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## Murdered Five Women.

Hamilton, Ohio, Feb. 26.—Albert Knapp, the Indianapolis man arrested yesterday, who confessed to the murder of his third wife, today made a full confession of five murders. Among them is that of Ida Gebhardt, the West Indianapolis girl, who was found murdered and outraged in a stable July 3, 1885.

Knapp's confession, which was sworn to before Mayor Bosch, is as follows:

"On January 21, 1894, I killed Emma Littleman in a lumber yard in Gest street, Cincinnati. On August 1, 1894, I killed May Eckert in Walnut street, opposite the Y. M. C. A. building, in Cincinnati. On August 7, 1894, I killed my wife, Jennie Connors Knapp, under the Canal bridge, in Liberty street, Cincinnati, and threw her into the canal. In Indianapolis in July, 1895, I killed Ida Gebhardt. On December 23, 1902, I killed my wife, Annie Knapp, at 339 South Fourth street, in Hamilton, and threw her into the river out by Lindenwald. This is the truth.

ALBERT KNAPP."

"I make this statement by my own free will and not by the request of any officer or anyone else.

ALBERT KNAPP."

"Sworn to before me, this 26th day of February, 1903.

"C. F. BOSCH, Mayor."

After his confession Albert A. Knapp admitted he had repeatedly assaulted women criminally and killed some of them. He said he met the Littleman child in the lumber yard, assaulted her and choked her to death when she made an outcry. He said:

"I went to the room with the Eckert girl, sat down with her and assaulted her. She cried and I strangled her with a towel and hurried from the house.

"I was mad at my wife, Jennie Connors Knapp, when I killed her. We were walking along Liberty street. I got her down under the bridge on a pretext and choked her to death. I deny that I poisoned her. I never told anyone did. After she was dead I threw her body into the canal.

"Ida Gebhardt I killed, but my memory is not clear as to what I

can not tell what made me kill these people. I could not help it. Some kind of a desire to kill took hold of me and I could not resist the temptation to kill. I am sorry for my crimes, but now I hope they will be easy with me."

After the confession, a formal charge of murder in the first degree was filed.

Knapp talks much of the Pearl Bryan murder and is afraid of being lynched. He does not want to be taken from the county jail.

Unless prevented by his attorneys, it is expected that Knapp will make further confessions. He is now suspected of strangling three women at Evansville, Ind., and to have assaulted and killed women elsewhere. He was in the Cincinnati House of Refuge when 17 years of age. New records are being discovered almost hourly.

## In Hoopole Township.

Book Agent—Uncle, I'd like to sell you an encyclopedia.

Uncle Swayback—Wa-al, young fellow I'd like ter have one, but I'm afraid I'm too old to ride the blame thing.

## Brothers United.

Galveston, Tex., March 3.—The three Scheele brothers, Frederick, Henry and Carl, were united in Galveston yesterday after a separation of thirty-seven years. Frederick, who is 58 years of age, traveled all the way from London to search for his two brothers in Texas, whom he had not heard from for fourteen years. Henry is 60 years of age and Carl is 40 years. Henry and Carl were at the Union station yesterday afternoon when Fred arrived from Houston, and the meeting of the three "boys" was a pathetic sight. Of course Fred was not recognized when he alighted from the train, but Carl, who was studying every face among the passengers, picked out Fred, because he bore a slight resemblance to Henry, and proceeded to investigate. He asked the handsome old gentleman if he wanted to go to a hotel, and the old man, who had heard of American bunco steerers, sized up the questioner and then informed him that he wanted a hack, as he had already secured apartments at his brother's house. This was a clew and Carl asked the stranger in German if his name was Fred Scheele, and when the old man nodded in the affirmative the two "boys" embraced and hugged each other, while laughs and tears mingled in the joyful greetings.

In 1866 Frederick left home in Hanover, Germany, to seek his fortune in London. He had learned the butcher trade, and meeting with success in the British capital, embarked in business and has prospered. A few years later Henry and Carl left their native land and came to America, and settled in Galveston. Henry engaged in the hotel business and Charles followed the saloon business. Up to fourteen years ago the three brothers corresponded with each other. About that time Frederick moved his home and place of business and two letters from Charles and Henry addressed to Fred were returned as not delivered. Fred had lost the address of his brothers and remembered only that they lived somewhere in Texas, and several letter addresses to them in Texas were returned more definite directions. Time wore on and the brother in London determined to make one last search for his brothers, so he set out for the big state of Texas. Arriving in New York he came direct to Texas, and making inquiries at every place he stopped, he finally reached Houston.

