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## SPANIARDS SCARED.

INSURGENTS GO WHERESOEVER AND WHENEVER THEY LIKE.

It seems that the Spanish Porces can not Check the Rebels in their March Toward Havana- A Stirring Debate in the Senate Over the Bond Issue.

HAVANA, Jan. 4 .- The authories confess the grave condition of affairs by proclaiming martial law for the provinces of Havana and Pinar del Rio.

Maximo Gomez has declared his purose to penetrate into the province of Pina Del Rio. Although his forces have not yet reached the borders of that province the action of the authorities is understood to indicate that they have no hopes of preventing him fromcarrying out his threat. It is not only the organized armed force of the advancing insurgents that they find themselves compelled to prepare against. There is Httle apprehension that this assault upon this city, great as is the damage that they have wrought in the country. But the irresistible progress of the insurgent army wither it listeth from one end of the Island to other has served immensely to increase the boldness of their sympathizers, who have hitherio remained passive noncombatants. If these were to see the occasion for a successful stroke there is no doubt great accessions to the insurgent forces would be gained throughout the province of Havana and Pinar del Rio, and there are grave fears that an uprising would occur in the city of Havana itself.

It is by no means to be considered that the apparent lack of hope of checking the new advance shown by the authorities had led to the cessation of efforts to prevent the advance. The Spanish forces swarm on all sides of the advancing insurgents. From time to time they are massed at what is considered a salient point in the hope of bringing about a pitched battle, which the Spanish military leaders feel certain would result in cutting the insergents to pieces. But the unrivaled skill and generalship shown by Gomez and his lieutenants in avoiding such traps and in carrying his army past the most elaborate planned barriers of the Spanish, have served to greatly discourage the leaders on that side. Their antagonists seem never to be within their reach and yet inflicting the most serious damage upon their territory.

The unparalleled boldness and intrepidity of the movements of the insurgents creates something like a panic here and the conviction is universal that unless ample force is displayed to show the insurgents that they would court destruction by an attack upon Hayana, there is danger that they will make a destructive dash into Havana itself. The progress of the last movement is therefore awaited with keen apprehension. Skirmishing is still reported from the neighborhood of Jovellanos in Matanzas province, in which the insurgents are supposed to have lost six killed. In the canefields near Amarilla is said to have been found the dead bodies of thirty-seven insurgents, four of them badly burned.

### Sugar Bounty Resolution. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. - The action of

Comptroller Bowler, refusing to approve the order under the bill passed by the last congress to pay sugar bounties which has so far resulted in the withholding of the appropriation was officially brought to the attention of congress yesterday by a resolution which Mr. Boatner of Louisiana introduced calling for an investigation by and directing the committee on judiciary to report "whether under the provisions of any statute of the United States there is any warrant for the refusal of any executive officer to perform any act necessary to the execution of any law of congress on the ground that such law, in the opinion of such officer, is unconstitutional; whether any power is lodged in any officer or can be constitutionally lodged elsewhere than in the courts, to annul any act or withhold any appropriation and to report whether such action is not in contempt of the authority of congress and in violation of the rights of the beneficiaries and what action should be taken by the house to vindicate its authority.

The Canadian parliament opened on the 2nd inst. The session is regarded as the most important since 1867 as the school question is to be dealt with.

On the 2d instant the statement of the condition of the treasury showed reserve \$62,262 268.

### An Englishman's Conclusions.

LONDON, Jan. 4 .- The special correspondent of the Chronicle who is now in Washington, sends the following dispatch:

I am new able to 'speak at length with confidence of the opinion in the highest American quarters.

President Cleveland's message to congress has done several things' good and evil.

1. It has destroyed every chance of saving the Armenians.

2. It has given a strong impetus Britain and her colonies.

3. It has enormously emphasized the line of cleavage, always existing, but discreetly ignored, between east and west in the United States. The west to-day regards the east as practically a European annex, and New York bankers as allies of the "money sharks" of Europe.

... 4. It has rendered certain the creation of a great American navy which the next generation will be almost force could effect much success in an irresistibly tempted to use for aggress-

5. And most important, it has, unless foolish words or unforseen events bar its natural consequence, paved the way for better future relations, because Americans, having experience of the consequence, will cease their ignorant denunciations, and the Englishmen will learn to show much greater respect to American national opinion, knowing that force is behind it, and will therefore refrain from provoking it by ut-

terances and acts of veiled contempt. Finally, the message has rendered possible the avoidance of even a vaster | amounting to \$38,443.85. Receipts danger, namely, the question of the Nicaragua canal. An American who \$2,086,578.20. Total receipts, includ-American army in case of war, said to during same period of time, \$2,021,-

affair has happened, because a specific solution of this will point the way to the same thing over Nicaragua, concerning which otherwise the two nations would certainly have fought."

### A.Stirring Debate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- The senate heard a stirring debate yesterday, the bond question being the main theme.

Mr. Sherman's speech, which had been anticipated with much interest for some time, initiated the discussion. He was in good voice and his speech was closely followed throughout. This, however, was merely a prelude to an unexpected financial controversy, vigorous and personal in character.

Mr. Elkins of West Virginia sought to secure an immediate vote on his resolution directing that all bond issues be advertised and the bonds offered to the public.

Mr. Hill attempted to have the resolution referred to the committee, but on roll call the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of proceeding with the question. Only six negative votes being east, viz: Chilton, Caffery, Hill, Mitchell of Wisconsin, Murphy and Brice.

Mr. Hill spoke vigorously against the resolution. He asserted that Mr. Sherman, when secretary of the treasury, had made bond contracts with a New York syndicate similar to the one now assailed. This brought on a sharp personal debate in which Mr. Hill, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Hoar, Mr. Teller and others participated.

At 5 30 o'clock the senate agreed to adjourned, although the motion carried by a bare majority of one.

During the day Mr. Morrill, from the finance committee, reported that the tariff and bond bills would be ready on Tuesday, to which date the senate adjourned.

## Gave Them a Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 .- The president has accorded a hearing to a delegation of the Cherokee council composed of G. W. Benje, E. T. Harris, Roach Young and Joseph Smallwood, who came to protest against the pending senate bill permitting the continuance on their lands of white squatters.

Mr. Benje, the spokesman, told the president how his people had been obliged to give up much of their lands to the whites and how they had suffered from the incoming squatters.

The Cherokees had been obliged by the government to pay the costs of the improvements made by these squatters in return for a promise to expel them from their lands under the treaty provisions; yet after paying \$89,000 from their treasury to settle such claims, it was now proposed to authorize by law the continued presence cf the squat-

The president expressed much interest in the matter and requested the land available cash of \$178,027,200; gold delegation to submit their grievances | the in writing for his consideration.

