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O one knew how it was first discovered that Miss Dinker was a kleptomaniac, but it was a fact, and people made the best of it. Old Miss Dinker was tolerably well off, or her habit of appropriating other people's property

would have got her into trouble. But Cumminseed was used to Miss Dinker. When she visited the village store and put a piece of tape up her sleeve the watchful shopman added its price to her bill. When she took a neighbor's forks the neighbor sent a polite message to Miss Jane Dinker to have them restored, and Miss Jane, who was old Miss Dinker's niece, would find them up chimney or down cellar and restore

Old Miss Dinker knew that she was deserving of blame in thus indulging her desire for stolen fruit, but, as she often remarked when reasoned with, she "couldn't help it."

She was a generous old lady, too, and kindly, and if she taught Jane that man was a deceiver and that spinsterhood was blessed, she meant well.

Capt. Richard Murphy told another story when his ship lay in port and he himself rested at a little hotel in Cumminseed. And Jane, won over by his merry voice and jolly ways, forgot her aunt's precepts and one day ran away with him, leaving a penitent little note for her aunt and begging her forgive-

The old lady was naturally indignant, but when, three days later, the captain brought Jane back under his arm, established her in a beautiful little house which he had purchased, and sent for the old lady to make up, Miss Dinker relented, took tea with her niece, and deigned to approve of her choice, and so the village scandal was silenced for awhile and people called

on Mrs. Capt. Murphy. They lived together for five years in great contentment, and a little boy was born to them, and all went on prosperously; but at the end of that time the sword that always hangs by a hair over at last. The captain's vessel was a ished in mid-ocean, and Jane, after hoping against hope, and refusing to be-



"SAINT GRACE'S CHURCH," SHE SAID.

lieve when no one else doubted, and listening night and day for a step that came not and could never come, accepted the truth at last and put on her widow's cap and took the awful truth in place of suspense, and tried to live and bear it for her boy's sake. Then there came from some far-off place a man who proved himself the captain's brother, and who claimed the property, alleging that Jane Dinker had never been married to him at all. Jane was furious, but she could only vow that a clergyman of the Episcopal church had married her. She could not remember the name of the church nor of its pastor, nor had she what the brother called "'er lines." The marriage certificate, as she declared, the captain always kept among his private papers and had taken to sea with him.

She advertised in a New York paper for the clergyman who had performed the service, but no answer came, and finally the law and popular opinion declared that the widow had never been a wife, and she was left poverty-stricken and helpless, and not a friend in the world but old Miss Dinker. She came out nobly, though Jane had been away with the captain to New York and was not to be accounted for for three days; and though she could not prove her marriage, old Miss Dinker insisted upon it that "she couldn't help being decent, with her bringing up."

Alas! all the rest of Cumminseed held a contrary opinion. They remembered "having thought it wasn't right." They shuddered at the thought of having associated with such a creature, and wondered how she had dared impose

upon them so. They sent her to Coventry and tabooed her. I think some of the dear creatures would have tarred and feathered her if they could. Jane Dinker had the comfortable Yankee pride of respectability in its Yankee sense strong within her soul, and this scorn quite crushed her. She hid herself from human eyes as much as possible and went thankfully home with old Miss Dinker, whose income had grown smaller in these years and who really showed great generosity in taking her disgraced niece to her bosom.

But Jane, thankful as she felt, could not be glad to go. The old home seemed gloomier than ever and the change was terrible. Then, after having plenty and to spare, to be a poor dependent was very, very hard; to have nothing for her little boy's amusement and to know that she would never be able to dress him as she hoped; all this was hard to bear, though nothing like the shame and disgrace of her position, and, to add to her unhappiness, Miss Dinker's peculiarity had developed itself immensely. And now that she had countenanced poor Jane and opened her house to her she also had lost her friends and people grew hard upon her.

"You'll tell your aunt, Miss Jane, that I shall proceed to law if I lose another spoon," said one angry matron, to whom Jane had been forced to speak, and she, poor soul, flushed hotly and answered:

"You'll be kind enough to call me Mrs. Murphy after this."

And the visitor retorted: "You've about as much right to that name. I believe, as your aunt has to my

Poor Jane! It was very hard upon

So, when her boy grew older there were children near by who, if he venturned into their company, were dragged away as though he had the plague. And when Jane would have placed him at one good school, Aunt Dinker having allowed the money, the lady who presided thereover gently hinted that it would not do.

And little Richard, clinging to her hand, asked as they went home: "What is it, mamma?"

Then poor Jane wished that she were dead.

Old Miss Dinker called in high the head of a seafaring man's wife fell | dudgeon upon the old schoolmistress | and remonstrated in vain. The fact wreck and the captain and crew per- that she stole a spelling-book during her brief stay did not further her object. When a little boy was sent for it at dusk Jane wished herself dead again. If only she could have had pride in anything or anyone she thought, but life was all shame to her.

"Oh, aunt, if you only wouldn't!" she sobbed, and Aunt Dinker shook her

"Habits are hard to break," she said, "but I'll try. Only you oughtn't to be so hard on me when I've stuck to you ' And then she revealed a plan which she had concocted for giving the boy an education. "I'll put him to the best school in New York," she said. "I'll keep the story that they telllie as it is-to myself and I'll pay his bill regular. 'Tain't likely I'm a-going to see him grow up without eddication. We'll make him a clergyman or a doctor. We'll snap our fingers in the faces of these critters. I'll take him up myself to-morrow and he shall come down every Saturday night."

"I shall miss him so," said Jane, "but it's for his good, and I thank you, aunt.

So Jane spent the night in tears and in the morning Aunt Dinker went to the city, taking with her little Richard. Jane suffered a great deal that day, and when at night she saw Aunt Dinker return alone she could not find voice to speak to her. But the old lady was in good spirits. She sat down before the fire with her shawl on and told Jane how pleased Richard was with the journey and how Miss Speers had admired him. And Jane brought her her tea and she took it sitting by the fire, but still kept on her shawl, and, moreover, the shawl looked curiously thick and bunchy.

Once before had Jane seen the same thing and it had resulted in the appearance of somebody's work-box. Her heart misgave her.

"Auntle," she said in trembling tones, 'are you cold?"

"Not particularly," said Miss Dinker. "Then sha'n't I take your shawl?"

'When I ask you to do so." Jane was silent, Old Miss Dinker fidgeted. Finally Jane burst into re-

proaches "Oh, auntie! Couldn't you help disgracing my poor boy, to steal in New York, where they'll have no mercy on you, and at the school, where I hoped he could hold his head as high as any one? Oh, aunt, aunt!"

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Jane. I've been a good aunt to you, and as for the school, I never touched a | pectors aboard .- Exchange.

sat just so, and made a point of it. And it's nothing much to make a fuss over. I took it almost without thinking, it CENSURING AMBASSADORTHOS. came so handy."

"What is it?" asked Jane desperately. "Well, I'll tell you," said Aunt Dinker; "and if they want it they can have it-a shabby old thing. As I was going from the schoolhouse to the depot there came up a rain. I had on my best bonnet, so I looked about me and there was a church open and in I popped. Well, as I stood there out came a gentleman that I knowed was the clergyman, and, says he: 'Walk in, ma'am, and wait for the rain to be over. There's a fire in the vestry.' And he left me before the grate in the nicest little room. And I waited until the streets were dry. The sexton came and talked to me and told how they'd been a wedding there and they'd just gone. And somehow, when I got into the street this was under my shawl."

"She's committed sacrilege at last." cried Jane. "Oh, dear!"

"'Tain't neither," cried Aunt Dinker. "Its only a shabby cld book!"

And as she spoke she unfolded her shawl and tossed upon the table a dingy leathern tome, on the cover of which was marked in black letters:

'Marriage Register of Saint Grace's Church. 1860-1873."

Jane seized upon it with a low cry. "Saint Grace's church!" she said. 'Aunt, aunt, that was the name. That was where I was married." And her trembling fingers turned over the pages and her eyes sought out the date and suddenly glittered with joy. "It is here!" she cried, "here! here! bere!" and cast herself upon the floor and

sobbed as she had never sobbed before. To-day no one is more respected in phy, although she has never quite forgiven her neighbors' cruelty. And Aunt Dinker, growing quite old and unpropensity by stealing napkins from the linen press. There is good in all things, Jane Murphy often says. She never will her of old Aunt Dinker's kleptomenta.

SWALLOWED THE STOVEPIPE.

