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SILVER KNOCKED OUT.

THE SENATE SUBSTITUTE DEFEATED BY 215 TO 90.

All the Populists, Fifty-Eight Democrats and Twenty-five Republicans Vote for the Senate Substitute—Turner of Georgia Against the Measure.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The majority against silver in the house yesterday when the final vote was taken on concurrence in the senate free coinage amendment was larger than that of Thursday in committee of the whole. Yet the motion to concur was defeated, 190 to 50, a majority of 110; yesterday it was beaten—215 to 90, a majority of 125. The vote was a record-making vote and counting the pairs but 37 out of them were unavoidably absent and were unable to secure pairs. The silver men who predicted a much greater showing of strength were disappointed. The "sound money" leaders had been disposed to concede the silver forces 106 votes. An analysis of the vote shows that 184 Republicans and 31 Democrats voted against non-concurrence and 58 Democrats, 25 Republicans and 7 Populists for concurrence.

The debate which preceded the vote was of an interesting character, but devoid of any sensational features. The galleries as usual on a financial day in the lower branch of congress were crowded to the doors and quite a number of senators, including Palmer of Illinois, Bacon of Georgia, Cockrell of Missouri and Butler of North Carolina, sat through the five hours' debate. Secretary Herbert was also present.

Ex-Speaker Crisp presented the closing argument for the silver men and was replied to by Mr. Turner, a democratic colleague from Georgia, in a two hours' speech.

The personal rivalry between the two leaders of the opposing factions of the Democratic side of the house added to the interest of the occasion.

Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania closed in behalf of the Republicans.

The partisans of the respective champions missed no opportunity to acclaim their approval when telling points were made and at the close the honors seemed even.

Mr. Dingley, chairman of the ways and means committee, insisted on the regular order as soon as the journal had been read, and, under the arrangement made, one hour was allowed on each side for closing.

Gifts to Mrs. Gresham.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15.—The formal presentation of the gifts of the emperor of Japan to Mrs. Walter Q. Gresham was made at her residence in this city by the Japanese minister at Washington by handing her the following letter:

Legation of Japan, Washington, D. C.—To Mrs. Walter Q. Gresham—Dear madame: His imperial majesty, my sovereign, has been pleased to signify his appreciation of the friendship invariably displayed by your beloved husband, the Hon. Walter Quinton Gresham, toward Japan.

His majesty values greatly the manifestation of those sentiments of good will to which your husband in his high office of secretary of state never failed to give practical expression whenever suitable opportunity offered and has been graciously pleased also to signify his appreciation of the amiable and helpful intercourse which the secretary always maintained with me as the representative of Japan.

As a token of this feeling of appreciation his imperial majesty has commanded through his excellency, the minister of the imperial household, that a roll of gobelin tapestry and a pair of enamel vases should be presented to you. These articles are from among the valued possessions of his majesty, the emperor, and I have great satisfaction in carrying out his gracious pleasure. Believe me, my dear madame, yours very sincerely,

S. KURINO.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 15.

Now Over a Woman.

Bluefield, W. Va., Feb. 15.—In the depot at Pocahontas Thursday night George Gray and Len Hartsook engaged in a quarrel over a woman. Gray shot and killed Hartsook, after Hartsook had fired two shots at Gray without effect. During the affray Miss Clara Clemmens was shot and seriously injured. Gray escaped.

The political crises in France is not over.

At Melan, O., on the night of the 13th inst., three men were killed by a well casing in on them.

Nansen's Expedition.

New York, Feb. 15.—One of Dr. Nansen's most intimate friends, an associate of his boyhood and a confidant in all his plans for polar explorations, is the Antarctic explorer, C. E. Borchgrevink, who is at present lecturing in this country. Mr. Borchgrevink returned from Boston Thursday night and with Lieut. Peary was a guest of members of the Brooklyn Geographical society at the Hamilton club.

Talking to a reporter about the news from Dr. Nansen, Mr. Borchgrevink said: "I can not believe it. No one would be more glad than myself if Nansen has succeeded, but the fact that the news comes from Siberia makes me discredit it. All this is in direct opposition to his plans. His intention was, if he reached the pole, to cross it and come back by way of Greenland. This news indicates that he is returning by the same route that led him toward the pole. It seems preposterous when one considers the possibilities that would be sacrificed and the indomitable courage of a man like Nansen. He would go on, on, on, and not turn back and send news home by way of Siberia."

"While I was in Australia last April on my Antarctic expedition the same news, practically, was spread all over the earth on the authority of the Paris Figaro. I telegraphed from Australia to Mrs. Nansen and went to considerable expense before I found out that the story was a canard. I shall take everything published with several grains of salt until Nansen himself is heard from. What he says I shall believe."

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 15.—Julius R. Fredericks, who was a sergeant in the Greely expedition, said yesterday that he thought it was within the bounds of possibility that Nansen had reached the north pole, but it was improbable that he had reached it and started on the return down the east coast of Greenland.

Sergeant Fredericks thinks it probable that the pole is on land. He said:

"We went up the west coast of Greenland, while Nansen went up the east coast, following the course of the Jeannette. The two courses verge in the north of Greenland. When we were at our highest latitude we were on land and as far as we could see through glasses we could see only land. I am inclined to doubt it, but Nansen may have found a more open season than we found and by means of dog sleds may have made his way to the pole. If he did it seems, as I said, that he must certainly have started homeward along the west coast of Greenland, after taking to the water, so as to have the advantage of the currents."

Found Some Heads.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 15.—Some heads belonging to Miss Pearl Bryan's hat were found near Fort Thomas yesterday, where the body was discovered two weeks ago. The detectives think this is a further indication of a struggle and some violence. When found the hat was some distance from the body and weighted down by a boulder tied in a handkerchief which has been identified as belonging to Jackson.

Up to sundown yesterday nothing was found by the large force of workmen engaged in sections along the canal, which was emptied last night. The officers feel that the head is no longer needed for evidence, but they continue the search to satisfy the friends of the victim, who are anxious to give the girl's whole body a decent burial.

Over \$1000 reward is now standing for the head. The fact that Jackson and Walling, who have freely told where they put the girl's clothing, still refuse to give information about the head intensifies the feeling against them.

It is thought that Gov. Bradley will issue a requisition for the prisoners.

H. H. Cole, charged with counterfeiting has been arrested at Texarkana, Ark.

The Indian council at Pine Ridge, S. D., is still in session.

An English vessel is taking soundings at the mouth of the Orinoco river, Venezuela.

Gold is being drawn from the treasury to pay for the new bonds.

The steamers Paris and Majesty collided near Southampton, N. Y., on the 13th inst. The Majesty was sunk but her crew was saved.

A BOND RESOLUTION.

SENATOR PEPPER WANTS A FULL EXPLANATION.

Messrs. Chandler, Tillman, Sherman and Vest Make Speeches Criticizing the Fee System, Showing the Immense Cost of Federal Courts.

Washington, Feb. 13.—It was expected that the tariff bill would come up in the senate yesterday, Mr. Morrill, chairman of the finance committee, having given notice of a motion to that effect. But the subject was not mentioned during the day and the entire session was given to routine business. Considerable progress was made on the deficiency appropriation bill and the item of federal court expenses brought out strong criticism from Messrs. Chandler, Tillman and Vest against the fee system.

A resolution introduced by Mr. Pepper calls for an investigation of the recent bond sales, all dealings with syndicates and individuals. The resolution is so comprehensive as to cover every possible phase of the negotiations in the bond issues of the last three years.

Mr. Vest secured the adoption of a resolution calling on the secretary of agriculture to report what recent changes had been made in the quarantine line against cattle coming north from Texas. Mr. Vest explained that a recent publication stated that the secretary had issued a proclamation making radical changes to the detriment of the parties in interest.

Mr. Morrill asked that Mr. Pepper's resolution go to the finance committee, but it went over under the rules.

A project for a memorial bridge across the Potomac river connecting Washington and the old Arlington property in Virginia was passed.

The consideration of the urgency deficiency bill was then resumed. The item of \$210,000 for salaries of judges and officers of the federal courts in the Indian Territory brought out a protest from Mr. Chandler. He criticized the growing expenditures under the department of justice. These had tripled in ten years.

The senator pointed out that the last congress, Democratic in both branches and with a Democratic president, had appropriated \$675,000 for United States marshals and made it necessary to provide \$1,190,000 for deficiencies for United States marshals.

Mr. Chandler declared that the fee system was responsible for the growing extravagance of federal court officers. He spoke of conspiracies in South Carolina and elsewhere to get up fraudulent cases to swell the fees of officers.

This brought Mr. Tillman (Dem.) of South Carolina to his feet for a speech. He agreed with Mr. Chandler that the fee system was wrong. A supreme court judge had recently pointed out that court officials were encouraged to get up fictitious prosecutions. There is a class of habitual witnesses in the south. They do nothing but earn witness fees, going around "bamboozing negroes" and getting whole teams of negroes to prosecute fictitious cases. The thing to do was to reform the law.

Mr. Sherman spoke of the enormous cost of our governmental system, which arose in part from the complication of appropriation bills. Mr. Sherman urged that the budget system used in England was far simpler than that of the American and could be profitably adopted.

