funeral sermons and has had over 25,000 communicants. He was ordained at Albany, N. Y., and came to Hamilton in 1866 as pastor of St. Joseph's church. He has truly been with many members of his flock from the cradle to the grave.

Absent-Minded Duke.

General Basil Duke is supposed to be about the most absent-minded man in Kentucky. He has been known to pass his wife in the street without recognizing her. A short time ago the general's son, who had been away for some time, returned to Louisville and boarded a street car for home. At the next corner the general got off and the young man rose and extended his hand. His father shook it heartily and said: "How are you this morning, and how is your father?"

Man and Horse.

In his autobiography Kruger relates a story of Bismarck; it is the only thing he records in his visit to Berlin in 1884. Bismarck has stumbled on the stairs of the palace and the old emperor said jokingly: "Prince, you are growing old." "Yes, majesty," replied Bismarck, "it's usually the case that the horse grows old before his rider."

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THE people have long known that the United States possessed a "white elephant" in the Philippines, but the \$300,000 recently asked for by Secretary Root for aid in the Archipelago, is proof conclusive that we have acquired a gigantic poor house as well.

THERE is now a very flattering prospect that Kerr county will harvest the biggest crop of wheat and oats, of its history this year. All grain is in prime condition, copious rains have fallen during the past three months, the ground is thoroughly soaked and but little rain in the spring will be required to make all small grain crops.

THE people who had deposits in Mr. Wettermark's bank probably wish that the Chinese law in regard to bank failures, applied in America. In China the officials of a defaulting bank are punished with death, and it is said there has not been a bank failure in that country for a thousand years. It is fairly safe to presume that no man is ever guilty of a second offense of that nature in China.

THE Government snagboat, Howell, is operating in the channel of Red river and indications are now good that the stream will be made navigable to a point near Denison. If this enterprise results favorable it means the saving of much money in freight rates to north and northeast Texas. Much of the credit for securing government aid in this enterprise is due to the press of that section, the Denison Herald being the prime mover in the scheme.

A Romantic Story.

With its usual enterprise, The Galveston News has succeeded in purchasing the right from the publishers of the new romantic story, "Gabriel Tolliver" and it is now appearing in the Galveston Sunday News and the Galveston semi-weekly News. This new novel by Joel Chandler Harris, the South's most famous author, is meeting with an unprecedented run through booksellers at \$1.50. It won't cost you half that sum in the Sunday News at 5 cents a copy; besides which you get the best Sunday newspaper in the South.

The News has recently reduced the price of its daily and Sunday edition to 75 cents a month, delivered or by mail; \$2.10 for three months, by mail only; \$4.00 for six months, by mail only, and \$7.50 for one year, by mail only. Other serial stories will follow "Gabriel Tolliver," equally as fascinating and attractive.

North Texas has had her share of rain and cold this fall and winter, and all the old sages say that this is a sure sign of a very fine crop year next summer. If it is a sign, then the pumpkins and ears of corn will have to be hauled in flatcars—ordinary wagons will not do.—Denison Herald.

Ross Irvin, of West Texas Military Academy of San Antonio, spent the holidays with his aunt Mrs. W. W. Allen.

The Cooking School.

The Kerrville Woman's Club has inaugurated a new departure, in Kerrville this week, in the series of lectures on household economics by Miss Maria Daniell, of the Boston cooking school, who is traveling under the auspices of the American Federation of Woman's Clubs. This course of lectures is, in common parlance, a "cooking school" of the highest efficiency. The class, numbering fifty of the leading ladies of the city, meet in the afternoon of each day. The school takes up one article of diet at a time, and this article is prepared in every detail and discussed in every feature from the putting on of the apron to the eating of the finished product. The whole gamut of edibles is included in the course from the best way to cook "jowl and greens" to the most effective manner of preparing the rarest delicacies of the culinary art and the palate tickling tid bits of the epicurian world.

The ladies of Kerrville, no doubt, possess a knowledge of household affairs far above the average, and yet Miss Daniell is doing a splendid work here. She is peerless in her profession and handles the matter in hand, in a masterly manner. The Woman's Club is to be congratulated upon having secured her services, and the husbands and families of the ladies who attend the school will reap a benefit from the knowledge the class has acquired in the science of household economics in concurrence with the laws of hygiene.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Commander of the Universe to remove from our camp our beloved and much esteemed Sovereign, Grubb Hamilton, therefore be it resolved, that in his death, Cypress Camp, No. 58, Woodmen of the World, suffers the loss of a faithful member, an honest and upright man, a good citizen, and one who merited the respect of all who knew him. And, be it further resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we deeply regret the loss of our friend and sovereign and extend to the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow and affliction, and be it further resolved: That our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that these resolutions be spread upon the minute book of this camp, be published in the MOUNTAIN SUN and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

R. H. P. WRIGHT, } Com.
J. L. VINING, }
AUGUST HENKE. }

Woodmen Install Officers.