Remarkable Feat Perfermed by a Foolhardy Paris Apprentice. The series of bravado bets which

have been so frequent in Paris for some months past reached a climax when a shop assistant named der laid a wager of 500 francs that he would swallow a yard of galvanized iron stove-piping, says Le Figaro. The bet was accepted and the referee apwas about one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness and five inches in diameter. Alexander took it to a white- mand at home and abroad. smith, and requested him to file it down into a powder in the presence of the witness, who subsequently carried it to a cafe in the Rue de la Chapelle, where the operation of swallowing the filings was carried out. Quite 100 perder divided the filings into five portions, placed them in five glasses of beer, and tossed them off at intervals of ten minutes. He played cards during the glass of beer and its metallic addition had been consumed, the bet was dehe felt no inconvenience from the feat

Boiled Water and Impurities.

It is generally believed that the most impure water can be rendered pure by boiling and that in this we have an absolute safeguard against the dangers of water containing disease germs. Now, while it is true that boiling will kill the germs of diseases, yet the fact has been brought to our notice by so high an authority as Dr. Charles M. Cresson, that, while boiling kills the germs of a particular disease, it yet, in reality, renders the water more imnure than it was before, because, by the very death of these germs, dead organic matter is allowed to remain in the water, which it pollutes by putrefaction. Hence, while boiling is a most excellent precaution against the occurrence of typhoid fever or similar diseases, when we have occasion to think the germs of these diseases exist in the water we drink, yet we must remember that this boiling does not purify the water; it simply removes the specific power to produce a specific disease.-Philadelphia American.

Rushing to Alaska.

Already the spring rush to the Yukon gold fields has set in and the steamers leaving San Francisco and Tacoma within the last week or two have carried large numbers of miners to Alaska, The steamer Topeka, which left Tacoma last week, had seventy-five pros- the time.

thing. I put my hands in my must and RESOLUTIONS PASSED

F. BAYARD.

The Vote Stood 180 to 171 in Favor of the First Resolution, and 191 to 59 in Favor of the Second-Improvement of Caddo Lake Will Be Pushed.

Washington, March 21.-The house yesterday after three days adopted a resolution censuring Thomas F. Bayard, ex-secretary of state and now ambassador to the court of St. James, for utterances delivered in an address to the Boston, England, grammar school, and in an address before the Edinburgh, Scotland, philosophical institution last fall. The vote stood 180 to 71 in favor of the first resolution, and 191 to 59 in favor of the second. Five Republicans broke away from party lines and voted against the resolution of censure and six Democrats voted for it. All the Republicans and nine Democrats voted for the second resolution.

The resolutions adopted, after reciting the objectionable portions of Mr. Bayard's speech, were as follows:

Resolved, that it is the sense of the house of representatives that Thos. F. Bayard, ambassador of the United States to Great Britain, in publicly committed an offense aginst diplomatic propriety and an abuse of the privileges of his exalted position, which should make him the representative of the using the language referred to has whole country and not of any political party. Such utterances were wholly inconsistent with the prudent, deliall Cumminseed than Mrs. Jane Mur- cate and scrupulous reserve, which he himself, while secretary of state, en joined upon all diplomatic agents of the United States. In one speech he afable to go abroad, indulges her singular fronts the great body of his countrymen who believe in the policy of protection. In the other speech he offends all his countrymen who believe deny that since such great good came to that Americans are capable of selfgovernment. Therefore, as the immediate representative of the American people and in thir name we condemn and censure the said utterances of Thos. F. Bayard.

Resolved, further, that in the opinion of the house of representatives public speeches by our diplomatic or consular officers abroad which display partisanship or which condemn any politeal party or party policy or organigation of citizens in the United States pointed. Alexander and one of the wit- are in direlection of the duty of such nesses went to buy the piping, which officers, impair their usefulness as public servants and diminish the confidence which they should always com-

Lake Caddo.

Washington, March 21 .- Mr. Culberson went to the war department yesterday in regard to the prosecution of the work on Caddo lake, between Jefsons attended as spectators. Alexan. ferson and Shreveport. There is \$10,-000 left from the appropriation to improve that waterway, and Culberson wanted to know from the chief engin, eer why that was not being expended. process of drinking and when the last He represented that while the engineer in charge of that division of river and harbor work had reported against the clared won, and the 500 francs handed feasibility of erecting locks and dams over to him, He stated afterward that at Albany shoals because the commerce on the lake would not justify the expense, which would amount to about \$375,000, yet the government by the removal of the raft in Red river had disturbed navigation back where it was before the disturbance of it by the removal of said raft.

The chief engineer said that he would take up the whole matter at once and see what could be done. He said, moreover, that this view of the case had never been presented to him before.

Culberson also told him that a raliroad was building a bridge across the lake at Mooringsport and that it interfered with navigation. The chief engineer said that he would telegraph at once to the engineer in charge and have the work stopped or carried on so that navigation would not be interfered

Much Damage Done Huntington, W. Va., March 21.—A hurricane passed over Hart's creek valley, fifty miles south of here, Thursday night. Buildings were blown down and immense damage is reported. It was the heaviest wind ever known in

Soon after New Year's day St. Peter's at Rome had to be reconsecrated, as a man had the bad taste to cut his throat before the high altar during noon mass The services were stopped at once. The last suicide was in 1867, but it was not thought necessary to bless the building in that case, as the pope was in it at Did Not Suit.

New York, March 21 .- The young lady members of Ballington Booth's new army have been greatly excited over the announcement that the uniforms for "God's American Volunteers" would be of seal brown color.

When the samples of cloth were first brought to the room in the Bible house, devoted to the trade department of the army, they were sharply examined by the women. Then there was whispering, which grew louder and louder and until finally it broke out into open revolt. The fair soldiers admitted ti they had one worldly weakness h and that was touched when they we asked to don a color so unbecoming.

Theye were joined by the men, who said brown trousers would be more quickly ruined by knocking around in the streets than those of blue. After much deliberation Commander Booth rescinded the order for the brown cloth, and his aides are now looking for suitable cloth of a cadet-blue color.

City of Mexico, March 21.-General of Division Felipe Berriozabal, one of the most distinguished officers of the army, yesterday took the oath of office as minister of war in place of Gen. Pedro Hinajosa, well-known to American army officers on the frontier. Gen. Hinajosa will be made president of the supreme court of military justice. He is an aged man and the war department required renovation, and will, it was reported yesterday, be subjected to rigorous investigation in order to weed out incompetent employes and expose corrupt practices, long suspected among minor officials. Gen. Berriozabal fought in the war of the American invasion. He is an upright and gallant officer and commands the confidence of the country. He has a son in the Mexican consulate at Chicago.

The Associated Press news of insurgent successes was bulletined all over the city, causing great rejoicing among Cubans and the masses of people in sympathy with them.

No Arms for Them.

St. Paul, Minn., March 21.-A formal application from a prominent organization in this state to the emperor of Germany for arms and ammunition for use in this state and the answer from the German minster of war to such request is the most unusual affair that has just been learned. Deutsche Kriegverin an organization of Germans who had served in the war of the rebellion in this country and afterward tendered their services to the fatherland during the Franco-Prussian war, made the requisition for the arms six weeks ago, especially desiring to secure some of the same guns they had used in their service as soldiers, for use in Gring salutes over the graves of the den1 comrades. The answer was received yesterday in the shape of a letter from the German minister of war, explaining that owing to the lack of arms suitable for the purpose, none could at this time be sent.

A New Phase.

Washington, March 21 .- Mr. Morgan presented a new phase of the Cuban question to the senate shortly before the adjournment last night by offering a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba and recognizing the insurgents as belligerents. The pending resolutions are concurrent, while these, being joint, if adopted, would require the president's signature.

The resolutions before the senate received an unexpected reverse yesterday. Mr. Sherman sought to interrupt the usual course of adjourning over Saturday unless unanimous consent was given to take the final vote on the Cuban question at a stated time next week. The unanimous consent was not given, however, and the senate voted-42 to 22-to adjourn over to-day.

The vote was regarded as an evidence of growing opposition to the Cuban resolution.

A revolution is reported in Peru.

Washington, March 21.-The order soon to be issued converting into the civil service a large majority of the offices of the government now in the excepted class is still under deliberation by the president and the cabinet. The form in which the general extension will be made has not been definitely decided. The president has not determined whether to make the order a general one, specifically naming the offices to be classified and omit the name of the office to remain excepted and to which the order will not apply. It is authoritatively announced that the extension as now contemplated will involve about two-thirds of the offices at present outside the civil service.

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There will be a live stock show of April.

A Charter has been adopted by the Dallas Semi-Centennial Committee and the committee will now make an effort to secure the necessary State and Federal legislation to carry on the work.