In the Houston Post of Sunday appeared a story telling about Fred Scheele and his mission. Charles Koeppler, a brother-in-law of Charles Scheele, found the Londoner in Houston and informed him that his brothers were living in Galveston, and had been residents of this city for many years. Telegrams were exchanged and yesterday the reunion took place as described above.

Fred will be the guest of Henry and Charles for two weeks or more, and will then return to London, where he has a wife and two children anxiously awaiting news of the result of his search in America.

## Sensible Bride.

"Yonder goes Jinkins on his honeymoon."

"But—where's his bride?"  
"Well, he didn't have enough for two, and she's sensible and doesn't want the earth."

## Cocaine Fiend Uses Bludgeon.

Cuero, Tex., March 2.—A negro woman, crazed by cocaine, forced an entrance into Mrs. Robt. Gott's home yesterday morning between 3:00 and 4:00 o'clock, and said she had come to kill her and her family. Mrs. Gott has three children, two boys, 9 and 6 years of age, and a baby, 5 months old. The woman beat Mrs. Gott almost into insensibility with a piece of iron before help arrived when the woman was taken to jail. The town is indignant, and there is talk of lynching, but the officers will, of course, resist that.

The fiend beat and bit the poor woman's hands, head and back to such an extent that it was necessary to cut off her hair and bandage her head. Luckily none of the children was hurt, except the six-year-old boy, who was struck a severe blow over the head, leaving a big gash. Mrs. Gott's brother, who is her protector went to Yoakum Saturday and this woman knew it, as she said so when she first broke into the house, which she did by breaking through a window, knocking out the glass and sash. It is a horrible crime. Mrs. Gott says she never spoke to the woman in her life and cannot imagine why she attacked her. Mrs. Gott is resting well to-day, considering her wounds, and may live, but her chances were considered doubtful yesterday after the attack.

## Made Suicide Sure.

El Paso, Tex., March 1.—Maurice Rosen, a young Hebrew from Philadelphia, committed suicide in this city to-day at his room in the St. Charles Hotel by taking morphine, chloroform and turning on the gas. Death resulted from the fumes of the chloroform inhaled.

Rosen, who had recently been employed as a commercial traveler, came to this city a few days ago to enter the employ of a local dry goods house as salesman and while waiting to go to work is said to have lost all of his funds at the gaming table, and becoming despondent because a remittance for which he had wired failed to arrive, resorted to suicide to end his troubles.

He went to his room as usual this morning about two o'clock, and nothing was heard from him until his landlady, noticing the escaping fumes of chloroform, coming from his room, had the door broken open and found his body lying on a bed. He left several letters addressed to various relatives, which have not been opened.

Rosen has relatives at Fort Worth, San Antonio, Dallas and also in the east. His uncle at Fort Worth was wired last night and requested to give instructions for the disposition of the remains, but up to a late hour no reply had been received from him. Rosen's remains are still in an undertakers' parlors, awaiting final instructions from his relatives.

## Shot While Tying His Shoe.

Purcell, I. T. March 2.—James Hess was found dead in a cattle car yesterday. He had been shot. At the time of the shooting Hess was stooping to tie a shoe string. It is supposed that robbery was the motive for the shooting, as Hess's pockets were turned inside out.

## Texas the Place to Come to.

The passenger department of the Southern Pacific at Houston received recently from a man in a small Kansas town a rather unique letter, which presented an opportunity for reply, such as could only come from Texas. The letter reads as follows:

"Mr. Morse—sir please send me turms and Prices on land in Texas where By a man without cash can get a home and Oblige."

Colonel Morse in his characteristic manner appreciated the sincerity of the request, and answered in kind:

"No man," said he, in his letter, "who is without cash, need come to Texas without a dollar, as so many others have done, and if you are willing to work and anxious to succeed, you can own your own home, and, that in a short while:

"The country wants such men as you to work in her fields. Labor is in demand everywhere and is well. You can readily find employment and by thrift and industry you can get a home, and become in turn an employer of others and help them get their homes. There is room for all and work for all in Texas. Yours very truly, S. F. B. MORSE.

## Conductor Powell Dead.

Victoria, Tex., Feb. 28.—E. E. Powell, who was shot Tuesday night, Feb. 17, by Fritz Thoratou, died this morning, and the remains were taken this afternoon to Beeville, his home. He was about 45 years old, and leaves a wife and one child, 9 years old. He has been in the employ of the Gulf, West Texas and Pacific railway for about ten years, and was recently promoted to extra conductor. Young Thornton had a hearing recently and was released on a nominal bond, no blame attached to him for the unfortunate tragedy.