### TEXAS PENCILINGS.

### Carefully Culled Events and Happenings in the State.

At Fort Worth the other morning R. R. Darrah and Lloyd Moore, the 14 year-old son of Judge N. B. Moore, went hunting. On starting, Mrs. Moore said: "My dear boy, be careful now, and don't get hurt. Be careful with your gun." "All right, mamma, my Mr. Darrah and Lloyd then love." drove off. Two hours later the former toward closer ties between Great with tear-stained face brought Lloyd's dead body back to the city. Mr. Darrah says: "We had reached a point three miles north of the city and were slowly driving along. I was seated on the right and Lloyd on my left in the dogcart. My gun was between us and Lloyd's was to his left on the outside of the buckboards. Suddenly his gun slipped off, the vehicle, and as there was no side to it, it fell. The hammer struck the step on the side, discharging it. The full charge entered his head on the left side just above the ear, tearing away the skull on that side. The momentum of the charge was such that the suction created by it drew from his head his entire brain. He never uttered a word, but fell back dead. Just before the accident happened I remarked, 'Lloyd, you be careful with the gun,' to which he replied: That's what mother told me to do before I left, and I am going to mind

On the 31st of August, 1894, there was a balance in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue during year ending Aug. 31, 1895, would be very near the head of the ing balance, \$2,125,022.05. Disbursed me: "It is a blessing the Venezuelan 606.56. Transfers, adjusting accounts, \$75,342.78. Total disbursements, \$2,-096,949.34. Leaving balance on hand Aug. S1, 1895, \$28,072.71. At the beginning of the fiscal year, Sept. 1. 1894, the records of the comptrollers office show warrants against the general revenue fund outstanding and unpaid amounting to \$452,313.09. Warrants drawn during the year ending Aug. 31, 1895, \$2,329,414.56. Total revenue warrants, \$2,781,727.65. Paid by state trersurer during the year ending Aug. 31, 1895, \$2,021,606.65. Leaving warrants outstanding Aug. 31, 1895, \$760,121.09

The other morning about 7:30 o'clock while Harry Cohn, the 16-year-old son of Abraham Cohn, living on Exposition avenue, was tampering with a 38caliber revolve, which he had cleaned the day before, it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering his left breast just below and to the right of the left nipple. His mother rushed upstairs and found him lying on the floor and thought that he had fainted. but did not think that he was hurt. A doctor was called, but Harry died within three minutes after the shot was

The inquest conducted by Justice J C. White of Crawford, McLennan county, developed facts, which, taken with other circumstances, causes the belief that George Moore did not commit suicide, as was supposed, but was mardered by a maniae and hanged died at 5 o'clock. after death to a liveoak bough, so close to the ground that when found the corpse was in a kneeling posture. The theory is that the murder was committed with poison.

The Texas Live Stock association convenes on January 14 at San Antonio. A big attendance is expected.

N. A. Rector, Esq., attorney for the trustees of the bonds of the Texas and St. Louis railroad in Texas (Cotton Belt), will in a few days institute mandamus proceedings against Land Com missioner Baker to compel him to issue to said bondholders certificates calling for 875 sections (550,000 acres) of land under the act granting lands to railroads to induce their construction.

Bug Johnson and John Armstrong. colored, got into a row at Dallas on Christmas night and Johnson was shot

The Christmas festivities were marred at Temple by several accidents. Conductor Whiteman, of the Santa Fe, had a finger badly shattered. A boy. August Dornwell, picked up a cannon cracker which exploded in his hand. tearing it badly. Two negro boys got into a difficulty and one, by the name of Brown, was shot in the leg. The shooter escaped.

An old man, well dressed, but name unknow, 'as found, as was thought, dead / ; east end of Galveston Isther night. A doctor and and a few hours after.

### Luling, show that the acreage of cotton that will be planted next year in territory tributary to that place will be HERE'S A MAN WHO SAYS THEY increased 30 per cent. Almost all of the cottor planted and marketed this year has been picked by the producers, thereby throwing out an army of la-

The governor has locked up the book of pardons and hereafter an examination of it will be denied to newspaper correspondents and reporters. This is done at the request of the par-dons board, the board claiming that the publication of the pardons has a bad effect generally and tends to greatly increase the applications for pardon.

borer's and doin away with their

A meeting of the stockholders of the Aransas Pass Harbor company has been called to meet at San Antonio, when bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 will be issued for the purpose of carrying on and completing the deep water im- be superseded, perhaps by storks, perprovements now in progress, and also haps by sparrows. Experiments have starting several big commercial enter- already been tried

T. T. Murray, a prominent business The stork, however, despite his swiftman of Texarkana, while shooting cannon crackers Christmas eve night, held easy a mark for the Lebel builet, and it one in his hand, believing it had gone is questioned whether the sparrow is out, when it exploded, almost com- sufficiently strong. In this uncertainty pletely shattering his hand. He is an English apiculturist offers bees as already a one-armed man, and it is messengers of war. He has tested their feared the hand now injured will have packet-carrying abilities, and can to be amputated.

Governor Culberson has offered a eward of \$250 for the apprehension of R. P. Campbell, charged with the murder of John Farris on June 7, 1892, in Grayson county; also a reward of \$250 for the apprehension of Steve Ellis, charged with the murder of A. K. Mc-Carty, in Grayson county, on December 25, 1882.

Beyett Brothers, dry goods dealers at Ennis, Ellis county, filed a chattel mortgage conveying their stock to S. I. Watson as trustee for the benefit of creditors. Mr. Watson approximates the liabilities at \$9000.

visited the town of Tioga, Grayson ets, which were of the filmiest of paper, county, recently, at night, looking for to the bees' backs. Great care was some unknown party. They left as taken to leave the head and wings abmysteriously as they came, without solutely free. The windows were then finding their man.

up a cannon fire cracker Christmas pigeons, they started off at once for day, which exploded in her hand will home, arriving there in an incredibly lose her arm as far up as the elbow, from the effects of the fearful wound. on their backs. At Mexia, Limestone county, on

Christmas eve, in a fight with Roman candles, Will Wood, a young man, had an eye shot out, and Sidney Carroll was severely burned about the face. At Houston recently a car on the

Washington street line, near the corner of Hickory street, ran over and killed Sam, the 4-year-old adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ellis. The attorney general has approved

for registration a \$276,000 issue of courthouse refunding, \$27,000 jail refunding and \$18,000 bridge refunding bonds for Dallas county. At Kopperl, Bosque county, Mrs.

boy camphor chloral for castor oil the other morning about 8 o'clock and it San Antonio is taking hold of the

city, and the Business Men's club is out in a circular letter soliciting sub cription to the stock.

Budd & Fowler, general merchandisc at Lexington, Lee county, have failed.

Recently near Alice, Nucces county, while running a wolf, George Adams was thrown from his horse and badly killed by the fall.

S. E. Simpson, dry goods and cloth ing at Denison, has filed a trust deed. Liabilities and assets unknown.

The attorney general has approved a \$17,000 issue of Deaf Smith county refunding court house bonds.

A man was arrested at Giddings reently for passing spurious silver coin. Work on the jetties at the mouth of the Brazos river will soon begin. The contract has been let.

Bob Hayward shot and killed Jim Ross at Mexia, Limestone county, a few days ago.

A. B. Patterson, the "Racket Store" man at Greenville has failed. Liabilities \$18,542.

M. Wachholder, dry goods at Sulphur Springs was forced to quit business in bad shape.

s succeeded in surviving him, Burnell Butler near Kenedy, Karnes the ground that the weekly had not

## Interviews with forty-five farmers at BEES FOR USE IN WAR.

ARE THE BEST.

Very Interesting Experiments - Flew Home as Unerringly as Carrier Pigeons, with Despatches on Their



T IS more than likely that the next great European war will be signalized by some altogether remarkable innovations in the way of carrying military despatches. The carrier pigeons of a quarter of a century back are certain to

prises soon tomaterialize at Rockport. birds, and with a fair degree of success. ness of flight and his strength, is too vouch for their speedy return, upon liberation, to the place whence they came. While at first sight the turning of bees into couriers may seem something of a joke, it is nevertheless regarded seriously throughout England. The man who suggested it took a few bees from his own house to that of a friend four miles away. He waited several days, so that the bees might become familiar with their surroundings. He then let a few of them loose in a room, in which was a plate of honey. The bees settled upon this, and while they were busy eating mock despatches were fastened on them by the apiculturist's trained hand. The thin-A band of masked men mysteriously nest of all thread bound the little packopened and the bees thrown out into At Laredo, a poor woman who picked the air. With the certainty of carrier short time, with the packets secure up-

> Naturally this project would only be possible in summer and in warm climates, for the reason the bees would be unable to endure severe weather. Bees would have the advantage over pigeons or birds because of their invisibility. Nor would there be any difficulty in going through the enemy's lines. The apiculturist says that they could travel fifty miles quite as easily as they could four.

