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"TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE, BUT THE 'GIT-UP-AND-GIT' THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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THE OLDEST OF BATTLES.

DR. TALMAGE ON THE CONTEST OF LABOR AND CAPITAL.

The Golden Rule Must Soon or Late Be Applied; All Other Devices Are but Temporary—This Plan Is Eminently Practicable, and Many Instances Are Cited.

BROOKLYN, May 18.—The Tabernacle congregation is still worshipping in the Academy of Music, but expects next September to have the main auditorium of the new tabernacle ready for use in the holding of services. After the usual preliminary exercises this morning, Dr. Talmage preached on "The Old Fight To Be Settled," from the text: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, ye even so to them."—Matt. vii. 12. Following is the sermon in full:

Two hundred and fifty thousand laborers in Hyde park, London, and the streets of American and European cities filled with processions of workmen carrying banners, brings the subject of Labor and Capital to the front. That all this was done in peace, and that, as a result, in many places arbitration has taken place is a hopeful sign.

The greatest war the world has ever seen is between capital and labor. The strife is not like that which in history is called the Thirty Years' War, for it is a war of centuries, it is a war of the five continents, it is a war hemispheric. The middle classes in this country, upon whom the nation has depended for holding the balance of power and for acting as mediators between the two extremes, are diminishing; and if things go on at the same ratio as they have for the last twenty years been going on, it will not be very long before there will be no middle class in this country, but all will be very rich or very poor, princes or paupers, and the country will be given up to palaces and hovels.

The antagonistic forces have again and again closed in upon each other. You may pool pool it; you may say that this trouble, like an angry child, will cry itself to sleep; you may belittle it by calling it Fourierism, or Socialism, or St. Simonism, or Nihilism, or Communism, but that will not hinder the fact that it is the mightiest, the darkest, the most terrific threat of this century. Most of the attempts at pacification have been dead failures, and monopoly is more arrogant and the trades unions more bitter. "Give us more wages," cry the employees. "You shall have less," say the capitalists. "Compel us to do fewer hours of toil in a day." "You shall toil more hours," say the others. "Then under certain conditions, we will not work at all," say these. "Then you shall starve," say those, and the workmen gradually using up that which they accumulated in better times, unless there be some radical change, we shall have soon in this country three million hungry men and women. Now, three million hungry people cannot be kept quiet. All the enactments of legislatures and all the constabularies of the cities, and all the army and navy of the United States cannot keep three million hungry people quiet. What then? Will this war between capital and labor be settled by human wisdom? Never. The brow of the one becomes more rigid, the fist of the other more clinched.

FUTILE REMEDIES PROPOSED.

But that which human wisdom cannot achieve will be accomplished by Christianity if it be given full sway. You have heard of medicines so powerful that one drop would stop a disease and restore a patient; and I have to tell you that one drop of my text properly administered will stop all these woes of society and give convalescence and complete health to all classes. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

I shall first show you this morning how this controversy between monopoly and hard work cannot be stopped, and then I will show you how this controversy will be settled.

Futile remedies. In the first place there will come no pacification to this trouble through an outcry against rich men merely because they are rich. There is no laboring man on earth that would not be rich if he could be. Sometimes through a fortunate invention, or through some accident of prosperity, a man who had nothing comes to large estate, and we see him arrogant and supercilious, and taking people by the throat just as other people look him by the throat. There is something very mean about human nature when it comes to the top. But it is no more a sin to be rich than it is to be poor. There are those who have gathered a great estate through fraud, and then there are millionaires who have gathered their fortunes through foresight in regard to changes in the markets, and through brilliant business faculty, and every dollar of their estate is as honest as the dollar which the plumber gets for mending a pipe, or the mason gets for building a wall. There are those who keep in poverty because of their own fault. They might have been well off, but they smoked or chewed up their earnings, or they lived beyond their means, while others on the same wages and on the same salaries went on to competency. I know a man who is all the time complaining of his poverty and crying out against rich men, while he himself keeps two dogs, and chews and smokes, and is filled to the chin with whisky and beer!

Member said to David Copperfield:

"Copperfield, my boy, one pound income, twenty shillings and sixpence expenses; result, misery. But Copperfield, my boy, one pound income, expenses nineteen shillings and sixpence; result, happiness." And there are vast multitudes of people who are kept poor because they are the victims of their own improvidence. It is no sin to be rich, and it is no sin to be poor. I protest against that outcry which I hear against those who, through economy and self denial and assiduity, have come to large fortune. This bombardment of commercial success will never stop this controversy between capital and labor.

NEITHER THROUGH CONTEMPT NOR VIOLENCE.

Neither will the contest be settled by cynical and unsympathetic treatment of the laboring classes. There are those who speak of them as though they were only cattle or draught horses. Their nerves are nothing, their domestic comfort is nothing, their happiness is nothing. They have no more sympathy for them than a hound has for a hare, or a hawk for a hen, or a tiger for a calf. When Jean Valjean, the greatest hero of Victor Hugo's writings, after a life of suffering and brave endurance, goes into incarceration and death, they clap the book shut and say, "Good for him!" They stamp their feet with indignation and say just the opposite of "Save the Working Classes." They have all their sympathies with Shylock, and not with Antonio and Portia. They are plutocrats, and their feelings are infernal. They are filled with irritation and irascibility on this subject. To stop this awful imbroglio between capital and labor they will lift not so much as the tip end of the little finger.

Neither will there be any pacification of this angry controversy through violence. God never blessed murder. Blow up to-morrow the country seats on the banks of the Hudson, and all the fine houses on Madison square and Brooklyn heights and Brooklyn hill and Rittenhouse square and Beacon street, and all the bricks and timber and stone will just fall back on the bare head of American labor. The worst enemies of the working classes in the United States and Ireland are their demagogic politicians. A few years ago assassination—the assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke in Phoenix park, Dublin, Ireland, in the attempt to avenge the wrongs of Ireland—only turned away from that afflicted people millions of sympathizers. The attempt to blow up the house of commons in London, had only this effect: to throw out of employment tens of thousands of innocent Irish people in England.

In this country the torch put to the factories that have discharged hands for good or bad reason; obstructions on the rail track in front of midnight express trains because the offenders do not like the president of the company; strikes on shipboard the hour they were going to sail, or in printing offices the hour the paper was to go to press, or in mines the day the coal was to be delivered, or on house scaffolding so the builder fails in keeping his contract—all these are only a hard blow on the head of American labor, and cripple its arms, and lame its feet, and pierce its heart. As a result of one of our great American strikes you find that the operatives lost four hundred thousand dollars' worth of wages, and have had poorer wages ever since. Traps spring suddenly upon employers, and violence, never took one knot out of the knuckle of toil, or put one farthing of wages into a callous palm. Barbarism will never cure the wrongs of civilization. Mark that!