## Why It Rains So Much.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Feb. 26.—A local scientist has figured out the cause of the unusually heavy rains this season. He says that it is a recently established fact in weatherology that every drop of rain must have as a nucleus a particle of dust, therefore an increase in the dust supply may cause an increase of rain. This nucleus is not of coarse dust such as is blown up from dry roads and plains, but extremely fine volcanic dust such as falls on ships thousands of miles from land. Hence he attributes the recent increased rainfall to the millions of tons of dust thrown into the upper air by the eruptions of Mounts Pelee and Soufriere, coupled to the circumstance that the drift of the higher air currents as proven by the course of cyclones is from the Antilles toward the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts. It seems at least a more reasonable theory than of attributing weather conditions to the position of Jupiter.

## First white Child of Austin's Colony.

Fort Worth, Tex. Feb. 23.—Mrs. T. Davis received a telegram from Round Rock stating her father, William Thomas Dyer, aged 87, was dead. He was a prominent retired farmer and was the first white child born in Austin's colony at San Felipe. He was related in marriage to the well-known New York banker, F. M. Swenson, and during the civil war had a contract to haul supplies for the government.

## An Old Indictment.

Marlin, Falls Co., Tex., Feb. 27.—Some amusement was afforded officers and lawyers about the courthouse the other day when an old indictment charging a party with assault to commit murder was discovered among old papers. The indictment was returned by the grand jury in 1873.

In those days an indictment was quite descriptive, made so by the statutes, the minutest detail of the offense being set out. The indictment in question reads as follows, with name of accused omitted:

"—, a freed man, late of said county, on the 17th of November, 1873, with force and arms in the county and state aforesaid in and upon the body of —, did then and there unlawfully, willfully, feloniously and of his malice aforethought, make an assault, and that the said —, a certain six shooting pistol then and there in his right hand had and held, did then and there unlawfully, willfully, feloniously, and of his malice aforethought, point such pistol at, to, against and upon the body of said —, and did shoot such pistol off at, to, against and upon the body of said —, then and there him the said —, unlawfully, willfully feloniously of his malice aforethought to kill and murder, contrary to the form of the statutes made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the state."

## Bull Captures Ship.

Galveston, Tex., March 2.—This afternoon a Texas bull, about a year old, captured a Spanish ship, which was only retaken after calling upon the American forces upon the wharf for assistance.

The bull was swung aboard the ship by means of a steam winch and was angered at the treatment received. As soon as the band was taken off and his feet loosened he asserted his American spirit by immediately charging upon the nearest Spaniard. This happened to be the Steward and he turned for cover. Before he had reached a place of safety the enraged animal struck him square amidships and sent him sprawling upon the deck. As the animal was preparing to take advantage of his rush, he was attacked from behind by another Spaniard and turned on him. He also sought safety in flight and succeeded in getting away, but there were others, and the bull madly charged them. Some ran for the cabin, others climbed the mast, but none of them jumped overboard. In the meantime the spectators on the wharf had been enjoying the scene immensely, but finally consented to help their old time enemies out of the trouble in which the bull had placed them. A rope was secured and a stalwart American ascended the ladder and bravely faced the victorious "critter."

A few circles of the rope, a skillful throw, and the bull was caught. He was soon securely tied and led to his place of confinement to suffer death on the high seas, when more provisions are needed.

## An Original Remedy.

Pat—Bedad! It's confusin, the strates are unnumbered.

Mike—Yis; they might at laste put signs up sayin' what street it ain't.

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Equal and exact courtesy to the child with 5 cents, as is shown to the prince with millions.

The very best goods to be had, and the lowest prices consistent with a fair living profit

T. A. Dowdy, of Ingram, was in Kerrville Wednesday.

James Crotty, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, was in the city on Tuesday.

W. C. Zumwalt, of the Live Oak ranch, was among the traders in the city on Monday.

Butler Love, of the Live Oak ranch, was seen on our streets Tuesday.

Seed corn from Colorado River Bottom, just received.  
G. D. ANDERSON.

Dave Watson was in the city Monday from his ranch on the head of South Fork.

F. L. Conn, a prosperous and influential farmer of the Japonica community, was in the city on Monday of this week.

R. H. Burney, left Sunday for Bandera to be in attendance at district court, which convened there Monday.

J. S. Burnes, a prominent farmer of the Center Point community, was among the visitors to Kerrville Tuesday.

Mrs. Santanelli arrived in the city on Friday of last week to join her husband, who has located here as a specialist.

Capt. and Mrs. Jno. Wesley Burney, of the lower valley were among those who attended the show Wednesday night.

Dr. E. Galbraith will go to Comfort Monday, March 9, and will remain several days on professional business.

Dr. E. Galbraith returned Tuesday from Montell, Tex., where he and his sister had been called on account of illness. Miss Galbraith will remain visiting her sister for ten days.

