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BRITISH DEFEATED.

THE MATABELES WERE TOO MUCH FOR THEM.

Many Matabeles Killed.—The British Being Hard Pressed Gave Ground Fast, Then the Retreat Was Ordered Back to Buluwayo.—British Loss Unknown.

Cape Town, April 25.—Telegraphic communication with Buluwayo was reopened for a time yesterday and then there was another break, believed, however, to be only a temporary interruption. During the time the wire was working dispatches were received from several sources in the besieged town.

The news is somewhat conflicting, but the main fact seems to be well established that the British have made a sortie in force, encountered a large number of Matabeles, inflicting great loss upon them, suffering in return, and finally retreated.

The official version of the sortie says the British force shortly after midnight was called quietly to arms and without apparently alarming the native part of the town a force of about 300 men under Capt. Napier and Duncan, with one Maxim rapid-firing gun and a Hotchkiss rapid-firing gun, saddled up for a dash at the enemy's line. Swords and all clattering accoutrements were deadened with cloth and the feet of the horses composing the advance guard were muffled with sacking. The enemy was quietly camped behind their stone-topped earthworks about four miles from Buluwayo. Their pickets raised the alarm, whereupon the troopers in advance charged and shot down many fleeing natives. The main body of the troopers then galloped forward, but by this time the Matabeles had sprung to arms all along the line, and as the British advanced they were received by a scattering rifle fire from behind the earthworks, but the advance guard charged right up to the mounds and spurred their horses over them in several places.

Then the Matabeles charged in force and drove the advance guard back and, being met by the main body of the Buluwayo force, fire was opened about 400 yards from the Matabele position. This was kept up until broad daylight, when an advance was ordered and there was a prolonged period of sharp firing at close quarters, in which pistols, rifles, shotguns, war clubs, spears and knives clashed. Both sides fought bravely, but gradually the Matabeles pressed onward by the sheer force of numbers, almost surrounding the British, who, to avoid being encircled, retreated, fighting foot by foot, but being driven steadily backward.

Eventually the British were very hard pressed and gave ground fast. A retreat was then ordered and the British retreated toward Buluwayo, which place they reached considerably the worse for wear and tear.

A Virginia Cyclone.

Roanoke, Va., April 25.—Yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock a cyclone, accompanied by hail and a very heavy rainfall, struck the city of Salem, seven miles west of here, and besides blowing down several barns, unroofing outhouses and uprooting trees, completely demolished two houses, in one of which a family of eight colored people resided, all of whom and three others were in the house at the time of the disaster. Jane Harris and her 5-year-old son were taken dead from the ruins, and of the others four were badly injured, one, a 4-year-old girl, being badly hurt. Surgical assistance was promptly rendered and the wants of the homeless were also attended to. The cloud, a dark funnel-shaped one, came up suddenly from the southwest, cutting a complete swath of about 150 feet wherever it passed. While considerable damage was done to property in other parts of Roanoke county, no further loss of life is reported.

Dyert to be Loosed.

New York, April 25.—A special from says: Walter Grant Dyert, the Illi-Havana says:

Walker Grant Dyert, the Illi-pest, was charged formally with going beyond the Spanish lines, is to be liberated at last. The Spanish government announces that he will leave prison at once. The order to bring Dyert to Havana has been sent to Guinea. He will be expelled from Cuba without delay.

Rev. Mr. Diaz has been ordered to leave the island.

Civil Appropriation Bills.

Washington, April 25.—The senate gave the day to the sundry civil appropriation bills without completing it. The debate was largely of a formal character. Contrary to custom, there will be a Saturday session of the senate.

The movement for international arbitration was referred to in the prayer of Rev. Hugh Johnston at the opening of the senate yesterday.

"Let the armies be disbanded; let the world be at peace," he invoked.

Mr. Sherman sought to take up the bill proposing a repeal of the law giving a rebate of the tax on alcohol used in the arts, but met with a strong opposition from Mr. Chandler and Mr. Platt, so that the measure went over. The sundry civil appropriation bill was then taken up.

At 2 o'clock the bond resolution was laid before the senate, and Mr. Peffer, its author, proposed modifications to meet the criticisms in the recent speech of Mr. Hill. As modified the resolution strikes out the direction that the special committee of five senators shall inquire whether any officer of the government made any contract or agreement in connection with the bond issues with the intent to receive commission or personal reward and also the provision that not more than two of the senators on the committee of inquiry shall be members of the same political party.

The resolution then went over by agreement.

A Venezuelan debate came up when the item in the sundry civil bill was reached authorizing the Venezuelan commission to pay rent for its quarters out of the \$100,000 appropriated for its expenses.

Kearby-Abbott Contest.

Washington, April 25.—The committee, which has charge of the contested case of Kearby vs. Abbott, met yesterday, but it did not take up the case. It was engaged in preparing and hearing a report on a case from Virginia, and before it arrived at a conclusion on that the time for an adjournment had arrived. It now looks, but this is only speculation, as if there were doubts in the mind of Jenkins. He was one of the members of the sub-committee which examined into the facts in the case, and reported it to the main committee, and who said that he intended to bring a minority report before the house. If he were in for a fight he would have had his minority report prepared by this time, because it was expected that the matter would be disposed of yesterday. It is thought that he expected to be joined in his minority report by two other members at least, and that failing to get this support he has weakened, but this is only a theory, based on the fact that he has not filed his minority report, and no one seems to know whether or not he intends to file one.

Oppose the Queen.

New York, April 25.—A special from Madrid says: A determined agitation has been started in Madrid and the provinces with a view to making capital out of any concessions the queen regent and her ministers may make to America on the Cuban question.

The violent tone of most of the Madrid newspapers seem to have made a deep impression in official circles. The public prosecutor has instituted proceedings against the Pais, a republican paper, for its article attacking the queen regent and government for alleged surrender of right, dignity and honor of Spain, and suggesting that placards be posted on all the frontiers of Spain announcing: "This nation to let at economical rates. For references apply to Cleveland. The janitress has the keys."

He Files Suit.

Denver, Col., April 25.—Joseph Underwood has filed suit for \$100,000 in the United Circuit court against the Leavenworth Mining Company, of Chicago, for refusing to transfer to him 100,000 share of stock which he had bought.

No Advance.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 25.—A secret meeting of the steel billet pool was recently held in this city. Nothing definite is known as to the proceedings, but it is given out from what is regarded as a reliable source that George Griscom of this city has been appointed commissioner and that there will be no advance in prices. This is the first meeting since the formation of the pool.

Edward Karloskind of Meadville, Pa., shot his wife in the head three times and then cut his own throat recently.

KEARBY VS. ABBOTT.

THE ELECTION COMMITTEE MET BUT DID NOTHING

In Regard to the Case of Kearby vs. Abbott, They Consider Another Case Entirely—If This is So Spain Had Better Look Out.

Washington, April 22.—There was a report in circulation around the capitol yesterday to the effect that Allison, as the leader of the steering committee of the Republicans of the senate, had told Gorman, representing the Democrats, that the Republicans had agreed that there should not be any general legislation at this session.

The correspondent was informed by Gorman that there was no truth in the report. There was a great deal of interest in the report, as there is an earnest desire on the part of many Democrats and Republicans to have a bankrupt bill passed at this session. Mr. Gorman said the Republicans would most probably have a caucus in a day or two, and then the matter would be settled. He thought that while there were some senators who were opposed to a short session, still he believed that congress would adjourn by the 1st of June. The house intends to take up the bankrupt bill in a few days and pass it. In fact, it may be taken up to-day.

Terry, the framer of the Terry bankrupt bill, told the correspondent that he thought that the bill would be sure to go through the house, but he was not so certain about what the senate would do.

There was a meeting of election committee No. 3 of the house yesterday, but nothing was done by it in the matter of settling the contested election case of Kearby vs. Abbott. The committee consumed all its time in the consideration of another contested case.

Spain Had Better Look Out.

Cincinnati, O., April 22.—The special correspondence from Mrs. Woodward, dated Havana, April 15, contains an interview with Dr. Jose Manuel Delgado, the American citizen who was shot and hacked and left for dead by Spanish troops on March 4, when they raided the plantation of Dolores, in Malnoa.

Delgado said he was an American citizen, neutral in this contest, attending to his farm. When captured he presented his passport as an American citizen. Gen. Melguizo answered by striking him three times with his sword. Delgado and his seven plowmen were tied together with a rope, placed in line. A detail of Spanish troops fired at them by command. Maeco that day had fired Dolores' plantation, and retired before the Spanish troops. A Spanish captain came to Delgado's house with twenty men and told the doctor and his seven field hands to follow. Delgado showed his passport as an American, so did his men. The captain said he had nothing to do with the matter, he was obeying orders, but it was his opinion that the worst thing they could do would be to show that they were Americans. Arriving at Gen. Melguizo's headquarters Delgado said they were neutrals, and then showed their passports. Melguizo became furious. It was then he struck Delgado, exclaiming: "I will shoot you, just as I would the consul general if he were here." They were, eight of them, taken out and tied together with a rope and placed against a stone wall.

The order was to cut the prisoners down with machetes. In attempting this the rope broke and the soldiers were ordered to fire. At the first volley Delgado fell forward, feigning death. The second volley sent a bullet into his thigh. All the others except one were killed. The doctor was left for dead, and lost his consciousness. When he recovered he found himself in his dwelling. There his old father took care of him. Shortly afterward Spanish soldiers came searching for the two that had escaped. Delgado's father hid him in a cane field, exposed to the inclement weather. Meantime the old father communicated with Consul General Williams and obtained a safe conduct to Havana, where Delgado now lies under the protection of the United States.

Dr. Delgado graduated at Columbia college, New York, and at a medical college in that city. He was in New York from 1866 to 1877, when he left to take charge of Dolores' plantation, in Cuba.

Montgomery Murder.

Montgomery, Ala., April 22.—Five hundred Democrats here to attend the Democratic state convention were horrified by a tragedy at the depot.

The platform was crowded at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning when Bob Kennedy, sheriff of Dallas county, Alabama, stepped out with a double-barreled shotgun and opened fire on two brothers, Percy and Mardis Wood, both citizens of Selma. When the brothers saw Kennedy they ran for places of safety, but before this could be reached Kennedy shot Percy through the back, inflicting a fatal wound.

