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A HORRIBLE AFFAIR.

MAN AND WOMAN CREMATED IN HER HOME.

The Work of a Furious Kentucky Mob, Avenging the Death of the Woman's Husband—A Little Girl is Spared to Tell the Terrible Story.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—A special from Lebanon, Ky., says:

Within two miles of this city Saturday night a relentless mob burned to death a delicate woman and riddled with bullets her gray-haired friend. The blackened and disfigured corpses of the victims, Mrs. Thomas West and William Deveres, were found in the ruins of the woman's home yesterday by the 14-year-old daughter of the murdered man.

The tragedy was one of the most brutal ever enacted under the gruesome sway of dread Judge Lynch. Despite the pleadings for her father's life of a half-clad, frightened child and the prayers and tears of the ill and helpless woman, the mob went through with its work with cold-blooded cruel deliberation, and only left when certain that both man and woman were dead.

The affair was the outgrowth of the old story of a faithless wife and a vengeful husband. Several months ago Deveres, a middle-aged widower, was accused by Thomas West, a prosperous farmer, of improper relations with Mrs. West. Quarrel followed quarrel throughout the fall until West instituted divorce proceedings and declared that Deveres must die.

The men met in Lebanon. West snatched his revolver, which missed fire, and Deveres killed him on the spot. On the plea of self-defense the murderer secured bail and scandalized the neighborhood by immediately taking his two daughters and moving into West's house.

The relatives of the murdered husband swore vengeance, and Saturday night it came. Close to 10 o'clock a band of men rode up to the West homestead and demanded admittance.

"Tom West is dead; now it is your turn," the spokesman called, and Deveres and the woman awoke to find their house surrounded. Mrs. West rushed to a darkened window and began a wild, hysterical plea for mercy. A dozen bullets answered her cries and the demand for immediate surrender was repeated. Deveres, too, asked for a hearing, but his request was greeted with a shower of shots.

"We'll give you ten minutes to open. Then you burn," said the mob's leader, and his men quietly retired from the door. A hurried consultation was held inside the house and then, white and terror-stricken, the little girl of Deveres was thrust out to plead with the mob. Clad in her night robe, barefooted and unprotected, she bravely walked out into the moonlight and sobbed out a prayer for her white-haired father's life.

"Get out, you are liable to be shot yourself," a ruffian said, and the terror-stricken little child fled to the cabin of a negro neighbor.

Mrs. West then appeared at the door, and referring to her condition, made a last appeal for mercy. It was unavailing, and in another moment the house was fired. The shrieks of the imprisoned wretches failed to move their tormentors who, as the flames reached the living room, could see the man and woman in the agony of death by fire. Just before the roof fell the woman was seen to reel across the room and plunge headlong into the fireplace among the burning coals and there she died. Wild with pain Deveres at the last moment made a dash for liberty, but a score of bullets stopped him half a dozen steps from the door.

Yesterday morning the little girl led her negro protector to the scene and there the bodies scorched beyond recognition, were found untouched by the lynchers. There is but little doubt that the members of the mob will be captured, as they were without masks and made no attempts at secrecy.

Earthquake in Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 28.—An earthquake shock has been experienced in the districts of Orense, Viana, Puebla de Tribes, Lugadini and Valdeorras, in the province of Galicia. Several houses collapsed, but no deaths are reported as a result of the subterranean disturbances.

The resolution looking to the impeachment of Ambassador Bayard, has been amended so as to call on the president for information and correspondence.

A San Francisco Sensation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Mary A. Davidson has been arrested on a charge of extortion, preferred by Rev. C. O. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational church. Dr. Brown charges her with blackmail and says he paid her \$500 to secure her silence in regard to his alleged relations with Miss Overman, a young woman from Tacoma, who visited at his house.

Mrs. Davidson, who is a woman of about 60 years of age, came here during the mid-winter fair as a representative of a Boston corset firm and lately conducted a corset store of her own here. She has attended Dr. Brown's church for about a year and has taken great interest in church matters. Miss Overman came here from Tacoma for her health and visited at the house of Dr. Brown, whose family she knew in Tacoma. After a stay of several months, during which time she became acquainted with Mrs. Davidson, Miss Overman returned to Tacoma, but came back to San Francisco when Mrs. Davidson promised to secure employment for her.

According to Dr. Brown, Mrs. Davidson came to him last October at a time when there was intense excitement in the city over the exposure of several old men who had been debauching young girls, and told him that she had been commissioned by Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Badden, a lodging-house keeper, to demand \$2000 down and \$100 per month for ten years if he did not want to be exposed. She said Miss Overman had confided in her and would testify against him, but that Mrs. Badden knew that he had occupied a room in a lodging house with an unknown woman.

Dr. Brown was horrified at the nature of the charges brought against him and saw no means of escape. He succeeded, however, in reducing the figure down to \$500, and \$35 a month for five years. He paid Mrs. Davidson \$500, for which she signed a receipt. After paying over the money Dr. Brown attempted to find Mrs. Badden, but without success. Finally he met the Miss Overman, who was stopping with Mrs. Davidson, and approached her with pertidy. She indignantly denied that she had made any charges, and when confronted with Mrs. Davidson denounced the woman as infamous.

Miss Overman immediately left Mrs. Davidson's house and went to the home of Dr. Brown, where she is now under the protection of his wife. Then the minister consulted with the deacons of the church and the result is the arrest of Mrs. Davidson. Both the minister and Miss Overman deny that there is the slightest foundation for the charges.

Mrs. Davidson when seen after her arrest said Dr. Brown called on her several months ago and voluntarily confessed his love for Miss Overman. He asked her advice and she told him to sever his relations with the girl at once. Miss Overman, she says, confessed her love for Dr. Brown and that he had promised to pay her \$35 a month. A few days after this Mrs. Davidson says Dr. Brown handed her \$35 to give to Miss Overman, saying he had promised her that amount for ten months. Some time ago a strange woman who called herself Mrs. Badden called on Mrs. Davidson and said she knew of Dr. Brown's intimacy with Miss Overman and demanded \$10,000 as the price of her silence. About six weeks ago she sent for Dr. Brown and told him of Mrs. Badden's demands. He said: "It is all true and more, too."

Mrs. Davidson continued: "He refused to see the woman and asked me to handle the business for him. He said: 'You have our hearts' secrets,' and told me everything. Dr. Brown said he could not pay her \$10,000, but would pay \$5000 with \$500 down and the rest at the rate of \$35 a month. Dr. Brown said he would leave San Francisco within three months as he had calls from churches in Brooklyn and Philadelphia." Next day she paid the \$500 to Mrs. Badden, who said she was going to leave town, but would return each month for the \$35. Mrs. Davidson says Dr. Brown had paid \$35 for Miss Overman in August and September, November and December. She concluded her statement by saying: "I have kept this secret for the sake of the church; for the sake of Miss Overman and Dr. Brown, but the truth must be told and I am sorry I am obliged to divulge these things."

The Hungarian and negro employees of the Morrell coal works near Dunbar Pa., had a battle on the night of the 27th ult., in which one Hungarian was fatally wounded and eight others seriously injured. Six negroes were badly wounded, eight others seriously injured.

HERE AND THERE.

The "Georgia thumper" grasshopper has a wing spread equal to that of a robin.

A scheme is on foot to build a bicycle railroad the full length of Long Island.

A Chinese dictionary of the year 1109 B. C. still exists in the Pekin museum.

Recruits for the Chinese army are not accepted unless they can jump a ditch six feet wide.

In 1670 the Dutch owned and operated one-half of the world's shipping; now they own but one per cent of the whole.

During 1892, 4,557 aliens were naturalized in France, and it is of some interest that 279 of these were Germans.

Mrs. Sareto La Barabo, an Italian resident of New York city, is the mother of a three-months old baby who, it is claimed, weighs but six pounds and measures only sixteen inches in height.

Two watchmen were hired to guard a market at Haller City, Wash. The other night they both fell asleep, and upon awakening in the morning found that not only had the market been robbed, but that they were minus their firearms.

While lying in his bed with his young wife on one side of him and his ten-month-old babe on the other George L. McCrum of Huntingdon, Pa., pulled a revolver from under his pillow and fired a ball into his brain.

It is unlawful in Norway for an ale house keeper to employ any woman other than his wife in the serving of drinks.

The Lancaster family of Belfast, Maine, have been unusually blessed in their marital experience. Frank M. Lancaster and his wife celebrated recently the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, and Mr Lancaster is the fifth member of his family to celebrate his golden wedding. His sister and three brothers have previously enjoyed that experience.

M. Dybowski, in a recent journey in the interior of Africa, encountered a tribe who have reduced cannibalism to such a system that they have only one object of purchase—slaves to be eaten. They refuse to sell food or any other products of their country for anything else, and the surrounding tribes capture and export canoe loads of slaves for this purpose.