Though this is the first time that bees have been suggested as army messengers, there have been many cases when they have proved invaluable as defending forces. At one time, several centuries ago, the city of Tamly, in the Bud Welsh gave her little 7-year-old Spanish territory of Xiatine, was besieged by the Portuguese. The invaders were winning bastion after bastion, when the beleaguered citizens were struck with a bailliant project. They matter of building a cotton mill in that brought all the hives that they could find in the place and set them upon the city wall, building great fires underneath them. The smoke and the flames so incensed the bees that they rushed out in swarms and flew down upon the enemy, making a panic instanter and causing them to flee.

Very much the same plan was tried. and with equal success, by a statesman bruised. The horse was instantly of Thuringia, whose house was surrounded one day by a furious mob. He marched his servants out with all his beehives and threw them one by one in the midst of the crowd. A cannon ball would not have been half so effective as were these strange and unexpected weapons. It took but a moment to clear the space around the statesman's dwell-

## Divorced and Remarried.

James R. Scott of Rush county, Indiana, and his wife, Harriet, have taken a fresh start in life. They are both more than sixty years old, and were maried some forty years ago. But they got at outs somehow, and a few months ago were divorced. Recently they were remarried.

## Up to Date.

A Boston business man, who is a large advertiser, received a letter not long ago from the manager of a re-H. E. Towns recently shot and killed ligious weekly soliciting advertising on only a large circulation, "but a very credulous class of readers."

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Physician and Surgeon. ROBERT LEE. . . . . TEXAS. Office:-At My Store.

Utah is now a state.

at Long View Texas.

The cattle market at Chicago last week took a 35 cent rise.

The Ft. Worth Gazett of the 5th says there a plan on foot to send a colonly of people from Texas and Indian Territory to Venesuela to settle in that country and to offer their sevices to the Venezuelen governmen to resist the aggression et England.

It was supposed at the that is if the United States and England really went to war that Germany would be an English sympathyser, but England and Germany now have a war of their

In a manufacturing town recent ly the workmen were paid 700 marked \$10 bills on Saturday eveging and by the following Inesday 410 of these marked bills had been deposited in the bank by saloon keepers .- Ex.

A boy can sit on a board six inches square tied to a sled going ed to give as much publicity as eight miles an hour, who could'nt possible to this call and urge the sit still five minutes on a sota for attendance of your friends. The a dollar A man sits on an inch association wishes it understood edge of a board tence and talks that all are free to address the polities for three bours; put him meeting, and a special invitation in a church pew forty minutes and is tendered non-members to meet he gets nervous, turns and goes with us and participate in our deto sleep. A man will fill his liberations. month with fifthy tobacco until it rans down his chin, but hair in she butter kills him.-Ex.

Times-Herald from , washington says Warships flying the stars and stripes and manued by Americans blue Jackets may force the passage of the Dardenelles and Bosphorus and anchor at Co.. st. antinople and show the sultan that Uncle Sam is not to be trifled with.

The state of Utah will introduce an innovation in the jury system by substituting eight jurors for postoffice in the United States is twelve in all cases not envolving in Chicago - Montgomery Ward & capital punishment, and permiting Co a virdict on the vote of six out of

She had yielded to the fascina tions of the new women idea, and was at least a neck ahead of the most advanced. Her busband was meek and lowly and they lived out on Fannin streets.

After supper she put on her bloomers, got her hat and cane and said she was going down to the club for an hour or two. Herry had gone to bed and was trying to figure out why he had been

She reached up to the gas burner and saiu:

"Is there anything I can do for you, Henry before I put out the

"Yes, my dear; I'm feeling rathdenty to est and well cooked. When er nervous to-night. Would you mind looking under the bed to see if there's a woman there before you go out!"-Houston Post.

### To the Stockmen of Texas.

arge upon you the great importance of your attendance at the coming annual meeting of the Texas Livestock Association in San Antonio on the 14th and 15th of this month. The railroad companies will issue balf-fare round A shoe factory is to be erected trip tickets; the good people of San Antonio are making unusual preperations for the entertainment of their visitors; an attractive programe, embracing all important branches of the livestock interest has been prepared and assigned to competent speakers, and the proceedings will terminate with an exenssion to Mexico, which a large number have already signified their intention of joining.

A part from the above inducements there are, bowever, stronger reasons for desiring your attendance. The cattle and sheep interests of our state are at present in a condition from which there will before long be a change either for better or worse, which it is to be depends greatly upon legislative action. For this reason it is now of vital importance that not only stock raisers, but all who are in any manner interested in the industry should confer together and decide upon some specific action. You can readily see therefore, how directly you are interested and the consequent importance of your attendance at this meeting.

You are further kindly request-

Yours very truely, GEO, B. LOVING! The Largest Mail in America.

Chicago, Ill. [Special. ] - Postmaster Washington Hesing, refering to the Chicago posteffice, in a recent speech at the Auditorium, made the following statement:

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G. W. WEBB. Proprietor



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Of anything in the way

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HARDWARE, SADDLES. PHAETONS, HARNESS, BUGGIES, ECT.

At the LOWEST PRICES ever given in this line. Full Leather Top, Full Nickle Buggy for \$75.00. Come and see and be Convinced.

BALLINGER SADDLERY CO. J. A HAYS & CO. Prop.

The first car load of hogs were shipped from Ballinger Tuesday by Messse. C. C. F. Blanchard and W. J. Wingate. They were shipped to Fort worth, and numbered seventy-two head of as nice logs as one could wish to see. They were not over an average, but mooth and fat, presented a splendid apperance. There will be about 4 or 5 cars to go out soon by the same gentlemen. These hogs were all fattened on milomaise, and fully demonstrates waat any man can do so desired Runnels county should ship out at least one hundred cars of hoge each year, all fattened and made ready for the market on milo maize. Mr Blanchard tells us that he now has something over 100 as fine pigs as Runnels county ever produced, and that when fattening time comes next fall he will put up to fatten for the market from truce to five hundred head of splendid hogs. This sounds like business, and we hope their owner will make a young fortune out of the enterprise, for he certainly deserves it. -Banner Leader.

### Photographs! Photographs!!

You can get first class pictures days. T. Irby, Artist, on his way bonds to be presented to the court Robert Lee 30 days.

### Jim Sims Killed.

Last Thursday afternoon about five o'clock, Cordis Vanclieve who lives on South Concho, about twelve miles south of town, came in and surrendered to Sheriff Shield, The young man, who is a bout twenty years old, had ridden fast and was very excited. He stated that he had had a difficulty with Jim Sims, a young neighbor of his, and had killed him in self defense. Shortly after Vanclieve arrival Dr. McHenry was called upon to go and minister to the wants of young Sims, but the doc tor's services were of no avail and the victom died at eleven o'clock that night. It is however probable that the accused will be let out on bail, as his case from all details which can be gotton is one of man slaughter. San Angelo Enterprise.

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verry small profit. I have greatly improved my wagon yard and roomy stalls in the same, which my patrons are invited to use free of charge.

Respectfully,

Judge "u'en and E. A. Trail ding many valuable features. of Ballinger were in Robert Lee Friday and Saunday. Judge Guion was examining the titles to the land Mr. Creamer las sold to W. L. McAuley south of the Colorado river in this county.

Dr. W. F. Key and Mr. George Harris, of Brante, were in the city Thursday paying Taxes, while here they made as a pleasant call.



I have just received a full, new new Stock each week and am up with the times in every thing in of Coke county.

> MRS. J. D. SCROGGINS, Ballinger, Tex.

Commissioners Court.

At a special session of the commissioners court held on Monday the 6th, for the purpose of receiving the County Treasurers' additional bonds as required by that court on Dec. 16, 1895, the Treasurer having failed and refused to make said additional bonds, the court declared the County Treasurers office vacant, and J. A. Gard ner Sr. was appointed Treasurer to fill the vacancy.