Mr. Vest spoke of the "robbery and plunder" practiced by United States marshals in order to obtain fees. There were coteries and rings of these marshals who made it a trade to go around arresting men and dragging them hundreds of miles to jail, not for purposes of justice, but to get marshal fees.

The deficiency bill was laid aside at 4:15 p. m.

Anti-Pool Room Bill.

Washington, Feb. 13.—In the house yesterday Representative Gillett of Massachusetts introduced a bill that any person who is a party to the transmission by telegraph, telephone, mail, express or otherwise from one state or territory to another of any gambling bet on any race, prize fight or any other event shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable for the first offense by fine or imprisonment and for subsequent offenses by imprisonment only.

Behring Sea Convention.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The convention between the government of the United States and that of Great Britain for the arbitration of the claims of damages made on account of the Behring sea sealing vessels seizures was received by the senate in executive session Tuesday and was considered by the committee on foreign relations yesterday. The treaty is a brief document signed by Secretary Olney on the part of the United States and by Sir Julian Pauncefote for Great Britain.

It provides for the reference of claims to two commissioners, one to be appointed by the United States and the other by Great Britain, who, in case of failure to agree, are authorized to select a third commissioner. If not able to agree upon a man for this office, the matter is to be referred to the president of the Swiss republic with the request that he name the third man, which he has consented to do.

The agreement is made in conformity with recommendations of the Paris arbitration board, and its findings are made obligatory upon both governments. As submitted, the treaty only provides for the payment of damages by the United States for vessels engaged in seal catching belonging to citizens of Great Britain, but a disposition has already manifested itself in the committee to amend it so as to provide also for the arbitration of claims which may arise on the part of citizens of the United States for seizures of American vessels made by Great Britain, and the probabilities are that such an amendment will be made in the committee.

Senator Morgan talked at considerable length to the committee yesterday, explaining the origin of those claims and going into the findings of the Paris tribunal as well as the efforts to have the claims settled during the last congress by the payment of a lump sum, which he opposed at that time.

The committee adjourned without taking action, but the indications are that with the change making the findings of the commission mutual as between the two countries the committee will recommend the ratification of the treaty.

Classes Abolished.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 13.—All the classes heretofore recognized by the League of American Wheelmen were abolished at yesterday's session of the national convention, and cycle riders are now in exactly the same category as other athletes and sportsmen.

In future the league will recognize no grades of amateurs, and any rider who does not live strictly up to the rules governing non-professional sports will be placed in the ranks of the professionals. This result was reached by the repeal of all the classes in the league constitution creating classes A and B and defining the status of the men who formerly belonged to them.

The convention took this radical step during its afternoon session, while considering a large number of amendments to the constitution proposed by the racing board and designed to further regulate and define the positions of class B. There were a dozen or more of these amendments when Mr. Mott of this city offered an amendment abolishing class B entirely. It was carried almost without a dissenting vote, if, indeed, there were any, and the chair decided that it was unanimous.

A resolution was then adopted to the effect that all members of the league who are at this time class B men shall in the future be treated as amateurs, similar in respect to class A men, and that all others shall be deemed professionals.

The penalty for any act of professionalism will therefore in the future be practical expulsion from the league. The result gave the most general satisfaction.

American Tobacco Company.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 13.—The annual meeting of the American Tobacco company was held yesterday. Shares to the number of 370,000 of the 477,000 were represented. The meeting approved the manner in which the board of directors had conducted the business during the year and ordered that the date of the annual meeting be changed from the second Wednesday in February to the second Wednesday in May.

The bank at Leesburg, O., was burned on the night of the 10th inst. Loss \$6000.

THE LATEST KITE.

Will Lift a Man Several Hundred Feet with Safety.

Various suggestions have been made for the improvement of the balloon, says a writer in the National Review, enabling it to be efficient in windy weather, but I determined at the outset to do away altogether with that fickle and troublesome element, gas. Aerial machines furnished with screw propellers could doubtless be made to ascend, but then, again, heavy transport would be required to carry the engines and fuel for working them. Then my thoughts soon turned to that simple toy, the kite, and on that well-known principle I based my new machine. Thus the wind, which is so detrimental to ballooning, now became my friend and helpmate. Yet, let me at once explain, I do not consider it an absolute necessity. As a schoolboy runs to get his kite to rise, so this aerial apparatus may be towed by running men or horses, and so caused to ascend in calm weather. After some years of experimenting with small kites of all shapes and forms, I increased the size till I made one thirty feet high. At length I arrived at a shape and adjustment of tackle that practically removed all unsteadiness and liability to capsizing. That awkward appendage, the tail, was discarded, and by increasing the number of kites, steadiness and ease of manipulation were increased. And now I think the apparatus is at last approaching the practical stage.

The latest machine consists of a varying number (usually four to six) of sails, of a flattened hexagonal shape, looking not unlike the square sails of a ship. These are connected, one behind the other, to the ground line, from which latter is suspended a basket car. A parachute is spread out above the car in case of accident. The number of kites used depends upon the strength of the wind, and thus the stronger the pressure the less is the area presented, so that the strain on the retaining ropes is always about the same. This apparatus has now been tried on a number of occasions and under many different circumstances of weather, and although, through lack of wind, or, rather, insufficiency of kite-power, it has occasionally not lifted as well as I should like, and frequently mishaps, the results of inexperience, have occurred, yet, on the whole, it has behaved very well, and has generally carried its man easily and steadily to a considerably height. I have myself been lifted over 100 feet high, and had I not been firmly held down by a rope I might have risen much higher. Never once have I experienced the least uncomfortable motion. When the car has been let up to the full extent of the rope, equivalent to a height of some 400 feet, it has invariably floated steadily and well. The ropes and tackle have, with a few exceptions easily remedied, always stood their work well, and those seeing the apparatus for the first time have generally expressed surprise at its ease and steadiness.

Ready Wit.

A professor was waiting for a train at a railway station and, having nothing better with which to take up his mind, began chaffing the half-witted fellow who did odd jobs about the place. "I say, Jamy," said the professor in a tone intended to reach the ears of the bystanders, "were you ever at college?" "No, sir," answered Jamy, "but I've been at school."

"Indeed!" said the witty professor. "And who had the honor to be your schoolmaster?"

"Maister Black."

"Why," said the wit, "he was my schoolmaster, too?"

"Do tell me!" exclaimed Jamy. "Man, who'd 'a' thought old Black could have turned out two like us!"—Scottish Nights.

Would Be a Trusted Courtier.

Sir Robert Peel, brother of the late speaker of the British house of commons, was noted for his "sharp tongue." On one occasion an Irish member, heated in debate, shouted out that "if he could pass the charter he wouldn't care if Satan were king!" Sir Robert bowed courteously and mildly expressed his belief "that when the honorable member should be under the sovereign of his choice he would enjoy the full confidence of the crown."

His Public Appearance.

Mrs. Littlewit (proudly)—Only just think, Charles has gone to address at public gathering.

Friend—I didn't know he was a speech-maker.

Mrs. Littlewit—Nor I, but he's been called upon to make a statement before a meeting of his creditors.—Tid Bits.

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The sound money papers of the state, generally speaking, do not hesitate to favor a split in the Texas Democracy.

The school teachers district association meets at Colorado city March the 7th, and Colorado is making ample preparations for the entertainment of the teachers and visitors.

The Texas Pacifics protective Cattle Raisers Association convened at Midland yesterday to consider the present quarantine predicament.

The old quarantine line through Texas has been re-established and the law went into effect on the 15th. Coke is left to the south of the line and no more cattle can be moved north or west until after the 15th day of November next.

The Enterprise publishes the following resolution by the Republicans of San Angelo on last Saturday:—

We, the republicans of Tom Green county, in convention assembled, believing that the best interests of the citizens of west Texas are identified with the location of a federal court at San Angelo.

Resolve, we earnestly entreat and urge upon congress to the passage of H. R. Bill 2273, the bill introduced by our representative Hon. George H. Noonan, for that object.

Cheap Metropolitan Papers.

There is no excuse nowadays for a citizen failing to subscribe for a great metropolitan newspaper in addition to taking his own county paper. The "twice-a-week" Republic of St. Louis, which is credited with the large circulation of any weekly paper, is only \$1 a year, for this sum it sends two papers a week, or 104 papers in a year—less than one cent each. The weekly contains the best and brightest news condensed from the daily paper, together with a well assorted collection of reading matter and useful information. A popular feature in its columns next year will be the speeches of prominent men in the presidential campaign. These will be given almost in full. A reader of the "Twice-a-Week" Republic will always be abreast of the times, for no paper has greater news gathering facilities.

The Daily and Sunday Republic 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 advance. Though this paper has greatly reduced its price, it has increased its value twofold by adding many valuable features.

Ten thousand five hundred murders were committed in the United States last year according to the statistics of the Chicago Times-Herald—a larger number by 1000 than ever before within twelve months. Surely that fact alone is enough to call for a day of national humiliation, and, what is worse, of the uncertainty and slowness of justice in reaching the criminal. It is not enough to say that these murders are largely confined to the slums of our great cities and to the lawless frontier of our country, and that ninety-nine out of a hundred parts of the nation are safe and law abiding. The fact that such wholesale violence is possibly anywhere within our borders is a disgrace to republican institutions, menace to a government of the people and by the people.—Texas Farm and Ranch

Velasco harbor now has 23 feet of water and she announces to world that she is ready and able to take care of any and all ships that may come her way.