THE ETERNAL LAW OF RIGHT.

Frederick the Great admired some land near his palace at Potsdam, and he resolved to get it. It was owned by a miller. He offered the miller three times the value of the property. The miller would not take it, because it was the old homestead, and he felt about it as Naboth felt about his vineyard when Ahab wanted it. Frederick the Great was a rough and terrible man, and he ordered the miller into his presence; and the king, with a stick in his hand—a stick with which he sometimes struck his officers of state—said to this miller: "Now, I have offered you three times the value of that property, and if you won't sell it I'll take it anyhow." The miller said: "Your majesty, you will not." "Yes," said the king, "I will take it." "Then," said the miller, "if your majesty does take it, I will sue you in the chancery court." At that threat Frederick the Great yielded his infamous demand. And the most impetuous outrage against the working classes will yet cower before the law. Violence and contrary to the law will never accomplish anything, but righteousness and according to law will accomplish it.

Well, if this controversy between Capital and Labor cannot be settled by human wisdom, it is time for us to look somewhere else for relief, and it points from my text roseate and jubilant, and puts one hand on the broad cloth shoulder of Capital, and puts the other hand on the homespun covered shoulder of Toil, and says, with a voice that will grandly and gloriously settle this and settle everything, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." That is, the lady of the household will say: "I must treat the maid in the kitchen just as I would like to be treated if I were down stairs, and it were my work to wash, and cook, and sweep, and it were the duty of the

maid in the kitchen to preside in this parlor." The maid in the kitchen must say: "If my employer seems to be more prosperous than I, that is no fault of hers. I shall not treat her as an enemy. I will have the same industry and fidelity down stairs as I would expect from my superordinates if I happened to be the wife of a silk importer."

The owner of an iron mill, having taken a dose of my text before leaving home in the morning, will go into his foundry, and, passing into what is called the puddling room, he will see a man there stripped to the waist, and besweated and exhausted with the labor and the toil, and he will say to him: "Why, it seems to be very hot in here. You look very much exhausted. I hear your child is sick with scarlet fever. If you want your wages a little earlier this week, so as to pay the nurse and get the medicines, just come into my office any time."

KINDNESS INSURES FAITHFULNESS.

After awhile, crash goes the money market, and there is no more demand for the articles manufactured in that iron mill, and the owner does not know what to do. He says: "Shall I stop the mill, or shall I run it on half time, or shall I cut down the men's wages?" He walks the floor of his counting room all day, hardly knowing what to do. Toward evening he calls all the laborers together. They stand all around, some with arms akimbo, some with folded arms, wondering what the boss is going to do now. The manufacturer says: "Men, business is bad; I don't make twenty dollars where I used to make one hundred. Somehow there is no demand now for what we manufacture, or but very little demand. You see, I am at vast expense, and I have called you together this afternoon to see what you would advise. I don't want to shut up the mill, because that would force you out of work, and you have always been very faithful, and I like you, and you seem to like me, and the bairns must be looked after, and your wife will after awhile want a new dress. I don't know what to do."

There is a dead halt for a minute or two, and then one of the workmen steps out from the ranks of his fellows and says: "Boss, you have been very good to us, and when you prospered we prospered, and now you are in a tight place, and I am sorry, and we have got to sympathize with you. I don't know how the others feel, but I propose that we take off twenty per cent from our wages and that when the times get good you will remember us and raise them again." The workman looks around to his comrades and says: "Boys, what do you say to this? All in favor of my proposition will say aye." "Aye! aye! aye!" shout two hundred voices.

But the mill owner, gazing in some new machinery, exposes himself very much, and he takes cold, and it settles into pneumonia, and he dies. In the procession to the tomb are all the workmen, tears rolling down their cheeks, and off upon the ground; but an hour before the procession gets to the cemetery the wife and the children of those workmen are at the grave waiting for the arrival of the funeral pageant. The minister of religion may have delivered an eloquent eulogium before they started for the house, but the most impressive things a man said that day by the working classes standing around the tomb.

That night in all the cabins of the working people where they have family prayers, the widowhood and the orphanage in the mansion are remembered. No glaring populations look over the iron fence of the cemetery; but, hovering over the scene, the benediction of God and man is coming for the fulfillment of the Christlike injunction, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

IT IS EMINENTLY PRACTICABLE.

"Oh," says some man here, that is all Utopian, that is apocryphal, that is impossible. No, I cut out of a paper this: "One of the pleasant incidents recorded in a long time is reported from Sheffield, England. The wages of the men in the iron works at Sheffield are regulated by a board of arbitration, by whose decision both masters and men are bound. For some time past the iron and steel trade has been extremely unprofitable, and the employers cannot, without much loss, pay the wages fixed by the board, which neither employers nor employees have the power to change. To avoid this difficulty, the workmen in one of the largest steel works in Sheffield hit upon a device as rare as it is generous. They offered to work for their employers one week without any pay whatever. How much better that plan is than a strike would be."

But you go with me and I will show you—not so far off as Sheffield, England—factories, banking houses, storehouses and costly enterprises where this Christlike injunction of my text is fully kept, and you could no more get the employer to practice an injustice upon his men, or the men to conspire against the employer, than you could get your right hand and your left hand, your right eye and your left eye, your right ear and your left ear into physiological antagonism. Now, where is this to begin? In our homes, in our stores, on our farms—not waiting for other people to do their duty. Is there a divergence now between the parlor and the kitchen? Then there is something wrong, either in the parlor or the kitchen, perhaps in both. Are the clerks in your store fighting against the first? Then there is

something wrong, either behind the counter, or in the private office, or perhaps in both.

The great want of the world today is the fulfillment of this Christlike injunction, that which he promulgated in his sermon Olivet. All the political economists under the archivolt of the heavens in convention for a thousand years cannot settle this controversy between monopoly and hard work, between capital and labor. During the Revolutionary war there was a heavy piece of timber to be lifted, perhaps for some fortress, and a corporal was overseeing the work, and he was giving commands to some soldiers as they lifted: "Heave away, there! ye heave!" Well, the timber was too heavy; they could not get it up. There was a gentleman riding by on a horse, and he stopped and said to this corporal: "Why don't you help them lift? That timber is too heavy for them to lift." "No," he said, "I won't; I am a corporal." The gentleman got off his horse and came up to the place. "Now," he said to the soldiers, "all together—ye, heave!" and the timber went to its place. "Now," said the gentleman to the corporal, "when you have a piece of timber too heavy for the men to lift, and you want help, you send to your commander-in-chief." It was Washington! Now, that is about all the Gospel I know—the Gospel of giving somebody a lift, a lift out of darkness, a lift out of earth into heaven. That is the Gospel of helping somebody else to lift.