At the regular meeting of Cypress Camp, No. 58, Woodmen of the World, which was held at Woodman Hall Wednesday night the following officers were installed:

Chas. Real, C. C.; J. L. Vining, Adv. Lieut.; H. G. Koester, Clerk; A. W. Henke, Banker; W. H. Newton, Escort; Herman Grona, Watchman; W. E. Newton, Sentry; W. E. Williams, Manager; E. E. Palmer and R. H. P. Wright, Physicians.

Chas. Real was elected delegate to the Head Camp, which meets at San Antonio in March, and A. W. Henke was elected alternate.

Service at the Baptist church, morning and night; the pastor will preach. Communion after morning service. All members are urged to be present and the public is cordially invited to spend a pleasant hour of worship with us.

G. D. Anderson & Co.,

Store Near Depot---Kerrville, Texas.

... WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN ...

General Merchandise.

We have a very large warehouse and buy all our goods in car lots for cash. Our warehouse being situated by the R. R. track, enables us to handle our goods for less than our competitors.

Press Comments.

The Kerrville Mountain Sun got out a very creditable Christmas edition, last week.—Bandera Enterprise.

The holiday edition of that excellent paper, the Mountain Sun of Kerrville, was a typographical beauty and the matter it contained was par excellence. Bro. Grinstead is a first-class newspaper man and has an excellent plant with which to do work.—San Saba Star.

The Kerrville Sun's very handsome descriptive edition is on our table and it is just such a feat as one would expect from so thorough a newspaper man as Editor Grinstead. It is replete with timely, well written articles and striking half-tone engravings, all of which put its city and section in its most inviting aspect.—Cuero Star.

The Kerrville Sun got out in holiday attire last week. A special edition of 16 pages containing fine illustrations of rural and urban scenery, ranch and home life, besides photos of many of Kerr county's business men. New type, finest mechanical work and free-lance originality of mind went in the make-up of this, the sprightliest exchange that lands once a week in the Herad sanctuary. The Sun would be a great paper if published in a health resort like Mason.—Mason Herald.

Public Notice.

I am agent for the Ramsay Nurseries at Austin. I am selling trees to be delivered in February. I shall visit as many people as possible in the next four weeks and respectfully request all parties wishing to put out trees next month, to drop me a card and I will call on them and take orders.

Yours Truly,
I. M. WEBB.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c, at Rock Drug Store.

Dr. Homer T. Wilson III

Manager Pampell received a telegram from Dr. Homer T. Wilson yesterday canceling his engagement to lecture at Pampell's Opera House last night. This was a great disappointment to the people, but Manager Pampell assures them that Dr. Wilson will lecture here in the near future.

Kerrville Book Store

Carries a Nice Line of

Stationery, Blank Books, School Books, School Supplies, Late Books, Paper Back Novels, Waterman's Fountain Pens, Inks, Laundry Agency

Takes subscriptions for all Newspapers and Magazines.

John C. Graves, Proprietor

Wanted His True Record.

Delegate Rodey, of New Mexico, acknowledges that in the old days, when the territory was new, a good many desperadoes lived there, but he urgently insists that they have all moved away or died, principally died, of course. When Arthur was in the White House from 1520 to 1566. Only one sultan in the nineteenth century, only one in the eighteenth and only one in the seventeenth ruled longer than Abdul, most of his predecessors having been slain or put in chains before their friends were able to wish them many happy returns of their 60th birthday.

Genealogy of the Smith Family.

One of the largest genealogies ever undertaken has been partly completed at Oxford in the history of the Smith family. The investigations have not been carried beyond the fourteenth century, although Professor Mahaffy discovered a record of a brewer named Smith in a Pterrie papyrus dated two centuries before Christian era.

Saved.

He—Did you hear about that Minnesota man who committed suicide because he couldn't get married?

She—Oh, Mr. Biggles, would you do such a thing?

He—I don't know I might if—
She—Percival! Take me. I couldn't live with such a thing on my conscience.

A Marvelous Invention.

Wonders never cease. A machine has been invented that will cut, paste and hang wall paper. The field of invention and discoveries seem to be unlimited. Notable among great discoveries is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It has done a world of good for weak lungs and saved many a life. Thousands have used it and conquered Grip, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Consumption. Their general verdict is: "It's the best and most reliable medicine for throat and lung troubles. Every 50c and \$1.00 bottle is guaranteed by Rock Drug Store.—Trial bottles free.

We Hold the Record.

We not infrequently hear of record non-stopping runs on English railways. For instance, the king's Great Western special, from Plymouth to Paddington, covered the whole length of 264 3/4 miles without any intermediate halt, and the Irish viceroy's London and North-western special ran from Euston to Holyhead, 264 miles, stopping at no point midway.

But, as Page's Magazine points out, these were not records. The record run in England was made on the London and Northwestern in 1895, when a train ran without stopping from Euston to Carlisle, a distance of 299 1/4 miles. In America, on the Pennsylvania railroad in 1876, a train ran from Jersey City to Pittsburg and back again without the wheels once ceasing to revolve, a distance of 438 1/2 miles, in ten hours, five minutes.

Memory.