The court ordered Mr. Gardner as Councy Treasurer to give bonds as follows: -

General County bond in the sum of \$10.000 and a school fund in Robert Lee, for the next thirty bond in the sum of \$7000, said to Ballinger will postively be at for approval on the 27th of Janu-

> The Coke county people are nvited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.

> > H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

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ing facilities. The Daily and Sunday Republic now have good water and good can now be had by mail for a little more than one cent and a half a day, or \$6 a year, when paid in ad vance. Though this paper has greatly reduced its price, it has John Barron, increased its value twofold by ad-

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D. D. WALLACE,		Attorney
EDM. MOBLEY,	-	- Clerk

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	L. B. MURRAY. Sheriff & Col'et'r
•	H. E. Johnston, Assessor
3	W. C. HAYLEY, - Treasurer
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A. C. GARDENER,		- "	**	8	
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### A. F. AND A. M.

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R. R. Smith, W. M., George Wil-J, H. Burroughs S. D. T. A. Higgin

## Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows: Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, Hayrick, 4 p. m. Rock Springs, 4 p. m. Mt Carmel, Cow Creek.

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SECRETARY ISSUES A CIRCULAR OF INFORMATION.

The Bond Issue Will be Dated Feb. 1, 1895 and be in Denominations of \$50 and Multiples R. W. Finley to Tax Collectors of the State.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. - Speculation concerning the amount and character of the new bond issue was set at rest ast night when Secretary Carlisle made public the subject. The loan will be a "popular" one and the circular which is dated January 6, gives notice that the government will sell \$100,000,000 thirty-year 4 per cent coupon or register bonds dated Febuary 1, 1895, for which purchasers will be required to pay in gold coin or gold certificates. This is the first issue by the present administration of such a large amount of bonds at one time, all the previous issues having been for \$50,-000,000 each. The circular also contains an intimation of a possible further issue of bonds should the issue or sale of an additional or different form of bond for the maintenance of the gold reserve be authorized by the law before Febuary 6.

It was almost midnight when Secretary Carlisle's circular was made publie. The fact that the bonds will be issued in sums of \$50 and multiples thereof and be payable in installments is a feature which, it is believed, will make them regarded with popular favor.

The main reason for dating the bonds a year back is said to be in order to give the public a better opportunity to judge their market value by comparing them with the gold 4s issued at that time, so that their bids can be made to conform with the market value of those bonds on the 1st of February.

The circular is as follows:

"Treasury Department, Office of Secretary, Washington, Jan. 6, 1896 .-Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the secretary of the treasury at Washington, D. C., until 2 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 5th day of February, 1896, for the purchase of one hundred States 4 per cent coupon or registered bonds, in denominations of fifty dollars (50) and multiples of that sum as may be desired by bidders.

"The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

day of February, 1895, and payable in

"The bonds will be dated on the 1st

coin thirty years after that date and will bear interest at 4 per centum per annum, payable quarterly in coin, but all coupons maturing on and before the 1st day of February, 1896, will be detached and purchasers will be required to pay in United States gold coin or to them and all interest accrued thereon after the 1st day of February, 1896, up to the time of application for delivery. Payments for the bonds must be made at the treasury of the United States at Washington, D. C., or at the Tnited States sub-treasuries at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis or New Orleans, or they may be made at San Francisco with exchange on New York, and all bids must state what denomitions of bonds are desired and whether

they will be paid for. "Payments will be made by installments as follows: .Twenty per cent (20 per cent) upor receipt of notice of acceptance of bonds and twenty (20) per cent) at the end of each ten days thereafter, but all accepted bidders may pay the whole amount at the date of the first installment, and those who have paid all installments previously maturing may pay the whole amount of their bids at any time not later than the maturity of the last installment.

coupon or registered and what place

The bonds will be ready for delivery on or before the 15th day of

February, 1896.

Notice is further hereby given that | crime if the issue and sale of an additional or different form of bond for the maintenance of the gold reserve shall be authorized by law before the 5th day of February, 1896, scaled proposals for the purchase of such bonds will also be received at the same time and place and up to the same date and upon the same terms and conditions herein set forth, and such bids will be considered, as well as the bids for the 4 per cent bonds herein mentioned.

"J. G. CARLISLE, "Secretary of the Treasury."

Reported Lost.

MORFOLK, Va., Jan. 4. There is a rumor that the yacht Talisman, having on board a party of wealthy gentlemen from New York, has been wrecked off Cape Hatteras and the party drowned. The wires are down between here and Hatteras and the rumor can not be traced to a reliable source.

The steam yacht Talisman was chartered by Mr. K. Herbert Ballantine for a three months' cruise in West Indian waters and sailed from New York on December 19 for Baltimore, where the party boarded her.

The president of the A. P. A. has issued a circular attacking President Cleveland, Thomas B. Reed and Senator Allison.

Finley to Tax Collectors.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 6 .- The state comptroller has addressed the following to county tax collectors which explains

"The following letter, written by this department to a collector of taxes in response to inquiries made by him, is deemed of sufficient interest to collectors generally (as other similar inquiries are being received) to warrant the fusnishing copies thereof to such officers:

"Your letter of January 1 is before me, in which you ask for advice as to the legal penalties and costs after January 1 to be assessed against resident delinquet taxpayers, and also as to the levy on personal property, etc.

"In reply you are respectfully advised that under provisions of section 10, chapter 42, laws of 1895, you are authorized to receive taxes on the 1895 assessment rolls until March 31, 1896, without cost or penalty to the taxpayer, except in cases where cost may accrue by reason of levy on personal property as authorized by article 4746, laws of 1887, cited in advice heretofore given you by this department.

"Article 4767, revised statutes, 1879, brought forward in revised statutes of 1895 as article 5206, provides that where property is levied on and sold for taxes the collector shall receive the same compensation as allowed by law to sheriffs or constables for making a levy and sale in similar cases; but in no case to include commissions on such

"As to levying on personal property to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes, you are advised that while authority to do so has existed under the law since 1879, yet it is not believed that the framers of the law ever contemplated its enforcement to such an extent as would unnecessarily oppress any citizen and deprive him of his only means of support. It is therefore suggested that in levying upon personal property for delinquent taxes you oppression or unnecessary hardship to any citizen.

"There is no change in the law as to the date on which collectors are required to make final settlement with the state.

"Section 4, laws of 1893, provides million dollars (\$100,000,000) of United that the final settlement of tax collectors shall be made with the state by the first day of May. The same article provides that the commissioners' courts of the various counties shall convene on or before the third Monday in April for the purpose of examining and approving the final settlement pa-

"With the tax rolls open for payment of taxes until March 31, 1896 (the day you are required by law to make up your delingnent list), it is believed that the bulk of the taxes for 1895 will have been paid, and the necessity of suit in the district court af- intelligence. Every phase of feeling Brown university students who surbe obviated at least to a great extent.

"Trusting that the above is sufficiently explanatory upon the question thoughts conveyed, for it talks-in submitted, I am, very truly yours,

R. W. FINLEY, Comptroller."

Confessed in Time.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1 .- The climax of one of the most dramatic and sensational criminal incidents of the state's history was made public yesterday, when just forty-eight hours prior to the execution of the death sentence upon Bartholomew Shea, another man confessed to the murder, and Shea steps from beneath the shadow of death

thrown by the electric chair.

The invitations for the electric killing of Shea had been issued, the state electrician was already upon the ground at Dennamora prison, the governor had decided Saturday not to interfere in the carrying out of the sentence, and Shea had resigned himself to his fate, when another prisoner in the in- note. stitution, a comrade of Shea's and participator in the election outrages when the tragedy occurred, confessed to the

The man who voluntary confesses to shade of the electrical chair, is John McGough of Troy, now serving a sentence of nineteen years and six months for shooting and attempting to kill William Ross, a brother of Robert Rose, who was supposed to be Shea's victim. In some way, known only to convicts, McGough had contrived to keep posted as to the success or the failure of the applications for commutation made in behalf of Shea.