Nice office desk for sale cheap.  
G. D. ANDERSON.

Jack Elliott, of the great sheep section, was in the city Monday.

For any kind of feed call on Dietert Bros

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grinstead, on the 2nd inst. a daughter.

For pure drugs and carefully prepared prescriptions go to Rawson's.

Mrs. M. Granthaus, M. D., Homeopathic Physician, making a speciality of diseases of women and children has located in Kerrville. Office and residence on Mountain street. See her card in another column.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Comparette returned Tuesday from Llano, at which place they have been for several months past, while Mr. Comparette was superintending the construction of the new Llano Telephone Exchange.

The Woman's Club is preparing to celebrate educational week by entertaining the School Board, the teachers in the public school and the club husbands some evening next week. The fortunate guests will be received at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Enderle.

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DR. W. J. DILLARD,



Kerrville, - - Texas.

A. C. Newton and bride, of San Marcos, arrived in this city on Saturday of last week. They will spend sometime visiting relatives in this city.

### A Birthday Card.

Three years ago this month we began business in this city. We have succeeded because we fill a long felt want, and fill it right.

You can get something to eat with us at times when you cannot get it elsewhere, and get some things that you cannot get elsewhere at any time.

The Delicatessen Store is here to stay, and we take this method of thanking our many friends for past favors, and hope to merit them in the future.

Yours for good things to eat,  
GEO. W. WALTHER,  
Kerrville, Tex.

### Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club all over the State are preparing for the proper observance of educational week, which the Federation instructs them to observe the first and second weeks in March. The Kerrville Club is making preparation for doing honor to this course also.

Our town club women are also becoming much interested in the district meeting which occurs at Seguin on the 23rd and 24th of April. All the most prominent and talented club women of the State have accepted invitations to take part. A special car will carry the San Antonio Club women, and Mrs. Schreiner, president of the Kerrville Club, has been honored by being asked to serve on the committee on program for the two days meeting.

Miss Lucile Long and Mrs. G. D. Anderson have been elected delegate and alternate.

### 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.

Capt. Chas. Schreiner went to San Antonio Tuesday.

J. D. Ramsay, of Turtle Creek, was in the city Wednesday.

Marion Prince is home on a visit to the family of his father, S. S. Prince, of this city.

J. R. Hodges, of the Center Point community, was among the visitors in Kerrville Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Camp, arrived in this city Tuesday, and left at once for the Camp ranch on the head of the Guadalupe.

Mr. H. B. Shiner, of San Antonio, spent several days in Kerrville the first of the week, a guest of his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Schreiner.

Among the prizes given away at the Opera House Wednesday night was a live pig. The animal was drawn by H. V. Wilson, who according to the rules went on the stage for his prize and carried it down the middle aisle of the house creating much merriment in the audience.

### Mayor's Proclamation.

By virtue of authority vested in me, as Mayor of the City of Kerrville, and in compliance with an ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Kerrville, I hereby order a city election to be held in the Court House in the City of Kerrville, Texas, on the first Tuesday in April, the same being the 7th day of April, 1903, for the purpose of electing three Aldermen, City Treasurer and City Secretary, each to serve a term of two years. Wm. Nimitz is appointed presiding officer of said election.

Witness my hand this the 3rd day of March, 1903.

J. E. GRINSTEAD,  
Mayor of Kerrville.

### At the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, W. D. Wendell, Pastor. Services every Sabbath, except the 1st Sabbath in each month, at 11 a. m. Every Sabbath at 7 p. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., J. J. Starkey, Superintendent. Junior League 2:30 p. m., Miss Long Manager. Senior League 3:30 p. m., A. L. Starkey, President. Happy Workers Saturdays 9:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Services each Sabbath, morning at 11 o'clock, Sunday School at 9:45. J. C. Graves, Superintendent. Public cordially invited to worship with us.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Preaching every Sunday morning and night. Sunday school Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Young People's Union Sunday at 4 p. m. Business meeting first Sunday in each month. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Meet with us.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH. Service Kerrville every Sunday in the month, except the 3rd at 11 a. m., also on the 4th at 5 p. m. Service at Comfort on 1st Sunday in month at 7:30 p. m. Turtle creek on 2nd Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Morris Ranch, services on 3rd Sunday in month. R. GALBRAITH.

As Mr. Santanelli's abdominal theory is not thoroughly understood by our citizens, Mr. Santanelli has agreed to give a free lecture at the Opera House on Sunday, March 8, beginning at 4:00 p. m. prompt. The clergy, mothers, consumptives, etc., are particularly invited.

Since returning to Kerrville we have again engaged in dress making and patterning, and cordially invite our friends to call on us when in need of anything in that line.