Arkansas Cotton Growers.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 12.—The State Cotton Growers convention met here to day with a very small attendance, less than forty delegates being present. The gathering, however, represented the largest planters of the state. Strong speeches were made favoring a reduction in acreage of cotton and a diversity of the crop. The address issued by the Memphis convention was read and endorsed, and an address of similar nature was issued to the planters of Arkansas.—San Angelo Enterprise.

On the 17th inst., secretary Mortan expressed his wish, to a committee of the National Live-stock exchange who called on him to co-operate in securing the needed reforms in the quarantine complications that now exist. The committee is of the opinion from what the secretary said that the Federal and State lines will be made one and the same and that the one now established by the state.

The gold standard faction of the Democratic party met in convention at Galveston on the 15th and declared war against the regular Democracy of Texas.

Of course Clark and Hardy were the leaders.

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Clemons, The Telephone Man Robs A Safe.

R. L. Clemons, who has been working for the past few months on establishing a telephone line from Sonora to San Angelo, from Robert Lee to San Angelo, also an exchange in San Angelo, has been arrested in Brownwood charged with robbing the safe at the Allman Hotels, at Brownwood of the sum of \$80. The case against him is reported to be very strong. It appears that when he arrived at the hotel he asked the clerk for the safe key to see if it would unlock his valise, and it is supposed that he took a wax impression of the key, made a new one, waited his chance and "swiped the dough."—San Angelo Standard.

One of the largest transactions that has occurred in the county for some years was consummated this week. Mrs Taylor sold the Bismark Farm, containing 2500 acres, to Davis Jones, of San Antonio, for \$25,000.—San Angelo Standard.

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Commissioners Court.

The regular February term of the commissioners court convened on Monday the 10th, and remained in session five days, with a full court present the first day, A. C. Gardner being absent the balance of the term.

Following is summary of the business transacted:-

Claims of Clark and Courts, presented by attorney R. B. Truly were not acted upon. A state tax of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation of property was levied:- 18 cents for free school purposes:- State poll tax 1.50 per capita:- 20 cents on the \$100 for general county revenue purposes:- 5 cents for funding bonds issued April 10th, 1892.

17 1/2 cents for paying the annual

interest and to create a sinking fund to redeem \$22,000 court house bonds issued Nov. 9, 1891.

1 cent for interest and sinking fund for \$ 1000 court house bond issued in 1889.

6 1/2 cents for paying Coke county's prorata share of Tom Green county's court house and jail indebtedness.

5 cents for paying Coke county's prorata share of Tom Green county's bridge indebtedness.

4 cents for interest and sinking fund for \$6500 bridge bonds issued May 12th 1892.

A Poll tax of 25 cts, per capita was levied to be appropriated to the Jury fund.

An occupation tax equal in amount to one half the amount levied by the State was levied to be appropriated to the Jury fund.

A special School tax of 10 cents was levied for District 9.

A special school tax of 20 cents was levied for school districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11. The Court having notified by D.T. Averitt he could not legally accept the fees tendered in the W.C. Hayley cause the order allowing the fees was revoked.

M. K. Sheppard was released from payment of \$300 erroneously assessed against him on land. Reports of the several county and precinct officials and of road supervisors and overseers were approved.

\$250 of the court house bond fund on hand was transferred to create a contingent fund and \$100 of the bridge bond fund on hand was transferred to the contingent fund. Election officers were appointed for the different school districts in the county.

The following named persons were appointed presiding officers of general elections in the following election precincts:-

- Pre. 1. Lee box, W. R. McDonald.
- " 2. Bronte, T. E. Williams
- " 3. Rock Springs, W.M. Billingsley
- " 4. Mt. Margaret, C. Baker.
- " 5. Simpson, Jay Smith.
- " 6. Valley View, W. D. Wyatt.
- " 7. Sameo, M. Byrd.
- " 8. Silver, C. H. Cooper.
- " 9. Paint Creek, J. J. Curry.
- " 10. A. C. Gardner, B. C. Smith.
- " 11. Hayrick, R. L. Barnett.

The erection of Dr. Tolivers residence a mile north of town was commenced this week.

County Court.

County court was called Monday morning the 17th. The jury was impaneled and the Court ordered the Probate docket taken up on the 19th.

Cases were disposed of as follows:- State of Texas vs. Claud Hutchinson—plead guilty and was fined \$25. State of Texas vs. Willis Hudson—acquitted by a jury. State of Texas vs Jack Monteith—hung jury and case continued. State of Texas vs Jack Monteith—tried before a jury and fined \$25. W. A. Stepp vs Joe Theilie:- It was adjudged and decreed by the court that the plaintiff in this case have and recover of defendant the sum of \$90. Motion for new trial was over-ruled and defendant gave notice of appeal. A. J. Prichard and L. H. Brightman were appointed special judges in cases in which Judge Averitt was disqualified.

A School House.

Along with the present growth and prosperity of the town and county the people, or a part of them, have become aware of the fact that the present school building is insufficient and have determined to build a school house in keeping with the times and up-building of the school. There is nothing more needed in the town and there is nothing that will cost no more that will add so much to the town and the situation appeals to every business man in the town. The church building is now a settled fact and the next thing the people want is a respectable school house. The following is about the situation up to date:- It is proposed to sell the present school house for about \$150, set aside \$150 of the school funds, which gives \$300, for the erection of the new house. A little canvass reveals the fact that several of our citizens will donate \$25 each and several others \$10 each, so the fact is revealed that several hundred dollars can be raised with but little effort. All are invited to make this his special business and to forward a good cause.

Bronte.

The following from Bronte will be self explanatory.

Bronte, Tex. Feb. 20, 1896.
Ed RUSTLER:-Dear Sir:-By request of Bro. Cumbie, I send you the proceedings of the Bronte school meeting, and he also wanted an announcement made of all day singing to be held here the 2nd Sunday in March. Every body invited.

Yours Truly,
A. P. STONE.

Bronte School Meeting.

The people of Bronte met Feb. 14th, to decide as to whether they would accept the proposition of Prof. Popplewell to establish a graded school at this place.

A motion was made by R. M. Cumbie, "That W. W. McCutchen act as chairman during the absence of chairman J. B. McCutchen." Motion received second and was carried.

Motion made by R. M. Cumbie "That A. P. Stone act as secretary." Motion seconded and carried. Statement of his proposition by Prof. Popplewell. Motion made by R. M. Cumbie, "That the proposition of Prof. Popplewell be accepted." Motion seconded and question discussed by R. M. Cumbie, N. C. Lucas, Geo. Harris, Dr. Key, F. K. Popplewell and Thos. E. Williams, motion carried by unanimous vote.

Address by R. M. Cumbie, motion made by R. M. Cumbie "That a committee of five be appointed to decide where the school house should be built." Motion carried and the following committee was appointed:-J. B. McCutchen, chairman, J. D. O'Damal, Geo. Harris, N. C. Lucas and Dr. Key.

Minutes read and approved. Motion made by R. M. Cumbie "That we adjourn, motion carried.

A. P. STONE.

Secretary.

Fine Cotton.

Valley Mammoth is mixed. From four to twelve locks to the boll and is on sale until March the 1st by T. B. Andrews.

Help! Help!!

Friends, why don't you help your county paper? I know it is easy to cuss the editors because there is no news but how much more trouble will it be to drop in when in town give him a few notes from your section? I am sure it will be appreciated more. You like to hear news from other communities, then, the means of informing others from your section.

An editor does not need learned articles upon political subject, but news. His paper will absorb sufficient Populims, Democracy and Republicanism from the plentiful supply that ever permeates the atmosphere. Come to the rescue and make your paper a success by sending in the news.

FRANK THOMAS.

Edith Catchalls.

Edith, Tex., Feb. 20, 1896.
Ed. Rustler:-Since the recent rains the farmers have been using the plow to an advantage. The plow and politics are on the boom. I look for a land slide in the peoples party at next election, which is badly needed just at this time, any thing for a change.

Mrs. Scott and daughter visited Mrs. Stewart Sunday.

Miss S. E. Benson, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Preaching every third Sunday at Paint creek school house by G. C. Berryman.

Minister H. E. Scott, started Tuesday from Edith to San Angelo with the remainder of his cotton.

A social entertainment is to be given at Mr. Martishaws Friday night, as this is leap year, it will be a leap year party. Boys you had better look sharp, if a young lady proposes to a young man and he refuses, he is under obligations to give her a horse, saddle, bridle and a gold ring, who has got that much to give away.

Thanks to the Rustler.
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Come at once and get choice.

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ADMINISTRATION MEN

THEIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET AT GALVESTON.