"A granite tablet" remarked the moralizer, "is a splendid thing to perpetuate one's memory."

"Yes," replied the demoralizer, "but personally I prefer a string around my finger."

Deadly Effect of Fear.

Fear causes more disease than do microbes, more deaths than famine, more failures than poisons. It costs more than war, is always a failure, and is never necessary. Fear weakens the heart's action, induces indigestion, invites indigestion, produces poison through decomposing foods, and is the mother of auto-poisoning, which either directly causes or greatly aids in the production of quite 90 per cent of all our diseases.—G. F. Beacham, M. D., in Health.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Farm for Sale.

160 acres deeded land, 25 acres in cultivation, also 157 acres leased land. Fairly good house. Apply to B. J. Coleman or this office.

HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

Don't forget the "Star Brand" shoes. Sold by Dietert Bros.

J. L. McElroy of Center Point, was in Kerrville Thursday.

For any kind of feed call on Dietert Bros.

Capt. Charles Schreiner made a business trip to San Antonio Tuesday.

If the weather is too bad to go to the Famous for what you need just call up Phone 67.

Dr. Edward Galbraith,



Dentist

Office Over Rock Drug Store Kerrville, Texas.

Heinz's fresh barrel pickles and kraut at the Famous.

Adolph Boldt, of Houston, was a guest at the St. Charles Thursday.

Guy Tarleton, of Junction, was a guest at the St. Charles Wednesday.

J. S. Fitzsimmons, of Waelder, was a guest at the St. Charles Thursday.

Jas. Winn, of Rock Springs, was among the guests at the Gerdes Tuesday.

J. W. Denny, of Gatesville, was registered at the Gerdes Wednesday.

Capt. J. L. Phillips, the "sage of Kelley's cove", was in Kerrville yesterday.

Otto Hekamp, the Moline Plow specialist, was a guest at the St. Charles Thursday.

George Anderson, of the Divise, was registered at the Gerdes on Saturday of last week.

W. C. Harmon, of Waco, was among the guests at the Gerdes Saturday of last week.

Charles Barrett, a prosperous stockman from the head of the Llano, was a guest at the Gerdes the first of the week.

Mrs. C. F. Bonnell, of Camp Verde, spent this week with Mrs. M. A. Parsons and attended the Woman's Club Cooking School.

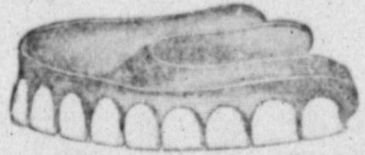
Oklahoma flour "Princess" or "Golden Gate" it is guaranteed to please you or your money refunded. Sold by Dietert Bros.

Dr. R. H. P. Wright left yesterday for Henderson, to attend the bedside of his brother, Mr. Hudson Wright, who is quite ill at his home, near that place.

For First-Class Dentistry,

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DR. W. J. DILLARD,



Kerrville, - - Texas.

A large party of Aransas Pass Railway officials came up from San Antonio Tuesday in the Col. Breckenridge private car. They were making a general tour of inspection over the Kerrville branch.

A. J. Passmore, of Gillespie county, was among the visitors in the city yesterday. Mr. Passmore is a pioneer citizen of Gillespie county, having gone there in 1869, when the Indians and buffalo held sway in West Texas.

1869 Greeting. 1903.

The Charles Schreiner Company, established in 1869, has buffeted the storms of commercial adversity for 33 years. That we have during this long business career enjoyed an ever increasing business and the friendship of an army of satisfied customers, is proof conclusive that our business methods have been correct and our house conducted on the proper principles. We are still doing business at the old stand, and extend the season's greeting to our many friends. We assure you that we have appreciated your patronage in the past and will always extend you a hearty welcome in the future. With the assurance that our latch string ever hangs on the outside, and wishing you a happy and prosperous 1903.

Yours truly,
CHAS. SCHREINER CO.

Salted and Pickled Fish at Walther's.

Good Wishes.

With the beginning of 1903 we wish to offer a mark of our appreciation to our many friends and customers for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed in the past, and extend to them a cordial invitation to make the Household Furniture Store their headquarters whenever they are in the city; again wishing you a happy and prosperous 1903.

Yours truly,
WILLIAMS & FAWCETT.

Fresh cranberries, minced meat, currants, seeded raisins, and citrons at Dietert Bros.

Notice to Taxpayers.

All state and county taxes for 1902, are due and payable on or before January 31, 1903. After that date an additional ten per cent will be collected.

J. T. MOORE,
Tax Collector, Kerr Co.

D. M. Ferry's Seeds, best on earth, at the Famous.

Jack Williams, who had been spending the holidays with relatives in the Turtle Creek community, was in Kerrville Thursday. Mr. Williams has been for the past six months working in the Texas oil fields and says employment is plentiful and wages good there. He left Thursday afternoon for Beaumont.

Aunt Jemima's Pan Cake Flour at the Famous.

The Woman's Club, was honored by a visit on Tuesday from Miss Breckenridge, the president of the San Antonio Woman's Club. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Webb. The club women regret much that on account of her hurried visit between trains they were not all able to meet her.