Mardis Wood drew his pistol and fired at Kennedy five times, without hitting him. Kennedy reloaded his gun twice, firing in all six shots at Mardis Wood, shattering his right shoulder and breaking his left arm.

The trouble grew out of relations said to have existed between Mardis Wood and the wife of Kennedy, all the parties being residents of Selma, Ala. Wood came here yesterday morning to attend the meeting of the Democratic executive committee, of which he is a member. Kennedy, it is said, learned that Wood was here and came over from Selma to kill him.

Mardis Wood has been for twenty years a prominent figure in politics, and two years ago was the nominee of the Democratic party in the fourth district for congress, but withdrew before the election, and Gaston Robbins, recently unseated, took his place. Kennedy is in jail here.

Indian Appropriation Bill.

Washington, April 22.—The senate spent the day on the Indian appropriation bill, but did not complete it. The sectarian school question was taken up late in the day and brought out a limited debate, Senators Gallinger, Thurston and Teller opposing and Senators Gray and Pettigrew supporting the amendment offered by Mr. Cuckrell, extending for two years the time for the entire abandonment of sectarian Indian schools. Final action on the question was not reached. Most of the day was given to the contest against legal claims in connection with the western Cherokee settlement, and the claims were finally agreed to.

In the senate yesterday a bill was passed granting the abandoned Fort Marcy military reservation, New Mexico, to the American Invalid Aid society, for the purpose of establishing a sanitarium for the treatment of pulmonary diseases. It was at first intended to establish the sanitarium at Fort Stanton, but Fort Marcy was found to be more accessible.

Glass Factories Close.

Muncie, Ind., April 22.—The executive committee of the National Window Glass Manufacturers' association held a secret conference in this city Monday afternoon, and the session was continued yesterday. The prospects are that all of the window glass factories in the United States will be closed May 1, instead of May 29, the day decided upon a few days ago, which will take another month's salary from the 20,000 employes.

Wholesale Poisoning.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 22.—During the past forty-eight hours thirty-eight persons in this city have been poisoned by eating impure food and sweetmeats. Thirteen of them were boarders at a fashionable hostelry in Hazelwood, while the remainder live on the south side. The cause of the poisoning at Hazelwood has not been determined. In the cases of the south side families it is ascribed to chocolate cake purchased at a bakery.

In the House.

Washington, April 22.—At the opening of the session of the house yesterday Mr. Henderson (Rep.) of Iowa asked unanimous consent that the bankruptcy bill which he gave notice he would call up yesterday, be considered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Mr. Hepburn (Rep.) of Iowa objected. There was a great pressure for unanimous consent. Quite a number of minor bills were passed.

Will Probably Resign.

Paris, April 22.—In spite of the protest of the premier, M. Bourgeois, the senate yesterday adopted a motion to postpone the vote of the Madagascar credits until a cabinet is formed which enjoys the confidence of both chambers. Subsequently the belief was expressed in the lobbies of the palace of the Luxembourg, where the senate meets, that the cabinet will resign this morning.

THE BEAR WAS GAME.

And Was Only Persuaded to Cave in After a Tough Old Fight.

(From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

Frank Layne, James Burchill and Smith, with their dogs, started out 'possum hunting the other night. The night was clear and cold. Two miles had been covered when the dogs began barking and started off at top speed with their noses to the ground.

"Hurry up," said Layne, as he broke into a run. The young men needed no second bidding. The dogs were off in the woods howling like mad. As the men drew nearer the snarling grew louder. A vigorous rap against a soft body, followed by a howl of pain, caused the hunters to make a fresh burst of speed. A minute later they came upon the scene. A bear sat with his back against a tree, and his paws sawing the air. In the glare of the torches his eyes glowed like balls of fire.

"Kill him, Pete," shouted Layne. Smithers fired both barrels of his gun at the bear, who leaped into the air with a howl of pain and then made straight for Smithers, who, in less than ten seconds, was rolling over on the ground with the brute.

"Kill him," shouted he, as he struggled with the weight of the bear and the dogs. Layne thrust his torch in the bear's face, and with a snarl the bear let go his hold and tumbled over backwards. In an instant the dogs were tearing at its throat, but the bear was soon on all fours again.

Smithers' clothing hung in shreds and his face was smeared with blood.

"Did he hurt you?" said Layne.

"No, but the blood off his face where the shot struck him blinded me."

For a moment bear, dogs and men all stood in the open space, all panting hard. Then, as one of the dogs made a leap at the bear, the battle was renewed. Smithers reloaded his gun and for a second time let both barrels go. The shot did no more damage than to tear part of the skin on the bear's right shoulder.

"If we don't kill him he will kill the dogs," said Burchill, as one of the dogs was knocked across the open with a broken neck.

Layne seized a stone and hurled it with all his might at the bear, hitting him on the head and knocking him over. Burchill sprang at the bear and began beating it with a club.

"Now we have him," said Smithers, but he made a mistake. The bear rolled itself up into a ball and then straightened itself out with a phenomenal suddenness. The men and dogs were unprepared for this and before they could get out of the way they were all sprawling on the ground. Before they could rise the bear made off in the darkness of the woods. Less than a minute later the dogs were after him, but the men had enough of bear-fighting and called the dogs off and started homeward. Smithers concluded the story of the fight with the remark: "The next time we go 'possum hunting you can bet we will go loaded for bear."

How Edison Learned to Tell Stories.

"It seemed like a waste of time," said a gentleman who passed an evening with Mr. Edison in Norwalk, O., recently, "to hear Mr. Edison rolling off story after story, and demanding of all his acquaintances to tell him more, when we knew how much information we might have received from him. I finally asked him how he got to be such a story-teller. 'Well,' he replied, 'when I was quite a young man I was a telegraph operator during the war. I was stationed at St. Louis, which was a sort of distributing point for a large district, and when we would get our batch of stuff off, and we still had several hours to put in, I used to get pretty tired. Then we would begin to call up the operator at the other end of the line and gossip with him. I always liked stories, and if Chicago had a good one he would wire it to me. Then I would send that off to Louisville and New York and Cincinnati, and hear them laugh over it by wiring back, 'Ha, ha,' over the wire. In this way we would get all the best stories there were going, and we would always write them out for the day men. It got to be a sort of passion after a while and has stuck to me ever since."

Itch for Notoriety.

A popular writer for a New York paper says that it is not uncommon for persons desirous of gaining notoriety to buy a box at the theater and then send their menials to cheaper parts of the house charged with the duty of directing attention to the occupants of the box as celebrated people.

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Sweetwater will have a summer Normal, which will begin June 15th and close July 25th—Prof. W. L. Grogan conductor.

The question now is "will the silver men have a two thirds majority in the Chicago convention."

The Vat Taylor murder case has been moved from Sweetwater to Colorado City and will come up for trial in May.

The old reliable Hamilton Brown Shoe Co. of St. Louis, sent to parties who had been injured by the recent storm in Colorado City \$10.

The Ballinger Bauer-Leader did herself and Ballinger and Runnels County great credit in coming out last week with a special illustrated edition containing a good write up of the town county.

Gen. Weyle says: "I should be sorry to believe that the people of the United States are represented in their Congress."

Wonder how the idea ever happened to strike him, he is evidently not very well up on the situation in this country.

Last week's San Angelo Standard gave the Coke county commissioners court quite a "send off." The Standard evidently thinks the court an immense institution.

Mr. R. J. Fuston, the old Scotchman, of Jones county, who shot and killed a man for seducing his daughter, has been pardoned out of the penitentiary by the governor on the recommendation of the pardon board.

The Colorado Times is having a bout as hard a time about Sig Simon's "window" as the Rustler is having in according to babies the proper sex.

The Dallas News is "again" our Charlie Culberson. The best thing for the News to do is to organize a "prize fighting party", and run Dan Stewart for Governor.—Sweetwater Review.

An Essay on True Friendship.

True friendship is one of the golden threads that illumine our shadowed pathway. It is the key that unlocks and opens the door to unending and never dying love. When the whole world has turned to us a cold shoulder and frowns sarcastically upon us, what then do we most appreciate? Is it wealth or abundant riches? Oh no! It is the true sympathy, the tender flame of undying love—love that is not prompted by any selfish motive and which only a true friend can bestow; One whose

soothing words fall as balm upon our wounded hearts, and gladden our drooping spirits as the evening dew freshens the drooping heads of the vernal flowers. True friendship is like the rays of the morning sun as it lights up the dark, old world and gives it a tinge of loveliness and beauty.

The same duty friendship performs when it brightens and radiates life's uneven pathway. If it were not for the precious, little showers of gold-dust sifted from the silvery clouds of friendship the weary soul would often sink beneath its load of oppression and sorrow. A true friend is a watch that beats true for all time and never runs down, a bank of great credit from which we may draw supplies of confidence, counsel, sympathy, help and love; One who considers our need before our deserving; A jewel whose lustre the strong acids of poverty and misfortune cannot dim. One who smiles on our fortunes, frowns on our faults, sympathizes in our sorrow, weeps at our bereavements and is a safe fortress in all times of trouble. When we are separated from home and friends of our youth and placed among strangers—Oh! It is then that we appreciate and prize so highly this golden thread. Maybe we have never before fully realized the need of a true friend, but then it is that we thirst for a shower of the golden dust. If we would have true friends, we must be true friends, we must deal honestly and earnestly to attain this prize and the title "true as steel." A true friend is one that comes in when the whole world has gone out. Our truest friends are not always those who are most intimate with us. A person cannot be a true friend unless he possesses a true heart and an unchanging spirit. Then let us prove to those who we desire to befriend that we are true and unchangeable, let us give them to understand that we have in our hearts the rudiments of true friendship. Let us, when we have gained the topmost round of the ladder, still remember those who were our friends when we were on the ground, and if they chance to be at the bottom of the ladder, extend to them a helping hand—"A friend in need is a friend in deed." We ought never to consider ourselves better than those who are equally as good as we are. We must not consider a promise to a friend a light matter. If we want the confidence of a friend, we must prove ourselves worthy of that confidence—never make a promise that we do not expect to fulfill, let it make no difference who stand at your back or who promises to stand by your side, do not allow them to influence you to break the promise you have vowed to fulfill.