"Oh," says some wisecracker, "talk as you will, the law of demand and supply will regulate these things until the end of time." No, it will not unless God dies and the batteries of the Judgment day are spiked, and Pluto and Proserpine, king and queen of the infernal regions, take full possession of this world. Do you know who Supply and Demand are? They have gone into partnership, and they propose to swindle this earth, and are swindling it. You are drowning. Supply and Demand stands on the shore, one on one side, the other on the other side, of the life boat, and they cry out to you, "Now, you pay us what we ask you for getting you to shore, or go to the bottom!" If you can borrow \$5,000 you can keep from failing in business. Supply and Demand say, "Now, you pay us exorbitant usury, or you go into bankruptcy!" The robber firm of Supply and Demand say to you: "The crops are short. We bought up all the wheat, and it is in our bin. Now, you pay our price, or starve!" That is your magnificent law of supply and demand.

DEMAND AND SUPPLY FALLACIES.

Supply and Demand own the largest mill on earth, and all the rivers roll over their wheel, and into their hopper they put all the men, women, and children they can shovel out of the centuries and the blood and the bones redden the valley while the mill grinds. That diabolic law of supply and demand will yet have to stand aside, and instead thereof will come the law of love, the law of co-operation, the law of kindness, the law of sympathy, the law of Christ.

Have you no idea of the coming of such a time? Then you do not believe the Bible. All the Bible is full of promises on this subject, and as the ages roll on the time will come when men of fortune will be giving largess to humanitarian and evangelistic purposes, and there will be more James Lenoxes and Peter Coopers and William E. Dodges and George Peabodys. As that time comes there will be more gardens thrown open for the holiday people and the working classes.

I was reading some time ago in regard to a charge that had been made in England against Lambeth Palace, that it was exclusive; and that charge demonstrated the sublime fact that to the grounds of that wealthy estate eight hundred poor families had free passes, and forty croquet companies, and on the half day holidays four thousand poor people recline on the grass, walk through the paths, and sit under the trees. That is gospel—gospel on the wing, gospel out of doors worth just as much as indoors. That time is going to come.

That is only a hint of what is going to be. The time is going to come when, if you have anything in your house worth looking at—pictures, pieces of sculpture—you are going to invite me to come and see it; you are going to invite my friends to come and see it, and you will say, "See what I have been blessed with! God has given me this, and so far as enjoying it, it is yours also." That is gospel.

In crossing the Alleghany mountains, many years ago, the stage halted, and Henry Clay dismounted from the stage, and went out on a rock at the very verge of the cliff, and he stood there with his cloak wrapped about him, and he seemed to be listening for something. Some one said to him, "What are you listening for?" Standing there, on the top of the mountain, he said: "I am listening to the tramp of the footsteps of the coming millions of this continent." A sublime posture for an American statesman! You and I today stand on the mountain top of privilege, and on the Rock of Ages, and we look off, and we hear coming from the future the happy industries, and smiling populations, and the innumerable prosperities of the closing nineteenth and the opening twentieth century.

And now I have two words, one to

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THE "STANDARD" SEWING MACHINES.

T. E. POWELL.

capitalists and the other to laboring men.

"WORK WHILE IT IS DAY."

To capitalists: Be your own executors. Make investments for eternity. Do not be like some capitalists I know who walk around among their employees with a supercilious air, or drive up to the factory in a manner which seems to indicate they are the autocrats of the universe with the sun and moon in their vest pockets, chiefly anxious when they get among laboring men not to be touched by the greasy or smirched hand and have their broadcloth injured. Be a Christian employer. Remember, those who are under your charge are some of your bone and flesh of your flesh, that Jesus Christ died for them and that they are immortal. Divide up your estates, or portions of them, for the relief of the world, before you leave it.

Do not go out of the world like that man who died eight or ten years ago, leaving in his will twenty million dollars, yet giving how much for the Church of God? How much for the alleviation of human suffering? He gave some money a little while before he died. That was well; but in all this will of twenty million dollars, how much? One million? No. Five hundred thousand? No. One hundred thousand? No. Two cents? No. One cent? No. These great cities groaning in anguish, nations crying out for the bread of everlasting life. A man in a will giving twenty millions of dollars and not one cent to God! It is a disgrace to our civilization.

To laboring men: I congratulate you on your prospects, I congratulate you on the fact that you are getting your representatives at Albany, at Harrisburg and at Washington. This will go on until you will have representatives at all the headquarters, and you will have full justice. Mark that. I congratulate you also on the opportunities for your children. Your children

are going to have vast opportunities. I congratulate you that you have to work, and that when you are dead your children will have to work. I congratulate you also on your opportunities of information. Plato paid one thousand three hundred dollars for two books. Jerome ruined himself, financially, by buying one volume of "Origin."

What vast opportunities for intelligence for you and your children! A workingman goes along by the show window of some great publishing house, and he sees a book that costs five dollars. He says: "I wish I could have that information; I wish I could raise five dollars for that costly and beautiful book." A few months pass on and he gets the value of that book for fifty cents in a pamphlet. There never was such a day for the workingmen of America as the day that is coming.

But the greatest friend of capitalist and toiler, and the one who will yet bring them together in complete accord, was born one Christmas night while the curtains of heaven swung, stirred by the wings angelic. Owner of all things—all the continents, all the worlds, and all the islands of light. Capitalist of immensity, crossing over to our condition. Coming into our world, not by gate of palace, but by door of barn. Spending his first night amid the shepherds. Gathering afterward around him the fishermen to be his chief attendants. With adze, and saw, and chisel, and ax, and in a carpenter shop showing himself brother with the tradesmen.

Owner of all things, and yet on a hillside back of Jerusalem one day resigning everything for others, keeping not so much as a shekel to pay for his obsequies. By charity buried in the suburbs of a city that had cast him out. Before the cross of such a capitalist, and such a carpenter, all men can afford to shake hands and work.