Oklahoma flour will make you smile. Sold by Dietert Bros.

County Commissioner Karger and road overseer Brown deserve credit for the excellent piece of work recently done at the crossing of the mouth of Quinlan creek. A little smoothing finish on the job will make it an excellent piece of road work, that fills a long felt want.

Mrs. J. H. Bates and children of Marietta, Ga., arrived in Kerrville yesterday to join Mr. Bates, who has been here several days. They will occupy the Goulding cottage, on Water street, for the remainder of the winter.

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Agents for Eclipse and Aermoter Windmills, Collins' Pump Jacks, Yellow Kid Disc Plows, Deering Harvesters and Springfield and Studebaker Wagons and Vehicles.

Pasteur's Vaccine for Blackleg.

From Nashville, Tennessee.

The following letter is self explanatory:

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 3.

EDITOR MOUNTAIN SUN:

My dear sir:—A copy of the Christmas number of your paper has fallen into my hands. I desire first to congratulate you on your enterprise and success.

I have for a time been personally interested in West Texas, having been for ten years previous to 1895 connected with the Chautauqua at San Marcos. I have been inspired by reading your Christmas number and desire to prepare for the "Epworth Era," of which I am editor, an article made up largely from the matter which your Christmas number contains concerning the attractiveness, natural beauty, resources of your section. For this purpose I would like to have the use of the cuts represented by the clippings which I enclose.

Yours truly,

H. M. DE BOSE.

The cuts have been sent to the Era as requested, and we trust the promised write-up of this section will be published in the near future. We all are always glad of an opportunity to do what we can for Southwest Texas.

Church Tea.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will give a church tea at the residence of Mrs. O. Rosenthal on Friday, January 10. Everybody invited.

Col. Sam Durnett, of Harper, was in the city Thursday. Col. Durnett says the Town Creek Hill on the Harper road is in excellent condition, but a heavy rain will injure it greatly unless a ditch is made to protect the grade and he suggests that it be done at once in order to protect the work that has already been done.

C. L. and J. D. Land, of the Noxville community, in Kimble county, were among the visitors in the city Thursday.

Wants \$8,000 for Eye.

Hallettsville, Tex., Jan. 2.—Dan Beverley has instituted suit in the district court of Lavacca county against the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railway company for \$8,000 on account of the loss of an eye and \$2,000 on account of mental anguish. While working as a section hand at Sweet Home a spike broke and a piece flew into and put out one of his eyes. Beverley alleges that he is a minor and suit is brought by his father as next friend.

Not Dutiable.

"Have you any articles of value with you?" asked the customs inspector.

"Nothing," answered the returning traveler, "except a wealthy grass widow, whom I expect to marry as soon as I land."

"Well," mused the inspector, rubbing his chin thoughtfully. "I guess you can take her through, seems to me she will come under the classification of baled hay and that is free."

Fairy Story from Chicago.

A dignified matron called at a newspaper office the other morning and asked:

"Is the editor in?"

"Yes, ma'am," answered a man sitting at a table.

"You had an account in your society column this morning," she said, "of a reception last evening at Mrs. Perrycord's."

"I believe we had."

"I know you had, I am Mrs. Perrycord. I have called to thank you for the excellent manner in which it was written up. There was not a single misstatement in it from first to last. You had the name of every person who was present. Every name was spelled correctly, except one or two, and it was our mistake that you had those wrong. I wish you to know that we appreciate all this, and that I have no fault whatever to find."

Here she stopped. The editor had fallen in a fit.

Planned His Funeral.

Brackett, Tex., Jan. 5—A beautiful funeral service was held here yesterday at the burial of Paul A. Staddler, who died on December 31 in San Antonio.

Mr. Staddler knowing that death was approaching, on December 22, arranged for his own funeral and requested his brothers to see that the plan was carried out. One request was that music should be furnished by the Twelfth Cavalry Military Band, which he always enjoyed so much to hear. Another was that "Nearer, My God, to Thee," should be played by the band while the body was being lowered into the grave. Other directions were given, all of which were faithfully carried out.

A large concourse of friends and relatives of the deceased young man gathered at his home at 2 o'clock and proceeded from there, the Military band leading, to the Episcopal church, at which impressive services were held by Rev. Frances R. Godolphin of Del Rio.

To Carve Jumbo.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 3.—A petition has been circulated in the eastern end of El Paso county asking the next legislature to form a new county out of a strip of territory 100 miles wide. Although that portion of the county is very sparsely settled, there are 130 signers already secured. Opposition to the movement is being met with from prominent citizens of the locality mentioned, as well as from taxpayers here, for all taxable railroad lands and ranches outside of the city limits are in that end of the county. The county as it now stands is known as the Jumbo, and is the largest in the state.

Fell on the Sills.

Bonham, Tex., Jan. 3.—While at work on the new three-story building on North Main street yesterday evening Jesse B. Rilett fell and struck on the floor sills. One rib was broken, his collar bone dislocated and he received a serious wound on the head.