On the broad highway of action friends of worth are far and few and when one has found a friend, change not the old for the new. Let us not be more courteous to others than to our best friends because their apparel chances to be more costly and finer than that of a friend or because they may have attained a higher position in life than a friend has been able to reach, for the peasant garb often covers the truest and most noble hearts. A friend is one who tells you of your faults and follies in prosperity and assists you with his heart and hand in adversity—*one truer to me than I am to my self*—one who is a balance in the see-saw of life—one who guards another's interest as his own, and neither flatters nor deceives—one who combines for you alike the pleasures and solitudes of society. Friendship enhances devotion, creates love, begets patience

and completes self denial. We should be kind and generous to all we come in contact with. A friend is an earthly minister of heavenly happiness; he is like the ivy, the greater the rain the closer he clings.

One who to himself is true must be so to you—the same to-day, the same to-morrow, either in prosperity, adversity or sorrow.

MAGGIE ROSS.

Bronte Locals.

Cotton is coming up nicely. Born:—To Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Lucas April 25th; a daughter.

Born:—To Rev. R. M. Cumbie and wife on April 25th, a daughter.

Mr. James Hale and Miss Willie Jones were happily made man and wife on April 23.

Mr. Geo. Ainsworth and Miss Maud Fairley were married April 28th.

School Interest.

Many people oppose educating their children unless they intend to become teachers, lawyers, doctors or preachers.

Such an idea is in our opinion an erroneous one. We are endowed with a mind which no doubt God intended us to use and cultivate and the more we cultivate our minds, the more of God's laws and mysteries and creation we may understand.

Besides if education were general among all classes of the present generation, it would not be so difficult a task to educate the rising generations. An educated farmer may exert an influence upon his fellow creatures that could not be attained by any other person, and he may become a power in the turn of events that might astonish the world.

When no other person could be found to successfully defend Rome and the Roman people Cincinnatus the farmer received the white toga and was hailed dictator, saved Rome and his people.

After having accomplished this great task he returned to his field and plow to enjoy rustic life at his quiet home.

Solon one of the "Seven wise men" of Greece was so poor that he was compelled to earn his livelihood.

He became a renowned scholar and lawgiver, and because of his great scholarship and broad information he gave to the Grecians a code of laws which relieved them from bondage and oppression.

Many other examples may be produced showing what an influence educated laboring men have had upon the world, but we deem it unnecessary at present.

But generally speaking we may safely say that the principal leaders in government, the principal scholars, the principal editors, the principal teachers, principal physician and the principal ministers of the gospel have worked upon farm or toiled in other kinds of physical labor.

We do not say that farm work or other physical labor is dishonorable, but we believe that those honest persons by whose toil the wealth of the world is produced should be esteemed and honored as highly as any other class of people in existence.

But as a rule anyone whose natural abilities render him capable of making a good farmer could make a better farmer if educated and so with other callings.

If educated the doctor would be a more successful doctor, the editor a more successful editor, the lawyer a more successful lawyer

and the minister of the gospel a more successful minister.

(To Be Continued)
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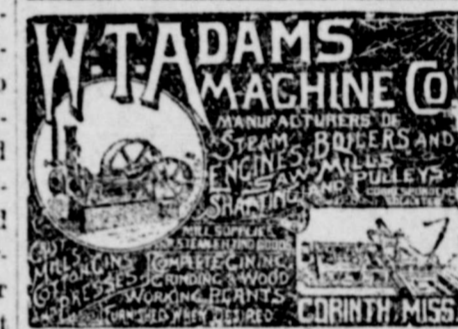
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COURTS.
District Court convenes 1st, Monday in April and November.
County Court convenes 1st, Monday May, August, November and February.
Commissioners Court convenes 2nd Monday in February, May, August, November.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

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

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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.

From Live Oak.

Mr. Editor:—I thought I would
write a short letter to the RUST-
LER. Live Oak Sunday school
is improving. Rev. Broyles made
the Sunday school a nice talk, we
welcome him back again.

Mrs. Jane Burr was sick last
week, but is improving.

Mr. D. J. Allen, of Hayrick, was
at Live Oak Sunday.

Miss Florence Winters, who
has been going to school at Rob-
ert Lee, has returned to her lov-
ed home at Live Oak.

Grass is fine in th's part of Coke.
Stock are doing well.

I will close my short letter,
hoping success to the RUSTLER.
Butter Cup.

Oiga Dots

I have been reading the Rustler
and thought I would write some.
Mr. C. D. Jones and Mr. Oscar
Sheppard returned from the I. T.
Sunday night. We were very
glad to know that they had come
back.

Brother Broyles preached at
New Hope Sunday and the house
was crowded.

Mr. M. Sheppard and Mr. R.
Johnston started to Colorado City
Monday after salt.

Miss Laura Winters, of Live
Oak, is visiting Mr. Sheppard's
family on Antelope; we wish her
a pleasant visit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McFarland
visited the Sunday school at Live
Oak Sunday.

We wish the Rustler good luck.
Flower Seed.

From Brother Fair

Comanche, Texas, Apr. 24th.
Mr. Editor:

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As it was my privilege to at-
tend the State Epworth League
Conference, at San Antonio Apr.
15 and 17th. I will give your
readers a few dots. We left
Brownwood on the morning of the
14th, was detained an hour at
Loreta on account of a freight
train being wrecked just ahead of
us. Our train took on passengers
at every depot till we were so
crowded that many of us had to
stand in the aisle, or take passage
in the smokers. I preferred stand-
ing to tobacco fume. We chang-
ed to the M. K. & T. at Temple.
Our train had eleven coaches and
each coach carried between 75
and 100 passengers:

Crowded does not express it,
the aisles and platforms between
the coaches had young men and
young ladies crowded onto them
to their utmost capacity. Some
sat on the steps with their feet
hanging down, but with all the
crowding and bumping against
each other they were the best hu-
mored crowd you ever saw, some
conversing and some singing—thus
they passed the time all day and
till 9 o'clock in the night, when
we reached the oldest city in the
United States—the great, histor-
ic city, San Antonio.

We passed through Austin a-
bout sun set—saw the state house
from the cars in the distance—
said to be the finest State house
in the United States.

The crowd in the Alamo city was
immense—12500 visitors added to
the 65000 inhabitants of the city.
The exercises were grand as you
can see in the papers that have
reported the meeting. We visit-
ed the old Alamo building—saw
where Travis, Crockett, Bowie
and 180 of us brave men as ever
lived sacrificed their lives for
Texas independence. I also vis-
ited the old Mexican woman, who
was in the siege while the battle
continued for five days and nights
She showed us a scar made by a
bayonet in the hands of a Mexi-
can soldier while she was attempt-
ing to raise up the brave Crockett
after he was shot down—she is 113
years old and is blind—the state
supports her. I visited many his-
toric places and saw many things,
too numerous to mention in the

space allowed me in your paper.
I visited the museum, saw the an-
imals, birds, snakes, frogs, swans,
insects, etc. Ask Charley Scar-
borough, Prof. J. L. Ross and
Brother Bates, who can tell you
more than I can write. I started
home Thursday night, traveled all
night and reached Temple about
day-break. Reached Brownwood
8.30 p. m. took good nights rest
and next morning greeted my fam-
ily.

Crops are good all the way to
San Antonio. There were oats for
sale on the Plaza grown this year.

Figs were nearly ripe.
San Antonio is a very fine town
and one of the most interesting
places I ever visited. Will close.
Success to the Rustler and Coke
county is the desire of your friend.
Geo. F. Fair.

Sanco News.

Sanco, Texas, Apr. 28, 1896.
Ed Rustler:—

We learned this morning through
your paper of the calamity which
has befallen you and your house
and we hereby extend condolence.

We are very much disappointed
this morning over not getting the
rain which seemed to be prom-
ised last night. We are needing
rain very much.

Mr. Charley Scarborough has
returned from his San Antonio
trip and his account of it makes
one regret not having been there.
On last Saturday night Charley,
Ira and Miss Saluda Bird went
up to Cedar Hill to attend the
closing entertainment of Mr. Smith
Bird's school. They brought Mr.
Smith home with them and he has
entered the Sanco school. Mrs.
Thurmond, Miss Josie Ross and
Mr. Bennie Ross attended church
here last Sunday. Singings are
the rage here now, recently they
had one at Mr. Payne, Mr. Crad-
ocks, Mr. Bafron's and Mr.
Greens.

Miss Mobley, of Lee, who has
been visiting at Judge Adams' re-
turned home Sunday.

Mr. Dan Byrne, who has been
absent from home for some time
returned last Friday.

Nobody.

From Hay Seed.

Ft. Chadbourne, Tex. Apr. 30-96.

EDITOR RUSTLER:
Our section is progressing as
well as could be expected owing
to the extreme dry weather.

Farmers are all well up with their
work. Corn is looking well, but
what cotton is up looks sickly.
On last Sunday Brother Boyett
preached at New Hope and organ-
ized a Primitive Baptist church.

Brother Cordell preached at
Rock Springs Saturday and Sun-
day to large audiences.

We had the pleasure of meeting
with one of the delegates that had
just returned from San Antonio,
where he went as a delegate to
the Epworth League conference.

He says that San Antonio is a
great city and he rode on the
street cars, went to Corpus Chris-
ta and took a four mile voyage on
the gulf and actually got back to
Coke with right side up with care.

The Third party club is fully or-
ganized at Rock Springs, but there
seems to be a lack of enthusiasm
in the party. Hayrick will meet
for organization Friday night. Mr.
Sam Hood of Nolan, is in our
neighborhood this week. News
is very scarce this week—none of
the boys married, but all are want-
ing to, but are waiting for the girl
to propose. Wishing much suc-
cess to valuable paper I am resp't.
Hay Seed.

Brother Bates preaches at
Bronte Sunday.

John Murtishaw gave the young
folks a hop Wednesday night.

Mrs. W. C. Merchant is visiting
relatives in Nolan county.

L. W. Field is recovering from
a severe bilious attack.

Not much interest taken in pol-
itics.

Jack Montie brought in a
load of corn yesterday.

Mr. Allen, of Coke county, was
here this week on a visit to his
daughter, Mrs. H. H. Mehell.—
Irion County Record.