After Much Discussion the Majority Report of the Committee on Resolutions Was Adopted, Which Means They Will Stay in the Party if Permitted.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 17.—The administration Democratic state executive committee, together with a large number of citizens in sympathy, met here Saturday. After organization and some discussion the following committee on resolution, being one from each congressional district, was appointed:

First district, W. L. Hill; second district, D. A. Nunn; third district, W. V. Teagarden; fourth district, H. D. McDonald; fifth district, Col. De Armond; sixth district, George N. Aldredge; seventh district, Geo. Clark; eighth district, James U. Vincent; ninth district, D. C. Giddings; tenth district, Leo N. Levi; eleventh district, I. N. Dennis; twelfth district, E. M. Paschal; thirteenth district, W. T. Simmons. Chairman Hardy was added to the committee.

The majority of the committee reported setting out their objections to the proceedings of the regular state Democratic executive committee (Dudley chairman) at length, concluding with the following resolutions:

Recognizing the fact that this convention possesses no delegated powers, we offer the following suggestions and advice to the Democrats of Texas, and ask them to unite with us in effecting a restitution of party unity, which is now so seriously and unreasonably threatened by the action of a majority of the Democratic state executive committee.

1. We recognize that the state executive committee is vested with jurisdiction to call state conventions and to fix the dates and places for holding the same.

2. We denounce the methods by which the complexion of said committee was changed by fraudulent manipulation, and repudiate and deny any jurisdiction in a state committee, however constituted, to interfere in any manner with the management of local party concerns in the several counties and precincts. The Democrats of each precinct and county, when they assemble for party purposes, have the right to determine for themselves the method to be pursued in giving expression to their views upon any question, and the further right to determine for themselves what questions they shall discuss and decide. No right or power is vested in a state committee to invade the province of the county and precinct organizations as to the time or place of holding primary meetings, and we denounce any and every attempt on the part of a state committee in that direction as a flagrant usurpation and not entitled to Democratic respect or observance.

3. We denounce the call of the state executive committee for primary elections on June 6 for the purpose of finally settling the silver question as unwarranted, and we appeal to county and precinct organizations to repudiate the invasion of their sovereignty, and to call and to hold primaries and conventions according to time honored precedent. We advise all Democrats to attend the primaries called by the inherent right of every Democrat to vote for the principles and candidates of his choice. We further advise every Democrat to acquiesce in the will of the primaries so held and conducted and to vote for the delegates and candidates selected in such primaries. But we deny the right of any organization, state or local, to disfranchise Democrats entirely by prescribing the test formulated by Dudley and his allies, and if in any county any such disfranchisement occurs we advise such disfranchised Democrats to hold primaries and conventions and send delegates to the state convention.

4. We suggest to the Democrats of each and every county to prevail upon their respective county committees to pursue the time honored custom of the Democratic party of Texas by calling precinct primaries or conventions as aforesaid for the purpose of sending delegates to the county convention, and to have the county conventions send delegates to the state convention to represent their views upon matters of political faith and policy. If it is the wish of Democrats in any county to ascertain Democratic sentiment by precincts in such county and fair and honest methods are prescribed by which such sentiment is to be ascertained, either by way of primary elections or otherwise, we suggest to all Democrats to abide the results of such decision and acquiesce in the will of a majority honestly and fairly expressed.

5. We declare our adhesion to the Democratic party of the United States and pledge ourselves to our Democratic brethren of the several states to abide by and heartily support the action of the national Democratic convention to be held at Chicago on July 7. We de-

clare our purpose to subordinate our individual preference for candidates to harmony and success of the Democratic party and we recommend to the Democrats of the state to forego, in cases where it can be done, any expression as to candidates, state or county, until the national Democratic convention has declared the principles of the party on all questions within its jurisdiction.

A minority report, signed by George Clark, D. A. Nunn and James U. Vincent, and which differed from the majority report only as to sections 3 and 5 being more radical, was made. The motion to adopt the minority report was lost by a vote of 58 to 58. Chairman Hardy voting against the motion.

The majority report as it came from the committee was then adopted with only a few negative votes.

Chairman Hardy called the state executive committee together for a consultation and the conference adjourned.

Maher's Eyes Better.
El Paso, Tex., Feb. 17.—Some 5,000 people, including a liberal sprinkling of ladies, yesterday afternoon witnessed the bull fights in Juarez, across the river.

There will be no fight to-day. That much is certain, no matter what comes later in the week. Maher's eyes are still improving, but he is in no condition to enter the ring.

British and French marines have been sent to Seoul, Korea.

A steamer is stuck in the ice near Kingsville, Ont.

LAST MEETING WITH BLAINE.

Murat Halstead Speaks of the Statesman When Last He Saw Him.

When Mr. Blaine was for the last time in New York on his way to Washington, stopping as was his habit at the Fifth Avenue hotel, he asked me to walk with him to his room, fronting on 23d street, on the parlor floor; and he slowly, as if it were a task, unlocked the door," says Murat Halstead in McClure's Magazine. There was a sparkle of autumnal crispness in the air, and he had a fire that glittered and threw shadows about fitfully. There was not much to say. It was plain that Mr. Blaine was fading, that he had within a few weeks faded fast. His great, bright eyes were greater than ever. His face was awfully white; not that brainy pallor that was so familiar—something else. He seated himself in the light of the fire, on an easy chair. There was a knock on his door and a servant handed him a card, and he said "No," and we were alone. I could not think of a word of consolation, and in a moment he appeared to have forgotten me and stared in a fixed, rapt dream at the flickering flame in the grate. It occurred to me to get up and go away quietly, as conversation was impossible—for there was too much to say. It came to me that I ought not to leave him alone. Something in him reminded me of the mystical phrases of the transcendent paragraph of his oration on Garfield, picturing the death of the second martyred president, by the ocean, while far off white ships touched the sea and sky, and the fevered face of the dying man felt "the breath of the eternal morning."

Some weeks earlier Mr. Blaine and I had had a deep talk about men and things, and he was very kind, and his boundless generosity of nature never revealed itself with a greater or sadder charm. He now remembered that conversation—as a word disclosed—and said: "I could have endured all things if my boys had not died." The door opened and his secretary walked in—and I took Mr. Blaine's hand for the last time, saying "Good-night," and he said, with a look that meant farewell—"Good-by."

Whisky No Cure for Poison.

"Whisky will never cure a poisonous snake bite," said Prof. Theodore A. Schurr, the naturalist of thirty years' experience, to a reporter. "The idea that whisky is an antidote for the bite of a rattlesnake or any other venomous reptile is a delusion so popular and general that I always take special pains to correct and expose it in my lectures. Whisky never will and never did cure any one bitten by a snake, but because some person took some whisky after being bitten by a harmless snake and recovered he attributed his cure to the whisky, and so the idea gained circulation. I have never known a case to be cured by the use of whisky and have known several cases where it had been used to result fatally. Whisky only adds additional poison to the system instead of removing and destroying that of the snake."

"The only thing that will cure a person bitten by a rattler or other poisonous snake is the use of permanganate of potash. This is an effectual cure in almost every instance. The venom of a reptile is injected into the blood and the poison destroys the blood globules. I was bitten by a rattler on my index finger and immediately took my pocket-knife and made a deep incision near the wound, so that the poison could not be taken up and distributed through my system. The bitten part was then cauterized and it caused me no trouble whatever. Whisky is not very good to use at any time and no good for snake bites."—Pittsburg Post.

THE CABMAN'S STORY.

GEORGE H. JACKSON TELLS WHAT HE KNOWS

About the Murder of Miss Pearl Bryan. He Drove the Surrey, and is Positive that Walling Sat on the Seat With Him. His Story Credited.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 17.—The strongest link in the chain of evidence against the two murders of Miss Pearl Bryan was discovered Saturday afternoon.

George H. Jackson, private coachman for Major Whittfield, on McGregor avenue, Mount Auburn, revealed the story. He called to Police Officer Ed Swain, who was passing by where he was working, and asked him if the head of the girl had been found yet. He learned that it was not. He then asked the officer if they had found the cabman. He was told no. Again he asked if they should find the cabman whether he would be held as a participant in the crime along with the others. He was told very likely not; that it depended on circumstances. Jackson then said he would like to see the chief of police.

Officer Swain told him to report at the headquarters of police in Mount Auburn which he did. He told his story to Officer Swain, and also to Lieut. Thornton, of the Auburn police. Saturday night he was brought to the mayor and there told the same story. The remarkable feature of the examination was the exact correspondence of the stories he told the two police officers and the mayor.

George H. Jackson is drill master and commander of the Caldwell guards, a colored company in this city. On Friday night, January 31, he was drilling them until midnight. He went out afterward and was standing at the corner of George and Elm streets, in the Tenderloin district of the city, when a tall, dark-haired man, wearing a corduroy cap, came up and said to the by-standers: "Do any of you fellows want to make \$5 for driving a carriage to-night?"

Jackson accepted the offer. He has been a carriage driver all his life. Presently a square-boxed surrey was driven down to where he was and he was told that was the carriage. He was invited to the seat, and the man with the corduroy cap, smooth-faced and dark moustache, took a seat beside him and said he would direct him. He told him there was a doctor and a sick lady in the carriage, and that they were going to take them over to Newport; that he would show him where to drive. They drove down Elm street to Third, on Third to Broadway, down Broadway to the Newport bridge and crossed into Newport. There was a curtain in the surrey at the back, so that the driver could not see who was inside, but he heard the voice of a man and a funny noise made by a woman.