Here is the every man's Christ. None so high but he was higher. None so poor but he was poorer. At his feet the hostile extremes will yet renounce their animosities, and countenances which have glowered with the prejudices and with the smiles of centuries shall brighten with the smiles of heaven as he commands: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

How to Carve a Turkey.

One way is to cut from the breasts square slices, and proceed in the same way for all the fleshy parts of the bird. Though this is an easy way for the carver, it has the drawback of allowing all the natural gravy to escape and to leave the most delicate morsels clinging to the carcass. Or you may remove the legs separately, place them on one side, and then do the same for the wings, but cut them up in pieces of suitable size; next cut off the white meat as close to the carcass as possible, and, lastly, break up the carcass. A third way, after the wings have been removed, is to break the carcass above the crupper, which remains attached to the legs and forms a sort of hood, vulgarly called the "bishop's cup." This is a good way to serve. Carve when there are only a few persons at the table; if the guests are numerous the second way is the better one.—Cor. Chicago Herald.

Men Have Hobbies.

A New York doctor says that you can make a man believe that his liver is out of order when you can't make him believe that there is a hereafter for his soul. The human liver is dosed ninety-nine times with quinine, but once.—Detroit Free Press.

The Rev. Geo. H. ... hon, Ind., says: "Do wife owe our lives to ... mption cure. ... -ly."

Candidates may come, and candidates may go, THE STAR still shines—but—NOT for H-O-G-G.

HON. H. D. McDONALD has withdrawn from the race for governor. Wheeler seems to be the only man that has to oppose the great (?) Texas Hog.

HON. JOHN G. CARLILE was nominated last week to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Beck. Kentucky honors herself in thus honoring one of her most brilliant sons.

West Texas papers are growing rich and want to sell out and retire from active business. The Vernon Guard, Big Springs Pantagraph and San Angelo Enterprise, are all offered for sale.

BRO. IMBODEN of the Cherokee Herald says the editor of THE STAR, in a set-to argument, is almost incurable. Perhaps so, but then we have lots of good company out this way, you know.

MEN with capital are seeking homes and investments in western Texas. Then let us be on the alert and induce some of them to locate with us. All that is lacking is a little exertion. The results will well reward the efforts. Try it.

If you owe the STAR anything get the money ready by the first, for we need it and must have it. Promises have played out at this establishment, why? because our creditors won't take promises but demand the cash, and we must do the same.

SHOULD it come to a choice between Hogg and Hall for governor, Western Texas would be pretty much in the same fix that the negro preacher's congregation was when he told them that there were but two roads, one lead to hell and the other to perdition.

THE Breckenridge Texian thinks it likely other candidates will soon withdraw from the race for governor on account of sickness. May be so, but we hope not, because we want to see the present issues fought out to the bitter end.

THE Cherokee Herald calls the Post to task for what it has an erroneous report of the vote on the excursionists down the Bayou during the session of the Press convention at Houston. What does it matter now? Throckmorton is out of the race.

THE Hogg cohorts are throwing up their hats with great glee. Gentlemen, the war is not over and there is plenty of time to down Hogg yet. If you think the opposition to Hogg is more child's play somebody is going to be badly mistaken when they meet at the Alamo.

We had a nice write-up of our trip to Houston last week, but it was unavoidably crowded out last issue and is too stale this week. Suffice it to say that the press gang had a royal good time and were entertained as only the hospitable city of Houston knows how to entertain her guests.

OUR people sit down and view with complacency the tide of immigration that is continuously pouring through our town, to counties west of us, and not an effort is made to induce any of them to locate in Callahan county. It is certainly time we were waking up if we do not want to be left entirely in the lurch.

HON. J. W. THROCKMORTON has withdrawn from the race for governor and some of our esteemed contemporaries of the press manifest undue haste in getting out of the way of the Hogg boom. Well, gentlemen, THE STAR is still in the ring and is just as much opposed to Mr. Hogg as ever, because it opposes him on principle.

THE STAR never straddles a question and never waits to find out which way the popular breeze is blowing. The only thing we want to know which is the right side and that is the side THE STAR will always try to be found on, though it is more than likely we will have to part company with a few political bugs who care more for office than they do for political principles.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WHEELER is acting governor while governor Ross is absent from the state. The Cisco Round-up says he is merely getting accustomed to the duties he will soon be called upon by his fellow countrymen to perform in his own right. Gov. Wheeler would grace the governor's chair without a doubt, and would make a safe conservative choice.

OUR FOREIGN LETTER.

JOURNEYINGS OF A BAIRDITE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

BEAUTIFUL WORD PAINTING AND DESCRIPTIVE WRITING.

The Habits, Conditions, Customs and Religious Observances of the West Indies People.

JAMAICA, HAYTI AND CUBA.

Special Correspondence of The Star.

HAVANA, Cuba, April 28.—If to be a well traveled person is equivalent to being a well educated person is equivalent, then the far-journeying newspaper reporter or correspondent certainly ought to be the very best educated of all persons, for if there are any heights or depths that the correspondent will not penetrate in order to legitimately gather all the news for his journal, the writer has surely failed to note it.

How very swiftly have our changes of base taken place in our far-journeys in foreign countries, when a little more than about six and a half months ago, we set sail from our native land and from under the protection of the American flag, and have been in a number of foreign lands.

JAMAICA AND HAYTI.

Both Hayti and Jamaica afford great fields of interest and discovery to him in quest of news, or the visiting sightseer. Kingston, the capital city of Jamaica, is far ahead of any other city in the West Indies, both in regard to appearance, material development and culture, with the exception of Havana, capital of Cuba, the queen of the Antilles. The capital of Hayti is far inferior in size, appearance and importance to the city of Kingston in Jamaica, with really some fine buildings, well laid out streets, handsome residences, etc., which I suppose is because of so many English people living there. Then the people of Kingston dress well, but the sable Haytians are conspicuous, both for the absence of good manners, good morals and proper or decent dress. Hayti, almost more than any other islands of the West Indies, is subject to too frequent internal revolutions and dissensions, which has now well nigh ruined the island.

HAYTI'S RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES. While on this island we certainly detected some curious, mysterious and superstitious customs of these more than semi-savage Haytian islanders, not the least superstitious among them, being their prayers for and offerings to the dead. As bright and early during the time of their religious celebration these Haytians can be seen entering cemeteries where they had dead buried, with packages. The delicacies offered up to be dispatched to the inner recesses of the grave consisted of roasted chicken, pigs and other articles. As the men congregated about a grave prayer was said in the most grotesque style, and beautiful paper wives and paper servants were burned on the mound. Roasted pigs and chickens were set before the grave, and were afterwards taken home and eaten by these sable brothers in black. And this latter part of the interesting program looked like some method in their madness. Paper blouses and other wearing apparel burned are believed to be changed into silken garments in the other world.