Mr. M. E. Marshall, of Palestine
Texas, was in town Tuesday look-
ing for a residence and may lo-
cate his family here.

A ROUSING OLD TIME

IS WHAT THE STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE.

The Days Will Be Devoted to Business, and the Nights to Pleasure—Arrangements Have Been Made for the Entertainment of 500 Guests.

Fort Worth, Tex., April 27.—All preliminaries have been arranged and everything is in readiness for the entertainment of the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the State Medical Association, to convene here at 11 a. m. Tuesday. The guests are expected to begin arriving to-day.

Three days will be devoted to the transaction of business pertaining to the association and the nights to pleasure. The entertainment programme, apart from the addresses of welcome and visits to points of interest about the city, includes receptions at various residences Tuesday night and open house at the natatorium, where all will be accorded a plunge in sparkling, health-giving artesian water who may desire or feel in need of this luxury.

Wednesday night the city hall auditorium will be brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated and the general public will join with the visitors in listening to the annual address of the president and other exercises of general interest.

Thursday night an entertainment of a royal character will be given at the Worth hotel. The programme for this night includes a magnificent banquet, music, dancing, games, etc., and the beauty and chivalry of the city will join in rendering pleasant the evening for the guests of the city.

Ample arrangements have been made for the entertainment of 500 visitors and it is the general wish that at least that number will honor the city with their presence during the convention. Already telegrams and letters are arriving engaging rooms at the various hotels and indications are good for a splendid meeting in all respects. President P. C. Coleman and Secretary H. A. West are expected to arrive tomorrow, as well as members of the more important committees with reports to be made and yet to be prepared. The local programme of entertainment is now in the printers' hands and will be ready for distribution to-day.

Registered Arrest.

Naples, Tex., April 27.—The sheriff of Fannin county notified Deputy Sheriff Singletary that a county convict named Andy Waieman had escaped his custody. Singletary learned that Waieman had hired to a man named Davis near here. Last night he went out with a posse to arrest him. Waieman broke for the bottom on their approach. Singletary and his men followed in hot pursuit. After running some distance Waieman turned on them and opened fire from his pistol. From this there was a war-time skirmish for about ten minutes. After Waieman was downed, overpowered and disarmed, it was found that he had received a serious wound in the thigh. Vista McCoy was wounded in the knee by the first shot fired by Waieman. His wound is painful, but not serious. John Forsythe, another member of the posse, received a serious wound in the hip. Forsythe is the Democratic nominee for sheriff of Morris county. There were near thirty shots fired in the affray. Singletary left yesterday morning with his prisoner for Fannin county.

Sebastian Has Arrived.

Waco, Tex., April 27.—Sheriff John W. Baker and Deputy Sheriff Lee Davis reached here last night from Kentucky, having in charge John Sebastian, about whose extradition there was much controversy between Gov. Culbreth and Gov. Bradley. One of the reasons assigned for refusing to give a warrant for the removal of Sebastian to Texas was apprehension on the part of Sebastian that he would be lynched.

He is safely housed in jail, and the friends of Striping, whose death is alleged to have been caused by Sebastian, have assured Sheriff Baker that they do not and never did entertain a thought of doing Sebastian injury. The law will take its course. Sebastian has many friends in and around Waco.

Ambia Up-to-Date.

Ambia, Tex., April 27.—No rain for two weeks; a shower would be very acceptable. Farmers well up with their work. Splendid stands of corn, all plowed, as much planted as last year. Good stands of cotton and most of it plowed; an increase of about 5 per cent over last year. This section is well stocked with thoroughbred and graded hogs.

Smallpox at Queen City.

Queen City, Tex., April 27.—Five cases of smallpox have broken out six miles east of this point in a family who have been exposed to the disease below Shreveport. They are isolated and strongly quarantined. There is very little danger of spreading.

Their Last Session.

Dallas, Tex., April 25.—Yesterday at 10 o'clock the Dallas county teachers assembled at the court house for their last regular institute, which will close to-day.

Superintendent J. W. Bishop was in the chair.

Secretary J. D. Alexander read the minutes of the previous meeting, after which the teachers decided to choose the conductor, primary teacher and assistant in the summer normal to-day at 11 o'clock.

E. W. Dallas showed the relation of mental science to school work, and, assisted by those present, discussed many valuable topics pertaining to teaching.

J. R. Johnson, by questions, succeeded in eliciting the general notion of an ideal school house and its surroundings.

Miss Emma Ganzer read a brief but excellent critique on the first act of "All's Well That Ends Well." She analyzed the characters of the dramatic personnel that appear in this act in a way that was interesting and pleasing. Many teachers complimented her on the excellent manner in which she reviewed the play.

The institute then adjourned until 1 o'clock, when Superintendent J. W. Bishop, using the teachers as a class, illustrated the presentation of discount to pupils. From the members he obtained definitions and explanations on the topics of the following outline:

1. True discount.
 - (a) Present worth.
 - (b) Discount.
 2. Bank discount.
 - (a) Proceeds.
 - (b) Discount.
 3. Three cases:
 - (a) Notes or drafts without interest, and discounted on the day the note or draft is drawn.
 - (b) Notes discounted some time between the day when drawn and maturity.
 - (c) The same when bearing interest.
 4. Problems.
- Examples were solved and explained illustrating the above cases, after which the institute adjourned until 8:30 o'clock, when a musical programme was rendered at the Oak Cliff opera house.

Masonic School Instruction.

Greenville, Tex., April 25.—The Masonic school of instruction, which has been in session here for three days, closed last evening, with a public meeting, at which addresses were made of Brother J. Schoonover, right worshipful; Sam R. Hamilton, grand junior warden of the grand lodge of Texas, and Judge A. H. Homer, of this city. Music was supplied by the choir of the First Presbyterian church. The meeting was under the direction of District Deputy Grand Master K. L. Lowenstein.

Murdered and Concealed.

Hempstead, Tex., April 25.—The body of a young farmer was found in Brushy creek, about twelve miles east of Hempstead, this evening, showing unmistakable signs that he had been shot and thrown into the place. The deceased mysteriously disappeared from his home a week or ten days ago, and was supposed to have left the county until the remains were found. Sheriff Sterling left here for the scene, to make an investigation and arrest suspected parties.

Called Out and Shot.

Marshall, Tex., April 25.—Wednesday night a negro, living near Washom, had some trouble with a negro woman named Callie Jones, living at the same place. He went home, got his shotgun, and going to her house, called her to the door and killed her. Sheriff Bell, Jack Allen and Constable Eberidge left for the scene of the tragedy, but up to this morning had not captured the negro. The trouble originated over some cotton.

Garity Rifles.

Corsicana, Tex., April 25.—The sixth annual meeting of the Garity rifles was held in their armory last night. The following officers were elected: Captain, P. C. Townsend; first lieutenant, D. P. Talley; second lieutenant, J. W. McGill; adjutant Lieutenant, S. B. Robinson; secretary, Charles A. Davis; surgeon, Clay Johnson; chaplain, H. M. V. King; historian, W. R. Hotsey.

Run Down by a Train.

Galveston, Tex., April 25.—A brakeman on a gravel train of the Santa Fe was run over at Thompson Switch, about fifty miles from Galveston. His name was William Martson. Several cars passed over him before the train was stopped. Martson was married in this city few days ago.

Died in Jail.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., April 25.—A negro convict, sentenced from DeKal county to four years in the penitentiary, transferred to this county to answer to the charges of theft of cattle, died in the county jail last night. It is supposed he died from heart failure.

DYED A CRIMSON RED,

WAS THE GROUND AFTER THE MAXIM AND HOTCHKISS

Had Got in Its Deadly Work—Mowed the Matabeles Down in an Awful Manner—Close to One Column an Observer Counted Forty Natives Dead.

Cape Town, April 27.—The news of Saturday's events in Buluwayo show that the Matabeles are displaying great boldness and energy in the pursuit of their purpose to surround the town completely and cut off all communication with the outside world. On Saturday morning it was found that the hostile forces of natives had surrounded the town on the north, east and west, their ranks being much too close to the town to allow any freedom of action by those within.

These lines were being energetically extended in both directions and threatened to close in on the south and cut off communications with Mangwe and Mafeking, along which the expected reinforcements and supplies of provisions are coming. The pickets of the enemy were found to be in no case beyond four miles distant from the Buluwayo lines, and they were giving lively evidence of their improved knowledge of military strategy over that displayed in the war of Lobengula by the way in which they were throwing up rude fortifications and earthwork protections, behind which the native warriors could resist the charge of the whites. They threatened thus to work an approach to the town, which was speedily putting the place in jeopardy.

Immediate steps were perceived to be necessary to dislodge the lines of the enemy and drive them back. A column for attack was hastily formed, consisting of 100 whites, 100 Cape "boys" and 100 natives. They were supplied with one Maxim and one Hotchkiss rapid fire gun, and were placed in command of Capt. MacFarland. They were speedily ready for an offensive movement, and thus commanded and equipped, they sallied forth from the Buluwayo defenses on Saturday morning. They took a direction northeasterly from the town, in the direction of the Umuza river. They had proceeded only about five miles on this course, advancing cautiously, with scouts in advance and outriders on each side, when the enemy opened the attack. The Matabele force numbered at less than 3,000 and their attack was eager and well directed.

The engagement that ensued was a hot and desperate one, and dark leaping bodies seemed to spring up as fast as they were mowed down. The Buluwayo force kept the river in their immediate front. The firearms did heavy execution among the hostile natives as they rushed up the opposite bank. This only partly checked their onslaught, and many gained the side on which the whites stood. These were charged by the troops and cut down or driven back into the stream. When the Matabeles in front were finally driven back they were seen to have sustained a heavy loss. The river was dyed a dark crimson with the blood of the victims of the Maxim gun. One observer counted forty dead lying in a small creek close to the column.

Minnie Allen's Confession.

Waupun, Wis., April 27.—The confession of Minnie Allen, the convict, that she murdered Montgomery Gibbs at Buffalo, in April, 1894, has been repeated by her before the state board of control. A letter from W. W. Spenser, of Buffalo, says he has been retained as attorney by the Robinsons, serving life sentences for the crime, to secure their release.