Mrs. H. WELGE & DAUGHTER.

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175 head of sheep. Price \$300. Apply to C. D. Wyatt, Medina, Tex.

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How many of you have lost the price of this Engine in one day on account of inefficient wind to operate your wind mill, leaving your stock without water. Get one now to do your pumping when there is no wind or to do it regularly. Weather does not affect its work, hot or cold, wet or dry, wind or calm, it is all the same to this machine. Will also shell corn, grind feed, saw wood, churn butter and is handy for a hundred other jobs, in the house or on the farm. Costs nothing to keep when not working, and only 1 to 2 cents per hour when working. Shipped completely set up, ready to run, no foundation needed, a great labor and money saver. Requires practically no attention, and is absolutely safe. We make all sizes of Gasoline Engines, from 1/2 to 75 horse-power. Write for circular and special prices.

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"But where to find that happiest spot below; Who can direct, when all pretend to know?" —Goldsmith.

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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

## "THE DENVER ROAD"

Passenger Dept., Ft. Worth.

N. B.—We find our passenger patronage very gratifying. It is necessary to run three trains daily, each way as far as Wichita Falls, and two clear thru. We continue, the year round, the excellent class A service that inspires the preference of Colorado and California tourists, winter and summer. By the way, we offer now more than half a dozen routes to California, the newest being via Dallas (also good for Old Mexico), with first-grade eating cars all the way.

We sell a homeseeker's ticket, good thirty days, at one and a third fare the round trip, allowing stopovers at Vernon and points beyond, both ways.

## Men Teachers Growing Fewer.

The number of men employed as teachers in the public schools of this country is slowly but steadily decreasing. According to William T. Harris, United States commissioner of education, the percentage of male teachers in the public schools in 1870 was 41 per cent. In 1900 the percentage was only 29. The reasons for this decrease are easily found. The work does not offer as great inducements to men as it once did. Teachers in secondary schools are now required to be specialists, and the salaries are not enough to attract men to make a life career in this field. Women in increasing numbers have gradually taken their places. In point of training they are as well fitted for the work, and in point of temperament better adapted to handle children.

## A Story of Charles M. Schwab.

Charles M. Schwab, when he was a boy, attended the village school of Loretto, Pa., and in Loretto they still tell the story of the young Schwab and the brick. It seems that the schoolmaster was an ardent geologist. He had ordered one day that each of the children bring to school a specimen of some sort, and these specimens he would designate and describe, one by one. Accordingly, on the appointed day, a great armload of stones were brought to the little building, but young Schwab's contribution to the armload was a broken brick. In due course the master took up the specimens. "This," he said, "is a piece of feldspar from the crossroads. This is a piece of marl from the meadow. This is a piece of argillaceous sandstone from the quarry. And this," he thundered, taking up the brick, "this is a piece of impudence from Schwab."

## Raffles Himself for a Wife.

Edward J. Eisbrenner of Rogers City, Mich., wants a wife so badly and has had such trouble in deciding on the right candidate that he has decided to raffle himself off. He has issued 1,000 tickets at 25c each, which have been put on sale in the drug stores of all the nearby towns. He will marry the one that wins, his only condition being that she is respectable, unincumbered, healthy, a Roman Catholic and between 40 and 55 years of age.

## An Archaeologist's Discoveries.

Dr. Arthur Evans, who lectured recently at the Royal Institution, London, upon the most remarkable archaeological discovery of modern times, has been a traveler and digger of the soil all his days, and has, on at least one occasion, spent a term in an Austrian prison for supposed complicity in an insurrection. He is detailing the results of his three years' digging into a Cretan hill, wherein he found proofs that have discredited the Phoenicians as the inventors of letters, have put that great step back at least a thousand years before their time, have shown the thing in the making from pictures, so that the letter O is but a simple drawing of an eye. Among other things, such as the birth of high art and of mechanical science, he has shown that an extreme degree of tight lacing obtained among feminine treads in Crete at least 2,000 years before our era, so that this custom was inoculated into European civilization in its cradle.

## Bishop Changed the Game.

While Dr. Temple, whose recent death has shocked all England, was bishop of London, he was entertaining at his house one evening some young men who were about to be ordained by him. To make the time pass after dinner the bishop invented a new parlor game. "I will go into my study and be down," he explained, "and then you must come in, one by one, and address me as you intend to address your future parishioners when making a sick call." Thereupon he disappeared, leaving his guests considerably perturbed. Soon his voice was heard saying: "Are you going to keep me here all night?" The young men knew someone must go, so lots were cast, and the die fell upon a young Irishman from Ulster. He entered the study with an air of assurance, and, advancing to the lounge where the bishop was lying, shook his head sadly, and observed: "Ah, Frederick! So it's the drink again!" The bishop about that time found that he felt like adjourning the game for some other recreation.