KINGSTON AND JAMAICA'S GALLOW POINT. Kingston is an old town according to our new world method of computing age. In the year 1692 an earthquake entirely destroyed the greater part of Port Royal, and the panic-stricken folk fleeing thence to the mainland from the plague that followed, gathered together upon the shores of Ligeanea, where a little settlement of thatched huts marked the spot on which Kingston was afterwards to arise in her glory. It has no such wild history as the mother town; its romance is mostly that of luxurious prosperity of merchant prince and sugar king. Yet thanks to the roving pirate and slaver, Kingston is not altogether devoid of another sort of story. A story at once as wild, as weird and as romantic as the sculptor or the artist ever traced, or as was ever sketched by the gifted pen.

Nowadays we read in the crumbling docks and hoary warehouses a voiceless history of busy, prosperous times, of which "Tom Cringle" tells and we also read in the rickety, tumble down houses that helplessly crumble to decay in the heart of the town, the same silent history of the town when those merchants entertained their guests in oriental luxury.

Now all this is very fine and pretty and romantic, but there was a reverse to the picture, dark, stern, terrible. The rich people lived luxuriously, but underneath the surface, two hundred and fifty thousand wretches groaned and writhed in one of the most merciless servitudes that the world ever saw. There are other things to be seen in Kingston that speak a different history than that told by once noble houses now crumbling to ruin—things that speak loudly of sullen cruelty and mortal agony. In the museum of the city there hangs in one corner an iron frame, now rusting into decay. The frame is exactly the shape of the human figure, and the iron bars open upon hinges and close with a padlock. It is the terrible "cage" of which we now and then catch a mention in the records of the slave courts, where hapless condemned wretches were often, and for but trivial causes, enclosed within its iron grasp, and hung in its rings there in the sight of all; and there in the "cage" dying for days in the scorching glare of the tropical sun, and starved, and tortured, and buffeted by the wings of the filthy vultures that hardly waited for the eyes to glare before they were at work. I was told that the frame had been dug out of the sand, and that when it was discovered a female skeleton was still within its grasp.

JAMAICA'S HORRIBLE GALLOW POINT. Midway in the harbor between Kingston and Port Royal a tongue of land juts out from the peninsula towards the sea. This tongue of land was once bounded by a white coral beach, now hidden beneath a dense growth of mangrove thickets and pierced by narrow corrals through which, herons, pelicans and frigate birds live an undisturbed life. The name of that point of land indicates its history with a terrible brevity; it is "Gallows Point." There in the days of seventy-five or a hundred years ago a ghastly, hideous frame-work stood in the sight of all and almost always between the upright posts one or two dead pirates hung in chains, swaying slowly to and fro in the breeze, with hollow, sightless eyes turned now toward the white-winged ships and now toward the long neck of land, while buzzards, the "John Crows" of Jamaica, called solemnly round and round in the air above, their silent following shadow now and then flitting across the gray, stony brow beneath. "Tom Cringle's Log" states that twenty-five Cuban pirates were strung up one morning at Gallows Point; their bodies soon making food for those vultures of the upper air, which no blockade could chain.

OUR RE-ENTRY INTO HAVANA. Daylight disclosed to us on board ship, the outlines of Cuba, and they enlarged until Havana was before us. After steaming by Castillo del Moro and Castillo de la Punta, which literally translated, mean the "Castle on the Snout" and the "Castle on the Point." There is no end to castles and batteries in and about Havana. Our ship anchored in the stream and we were taken ashore in boats. There is no difficulty in getting ashore, as the boats are large and handled by one or two men, as only islanders can handle boats. We landed at the custom house dock, and were driven to the Pasaje hotel in victorias. These vehicles are the principal means of getting about in the city, and are heavy and well built, looking like an old-time doctor's buggy; the front wheels being set nearer together than the rear ones to make short turns in these narrow streets. A victoria is drawn by one horse, not much larger than a Texas pony, and can carry five people. At the Pasaje hotel we found nice quarters and the English language all around to a limited extent, and at the hotel office it was evidently nearly at par.

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CUBA GROWING POORER—STATISTICS. I think that a close observer will infer from a visit to Cuba that the wealth and productive power of the island is constantly decreasing; as much as ninety-four per cent of the entire products of Cuba come to the United States, and with the exception of the forty thousand soldiers, and the Spanish officials, the entire population is a unit for annexation to the United States. Spain is strengthening the defense of the island, adding the Krupp guns to Moro Castle, costing each \$800,000. The treatment of the people of Ireland by England has never been as bad as the treatment of the Cubans are under the Spanish yoke today.

AN INDUSTRIOUS AND COURTEOUS PEOPLE. In Havana the streets are alive with people from daylight until midnight. The grocer, the clothier and other tradesmen open their shops at 5 a. m. There are no idlers in the streets of Havana. Everyone is careful and polite. The cabbies take good care of his horse; they don't whip their stock. In the narrow, crowded streets of the old town, where the sidewalks are but twenty inches in width, there is no jostling. In the theater, at the bull fight, or the cockpit, the utmost politeness prevails. In fact, it is so everywhere in Havana.

CARNIVAL DAY IN CUBA. Carnival day in Cuba is a great event, and the holiday season in the United States is tame in comparison with it. It is here celebrated as a church festival. It seemed strange in this Catholic country to awaken Sunday morning and find the whole city on the qui vive of expectation and of busy preparation for a carnival. The day was very beautiful, the stores were open, the cafes were swarming with people and there was a general air of enjoyment all over the place.

PROTECTION TO AMERICAN INDUSTRIES. Before going any further into a description of Cuba, generally, I desire to call attention to the fact that since my absence from the United States I have seen where the American papers are calling for the enactment by congress of a high tariff on foreign fruits, especially the citrus fruits, among which are oranges, aimed particularly at the exportation of oranges from Cuba. Now, a consistent tariff on foreign fruits is sadly needed to the Florida orange grower, and there is no reason why in law, in morals or in reason, that they should not have this adequate protection. We ought to be now heartily tired of supporting other governments. And further, in the coffee trade, why not place a duty on coffee coming from those countries, which collect upon that article an export, and make the import duty equal to the export duty. It would be eminently right, and would undoubtedly serve to make coffee cheaper for all of our people. And when that export duty is lowered or removed then lower or remove the import duty. What's fairer? Now let your terribly extreme free trade abstractionists put this in their pipes and smoke it.