The confession of Minnie Allen is that she met Gibbs in California and was seduced. Gibbs refused to marry her, and she lost trace of him. In April, 1894, she was at the new Tift house in Buffalo, and in that city met Gibbs. On the night of the murder he took her to the theater. They left early, and while on Delaware avenue she again asked him to marry her. He refused, and she asked him for his revolver. He handed her the weapon, and she shot him, threw the weapon beside his body and went to the hotel, going from there to New York. At the Imperial Hotel in that city she left her trunk. She came west, was arrested in LaPorte, Ind., for the crime, was released because she successfully feigned insanity; came to Racine and was arrested and sentenced. She went to Buffalo after the arrest of the Robinsons to confess, but thinking they would not be convicted she came west. She did not learn of their sentence until in Waupun prison.

One Killed, One Injured.

Cincinnati, O., April 27.—A special from Dayton, O., says: A cut of five coal cars from the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton yards dashed into the union depot at 9 o'clock last night, striking a sleeper on the east-bound Pennsylvania express. C. O. Grief of Cleveland was killed and Phillip Netter of New York had his leg broken.

Scott Jackson's Trial.

Cincinnati, O., April 27.—The trial of Scott Jackson, at Newport, Ky., has consumed five days. Fifty-two witnesses have been examined. The prosecution has about twelve more to examine. Among these are the negro George H. Jackson, who claims to have driven the cab that took the murderers to the spot where Pearl Bryan's body was found. Chester Mullen, the man who rented the cab that was gone all night of Friday, January 31, will be another witness. Col. Detsch, chief of Cincinnati police, who made several examinations of Jackson and Walling in private, as well as in public, will be examined. Will Woods, the friend of Jackson, and the second cousin of Pearl Bryan, will be recalled and subjected, no doubt, to a fierce ordeal of cross examination in connection with certain affidavits in the hands of the defense as to his admissions in Greencastle and Indianapolis of improper relations with the dead girl, extending from early in 1895.

It is thought the policy of the defense will be not to make strong resistance, but to rely on chances of error upon taking it up to the court of appeals. Others think the defense will exert itself to the utmost. If this should prove true, an attempt may be made to prove an alibi. The defense will attempt to impeach the testimony of Will Wood and George H. Jackson, should the latter repeat the story told by him and published several weeks ago.

Jackson will probably be examined to-day. It is likely Will Wood will not be recalled until wanted by the defense to answer questions, more especially in regard to certain depositions. The week promises to abound the most startling testimony of the trial.

It is unlikely the case will go to the jury this week. The court has shown its anticipation of a protracted trial by changing the time for hearing the case of Alonzo Walling from May 5 to May 12.

House Forecast.

Washington, April 27.—The house having disposed of all the appropriation bills, will devote the balance of the session, except such portions as are consumed by conference reports, to clearing up such matters as opportunity.

The Pickler general appropriation bill will be voted on to-day if the clamor for more time for debate is not too inopportune. Mr. Pickler, however, believes a vote can be obtained to-day. The measure will probably receive every Republican and quite a number of Democratic votes.

It has been agreed that the bill to empower the president to restore John M. Quackenbush as a commander in the navy shall be taken up on Tuesday. Commander Quackenbush was court-martialed and dismissed from the navy in 1894 on charges of excessive intoxication. He has now reached the age when, had he not been dismissed, he would be retired.

The house has also agreed to take up the bankruptcy bill this week and devote three days to its consideration. Should these three measures be disposed of before the end of the week, there are several contested election cases pending.

Of course everything will have to give way if conference reports on appropriation bills are presented.

Lynched Both of Them.

Nashville, Tenn., April 27.—At midnight Saturday night a mob of armed men about fifteen strong entered the jail at McMinnville, dragged the jailer from his bed and forced him to give up the cell keys. William and Victor Hills were then taken from the jail, carried on horseback five miles from McMinnville and both were hanged. Before the mob succeeded in removing their victims from the jail they had a hard fight with them, but were overpowered. The mob came from Van Buren county, where the lynched men lived. The prisoners murdered in 1894 in Van Buren county Carroll Martin at his home, the purpose being robbery. Two trials in the lower courts and one in the supreme court have been held and the cases were set for trial next week again. The prisoners have been held in the jail at McMinnville for safe keeping and no attempt at lynching was expected.

Husband Charged With Murder.

La Plata, Md., April 27.—Joseph Coking, husband of Mrs. Fannie Coking and brother-in-law of Miss Daisy Miller, who were murdered in their homes at Hill Top on Thursday night, was placed under arrest yesterday, after a jury of inquest rendered a verdict that in their opinion he was guilty of the double murder. Last night Coking was locked up here at a hotel, and will be taken to Baltimore to-day. Detective Gault of Baltimore found a pair of blood-stained pants under Coking's pillow this afternoon. The suspected man has been nugging his pallet ever since being under surveillance, and Gault's discovery was the result of insistence that he should get up.

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Dear Sir:
You are entitled to receive **FREE** from your wholesale dealer, **WHITE STAR SOAP** with all the **Blackwell's Genuine Durham Smoking Tobacco** you buy. One bar of soap free with each pound, whether 16 oz., 8 oz., 4 oz., or 2 oz., packages.

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Yours very truly,

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If you have any difficulty in procuring your soap, cut out this notice and send it with your order to your wholesale dealer.

**Best Quality!
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That's All.

A "She" Ticket.

The women of Spring Hill, Kan., have nominated by petition a municipal ticket composed of women. They stand a fair chance of winning at the election. Their ticket is as follows: For mayor, Mrs. Louise Holdrien; police judge, Mrs. Laura Anderson; councilmen, Mrs. Addie Snyder, Mrs. Laura Rutter, Mrs. Mattie Robinson, Mrs. N. Dillon and Mrs. Dora Rudy.

A smart woman gets around all of her husband's objections.

Perhaps one of your great weaknesses is that you talk too much.

Better Than Refined Gold

Is bodily comfort. This unspeakable boon is denied to many unfortunates for whose ailments Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a promptly helpful remedy. The dyspeptic, the rheumatic, the nervous, person troubled with biliousness or chills and fever, should lose no time in availing themselves of this comprehensive and genial medicine. It promotes appetite and nightly slumber.

We never knew a mother who was not sorry for her married son.

Mr. E. R. Sanders, Lovelady, Tex., says: "I took two bottles of Brown's Iron Bitters for Torpid Liver and disordered blood and it benefited me greatly. The first bottle was worth ten times the cost of it."

Some people walk so straight that they lean backwards.

CROWNED AT OLYMPIA.

Honors to the Victors in the Grecian Athletic Contests.

Immediately after each contest the successful athlete appeared before the judges and received a palm-branch, and his name was heralded before the assembled throng. But at the close of all the contests, on the final day of the festival, the much-coveted prizes were distributed. Into the Altis at early morning streamed the long, joyous procession, headed by the judges, the religious and civil authorities, and the public guests, escorting the now brilliantly clad athletes and victorious horses bedecked with flowers. The song they sang was a song of victory by Archilochus, which began: "Hail to thee, powerful Hercules, conqueror in the games, and to thee also, Iolaus, both famed for the spear! Tenella, tenella! All hail to the victor!"

A little boy from the priestly class had already cut with a golden knife some branches from the olive tree planted by Hercules, and crowns made from these branches had been exposed in the temple of Hera upon a beautiful chryselephantine table made by Colotes. The crowns were then brought to the temple of Zeus, where, before the representatives of all Greece, the judges, clad in purple, crowned the heads of the victorious athletes. This Olympic crown, as the supreme reward of Greek ambition, is well expressed in the story of Diogenes. Himself a victor in the games, he returned in his old age to Olympia with his two sons. Both bore off a prize, and then ran and caught their father on their shoulders as the crowd of pilgrims pelted them with flowers. "Die, Diogenes," they cried; "for thou hast nothing more to live for!" With a sigh of joy the old man expired.

The crowning of Olympia did not end the victors' glory. Their statues were made by the most famous sculptors, their portraits painted by the most skillful artists, their deeds glorified in verse. They were feasted and maintained at public expense, received seats of honor at the theater, and were cherished as gods in the hearts of their countrymen. As Pindar has well expressed it, "He that overcometh hath, because of the games, a sweet tranquility throughout his life forevermore."—"The Old Olympic Games," by Prof. Allan Marquand, in the Century.

TIES OF BROTHERHOOD.

They Are Often Very Irksome, Says Novelist Howells.

Perhaps one reason why people dislike the notion of human brotherhood so much is because the ties of kindred are often made so irksome. Society holds you to account for your brother's behavior, and even for his character, as if you had invented it, or at least favored it; and his children can bring your children to shame by their misconduct, though they may never have seen one another.

It is hardly enough, on the other hand, that you receive a sort of reflected glory from your brother's excellence or celebrity; you are then expected to live up to him, and that may be another hardship if you have not his talent or temperament. You feel that you are fitly answerable for your son in a measure, though his great-grandfather on the other side, if he could be got at, might sometimes be much more justly made to suffer; but you do not feel that you are fitly answerable for your brother, and you feel that it is cruel of society to hold you so. If he is stupid or tiresome, people will shrink from you, as if you partook of his character because you partake of his origin. Often you do partake of his character. Brothers are often alike; but often they are intensely unlike in tastes, habits, manners, dispositions, temperaments. Often you shall be truly the brother of a man whom you have met rather late in life, and whom you like because he is of kindred nature, while in your heart you may fail to like the brother who is merely of kindred origin. Yet if one allowed the brother of one's blood to come to want or disgrace, society would hold one infamous. If it were the brother of one's soul, society would have nothing to say.

Birthplace of Queen Margaret.

While her father, Charles of Orleans, was duke of Angouleme, Margaret of Valois was born within the walls—the sister of Francis I., the grandmother of Henry IV., the Margaret of the "Heptameron," la Marguerite des Marguerites, Ravaillac, the assassin of Henry IV., was also born there, and Jean Louis Balzac—the Balzac of the seventeenth, not of the nineteenth, century; and to match Montaigne, the great essay writer whom Periguen honors, Angouleme boasts of the great man-maker, La Rochefoucauld, whose ancestral castle still exists only a few miles away.

She Keeps Him Busy.

A man is no busier in making money than his wife is in spending it. A certain Atechison man may be seen on the streets any day rushing around trying to make money, and not far away you may usually see his wife rushing around trying to spend it.—Atchison Globe.