APPLIED SCIENCE.

The Suez canal cost \$100,000,000. There is talk of a \$10,000,000 ship canal across Ireland.

Over sixty-five per cent of American school teachers are women.

The latest airship is to be propelled by the detonation of charges of dynamite.

A French naval officer has invented a rifle that fires two kinds of explosive bullets.

Members of the government life saving crew at the lower station on Brigantine on the Jersey coast have purchased bicycles to be used in patrolling the beach.

It is stated that there are now in the United States more than 300 mining companies making use in their operations of electricity for light and power. About one-third of the gross amount of copper refined in this country is now treated by electrolytic processes.

The application of India rubber to buckets to render them noiseless has been successfully tried in Great Britain. The bottom, the ears and the bail are all protected. The bottom of the pail has three round disks of rubber clamped on at the edges, and they can be readily removed and replaced.

Aluminum is being used regularly by many of the largest steel companies in the country, according to Capt. A. E. Hunt of Pittsburg. "It is added to the steel in proportions from a half to several pounds to the ton of steel, the purpose of the addition being largely to prevent the retention of the occluded gas in the steel and give thereby the production of solid ingots. Aluminum seems also to give extra fluidity to the metal, which results in clearer and sounder steel castings."

GRAINS OF GOLD.

It is better to suffer than to sin. In bringing up a child, think of its old age.

No man can sow idleness and reap prosperity.

There can be no real life where there is no love.

All sins are big, no matter how small they look.

PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR.

Instead of being worth \$50,000,000, the Stanford estate in California foots up \$17,700,000.

Paderewski's wife died after they had been married one year. He has one child, a son, of whom he is very fond.

It has been suggested in Boston that a chime of bells be hung in Bishop Phillips Brooks' Trinity church, which shall ring at curfew the carol written by him, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

Brot Harte, although past fifty and in poor health, is a very handsome man. His face retains an appearance of youth, while his hair is silver white. He has a slender figure and an erect and graceful carriage.

Among the most Americanized foreigners at the national capital are the Japanese minister and his wife, Mme. Sateno, who recently held a coming-out tea for their niece, Miss Go Lo, in the most approved style.

The song of "Fair Harvard" was composed by Rev. Samuel Gillman in the room in the Fay house, at Cambridge, which is now occupied by the women students of Radcliffe college, as "the annex" in henceforth to be called.

Dr. Murray's arduous labors on the Philological society's great dictionary of the English language are not wholly unrelieved by numerous interruptions. After endeavoring fruitlessly to find out what the word "brean" means in one of R. L. Stevenson's poems, he wrote to Mr Stevenson and was informed that "brean" was a misprint for "ocean."

On pleasant afternoons there may be seen walking on the streets in the northwestern section of the national capital an elderly gentleman. He moves slowly and his step is feeble; his shoulders are bent, and his hair is thin and gray. About his eyes and on his cheeks are blue marks that look as if they had been tattooed into the skin. The old gentleman is Rear Admiral John L. Worden, now on the retired list. He commanded the Monitor in her historic fight with the rebel ram, the Merrimac, a battle that revolutionized modern naval warfare. Rear Admiral Worden is now seventy-six years old.

FEMININITIES.

To relieve the pain of rheumatism rub the afflicted joint with kerosene. Good players of the harp are said to be the scarsest of all musical performers.

At the close of a conjugal jar. He—My dear, do you think I am generally ill-natured? She—No; I think you are particularly so!

To remove rust from kettles or other ironware, rub with kerosene oil and let them stand. Keep a day, then wash with hot water and soap.

The death of Hannah Dempsey, a domestic, at Marylebone, England, recently, was caused by blood-poisoning, the result of wearing dyed stockings.

Jack—I don't see why you keep me so long in suspense, Clara! Can't you say yes or no right out? Clara—Oh, you just wait until we're married, and you'll find I can speak out quick enough.

Miss Ellen Terry has been interviewed by the Boston reporters. One of them has found out that her opinion of progressive woman is "that she is more in danger of wearing out than rusting out."

Mrs. Peachblow—Why does your husband carry around such a tremendous amount of life insurance when he's in such perfect good health? Mrs. Flicker—Oh, just to tantalize me. Men are naturally cruel.

Returned Traveler—I have often thought of that young Mr. Tease and how he used to torment Miss Auburn about her red hair. Did she ever get even with him? Old Friend—Long ago! She married him.

There is about to be an exhibition of cats at Brussels. Nearly 300 grimalkins have already been entered. Among them are cats from Siam and the Isle of Man, wild and Persian cats, and two of enormous dimensions.

The courtesy of remaining bare-headed while conversing with a woman is in general use on the continent of Europe, almost totally ignored in England, and practiced but fairly often in America, chiefly among Southerners.

DISCOVERY AND INVENTION.

Molds differ from bacteria, according to Prof. Frankland in their action, and produce an oxidation, or burning up instead of fermentation.

Quaint old customs still survive in many parts of England.

In Ely Place, Holborn, a watchman cries the hours nightly in the same formula in use for centuries past: "Past 1 o'clock, and a cold, wet morning."

The value of fur seals shipped from Alaska and sold in the London markets since the territory came into the possession of the United States is given as nearly \$33,000,000, and of other furs as \$16,000,000.

The eggs of the Algerian locust have been found to yield a thick oil resembling honey in appearance. It burns well and with alkali makes a good soap. As large quantities of these eggs are collected by the natives in order to destroy them, it is proposed to extract the oil for industrial purposes.

A maiden lady of Baltimore named Mary Rickert bought five cents worth of laudanum at each of eighteen drug stores, put all of the doses together and swallowed it at the supper table. She resisted all efforts to apply antidotes and, when a bath was suggested by one of the frantic household, said: "I have taken a bath and have my burial clothes on beneath my dress."

A witchcraft case is reported from Narrow Creek, a flag station on the Allegheny Valley railroad between Du Bois and Jabula, Pa. Cows gave bloody milk and things went wrong generally until the directions of a "witch book" were followed. Floors remained unswept for three days, and the dust was hammered with witch-hazel sticks. This made the witch sick, and the cows have been doing well since.

WHIMS AND FANCIES.

Wilkins—Well, Cooper, how do you find yourself? Cooper—Oh, I wake up in the morning—and there I am.

Hicks—Snider says he hates a humbug. Wicks—Well, there's nothing egotistical about Snider, is there?

Figg—Do you believe in second marriages? Fogg—Yes, for women. A widow is a perennial danger to society until she is married again.

"I shall be glad when I get big enough to wash my own face," muttered little Johnny after his mamma had got through with him; "then I won't wash it."

"Are you going to Blobs's wedding?" asked Morehead. "No," replied Morehead, "I went to one wedding too many, and I stopped going to weddings right then."

Kittie—I heard to-day you married your husband to reform him. Sarah—I did. Kittie—Why, I didn't know he had any bad habits. Sarah—He had one; he was a bachelor.

"I hear you are engaged to Billy Bullyboy," said he first girl. "Yes," replied the second sweetly. "Well, I can heartily congratulate you; I know Billy makes an excellent fiance."

"I is noticed," says Uncle Mose, "dat de fellers dat does de mos' shoutin' an' talkin' about deir future life is de ones dat don't come anyways nigh investin' all deir money in it."

Tottie, aged five—I wonder why babies is always born in de night time? Lottie, aged seven, a little wiser—Don't you know? It's 'cause dey wants to make sure of findin' their mothers at home.

"Don't you think you could learn to love me?" he said, looking at her wistfully. "I'm sure I couldn't," she answered decidedly; "I'm a perfect dunce. When I was at school I never could learn anything."

Ethel—Why, Maude! You have spelled lots of words wrong. Maude, typewriter—Can't help it. I took it down just exactly as Mr. Knibbs dictated it. Ethel—But, surely, he didn't stop to spell the words out to you? Maude—Of course not. But I'm familiar with his style of orthography.

FROM OVER THE WATER.

Country roads in China are not bounded by fences.

By a recent order the minimum standard of height for recruits to the English foot guards has been fixed at five feet nine inches.

The original concession for the Jaffa-Jerusalem railway was obtained by a native of Jerusalem, it was built by a French company, while the engines and carriages, manufactured in the United States, run over rails made in Belgium, and the most remunerative part of the passenger traffic is drawn from British tourists.

One of the surgeons sent abroad by the United States to inspect intending emigrants at European ports says that the knowledge of such inspection by the United States made the steamship companies extremely careful as to the sort of steerage passengers they accepted. He inspected 15,000 passengers and detained but two.

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At the beginning of the new year the RUSTLER management feels impelled to express thanks for the hearty support given the paper heretofore by the citizens of the county and town.