JOURNALISM IN CUBA. Calling on the editor of the "Discusion," one of the daily papers in the city, we found that this paper is termed a liberal paper, and that the government has shown its high appreciation of its liberal sentiments by both fining and imprisoning some of its editors. Cuban newspapers are conducted much after the style of the Parisian press; as in order to make a success it is really essential that there should be an occasional duel. In our country the busy bees of newspaper men has no time either to fight duels or go to jail; as who would boom the town if the American editor was either killed or went to jail?

THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THE ISLAND. In addition to the 80,000 Spanish troops, there are 30,000 volunteer soldiers, fifteen battalions of 1,200 men each are in Havana. A half battalion, 600 men, goes on duty every morning. The volunteers mount guard each morning on the Prado in front of the hotel Pasaje. The parade forms quite an attraction, and the soldiers are uniformed in a suit made of blue checked linen and Panama hats and are armed with breech loaders; and their drill would certainly amuse our military men.

AMONG THE CYPRIAN INVALIDS. Everybody who visits Havana should see the Sanchez place; it is four miles from the city and is reached by a drive through an avenue of palms, and heavy iron gates, and a guard bars the passage, but an American quarter of a dollar will overcome all obstacles, and you can enter and be shown all through the famous house and grounds, with its manifold curiosities of the many treasurers of antiquity and splendors of the orient. The fine humanitarian hospital for the sick dead monde lay on the way to the Sanchez place. You can go through the building. Women of this class are subject to inspection, and are

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BEAUTIFUL SUMMER GOODS!

DRESS GOODS.

This department comprises all the latest and most novel effects in Silks, Brocades, Henriettas, English Mohair, Brilliantine, Embroidered and Side Stripe Robes, Challies Wash goods—such as Satines, Ginghams in fancy plaids and stripes, black, striped and checked Lawns; white plaid lace, organdies, challies. Nets in every design.

CLOTHING.

In Clothing and Furnishing goods this season we have made an extra effort. As to selection and make it is nearer perfection than ever before. On our counters will be found beautiful fabrics, chaste patterns designed by artists and guaranteed to fit. Extra size suits and pants. This department being so complete we rarely fail to fit or suit you.

FURNISHING GOODS.

This season we have given extra care and attention to this department, and this summer show more nobby and stylish goods than have ever before been brought here. White and colored shirts, silk shirts, collars and cuffs, handkerchiefs, nobby line of plain and fancy Hose, kid gloves, neck-wear, children's shirt waists, jewelry, etc.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Our line of ladies' and gents' fine shoes is full and complete. We can offer you all that is stylish, durable and cheap. In this department our prices will be found as low as you can buy the same goods in Dallas or Fort Worth. Remember we have all our fine goods made to order. It will pay you to buy your shoes from us.

CURTAINS.

An elegant line of lace curtains, scrimes, bed sets, pillow shams, bed spreads, in white and colors. Our line of table damasks is unsurpassed, we have all grades in white, bordered, snow drop, variegated, Turkey red, both foreign and domestic.

HOSIERY.

We invite your attention to our hosiery department, where you will find a complete assortment of hosiery, solid cotton, regular made ladies' French fast black, warranted not to fade; ladies' brown balbrigan, ladies' fancy, in all colors. Children's fast black. Also an elegant assortment in colors.

New Summer Goods Arriving Every Day.

J. D. BOYDSTUN. D. J. WILSON, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. R. G. POWELL, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Bowlus Bros., Contractors and Builders. E. FRUEH & MAX, THE BAIRD CHOP HOUSE AND RESTAURANT. Will M. Buell, HOUSE, - SIGN - AND - CARRIAGE - PAINTING. THE WHITLEY HOUSE. W. C. WHITLEY, Proprietor. Go to the OFFICE SALOON for your NINE YEAR OLD KENTUCKY COMFORT WHISKY. J. B. MAXWELL, Proprietor, Baird, Texas. OLIVER'S MEAT MARKET. L. O. OLIVER, PROPRIETOR. Fresh meats of all kinds always on hand. Give me a call when you want good meats. Market street. First door south of Ph. Schwartz. W. A. McLAURY, W. L. JONES, T. J. DEAN. New Grocery, McLAURY, JONES & DEAN, Staple and Fancy Groceries. MARKET STREET, BAIRD, TEX. WM. CAMERON & CO., DEALERS IN Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Moulding, Posts, Stays, Lime and Cement. THIRD STREET, BAIRD, TEX. Mont. Somes, BOOK and COMMERCIAL Printing. LOOK AT THESE PRICES! Come early and make selections from our assortment of SPRING and SUMMER goods. 7c dark Prints for 5c; Zephyr, 5c per ounce to close; Ladies' \$3.50 and \$3.25 Shoes for \$3; Boy's \$2.25 Shoes, \$1.75; Men's \$3 Broad Toe Congress Shoes for \$2.50 to close; Ladies Hats and other millinery at 75c on the dollar; Men's \$4.25 Cowboy Boots for \$3.50. All staple DRY GOODS at the lowest prices. STRAW HATS will be sold if you want them. Men's Heavy Shoes at your own prices. FOY & RICHARDSON.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce J. T. Purvis, of Cottonwood, as a candidate for Sheriff of Callahan county at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce W. L. Jones as a candidate for sheriff of Callahan county at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce Lee McCannon as a candidate for sheriff of Callahan county.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce John C. Greathouse of Toro, as a candidate for Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce R. J. Estes, of Clyde, as a candidate for Tax-Assessor.

FOR CO. AND DISTRICT CLERK.

We are authorized to announce F. P. Shackelford, of Putnam, as a candidate for County and District clerk.

We are authorized to announce L. Jackson as a candidate for re-election to the office of county and district clerk.

We are authorized to announce J. M. Houston as a candidate for County and District Clerk.

COUNTY TREASURER.

We are requested to announce John H. Surles, of Putnam, as a candidate for county treasurer.

We are authorized to announce C. Estes as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer.

Dead shot fly paper. Phillips.

Clothing made to order at Powell's. Ph Schwartz is in Dallas on business.

J. S. Burnham of Putnam was in town this week.

J. T. Purvis candidate for sheriff was in town Monday.

Galvanized iron wash tubs, and wringers. Harry Meyer.

The Knights of Pythias have received their uniforms at last.

Stone crocks, jars, churns and water coolers. Harry Meyer.