## Bret Harte's Large Income.

Apropos of the filing of the will of Bret Harte in London, M. P. A. says: "It is a surprise that the greatest of all American short story writers should have left so little money, for, apart from what he made by his books his serial rights were very valuable. I remember the editor of the Idler remarking to me some years ago that every thousand words Bret Harte liked to write for a magazine could be changed for 20 sovereigns as easily as a Bank of England note for that amount. It is curious that his son should have received the name Francis, which his father had practically dropped, instead of the other Christian name by which his father was known all over the English speaking world."

## Why They See Snakes.

A French scientist accounts for the fact that snakes are seen by those suffering from delirium tremens as follows: "The minute blood vessels in the retina of their eyes are congested. In this condition they appear black and are projected into the field of vision, where their movements resemble the squirming of serpents." But the sufferer from delirium tremens may see anything, from lice to elephants, and a case is recorded in which the sufferer mistook regiments of balloons.

## Patterson's Circus Experience.

Senator Tom Patterson of Colorado says that one of the most enjoyable periods in his life was two weeks he spent traveling with a circus in Southern Michigan. Two young friends of his had invested all their money in the enterprise, and were doing very well until they struck a spell of rainy weather. This soon used up all their profits and the sheriff was about to take possession, when they telegraphed to Patterson. The latter was then a struggling young lawyer, recently out of college, but he managed to scrape together a couple of thousand dollars. This he brought to Michigan, where the show was stranded, and, good weather having set in, the enterprise was soon making money again. Patterson stayed with his friends two weeks and at the close of the season they sold out at a handsome profit.

## The Minister's Mistake.

In a Scotch church an old minister who was very deaf was very anxious to introduce some new hymn books into the church and asked his precentor to give out the notice immediately after the sermon. The precentor, having a notice of his own, gave out that members of the congregation wishing to have their children baptized were to send their names into the vestry. The minister thinking that it was the notice about the hymn books, stood up and said: "And I wish to say for the benefit of those who have not any that they may be had in the vestry any afternoon between the hours of 3 and 4. Ordinary little ones at a shilling each and special little ones with red backs at one and three."

## Old Webster Portrait Found.

Senator Hoar heard the other day that an old lady in reduced circumstances had a fine portrait of Daniel Webster. The senator, who owns the largest and finest collection of Websteriana in the country, hurried to the address given and shortly owned the painting, which is from the brush of Chester Harding, well known in art circles sixty years ago. He thinks it is one of the finest portraits of Webster in existence.

## Ireland's Big Landowners.

There are in Ireland twenty-two land owners owning over 50,000 acres, while there are in Scotland forty-seven. One of the broadest acres of the Scotch landlords is the prime minister, who owns just 90,000 acres, with a rent roll of \$100,000. The laird of lairds is, of course, the Duke of Sutherland, who possesses over a million and a quarter of acres, which brings him in some \$350,000 per annum.

## An Old Bank Official.

William Lawyer is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, bank officials in the United States. Recently he was elected vice-president of the First National bank of Westminster, Md. Mr. Lawyer will be 92 years old March 10. He was one of the founders and original directors of the bank in 1865, and has ever since been a director and for a number of years its vice president. Mr. Lawyer is a retired tanner and farmer.

## Curbing the Man of Genius.

A French woman has written an interesting account of a visit to Count Tolstoi. She found him under the loving domain of his devoted wife, who made him eat and drink for his bodily good, without the slightest regard for the theories of diet. "Men of genius," she remarked to a visitor, "need people of common sense to contradict them occasionally."

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### Kerr County Mutual Aid Association.

A mass meeting was held at the court house, Monday night, for the purpose of organizing a Kerr county Mutual Home Insurance Association. A committee composed of H. V. Scholl, James Crotty, H. Remschel and J. M. Hamilton were appointed to draft suitable constitution and by-laws for the Association and report same Monday night, 16th inst.

The organization is similar to the Home Circle, which has been organized in many counties of the State. Its object is to unite all respectable white persons, male and female, who are in good health and between the ages of eighteen and seventy inclusive, into a fraternal, charitable, beneficial and benevolent society, organized for the protection of those dependent upon its members.

To pledge the members to the payment of a stipulated sum to such beneficiary as deceased members may have designated, while living, under such restrictions and upon such conditions as the laws of the Association may prescribe.

Each member will be required to pay one dollar as an assessment for death benefit in advance and twenty-five cents and not more than 50 cents annually to defray the expenses of the Association, or so much thereof as the Board of Directors may deem sufficient.