Strikes at the Root—When you take **BROWN'S IRON BITTERS** you find it strikes at the root of the disease. That's the secret of its mighty success. Whatever the symptoms, **BROWN'S IRON BITTERS** attacks the cause—speedily, vigorously, effectively—and the symptoms vanish.

GUARANTEE.
Purchase money refunded should **BROWN'S IRON BITTERS**, taken as directed, fail to benefit any person suffering with Dyspepsia, Malaria, Chills and Fever, Kidney and Liver Troubles, Biliousness, Female Infirmities, Impure Blood, Weakness, Nervous Troubles, Headache or Neuralgia. **BROWN CHEMICAL CO., Baltimore, Md.**

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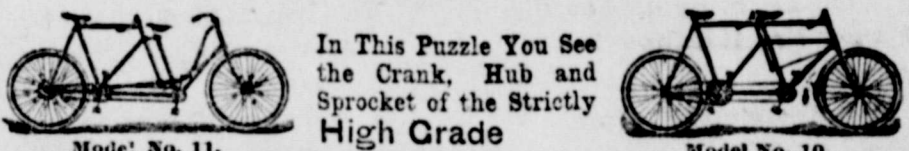
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Work the Pedals of Your Brain.



Narrow Tread RACYCLE Price, \$100.00

The only Machine made without Leverage and Friction and with Sprocket and Chain running between bearings, which are in the hubs of the cranks, 3 1/4 inches apart. If you intend to ride a wheel, **RIDE THE BEST.** The discount makes **THE BEST, THE CHEAPEST.**

TO SOLVE THE PUZZLE. Mark an "R" or "D" on the forelead of each wheel in the puzzle. Cut out puzzle and return to us with your name, address, model of wheel, and height of frame desired. The more correct and prompt the return of your solution the greater discount we will allow you. We want a few Racycles in your locality at once as advertisements.

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—EVERY SHOE STAMPED—
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MADE FOR
Men, Women & Children.
ASK YOUR DEALER FOR THEM.

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Address COOK REMEDY CO., 307 Masonic Temple, CHICAGO, ILL. COOK REMEDY CO.

RODS For tracing and locating Gold or Silver Ore lost or hidden treasures. M. D. FOWLER, Box 537, Southington, Conn.
Agents Wanted for THE MODERN BANKER the great reform novel, Sample No. C. H. BEEB & CO., 26 1/2th Ave., CHICAGO.
FISO'S CURE FOR CURE WHILE ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.
CONSUMPTION

LOCAL CHIPS.

Prof. H. T. Carter was in town Thursday rustling plows.

W. W. Sumrall, of Olga, was in town Thursday.

Mr. I. J. Good was circulating among friends in town Thursday.

Well Supplies, Hagelsteins Angelo.

Frank Robinson is mingling with the town boys this week.

Eclipse Repairs at B. L. Wilson Angelo.

Ed Goods family have measles. Mowers at Hagelstein San Angelo.

J. R. Patterson did some surveying for L. B. Harris Thursday.

Prof. J. L. Ross was in town Friday evening.

Wire, at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Cap. Hood and little son, of Valley Creek, were in town Thursday night.

Eclipse Mill at E. L. Wilson, Angelo.

Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Johnston on April, 26th, a fine boy.

To Prof. W. B. Jones and wife last week, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Maddox, last week, a fine daughter.

Implements at Hagelsteins, Angelo.

Prayer meeting at Judge Brightman's next Wednesday night.

Aermotors at Hagelsteins Angelo.

Ralph Harris, of San Angelo was in town Wednesday.

Messrs. Wm. Childress and J. A. Green were in the city Wednesday.

Hacks at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Look through our columns and read some new advertisements in this issue.

Glassware at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Mr. E. P. Perry's family have recovered from the measles.

Tinware at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Ed Good is up again after having pulled through a case of measles.

Wagons at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Lum Hudson was in town yesterday.

Prof. Thomas is acting post master while Mr. Hamilton is at his ranch.

Hardware at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

Wily Byrd was in town Thursday and reported sheep to be o. k.

If you owe the RUSTLER on an advertisement come in and pay it.

Mr. I. J. Good informs us that they will have a picnic up in his country next Thursday.

Read Mrs. Ingram's card in this issue and call and inspect her stock of millinery.

Binders at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

Commissioners court met last Monday and approved the tax collectors final report, which was a good one.

Eggies at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

IMPERIAL HARPS

are the best in the market that can be sold for 25 or 30 cents, they are true and full in tone, each blowing and durable.

CALL FOR THEM.
Merchants and Dealers supplied. Send for trade price.
GEO. ALLEN,
San Angelo, Texas.
Agent for Western Texas.
For Sale in Robert Lee J. T. Hamilton.

**CALL ON
PROBANT & CO.
OF SAN ANGELO TEXAS.
FOR YOUR
DRY GOODS, GROCERIES
AND
GENERAL MERCHANDISE**

For a nice, quiet room with home comforts, go to the OAKS. Use of bath rooms free of charge.

The Bronte school closes next Friday with an entertainment that night, and all are invited to attend and enjoy themselves. Remember they always make a success of everything at Broute.

Brother Cumble preached at the court house here Tuesday night and will preach here again Thursday night after the second Sunday in May.

Prof. Gid Graham came down from Olgo Thursday on land business.

Call on Murphy & Branch for Cheap Goods. We have just opened up business on Chadbourne St., at the Chris & Geo. Hagelsteins Old Stand.

Advertise in the Rustler.
THE CENTRAL WAGON YARD
Ballinger, Texas,
is the place to put up at when in BALLINGER.
Accommodations first-class, and charges Reasonable.
D. A. CAMERON,
Proprietor.

NOTICE.

I have now closed out my grocery business in Robert Lee and those who are indebted to me are requested to come in at once and pay up or make other satisfactory arrangements.
Respectfully,
B. F. Montgomery.

Valley View school suspended last Friday to be taken up again in June.

THE OLD WAY

Is good enough for some store keepers, but it does not suit us at all. We believe in new methods, new goods, new bargains, new everything. It used to be the fashion to

ADVERTISE GOODS BELOW COST.

We never do that because it is so absurd and untrue, but we do sell mighty close to cost as the following random specimens Dry Good bargains will prove to you.

- Any calico in the house 4c per yard.
- 36 inch bleached domestic 4c per yard.
- Good quality cotton check 4 1-2c per yard.
- Lustrel—A beautiful new spring dress goods 7c per yard.
- Crepon—All shades 6 1-2c per yard.
- Figured challi 3 1-2c per yard.
- White lawn 4 cents per yard
- Ladies black hoes 5c per pair.
- Children's double ribbed hose 5c per pair.
- 6 papers of pins for 5c.
- 2 papers needles for 5c.
- 12 doz (china) buttons for 5c.
- Good (dress and apron styles) gingham 5c per yard.
- Checked nainsook 5c per yard.

L. Schwariz & Co.

M. ALEXANDER, Managing Partner,
SAN ANGELO TEXAS,

Millinery And Dress Making.

I have a Select line of Millinery Goods now opened up in the lower part of Odd Fellows building, I am now ready to wait on any and all who may want anything in that line, also careful attention paid to Dress Making

MRS. M. B. INGRAM,
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Joe Green, of Sanco, came to town Wednesday and was put under bond for disturbing the peace at Sanco some time since.

We regret that the lack of space compels us to postpone the publication of two or three contributions this week.

Hilton had a barbecue last week.

Prof. Frank E. Thomas, cousin to ye local, was up from Robert Lee on a visit since our last—Roby Banner.

The happy, jolly, go-easy-I-dont-care-a-cent-no-how J. B. Morris, of Ft. Chadbourne, called in to see us Thursday evening.

John Barron returned from Ballinger Thursday, and reports that flourishing little city quiet.

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.

Died.

On Friday night of the 24th, at the residence of George Knyken dall, this county, Mr. T. Latham died, and was buried at the cemetery on the evening following. Mr. Latham was a very old man, and had been a member of the Methodist Protestant church for forty-five years. Rev. L. H. Brightman will preach his funeral at Wild Cat school house at 11 o'clock Sunday May the 10th. The RUSTLER extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends.

Residence For Sale.

One of the best residences in Robert Lee for sale for only \$300. \$100 in cash, the balance on easy terms.

Good, roomy house, well finished and painted; 2 lots fenced; both cistern and well, good lots, stables and other improvements. Buy before the bargain is called in. Apply at this office.

Mr. G. W. Webb informs us that his orchard, at Ft. Chadbourne, is well filled with fruit.

Greer county has been annexed Oklahoma.

We are wanting to close out the Stock of Dry-Goods we have on hand. So call on us and Get Prices before going elsewhere.
Murphy & Branch.

W. E. Ingram and family, of San Angelo, moved into town Wednesday and Mrs. Ingram will soon open up a millinery establishment.

Crews & McGregor, Furniture Dealers and undertakers, will sell you an Organ or Piano cheaper than anyone else and on easy terms. Call on or write them at Ballinger, Texas. 2t

B. F. Montgomery has traded for an interest in the J. T. Hamilton ranch, on Boozier, consisting of four sections of land, and will move to the same. It is with regret that Robert Lee gives up this most estimable family.

Crews & McGregor at Ballinger will sell you a first Class Sewing Machine, under a five years guarantee, for \$25. 2t

Notice.

Committee will let the building of the M. E. Church South at Robert Lee, Thursday, May 7, '96 in the county clerks office at one o'clock p. m.

The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The one who obtains the contract will be required to give a thousand and dollar bond.

Ed Mobley,
Committee } J. E. Stewart,
 } J. W. Reed.

To The School Trustees of Coke County.

You will hereby take notice that the scholastic census must be taken and returned to this office by the first Monday in June. Please call and get blanks and attend to this as soon as possible.
Respectfully,
L. H. Brightman,
County Judge Coke Co.

W. C. Hayley turned over the treasurers office and effects to J. A. Gardner Tuesday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS 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 Officer.....5.00
Precinct Officers.....2.50

For County Judge.

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.

We are authorized to announce Mace Davis as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke County at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce J. D. O'Daniel Sr. as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

For Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce Frank Robinson as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County.