Generally speaking our people have been liberal with the paper. We do not doubt but that the support given us has been fully equal to the merits of the paper, as we believe a paper, as anything else will be patronized according to its merit. And there is another fact probably known by all, that we wish to reiterate, that is that the very existence of the paper, as well as its worth, depends upon its support. There are several ways of helping to maintain a county paper. Of course no paper can live without paying subscribers and a paper must have a moral support in order to maintain a subscription list. Every patron of the paper is requested to give us the news in the most convenient way to you, if convenient call at the office and tell us the news of your locality, if this is inconvenient write to us. We wish you all a prosperous year.

Eds.

Horse meat for the market must end in failure. The present race of scrubs may be utilized to feed the hungry of Europe, but when it comes to raising crops of horses for slaughter, it will never pay, and will never be attempted more than once by the same parties. Other animals will produce better and cheaper meat than horses.—Texas Farm and Ranch.
1 95 is in the past.

LEADS TO THE PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES IN A FEW YEARS.

W. C. Strube, a breakman on a freight train, jumped from a moving engine at Roscoe a few days since and fell back on the track and was run over and killed by the train.

Sweetwater review of Dec. 20, publishes a good write up of the "T. P. country, by J. Q. Hanna.

While it is almost impossible to sell plug horses at any price it is announced by a horse buyer of a great manufacturing concern of Chicago that he will gladly pay as much as \$450 for high class teams of well matched, heavy, young draft horses. First class stock always bring first-class prices.—Texas Farmer.

The Ft. Worth Gazette quotes Mr. T. A. Canfield, who deals extensively in Mexican cattle, as saying that the importation of Mexican cattle into Texas has been over estimated, that the number imported into this state recently does not exceed 75,000 head. Mr. Canfield thinks that such importation of cattle will prove to be a benefit to the state notwithstanding the fact that the market has been lowered by the same to some extent.

A telephone line between Ballinger and Robert Lee is an enterprise of small dimensions, perhaps at this time; it is one never the less that our business men should use every legitimate means to secure. Ballinger with a little more exertion, will have the trade of Coke county slanted, but if we sit still until San Angelo secures this telephone line and a few other enterprises to draw trade from Coke, we will wake up some fine morning to find our trade from that section flown. Let our business men get together and put that telephone line through.—Ballinger Ledger.

The fact is developed that war talk between England and America is a very unpleasant subject in business and literary circles in England and it is to be hoped that those elements will have a benign influence over the political powers and that war may be averted.

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Chas. Hull, proprietor of the Nickel store, made an assignment Saturday for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities \$2196.27; assets about \$2300. T. S. Sharpe was made trustee. Hard times compelled Mr Hull to take this step to protect his creditors.—S. A. Enterprise.

The present administration has with the new \$100,000,000 bond issue added over \$250,000,000 to the national debt and in case this does not prove satisfactory there is another \$100,000,000 debt ready to be floated.

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Ft. Chedbourne Dots.

Ft. Chedbourne, Tex. Dec. 22 '05.
Ed Rustler:—It seems as if your correspondent (Hard Times) from this section of the country has run out of writing material or perhaps he has emigrated. I thought I would give you a few rounds. I have sold my cotton, paid debts and bought my Christmas whiskey and am now waiting patiently for the day of all days to come which fills with joy the heart of every man, that is if he can get a good dinner and some spirits on the side.

Jno. and Sam Alexandria came in last week from Montana, and as they are good fiddlers the young folks are expecting to have a great time in this neck of the woods about Christmas.

The New Hope Debating Society is in full blast and the Silver question will be thoroughly ventilated at its next meeting.

Rev. Washburn preached quite an interesting sermon at Rock Springs last Sunday and he gave infidelity a stunning blow.

From the tone of Bro. Fairs' letter of Nov. 20, Robert Lee must be a very immoral town if a town of 300 inhabitants can do more swearing in a half hour than a city of 10,000 can do in a week then his efforts as a reformer for 4 years must have been a total failure. Remember Bro., you may want to take up another collection in this county some time in the future.

Yours Respt.
Kickapoo Bill.

WE make our bows to the good people of Coke county and announce that **WE ARE** receiving the finest line of candies ever brought to San Angelo, 765 pound have arrived, and 500 pounds more is on the way. When you see our display you will be **OPENING** your eyes with astonishment, at the variety, and the prices will be all right—from 10 cents a pound and upward.

OUR assortment of candies and ornaments for decorating cakes, is our special feature, so if you intend to make your

CHRISTMAS cake, give us your order for all the ingredients, but if you have not the time to make it, please give us your order—we can make you the finest cake you ever tasted—that is our business, you know. We have a choice assortment of five **CANDIES** put up in 1 pound and 1-2 pound fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas or birthday gifts. Yours respectfully,
Billy Whytock.

"THE PASTRY COOK"
of San Angelo at the CENTRAL BAKERY.

Photographs! Photographs!

You can get first class pictures in Robert Lee, for the next thirty days. T. Irby, Artist, on his way to Ballinger will positively be at Robert Lee 30 days.

Notice!

One black pony 13 1-2 hands high, branded thus on left thigh: U and AE. Was turned in the Snyder pasture on or about Oct. 1st. I will suitably reward anyone for the recovery or for information leading to the recovery of the above described pony. E. C. Good, Robert Lee, Texas.

MILLINERY.

I have just received a full, new line of Millinery and am receiving new Stock each week and am up with the times in every thing in that line and I most respectfully solicit the patronage of the ladies of Coke county.

MRS. J. D. SCROGGINS,
Ballinger, Tex.
Valley Mammoth Cotton.

On last Wednesday Mr. J. C. Williams exhibited at the RUSTLER office about 1-3 of a stalk of what he call Valley Mammoth Cotton. Mr Williams informs us that he planted about six acres in this cotton very late last spring and did not get a good stand, but made 1400 pounds of seed cotton to the acre, while common cotton planted right by it at the same time only made about half so much.

There were about 40 bolls on the part of a stalk exhibited which were from twice to three times as large as those of ordinary cotton.

Mr. Williams informs us that he has counted as many as twenty locks to the boll of this.

The seed were imported from India Island and Mr. Williams says this cotton was never tried in the United States until last year and he is perfectly confident that the cotton is far ahead of the ordinary kind. The part of stalk above mentioned will be on exhibition at the RUSTLER Office for a few days and will then be placed in the Post Office building for exhibition.

It is undoubtedly an extraordinary cotton in appearance and farmers might do well to procure some of the seed which are for sale by Mr. T. B. Andrews.

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CHEAP GRAIN

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Respectfully,

John Barron.

On last Wednesday Ralph Harris shipped 90 steers from San Angelo. His father, L. B. Harris fed the cattle at his home two miles from town and says they were good shippers.

Judge G. W. Perryman of Robert Lee, was in town yesterday and Sunday, on exceedingly private business, says the judge a hat may be safely wagered that he was buying presents.—S. A. Enterprise.

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SOCIETY.

I. O. O. F.—Robert Lee Texas No. 357 meets each Thursday night. George Williamson N. G., F. B. Perry, V. G., I. H. Hayley, secretary, J. D. Davis Treasurer.

A. F. AND A. M.

Hayrick Lodge No. 698 meets Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

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Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Brouse, 2d " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, " " 4 p. m.
Mt Carmel, 3d " 11 a. m.
Cow Creek, " " 4 p. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Tucker S. C., " " 4 p. m.
Decker, 5th " 11 a. m.
Geo. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

W. W. HAMPTON, Pastor.

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Christian Church 2nd Sunday No Pastor.

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TARIFF BILL PASSES.

GOES THROUGH THE HOUSE ON A PARTY VOTE.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador, Accompanied by Mr. Sanderson, Consul General at New York, Call on Secretary Olney—Another Hard Issue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The house yesterday responded to the appeal of the president by passing a tariff bill, the operation of which is limited to two and a half years and which is designed to raise \$10,000,000 for the relief of the treasury. The bill will be passed to-day.

The vote was on party lines with two exceptions. The Republicans all voted for the bill except Hartman of Montana, who did not vote, and the Democrats and Populists against it save Newlands (Pop.) of Nevada, who voted in favor of the measure. The special order under which the bill was brought to a vote at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after three and a half hours of debate, was ironclad in character and compelled the members to adopt or reject it without opportunity of offering amendments of any kind. Although there was the brilliant setting that usually accompanies a financial day in the house, the debate lacked much of the spirit and vim which generally characterizes a partisan battle in the lower branch of congress. Even the preliminary skirmish over the adoption of the rule which ordinarily precipitates the first wrangle passed off quietly. The debate itself was participated in by the leaders of both sides. The Republicans contended that the first necessity of the treasury was revenue to supply the continued deficiency. Every speaker denied that the proposed measure was a Republican protection bill. It was, they claimed, an emergency revenue bill on protective lines.

The Democrats took the position that there was no lack of revenue in the treasury and the passage of a bill to increase taxation would in nowise help the situation nor furnish the relief desired by the president and the secretary of the treasury.