At Creston, Ia., on the 3d instant fire destroyed a block of thirteen business houses, including the summit house. Loss \$100,000; insurance \$50,-

Subscriptions are being raised in Germany in behalf of the Boers who were wounded at Kruegersdorf, and 180,000 marks has already been subscribed in Hamburg.

It is reported to the revenue office at Knoxville, Tenn., that a battle between moonshiners and officers occurred near the Tennesssee on North Corolina line, on the 3rd inst., in which seven men were killed.

CHICAGO WOMAN SATISFIES HER THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.

Secures a Baby Monkey and After Bringing It Up to Full Growth Concludes That the Simian Race Is Prone to Do



ONACITA IS THE cause of all sorts of queries propounded by the members of the Lake View women's club, of Chicago. In short, Donacita is being talked about, and soon all the world will know of Dona-

cita, for Donacita's mistress is preparing the manuscript which shall tell a scientific magazine all about the wonderful monkey which she adopted when it was but one month old, and made an object of constant study and scientific investigation.

When Mrs. Benjamin B. Wiley, of No. 28 Waterloo court, Chicago, sent to Central America for a young capuchin monkey it was for the purpose of testing, by actual experience and observation, how near the monkey, the evolutionists' avowed human progenitor, approached to-day the human family in habits, instincts and intelligence. To this end she has aimed not to teach the creature she has had under experiment any of the tricks so generally learned by imitation, but rather to ascertain how far by the natural process of affiliation, the untaught wild creature could be made to approach the human family.

So from the day the monkey, at the age of one month, toothless and almost hairless, and fresh from the forests of Nicaragua, was deposited, a very sick and helpless bundle of weakly, moanshould be governed by the exercise of ing monkeyism in its new mother's a sound discretion in order to avoid arms, it has been subjected to the same maternal care a child would have re-

> For four years has this strange relationship been kept up. For four years has this little creature slept in a bed like a little Christian, fed on the diet the family fares on, been taught and had moral principles instilled in its diminutive self. For four years has it been petted and scolded and spanked and praised and loved-like any other

And with what result?

Some few profess to see a marvelous development, which places the animal alongside of its human kin, while others contend that "a monk's a monk, for a that."

Be that as it may, an undoubtedly monkey. Its brown eyes sparkle with this creature's mobile features. Yet. not alone by facial expression are its plain, understandable, monkey language. This language, Mrs. Wiley says, is phonetic in character, and consists of 13 basic sounds. These, with their varying inflections, constitute the monkey's language. The same tone is always used to express the same emotion, and from long familiarity with each tone and its inflections, the monkey's mind upon any and all subjects is clearly discerned by its mistress. Thus: 2 half note in C indicates contentment of mind. The same note, with a sharp, rising inflection, shows that her ladyship's mind is in a purturbed condition. The same note, ending in a trill to G. indicates extreme danger, such as when a boy is chasing her. When she is hungry there is a plaintive note in E, without inflection. When her hunger is satisfied, she expresses thanks by a soft, dropping inflection to the same

Although her own language is purely phonetic, she is quite mistress of the English language, so far as understanding it goes, tone apparently being no factor therein. To demonstrate that the crime and who practically steps her speech was understood Mrs. Wiley from a prison cell to the menacing ustered in exactly the same tone of veice different commands, such as, Dona, shut the door;" "Dona, leave those grapes alone;" "Dona, come .o me." and in no instance was there any confusion of action and thought. The monkey obeyed each command, though given in exactly the same voice and in the same manner.

> There is one point, however, humanlike though she be in other respects, upon which Donacita radically differs from at least a goodly proportion of the human family. She is devoid of all moral sense-is absolutely conscienceless. She steals and lies afterward about it in the most flagrant manner. She breaks every commandment without a blush, or, so far as has yet been discovered, any sense or appreciation of her natural depravity. And all precept is simply thrown away upon her in this respect. After four years of untiring effort to inculcate in her principles of right and imbue her with a nice disastation between right and wrong, the truth must be admitted, she is irreclaimably bad and utterly devoid of all serge of moral obligation. True, she shows, like many another culprit, a knowledge of transgression, and ex- bind."-Indianapolis Journal.

TRAINING A MONKEY, bibits fear and a cread of the consequences of her actions, but of the moral of rock crystal on their toilet tables obloquy involved Donacita is innocent for cooling the hands, as the temperaof its very name.

Music of any kind or loud noise is never vary. her especial aversion. She will run shricking from the sound of a hand organ, putting up her tiny hands to her ears to, shut out all sound of the hated noise, and will sit with a most comical look of distress on her face until the

music ceases. The falsity of the old tradition that animals possess an instinctive knowledge of the harmful properties of plants has had a practical demonstration by Donaeita, she, one day, eating the berries of a poisonous vine found growing in the garden. For a time her life was despaired of, but prompt and energetic measures, together with a stomach pump, saved the little creature's life.

Of her mistress she is inordinately fond, refusing to eat or be comforted in any manner in her absence. The object next to her mistress in her affections is a little orphan cat, and this affection is returned in due measure, albeit this tyrannical Donacita, through a pure love of mischief, sometimes occasions her cat friend much pain by extracting his whiskers, which she gravely uses as toothpicks.

Is this fin de siecle monkey capable

of reasoning? Mrs. Wiley asserts, after much study and observation, that it is not. She has made various tests and finally gives it as her opinion that the brain of her pet is one lobed and incapable of entertaining two ideas at the same time, hence the reasoning power is wanting.

EFFECTS OF CIGARETTES.

Remarkable Experiments Performed by Prof. H. C. Bumpus.

Some definite facts and figures showing the exact effects of smoking cigarettes have at last been obtained by a scientist, who has experimented upon young college students, says the New York World. This scientist is Prof. H. C. Bumpus, professor of comparative anatomy at Brown university.

The student to be experimented upon first lay down on a couch, and his right arm, which was bare to the shoulder, was extended upon a low table, with the palm of the hand upward. Prof. Bumpus then took up a narrow strip of bamboo about three feet in length and very light.

Upon one part of the wrist over a bone and in a place where it would be steady a cork was fastened. To this the bamboo strip was affixed. Another cork was placed on the wrist directly over the vein, where the pulse beat is most easily felt.

The end of the bamboo strip rested on this second cork and it rose and clever little beastie is this capuchin fell with each pulsation. This motion was plainly visible to all the class of gold certificates for the bonds awarded ter that date to enforce collections will and emotion is by turn expressed in rounded Prof. Bumpus during his ex-

> The first record taken was the normal pulse of the student on the sofa. This fluctuated from 62 to 67 a minute, rising in one instance to 71. The total beats of the normal pulse for five minutes was 332, or an average of 66 2-3.

periments.

The Brown student on the sofa then began to smoke a cigarette, "inhating" the smoke, as do nearly all cigarette smokers. His pulse immediately

jumped up. The first minute it reached 75, which was a higher record than any normal pulsation could show for a single minute. During the first five minutes the pulse fluctuated from 71 to 77 a minute.

The total for the whole five minutes was 376. This showed that cigarette smoking made a normal pulse which averaged 66 2-3 a minute jump to an average of 75 1-5 beats a minute. Upon a second trial, and after wait-

ing three minutes his pulse went up to 83, making a total of 396, or an average of over 79 for five minutes.

A third trial was then taken after the student had smoked two cigarettes. His pulse by this time remained steadily over 80.