We are authorized to announce H. E. Johnston as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

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.

We are authorized to announce L. B. Murray as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples 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.

For County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce J. A. Gardner Sr. a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Coke County.

Notice.

I will stand the Brooks Jack at my ranch near Hayrick this season \$7.50, insurance, \$5.00 by the season. I will also stand the McKenzie Horse \$7.00 for insurance and \$5.00 for season; Best horse and Jack in the county. Come and see for yourself.
R. R. SMITH.

Stoves at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.

POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

For the following political conventions, the Santa Fe will make round trip rates of one fare from all of its Texas and Indian Territory points.

National Prohibition Convention, Pittsburg Pa. May 27th, '96.
National Republican Convention, St. Louis, Mo. June 16th, 1896.
National Peoples Convention, St. Louis, Mo. July 22nd, 1896.

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W. S. Keenan,
General Passenger agent.
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Shaving, Shampooing, Hair Cutting etc., done in the best of style. When needing work done in his line call on him

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A full stock of Flour, Meal, Bacon, Molasses, Sugar, Coffee and a full line of
STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES
always in stock, to sell at closest figures.
Handle Country Produce. All goods guaranteed full weight and first class. Will treat you right. Come see me
B. F. MONTGOMERY.

The Second-Hand Furniture Store

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

Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald,
Opposite L. Schwartz & Co's.,
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LEE HOTEL.

Fare \$1 Per Day.

Best Fare, Good, Nice Beds and Polite Attention
Given our Guests.

R. P. PERRY, Pro.,

Polk Livery Stable

I have bought the POLK LIVERY STABLE and every

Buggy, Hack and Harness

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

J. R. SIMPSON.
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Better Bargains for the Cash than any other house in town.

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All Kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good Brick Camp House. The Best Attention to Customers. The best Accommodations For The Least Money. We Appreciate Your Trade.
East of Nimitz Hotel.

Geo. D. Williams,

AGENT FOR

MATHUSEK, HALLET & DAVIS, McCOMMON, and other leading
High-Grade Pianos,
CHICAGO COTTAGE ORGANS, GENUINE SINGER SEWING MACHINES,
Abilene Texas.

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 Changed 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.
CURRIE BROS.
Ballinger, Texas.

GOOD NEWSPAPERS AT A VERY LOW PRICE.

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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This gives you three papers a week, or 156 papers a year, for a ridiculously low price.

Send 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 DAY.

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.

Burns & Bell, DRY-GOODS, CLOTHING, GROCERIES AND MERCHANT TAYLORING.

When in COLORADO give us a trial.

COLORADO - - - - TEXAS.

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CALL ON

D. S. ARNOLD & CO.,
Groceries & Hardware.

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BLACK SMITH AND WOODWORKMAN.

Will make new and repair old wagons and carriages

Knife Blades of all kind made to order.

PLOW WORK A SPECIALTY

Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed to be first class.

East side square. Sweetwater Texas.

Robert Lee & San Angelo

STAGE & EXPRESS LINE.

SINGLE TRIP \$1.50 ROUND 2.50

Good Horses, Hacks and fast time a specialty.

Orders left at R. E. HARRIS & Bro. San Angelo, or J. T. HAMILTON'S, Robert Lee will receive prompt attention.

Reasonable charges on all packages or freight.

Don Green, Proprietor.



J. J. VESTAL.

Blacksmith and Wheel-Wright

South East Center Square. - - - ROBERT LEE TEXAS

SOMETHING NEW.

My goods have now arrived.

I have in stock a full line of

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CARTRIDGES, WAGONS AND BUGGIES.

COFFINS AND UNDERTAKERS GOODS.

All Kinds Of Tin Work Done To Order.

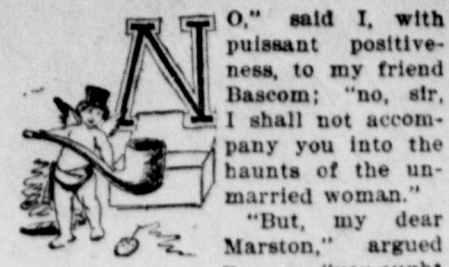
We most Respectfully solicit your continued patronage.

BURROUGHS & CO.

South West Corner Of Square.

ROBERT LEE - - - TEXAS.

THE STUDY OF WOMEN



"O," said I, with pleasant positiveness to my friend Bascom; "no, sir, I shall not accompany you into the haunts of the unmarried woman."

"But, my dear Marston," argued Bascom, "you ought to go. Of course, you are a bachelor of 50—"

"Touch lightly on that point, please," said I.

"Society might make a fad of you as a novelty."

"And again, my dear Bascom, it might not."

"However, whether it does or not, I want you to get out of the rut of bachelorhood and go with me."

"You are very kind."

"For a variety, old man. Will you go?"

"As I said in the beginning, I now repeat, 'No, sir.'"

Bascom had been married for several years, and I had his frequent assurance that his entire married life was nothing more or less than a path of silver sunshine, through a golden garden of roses. It was a charming metaphor, but it fell upon unappreciative ears, for I knew that Bascom had written poetry in his youth, and in addition to that, he was married, and I knew what all married men had to say to bachelors of matrimony, as they had found it. It was simply sugar spread upon an uncertain condition in order to catch such unwary flies as might be attracted thereby.

"Well, well," he said, "have it your own way. I am sure I can stand it if you can; but, say, will you join me over Sunday at my own house? I've told my wife about you, and she is so anxious to see you that she commissioned me to invite you out for Sunday."

Bachelor or no bachelor, I could not afford to be a boor, and to slight such an invitation as this was inexcusable. So I began to hedge a bit.

"My dear Bascom," I said, apologetically, "why didn't you tell me you wanted me to go to your own house?"

"Well, it hadn't just occurred to me, I guess," and he laughed.

"Of course," I went on, "it is quite a different thing to go there than to go—"

"Then you'll go," he interrupted, with such an interest that I became suspicious.

"Are there to be any of the gay and giddy throng about?" I asked.

"Summer girls and such?" he replied.

"Mostly."

"Then I'll be frank with you and say there is not one on the place."

"Under these circumstances, then, I'll go."

"Good for you, old man!" he exclaimed, clapping me on the back. "I'll go and telegraph my wife you will come up with me Saturday evening."

Then he went out of my office to send his dispatch.

It was about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon when he reached his home in the country, three hours earlier than his usual time of arrival, as he had taken me out at that hour so we might have a little loafing spell before dinner, and as the day was unusually fine in the country and as it had not been pleasant in the heated town, I was glad enough that he had been so thoughtful.

It was delightful under the big trees of his dooryard—he objected to calling it a lawn—and when he brought out a couple of great, juicy mint juleps, and we sat there browsing upon them I don't think I ever felt more at peace with the world than I did at that very moment.

Later Mrs. Bascom, a dainty little woman, with three as pretty children as children can be pretty to a bachelor

in the country, and though I was in good sleeping trim and my conscience was in perfect order, somehow I lay awake thinking what a lonesome sort of life a bachelor's life was, and how much cozier and pleasanter a woman could make a man's life, even if she hadn't more than half the chance.

After a long time I slept and dreamed dreams in which there were summer girls and other disturbing elements, and when I awoke in the morning, in response to Bascom's knock, I was my old self again and laughed at the very idea of a woman as a life companion.

During Sunday I had several very interesting talks with Mrs. Hilman, and by night again I was worse than I was the night before, and began wondering why it was that some men were so much luckier than others, and also whether there was much chance of Mr. Hilman departing this life and being laid to rest with his fathers, I knew of a number of pleasant churchyards where I thought Mr. Hilman might be accommodated with quarters indefinitely, and I felt that I could attend his funeral with much pleasure, though, as a rule, I abhorred funerals.

"Well, old man," said Bascom, as we took the train for town Monday morning, "I hope you enjoyed yourself."

"I never had a pleasanter outing in my life," I answered, with such sincerity that he actually blushed, "and you have my thanks in all their amplitude."

"I'm glad you liked it, for more reasons than one," and he smiled rather curtly.

"Oh, yes, I know," I said, with a laugh. "You think that after my experience of the last forty-eight hours my views on the woman question will undergo a radical change?"

He nodded and smiled at my profundity of observation.

"Fess up, now, Marston," he said, "haven't your views changed somewhat by what you have lived in for even so short a time?"

"Well," I replied, picking my way carefully, "I am willing to say that as far as your household is concerned, the prospect is more pleasing than I thought it could be."

"And would you say the Hilman household were any less pleasing than mine?" This was a nudge and a chuckle that I thought quite uncalled for in view of the fact that Mrs. Hilman was a married woman, and I had no right to express undue admiration for her or her household, and which made the blood rush into my face.

"Of course, that must be included," I said, trying to laugh off my embarrassment. "And still," I continued, "that is only two, and there are millions which one wouldn't care to praise."

"What are they to you?" he retorted, "You are not hunting for the millions but the one."

"Apparently I am not hunting one with a great degree of success."

"But you should, and now you have positive proof that the life is not as black as it is painted."

"It's very easy for you to talk," I contended warmly. "You have called a lucky turn and so has Hilman. But you have exhausted the supply. Now if I could get such a woman as Mrs. ——" But I stopped short, for I was about to make a discrimination which was hardly complimentary to my host, and I didn't want to do that.

"Go on," he urged, good naturedly. "I don't care if you say Mrs. Hilman. Anybody could see that you had a leaning that way. Even my wife wasn't at all envious of her sister."

"Very well," I submitted, "say Mrs. Hilman. If I could find such a woman as Mrs. Hilman, I am not at all sure that my mind would not undergo a change, and that I could not be persuaded to throw off a few of the trammels of bachelorhood."

Bascom let off a gasp that not only startled me, but it shocked me as well, for I thought I had said something I shouldn't have said.

"What's the matter, man?" I asked, much alarmed.

"That's it," he continued to laugh. "What's the matter with Mrs. Hilman?"

I was much more disturbed than ever at this queer inquiry.

"What do you mean?" I asked, taking him by the collar.

"Why, old fellow, if Mrs. Hilman is your ideal and you think you could be happy with that kind of a woman, why don't you avail yourself of your opportunities and take Mrs. Hilman?"

"Wha—wha—wha—why—why—" I stammered, utterly upset.