Sir Julian Called.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Among Secretary Olney's callers yesterday was Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, accompanied by Mr. Sanderson, the British consul general at New York, a brother of Sir T. H. Sanderson, who drew the "Sanderson" line in the British Guiana boundary dispute and addressed the two notes to Dr. Pulido and Dr. Urbaneia of Venezuela, which are claimed by the Venezuelans to have emanated from Lord Salisbury.

It is stated officially that the call was of a social nature, but frequently important business is transacted on diplomatic reception days. Outside of the Venezuelan question there are a number of minor subjects, concerning postal exchanges, etc., which engage the attention of the state department and the British authorities.

A strong impression prevails, as a result of the visit that Secretary Olney has officially notified the British representatives of the enactment of the law for the creation of the Venezuelan boundary commission. This, of course, is such a matter of public notoriety that the ambassador has cognizance of the facts, but an official notification of the action of this country would bring out the attitude of Great Britain toward the commission.

A Shut Out Game.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Perhaps the most unique game of foot ball ever witnessed in this country was played at Citizens' park yesterday afternoon between a picked eleven from Yale and Princeton universities and the Memphis Athletic club. The varsity men won the game easily, by a score of 38 to 0.

This is the first time in the history of college foot ball that the sons of Eli and the men from old Nassau have stood side by side in a line-up. The affair was made the occasion of a great society event in Memphis, and hundreds of society folks from towns and cities near by came in on Wednesday night or early yesterday morning to see the big men from the east play foot ball. The day was an ideal one, a bright sunshine burst through the clouds before noon and tempered the rather cold southwest wind to a degree of comfort.

In a head-end collision on the Cincinnati Southern road at Cardiff, Tenn., on the 23rd inst., three tramps were killed.

A Serious Rumor.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A New York dispatch to the Daily News says: There is a rumor that the secretary of state has sent a private telegram to Lord Salisbury assuring him that the passage of the commission bill was not to be construed as a hostile act.

The Turkish legation at Washington has received from the sublime porte the following telegram: "An Armenian priest belonging to the revolutionary committee was arrested at Marash. His correspondence with reference to the Zeitoun insurgents was found on him."

A Sad Affair.

BRENHAM, Tex., Dec. 27.—Soon after dark Thursday night Henry Wellman, a farmer, who lives about five miles east of Brenham, saw a man ride into his pasture and up towards the house. Some one had shot into Wellman's house a few weeks ago and he was naturally interested in the movement of the stranger who came about his home at night, so he hailed the man and asked him he wanted. There was no reply and Wellman then called to him to get off of his place. Still the horseman did not reply. Wellman got his shotgun and fired it off in the air to frighten his unwelcome visitor, telling him he had better go away or he would kill him. The stranger then pulled his pistol and fired two shots and continued to ride towards the house. The farmer seeing that he could not frighten him, took deliberate aim and fired. The man on the horse uttered an exclamation of pain and called to Wellman to come to him. He proved to be Hermann Gerke, a young man who had been paying attention to Wellman's daughter. Wellman, after the shooting, hitched up his wagon and took the wounded man home and yesterday morning came in and surrendered to the authorities, waived examining trial and gave bail in the sum of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury upon a charge of assault with intent to murder. Gerke is dangerously, perhaps fatally wounded. The entire load of buckshot took effect in his right thigh and hip.

Facts About Russia's Offer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The facts in regard to Russia's offer in 1893 to supply this government with gold; with which to help meet the emergency existing at that time, are gradually coming to light. It can now be stated on unquestionable authority that during the panic three years ago, which resulted in heavy withdrawals of gold for export, the czar of Russia, through his minister, Prince Cantacuzene offered to the government a loan of \$60,000,000 for a term of three years.

No specific rate of interest was named, nor any details as to terms of repayment entered into, the proposition not passing to this stage. It was simply an offer of a nation on particularly friendly terms with ours, and was not coupled with any hard conditions, such as might have been reasonably expected from a power on less friendly footing with the United States. Mr. Cleveland, after due deliberation, very courteously declined the offer.

The Strathnevis Safe.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 27.—The steamship Strathnevis, which sailed from Tacoma October 12 for the orient and was about given up as lost, arrived at midnight last night in tow of the steamer Mineola.

The officers report a remarkable voyage, filled with dangers and privations. On Monday afternoon last all hope of saving the vessel was abandoned and the boats were manned preparatory to leaving the vessel, as she was in imminent danger of drifting ashore on Destruction island.

Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the Australian steamship Miowera, which had the Strathnevis in tow for five days. Ten miles off Cape Flattery last Friday afternoon, during a violent gale, the two steel hawsers parted suddenly and the Miowera disappeared in the storm. She had exhausted the larger portion of her fuel.

Battle With Moonshiners.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—A special from Lexington, Ky., says: News of a terrible battle between moonshiners in the Cumberland mountains has just reached here. A number of revenue agents under charge of "Kid" Greer invaded Letcher county in quest of illicit stills. They were surprised by the "shiners," who were behind a high embankment. Greer received a bullet in his hip and another in his shoulder. Jim Winfield, one of the "shiners," was killed and Dave and Sam Collier and Marion Brown were taken prisoners. The revenue men arrived at Prestonburg, in Floyd county, where they told of their experience. Greer is not badly hurt. Several stills were cut to pieces and about 2000 gallons of brandy and whisky destroyed.

An informal test has just been made at Leavenworth, Kan., of the power of resistance of packed snow against the penetrating force of a bullet from the new and old Springfield rifles. From a distance of thirty yards the guns were fired into an immense ball of snow. In no case did the bullet penetrate the snow five feet, and in some instances less than four feet.

The Populist senators have had a conference and decided to offer a free coinage bill as an amendment to either tariff or bond bill when they come over from the house. The Populists are favorable to the duty on wool, but against a raise in duties on woolen goods.

The tobacco raisers and merchants of Henderson, Ky., are alarmed over the possibility of war between the United States and Great Britain as they export large quantities of tobacco to England.

TO MAKE US BETTER.

RELIGIOUS PEOPLE TALK OF SEIZING THE PRESS.

Frank Crane Thinks that the Big City Papers Are a Hindrance to Church Progress—Good Paper Better Than Many Churches.



NE time there were a couple who did not get along very well together; they often fell out and each thought the other hardly treated him fair. They were a wolf and a lamb. So the wolf ate the lamb, and found he agreed with him much better than ever before.

That is one way of settling misunderstandings. The pulpit would recommend that the church go up and take the newspaper, for we are abundantly able to possess it.

Now let me preachify a little and show (1) why and (2) how we should take possession of the newspaper.

1. Why. (1) Because every churchman feels that it is the gospel and that alone which will solve society's problems. The principles of Jesus are of infinitely more use to be applied to current events than the principles of any political party. (2) The news vehicle is the very best extant medium for reaching the people. Pulpits are good, and so are books; the quarterly review influences few, the monthly a few more, the weekly religious periodical still more, but best of all is the newspaper. News is the best bait. Why should not the best principles have the best vehicle whereby to get to the public eye? (3) Preaching originated before the days of newspapers. New days demand new methods. Truth ought to change clothes often to keep strong and healthy. Nothing needs up-to-dateness like the gospel. Conservatism is good, but sometimes there is too much of a good thing. (4) While the pulpit will always remain the best means of personal persuasion, the printed page is the best handle to public opinion. The church has quite as much to do with public ideals as with individual character in the business of saving the world. For instance, by arousing public opinion to secure the enforcement of the law against gambling houses, the church would do quite as much good to the public as to persuade a hundred youths not to gamble. (5) As a business proposition, look at it. The object of the church is to influence people. To that end she spends much money. Business demands it be invested in the most paying ways. Say it take an investment of a half million and an annual outlay of fifty thousand dollars to run the churches of Omaha (a conservative estimate) wouldn't half of this amount pretty handsomely subsidize a good daily paper, by which, on the wings of news, the popular mind could be influenced more than by preaching?

2. How? (1) Not by making a denominational organ, or in any sense heralding the claims or peculiar doctrines of any sect. The day is past when these are of great interest to the people at large, and the day is here when all evangelical churches are standing shoulder to shoulder proclaiming the same gospel and making common cause again all sin and humbug and sham. (2) Let this Christian newspaper stand for such a platform as this: Enforcement and not evasion of law against the criminal class; public officers must keep their oaths; the saloon must go; gambling must be crushed, like a venomous snake; prostitution must not be legalized, directly or indirectly; the first duty of a state is to conserve its morality, business prosperity is secondary; the spirit and principles of Christ is the only solution of the labor question; greed is the chief enemy of society; the state must not connive at affiliation with any sect or church; purity of elections; honesty among legislators; and, indeed, all questions of public import are to be treated, always applying to them the principles of justice, honor and the people's welfare, and never the false and fatal heresies of policy and greed. Let the public mind become familiar with the reiterated question, is it right? No newspaper can do this that is tied to a party or is merely working for the business interests of a community. (3) Every county in the state could have one Christian county newspaper if the Christian people would co-operate for its support. One such organ would preach more gospel than a dozen ordinary churches.