For Sale.

On account of continued bad health I offer at a bargain my farm of 320 acres, 275 head of high grade Merino and Ramboulett sheep; crop of grain of 100 acres, farming implements and 100 cords of dry Spanish oak wood. I have good improvements and anyone wishing a home I will make it to their interest to call and see me or address me at Ingram, Texas.

A. M. HENDERSON.

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GENERAL DIRECTORY.

14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

James L. Slayden, Congressman. Comprises the counties of Bexar, Comal, Kendall, Bandera, Kerr, Gillespie, Blanco, Burnet, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, San Saba, Lampasas, Mills, Brown and Coleman.

24TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Marshall Hicks, Senator. Comprises the counties of Bexar, Bandera, Kendall, Kerr and Gillespie.

9TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

H. M. Nowlin, Representative. Comprises the counties of Kerr, Kendall, Bandera, Edwards and Kimble.

38TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

I. L. Martin, Judge. Levee Old Attorney. Comprises the counties of Zavalla, Uvalde, Edwards, Medina, Bandera, Kendall and Kerr.

Court convenes as follows: Kerr county, the 4th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Kendall county, the 2nd Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Bandera county, the 1st Monday in March and September.

Medina county, the 7th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Uvalde county, the 15th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Edwards county, the 11th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

Zavalla county, the 13th Monday after the 1st Monday in March and September.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Julius Keal, County Judge.	C. C. Lockett, County Attorney.
J. T. Moore, Sheriff and Tax. Col.	J. M. Hamilton, Co. and Dist. Clerk.
Otto Dietert, County Assessor.	Jeff Vining, County Treasurer.
A. L. Starkey, County Surveyor.	

COMMISSIONERS.

F. A. Karger, Precinct 1.	Jas. Crotty, Precinct 2.
Herman Schulze, Precinct 3.	T. J. Moore, Precinct 4.

CITY OFFICERS.

I. E. Grinstead, Mayor.	A. H. Moore, City Attorney.
J. F. Thomas, Marshal.	L. A. Schreiner, Treasurer.
A. R. Jones, Secretary.	W. E. Williams, Alderman.
Jno. H. Ward, Alderman.	B. B. Lowrance, Alderman.
Max Grona, Alderman.	Chas. Mosel, Alderman.

Council meets first and third Tuesdays in month, at the court house.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Kerrville Lodge A. & A. M., No. 607, meets Saturday night on or before the full moon. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.

H. Benschel, W. M. R. H. P. Wright, S. W. J. E. Grinstead, J. W. K. H. Burney, S. D. J. T. Moore, J. D. J. L. Vining, Sec. W. E. Williams, Treas. T. H. McFadin, Tyler. P. A. Crenshaw, Stewards. W. H. Rawson.

Kerrville Lodge Knights of Pythias, No. 166, meets at Castle Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month, corner Main and Tchoupitoulas streets. Visiting Knights are cordially invited to attend.

Jno. H. Ward, C. C. A. B. Williamson, K. of R. and S. Cypress Camp, W. O. W., No. 58, meets every first and third Wednesday night, at Woodmen Hall, corner Main and Mountain streets. Visiting sovereigns cordially invited to attend.

Chas. Reel, C. C. Otto Dietert, Clerk.

Fritz Reuter Lodge Sons of Hermann No. 23, meets on last Saturday night in each month, at their hall over Favorite saloon. Visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

MAX GRONA, President. T. F. W. DEBERT, Secretary.

Labor Gets Injunction.

The first instance of a labor union's request for an injunction against a corporation, and, therefore, the first instance of the granting of such a request, has occurred in South Jersey. Justice Grey, of Camden, has granted on the application of the Glass Bottle Blowers' Association, of the United States and Canada, an order to show cause why an injunction should not issue to restrain the Jonas Glass Company of Minotola (near Vineland, in Atlantic county), from interfering with strikers. Vice Chancellor Grey said that he took this action after much thought, believing that the question should be brought into court.

The Biggest Man.

Edward Beaupre, who is visiting relatives in Kankakee, Ill., is said to be the largest man in the world. He is 8 feet 3 1-2 inches tall, weighs 370 pounds, wears a No. 10 hat, a No. 22 shoe and a No. 21 collar. His chest measure is 56 inches. He is 21 years old and was born near Winnipeg, of French-Canadian parents, whose statures were not above the average. "Am I strong in proportion to my size?" Beaupre said once. "Well, you may decide." With the remark he walked out of a local restaurant into the street, threw his arm around the body of a farmer's horse, and lifted the animal off its feet. When Beaupre was 10 years old he was 6 feet 3 inches tall. "That fact enabled me to escape one thing few boys do escape," remarked the giant when comment was made on his early growth. "My father's clothes were never cut down to fit me. He was only 5 feet 8 inches." For a time Beaupre was a cowboy in Montana. His horse was too great for the horse he had to ride, so he gave up the occupation. During his cowboy experience a pony kicked him and broke his jawbone, leaving a bad scar. But for this he would be as handsome as he is strong. In hotels he has to sleep on the floor, because all beds are too short for him. In sleeping cars he utilizes two upper berths. "I get along all right," said he, "except for one thing—I am so big that all girls are scared at seeing me, and I have not yet found a sweetheart."