After driving through Newport he became alarmed and wanted to jump out. He was very much frightened. The man on the seat beside him put a revolver to his head and said: "You drive that horse or I'll make an end of you very quickly."

The horse was a large gray, held a high head and moved very rapidly, and he was kept moving. The man on the seat asked his street and residence and said:

"If you ever say anything about this we will kill you, and if we get into trouble we have friends on the outside who will follow you up and kill you."

"I believe they have been following me, but it may be imagination. I have been followed ever since those men have been in jail. I had never driven out on that road before that I know of. The man on the seat directed me, but it was a crooked road. We came out at last, where they told me to stop. There were some thickets near by. They said the house where the woman must go was not very far away. They would take her across there and whistle when they were ready to go back. They told me to turn the horse and wait for them. The man in the surrey got out first and helped the woman. She leaned on him heavily, and as she walked along dragged her feet. It was too dark for me to see anything. The man who got out of the surrey was not as tall as the man who sat by me. That man got off his seat and assisted in taking the woman away in the darkness. I hitched the horse and waited a little while. I heard a very queer noise, something like scuffling in the leaves, along with a noise like a woman crying. It was the strange noises that the woman had been making all the way out. That noise I heard in the thicket frightened me, and I ran away as hard as I could run. I got home on foot about 4:30 o'clock in the morning."

"I did not see anything more of them. When I heard of this murder I thought it must be the same case. I was afraid to talk on account of the threats made. At last I thought I ought to talk about it and tell all I knew. I did not

see any of these parties, either the men or the woman so that I could recognize them again. The man on the seat behind me had a big overcoat on, and I could not tell whether he was slender or stout. All three wore dark clothing and the woman was veiled all over her face. Before I started from Cincinnati the carriage was driven to me closed all around. The curtains were closely drawn all the way out and the moaning of the woman never ceased all the way."

George H. Jackson is well known in this city. He has been a driver for many years for many reputable citizens, and he has the highest reputation among them for honesty and truthfulness. His story to the mayor under cross-examination never varied a particle from the story he gave out to the men at Mount Auburn. He is believed to be perfectly truthful and entirely innocent of any guilty knowledge of the purpose of that trip out to Fort Thomas.

At midnight Saturday night George H. Jackson was taken to the jail and the two men were brought out and placed in a line of twenty-five or thirty, resembling them as nearly as possible in dress and appearance, and Jackson was asked to pick out the man who sat on the seat driving out there. He took his time about it, inspecting man by man. At last he went up to Walling, looked up and down him from his head to his feet, in front and all around him, then stepped out in front and said:

"I am sure this is the man that sat on the seat with me."

Then he added: "If I could hear his voice I could tell better."

Walling was bidden to speak and to repeat the threat that he is alleged to have made to the negro. He repeated them after the negro. Jackson said:

"I wish you would put a little more force in your voice."

Walling did so, rocking on his heels and slightly trembling, whereupon the negro said: "That's his voice, only it is a little stronger."

As to Jackson he went around and selected several men that seemed to be about Jackson's size. He said: "I did not see this man, except when he got out of the carriage in the darkness, and I only know about his size. Bring him up by the other man."

Jackson was brought up by Walling and was ordered to speak for the negro, who said: "This looks like the other man. I can't be sure about him. That sounds very much like the voice of the man who told me to turn the carriage around and who helped the woman out, only it was a great deal harsher."

Jackson blushed a trifle and Walling seemed to grow very nervous. Both were taken to their cells and locked up. The police consider the identification very complete as far as Walling is concerned.

The detectives have a clew to the surrey that was employed to carry the human tigers and their victim to the scene of the slaughter. They think they have found the surrey and they are trying to identify it.

Jackson in his statement also said that he found in the surrey, instead of a round hitching weight, a piece of railroad rail about a foot long while waiting for the return of the two men who had gone away with the girl at the place of the murder. It had two holes through it. A leather strap was fastened to one of these holes. That he used for a hitching weight, and then ran away as fast as he could run until he came home.

Right here is the great point in the chain of circumstances. It was just precisely such a piece of railroad iron that was wrapped up in Jackson's bloody coat when it was fished out of a sewer catch basin at the corner of John and Richmond streets several days ago.

Another circumstance that supports Jackson's story that the conveyance used was a surrey and that he abandoned it in fright on that tragic night is the fact that a gentleman of Newport driving toward Fort Thomas in a buggy on that Saturday morning about 3 o'clock met a surrey drawn by a gray horse, with two men on the front seat and collided with it. He got out and the men in the surrey drove on toward Newport at a furious rate. This man's name is not given, but he will be on hand when required as a witness.

Jackson has shown the authorities the spot where he stopped the surrey, which is about 200 yards from where Miss Bryan's body was found.

The Canal Committee.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The senate committee on the Nicaragua canal held a meeting Saturday for an exchange of views upon the expediency of reporting a bill for the construction of the canal during the present session of congress. The committee was somewhat handicapped by the fact that the report of the commission which went to Central America last summer for the inspection of the canal route had not been printed.

Sparrowlike Alley.

There is a spot in the heart of Philadelphia, in the immediate vicinity of Thirteenth and Locust streets, that might very aptly be termed "Sparrows' Paradise." Several fine old trees, which remain standing on Locust street, between Thirteenth and Broad, and the heavy trailing vines which almost obscure the walls of the College of Physicians and several of the neighboring residence houses, are populated by flocks of the little birds. A spreading tree which stands in the yard in front of the Historical Society building, and one or two other trees in the garden in the rear, are especially favorite places of rendezvous for the feathered gamins. At times during the day they congregate in the trees in large numbers, and their chattering is loud and incessant. If the birds happen to be disturbed, they scurry away like a cloud of grasshoppers, only to return again in a few minutes. The residents of the neighborhood never disturb the vivacious little tramps of the air, however, and, as if by instinct, they gather in the neighborhood in larger numbers than at any other place in the city. This is no good place for the early worm.

Ab! Pshaw.

An Atlanta judge sent a man to jail under a heavy fine for beating his wife. The wife proceeded at once to pawn her jewels to get her husband out of jail, and is now abusing the judge.

Walter Baker & Co., Limited, Dorchester, Mass., the well-known manufacturers of Breakfast Cocoa and other Cocoa and Chocolate preparations, have an extraordinary collection of medals and diplomas awarded at the great international and other exhibitions in Europe and America. The house has had uninterrupted prosperity for nearly a century and a quarter and is now not only the oldest but the largest establishment of the kind on this continent. The high degree of perfection which the company has attained in its manufactured products is the result of long experience combined with an intelligent use of the new forces which are constantly being introduced to increase the power and improve the quality of production, and cheapen the cost to the consumer.

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MR. EDITOR:—I read how Mr. Jones made money. I have a better job taking orders for the new Fireproof Deposit Case for storing deeds, mortgages, notes, policies, receipts, money and valuables from fire. Every family or farmer buys. I sell for World Mfg. Co., (P. O. Columbus, O.) cleared \$27 first week, \$39 second, first month \$147. Sister made \$23 last week selling National Dish Washer for same firm. Light, easy work, honey money. Anyone can make money by writing them. J. C. BARRETT.

It is impossible to learn after marriage how the courtship was conducted.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has been a God-send to me.—Wm. B. McClellan, Chester, Florida, Sept. 17, 1895.

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The Modern Way Commends itself to the well-informed, to do pleasantly and effectually what was formerly done in the crudest manner and disagreeable as well. To cleanse the system and break up colds, headaches, and fevers, without unpleasant after effects, use the delightful liquid laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by California Fig Syrup Company.

The marriageable women of Canton, Ohio, have organized a "Bachelor-maids' club. Each member, on marriage, has to dine the club.

WHERE DID YOU GET THIS COFFEE? Had the Ladies' Aid Society of our Church out for tea, forty of them, and all pronounced the German Coffeeberry equal to Rio! Salzer's catalogue tells you all about it! 35 packages Earliest vegetable seeds \$1.00 post paid.

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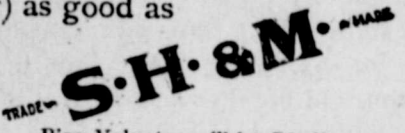
There are children without food. They cry for it, and are not answered. The pity of it! But often nature cries out in other ways that her children need nourishment. Is your child thin; actually poor in flesh? Does it get no benefit from its food? Then give something which produces flesh and makes rich blood.

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FOUND A NEW WOMAN.



HERE had been whist that evening at the club, and, incidentally, there had been champagne. There were now cigars and conversation. The meeting had been a thorough success, so in consequence the members of the Columbian were in high feather.

The club was only a year old and each new success meant another weight thrown on the side of popularity and permanence.

So the conversation had in it some of the spirit of the lively young men.

"By Jove," said Morris Habberton, "this is what I call real joy of life. A fellow attends to his business during the day and feels that he deserves a rest at night. So he hires him to the club, where there are cards, cigars, congenial fellows and a harmless glass."

"Nothing like it," said old Hobbs, who was gray as to the fringes of his bald pate, but had left the "Bachelors" because, as he explained it, "the fellows were getting old and grumpy."

"There's always a glow about the very appearance of the club entrance to me," said Habberton.