Nedum Harrison, an old land mark of this county, died in Louisiana last week. He went to that state a short time since with some horses and was taken sick which resulted fatally. He has many friends here who regret to lears of his death, Sweetwater Review.

subscribe for his county paper, Vestal 93, Frank Tannell 99, Charent \$1 north for information on ley Percy 90, Howard Montieth 90 "How to keep from growing old." Roy Hamilton 90, Mollie Tunnell He received by return/mail the 92, Ida McDeuald 90, Eva Benbrief, but good advice: FKill your nick 90, Della McDonald 90, Nefoot self."-Ex.

"straddles on the fluoneial ques- Stewart 97, Ina Barfield 95; Fintion will be toigrated by either the ice Waters 94, Ollie Finch 95, Logold or silver faction of any polit- ra Barfield 98 Mamie Murray 92,

The gold men want gold plat- 92, Pearl Burroughs 92, Earnest forms and the silver men want Higgins 95, Sam Montgomery 93, unmistakable "silver" platforms, Jim Mel ouald 90, Minnie Me- the goods and the Low Prices It is to be hoped that there will Donald 91, Ola Hazzleton 90, Os- when in the city. be a gold standard platform and a well Brightman 99, Tom McCutch free silver platform, with a gold en 95. man to head and a silver man to The above report is for month head the other that the people ending March 13, and should have may have a chance to decide the been published last week but was all important question at the ballot delayed.

Hon. John G. Carlisle is a candidate for the Presidency.

Primary Election Law.

Following is the primary election law enacted by the last legis-

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Texas. Any primary election called and held by anthority of any political party for the purpose of nominatfng candidates of such political ...\$100 00 party for any political office who is not qualified to vote in the election precinct where he offers to vote at the next state, county or muneipal election, or who shall vote more than once at the same or different precincts or poles on the same or different days in the same primary election, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 30 days, or both fine and imprison ment.

Sec. 2. Every person who shall knowingly procure any illegal vote to be east at any such primary election shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided in the preceeding section.

Sec. 3. Provides a like penalty Every attention paid to guests to such primary election who shall make them comfortable. Clean beds, make false returns of said elec-

> Sec. 4. Probibits any officer or elerk from divulgeing how many persons voted in such primary e

Sections 5 and 6 provides penalties for bribing or attempting to bribe any officer or voter in such

Will Simmons was convicted in district court at Ballinger last week and given fifty years in the penitentiary for the murder of Jack Layman in Menard county in

School Report.

The attendance since private school began has been exceptionally good. As a consequence better progress has been made Several classes are now renewing their books preparitory to taking up mere advanced ones. Below is a list of those whose grades are

Lee Hamilton, 97, Sam Hamilton 97, James Tunnell 93, Florenco Winters 97, Dalton Johnston 92, Ada Frye 95, Pearl Hamilton 95, Ellen Mohley 97, Edith Montgom-A man who was too paor to ery 95, Lottie Hayley 94, Eva lia Montgomery 95, Lula Hayley 15 Effic Murray 90, Luia Webb It does not now appear that 93, Mandie McCutchen 90, May ical party in the coming campaign. Ida Johnston 92, Cora Johnston.

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Sanco Dots.

Sanco, Texas, March 24th, 1896. ED. RUSTLER: -It has been some time since I wrote you. Our city moves along much as usual. Brother Bates preached here Sunday and Sunday night to good audiences.

Messrs Frank and Lee Beeman and Willie Garrett and Nettie Renshaw and Mrs. Fore came cver from Sterling to visit Mr. Greens family, and this morning they went back taking with them Miss Sarah Hendricks,, who has for some time, been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Green,

On Friday night, the talk this month, about half past one o'clock the house hold of Esq. Byrne was aroused by very loud knocking on the door. On going to the door Mr. Byrne learned married were waiting outside. Miss Sallie Compton and C. C. Walker come into the house and after half an hour, which was spent by the bridal party in warm ing themselves by the fire and in passing jokes; Esq. Byrne "tied the knot" and sent the "happy pair" on their way rejoicing. Messrs. Sam Brown, Willie Compton, Sam and Charlie Walker formed an unimportant devision of the bridal party

E. M.

Ft. Chadbourne News.

Ft. Chadbourne, Tex. Mar. 16, ED. RUSELER: -- I thought of trying to give some of the happen-

Our farmers all seem up with their work: most of them are If you want to have a good through planting corn, but I fear that unless we have rain soon

> they will fail to get a stand. Did you ever see such weather? It looks as if the weather clerk has gone off on a high lone some.

Our school is progressing finely under the efficient management of Prof. Lee Allen. Mr. Allen is a fine young teacher and seems to be giving satisfaction.

The Literary and Debating society is moving along nicely, and if t here is another society in the

parliamentary usages, let them come over and catch on. I heard a man say the other day that he had a very peculiar neighbor; I asked him in what respect was his neighbor so peculiar. Wby said he, he stays at home and attends to his business: May the

county that needs any pointers on

men. Brother Broyles preached a series of interesting sermons at New Hope last week. Brother Jay also delivered an

able discourse Sunday night. Ye scribe had the pleasure of visiting Bug Scuffle last week and tound the store well stocked with of general merchandise. Mr. Billingslea is here to stay and we hope the people will patronize him. Mr. R. Whiteslife was in our neighborhood a few days ago wanting to trade some sheep for horsethat a couple who wished to be es, but our opinion is that there is a lamb in this neck of the woods that Rufe wants.

The health of the country is so good that Dr. Lane can fine time to go turkey hunting.

Wishing the Rustler much success I will close for this time. Respectfully.

HAY SEED

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CHEAP GRAIN

-AND-FREE WAGON YARD!

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Respectfully,

John Barron. THE SPRING ROUND UPS AT ROBERT LEE.

THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT!

Parties desireing photos are informed through this medium that will posatively be at Robert Lee through March only, and you will only have a few more days to get a nice picture here.

Respectfully, T. Irby. "Pho to ist." In A Fix.

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Darn our skin, we are out of sorts and out of fix generally. It is getting dry and things look

The wind blows sand in our eyes. Every bodys face looks dirty and they have a cross, ill look. News is scarce and no one will tell us good Lord send us more of such what he knows. We know all expeet us to get out a bright, newsy paper full of life and cheer this week, and we know the editor will be 'cussed' and abused if we dont, but what have we to draw Yrom? Who is there to help and encourage us. What has happen ed in the last week in the way of news? What is there to animate us and encourage us to cheerfulness! Then how can we get out a creditable paper and hide out half the time to dodge bilis! The vast sums that we have expected to collect on subscriptions have fallen short: The broad half page advertisemente that we expected to reap have not materilized, and the vast crop of political candidates that we have looked and longed for are failing to come through. Every body goes fishing and hunting but us. We are out of copy are we would stop this right here but it must fill just so much space.

acquired the nick name of "Boom- can beat that .- Banner-Leader. ly improved my wagon yard and erang" We are just simply unnow have good water and good done-buffaloed. If we could onroomy stalls in the same, which ly follow the worthy example of you are: give your home town a my patrons are invited to use free some of our contemporaries and black eye every chance you get vent our spleen gall, bitterness and politics

> At last report the "nigger" Cuny was holding the republican convention at Austin down in good shape; he rode rough-shod into the temporary chairmanship and says he will send two or three Allison men to the St. Louis con-

Poor

63.60

\$1.00

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don't be too economical where health or life is concerned. The matter of a few cents should never count be tween the old, standard and reliable preparations and the new, obscure and in many cases, almost worthless

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What Does It Mean?

Robert Lee, Texas, March 16, Banner-Leader, 1896.—Editor Ballinger Tex .- Coke county is in We have "boomed" every sub, the swim. The county judge who scriber in the town and county, committed suicide a few day since have boomed every business in was buried at Robert Lee, and L. town and every enterprise that H. Brightman appointed to fill the cash basis this year I will be able we have heard spoken of until we unexpired term. Two county a are out of amunition and have treasures and a new judge; who

> Go it Toby old boy, whoever dealing out she is used to it. Such reports to. as the above, from our home peogether to some neighboring paper ple, go along way toward estabwe might feel better-but times one kind of reputation for the are looming up-we feel better, town and county. It goes much here is a subscriber with a load of further than from one outside of



WANTS OF THE A. P. A.

DEMANDS WILL BE MADE ON POLITICAL PARTIES

For the Insertion in Their Platforms of Certain Planks-An Amendment to the Federal Constitution They Demand-Letters to Members of Congress.