In one instance it reached the extraordinary height of 89 beats per minute. The total for five minutes was 420 beats, an average of exactly \$4 beats per min-

It will thus be seen that the normal pulse of the student lying upon a lounge and unaffected by cigarettes. averaged 66 2-3 beats per minute, and that after smoking two cigarettes it reached an average of 84 beats per minute. The cigarette smoking had added more than 17 beats per minute to the normal pulse, an acceleration of almost 25 per cent.

Each beat of the pulse could be easily counted by means of the rising and get falling of the bamboo strip, and Prof. Bumpus held a watch in his hand, while one of the Brown university students made the record. After this practical exhibition of the exact physical effects of cigarette smoking the popularity of cigarettes has rapidly declined at Brown university.

"I can see no reason," said the S. P. P. A. boarder, "why it should be If your dealer will not supply you, we thought advisable to dock a horse's tail." "Probably," suggested the Cheerful Idiot, "they are docked for being be-

Spanish women used to keep lumps ture of these wonderful balls is said to

A Novel Idea.

The Omaha Weekiy World-Herald has struck another novel idea for increasing its circulation by offering large prizes to those new subscribers who construct the shortest sentence containing all the letters of the alphabet.

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It will be interesting to note how short a sentence can be made and still contain all the twenty-six letters in the alphabet. The trouble, of course, will Le to get in such letters as x, y, z and q. Ex-Congressman Bryan, who edits the paper and preaches free silver coinage, must have a good inventive genius to devise these novel schemes.

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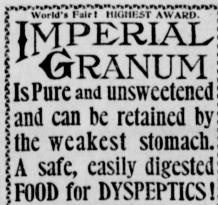
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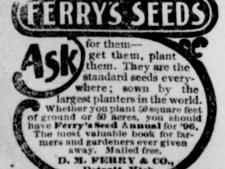
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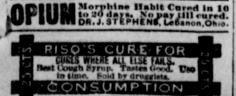
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HE cocaine habit is spreading. Ever since the peculiar, pain-allaying properties of this drug became generally known, a few years ago, it has been in steadily increasing demand. until to-day the sale of the medi-

cine alone brings a neat profit to the dealer. In New York, which is a city of nerves, it has proved to be an especial favorite, says the World of that city.

Ordinarily druggists will not sell a solution of cocaine stronger than 10 per cent without a doctor's prescription. And there is excellent reason for this precaution. Cocaine is a fine servant, but a very ugly master, in which respect is frequently applied externally for the heads!" relief of toothache and neuralgia, and in this way it cannot do much damage. But when taken internally it may work serious consequences. The effects of an overdose of the 10 per cent solution of the hydrochlorate of cocaine (the solution usually sold in drug stores) are as follows: The patient suffers immediately from vertigo, and then epileptic convulsions; the teeth are firmly clinched, and the face and lips become bloodless. There is apparently no suffering, as the brain becomes numb and the patient loses consciousness. If the dose is sufficiently large death will ensue. There are numerous recorded cases of fatal poisoning by cocaine. Among these are the case of a woman of seventy-one years of age, who died five hours after the subcutaneous injection of a man in whom the injection of one and one-third grains was followed by a fatal result. One case is also on record where death occurred in a female after three grains and a half had been administered hypodermically. It is stated that a man died almost immediately afted swallowing twenty-two grains.

The first published case was that of a man to whom was given by mistake twenty grains. He died in an hour. A mawnin', kurnel, good mawnin!"--Ex. fatal case also occurred in Russia from a dose of twenty-two grains. A melancholy interest attached to this care, as the surgeon who in mistake prescribed this overdose immediately afterwards committed suicide. Some remarkable recoveries have been effected after very large doses taken into the stomach. The most notable case of the kind was that of a man who swallowed forty-six grains and recovered. On the other hand, serious symptoms of poisoning have been occasioned by the hypodermic administration of such doses as the seventh of a grain and less then half a grain. There is one interesting case on record of a girl to whom one-twentieth of a grain was given subcutaneously. Alarming symptoms followed, and grave fears were entertained for the patient's safety, but she eventually recovered. On another occasion, one one-hundredth of a grain applied to the eye of a patient aged fourteen years caused symptoms of poisoning. From an examination and comparison of all the records obtainable, Dr. O. H. Garland, an English physician, has come to the conclusion that the fatal dose of cocaine is about fifteen grains. He states, however, that "in the present state of our knowledge, it is practically dose that will produce fatal results, secing that a dose of two-thirds of a grain life." Physicians agree that the present habit of "self-dosing" is particularly harmful when the patient begins to markable powers in deadening nerve in surgery. That it is not harmless, however, is quite evident, and the diffibe affected in the same way.

## Trained to Sit Up.

The Princess of Wales, to the great discomfort of whoever may be acting as the maid in waiting, never puts herself at ease in traveling. Hour after hour she retains a bolt upright position, and never thinks of removing her bonnet or lying down. She attributes the habit to her rigid bringing up, and in speaking of it recently said to a friend: "We were never allowed to lie down during the daytime when we were children, for fear of making ourselves untidy, and I am so accustomed to the habit now that I should never dream of removing my bonnet while on a jour- can tell how I suffer. Boston Tran-

MISTAKEN IDENTITY,

There Was a Vast Difference in the Two Cases. The other day at Montezuma, while

two citizens were conversing at the depot, a negro approached and addressed one of them as follows:

"Kurnel, I h'ar yo' wants to git a man out on de plantashun."

"Yes, I want a man out there," replied the colonel as he looked the negro over. "Seems to me I've seen you be-

"Reckon not, sah. I'ze new roun' here.' "But I'm sure I've seen you some-

where. Let's see. I was over at Perry the other day." "Yes, sah, yo' was ober to Perry." "And while there I called at the jail."

"Yes, sah, yo' called at de jail. Dey has got a powerful nice jail ober at Perry.

"And while at the jail I saw a colored man who was serving a sentence for stealing a hog." "No doubt of it, kurnel. 'Yes, yo' dun

Perry.' "And you are the man," said the colonel as he laid his hand on the

saw a cull'd pusson right in dat jail at

negro's shoulder. "Jes' so, kurnel-jes' so. I was right in dat jail at Perry, an' I dun 'members of seein' yo' pass along. Curious what It is much like opium and morphine. It | a mem'ry some white folks has in their

"But you don't suppose I want a man who has been in jail for stealing, do you?" exclaimed the colonel.

"No, sah-no, sah. Of co'se yo' don't. Dat's what I'ze here to displain about. Yo' got it all wrong 'bout dat hog, kurnel. De pusson who dun stole de hog was asleep when yo' called. I wasn't in dat jail for stealin' no hog. I'ze no such man as dat."

"Then what were you in for?"

"Why, dey said dem two bags er cotton seed meal what dey found in my cart was tooken from de depo'."

"Oh, I see. Well, what's the differ-

"What's the difference? Heaps o' difference, sah. On de one hand, I'ze loadin' up a bar'l o' salt arter dark, an' dem bags jes' tumbled into my cart of two-thirds of a grain; and the case while my back wuz turned. On de odder hand, a pusson goes out by daylight and runs a hog aroun' de woods for ober two hours before he cotches a hind leg. 'Scuse me, kurnel, I did reckon I'd like to work on yo' plantashun, but if yo' am de sort o' man who can't see de difference between a pusson restin in jail to obleege de jury an' bein' sent to jail for stealin' a hog I couldn't trust my reputashun in yo' hands. Good

## THEOSOPHY AN OPIUM DREAM.

A Reverend Renegade Says It Came from a Drug-Fuddled Brain.