Dwarfs Made to Order.

Some interest is being aroused in Madras at present by the exhibition of two dwarfs who are alleged to be over 50 years of age, and are brother and sister. These beings are not only small but distorted. It is believed that dwarfs are "manufactured" in India. There is a practice extant in the Punjab of elongating infants' heads so as to render them out of all proportion to the body. The effect of compression on the brain renders the victims idiotic. They are then sent around to beg, and in their peregrinations visit the Madras and Bombay presidencies. An instinct akin to that of an animal, however, still lives in the distorted beings, and invariably brings them back to their masters. They are known as "Shah Shuja's mice," from the name of the temple where they are manufactured. The children, it is stated are vowed to the temple by fanatical women.

Ears as Identification Marks.

Alphonse Berillon, of anthropometric fame, has undertaken to educate the Paris police in the art of describing faces. An interesting part of the instruction is that special value is attached to the ear. No two ears are alike. Therefore, that organ is chosen as the base of the system employed. Close attention is also given to noses. Each policeman gets an album containing 1000 photographs—full face and profile—of persons expelled from Paris. To facilitate the research these portraits are grouped methodically according to height, ear and nose. It is believed that when the police become familiar with Berillon's system recognition of criminals will be greatly facilitated.

A Congressman's Good "Graft."

That thrifty statesman, Congressman William F. Lorimer, of Chicago, is partner in the photograph concession at the St. Louis world's fair. The other member of the partnership is a Chicago photographer, who estimates the probable earnings of the concession at about \$200,000.

Passing of the Silk Hat.

The man crowned with a silk hat is not much in evidence as he used to be. Careful observation, says a New York observer, shows that the respectability, or the insignificance of sportiveness, seems to be slightly out of favor; at least, "it is so in Denmark"—that is to say, in New York. That the silk hat is to be relegated with the coonskin cap of our squirrel-hunting grandfathers, to the glass cases, according to the haters is not to be presumed. It is true that John W. Gates and other men of more or less prominence are seen around the big hotels in the evening wearing silk hats; but the rule is that the man in a dress suit wears an opera hat. The silk hat worn by the man in a "Tuxedo," according to the apparent dictates of fashion at present, is about as permissible as wearing tan shoes with the same garments. With the long tails of the dress suit the silk hat, according to the present fashion, is about as much out of order as if the wearer should appear in his pajamas at the opera. The high hat, however, has not lost its favor with the politicians, and has gained an amazing popularity on the East side and the Bowery, where, to be without one on the occasion of a wedding, funeral, or to go to church with, is a seeming mark of extreme poverty.

Got His Money, Anyway.

In an Australian theater recently a man arose in the front row of the gallery during the third act and remarked: "This is a bad play, and the acting is even worse than the play." The leading actor came to the footlights and retorted: "You've no right to interrupt. If you don't like it, get outside." "Excuse me," rejoined the maleconist, "I have the right to criticise what I have paid for. If I buy a pound of butter and find it is bad I say so. I have bought a shilling's worth of this show and it is an imposition. I want my money back." At this point a stalwart attendant interposed. Clanking, unparliamentary language and smashing of furniture ensued. Eventually the champion of playgoers' rights emerged triumphant from the fray, holding a shilling on high, he exclaimed: "It's all right; I've got my money back. The play can now proceed."

It Was "Wuth It."

Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, for many years presiding bishop of the Episcopal church in America, and who lived all his life as a bachelor, was talking one day with a young man from the West about a tax a Western State was trying to impose on bachelors, the tax to be increased a certain per cent for every ten years of bachelorhood. "Why, bishop," said the young man, "at your age you have to pay about \$100 a year." "Well," said the bishop, quietly, and in his oldtime vernacular, "it's wuth it."

A Woman Coal Operator.

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ture that was easily imposed on,
and his enormous capacity for good
fellowship often made him a very
useful tool in the hands of design-
ing men. It is said that the Balti-
more and Ohio railroad was
wrecked through his ability to
worn out of Robert Garrett, se-
cret information concerning the
proposed purchase of the Philadel-
phia, Wilmington and Baltimore
railroad. While a high liver, Gar-
rett could stand but little whiskey.
Ochiltree could tote a barrel. The
two met in the Hoffman house,
and after a few drinks the president
of the B. & O. told all about the
expected deal. That very night a
telegram was sent to Philadelphia
advising the Pennsylvania manage-
ment of the move, and when Gar-
rett awoke on the following day
the P. W. & B. was owned by the
"Standard Railroad of America."

Dan Stuart's Comment.