Washington, March 23 .- The American Protectie association, better known as the A. P. A., which has been a factor in the state and municipal politics of several states for a number of years, has announced its intention to enter upon the field of national politics in the coming presidential campaign. Its first move toward this crusade will be taken at a meeting of the supreme advisory board to meet in Washington to-morrow.

Prominent members of the order from every congressional district in the country will take part in the deliberations of the supreme council and will determine the part which the organization will take in the campaign. It is a part of the programme to insist on the re-enactment, in party platforms this year of the planks of the Republican and Democratic platforms of 1876 in which both parties declared against sectarian appropriations and emoluments from public moneys or property. In that year Mr. Blaine proposed in congress an amendment to the constitution which follows:

Art. XVI. Neither congress nor any state shall pass any law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof or use the property or credit of the United States or any state or any money raised by taxation or otherwise either to be used for the purpose of founding, maintaining or aiding by appropriation, payment for services, expenses or otherwise, any church, society or undertaking which is wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control.

During this congress Mr. Linton of Michigan introduced the same amendment and the A. P. A. will endeavor to have the amendment made a part of the constitution.

Another feature of the programme with which the adisory board will deal is what the political leaders of the A. P. A. call the campaign of education. They declare that their literature shall reach every postoffice in the country and every voter before election day.

Senators and representaties have heard from the A. P. A. organizations of their states during the past month. The following is a copy of a letter which has come to nearly all of them:

"At a reent meeting of the state council of the American Protective association a resolution was unanimouely adopted that we request our senators in congress to work and vote for the following bills which are now pending

"A bill to secure just distribution of federal offices, known in the last congress as house bill 8984.

"A bill to establish a national uniersity, known in the last session as house bill 8949.

"A bill to restrict immigration and regulate naturalization, known as Linton's bill, house bill 8774.

"Linton's joint resolution amending the constitution, prohibiting for all time sectarian appropriations.

"A bill to prohibit advertisers or others from using the national emblem as an adertising device.

"We hope that this expression of the representaties of so many of your constituents will meet your indorsement as being in the interest of our country, in line with the ideas of the founders of our government.

"We also desire to respectfully call your attention to the fact that it is the design to place in statuary hall a statue of Pere Marquette. We regard this as a dangerous innovation. The Jesuits have been banished from almost every Catholic country, and yet here in Prostestant America they are not only allowed to remain and plot against the liberties of our people, but it is even now proposd to further violate the principle of separation of church and state by the introduction of the statue of one of these traitors to all governments among the statues of those patriots who have given their lives that government by the people shall be preserved, and we appeal to you to use your endeavors so that this idea shall not be carried out."

Dervishes Defeated.

Massowah, March 23 .- A force of 600 Dervishes attacked Sabderat Pass on March 8. It was defeated by eighty native troops and the enemy was defeated and fled, leaving forty-one killed. The Italian loss was three killed. On March 18, 1,500 Dervishes received the attack, but they were repulsed four times, with heavy loss. Three thousand Dervishes are still threatening the pass, and reinforcements have been dispatched from Cassala. The Negus Menelik has ordered his chiefs to meet him at Makalle, where he will bid them farewell and return to Shoan. Adrigat has been furnished with a plentiful supply of water to last until the end of they were unable to agree, but later a mong the Republican aspi- United States senators by direct vote

Civil Service Extended.

Washington, March 23 .- The prestdent has issued the following comprehensive order extending the civil cervice to practically the entire Indian service:

"In the exercise of the power vested in the president by the third paragraph of section 6 of the act entitled: 'An act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States,' approved Jan. 26, 1883. I hereby direct the secretary of the interior to amend the classification of the interior department so as to include among the positions clasified thereunder and subject to competitive examination, clerk, assistant clerk, issue clerk, property clerk, storekeeper and all other clerical positions at Indian agencies and Indian schools; likewise to amend the classifications of the Indian service so as to include among the positions classified thereunder supervisor of Indian schools, day school inspector, disciplinarian, industrial teacher, teacher of industries, kindergarten teachers, nurse, assistant matron and seamstress. But Indians shall be eligible to appointment to any positions on any such test as may be required by the secretary of the interior and without examina. tion or certification by the civil service commission, but they shall not be transferred from said positions to the department service.

"Approved March 20, 1896. "GROVER CLEVELAND."

Evitence Received.

Washington, March 23.-The latest mail from LaGuayra contains the longexpected addition to the case of Venezuela as it will be laid before the Venezuelan boundary commission. The work was undertaken at Caracas by a volunteer commission, whose srvices were accepted by the Venezuelan government and which collected all the material accessible in Venezuela bearing upon the boundary dispute. The matter so far collected was dispatched promptly by the home government to its minister here, Senor Andrade, and while the documents themseives are now in New York, the advance mail a language of their own much like the has brought to Washington a complete list of the papers comprised in the first installment.

There are thirty-two copies of the original manuscript records in the lot. but these after all are of secondary importance in comparison with the large number of maps and charts that have been gathered to sustain the Venezuelan case. In the first lot of matter there are no less than sixty such maps, and in addition there are references to almost twice as many additional charts that may be readily obtained. This store of material will be turned over to the Venezuelan commission as soon as it can be put in order.

Workingmen Rioting.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 23 .- A mot broke out Saturday night between the non-union mea employed in the ironworks of Chandler & Taylor and a number of strikers and their sympa-

Three men, William Watson, Walker Dais and Hook Lee, were shot. Davis fatally, and a number more or less injured by flying stones and bricks.

The trouble originated over the fact that a umber of non-union men were employed in the works, taking the places of the members of the union. A number of fights have occurred at different times and the workmen were constantly under police guard. Saturday night the officers started to take them to their homes, when they were set upon by the mob. It is estimated that no less than 3,000 people were in the neighborhood at the time, many of them taking part in the fight. The non-union men opened fire after being pelted with bricks and stones. The fire was returned by the strikers. The men shot were bystanders and had pothing whatever to do with the trouble. One policeman was seriously injured by being struck with a brick. A number of arrests were made.

Milliken Acquitted.

Washington, March 23 .- Benj. H. Milliken, for several years the private secretary of Senator Harris, of Tennessee, was acquitted Saturday of the charge of house breaking with attempt to committe assault on Miss Gertrude Phillips, daughter of ex-Solicitor General Phillips. The trial has been followed with interest, but decloped nothing of a sensational nature. The defence was that Milliken was drunk lips at her home, that she refused to see him, that he entered the parlor unproviced, fell asleep, and in his drunken condition retired, as he thought, to his room and did not discover his mistake until sobered by hearing the screams of Miss Phillips ed that some tramp stayed over night and her sister. From a legal aspect, and accidently fired his barn, so he the case, which involved a possible maximum sendence of fifteen years in temporary barn and purchased a lot the profitentiary, depended on whether of corn, while other parties donated or not Milliken was in such a state of intoxication that he could not have formed the intent ascribed to him in ad again, which now makes it very certhe indicament. The jury was out tain that a fire bug is doing the work. practically an even twenty-four hours. Twice Saturday they reported that report of not guilty was mada

AFTER THE BAD BOYS.

WANT AN ORDINANCE TO KEEP THEM

Off the Street After 9 O'clock at Night-What Some of the Lads Have Done in the Past-Matters Up in Greer County-Much Disturbed.

Waco, Tex., March 23 .- The ordinance prohibiting youths to walk the streets after 9 p. m., which Col. Alexander Hogeland, president of the Boys' nated at Waco and four headlines ap-

of police of Waco. It was before the before. When on the gallows Sheriff city council for seeral years and was Purl asked if he wished to make any frequently defeated, although always statement. He said: strongly supported by influential aldermen. As first written for passage |ail the true story of the killing. by the Waco city council it provided | Local members of the press urged for the arrest of any boy or girl under him to tell the truth of the affair. 16 found abroad without adult escort After considerable persuasion he said or a written permit from parents or that he and Mootry did the killing; guardians after 9 p. m. It was again that Mootry had two pistols and gave and again amended in an endeavor to him one; that he struck the Bohemian make it apply as intended, to prevent with a rock and tha Mootry shot him boys wandering viciously in the night, with the pistol; that he (Rolly) shot It was found impossible to get an or- Tom Prykle, who got well. dinance written in terms to suit a majority and at length it was abandoned.

At the time Capt. Neill sought to secure the passage of the ordinance boys in Waco were organized for arson, theft their necks. and robbery. These chaps in knee pants held a lady up at noon on Austin avenue as she left a store where she had been shopping and forcibly too's here purse. Stores were pillaged nightly, and on one occasion a flying gurglar who was shot prooved to be a Waco boy. A traveler's gripsack was snatched by a boy and its contents recovered in part by the police after being sold. The juvenile crooks adopted patis of thieves quoted in the cheap novels. Waco appeared to be the center of an organization of boy thieves. which had ramifications in Fort Worth, points.