Nothing in these remarks is intended to imply that the pastoral care and teaching of present church organizations should be at all superseded, nor that newspapers, as at present conducted, are especially wicked. The pulpit believes our existing newspapers are important conservators of public morality, but that is not in issue here. Our contention is simply this: Christ's business ought to have the best possible agencies. The newspaper is the best agency to mold public opinion. Therefore Christ ought to have it.

AT THE THEATER.

The Female Villain's Realistic Death Stirred One Woman's Heart.

From the Chicago News: The principal actors in the play had waded through quagmires of blood-curdling, hair-raising mystery and a wilderness of soul-depressing, tantalizing doubt, dragging a hydra-minded audience through with them.

At last they tottered on the verge of the scene where the female impersonator of devilishness commits the grave error of being found out and winds up her career by yanking a few stray locks of her hair out by the roots as a prelude to swallowing the fatal pill of infinitesimal dimensions, the hero raves, the outraged mother-in-law goes daft and all the other cut-and-dried incidents indigent to the last act of a modern drama pile up thick and fast before the senses of a muddled house. When they got to that point one thrilling chapter of mimic life followed in hot haste on the trail of its predecessors and the majority of lookers-on who had been inclined to play a game of inappreciative freeze-out during the first two acts warmed up to a knowledge of the fire and vigor being displayed and their outbursts of applause were frequent and sincere. One of the most interested looking people in the whole theater was a woman in the sixth row of the parquette. Her face was pale and the lower jaw was set in that mold of rigidity which naught but the most intense feeling can produce; her eyes never wandered from the scene of action and for a dangerously long period she leaned forward in a state of suspended animation, determined not to lose one fractional part of a wink or nod necessary to a creditable production of the play.

The female villain started out on her last series of dying gasps; her stage associates grouped themselves effectively around her and watched her in well-simulated, silent horror; a hush like the presence of some unconquerable, invisible power settled down over the vast audience and the face of the woman in the sixth row grew whiter still. A few seconds elapsed; she sighed. Another second and she sighed again. The expressions of solicitude were deep and long-drawn out and audible several feet away. Everybody within earshot who was not too much engrossed turned to look at her sympathetically. Her husband touched her on the shoulder as a means of restoring her to consciousness. She sighed once more and then her pent-up emotions broke out in one piercing, sibilant whisper.

"Oh," she lamented, "I'd give \$5 to know who makes her dress skirts."

The actress did, but most of the people in the neighborhood of the sixth row did not get much out of it.

Coal in Alaska.

It is believed that an extensive field of valuable coal has been discovered within fifty miles of Juneau, Alaska. If this proves to be so it will, of course, mean very much for the development of that region. It is known that excellent coal exists in many parts of Alaska, but the discoveries hitherto have been remote from the settled regions. A Hoonah Indian brought into Juneau some three weeks ago several pieces of excellent anthracite coal, which he said he found at a place fifty miles from the town, and from his description it was thought that there is a vein several feet thick cropping out on a hillside.

Killing Weeds by Electricity.

Professor Woodworth of the Michigan agricultural college believes that electricity is quite as cheap as salt for the killing of weeds, in the long run, as it is much more effective, and destroys the plant to the root. He proposes to experiment on the most noxious weeds by taking a wheelbarrow or wagon supplied with a storage battery to the land to be cleared, and let the hanging wires drag along the ground. He insists on the practicability of removing Canadian and Russian thistles from farms in this way.

Not a Lottery.

Deacon De Good—It won't do; it won't do. We must not have games of chance at our church fairs.

Mrs. De Good—But this is not a game of chance.

Deacon De Good—You propose to sell tickets and give prizes.

Mrs. De Good—Oh, no; you are mistaken. We shall sell the tickets, of course, but we can't give any prizes, you know, because we haven't any to give. There is no chance about it.

A Well Acts Queerly.

A bored well at the home of Robert Martin, in East Sedalia, Mo., has acted most peculiarly since the recent earthquake. At times the water will rise to the top, bubbling and foaming, and making a rumbling noise, and then sink again to its normal level or below.

Deer in Maine.

It is a very common occurrence for deer to swim across Penobscot bay, from Northport to Islesboro, Me., a distance of three miles, and may be puzzled to account for the propens of the animals in the water and just what inclines them to make the trip.

The John A. Salzer Seed Co., of La Crosse, Wis., have recently purchased the complete catalogue trade of the Northrup, Braslan, Goodwin Co., of Minneapolis and Chicago. This gives the Salzer Seed Co. the largest catalogue mail trade in the world and they are in splendid shape to take care of same, as they have recently completed their mammoth new seed houses. The 1896 catalogue is just out and the latest ever issued. Sent to any address for 5 cents to cover postage.

"Naw, Mum." Condemned felons know how silly the gushing sentimentalists are who make love to criminals in prisons. "Will you please accept these flowers?" said one of the weak-headed to an ugly brute behind the bars. "Naw, mum," said the brute, with a disgusted look, "yer don't want to give 'em to me; I'm nothing but a common burglar, used ter doin' time. Der wife murderer is in the third cell below, mum!"

Saves a Fortune.

Monterey, Tenn., (Special)—One of our prominent citizens here, Col. James E. Jones, secretary and treasurer of the Cumberland Mountain Coal Co., is on the high road to make his fortune, and attributes the fact to his recent cure from the tobacco habit. He was an inveterate user of tobacco for many years, consuming so much as to make serious inroads on both his purse and his health. One box of No-To-Bac completely cured him, and he gained seven pounds in less than two weeks. Within three days after starting to use No-To-Bac the desire for tobacco was entirely gone. Col. Jones says to all tobacco users that No-To-Bac will do as recommended and is worth by far more than its weight in gold.

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 San Angelo, Texas.

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Christmas is over. Come down to work again. Three weddings last week.

Wm. Childress was in town Wednesday.

A happy, prosperous year to all.

L. B. Harris was in town Thursday evening.

W. R. Presley has killed three hogs that net 1275 pounds.

Pay for your paper for 1896.

Cash talks at Arkansaw Smiths San Angelo.

Scrip for sale at the RUSTLER office.

Miss Katie Weir, of Sterling County, is visiting Mrs. W. C. Merchant.

T. K. Wilson of Grape Creek was in town Monday paying taxes.

Tom Woods, of the Billy Collins ranch on Grape creek, was in Tuesday tax paying.

Morgan Bagley, of North Branch was in town Wednesday.

Arkansaw Smith is the red-hot cash man of San Angelo.

Paronize those who advertise in the RUSTLER.

Come Now

To Robert Lee, a fine picture of your baby or whole family Guaranteed.

The town was all life and merriment during Christmas.

Wednesday was the first day of the year and a national holiday.

Who has not enjoyed the holidays.

Can get more Groceries for less money than any place in San Angelo at Arkansaw Smith's.

The Christmas tree was a thing of beauty and there was hardly standing room in the court house for the audience.

A social entertainmen at the residence of Dr. and Mrs Tolivers was not only attended, but enjoyed by a great many Friday night the 27th.

Rev. G. C. Field, of Brown county, a former citizen of Coke, spent some of the holidays in this county. While here he handed us \$2. on his subscription.

I will buy or repair your second hand Wagons, Buggies and Hacks. Always a stock of same on hand for sale at my shop 3 blocks North of Ice Factory. Come see me.

H. Y. KETTLER, San Angelo, Texas.

Pleasant Walter Childress, who have been attending school at Georgetown and San Angelo respectfully spent Xmas with the Robert Lee young folks.

M. D. Foyett and family, of Hylton, visited Mrs. Boyett mother, Mrs. J. H. Dancer several days last week.

January 1st, 1896.

I have closed my books and from now on will sell strictly for cash. I have found out that with the capital I have, I can not keep an assortment of goods and sell on a credit. All that are indebted to me, please come forward and settle.

Respectfully,
 R. B. Higuins.

The Saneo School opened last Monday; Miss Emma Merchant teacher. The Tucker School opened Monday; Miss Davis teacher.

A social little crowd gathered at Mrs Buchanans Monday night and spent several hours very pleasantly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Latham, of Fredonia, Mason county, visited their son Dr. J. B. Latham during Xmas.

I have now in stock a full line of the best Whiskeys, Wines and Drinks of all kinds and I most respectfully invite my friends to come to see me.

F. B. PERRY.

Our old time friend, Jack Atkins, of Saneo, came in the first day of the year and paid up in advance for the Rustler for himself and ordered a paper to be sent to J. W. Barsey, in Kentucky for one year. Jack is one of our up-to-date citizens and knows how to treat his country paper right.