When Dan Stuart, the sporting
man, was in London seeing the
sights a few years ago, he was
present at a function in the Guild-
hall. A large person arose habited
in splendid robes such as some of
our justices wear. "Who's that?"
gasp'd the man who "pulled off"
the Fitzsimmons-Corbett fight at
Carson City. "That," said the
sport who had Dan in tow, "is the
gent whose whiskey you drink in
America—that is Thomas Robert
Dewar, sheriff of the city of Lon-
don." "Sheriff, did you say?"
"Sheriff, yes, sheriff." After si-
lently contemplating the dignity
for several minutes Dan remarked:
"Sheriff! Just imagine that fellow
going up against Bill Dalton and a
posse down in Indian Territory!"

No "House of Seven Gables."

A cousin of the late Nathaniel
Hawthorne, who lives in Salem,
says there never was a
House of Seven Gables in that
town. He tells the Boston Jour-
nal that Hawthorne came down to
visit me shortly before his
death, and we rambled about the
old haunts of his early days. I
was particular to ask him to point
out, if he could, the famous House
of Seven Gables, because at that
time the controversy existed in
some degree. "There never was
any," was his immediate reply to
me. "I never had any particular
house in my mind when I wrote
the story. It was just a fancy of
my own."

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mayor, president or director of a
half a hundred prosperous corpo-
rations, banker, ex-chairman of the
London Chamber of Commerce,
Elder Brother of the Trinity House
and ex-royal commissioner for the
Chicago Exhibition, one of his ma-
jesty's lieutenants for the city of
London, vice president of the Na-
tional Fish Culture Association and
many other things. He is one of
the big ship owners in the world
and a knight commander of the
crown of Italy. He owns palaces
in London, Windsor and Paris, is
50 years old and worth \$50,000,000.

Waited for Cannon.

Uncle Joe Cannon is surely be-
coming a great man. The other
day the house took a recess of ten
minutes because he was not in his
seat and could not be found. The
bill appropriating \$50,000 for the
expenses of the anthracite coal
strike commission was to be called
up. Speaker Henderson looked in-
quiringly at Cannon's seat. It was
vacant. The house sat still and did
nothing for three minutes. Then
Leader Payne said, solemnly: "Mr.
Speaker, I move that the house take
a recess for ten minutes, or until
Mr. Cannon can be found." Mes-
sengers scurried in all directions.
The committee rooms, the library,
the barber shop and the restaurant
were searched. Finally Cannon
was found in the document room,
where he was looking up some
books for a constituent. He came
printing down the center aisle and
the house came to order and busi-
ness proceeded. Meantime Uncle
Joe smiled like a schoolboy who
has been caught in a jam jar.

A Swell Newsboy.

The swellest "newsboy" who ever
pelted "Extree!" in New York
called wares at the entrance to the
Brooklyn bridge early one morning.
With silk-lined overcoat and a dia-
mond scarfpin this eagerly man
took his position at the bridge. A
pair of gold-rimmed spectacles add-
ed dignity to his appearance. The
strange attracted the attention of a
policeman. He said he had been
out to dinner with friends and after
starting for home found he had only
3 cents. The pawnshops were
closed, so he bought 3 cents worth
of evening papers and started to
earn his way across the bridge.

Abdul Hamid's Birthday.

Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Tur-
key, has just celebrated his 60th
birthday. Thirty-four Ottomans
have reigned in Turkey and the
longest reign was fifty years. Soly-
he appointed a man to a place in
the territory. The delegate did not
know the appointee, so he rushed
to a telegraph office and wired his
closest friend in New Mexico:
"Who is So-and-so? Wire me
complete list of criminal charges
against him," taking it for granted
that the party had a record as a
lawbreaker.

Gothenburg System.

Joseph Chamberlain some years
ago visited Sweden on a political
mission of his own, and came back
with a strong belief in the Gothen-
burg system. He went around the
saloons with the chief of police,
and, after some time, said to that
official: "I have seen enough of
this class of house; I want to go to
the worst of Gothenburg." This is
the worst house—this is the very
worst house in Gothenburg," said
the chief constable, and Mr. Cham-
berlain, who declared the house to
be more respectable than dozens
of houses in Birmingham or Lon-
don, fixed his faith in the munici-
palization of the drink trade.

New York's Odd Ways.

They have an odd way in New
York city of dealing with police-
men who have had charges of
neglect of duty and complicity in
crime. They retire them with pen-
sions. It is a short and easy
method, and perhaps it costs less
to retire a police captain on \$1,300
or \$1,500 a year, than to try him
and punish him. The first action
is in the power of the police com-
missioner alone; the other isn't
Captain Timothy J. Creeden, who
admitted in the Lexow investiga-
tion that he had paid \$15,000 to be
promoted to his captaincy, is to get
\$1,350 a year for life.

City Marshal Killed.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 1.—About half of the town of Olla, on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroad, forty miles north of this place, was destroyed by fire this morning and Town Marshal Everett Smith was brutally murdered by unknown persons. About 6 o'clock, when the excitement over the fire was subsiding, Marshal Smith had gone to a saloon to order it closed, as the license expired at midnight. Several persons were in the saloon, drinking. Shortly after he entered the place shots were heard, and when outsiders rushed in they found Smith lying on the floor dead, with six bullet wounds around the heart, any one of which would have caused death. So far the authorities have been unable to fix the killing upon any one.