Billie Windham of Presidio county came in on the train last Sunday.

Hamilton & Brown shoes. Powell.

Miss Mamie L. Crane, of Dallas, is visiting Mrs. T. A. Gentry, of our city.

The Prodigal editor C. J. Willson was up attending the Alliance speaking Monday.

French satine at Powell's.

Mrs. Harry Meyers and Louis Stellan returned from a visit to the Spring Palace.

T. J. Norrell our efficient tax assessor was in the city this week looking as contented as ever.

Ice cream freezers. Harry Meyer.

J. E. W. Lane was elected Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, last Sunday.

S. L. Robertson returned from Rayner last week, where he has been since district court.

Car load fresh meal to arrive McLaury Jones & Dean.

C. R. McAdams traveling for the Southern Stove works Evansville, Ind. was in town yesterday.

Dave McDonell was in town Monday and made us a pleasant call. Dave is always welcome.

Base ball supplies. R. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Coppins, Miss Inez Coppins and Master Carl Coppins, visited the Spring Palace last week.

Mr. W. G. Bush one of the largest cattle owners in Coleman county purchased two Hereford bulls from Ellis Richardson this week.

Coppins & Driskill have a lot of boness hams. Get some.

D. M. Ford, of Cross Plains, was among the callers at THE STAR office Tuesday. He also had his name enrolled on our subscription books.

French gingham Algaeens Drab De Venis, etc. Powell.

Rev. D. W. Mathews, an old time friend of the editor of THE STAR, now living at Cottonwood was in attendance at the Alliance speaking Monday. We acknowledge a pleasant call from him.

California soap at Coppins & Driskill.

Town marshal, H. B. Price, will begin collecting the dog-tax next Monday.

Blue ribbon shoes at Powell's.

Say, what is to hinder Baird from having a rousing big barbecue on the 4th of July?

Wedding suits at Powell's.

Miss Josie Wardlow, from eastern Texas is visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. G. Crowder of Baird.

Window shades at Powell's.

J. H. Huffman painted a neat and artistic sign for Baird Drug Co. last week. As a sign painter "Huff" is the chief.

Nice prize with every package of coffee sold by McLaury Jones & Dean.

J. H. Peters has had his dwelling and all out-buildings repainted. Nothing improves the appearance of a building more than fresh paint.

Trunks very cheap at Powell's.

John Mathews was in town Monday. By the way John says he can not keep hives on hand and only makes them to order. See change in his ad.

Carpets at Powell's.

Aunt Rebecca Gilliland, Mrs. Fannie McWhorter, Miss Harriett Brightwell, Miss Nettie Kelley and Aleck McWhorter, of Toro, were in town visiting friends this week.

Trunks cheap at Powell's.

T. A. Gentry, T. & P. passenger engineer, left last week on a month's visit to his mother in Sedalia, Mo. THE STAR wishes him a pleasant journey and a safe return.

Cresylic ointment. Phillips.

George Palmer of Tecumseh was in town last Saturday with a lot of ducks and other fowls for sale. George says he found the duck market rather overloaded.

Straw matting. T. E. Powell.

The following persons were excited to the august degree of Royal Arch in the chapter last Monday night: W. R. McDermott, Arthur Yonge and Ellis Richardson.

Corn and cotton hoes, shovels and spades. Harry Meyer.

Mrs. J. K. Lape, accompanied by her son, J. T. Lape, and her daughter, Miss Lula, a highly accomplished young lady and a leading belle of St. Joseph, Mo., are visiting Mrs. T. A. Gentry, of Baird.

Fresh butter on ice at Arthur Yonge's.

"Squire" R. J. Estes comes before the people this year for tax assessor. Squire Estes is an old resident of Callahan county, a good man and will make an efficient and faithful officer if elected.

We intended to publish the proceedings of the last session of the commissioners court, this week, but we had so much matter carried over from last week that we had no room for them. They will appear next week.

Just received a lot of pure lard and a nice lot of small clear side bacon. S. L. Ogle.

C. Estes announcement for treasurer appears in this issue. Mr. Estes has served the people well and faithfully as treasurer, which is a guarantee that he will be faithful in the future should the people desire to continue him in office.

Lace curtains at Powell's.

J. M. Houston announces this week for county and district clerk. Mr. Houston lives near Putnam, is identified with the county and promises to serve the people honestly and faithfully should he be their choice at the next election.

Undressed kid gloves at Powell's.

Prof. Haynes and his sister, Miss Armine, are in attendance at the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church now in session at Union City, Tenn. Madam Rumor has it that he may come home with a lifetime partner in his bliss and woe.

Boneless Ham dried beef and onions McLaury Jones & Dean.

W. J. Power, formerly of Baird, but now living at Roby, Fisher county, stopped over in town Tuesday, on his way east to buy a stock of groceries and will open a family grocery at Roby immediately on his return. The people of Roby will find him to be a thorough gentleman and a good business man.

Just received an elegant line of silverware suitable for wedding presents, etc. Harry Meyer.

THE STAR's subscription list in the county passed the 400 mark this week. Considering the fact that Callahan county is not a thickly settled county we consider this a good showing. This means that THE STAR visits over 400 homes in the county each week. The list is steadily growing and we confidently believe we will have over 600 by January 1. The list outside of the county is about the same. This is straight goods and can easily be verified. We have just as many subscribers as we claim. No more, no less.

Summer underwear at Powell's.

Hogs! Hogs! Hogs! Sow and pigs for sale. G. E. NELSON.

Black Venecian lace lawns at Powell's, make the finest dresses in the land, Be sure and get one.

SPEAKING about cotton, it is evident that the crop this year will far exceed that of any past season, if you are interested, read the advt. of H. W. HUBBARD, Dallas, Tex., in another part of THE STAR.

Don't forget that we are still in business, and as for goods, we have a full line of everything. Prices! Well we can certainly interest you without a doubt, for we sell low down as everyone can testify. Come to see us you will be convinced. Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

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ALLIANCE LECTURE.