The chiefs of police and sheriffs of central and north Texas went to work gallows. and filled the reformatory at Gatesville with the bad boys and nearly stamped out the evil. Ten boy convicts on May 8, 1895. went from Waco for burglary, theft and barn burning. The Sunday school people also went to work and through points is likely to fail because the peo- ham. ple feel that the evil is under control and law.

Matters in Greer County.

up over the unheard of condition in used on him if he did not leave town telegram from J!udge J. V. Cockrel to lashes administered to the doctor. He Duncan G. Smith, stating the Greer left at once for Honey Grove. county case had been decided adverse to the state and that a resolution was pot while the thrashing was in propassed suspending the laws.

held, sufficient money to defray ex- participated. penses was made up and Judge Brown volunteered his services to go to Wash-

ragged-edge of uncertainty ever since loss of any of the fingers. President Cleveland's proclamation in December, 1887.

A Barn Barner.

Blossen, Tex., March 23.-Join Dables, a farmer, lost his born by fire about ten days ago, including about 700 bushels of corn and twenty tons of hay and a lot of harness and plow toxis. Next morning he tracked comeone away from the barn. As he thought that he had no enconics that would do him this damage, he corelud- soon as he was missed his mother gave went to work and fixed up another several loads. Friday night his temporary barn and all his corn was burn-

McKinley seems to be the favorite resolution looking to the election c wants.

Georgetown, Tex., March 21.-At 11:45 yesterday Sheriff Purl sprung the trap of the gallows and a five-foot fall ended the life of Albert Rolly, one of the murderers of Andrew Prykle.

The programme previously arranged called for a double hanging, but the persistence with which both doomed men have continued to deny Nat Mootrey's connection with the crime led Gov. Culberson to grant a respite of Nat Mootry's sentence until Friday, March 27, awaiting developments.

The negroes were placed in different cells Thursday night and were not and Girls' National Home association, informed of the governor's message is seeking to have cities adopt, origi- until yesterday morning. Mootry received the news stolidly and Rolly pearing in a Waco dispatch to a Dal- heard his death warrant read without ing Time as a man: Time will tell. las daily, mentioning the ordinance, the any manifestation of fear or nervousname of "Curfew" became attached to ness. Several ministers visited him, admonishing him not to die with a lie The ordinance was introduced at the on his lips. Still he adhered to the request of Capt. Alf C. Neill, then chief same story, but not so vigorously as

"No;" that he had told a man in the

A colored minister led in prayer He said the story he told at the trial and ever since was manufactured by Mootry, who urged it would save both

A colored minister led in prayer, Rolly following with a prayer of his own. They sang "Oh, How I love Je-Rolly expressed resignation to sus." his fate and hope of a full pardon.

The trap was then sprung. There was a momentary quiver of the lower limbs and the soul of the negro passed into the great unknown. The body was cut down in twenty minutes, placed in the waiting coffin and carried to the county farm for burial.

Rolly was a small negro, unmarried and about twenty years old. Conservative estimates are that fully 7000 people witnessed the execution. People began coming in Thursday. Sev-Dallas, Houston, Hillsboro and other eral tents were pitched Thursday the night almost in the shadows of the

> The crime he committed was in assisting in murdering Andrew Pyrkle,

Ladies Cowhide a Doctor. Ladonia, Tex., March 21.-Yesterday

all the religious and moral avenues afternoon a party of twenty highly regreat improvement is to be seen. The spected ladies came into the railway endeovor to revive the curfew ordi- station room of the Santa Fe and senance here, written as it has been verely cowhided Dr. Hancock, a physiadopted in Lincoln, Neb., and other sian, who recently came here from Bon-

The party of ladies demanded of him can be entirely abated without such a that he leave town and promise not to retarn. He told them that he would not do it.

Mangum, Tex., March 23.—People They showed him a dozen cowhides here are, of course, very much stirred and informed him that they would be which the supreme court decision has and quit writing prescriptions for left them. District court was in ses- whisky. He again refused, when a sion when the news reached here by dozen cowhides were drawn and 500

Quite a crowd gathered at the degress and excitement was intense. It is Judge Brow; adjourned court and reported that warrants will be sworn Friday morning a mass meeting was out for the arrest of the ladies who

Monkeyed With Powder.

Waxahachie, Tex., March 21 .- Late ington to work for the interest of the Thursday afternoon while the little settlers, and left immediately for that son of Mr. George L. Adkisson was playing with a small sack of gunpow-Eerybody had been easy and confider a few grains on the outside were dent since a Washington correspend- accidentally ignited and the whole ent had stated that the court was di- went off in a heavy explosion. He had vided and that Judge Harlan would built a small house for his pet deer write the minority decision, because and was in the deer-house at the time they knew how Judge Harlan stood. of the explosion. The top of the house see what a good shoe you can buy for He had informed his brother, who was was blown off and the sides set on fire. erstwhile a citizen here, that the state Mrs. Adkisson heard the explosion and had no show whatever. All is peace- ran out to see what had caused it. The able and there are many long faces, a little fellow was crying loudly for help. great deal of partially suppressed un- His lower limbs and face were badly easiness, but people here are getting burned and the palm of one hand was used to all this, having been on the lacerated, but not enough to cause the

Miraculous Escape.

Corpus Christi, Tex., March 21 .-Thursday between Heailtos and Bene vides, on the Texas-Mexican railway the 4-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs Robertson of Laredo fell from the train and miraculously escaped instant death. The train was running abou eighteen miles an hour when the little fellow fell off the rear platform. A the alarm and the train was backed up fully half a mile, when the boy was found running down the track endeav oring to catch the cars. With the ex ception of a few slight cuts on the fache was uninjured. When found he simply remarked: "Why didn't the train wait for me?"

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ist Prize. Kimball Piano, "Style 3,"....\$ 600 00 2d Prize. Bicycle, for man or woman 3d Prize. Cash 60 Cash Prizes, each \$2.....

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GUSTAVE FLAUBERT.

He Was a Pessimist and Could Not Enjoy Life.

This nausea at his immediate surroundings was always a characteristic of Flaubert. Du Camp tells us that at Croisset he dreamed of travel in the east, and in the east he longed passionately for home, says the Fortnightly Review, The discontent he felt with show that it was never open during everything around him was part of the desire for spaciousness, for freedom. that was the concomitant of his malady: Before he was 20 this nausea at life had already appeared. "It is strange," he writes to Du Camp in 1846, "that I should have been born with so little faith in happiness. When I was quite young I had a complete presentiment of life. It was like an odor of unpleasant cooking escaping by a vent hole. One does not need to have eaten of it to know that it will make one vomit." In a letter written when he was less than 18 to Ernest Chevaller we get the same curious mixture of irony and disgustthe distemper of Rousseau mingled with the laughter of Rabelais, that we find in his later life. "I dissect unceasingly: that amuses me, and when at last I have discovered corruption in what was speedily through its use. thought pure, when I have found gangrene in some lovely thing, I lift up my head and laugh."

To Mme. X-he wrote in 1846: "I have never seen an infant without thinking that one day he would be an old man, nor a cradle without dreaming of a temb. The contemplation of a woman gets me musing of her skeleton. It is on this account that joyful sights make me sad and sad ones scarcely affect me. * . When I had a family I often wished I had it not in order to be more free, to go and live in China or among savages. Now that I no longer have a family I regret it and I cling to the walls where its shadow still lingers." Even on his travels he carried the same tendency to melancholy reverie and saw the world abroad, as he has seen it at home, under the same aspects of irony and stupidity. "The psychological, human side is everywhere when one travels. One falls in with some splendid things, with existence dove-colored, brilliant to the eye, as diverse as rags and embroideries, rich with uncleanness, with rents and laces. And at the bottom there is always the old immovable and indestructible rascality. That is the base." It was this ironic disgust at life that made him collect all the instances he could find of human imbecility for his dossier de la betise humaine, the material out of which "Pouvard et Pecuchet" was afterward constructed.

GODFREY'S TANKARD.

Historical Relie Sold at Auction in London Recently.