"Oh, we know that's champagne talking, but the vintage seems to have the knack of uttering the truth tonight."

This was Lewis Mortimer's contribution to the general talk.

"Vintage be hanged!" exclaimed the first speaker, turning on him in mock fury.

But old Hobbs interrupted him with: "Don't hang the vintage now, my dear boy, and don't on your life underrate its power and influence."

"I don't, but my words are the words of sense and sober truth. I say and I maintain and I reiterate that there is a warmth and genial glow about the very entrance to these rooms."

"He waxeth oratorical," mocked Mortimer.

"Contrast," went on Habberton, without deigning to notice the interruption, "this home-coming with the home-coming of a fellow who is married to a woman."

"Or one of these 'new women,'" from Hensington, who had not before joined in the conversation.

"Ah, now you are talking sense," said old Hobbs, rubbing his hands gleefully. "It is the advent of the new woman that is keeping so many innocent, eligible and worthy men from matrimony."

"How do you know?" interrupted Mortimer, with especial stress on the "you."

Some one threw an almanac at him and old Hobbs remarked that he hated "weak attempts at sarcasm."

Reginald Vertess was a known and reputed lady's man, so nobody paid much attention when he observed, rather tentatively: "Oh, I haven't much faith in all this talk about the new woman, anyway. If you'll believe me, she's only the same dear creature with the addition of a bicycle, big sleeves

might be included in the category of 'new woman.'

A man is not always reasonable after champagne and a long game of whist. So in his unreason Tom Agnew wrote a letter that night which in his saner moments he would not have been guilty of penning.

And the next morning Helen Clayburn received it just as she was going out to attend a meeting of the Kindergarten association.

"Why, it's a letter from Tom," she said. "I wonder if he is in haste to go away, that he writes." And she tore it open. It was not very long and as she read it she grew white and trembled a little. But Helen Clayburn was a very sensible girl. She handed the letter to her mother, saying:

"Something has gone wrong to vex Tom. He should have come to me instead of writing. I will wait for him to come to his senses."

She read a paper that morning before the association and the ladies said of it: "The paper was excellent, but don't you think its value was much added to by her manner of reading? It was read with such spirit."

When she came home from the association Helen Clayburn read Tom Agnew's letter again and cried a little bit as she laid it down.

"He cannot become the laughing stock of men by marrying a girl whose actions place her unmistakably in the ranks of that very undesirable creature, the 'new woman.' Who has been talking to him and what have I done except take an interest in what should engage the attention of every true woman? Tom, Tom, I love you, but you must—you must come to yourself."

And she did not answer the letter.

Three weeks passed and Tom Agnew grew uneasy. Why had Helen not written? He had expected a letter from her before this. He hoped he had said nothing which she might construe into a desire on his part to break their engagement. He had not meant to go so far as that.

He was at the club one night again, and in the meantime an election had taken place.

There were only cigars on this night. There had been no whist, no champagne.

"It is wonderful what a triumph we have in electing pure and worthy men to take charge of our school interests," said Morris Habberton, seriously.

"Yes, we," sneered Lewis Mortimer. "Betsey and I, we killed a bear, didn't we? What are you talking about? It was the women who did it. They worked before election and then went up to the polls like—ahem—men."

"Well, I have no objection to that. I don't want to rob them of their credit. All honor to the women who rid us of hoodlers and incompetents."

"They acted nobly," chimed in old Hobbs, "but much was due to the splendid leadership and wonderful genius for organization of that Miss Clayburn. She is indeed a great girl. You know her, Agnew, don't you?"

"Ah, yes, yes, of course," stammered Tom.

"Well, we'll expect you to see that she is one of the patronesses on 'ladies' day.'"

As soon as Tom could get out he hurried away, mentally kicking himself for a weak fool.

And he called himself by no milder name when he found Helen Clayburn at home a half-hour later. He explained it all to her, not for a moment sparing himself.

"I said that something had happened to vex you," said Helen, "but oh, Tom! I knew you would come to your senses. But aren't you afraid of me as a new woman? Just think, Tom, I've been elected president of the Woman's Social Purity Club and won the annual medal for the best muffins at the cooking school. Isn't that ominous?"

There was a look in her eyes and a half-humorous little tremor in her voice that made him clasp her in his arms as he said:

"I don't care if you've been elected sheriff if you'll just forgive me and take me back to your heart again. I don't care how new a woman you are, just so you are mine."

Ready Wit

A professor was waiting for a train at a railway station and, having nothing better with which to take up his mind, began chaffing the half-witted fellow who did odd jobs about the place.

"I say, Jamy," said the professor in a tone intended to reach the ears of the bystanders, "were you ever at college?"

"No, sir," answered Jamy, "but I've been at school."

"Indeed!" said the witty professor. "And who had the honor to be your schoolmaster?"

"Maister Black."

"Why," said the wit, "he was my schoolmaster, too!"

"Do tell me!" exclaimed Jamy. "Man, who'd 'a' thought old Black could have turned out two like us?"—Scottish Nights.

His Public Appearance.

Mrs. Littlewit (proudly)—Only just think, Charles has gone to address a public gathering.

Friend—I didn't know he was a speech-maker.

Mrs. Littlewit—Nor I, but he's been called upon to make a statement before a meeting of his creditors.—T14 Bits

\$50 IN CASH FOR BRAINS

A Business Proposition.

We want an original advertising poem on Swiss Laundry Soap, the popular article all retail grocers sell, and offer—

\$25.00 in cash for the best original poem on Swiss Laundry Soap.
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You can compete any number of times. No cost to you, except a postage stamp. You must have rules before contesting—mailing on application from Swiss Department, The WAPLES-PLATTER GROCERY CO., Fort Worth, Texas.

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Twelve Months.

In order to secure 100,000 subscribers the following offer is made: To the subscriber first guessing the correct or nearest correct number of bales of cotton received in Memphis from September 1, 1895, to May 15, inclusive, 1896, as follows: If correct or nearest to the correct guess is received on or before February 29, 1896, it gets in cash \$2,500.00; if in March, 1896, \$1,500, but if not till April only \$500.00. The contest closes April 30.

The WEEKLY COMMERCIAL APPEAL contains all the news of the week, Talmage's Sermons, a complete Farm and Garden Department, a Question Department, and Friendly Circle for the young folks.

Receipts in former years were as follows: Up to 15th of May, 1892, 745,588 bales; up to 15th of May, 1893, 410,885 bales; up to May 15, 1894, 474,351 bales; to May 15, 1895, 381,181 bales.

\$1.180 in cash and valuable gifts given to agents. Also a ride, single barrel and double barrel breech-loading shotgun free. Send for special terms to agents and sample copies.

Fifty cents must accompany every guess for twelve months' subscription; both guess and subscription in same letter. Sample copy free.

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—OF—
Cotton seed of improved cotton
FREE.

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A RAZOR Guaranteed to be best quality steel.
If you send us { 60 Coupons, or 2x Coupons and 60 cents.
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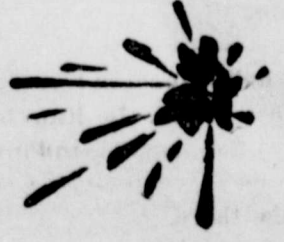
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SEND COUPONS WITH NAME AND ADDRESS TO Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Co., Durham, N. C.
Buy a bag of this Celebrated Smoking Tobacco, and read the coupon, which gives a list of other premiums and how to get them.
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Is there a blot on your health?

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS will remove it.



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CURES FEMALE DISEASES!
ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR IT.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Brightman & Patterson received eight volumes of law books a few days since.

Pres Walling has been sick for several days, but is improving.

H. A. Chapman bought yearlings of several parties on Silver Creek this week.

Cash talks at Arkansaw Smiths San Angelo.

We ask as a personal favor that when you have a visitor from out of town to report the same to us.

Arkansaw Smith, the cash grocery man, of San Angelo, has moved seven doors down the street to the Mays building.

Will Good, of the Maverick country was in town the first of the week.

John Barron is having his wagon yard graveled this week.

J. T. Hamilton will give \$25 for the erection of the school house—who next?

Judge Prichard and son Eugene, of Big Springs have been here during court.

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

E. Meinelie came in from Angelo Tuesday.

Rev. G. C. Berryman will preach at the court house here at 11 o'clock the 1st Sunday in March.

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

The only cash house in Angelo is Arkansaw Smith's.

Joe Theiley of San Angelo attended court here this week. Hector McKenzie was with him on the look out for muttons.

This the 22nd day of February, is Arbor day.

Get one of those excellent Canton Clipper corn and cotton planters of Burroughs & Co.

Wyly Byrds' little girl has been right sick this week.

J. B. McCutchen, one of Brontes foremost stockmen, paid us a pleasant call while in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cooper, of Silver were in town Thursday night.

Mrs Judge D. T. Averitt, was quite sick the first of the week.

Come Now

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

Ashall Dancer is located in the barber shop in the Runkles building, at San Angelo, and invites his Coke county friends to come to see him there.

Send us the news. F. B. Ferry has bought a barber shop in Sweetwater and will move there in the future.

Dr. Toliver was called today to see T. B. Andrews, who was taken sick with a chill yesterday.