Seven business buildings, including the postoffice, were destroyed by fire.

It is alleged that the fire was the work of incendiaries.

Smith was 39 years of age, and leaves a family. The officers believe they have the murders spotted and their arrest is expected tomorrow.

Cattle to be expelled.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 4.—As a result of a recent decision of the supreme court relative to the payment of the cattle tax, the entire Indian police force of the Territory have been ordered to the Chickasaw nation and will put all cattle upon which the tax has not been paid, or the owners refuse to pay, out of the Territory. The cattle will be driven off the range, loaded into cars and shipped across the border into Texas. Those that are close to the border will be driven across. In the office of the revenue inspector there is a record of all the cattle upon which the tax has not been paid and a close tab has been kept on all them, at this session, and it will be possible for the Indian police to lay their hands on them on short notice. Most of the cattle that will be removed are in the Chickasaw nation.

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Rats Form Army and Do Battle.

William D. Crawford, 15 years old and living near Lake Hopatcong, N. J., has a band of remarkable rats, which he has trained after six months of hard work.

The first rat was captured in a cage. It was trained after a week of patient work so that it would eat food from the boy's hand. The rat, which was named Scipio, was then released with a small bell around its neck, on the chance that it would return.

For ten days the family heard the bell jingling among the rafters. Then Scipio returned with three other rats, who had presumably been persuaded after listening to the arguments of the former captive. After running about for three hours they finally ate food from the boy's hand under the leadership of Scipio. The work of training then began.

The other rats were then named Bismarck, Gladstone, and Li Hung Chang. Each has an apartment in a cage. At the boy's call each rat will respond to his name, coming forth from the cage with a flag of the nation represented. They form in line and go through military evolutions in sharp time. Then a battle follows. Each rat is armed with a stick, and at the command of Scipio, who acts as referee, they fight sham battles.

Bismarck first engages Gladstone until the latter receives a thump on the head and falls as if dead. Then Scipio battles with Li Hung Chang until the latter runs.

Two Banking Houses Closed.

Nacogdoches, Jan. 5.—This morning when a note was discovered on the door of the bank of A. Wettermark & Son, "Closed for liquidation," the whole community was dumfounded. No one here knew the bank was in trouble.

The assets and liabilities are supposed to be equal, about \$4,000 each. No one knows definitely the cause of the suspension, as Col. B. S. Wettermark is out of the city.

The books of the banks are in the hands of Branch, Matthews, Harris & Beeson, lawyers, and the law firm will not know exactly the amount of assets and liabilities until tomorrow evening.

The short cotton crop and bad collections are said by Col. Wettermark's friends to be the causes of the failure. The following telegram received to-day by June C. Harris, one of the law firm who has charge of the books, papers and accounts of the bank here, from Mr. A. Wettermark, of Henderson is self explanatory:

"I have been forced to suspend on account of conditions at Nacogdoches. As soon as the assets and liabilities at both Nacogdoches and Henderson can be ascertained, a meeting of all the creditors will be called and the matter submitted to them. No assignment, deed of trust or petition in bankruptcy has been filed because I wish to save all expense possible for the benefit of creditors.

"Mr. June Harris is in charge at Nacogdoches and Mr. E. B. Alford at Henderson. With regret.

(Signed) "A WETTERMARK."

The entire community greatly deplores the calamity that has befallen the Wettermark banks. Public confidence still stands strong and public sympathy is unbounded, both at home and abroad. The assets will be kept intact until the meeting is called. No statement has yet been issued.

Special Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned companies will apply to the legislature of the State of Texas, convening in January, 1903, for the passage of a local or special law authorizing the St. Louis, San Francisco and Texas Railway Company to purchase, or to lease for a term of years not exceeding 999 years, all of the railroads constructed, and to be constructed, and all other properties, and all of the rights, franchises and privileges pertaining thereto and to consolidate with its own line and to own and operate under its charter as a part of its own line, and to assume the indebtedness of, the Red River, Texas, and Southern Railway Company, the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Company, the Paris and Great Northern Railroad Company, the Blackwell, Enid and Texas Railway Company, and the Oklahoma City and Texas Railroad Company, or either or any of them, and authorizing the last five named companies, or either or any of them, and their respective stockholders to sell or lease to the first named company all of their said railroads, constructed or to be constructed, and all other properties, rights, franchises and privileges, and authorizing the first named company to construct, own and operate as a part or parts of its own line, the unfinished portion or portions of said five last named companies, or either or any of them, between the termini as defined in their respective charters; and to construct, own, and operate as a part or parts of its line, all extensions and branches of said last five named companies or either or any of them under or as authorized in and by the charter of the first named company, or any amendment thereof made or to be made in pursuance of the general laws of the State of Texas; and authorizing a corresponding increase of the aggregate amount of the bonds or the bonds and stock of the first named company, and to regulate reports of the operation of said properties, and authorizing said companies and each of them to execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to accomplish said purchase and sales.

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