A curious historical relic was sold by auction recently in London, says the Boston Herald. It is the large tankard of solid silver presented by King Charles II. to Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey for his valuable services during the plague and the fire of London, for which he received the honor of knighthood in 1666. The tankard, which is of plain silver, has a hinged cover and weighs nearly thirty-six ounces. Its front is engraved with the royal arms and the crest of the recipient, together with inscriptions in Latin and engravings of scenes connected with the fire, which are still in excellent preservation. The engraving of the pesthouse men carrying corpses to the dismal plague pit, and that of the crowded blocks of houses surrounted by flames, are very quaint and curious. Sir Edmund, who was born in 1621, at Sellinge, in Kent, was a timber merchant possessing wharves at Dowgate City and at Charing Cross. He prospered, became justice of the peace for Westminster and member of parliament for Winchilsea, In history, as no reader of Macaulay and Green will need to be told, his name is most famous in connection with his mysterious murder, which was popularly attributed to the zeal with which he had devoted himself to unraveling the Popish plot. His body was found in a ditch near Primrose hill, face downward, and penetrated by his own sword, under circumstances which precluded the idea of suicide or robbery. The excitement caused by this mysterious event is indicated by the fact that when the funeral procession left the city with great pomp and pageant for the burial ground of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, it was preceded by seventy clergy and followed by upward of 1,000 persons of distinction.

Cromwell's Nose.

Oliver Cromwell was, unfortunately, endowed with a very big and painfully red nose. This circumstance gave rise to many nicknames. He was called "the Aln. ghty Nose," "The Nose of Old England," "The Copper-Nosed Saint," together with other names more descriptive than polite.

A Changed Man. Maude-You wouldn't know my beau

low, if you met him. Nell-Why, has he changed so much

as that? Maude-That isn't it exactly. I've changed him.

Open All Winter.

The Missouri river has not been closed to navigation this winter, and it is not considered at all likely now that it will be. The river has only been closed once in the past four winters. Fifteen or twenty years ago the river was invariably closed by ice in Decembers and the records of between twenty and forty years ago one winter.

P. T. Barnum's widow, who went abroad and married a Greek named Callias, is said to be returning home, much disgusted with her foreign spouse.

Be sure you are right and then do not hesitate.

Mean men are very disagreeable, but we can learn much from them.

The Unkindest Cut of Ail.

As Shakspeare says, is to poke fun or sneer at people who are nervous, under the half-belief that their complaint is imaginary or an affec-tion. It is neither, but a serious reality. Imperfect digestion and assimilation of the food is a very common cause of nervousness, esvecially that distressing form of it which manifests itself in want of sleep. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters speedily remedies nervousness, as it also does malarial, kidney, billous and rheumatic allments. The weak gain vigor

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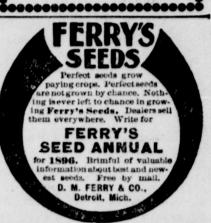
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While Dr. Vene was holding his healing clinics. The world is full of quacks and humbugs. Every trade and profession is polluted with them. The medical profession has not escaped. Many men are practising who ought to be blacksmiths. Some are practising without diplomas. Many travel and claim to do wonderful things when in reality they are nothing but mountebanks. Some have represented themselves to be connected with Vene, and claim to cure the crippled and diseased. Don't believe it. They are ignorant pretenders. There is only one Vene and only one medicine that will make cripples walk, and that is VENO'S ELECTRIC FLUID. Vene was the first and only man who ever did or could make rheumatic and paralytic cripples walk, and Vene's Electric Fluid is what he always used. It cures pain instantly, and when used with VENO'S CURATIVE SYRUP will cure the worst and most despefate cases of rheumatism, paralysis, sciatica, stiff joints and all aches and pains. Vene's Curative Syrup is madifiem the famous Llandrindod mineral water and is warranted to cure malarial fever, nervousness, dyspepsia, liver, kidney, blood and stomach disorders, sleeplessness and bad appetite. It is free from mercury or poison.

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J. B. Cotton, one of Ediths substantial farmers was in town Thursday.

C. C. F. Blanchard shipped five cars of extra good fed cattle from Ballinger.

Charlie McPeters and John Christian, Ft. Chadbourne boys, werein towa Thursday.

Justice J. D. C'Danial has bought land in Valley View and will move onto the same.

could not use as no ones full is almost safe to say that he will name was signed to it.

We received a communication

this week and reported sheep to be fat and all o. k.

of the week and reported Ft. in the past and if given an oppor-Chadbourne oats as looking fine tunity will do the same in the futsome corn up, and he is going to are. When you go to east your plant cotton next week.

There was a very profitable meeting of the Epworth League at Sanco on Saturday night last. They, no doubt, will accomplish behind on your subscription, keep much good.

There was preaching Sanday night. There was some interest and good accomplished.

Charlie Jenkins, the silver tongned Populist speaker, of Brownwood will speak here April 4th. All are invited to come out hear him.

Ashall Dancer has moved from San Angelo to Ballinger and is see him when there.

We suppose there was an entertainment given by the Hayrick school last night.

Messrs. I. M. Bennick, W. B. Harrison, Bill Yardley and others spent Tuesday night on the river string of fish.

Work at fenceing the grave yard was commenced this week.

J. W. Boying and family, of Maverick, visited Ed Goode and family Wednesday and Thursday.

Judge and Mrs. H. L. Adams spent Friday night and Saturday in town visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cathey. The Judge paid substantial respects to the Rustler.

Several Robert Lee boys went to Sweetwater this week with the Harris Bros. herd of cattle.

died of catarrh of the nead Sun- to build the church in Robert Lee day the 15th.

Remember gentleman, announcement fees are strictly cash in advance and don't ask us to announce you otherwise.

How can an editor get up a creditable paper when he has to bide out half the time to dodge bills? Can't do it.

Judge Averity after having resigned his of be and sold his place has concluded to remain in Robert Les and has moved into the residence formally occupied by Mr. Vestal.

ing been detained at home for thanking the people for their favor two weeks on account of sickness of the past, he most respectfully in the family, resumed her school solicits their future consideration on the Divide Monday.

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Judge McCarty has not yet announced for office, but the gentlefrom Live Oak this week that we man was in town Thursday and t run for the office of District Judge. rieved relatives.

Mr. H. E. Johnston announces G. S. McClusky called one day this week for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor. Mr. Johnston has served the people J. A. Montieth was in the first well and faithfully in that capacity vote remember what manner of a man Mr Johnston is and the good official record that he has mad .

Don't wait to get a year or two paid up in advance.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Murray starthome comforts, go to the OAKS. ed last week to Burnett county on Use of bath rooms free of charge, the receipt of the news of the serious illness of Mrs, McSpadden, Mrs. Murray's mother, Mr. Mur ray returned Tuesday and reported that Mrs McSpadden was dead when they got there. The Rust-LER extends sympathy to the be-

> church closed Monday night. \$100 in cash, the balance on easy There were 31 conversions, recla- terms. mations, etc., as a result, which Granville Jones who conducted stables and other improvements. ta Anna this Week .- Ballinger in.

Ed Goode spent a part of this week in Augelo.

Mose Westbrook started his wagon this week and will work RATES FOR ANNOUCNMENS the 7H range thoroughly, gathering the cattle he sold to Harris Bros., last fall. Mr. Frank Harris is here to recieve the cattle, with his ontfit of cowboys, and will ship them straight through to the Osage Nation so he informed us. The 7H work will continue about 10 days .- Ozona Courier.

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,

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The Republican nominating convention is to be held at Ft. Wor h September 8.

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We are authorized to announce Mr. I. J. Good as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

District And County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce Ed. M. Mobley as a candidate for re-election to the offices of County and District Clerk of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

Frank Harris of Coke county is one of the largest cattle owners in west Texas and engages quite extensively in buying and shipping He and his brother Ralph own a large pasture in Coke county and and wa shaking hands and renewing old acquaintances most of the time while here .- Ozona Conrier.

To The Public.

Mr. A. R. Miller will again visit this country the 1st Sunday in April. He will lecture at Wild Cat school house the first Sunday in April. All are invited to come out and hear him. He will stay in this county some two or three weeks and a special invitation is given to all to come out and hear him.

T. B. ANDREWS.

Ed Goods' outfit went to work in the China pasture yesterday to gather about 1800 stock eattle to ship to the Nation.

J. T. Hamilton, we suppose, started to Sweetwater yesterday with his mother and little brother where they take the train for Thurber to visit Luther Hamilton and family; they then go from there to their home at Healdton, I. T.

Sheriff Murray was doing the Hayrick, Ft. Chadbourne and Olga neighborhoods yesterday and the day before.

Mr. Wm. Childress was attend-

The silver men are all wiling for party disolutions to take place in order to obtain free silver, but they all want the other mans' party to "disolate."

J. W. Reed went to San Arge. a lo Thurrsday and returned Fri-

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Notice.

I or J. W Reed, are now ready Joe Hanson, of Water Valley to receive all money subscribed Eugene T. Bates.