The Rev. J. Henry Wiggin, formerly n officer in the original Theosophical society established in New York in 1875, has exploded a bombshell, so to say, in the ranks of the Boston theosophists. "My investigations in theosophy resulted in disappointment," he says. "I approached the subject as an unbiased seeker after truth. I was open to conviction, and held my judgment in suspense. There was nothing on which to ground a faith, and after my return to Boston I asked that my name be dropped from the membership

of the New York society." Mr. Wiggin discredits the claim to a venerable Oriental origin which is advanced by the American adherents of the faith. He characterizes Mme Blavatsky as a fraud, and he calls Col. Olcott, president of the European and Asiatic branch, a dupe. He says that the theory advanced by Mme. Blavatsky rests the entire faith "on the sinking sands of an opium befogged brain."

One Woman's Power. As a matter of fact English soverimpossible to say what is the smallest | eigns have rarely taken any active part in politics since George III.'s time but they still could do some very astonishhas caused death, and so minute a ing things if they chose. The queen dose as a hundredth of a grain has could dismiss every Tommy Atkins in given rise to symptoms threatening the army, from the commander-in-chief to the youngest drummer boy. She could disband the navy in the same way and sell all the ships, stores and treat himself with cocaine. The notion | arsenals to the first customer that came appears to have gone abroad that the along. Acting entirely on her stuff is quite harmless, and is a cure own responsibility, she could declare for all pains. It certainly possesses re- war against any foreign country or make a present to any foreign power sensations, and it has been invaluable of any part of the empire. She could make every man, woman and child in England, Scotland and Ireland a peer culty is that no two patients seem to of the realm, with the right, in the case of the males who are of age, to a seat in the house of lords. With a single word she could dismiss any government that happened to be in power and could, it is believed, pardon and liberate all the criminals in our jails These are a few of the things the queen could do if she liked; but it is not necessary to say that her majesty never acts in matters of state except on the advice of the government for the time being .- New York Recorder.

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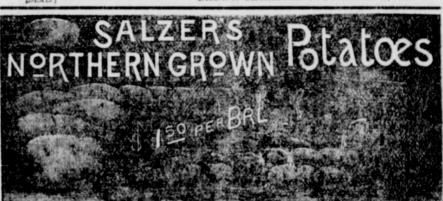
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Mr. G. W. Webb, invites the patrons of his hotel to put their teams up in his free wagon yard. W. E HEALD

Mr. J. C. Turner and vife, of Hamilton county, of this county, are visiting relatives and friends at Sanco and Robert Lee.

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Mr. Henry Williams, of Indian Creek neighborhood was in town one day this week. Mr. Wiffiams says every thing is getting along nickly on Indian Creek.

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## LOCAL CHIPS.

Fine rain Monday night. Have we lost the telephone.

Mr. M. Patterson, of Sanco, was in town Friday with a bale of cot-

J. W. Ashurst of the Divide was in town Friday.

The only cash house in Angelo is Arkansaw Smith's

Esq. Byrne of Sanco, was seen on our streets last Friday.

Mr. Ed Stokes of Sterling county was in the city Monday.

J. N. Buchanan and F. B. Perry went to Maverick Wednesday. Cash talks at Arkansaw Smiths

San Angelo. Scrip for sale at the RUSTLER

office.

Mr .- Kelley, the Ballinger Livery Stable man was in town Thurs

day and Friday. Try some of F. B. Perry's 50 Texas. cents a quart whiskey.

The Masonic fraternity is talk ing of erecting a Masonie Hall on the public square in Robert located in the out skirts of town. Lee soon.

Quite a number of the citizens have been in town this week settling up for 1895 with Mr. Mur-

Sheriff L. B. Murray made a flying trip to San Angelo the first of the week and returned Thursday.

Mr R. R. Smith, of near Hayrick was in the city several days this week.

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

Patronize those who advertise in the RUSTLER.

## Come Now

To Robert Lee, a fine picture of anteed.

E. Rambin, of near Hayrick was respect. Give me a trial order. in the city Wednesday paying taxes.

Messrs J. H. Barroughs and Dr. J. B. Latham paid San Angel Thursday.

Judge Adams was seen on streets one day this week.

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Mr. T. L. Vaughn, the Bronte mili man was in town Tuesday and reports that the Bronte gin has turned out 721 bales to date, this season and says there is considerable cotton yet to be gined.

town Tuesday.

Sheriff Murray reports that there were over \$10,000 taxes payed the present one .- Fort Worth last month.

## January 1st, 1896.

from now on will sell strictly Drinks of all kinds and I most for cash. I have found out, that respectfully invite my friend to with the capital I have, I can not come to see me. keep an assortment of goods and seil on a credit. All that are indebted to me, please come forward and settle.

Respectfully, R. B. Hignins.

The Trus ces of the Methodist ing land corners. Episcopal Church South for the Robert Lee Mission held a meeting in Robert Lee on Thursday and took steps preparatory to building a Church house in Rodert Lee this spring or summer. The Church Extension Board of the M. E. Church South has donated \$250. for this purpose.

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. Of fice at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo,

The people of Robert Lee bave at last gone to work in earnest about securing a gin and mill to be

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

Judge M. H. Davis, after an absence of three weeks returned home Thursday on the San Angelo The Gulf, Colorado & Sanstage and reports he had quite a prosperous business trip.

When you go to Ballinger-Af- Is the best and Quickest Route ter fine Christmas presents see Oscar Pearson the Jeweler. He sells nothing but fine goods and Southeast, North and East. if they dont wear all right you can take them back and get new goods.

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> Lum Hudson was here Thursday.

You can get whiskey at F. B. a visit Wednesday and returned Perry's all the way from 25 to 75 cents a pint.

> Mr. John Burnett, of Coke counfriends and relatives at Highland this week .- Dublin Progress.

If you are behinde on your subscription, please come in and pay up before Jan. 1st, as we are much in need of money.

Hesters report for December shows-that, with the exception of 1892, less cotton was brought into sight during that month than for the corresponding month of any year since 1887. Compared with last year it shows a decrease of 638,000 bales. Yet the returns to the farmers from this year's crop have been greater than were those from the heavy crop last year. If Mr. Will Murray, of Sanco, this years advance in price does brother of Sheriff Murray was in not bring an overpreduction the next crop should yield at least as good, if not better, returns then Gazette.

# The direct line to

dress

G. P. A. Galveston, Tex.

Mr. S. S. Craddock, of Sanco was in town one day this week. He says their school is getting along nicely and every body bas got their cotton out and says San-

gin of your paper you may know that you are behind on your subscription and come forward and pay up at once.

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Marriago.

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A MEETING CALLED.

Of All Cotton Croke s.

An address to all cotton growers has been issued by the prestdent of the American-Cotton-Growers-Protective Association, Mr. Lane. In the address president Lane urges all who are interested, directly or indirectly, in the welfare of cotton-growers to attend a convention to be held at Memphis, Tenn., January 21st. President Line advises those who have it to hold their cotton for an advancement in price, which he thinks is bound to come before this crop is consumed. He also advises farmers to still further reduce the acreage in cotton and show how a small crop sold at 10 and 11 cents pays better than a large crop sold at 5 and 6 cents.

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### Goes Down People's Necks.

Some French statistician has been troubling his mind to know where all the champagne produced in the world goes. He estimates that there is a yearly output of 21,000,000 bottles. Of this quantity his own country drinks the least. England, and then America, consume the most, closely followed by Russia: Add to this the quantity of champagne France has never seen that is consumed in this country and it will be understood that country is quite a consumer.

### Very Rich Indeed

In the elements that supply the human system with bone, muscle and brain substance is a circulation fertilized with the supreme tonic. Roseletter's Stomach Bitters, which be gets thorough assimilation and digestion, and direas healthful impulse to every function of the bedy. Byspertic and weakly persons give strong t a mony in its behalf. So do those troubled with biflousness, malaria, rheumatism, constipation and inactivity of the kidneys.

Stay Away.

Robert Perry, a Chicago contractor, who has been spending some time in South Africa, says that it is an excellent place to stay away from. The climate is bad, water is scarce, living is high, and there is no chance to make anything.