Capt. J. P. Hutchison, of Bronco was in town Wednesday paying Taxes.

Mrs. G. W. Webb and daughter Lula spent several days last week at Ft. Chadbourne and when Mrs Webb returned she found Mr. Webb "spruced up" and "set out."

If you want the best whiskey in town, call at the Round Front Saloon and see F. B. Perry.

Lawyer Brightman paid San Angelo a visit Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. H. Y. Kettler, of San Angelo, was here last Monday looking after and paying Taxes on some town property owned by him. Mr. Kettler was much pleased with the appearance of the country and town.

He predicts that the country will rapidly settle up and become valuable and he said he would hold his property here for an advance in price which will surely come.

Dr. J. F. Riggs invites the Coke county people to go to see him when in need of Dental work. He gives you the advantage of twenty two years experience. Office at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo, Texas.

The Grand Jury of Tom Green county found a true bill of indictment against John Fitzpatrick for the killing of Frank S. Allen and his trial is set for June 6th, 1896.

Mr. McDonald, of Coke county who gathered 17 bales of cotton from 18 acres, was in town Monday—San Angelo, Standard.

Yes, dear Standard, but the entire seventeen bales of cotton were marketed at Ballinger, and please don't forget that fact.—Fanner Leader.

I have now in stock a full line of the best Whiskeys, Wines and Drinks of all kinds and I most respectfully invite my friend to come to see me.

F. B. PERRY.

Mr. G. W. Webb, invites the patrons of his hotel to put their teams up in his free wagon yard.

Alfred Lucke brought in the Methodist Christmas tree from away up about Ft. Chadbourne and it looked to be outside of a nice yard.—Ballinger Ledger.

WHY NOT

Have the Picture of your Ranch and all, while the Photo man is here.

Dick Warren, of Olga, took his Hylton girl to the dance Friday night.

Morgan Bagley, W. E. McRory Crowley Hargraves, John Wilson and J. S. McKaughan went to Abilene with cotton Wednesday.

Misses Lou and Maud Hanna, of Olga, were at the dance Friday night, and were accompanied home Saturday by Mrs. Rose Hanna and children.

Morgan Roddall and Miss Higginson were married in Caldwell on the 3rd of December.

C. C. Harendon of Louisiana, who, is feeding cattle in N. C. Bolla's pasture, has bought fifty bales of cotton seed from the Hylton gu.—From Bachelor in Sweetwater Review.

The young folks, who attended the party at Mr. W. T. Caraways New Years night report a good time had.

When you go to Ballinger—After fine Christmas presents see Oscar Pearson the Jeweler. He sells nothing but fine goods and if they don't wear all right you can take them back and get new goods.

When you see an X on the margin of your paper you may know that you are behind on your subscription and come forward and pay up at once.

Post Office Jeweler.

ASA CORDILL, Ballinger, Tex.

If your Watch, Clock or Jewellery needs repairing, send or bring it to me. My work is first class and is guaranteed in every respect. Give me a trial order.

Some of the Robert Lee society attended the dance at Marvin. Perry's New Years night.

Ned Monteth, one of the big-hearted boys from Pecos county is in the city and will remain until after the holidays, Ned traded his Saloon interest in Stockton for cattle and took the cattle to Midland and sold them. We would like to have Ned for a citizen and will "rib-up" some of our dark eyed beauties to rope him in.—Ozona Courier.

Wagons upon wagons loaded with cotton came in from Coke county Tuesday and Concho avenue looked very much like some east Texas cotton trading yard.

Jackson & Richardson sold to W. L. McAnley the Cramer pasture, 2754 acres under fence, on the Colorado in Coke county. Consideration private.—S. A. Enterprise.

HOLIDAYING IN JEWELRY.

Some People

Won't buy a present until the day before Christmas. A thoughtful person will buy one while many different lines of Holiday novelties are unbroken—the selection is easier—you have the

PICK

of the choicest—and the prices are no greater.

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THE JEWELER,
 San Angelo, Texas.

POSTOFFICE BUILDING.
 Repairing & Specialty.

Gantt & McNeese,

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Wall Paper, Paints, Glass,
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The Best Goods, The Lowest Prices The Largest Stock.

If You Like Bargains, Don't Fail To see us.

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Cheap Sales evry Day!

AT
TOM HENNING'S.

The variety Being too Numerous to Mention Prices. We use no Leaders, No Baits, No Street Drummers. And do a Strictly Honest Business. Come see our Stock.

San Angelo, Texas.

MARCH BROS.,

PAY MORE FOR
Cotton : Hides : Pecans
 AND SELL ALL KIND OF
GROCERIES & DRY-GOODS

Cheaper than any house in San Angelo.
 Free Wagon Yard.

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Keeps on hand at all times a full stock New and Second-Hand Furniture, a full line of Cooking and Heating Stoves, Bed Springs, Mattresses, Bed Room Suits, Marble and Wood tops.

Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald,
 Opposite L. Schwartz & Co's.,
 San Angelo, Texas.

Wagon and Feed Yard.

Alvin Campbell, San Angelo, Texas.

All Kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good Brick Camp House. The Best Attention to Customers. The best Accommodations for the Least money. We Appreciate Your Trade.

East of Nantz Hotel.

A Store Is Valued At What It Sells, And not how It SELLS.

We aim to keep you in touch with the newest and best of Dry Goods. Our buyers are quick to act if anything new "bloom" forth, and you are quick to know of it.

OVERCOATS And CLOAKS

are not to be bought like sugar at the store, where you get the most for the money, we are not ashamed to admit that you can buy lower priced garments than we handle, but emphatically NO CHEAPER.

Special AnnouncemEnt.

During the balance of this month we will make a General reduction in prices on Surplus Lines preparatory to our ANNUAL STOCK-TAKING in DECEMBER.

Remember that these SPECIAL PRICES will only last until Stock-Taking. The following is a partial list of goods on which we will make

SPECIAL PRICES.

Ladies Novelty Dress Goods, White and Red Flannels, Fancy Flannels French Flannellets, Ladies Underwear, Ladies Cloaks and Jackets Ladies wool hose, Ladies Skirts, Gents Suits Gents Overcoats Gents Underwear, Gents Hats, Gents Shirts, Gents Mackintoshes, Ladies and Gents Shoes, Children's Shoes, Blankets and Quilts.

DO NOT FORGET OUR LINEN

Department.

Milinery Goods and Pattern Hats at HALF PRICE. RESPECTFULLY.

L. Schwartz & Co.

San Angelo, Texas.
The Great Leaders in Dry Goods, Shoes and Clothing.
Agent for the Imperial Primed Paper Patterns.

Polk Livery Stable.

I have bought the POLK LIVERY STABLE and every

Buggy, Hack and Harness

is new and first class, with the very best TEAMS. In connection with the Stable I run the only Wagon Yard. Coke county patronage is most respectfully solicited.

J. R. SIMPSON.

SWEETWATER TEXAS.

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[Successor to Hamilton, & Patteson]

DRUGGISTS AND STATIONERS,

Robert Lee, Texas,

R. A. FLANAGAN.

Successor To
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Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods, Toys, Novelties.

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Bennick, Stewart & Co.

Dry Goods, Groceries And Grain.

Special Enducements offered to CASH trade

Will take Note or Mortgages.

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AGENT FOR

MATHUSHEK, HALLET & DAVIS, McCOMMON, and other leading

High-Grade Pianos.

CHICAGO COTTAGE ORGANS, GENUINE SINGER SEWING MACHINES,

BICYCLES, GUITARS, MANDOLINS, ETC.

Will sell you anything in the above line, at as low prices and on as easy terms as can be had in Texas.

ABILENE TEXAS.

Wagon Yard Chang-ed Hands.

We desire to notify the public that we now own and operate the Wagon Yard formerly owned by W. E. Eskridge on Hutching Ave. and will take the utmost pains to see that all customers are given every accommodation. Good camp houses and other conveniences; also feed kept for sale. The Coke county people are cordially invited to give us a trial, and you are our customers.

CURRIE BROS.
Ballinger, Texas.

CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. Q. Lee, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals or beds 25 cents. Good rates by the week or month. Call there, try him once and you will go again.

The City Hotel

Is the place to stop. Everything is home like; nice, clean and comfortable. Good grub, pleasant rooms, and beds that you can sleep in. Only Hotel in Sweetwater. Fare \$1.00 per day.

A. J. ROY, Proprietor.

BLACKSMITHS

and

WHEEL RIGHT.

First class horse shoeing a specialty. We are here to do your work and we guarantee to do it to your satisfaction. We understand our business and we ask the patrons of the RUSTLER to bring us a trial order.

Most Respectfully,

MAJORS & GREGORY.
Ballinger, Texas.

Marriages.