> It is estimated that the wool clips which will be brought to San Angelo this spring, will foot up about two and a half million pounds. Lee Goode, of Coke county, bought last week from J. S. Miles, a handsome span of fine drivers for \$150 .- San Angelo Euterprise.

In this issue Ed M. Mobley annonnees for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk. There is no one better qualified for the office than Mr. Mobley as Miss Portia Christian, after lav- his past record goes to s how, and as a candidate.

The RUSTLER makes guess that there will soon be a new law firm in town known as Averitt & Patteson or Patteson & Averitt.

"Grandpa" Sparks was in town Thursday.

Commissioners Court met Thursday. M. H. O'Danial and son Mit, of

Broute, were in town Thursday. J. D. Collier, the enterprising Edith merchant was in town Thur sday and gave this office some we do too-price his stock

genera! merchandise. Capt. Barnett, of Hayrick, call-

ed at the Rustles office Tuesday . The Capt. has just returned from a five weeks visit to courties east of here. He says, during the five weeks there were not three successive days in which it did not rain.

TEXAS.

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

Elder Baxter Golighly, Christtian, in answer to a letter written him, says he will be very glad to conduct a meeting at this place this summer. Brother Golightly preached here once, is a good speaker and we are glad that he contemplates visiting here in the

Will Campbell, of Sanco, came job work. Mr. Collier believes in to town Wednesday and had Dr. patronizing home institutions and Latham to extract a tooth. Will told us not to tell any body about ing to business in town yesterday.

> George Hanaford, of Hayrick, was in town Wednesday looking for sheep-shearers for Messra Will and Joe Robbins. They will begin shearing Monday. They have 1000 very fine muttons with twelve months chp on.

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> H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor. LOOK OUT !-

> > COING! GONE.

Mr. Irby, the photographer, wishes to reminde the good people of the county and town that his a close and if you want a good pieture taken, come at once.

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THOUGHT HER CHILD WAS GOINC TO DIE.

The Terrible Ordeal of a Mother-Hes Little Girl Almost Faded Away Saved in the Nick of Time A Story that will Touch the Beart of Every Mother

From the Journal, Detroit, Mich. A very grateful mother is Mrs. A. L. Hartness, of 676 Grandy Avenue, Detroit, for the wonderful cure which her daughter has received by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Said Mrs. Hartness: "Yes, my daughter's life has been saved by using Pink Pills, thanks to a kind friend who recommended them

to me.

"Blanche was sick for over three years. She had the care of the best physicians procurable, and no expense physicians procurable, and no expense." or trouble was spared to give her relief. She was so thin that she was fairly skin and bones, her digestion was out of order and she had the most awful headaches. We gave up all hope of her re-covery. Her long, thin, listless face made me nearly half crazy, and we did every thing in our power to give her strength and induce her to take an in-

terest in anything.

"One day a friend told me about the Pink Pills, and Mr. Hartness went down town and got three boxes. She had taken about one box, when, to my amazement, one morning I heard her playing on the piano. I could hardly believe it, for it had been over a year since the piano had been opened.

"Soon she began to take short rides

"Soon she began to take short rides on her bleycle, and soon she went sing-ing around the house, our own happy, hearty little daughter once more.

"She thinks nothing of a spin on her wheel over to Mt. Clemens or Pontiac, and is as well as she ever was.

"I had a girl living at our house who blood, and who received instant and permanent relief from the use of one

x of the pills.
"If this information can be of any use to help some poor sick one, it is given with the greatest of pleasure."

The proprietors of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills state that they are not a patent medicine but a prescription used for many years by an eminent practitioner who produced the most wonderful re-sults with them, curing all forms of weakness arising from a watery con-dition of the blood or shattered nerves. two fruitful causes of almost every ill to which flesh is heir. They are entirely harmless and can be given to weak and sickly children with the greatest good and without the slightest danger. Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50-by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

which the lord justices of appeal had to intervene in order to bring a man to life again legally, has just been decided into the evening hours. Here the first in England. Forty-two years ago a state tournament of any description woman married a sailor in the British | was possibly held in the summer of '75, navy, who deserted, went to the United and the devotees of the game then States, and was not heard of again for formed a local and general organizathirty-six years. Six years after his tion. disappearance she married another man, with whom she lived for eighteen years, but from whom she at last obtained a judicial separation and alimony in 1892. The second husband pleaded that his marriage was null, as of expert players, the best equipped her first husband was alive at the time. grounds, and the most enthusiastic but the jury in the divorce court found that the man was dead. Last year husband No. 2 discovered husband No. 1, brought suit again, and produced him in court, where he was fully identified, but the judge held that as the jury had declared he was dead, he could not admit that he was alive and dismissed the suit. The appellate judges seemed to be of his opinion, for they refused to allow the appeal and annul the marriage on the ground of the man's being alive till the second husband had given security that he would pay the woman an allowance.

The new woman in Ohio finds that her responsibilities keep pace with her privileges. Some time ago Justice Brown of Cleveland decided that wives are legally responsible for the support of their husbands and families, provided the husbands are unable to furnish support. This is Ohio law, as the justice sees it. His decision is based upon an act passed in 1887. Naturally it is attracting much interest and comment. The case was that of a tailor who sued Marshall L. Shay and his wife for \$22 balance due on a suit of clothes. Shay once was in active business and finally failed in it. The tailor was refused payment of his bill on the ground that Shay was insolvent. His lawyers insisted that Mrs. Shay, being the owner of property, was liable for her husband's debts. The court held the point well taken. Many similar suits will be brought in Cleveland now. This will cause the new woman to warn the tailor who makes her bloomers to make no trousers for her husband on credit.

A pill is before the Massachusetts legislature which provides for a state commission for the regulation of chiropodists, and the sentiment in favor of it is so strong that it bids fair to become a law. A number of prominent chiropodists advocate the measure. A state commission, they believe, would protect the legitimate members of the profession and punish the pre tenders. The business in Boston has become an important industry, for it was stated at a hearing that seventyfive persons are engaged in it legitimately, and that 100,000 Bostonians have corns which require treatment in the course of a year. This is a painful tion. Heretofore it has always been supposed that Boston was all brains,

SILVER-HAIRED DEVOTEES AT GAME OF CROQUET.

Michigan Town Has a Club of Whited Players-They Are Willing to Meet All Comers on the Village Green-Youth in Old Age.

(Adrian, Mich., Letter.) HAT AT ONE time was the game of games for the young, the old flirtations game of croquet, has passed into the hands of those well along in years with the advent of golf teams, etc. This city is an exceedingly apt example of the fact

that this courtly game, with its gentle exercise, is too slow and has too little of the element of athletics to suit the youth of the century's end. Here it is played almost exclusively by men of three score years and upward.

The city of Adrian, a community of wide streets, spacious, sward covered lawns and ample distances, capitulated to the fascinations of croquet at an early day, and in the summer of '76, the



S. C. BALDWIN. click of mallet and ball, the merry A curious Enoch Arden case, in laughter of the contestants and the gleam of the lantern-lit grounds could be seen and heard on all sides, long

The subsequent decadence of interest in the game was felt here, as elsewhere, in the course of succeeding years, but not unnaturally this city today probably boasts the largest coterie ganization of old-time knights of the mallet and ball to be found in the entire union. Here the game is played to-day in its most scientific form-or. as it is designated, "loose dead ball croquet." The Wolverines also boast of a state organization, of which O. J. Avery of this city, is secretary. He is also the leading spirit of the local fraternity, and probably one of the most expert

players in the world. Upon a large unoccupied space on the lawn in the rear of his residence on Church street a spacious two-court rink has been erected. It is one story high, amply lighted with windows by day and electric lights by night; cool in summer, warmed in winter, and of sufficient area to permit of seating a good crowd of spectators outside the limits of the courts, which are respectively thirty by sixty feet in size.

The courts are of earth, hard rolled. and smooth enough to rival the surface



GEORGE L. CRANE. almost a foot wide, are now reduced to a spread heardly an eighth of an inch larger than the ball, and these are so disposed that to "go around" in one play is almost next to an impossibility and requires a steadiness of aim, a precision of stroke and a sense of angles and distances that any champion of the

cue and baize might well envy. There are also several other good grounds in Michigan, one being owned at Dowagiac by E. Avary, one at Albion by R. F. Davis, one at Kalamazoo by and it is a shock to find it has feet like S. C. Baldwin, one at Milan by Charles Gauntlett, and one at Tecumseh by

GAY OLD LADS AT PLAY Perley Wheeler, who is also president BROTHER AGAILET BROTHER. of the state association.