At death of a member, his or her beneficiary is paid at once the whole amount of the death benefit fund on hand, which shall not be less than one dollar for each member.

No medical examination required for membership, but Board of Directors may require applicant to furnish the certificate of applicant's good health, when same is questionable.

Certainly an association of this character will be a great benefit to every man, woman and child in Kerr county. All officers receive no pay for their services and each member thereby gets the full benefit of every dollar paid in. It is cheap and within the reach of all. The money is kept in our hands, and at death of a member is paid at once to the beneficiary without any red tape business. When a death occurs another assessment of one dollar is levied and held in reserve for the next death and so on from time to time.

There is no good reason why this association should not in a very short time have a membership of five hundred. This means that your beneficiary gets five hundred dollars at your death.

Come out at the mass meeting on the 16th instant and show by your presence and actions that you are willing to help in this cause.

We have some nice shoes that we are willing to sell. They are

## The Star Brand

Everybody knows the brand and knows also that there is no better shoe on the market; also a handsome line of slippers. These are new goods, and new styles. Call and see them.

DIETERT BROS.

### JURY LIST.

List of persons selected by the Jury Commissioners, as appointed by the Hon. District Court of Kerr County, Texas, at the October Term, 1902, to serve as Grand Jurors, during the April Term, 1903, of the said District Court, to-wit:

W. C. Anderson,	Joe Heinen,
John Reinhardt,	M. M. Hagen,
Steve McElroy,	Wm. Green,
J. K. Baldwin,	H. Remschel,
Chas. Leinweber,	P. A. Crenshaw,
G. D. Anderson,	A. J. Gibbons,
Oscar Nowlin,	Sam Wellborn,
Gabe Moore,	Hughes Moore.

#### PETIT JURY—FIRST WEEK.

D. M. Epperson,	J. P. Crider,
Henry Dietert,	W. H. Bonnell,
Jasper Murdock,	T. H. McFadin,
W. S. Burney,	Fred Boerner,
J. T. S. Gammon,	L. A. Leinweber,
S. Eckstein,	T. A. McBride,
Lee Mason,	J. W. Babb,
E. N. Harris,	J. T. Clark,
B. V. Williford,	W. E. Newton,
Chas. Price,	J. W. Burney,
M. M. Crider,	Chas. Mosel,
Henry Henke,	W. W. Dollahite,
J. P. Mosel,	D. C. Barker,
J. O. McNealy,	R. R. Merritt,
I. N. Hazlett,	F. L. Conn,
Wm. Nimitz,	Paul Karger,
R. G. Leinweber,	W. P. Ridgeway,
J. H. Colbath,	Otto Lich.

#### PETIT JURY—SECOND WEEK.

W. D. Council,	Ed Tally,
Franz Flach,	Henry Barton,
G. W. Colvin,	Ed Henderson,
T. H. Mullin,	Wm. Graham,
Max Grona,	L. L. New,
B. J. Coleman,	H. C. Graven,
F. H. Mueller,	W. B. Chaney,
John Walker,	F. C. Nelson,
Ed Gerdes,	A. E. Burge,
D. H. Comparette,	J. A. McBride,
R. J. Lange,	T. F. W. Dietert,
A. S. Nelson,	Wm. Boeckman,
T. A. Dowdy,	B. F. Nowlin,
W. H. Furr,	W. R. Byas,
Ed Mosel,	A. Enderle,
H. C. Griffin,	A. J. Merritt,
C. H. Goss,	B. F. Denton,
G. H. Coleman,	N. Herzog.

#### About the Poll Tax and Voting.

The following letter answers a question that has been often asked since the Poll tax amendment was adopted:

Austin, Tex., Feb. 26, 1903.  
Hon. H. M. Nowlin, House of Representatives.

Dear Sir: Answering the inquiries of W. J. Prickett in his letter to you of the 19th inst., which you have sent us, you are advised that a free holder in a local option stock law election, in order to be a qualified voter, would be required to have paid his poll tax in the same manner as is required of voters in other elections. The law provides that in all such elections freeholders who are qualified voters may vote. To be such qualified voter the poll tax must have been paid as required by the late amendment to the constitution.

As I understand the letter of your correspondent, this is what he wants to know. Mr. Prickett's letter is returned herewith.

Yours very truly,  
T. S. REESE,  
Office Asst. Atty. Gen'l.

#### Mexican Supper Postponed.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church postponed indefinitely their Mexican supper which was to have taken place Thursday night March 5, 1903, on account of the bad weather.

#### Notice.

All parties, are hereby warned not to purchase note given by me to W. A. Stocking and transferred by him to J. P. Allen & Co., Star Route contractors, as I will not pay the same.