Mr. R. J. Glasier, of Mayerick, Tex. was married to Miss Maggie Dalley, of Tenlyson, Coke county on last Tuesday night at the residence of the bride's father. Mr. Glasier is a rising young stockman in Runnels county, and Miss Dalley one of the fairest of Coke county's young belles. The Standard wishes the young couple a life of happiness and prosperity. —S. A. Standard.

On Christmas day, at the residence of the bride's parents, at Silver, this county, Mr. John W. Meek and Miss Charlotte Lamb were married, Rev. Lane officiating.

On Dec. 22, at the Davis Hotel Mr. J. M. Ross, of Comanche county, and Miss Hulda Childress, this county, were made "man and wife", Rev. L. H. Brightman performing the ceremony. The happy couple started the next day for their future home in Comanche.

At Saneo church, after services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning Dec. 21st, Prof. B. U. Smith and Miss Emma Payne were happily united in marriage, Rev. R. M. Cumbie officiating. After the happy event the young couple, with a great number of friends repaired to the residence of Mr. Geo. Arnett where a dinner worthy of the occasion was much enjoyed.

On the next day the bride and groom started to the Professors old home in Erath county on bridal tour.

Prof. Smith is engaged in the mercantile business at Edith, and is one of our most prosperous and popular young men; and Miss Payne is one of Cokes' fairest and most accomplished daughters.

The RUSTLER joins a great host of their friends in wishing them all happiness and prosperity.

Saddles and Harness!

In connection with my Saddlery and Harness business I will do general repair work—Saddles, Harness and Shoes repaired by a practical workman

all work guaranteed. A full stock,

give me a trial,

Respectfully,

Mace DAVIS.

Robert Lee Livery Stable.

E C GOOD Proprietor.

Repaired and Re-furnished with new Buggies, and Hacks and fast Teams.

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R. P. PERRY, Man'G

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For groceries.

A full stock of Flour, Meal, Bacon, Molasses, Sugar Coffee and a full line of

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always in stock, to sell at closest figures.

Handle Country Produce. All goods guaranteed full weight and first class. Will treat you right. Come see me

B. F. MONTGOMERY,

RENDERBROOK HOTEL

COLORADO - - TEXAS,

I have assumed management of and have re-furnished the house and solicit the patronage of the PEOPLE OF COKE COUNTY.

Best for \$1.00 a day.

RESPECTFULLY,

G. W. Wadell.

Burns & Bell,

DRY-GOODS, CLOTHING,

GROCERIES AND MER-

CHANT TAYLORING.

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Dry Goods, and Notions

ROBERT LEE TEXAS.

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South East Corner Square. - - - ROBERT LEE TEXAS

MANY RICH NEGROES.

LIVE IN CHICAGO, WHERE THEY OWN MILLIONS.

Remarkable Careers of Colored People Who Have Risen from Slavery to Affluence Since the War—Lewis Bates' Romantic Life.

(Chicago Correspondence.)

FOR several years after Abraham Lincoln issued his emancipation proclamation, a colored man who was worth \$1,000 was a rarity. Now the colored people pay taxes on millions of dollars' worth of property in the United States, and in Chicago alone there are several colored people who are worth over \$250,000. Lewis Bates, an ex-expressman, who lives all alone in one plain little room at 400 Dearborn street, is probably the wealthiest colored person in Chicago. He is worth nearly \$600,000. He owns the large four-story brick in which he lives, and his name is carved in a gray stone center-piece over the door. Bates has an-



LEWIS BATES.

other house just like it on Plymouth place. Both are within a stone's throw of Polk street depot, and including the lots on which they stand, are each valued at \$75,000. But this is only a small part of Mr. Bates' possessions. Out on State street near Thirty-sixth, he has just completed a seven-story and basement pressed brick and terra cotta apartment-house worth over \$100,000, which he rents entirely to white tenants. Besides, he is said to be interested in several commercial schemes and to carry a large, inviting bank book in his inside pocket.

Bates is a peculiar character. There is a touch of pathos and a romance in the story of his life. Born a slave in North Carolina, he was sold away from his parents when a babe. After being sold into nearly every state in the South he was finally purchased by a trader, who brought him to St. Louis, where he was again offered for sale in common with a miscellaneous lot of slaves. Bates was then a young man. An old "auntie" who had been let out to a wealthy St. Louis family on trial, told him that where she had worked there was a colored woman named "Aunt Fannie" who resembled him enough to be his mother.

"Does you know where yo' mother is?" the old "auntie" asked.

"No," replied Bates. "I had some parents once, I guess, but that was so long ago I wouldn't know 'em now."

"Well, honey, dat woman is yo' mother, sho,' an' de good Lord dun fetch you here to meet her," returned the good old soul.

Bates told the trader what he had heard, and upon investigation it was found that both his father and mother were owned by a wealthy St. Louis man, who, becoming interested, very humanely purchased the son also, and thus the little slave family, after twenty years of separation, was again united.

At the outbreak of the war Bates escaped from slavery. One morning before daybreak he crossed the Mississippi in a small boat amid a fusillade of bullets, boarded a Chicago & Alton train and in twelve hours was in Chicago looking for a job. He found work in P. W. Gates' foundry on the West Side, and in three months had saved \$150. Then he bought a horse and went into the expressing business. Soon afterward he married, sent for his mother and cared for her while she lived. Bates often made \$50 a week with his wagon. He bought a lot for \$2,000 and paid for it in one year. The night of the first big Chicago fire he made \$60 moving trunks and furniture.

"And I would have made more," he says, "if I hadn't taken pity on some colored folks an' moved 'em for nothin'."

Bates is small, gray-bearded and almost black. He dresses so poorly that he would not attract attention anywhere. His money has been made by honest saving and shrewd investments in Chicago real estate. He is very economical, always busy and never gets lonely. He belongs to no church, takes no interest in politics, and save a few distant relatives, has no heirs to inherit his wealth.

Next in wealth among the colored citizens of Chicago comes Mrs. John Jones, widow of Commissioner John Jones, who was a life-long friend of the late Frederick Douglass. Mrs. Jones is worth \$300,000. She owns a four-story brick building at 119 Dearborn street, has property in various parts of the city and resides in her own tastily furnished home, amid the most refined environments, at 43 Ray street.

Mrs. Jones is a good-looking, motherly old lady. Her fortune was left her by her husband, with whom some thirty years ago she came to Chicago. She is progressive and refined, a leader among colored women and is interested in everything pertaining to the colored race. Her granddaughter, Miss Theodora Lea, is an accomplished girl and is one of the most popular singers among her people in Chicago. Mrs. Jones keeps a coachman and a servant girl. Her household consists of her daughter, Mrs. Lea, her granddaughter and herself.

A young white woman recently got a verdict of \$22,500 against Mrs. Jones for injuries sustained in the elevator at 119 Dearborn street. When asked what action would be taken about the verdict, Mrs. Jones replied: "Oh, the money will be paid, I guess, if the courts order it."

C. H. Smiley, the colored caterer, is probably the possessor of nearly \$200,000 in cash and real estate. Ten years ago he came here from Philadelphia without a dollar in his pocket. For a time he worked for Kinsley, but soon opened up a place for himself. When his place was furnished he had just 50

cents left. He was not long in building up a fine business. Now he is generally regarded as one of the leading caterers in the country. His ball room at 76 Twenty-second street is one of the finest in Chicago. He employs over 100 men, is charitable, and wears the same sized hat which he wore when he came to Chicago.

Daniel and Andrew Scott, brothers, are among the wealthy colored people of Chicago. Daniel is perhaps the better off. He is easily worth \$100,000. He owns several restaurants and a great deal of choice real estate in Chicago, besides a splendid stock farm in Michigan. Mr. Scott has lived in Chicago a great many years and is familiar known as "Uncle Dan" among his acquaintances. Andrew Scott has upward of \$80,000. He owns a new apartment house on Dearborn street valued at \$50,000. He also owns other Chicago property, and, like his brother, has a big farm in Michigan. Both of the Scotts are widowers.

Ex-State Representative J. W. E. Thomas, the colored lawyer, who resides at 3308 Indiana avenue, pays taxes on \$25,000 worth of Chicago real estate, and is worth \$75,000. Like the Scott brothers, he owns a farm in Southern Michigan. Mr. Thomas was



J. E. W. THOMAS.

born in Alabama forty-eight years ago. He came to Chicago in 1869, taught a school for a time, then went into the grocery business, and was fast accumulating property, when he lost \$15,000 in the big fire.