Hector McKenzie bought of O. T. Word 4000 muttons at \$2.—S. A. Enterprise.

Gip Denman and W. L. Seegar were in town Tuesday representing F. K. Nance, of San Angelo, in the shoe and sewing machine business.

Don Geen went to San Angelo Saturday.

J. E. Stewart made a trip to San Angelo this week.

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 readers will notice in another column the announcement of W. C. Merchant as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county. Mr. Merchant is well known in the county to need our commendation. He has made a good record as County Attorney and is well qualified for the office to which he aspires.

When you go to Ballinger—After five Christmas presents see Oscar Pearson the Jeweler. He sells nothing but fine goods and if they dont wear all right you can take them back and get new goods.

The last issue of the Rustler made J. H. Burroughs the donor of \$25 for the church building, when it should have been Judge Perryman who gave the \$25 and Mr. Burroughs gave \$10.

Talk is cheap, but when you want Boots and Shoes call on N. P. Jones the Champion Shoe Agent of the west. I am here to Stay and not to be undersold. Call and see me and be convinced that the half has never been told. Ballinger, Texas.

H. M. Bennick, of the firm of Bennick, Stewart & Co., informs us that the advertisement that the Company is running now in the Rustler has brought money to them and added that it always does do it.

For a nice, quiet room with home comforts, go to the OAKS. Use of bath rooms free of charge. Mrs. Carr kindly solicits your patronage. San Angelo, Texas.

Chas. A. Daily sold 160 acres of land on the Colorado river, in Coke county last week to T. A. Adams at \$3 per acre.—San Angelo Standard.

The Brown Land Co. of Austin is advertising for bids for the erection of a frame dam on their property north of the city. The plans and specifications can be seen at this office.—San Angelo Standard.

San Angelo with its federal court will put on airs that will make its rivals take to drink.—S. A. Standard.

Notice!

To the tax payers of Coke county: All who have not paid their taxes for 1895 will please come forward and settle same and save costs.

Respectfully,
L. B. Murray,
Tax Collector.

A fine calf belonging to Mr. G. W. Webb died one day this week presumably of black leg.

Every man in town will make big interest on the money he puts into the school house.

J. W. Tunnell and L. W. Field are putting in quite an oat crop.

Ran Stewart and A. C. Gardner returned from Collahan county a few days ago where they had been buying cattle. They bought 100 2-year old steers at \$12 and sold them to a Mr. Howard at Merkel for \$13.50. They also brought back 70 yearling steers and cows which are for sale.

A. S. Eubanks, of Bronte was in the city to-day.

WHY NOT

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

CHEAP GROCERIES!

CHEAP GRAIN

—AND—

FREE WAGON YARD!

By doing business on a strict cash basis this year I will be able to sell groceries and grain at a very small profit. I have greatly improved my wagon yard and now have good water and good roomy stalls in the same, which my patrons are invited to use free of charge.

Respectfully,
John Barron.

Mr. Clum Green of Brown county is visiting his brother here Don Green.

To The Peoples' Party of Pre. No. 1.

You are hereby called to meet in mass meeting at the court house in Robert Lee on Friday February 28th 1896 at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of reorganizing a Precinct club.

Respectfully,
J. O. TOLIVER,
Chairman,

Geo. Williamson was in town several days this week from his ranch on the Kickapoo and says he is planting oats and will put in 50 acres of cotton.

I pay the Highest cash Prices for Hides, Furs and Pecans and sell you goods as cheap or cheaper than the cheapest. One price to all.

L. O. WOODEN,
Ballinger, Texas.

Dr. Latnam, in company with Prof. Thomas, paid Bronte a professional visit today.

Prof. Popplewell, of Bronte, Allen Baldwin, of Ft. Chadbourne and Miss Alice Carraway, of Hayrick, were before the board of examiners this week.

Sanco Locals.

Miss Sarah Hendricks, of Oklahoma, formally of Sanco is visiting that neighborhood.

Prof. B. U. Smith and wife of Edith attended church at Sanco last Sunday—Rev. Reed, of Silver, preacher.

Mr. Scarborough, Sanco merchant has been quite sick with La Grippe but is now up.

S. S. Craddock's baby has been quite sick but has about recovered.

R. L. Allen, the New Hope teacher attended the Literary society at Sanco last Saturday night.

Esq. Byrne gave the Sanco young folks a social on Tuesday night, which was very much enjoyed by them.

Dan Campbell was down from the McKenzie ranch Sunday.

K. Green and Cliff Crayton have given up and gone to keeping batch.

When you want the people to know that you are sure enough in it for office, that you mean to run through and fight to a finish: put your announcement in the RUSTLER.

BORN:—To Mr. and Mrs Quann the 23rd, a 12 pound boy.

J. L. Barron went to Ballinger Wednesday and returned Thursday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES FOR ANNOUCNMENS

FOR OFFICE,

The RUSTLER will charge the following prices for announcing candidates for office.

Announcement Fees Always In Advance.

All District Officers.....\$7.50
County Officers.....5.00
Precinct Officers.....2.50

We are authorized to announce W. C. Merchant as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

Walter Scott Billups.

The following is an extract from a letter to J. T. Hamilton from one Mr. R. E. Hudgins, of Gwin, Mathews Co. Va., in regard to Judge Billups, who committed suicide here some months since.

"Walter Scott Billups was borne on Gwinn Island, Mathews Co. Va. about the year 1835, of Welsh ancestry, by the name of Gwin, the original owners of this island, of about 3000 acres, a present from the Indians. Here he inherited a fine estate from his mother. He attended that excellent school taught by Col. Jno. B. Cary at Hampton, Va., then, the University of Virginia, where he graduated at an early age with distinction, taking A. M.

On reaching his majority he sold his fine farm, called Gwinnville, for \$9500 and soon after, with a fine stock of negroes, migrated south, his destination supposed to be Alabama—SUPPOSED TO BE! as he confided nothing to any one. He was a violent secessionist and made a most eloquent speech at the first raising of the stars and bars in this county; it was his maiden effort and reminded his hearers of the days of Henry. He made a brief visit to the county once since the war on business, then took his farewell flight to parts unknown. I have never seen any one who could give any account of his movements or whereabouts since. He had the reputation of being an upright and honorable man, very impulsive and set in his ways, asking advice of nobody, attending to his own business and meddled with no one. May his weary soul find rest."

Ed and Lee Good have sold quite a lot of cattle to Billy Collins.



WE OR OUR DEALERS can sell you machines cheaper than you can get elsewhere. The NEW HOME is the best, but we make cheaper kinds, such as the CLIMAX, IDEAL, and other High Arm Full Nickel Plate Sewing Machines for \$15.00 and up. Call on our agent or write us. We want your trade, and if prices, terms and square dealing will win, we will take it. We challenge the world to produce a BETTER \$50.00 Sewing Machine for \$50.00, or a better \$20.00 Sewing Machine for \$20.00 than you can buy from us, or our Agents.

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SAN ANGELO, TEX. FOR SALE BY

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21st, 1896.
5 p. m.—Fitzsimmons knocked Maheer out in the first round with a blow on the Jaw. San Angelo Standard.

Rev. Jay, of Sanco, gave the RUSTLER office a pleasant call one day this week.

To The People of Robert Lee.

Robert Lee, Texas, Feb. 19.—
Our public school is a thing of the past, but private school is a living reality. Are you getting the benefit of it? If not, why not? Tuition is reasonable, your children need it, your town needs it, for a town without a school is a nuisance and a school with out pupils is an impossibility.

Our enrollment to date is 47 thus showing that our services are appreciated by some at least. We think our public term has been reasonably successful. If there has been complaint where in we are at fault bring it home to us our reputation, here and elsewhere will bear it. I suppose there has been some dissatisfaction, for, our Savior, when on earth, did not please all and how can you expect us to do so!

As principal of your school I have almost invariably been treated with the respect due one in that position. My stay among you has been pleasant so far, and I sincerely trust that such relations will be maintained throughout the term.

And now my friends a few words in regard to a new school house. You all, would like, I presume to make your houses neat, attractive and comfortable and it is your duty to do so, steps have been taken to build a nice church building also to secure a mill and gin. All such enterprises are commendable, to say the least, but stop just a moment and think how much more important a good school house is than all these. How long are your children sitting still in your houses to suffer from the cold? They are stirring around and there are so few they can get close to the fire if necessary. But in a well ordered school room they can do neither. In your nice, comfortable church you and your children will sit probably two hours per day, for say two days each month. In your old botched school house the children must sit 6 or 8 hours per day for five days each week and it ought to be for eight or ten months each year. Now do not understand me to discourage church or any other enterprise, but I ask you, this reason? When your children go to school their minds should be concentrated as much as possible upon their books, but can this be the case when they are continually looking out for a place near the stove so as to warm.

Our neighboring communities Sanco, Bronte and Hayrick: have good school houses. Can Robert Lee afford to fall so far behind on this line. It shows a lack of enterprise and not only that but a lack of self interest.

We can easily build a nice house if we will only go to work like we mean business. Think over it! Talk to your neighbors and friends about it and last, but most important go down deep into your pockets for it. Hoping this thing will not be dropped until Robert Lee has a nice school house standing upon the hill.