Mr. Harry Tracy, the Alliance lecturer, delivered a public lecture at the Court house last Monday, according to previous announcement. His subject was the Farmer's Alliance, its aims, etc. He made a good talk, and one in the main, which every patriotic citizen will endorse, whether he be an alliance man or not. He said the question was frequently asked if the Alliance was a political body; he said he would answer the question once for all—the Alliance was a political body, as he expressed it, "The Alliance was as full of politics as an egg was of meat. But he emphatically stated that it was not nor would be a partisan political body. He spoke at considerable length advocating the sub-treasury bill now pending before congress. There is no doubt but what a large majority of the farmers of the United States are in favor of this bill, and they are going to make it hot for some congressmen at the next election if this bill is defeated, mark the prediction. We believe the bill is impracticable and goes too far in the direction of paternalism, at the same time we know, and so does every well informed person know, that the national government has fostered and maintained certain privileged classes for the last twenty-five years. The bondholder and money lenders of the east, and whisky distillers have been especially favored by the government. You may talk about class-legislation as much as you please, but what else has congress done since the war but pass class laws. The sub-treasury bill is not one whit worse than many laws on our statute books today, among which might be mentioned the high tariff laws that extort nearly \$100,000,000 annually from the people in excess of the actual needs of the government, only to be squandered on a favored few. Is it any wonder the farmers should ask the government to loan them some of its hoarded millions? The farmers may not succeed in getting into Uncle Sam's money box themselves, but if they don't they are dead sure to choke off some of the human vampires who have such a death-grip on the public teat. To this end THE STAR bids the farmers God-speed.

Silk shirts and all kinds of shirts a Powell's.

Lace lawn white and black T. E. Powell.

TECUMSEH NEWS.

Tecumseh, May 17.—A fine rain Sunday night, accompanied by some hail.

The outlook for the farmers is generally splendid. There is complaint on some places on account of the rust, but still the small grain looks very promising, and I noticed a number of fields that guarantee a full crop. Corn and cotton show a fine stand.

The private school conducted by Mrs. E. V. Kirksey numbers about twenty pupils.

R. M. Thomas left Monday for California. It is the third time that "Rocky" starts for the land of gold and humbug; like the argonauts of olden time in search of the coveted golden fleece. But there are bets made up already as to what time it will take to bring him back to Texas again, and at the utmost twelve months are allowed. Ned. Friend went along with him.

More new comers in this neighborhood, all hunting homes. They are welcome, but they find that with the most flattering prospects for an abundant crop, land is held at much higher figures than about eight or ten weeks ago.

Tecumseh lodge A. F. & A. M. is prospering. Nearly half a dozen new candidates were duly initiated Saturday last.

I am sorry to chronicle a sad accident that occurred to Prof. Barnes Saturday night or rather Sunday morning. He was returning to Eagle Cove from a meeting of the lodge, when he and his horse had some misunderstanding. During the controversy the vicious animal threw the rider against a wire fence. The young gentleman was badly injured and will be laid up for at least one week. Certain ladies were not slow to intimate that he was riding the goat when he was hurt, but the above is a true statement of the facts.

Eagle Cove will have a kind of boom. Mr. E. K. Harris has already ordered a second stand and a new twenty-five horse power engine for his gin. The creek will be dammed and a full supply of good water procured. A first class roller mill is also projected by the same gentleman, and it will be decided to-day if the Eagle Cove Farmers Alliance will take an active interest in this establishment or not. Drug store and general merchandise store will follow soon. We congratulate our neighbors. Every community needs a few men animated by such enterprising public spirit and backed by sufficient means. They are contributing to the welfare of the whole common wealth, and will reap the harvest for their pluck and energy in due course of time.

Our estimable are returning from

the big round-up on the Jim Ned, Ned Deede, one of the boys, was thrown from his horse yesterday, and although he was senseless for a while he escaped without serious injuries.

Oscar Jones, one of our most industrious and go-ahead young men, is out making arrangements for the fencing of six or eight sections of the finest grazing land on the Jim Ned. Wm. Stewart, will be in charge of the work.

Take It and Be Well. Gathered from field and forest are the component part of Swift's Specific. There is nothing in it which comes from the chemist's shop, hence it is the great remedy to help nature to ward off disease. In the spring months is the best time to brace up the health. Take S. S. S. when you feel dull and heavy—take it when your blood is too thick and slow, and your feelings will tell you when. Every man, woman and child would be the better for having taken a few bottles of S. S. S. in the spring.

Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

The trunk of a rose bush growing at Ventura, Cal., is said to be three feet in circumference and the first branch it throws out is twenty-one inches in circumference. It runs over a lattice work, and though more than a wagon load of boughs have been removed it covers a space of about 1,200 square feet. It yields thousands of flowers and is 14 years old.

Some experiments by Professor Haeckel, of Marseilles, show that kola is a drug of extraordinary power of stimulation. The colonel of a regiment at Perpignan, dosed with kola, made the ascent of the Canigou mountain, 9,137 feet, and felt quite fresh after his climb, which lasted twelve hours. He only halted once, and for twenty minutes, and ate nothing.

Cock fighting in this country never produced such a big affair as a recent international cock fight at Roubaix, Belgium, in the beginning of April. Thirty-eight Belgian and French sporting societies made entries. The bird of the Society La Patte Cassee, from Enilghen, Flanders, won the first prize of 1,000 francs. It was the seventh victory of his career. The bird of the Society Salmabier, from Belle-gu, won the second prize of 500 francs and three other Belgian societies won 225 francs.

LOCAL SHORT STOPS.

Marbels of all kinds at R. Phillips.

Carpet warp, cheap. J. D. Boydston.

Best sugar house molasses in town. McLAURY, JONES & DEAN.

Four cans good lye for 25c. S. L. OGLE.

Hides and furs of all kinds wanted J. L. LEA & CO.

Coppins & Driskill, have the largest assortment of tobacco in Baird.

Get your White Rose and Clarette soaps at Coppins & Driskill's.

Sixteen pounds soda \$1. S. L. Ogle.

Little red amber cane seed at McLaury, Jones & Dean's.

Writing material of all descriptions at R. Phillips.

The best molasses and vinegar, very cheap, at J. L. Lea & Co's.

Just received a fresh supply of crockery, flower pots, etc. S. L. Ogle.

Call and get your flower pots. S. L. Ogle.

Curtain poles to arrive this week. L. Gould.

For Blank books of all kinds go to R. Phillips.

Floor paint all colors at Baird Drug Co.

Real mince meat just arrived at Lea's.

The best leaf lard at McLaury, Jones and Dean's.

New invoice of pipes at Coppins & Driskill's.

New styles of window shades at Ph. Schwartz & Bro.

Highest cash price paid for corn and oats by J. L. Lea & Co.

R. Phillips still has a few goods for sale. Call and see.

Flax fiber buckets, wash pans, chamber pails. Harry Meyer.

New invoice sugar house syrups and sugar at Coppins & Driskill.

Douzens bankers' chief extract. Very fine and cheap. Baird Drug Co.

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