After the fire he began the practice of law and was three times elected to the state legislature, being the first colored man to enjoy the distinction in Illinois or in the whole Northwest. Thomas was one of the 103 members of the general assembly that elected John A. Logan to the United States senate when Logan won by a majority of one—that one being Mr. Thomas. He is the father of the civil rights bill in Illinois, his wife writing the bill at his dictation. In 1881 Mr. Thomas held a clerical position in the second auditor's office at Washington, and in 1887 was elected south town clerk in this city as a Republican. Mr. Thomas' family consists of a wife and four children, two girls and two boys. He has been married three times, and was only 17 when he led his first bride to the altar. He is a tall, splendidly built man, with massive head and impressive features, and would be pointed out in a crowd as a man of consequence.

A girl cannot expect a man to be made on purpose for her.

"Let Her Go, Megarden!"

A prominent turfman is authority for the statement that three or four years more will see the last of horse racing in the United States. It may, he says, live a little longer than that in California, but the handwriting is on the wall, and the sport is doomed. I have been in that line for years, and know what I am talking about. Hostile legislation and public sentiment are against it. Besides, there is no longer any profit in it for anybody. The purses are too small to recompense the owners of stables, and bookmaking has degenerated so by falling into the hands of the wrong people that there is nothing to be gained at that end. Altogether the turf is in a bad way, and the sooner that racing falls into a state of innocuous desuetude, the better for the country.

Good Advice.

A Paris paper says: The enmity of men is intelligible when the woman who divides their affections shows a marked preference for one or the other. But why should the rivals continue to be enemies when the fair one has discarded both? It would be much more simple to sit over a glass of wine, and after weighing circumstances, come to the conclusion that, after all, one woman was not worth two men's quarreling about, and drink to the toast that the next time they fall in love again it shall not be with the same woman. However, we don't suppose that any two ex-rivals would look at the past in so philosophical a way as we have indicated.

A Well-Dressed Lawyer.

Mrs. Isabella Martin, of San Francisco, created something of a furor in court, the other morning, by appearing as her own attorney. She stated her case, made objections and took exceptions with the easy grace of a person bred to the law. And all the time she wore a Paris gown! A lady barrister of this sort would have a healthy influence on a bar where the members take the law in their own hands and throw the law books, inkstands and heavy briefs at each other's heads, and pull each other's noses. Temples of justice, where hoodlums are taken under advisement, should be kept as clean and decent as possible.

Round-Shouldered.

A teacher of the Delsarte method says that she has had her attention particularly attracted by the bad carriage of women in all the towns that border on the Hudson river. They are more inclined to stoop, she thinks, than those of any other part of the east which she has visited. She concludes that this must be the result of the hills which border the Hudson, and on which most of its towns are built. So much hill climbing has led to a prevailing round-shouldered condition.

She Wasn't New.

The widower had married again, and his choice was a wealthy lady about 50 years of age. When the bride and bridegroom returned home from the wedding the husband, introducing the wife to the children, said: "My dear children, kiss this lady; she is the new mamma I promised to bring you." After taking a steady look at the "new mamma," little Charlie said: "Pa, you've been cheated! She isn't new at all!" The candor of children must be bought off with candy.

The owner of a pin factory in Seymour, Conn., recently hauled away several tons of defective pins and made of them a sidewalk in front of his house. He expects as soon as these useful implements rust and are pounded down to have the finest pavement in the United States.

The man who minds his own business will not soon run out of work.

O. Don't

God bless the "don't" people! This is how they talk: Don't read books printed on thin paper. Don't hold the reading close to your eyes. Don't select your own glasses at the outset. Don't read by flickering gas or candle light. Don't read in railway trains or in vehicles in motion. Don't read lying down or in a constrained position. Don't read by firelight, moonlight or twilight. Don't read books which have no space between the lines. Don't study at night, but in the morning, when you are fresh. Don't read for more than fifty minutes without stopping, whether the eyes are tired or not. Dear "don'ters," don't give so much advice to those whose tired eyes must read, what and when they are obliged to read!

Politicians Will Kick.

The first experiment in the consolidation of postoffices under the order of November 8 is to be made at Kansas City, Mo., where the management of several small neighboring offices in both Missouri and Kansas is to be brought under the control of the Kansas City postmaster. To carry out this plan it will be necessary to ignore state lines, and this is expected to be the thing which the politicians will much oppose.

Mazeppa's History.

Mazeppa is not an imaginary character of Byron. He was a page to John Kazimer, king of Poland, and being discovered intriguing with the wife of the grand general of artillery, this latter officer caused him to be tied to the back of a wild Ukrainian horse. After being chased by wolves and dashing over ravines and torrents, the horse stopped in a little village, where Mazeppa was rescued and became a leader of the Cossacks.

A man must be great in soul to stand the test of being lifted up.

Only one person in a dozen has a stand point of his own.



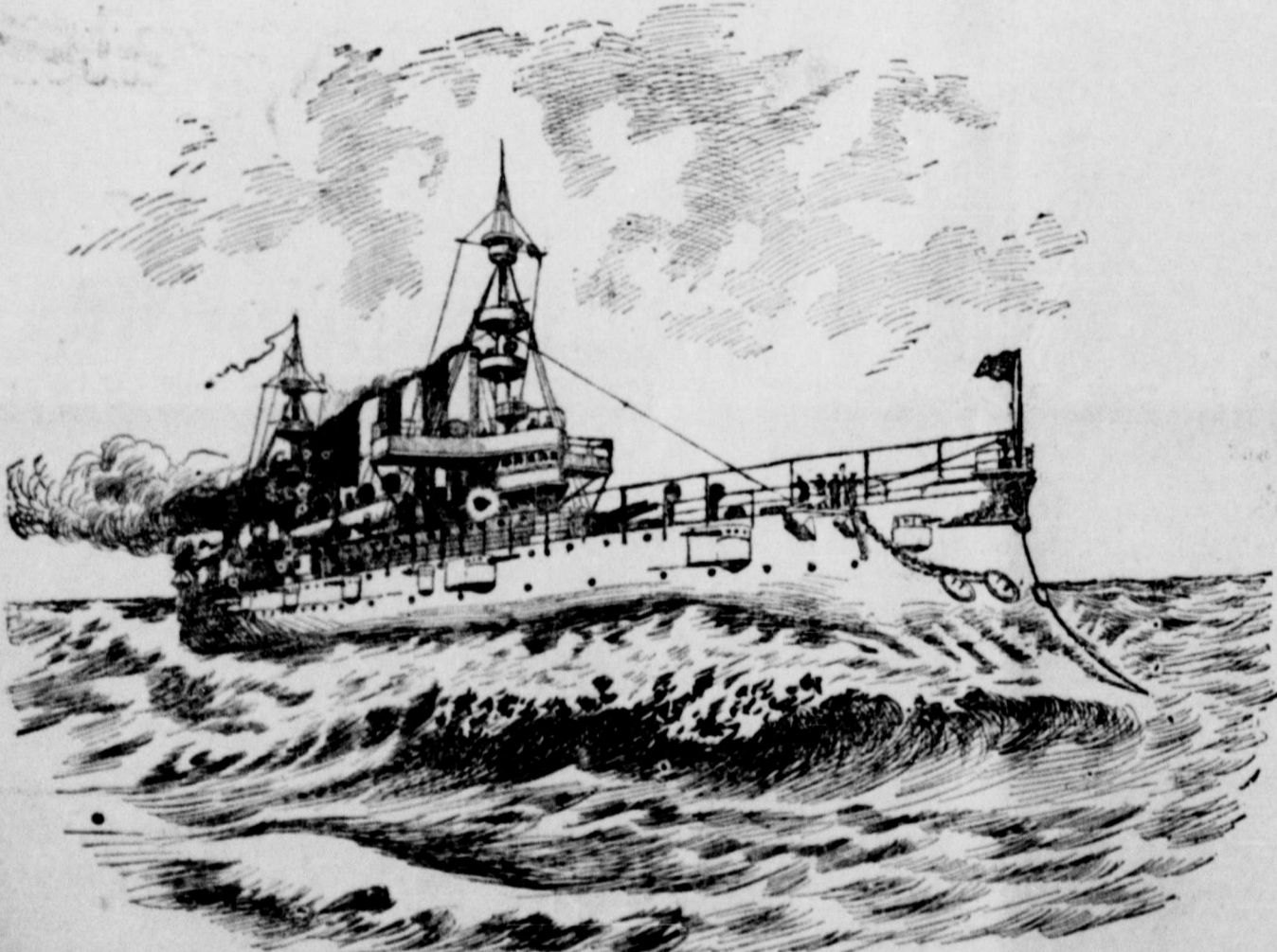
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THE ARMORED CRUISER NEW YORK.



The above is one of the new additions to the United States navy. The New York is not designed for active battle on the high seas. She is a commerce destroyer pure and simple, and in

that respect will be capable of great service in case of war with England.

The New York has a speed rate of 22 knots per hour, and could keep out of effective range of any battle ship in the

British navy. The officers number 40, men 400. Displacement 8,000 tons. Draft 24 feet. Beam 62 feet. Built in Brooklyn navy yard. Commissioned in 1894.

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