I remain yours Respt.
Frank E. Thomas.

Prof. Stuart, the efficient Hayrick teacher, was in town Monday and paid the Rustler office a pleasant profitable call. The Prof. will move onto and improve his section of school land two miles North-East of town when his school is out.

Dr. J. O. Toliver was on the sick list this week.

THE NEW
HARDWARE STORE

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to the already immense stock of general Hardware.
Call and examine.

Ideal Steel Wind Mills.

HANCOCK ROTARY DISC PLOWS

Gives satisfaction in every instance.

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Best and cheapest in the market.

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Stoves, Rope, Oils, Pipe, etc., at Lowest Prices.

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Polk Livery Stable.

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is new and first class, with the very best TEAMS. In connection with the Stable I run the only Wagon Yard.
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The variety Being too Numerous to Mention Prices.
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All Kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good
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COMMON, and other leading
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CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. Q. Loe, 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.

**Wagon Yard Chang-
ed Hands.**

We desire to notify the public that we now own and operate the Wagon Yard formally 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.

CURRIC BROS.

Ballinger, Texas.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS (Galveston or Dallas) is published Tuesdays and Fridays. Each issue consists of eight pages. There are special departments for the farmers, the ladies and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news matter, illustrated articles, etc.

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Hand in your subscriptions at once.

Having closed out my saloon, all who are indebted to me will please come in and settle up at once.

Respectfully, F. B. Perry.

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First class house, Good nice, clean beds a specialty.

FARE \$1. PER

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Patronage of the PUBLIC Solicited.

G. W. WEBB,

Proprietor

The Coke county people are invited, 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.

LOOK OUT!

GOING! GONE.

Mr. Irby, the photographer, wishes to remind the good people of the county and town that his time in Robert Lee is drawing to a close and if you want a good picture taken, come at once.

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DRY-GOODS, CLOTHING,
GROCERIES AND MER-
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When in COLORADO give us a trial.

COLORADO - - - - - TEXAS.

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B. T. BABBITT'S POTASH
Sold under similar names and labels.
THE BEST AND PUREST POTASH
put up in
WHITE TIN CANS
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My goods have now arrived.

I have in stock a full line of

HARDWARE, QUEENSWARE, STOVES,

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COFFINS AND UNDERTAKERS GOODS.

All Kinds Of Tin Work Done To Order.

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THE EDITOR.

An old man who marries a young wife may have good taste, but he has poor sense.

A New Postoffice.

The United States government has established a branch office in the great seed establishment of the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis. So large and extended is the trade of the Salzer Seed Co., that the government for their own convenience to promptly expedite mail matter, located an office in their mammoth buildings. The editor is told that Salzer's great plant, seed and grain catalogue is mailed to any one upon receipt of 5 cents postage by addressing them at La Crosse, Wis.

On the Outskirts of Fashion.

Women who are contemplating adopting clothes of a masculine style of architecture had better fully investigate the advantages of bifurcated garments before they give up their potticoats. A northern man has just forsaken trousers and adopted skirts because, he says, they are warm, comfortable and easy to get about in. He has tried both, and should be a good judge, though a woman says that anybody who has ever tried going up stairs wearing skirts, with a lighted lamp in one hand and a baby on the other arm is bound to be a dress reform advocate from that time forward. The man who has adopted skirts must have been a dude whose trousers would bag at the knee, and who was tired trying to see over the top of a three-story cellar. He knows that appearances are beautiful and many a man is not as well off as he appears to be. The woman who wishes to be admired will stick to her skirts. Judges of the supreme court of the United States wear skirts, and they are good judges in some cases.—New Orleans Picayune.

Like Clean Money.

Some of the banks in New York find it to their advantage in cashing checks drawn by and for women to pay them in clean, crisp new bills or coin. In this way they cater successfully to the instinctive feminine regard for nicety and neatness, and find their reward in feminine appreciation. It means that the women of New York do not want to handle the dirty money of banks.

Certainly.

The colored people of Baltimore are demanding colored teachers for all the colored schools, and the school authorities are making arrangements to let them have their way.

The Difference.

When a woman wears her dress too short, people say she is a reformer; but if a man wears his pants too short, they say he is a guy.

ALMOST A TRAGEDY.

The Stomach-Pump Used on a Case of Quinine.

Late last night a dejected-looking man of middle age walked unsteadily into a saloon on Eighth avenue, near Fifty-third street, says the New York Journal. He was deathly pale and his hand shook as with palsy as he placed a 10-cent piece on the counter.

"Gimme some whisky," the stranger murmured, in husky accents.

When the drug was handed out, Hiram J. Bunches—for that was his name—poured himself a second mate's drink, dropped a little white pellet into the glass and swallowed the dose at one gulp.

"There," he remarked, in what the bartender thought was a tragic manner, "that will fix me, I guess."

Wiping his mouth on his wrist, Mr. Bunches took a chair back of the stove, buried his face in his hands, and apparently lost consciousness. It was then that a noble resolve flared up in the breast of the bartender, who was a humane man in spite of the scars on his face. Dashing swiftly into the street, he whispered something to the policeman on the beat and then dashed back again.

Pretty soon the brazen clamor of a gong smote upon the night air. It was an ambulance arriving with trolley-like velocity. The door of the saloon flew open, admitting a whale-backed young man with a blue cap, spectacles and handbag. He was the ambulance surgeon. Behind him came the driver and a policeman.

"That's him behind the stove," the bartender whispered, hoarsely. "It's poison!"

Handing his bag to the driver, the surgeon grabbed Mr. Bunches by the back of the neck and landed him sprawling in the sawdust. Then he knelt gently on the chest of the prostrate man, opened the bag in one time and two motions, and inserted three feet of rubber hose down the throat of Mr. Bunches. The eyes of the victim popped out as he fought and struggled and tried to speak, but the surgeon knew his business. While the bartender, the driver and the policeman sat on the head and legs of Mr. Bunches, the doctor hooked on the stomach-pump and the operation was soon over.

"What did you take, my man?" the surgeon asked, as the suicide sat up limp and weak and gazed vacantly at the lunch counter.

"Didn't I pay for that drink?" he replied, dreamily.

"Yes," hazarded the doctor, "but what was it you took?"

"Quinine. I've had the ager for seven weeks."

His Sweetheart and His Tailor.

The old story of changing envelopes by mistake was told in Washington a few days ago, only with variations. A young man, whose income is by no means sufficient to keep up his style of living, received a tailor's bill. He is engaged to a young lady, who is the happy possessor of a comfortable bank account. The young man's tailor sent him a bill with the remark written on it that it was long past due. When he received the bill he was engaged in writing a note to his fiancee, and in some way had his attention called away as soon as it was finished. He returned to his desk, placed the tailor's bill instead of the note in an envelope and directed it on his typewriter, which fact was all that saved him. When he called she was very indignant, but he was quick-witted and began berating the tailor for sending her an account which he disputed in order to prejudice her against him, out of spite because the young man would not pay an unjust claim. The next morning the lover told the tailor all about the affair, paid the bill and the maker of the clothes helped him out by sending the girl an apology, by which kindness he obtained an order for two suits of clothes.—Washington Post.

Dead Ants' Heads Put to Use.

One curious fact about an ant is that the grip of its jaws or mandibles is retained for hours or even days after death. Knowing this fact has enabled the Indians of Brazil to put the heads of dead ants to use in their simple surgery. The sides of a wound are drawn together and the necessary number of large ants are held with their heads to the ridge directly over the gash; when their jaws come together on the place where the skin has been separated the insect's head is pinched off and left clinging to the severed skin, which they hold together until the wound is perfectly healed.—St. Louis Republic.

Woman's Theater Opened in Denmark.

Danish women are ahead of any other women on the face of the globe in one particular: They have just announced the opening of a woman's theater for the coming winter. The plays are to be written by women dramatists; every character, even the male characters, to be acted by women; orchestra, soloists, chorus conductor are to be exclusively feminine. Margaret Thorson has completed a play for the theater, and Uvas Emma Gad has prepared a ballet.

Yes, But—!

If men had right good sense, they could see that seven-tenths of the "schemes" offered them are absolutely foolish.—Atchison Globe.

A boy would throw at a cat if he knew he would be spanked the next minute for it.

Very Awkward Indeed.

This is precisely the kind of mistake a man makes if he "turns out" on the wrong side of the road when a vehicle comes toward him. No less absurd is the error of the individual who takes drastic medicines to relieve his liver. That organ is on the right side, and the road to its relief is a licitester's Stomach Bitters, a medicine also adapted to the relief of dyspepsia, constipation, kidney and rheumatic ailments and malaria.

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Eczema All Her Life.

Mr. E. D. Jenkins, of Lithonia, Ga., says that his daughter, Ida, inherited a severe case of Eczema, which the usual mercury and potash remedies failed to relieve. Year by year she was treated with various medicines, external applications and internal remedies, without result. Her sufferings were intense, and her condition grew steadily worse. All the so-called blood remedies did not seem to reach the disease at all until S. S. S. was given, when an improvement was at once noticed. The medicine was continued with favorable results, and now she is cured sound and well, her skin is perfectly clear and pure and she has been saved from what threatened to blight her life forever.

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