### Madam Boisvert.

I am a mid-wife and have been giving McEiree's Wine of Cardui and Black-Draught tea to my lady patients, both during pregnancy and after birth as a tonic, and have found the treatment will de more than is claimed for it. Two years ago I was troubled with female weakness myself, that I could not work at all. I heard McElree's Wine of Cardui recommammoth package of Thedford's Black-Draught. I began the treatment as dinever been troubled with it since.

MRS. V. M. BOISVERT, Zurich, Kansas.

Mrs. MARY F. McCLARIN, Rockmart, Ga., writes: "I have always been a great sufferer during child birth. I used McElree's Wine of Cardui before confinement the last time, and the pains were much less and shorter than ever before, and my baby is larger and much healthier than any of

to talk the most

## In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system."

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OFTLY LITTLE hands are folding-Play forgottenwaiting rest: Drowsy eyes fond dreams beholding Brighter than the painted west.

Nearer, draw

ing nearer, Blessed rest! Clearer, ever degrer Comes the fairy music, low. Leading forth the happy visions Only childhood's eyes can know-Sweet, sweet rest!

Gently little eyes are closing. Drooping with their weight of bliss Lips asmile, the while supposing Every touch an angel's kiss.

Sweeter, ever sweeter, Peaceful sleep! And the music's mystic meter Croons a heavenly lullaty While the cherubs hold their candles

At the windows of the sky. Precious sleep!

Innocence asleep! so tender. Love could only stoop to kiss-Life can show no calm surrender Half as brave or mild as this. Purer than love's passion, This the best. Fairer than all fashion-Ah! to share its peace benign-

'Tis the only mood where humans Prove their lineage divine-Sweet, sweet sleep!

A Sober Thought.

-Geo. E. Bowen in the Inter Ocean.

The Golden Censer tells of a mechanic who had been in the habit of dropping into a beer saloon twice a day, and spending five cents each time for a glass of beer, was captivated one day by a new thought. "I am poor," he said to himself; "my family need every cent I can earn; it is growing more and more expensive every year; soon I shall want to educate my children. Ten cents a day for beer! Let me see; that is sixty cents a week. That is thirtyone dollars and twenty cents a year! And it does me no good; it may do me harm. Let me see"-and here he took a piece of chalk and solved the problem on a board-"I can buy two barmended, and got six bottles of it, and a rels of flour, one hundred pounds of sugar, five pounds of tea and six bushels of potatoes for that sum." Pausing rected, and in two weeks I had improved for a moment, as if to allow the grand much I could do my work, and have | idea to take full possession of himself, he then exclaimed: "I will never waste another cent." He never has, and he is to-day a prosperous man.

A Noble Youth. How many young men, just budding into manhood, have taken the first fatal cup? And not stopping at the first, as they may have thought of doing, but taking a second soon after the first and The man who knows least generally wants, so on, until their ruin was complete. There was once a young man who was clerking in a large dry goods store where many other young men were employed. Some of the latter urged the newcomer to accept a social glass, but he refused. The young men laughed at him, calling him a "baby," and they also said that "one glass would not hurt him," "Oh, no;" he replied, "if I should take one glass, I could easily be persuaded to take another. My mother taught me to shun the fatal cup. And when I was a little child, she taught me this verse among many others: Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The lads laughed and succeed at him, but it was useless to try to remove his scruples. "My father," 10 seres to Salzer's Earliest Potatoes the brave boy continued, "went that lownward path and at last filled a drunkard's grave. I do not intend to follow in his footsteps." If other young men would only stand their ground firmly for the right, doing nobly as this one did, there would be a great many fewer drunkard's graves and a great many more happy hearts and homes.

"While digging holes for telegraph poles at Byron, Me.," said a Western Union man, "I became interested in watching the ingenuity and persever-ance of a mouse. He fc. into one of the holes, which was 41/4 feet deep and twenty inches across. The first day he an around the bottom of the hole, trying to find some means of escape, but could not climb out. The second day he settled down to business. He began steadily and systematically to dig a spiral groove round and round the inner surface of the hole with a uniformly ascending grade. He worked night and day, and as he got further from the bottom be dug little pockets where be could either lie or sit and rest. Interested witnesses threw in food. At the end of two weeks the mouse struck a rock. This puzzled him. For nearly a day he tried to get under, around or over the obstruction, but without success. With unffinching patience he reversed his spiral and went on tunnelling his way in the opposite direction. At the end of four weeks he reached the top, and probably sped away to enjoy his well-earned freedom. His escape was not seen. When his food was put in in the morning he was near the surface, but at night the work was seen to be complete, and the little engineer, whose pluck and skill had saved his life, had left."-New York Sun.

### Bought Her Own Gown.

They tell a story of an unfortunate society woman who, being terribly pushed for a gown to wear at a great occasion, sold seven gowns for the price of one to Mme. X. Among these gowns was one hardly rumpled, and which, though very magnificent, had evidently been worn at most only once. This dress Mme. X. sold as a model to Mme. Y., who was the society woman's dress maker, and who had been obdurate about making another thing for the poor little woman without cash down. When this "model" came in she saw a chance for big return of money, so she compromised with her customer, and agreed to let her have a model dress, just imported, for a very low figure Whereat the poor woman paid all the money she had received for all her dresses, and out Mme. Y brought the model. The poor woman talked herself blue in the face, but she could not say anything to protect herself without betraying her dealing with Mme. X., so poor thing, she danced in her old frock after all, having swapped all her other gowns for the privilege.-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Evidence Against Him.

"Why don't you have me called at 6 o'clock?" roared a commercial traveler in one of our city hotels, as he faced the clerk and banged his fist down on the register.

"I did," calmly replied the clerk.

You did not, sir. "I tell you I did."

"You did not, sir, and I can prove it." "All right, go ahead; but you cah't prove it.'

"Yes, I can."

"Prove it, then." "Well, you did not have me called at o'clock, because I did not leave word to be called at all," and the commercial man grinned and looked for the clerk to blush and apologize.

But he looked in vain. A little thing like that wouldn't bother a hotel clerk. -Bangor News.

### A Pleasant Greeting.

One day a stranger, approaching the late John Boyle O'Reilly from behind, mistook him for a friend whom he had not seen for some time. In his enthusiasm he stepped up, slapped his supposed friend on the shoulder, and greeted him with some particularly hearty expression. Many men in O'Reilly's position would have felt at least a momentary annoyance. Not so with the poet. Turning about, he stretched out his hand. "I'm not Jack," he said, "but I'm glad to shake hands with any man who is as glad to see an old friend as you seem to be."

Stop Me.

Stop me, good people! Don't you see My temper is running away with me? Help, Master Commonsense! Are you afraid? Good Mistress Prudence, come to my

aid! Stop me, Conscience; stop me, I pray!

My temper, my temper, is running away! Dear Brother Kindness, snatch after

the reins! Help, or my temper will dash out my brains!

Help, or I'll get a terrible fall! Help, Shame, Caution, Love, Wisdom and all!

Feminine Life in a Lighthouse.

-Amos R. Wella.

Boston has a lighthouse keeper's daughter who, perhaps, has not emulated Ida Lewis, yet she is an accomplished oarswoman as well as a versatile writer. Miss Louise Lynden has lived with her father on that beautiful headland for nearly fifteen years, and although a graduate of the Boston Girls' High School in 1879, she has preferred to keep herself on the island summer and winter, ever since har father was appointed as keeper of the light in 1880. Miss Lynden is an ac-

No Duty Without Love.

complished photographer, and many of

her charming stories are illustrated by

her own pictures.

We cannot do our duty to any one without love. We cannot keep His commandments without doing our duty to men. But, when we learn to love and to obey the promptings of love in our human relations, we find that "His commandments are not grievous" any more. The spirit in us is in sympathy with the spirit in Him, and we are the children of our Father which is in



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