The roster of the Adrian club contains some twenty-five active members. Following are the names and ages of some of the old-timers:

Charles Robinson, aged 81; John I Knapp, 70; Myron Knight, 75; J. D. Goodsell, 75; C. Kinney, 82; Nathan Smith, 70; Hiram Ferguson, 80; Welcome Teachout, 75; Seth B. Cole, 70, and John G. Mason.

Other veterans and well-known manipulators of the mallet, who are also men of distinction in the community, are Judge Norman Geddes, E. W. Mixer, Myron Pierce, A. L. Bliss, Charles W. W. Love, Frank W. Clay, Seth B. Cole, O. J. Avery, E. Leroy Mills, Dr. H. D. Hull, David Metcalf, A. Graham, William Crane, Edward Crane and others.

It will be seen from this list that the

who have passed the three-score limit, and some have gone even a score of years better. Their contests are often convict being its author and finisher. enlivened by the presence of veterans from other parts of the state, the most notable, perhaps, being Schuyler Colfax touching a tender chord in the govern-Baldwin of Kalamazoo, a genial, wellpreserved old bachelor who has passed some seventy summers, and who spends his winters very largely with the Adrian club, scarcely missing a day in which he does not participate in some of the contests. He possesses fine grounds at his home on a tree-covered hill at Kalamazoo, is a dexterous player and a thorough type of the courtly, old-school American gentleman. He is a cousin of Vice-President Schuyler Colfax and a direct descendant of the captain of Washington's body guard, General Colfax, and of General Schuyler of revolutionary fame. In the old ancestral manse at Pompton, N. J., where Mr. Baldwin was brought up, are many relics of the country's first president, now treasured by the descendants, who still reside there. It is related of Mr. Baldwin that when he and Schuyler Colfax, who was vice-president with General Grant, were boys they got into an animated quarrel while playing on the banks of the limpid Ramapo river, that runs through the ancestral valley of the same name. Hot words led to blows, and a spirited boyish fight ensued. Mr. Baldwin whipped his cousin, but they made up right after the battle and through life were close friends, Mr. Baldwin feeling great pride in the political success of his relative.

It is perhaps about thirty years ago that this decorous and somewhat courtly pastime first took root on American soil. Its growth was at first slow, but by the time of the centennial year, one



MYRON KNIGHT.

decade later, it had begun to claim its votaries by the thousand. Then there was a paucity of outdoor pastimes and the people seemed to readily take to this novel diversion, which admitted of a rule mounted on a float and covered a decorous association of the sexes and with characters representing the athletes, as is now the case with most prevailing outdoor pastimes. Children scon learned its simple rules and grew to play it with as much ardor as their spectable ancient lineage. Searching some of the more enterprising encyclo- night they heat a gong. pedists are clever enough to inform us that:

and ball which was popular in England | ble account of the hours as they pass." in the days of the Stuarts, and gave the name Pall Mall to localities in various towns in England, as well as on the continent.

ticular mode of recreation.

The picture of health should never be handpainted

Remarkable Contest for the Governor

ship Between the Taylors. One of the most remarkable political contests of modern days was that between Bob and Alf Taylor over the governorship of Tennessee some years ago, says the Washington Post. The brothers are both violinists-in Tennessee they are known as fiddlers. Alf is the superior performer. Bob plays left handed. Neither one is a finished master of the instrument, but they both play the mountain melodies to the queen's taste. During their unique race for governor Bob and Alf did not Kimball, A. P. Secord, Peter Miller, D. actually carry their fiddles with them. but in almost every town the people would hunt up a couple of violins and insist on hearing them play.

When the election was over and Bob was occupying the highest office in the majority of the local players are men gift of Tennesseeans a convict in the penitentiary one day sent him a fiddle. It was a homemade instrument, the He had made it while serving out his sentence in the "pen," and designed or's heart by the presentation. The story is best told in Governor Bob's own way:

"One day just before Christmas a state official entered my office and said: 'I have been implored by a poor miserable wretch in the penitentiary to bring you this rude fiddle. It was made by his own hands with a penknife during the hours allotted to him for rest. It is absolutely valueless, it is true, but it is his petition for mercy. He begged me to say that he has neither attorney nor influential friends to plead for him; he is poor and all that he asks is, when the governor shall sit by his own fireside on Christmas eve with his own happy children around him, he will play one tune on this rough fiddle and think of a cabin far away in the mountains in which is a family of poor, ragged children crying for bread and listening for the returning footsteps of their convict fath-

Who would not have been touched by such an appeal? When Christmas eve came the governor sat at his own happy fireside, surrounded by his own happy family, and sitting there he played one tune on the rough fiddle. Far up in the mountains there was another hearthstone, bright and warm, the pardoned convict was there with his children on his knees and his heart re-echoing the strains which the governor played on the homemade fiddle.

CHINESE TIME COUNTERS. Crude Methods of Marking the Flight of Hours.

The Chinese sundial embodied the usual principle, but was crude, indeed, says an exchange. A rod or needle set upright reflected a shadow on a flat surface as the sun moved. On this were characters indicating the hours of the day. The Chinese also used a water clock called the clepsydra. It was a dish of copper or other material, with an extremely small aperture, from which the water trickled drop by drop. The clepsydra of Canton is thus described by a traveler: "It is a vase of copper; it is situated in a pavilion built on a double arch that crosses a street leading from the great south gate of the city to the palace of the treasurer of the province. Like that which existed, and perhaps, exists still in the Pekin observatory, it is composed of four copper vases, whence water runs from one to another by little tubes fixed at the base. The vase that rests on the floor has on its wooden cover a kind of handle, crossed by was not menopolized by sports and hours. When the water has run outthat is, in the morning or evening, it is poured again into the uppermost yase. There is a little brick staircase by which the attendant ascends. In seniors. It was an amusement to the the temples there are attendants whose young and a diversion to c'd age. Like business it is to hang up a placard. tennis, croquet appears to have re- with a white ground, on which is indicated the hour. They strike the for the genesis of the game we find hours of the day on a drum and at

"The attendants who thus look after the flight of time occupy the intervals Croquet is an open-air game in which between in making sticks of incense, two or more players endeavor to drive on which are marked the hours. These balls, by means of mallets, through a sticks are so arranged as to burn a series of arches set in the ground, ac- certain length of time for every hour, cording to some pattern. Although and these are used by peasants and generally spoken of as a modern game, others. The stick is lighted when the it seems to be really a revival, with gong sounds, and in this way the primodifications, of the sport with mallet vate individual can keep very tolera-

Got the Turnpike for Damages. Isaac W. Raven of Millhelm, Pa., became the owner of a turnpike the other In its primitive simplicity it was es- day that he didn't know what to do sentially an open-lawn game. The with. Three years ago he was thrown ready-made outfits consisted of light, from a carriage on the pike and sussmall-headed, long-handled mallets, tained a broken leg. This led to a suit The maple balls, gaudily painted of dif- for damages and he got a verdict for ferent colors to distinguish them in the \$5,000, which was sustained by the Suplay, were large enough to fit the call- preme Court. But the turnpike people ber of a field six-pounder and the arches refused to pay and the sheriff, in atwere wide and lofty enough to roll a temping to satisfy the claim, only had barrel of beer through, if such a thing one bidder and that bidder was Raven could have been thought consistent and he got the pike. Raven comprowith the eminent respectability that mised with the company by giving seemed inherently to environ this par- back the turnpike and accepting \$3,000 cash, they to pay all costs .- Philadelphia Times.

An Expert

A Boston man makes a good living catching English sparrows. People pay him for ridding their premises of them, and he gets a good price for them from the trap shooters and the restaurants.

A senator declares that so small & body as the United States senate ought not to spend \$500,000 a year for clerks, doorkeepers and other officials, and he seems to be about right.

How a boy hates to let a sore on his nose get well!

What a foolish love letter the other man writes!

Quenn Victoria has sixty-seven living decendants. Some of them do not earn a living.

A Fancy Hog.

A pig has been discovered in Georgia that has five legs, six feet and three ears. People who are fond of head cheese and pigs' feet will take to this sort of hog.

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A Very Important Question with Farmers and Others Just Now.

Probably there is nothing that interests the land owner more at this time of the year, than fencing. They are desirous of securing the very best article they can for the purpose they desire to use it for and at the cheapest price going. While this is good business, price should not take the place of quality. In building a smooth wire fence you do not build it for temporary use but expect it to last you for years and to get this kind of an article it requires a certain amount of good material to make it.

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With a better understanding of the V transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sick as are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condi-tion of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, prompt-ly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the coming and chase, that you have the genuine arti-cle, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

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