W. E. SMITH.

# G. D. Anderson & Co.,

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#### Sponsor For Texas.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 28.—K. M. Van Zandt, major general commanding the Texas division, United Confederate Veterans, today appointed Miss Margaret McClean of Fort Worth sponsor for the Texas division, with authority to select maids of honor. Miss McClean is the daughter of Colonel McClean, who was once a member of the Texas railway committee and the campaign manager for Governor Lanham.

#### Shot at Watson.

Orange, Tex., March 1.—Late last night as Bud Watson was walking to his home several shots from a revolver were fired at him by unknown parties, one of the shots entering the hip and inflicting a serious wound. A large crowd at once gathered on the scene and the injured man was taken to his home. There is no clue to the identity of the assailant though immediately after the shooting two men were seen to mount their horses and rapidly gallop off. Officers are now searching for the guilty party. The shooting occurred on Division street near the track of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

#### Always in Vogue.

"You don't care much for display."  
"Not much," replied the very wealthy man.  
"Yet there is some satisfaction in not being wholly out of style."  
"That is the point precisely. The things that money buys go out of fashion in a few months, but the money itself becomes more stylish every century."

#### Policeman Accidentally Shot.

Galveston, Tex., March 4.—While reporting for duty to-night for first time as a supernumerary police officer, Richard Appel was precipitated from his horse. His pistol fell from his pocket and a bullet exploded and ranged from the thigh to just above the shoe top of the right leg. He may lose the limb.

A Kansas City young man moved to San Francisco and married a society girl who does not number cooking among her accomplishments. This week his mother received the following brief letter from him: "Seven o'clock and no dinner yet. Dearly put the potatoes in the oven at 5 and forgot to light the gas in the burner.— Kansas City Star.

#### Thirst Provoking.

The Kansas legislature is about to pass a bill prohibiting the eating of snakes. What a thirst the Kansas man must get if he eats them as well as sees them!

During a charge in the recent Boer war the following incident is said to have happened:

One of the men got his thumb shot off, and turning to his chum, an Irishman, ejaculated:

"Whatever shall I do? I am done for life."

Pat, taking things somewhat coolly and thinking his chum was making a fuss over a mere trifle, responded solemnly:

"Begorra, thats nothin' to make a fuss about: here's poor Jam Jones wid his head cut off, an' not a word is he saying."

A verdant youth who had just completed his apprenticeship as a carpenter, dropped into a jewelry store and after looking at some fraternity pins, he asked: "How much is this one with square and compasses on it?" pointing to a Masonic pin. "Five dollars," said the jeweler. "You haven't got one with a hand saw on, have you? I'm just out as a carpenter and jiner, and I'd like to have something to wear, so people will know what I'm doing. I'll take it, though, I'd like to have one with a hand saw, but I guess this one's plain enough. The square to lay off my work, the compass to measure it out and every gol darn fool knows that, G stands for gimlet.— Baylor County Banner.

A story is told of an English schoolmaster who offered a prize to the boy who should write the best composition in five minutes, on "How to Overcome Habit."

At the expiration of five minutes the composition was read. The prize went to a lad of nine years. Following is his essay:

Well, sir, habit is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter it does not change 'abit. If you take off another you still have a 'abit left. If you take off still another, the whole of 'it' remains. If you take off another it is not wholly used up; all of which goes to show that if you want to get rid of a habit you must throw it off altogether."

#### Lady Candidate at Ballinger.

Ballinger, Tex., March 2.—Miss Fannie Simmons has announced her candidacy for the office of City Secretary, which carries with it the office of City Assessor and Collector of Taxes. The election takes place on the first Tuesday in April. As this is the first instance in which a lady has ever been a candidate for any office of emolument in this city or county, the result will be watched with interest.

#### 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.

#### Boll Weevil Appropriation Passes.

The original provision of the house committee on agriculture for the expenditure of \$30,000 on experiments looking to the discovery of an effective method of coping with the boll weevil pest in Texas, was included in the agricultural appropriation bill agreed to by the senate on Tuesday, February 24. This means that there will be no further difficulty in the matter and the appropriation will be available within a few days.—So. Pac. Literary Bureau.

#### It Saved His Leg.

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

#### Working Overtime.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing Indigestion, Bilioussness, Constipation, Sick Headache, and all Stomach, Liver and Bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c at Rock Drug Store.

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You will find lots of things you can't find elsewhere in Kerrville. All of them are well worth the prices asked; lots of them will cost you double elsewhere. Don't forget to look over my 5 and 10c bargain counters; it will pay you to do so; it is my constant aim to put on these counters the very best articles that can possibly be sold for the price.

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