"Oh, there isn't any Mr. Hilman, if that's what you are trying to say. He has been in the quiet churchyard for 107 these many years, and Mrs. Hilman has been living with us the last twelve months, and I am positive that she is heart-whole and fancy free, and, what is more to the point, she is just a little bit tired of living with us. See?"

Possibly I saw, and possibly I didn't. Whether I did or not, I spent the next Sunday with Bascom and incidentally with Mrs. Bascom and Mrs. Hilman.

The next Sunday I spent principally with Mrs. Hilman.

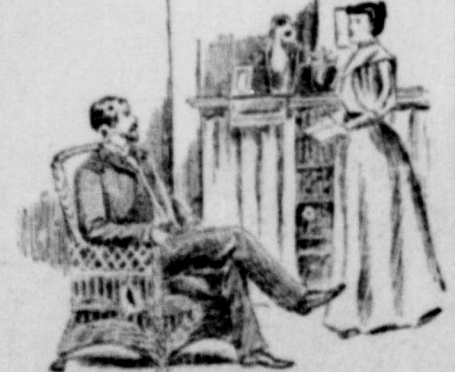
And the next.

And there are others.

"AND THERE ARE OTHERS." of my proclivities, joined us, and with her came her sister, Mrs. Hilman, a matronly woman of 35, to whom I was formally presented.

I confess to an admiration of Mrs. Hilman as soon as I saw her; not that Mrs. Bascom wasn't admirable, but that her sister was older and more substantial to my mind. In fact, Mrs. Hilman was of that pleasing rotundity of person which seems to appeal to an unromantic man of 50, while Mrs. Bascom was rather spirituelle and reminded more of angels than of good housekeepers. In addition to her other attractions, Mrs. Hilman was of the laughing, jolly kind of women, who seem to carry a surplus of sunshine with them for general distribution, and I always had a kind of sneaking fondness for that kind of a woman.

I went to bed early, as is the custom



ward of 20,000 bushels they were handled without loss to the growers and at fair prices. The growers exchanged packages and went home with the cash in their pockets.

The principal reason for complaint was that the eastern markets were cut off by a high freight rate, it being fifty per cent higher east of Buffalo than within the limits of the Central Traffic Association. He gave as an estimate of shipments from Kent county, 650,000 bushels; while over 1,250,000 were sent from Allegan county, with smaller quantities from Berrien, Van Buren, Oceana and Mason. The question was discussed by C. A. Sessions of Shelby and others.

The "Growing of Peaches in Central Michigan" was the subject of the paper of H. P. Gladden of the Agricultural College. While peach culture is not successful upon the low lands, there are many ridges throughout the central and southern part of the state where they have been grown for years nearly as profitably as in the famed "peach belt" itself. While an occasional crop was lost in part, there had not been an entire failure for years where the orchards were in favorable locations and were properly cared for. It is desirable to have ravines lead down the slopes, as these will aid in drawing the cold air to the lower levels. As a rule the north or northwest slopes were preferable as on a south slope the buds are likely to start early and be killed by spring frosts, while an east slope is not desirable, as the morning sun does harm by quickly thawing out the buds after a severe cold snap. If located near a small village or city the fruit could be marketed without expense for transportation at a somewhat higher price than could be obtained for fruit brought from a distance. Although the prices might not run as high as in large cities, they would not go as low.

Prof. W. B. Barrows of the Agricultural College, who was to have talked upon "Bees and Horticulture" was unable to be present and the question was opened by J. A. Pearce of Grand Rapids, a successful fruit grower and apiarist. He spoke of the value of bees in fertilizing the flowers of our fruit trees, as without them many of the varieties of apples, pears and plums would be unfruitful. He claimed that it had been demonstrated that bees cannot puncture fruit, although they feed upon specimens of which the skin has been broken by means of hornets or birds. In reply to a question, Prof. Taft stated that it would not pay to use a mulch about peach trees to retard blooming and save from spring frosts, as although it might have a slight effect it had been demonstrated that the flower would open while the ground was still frozen, if the weather was sufficiently warm.

The afternoon session was opened by J. W. Stearns of Kalamazoo who spoke upon "Currants and Gooseberries." He favored a distance of six by five or six by six feet, the liberal use of stable manure, frequent shallow cultivation up to the first of August and the use of Paris green for the currant worm, applied when they first hatch. Four ounces is sufficient for fifty gallons, and this can be used in Bordeaux mixture which is effective against the mildew and leaf-blight disease. Gooseberries should remain until ripe upon the bushes.

The Victoria currant and Downing gooseberries are productive varieties and are particularly desirable on account of freedom from the attack of borers.

The subject of "Strawberry Culture" was treated by R. M. Kellogg of Ionia, who ascribed many of the failures with this fruit to the use of plants from old, run out plantations. They should always be taken from plants set the previous year and before they have borne fruit.

Prepare the land by plowing deep, and subsoiling if there is a hard pan near the surface. Light land should be rolled, after it has been thoroughly harrowed, in order that the moisture may be brought up to supply the newly set plants. Then loosen the surface with some shallow-working harrow in order that the evaporation into the air from the surface may be checked.

After the plants are set start the cultivation at once, using a weeder, and keep it up once a week and oftener in dry weather through the season, using a Planet, Jr., or similar cultivator after the runners start. Cut off all blossoms as soon as they appear the first year, and remove many of the runners so that if in rows the plants will make a thin mat not over a foot wide.

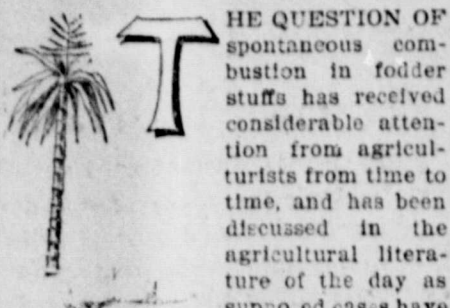
Horses or Cattle.—A reader of the Farmers' Review recently reported that he had made a great mistake in breeding horses instead of cattle. He bought a ranch in Kansas, and as part of his purchase he secured a large number of horses, the only animals on the place. After feeding for several years he was unable to sell for even enough to pay for cost of feed. He now laments that he did not raise cattle instead, as then he could at least have had all the veal he wanted for family use. This but illustrates the results of raising commonplace horses. Modern inventions have mightily affected the market for horses, but never can affect the market for edible flesh.

A self-made man always spalls his job somewhere.

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Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.



THE QUESTION OF spontaneous combustion in fodder stuffs has received considerable attention from agriculturists from time to time, and has been discussed in the agricultural literature of the day as supposed cases have arisen. Nearly all the supposed cases have originated where considerable quantities of clover hay have been stored, either in stacks or barns, and in nearly every case the stacks or buildings have been consumed, so it was impossible to sufficiently understand the circumstances of the cases to determine whether they were of spontaneous or incendiary origin. A recent fire, supposed to be of spontaneous origin, occurred in a hay mow in one of the college barns, without damaging the barn to any great extent and without consuming very much of the hay. The following detailed account will enable the reader to form some opinion as to the origin of the fire:

In the evening of October 16, 1895, fire was seen to be dropping from the ceiling of the cow stable underneath the east wing of the college barn. A general alarm of fire was sounded, and immediately a sufficient force of men assembled to prevent the fire from breaking out. Investigation soon proved the fire to be confined to a mow of hay 15x23 feet and about 23 feet high, which occupied a part of the wing over the cow stable mentioned. Precautions were taken to exclude all drafts of air from the hay mow by filling the holes burned through the floor over the cow stable with wet blankets and cloths, and also keeping the top of the mow covered with wet blankets. It was believed at this time that the only means of saving the whole barn from burning was to remove the mow of hay that was already on fire. Consequently openings were made in the side of the barn and the whole mow of hay, about thirty tons, was pitched out. While removing the hay, which all through the center of the mow was smouldering and ready to burst out in flames when exposed to a draft of air, it was found necessary to keep the top of it constantly wet. Fortunately, a hose from a nearby hydrant and pails in the hands of students afforded ample means of keeping the top of the mow constantly saturated, which prevented the hay in the barn from bursting into flames, and also prevented the hay that was thrown out of the mow from burning. All of the center of the mow was thoroughly compacted, hot and smoking. The high temperature of the hay made it decidedly uncomfortable for those who were working to save the barn from burning by removing this smouldering fodder. The continued application of water on the surface of the mow alone made this possible on account of the excessive heat. Not until all this lot of hay was removed from the barn was the danger from fire thought to be over. The floor of the barn on which this mow of hay rested is constructed of two thicknesses of wide inch boards so placed as to perfectly break joints. This floor forms the ceiling over the cow stable and is about eleven feet high. The holes burned through the floor were over the middle of the stable and not near partitions or posts. From the position of these holes burned through the floor, would seem improbable if not impossible for the origin of the fire to have been either accidental or incendiary. The side of the barn is of matched lumber; this undoubtedly averted a serious loss by preventing anything like a draft to supply air to the hay already on fire.—Geo. C. Watson, Pennsylvania Experiment Station.

Talks on Fruit.

(From Farmers' Review Special report of Michigan Round-up Institute.)

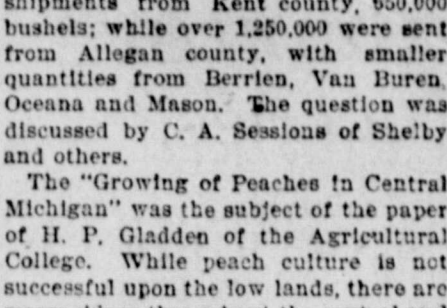
The fruit session of the Michigan Round-up was held upon Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Grand Rapids. This city is in the center of the Michigan fruit belt, and as the fruit interests of its immediate vicinity are of great and growing importance it drew out a large attendance of intelligent and experienced fruit growers. The first upon the program was Rowland Morrill of Benton Harbor, who spoke upon "The Cultivation and Care of Peaches." The substance of this talk was given at South Haven and has already appeared in our columns. The paper was discussed by C. J. Monroe of South Haven.

The subject of "Marketing Peaches" was treated by R. D. Graham of Grand Rapids, who has been one of the leaders in securing better transportation facilities, and co-operation in marketing for the peaches grown in Kent county. As a result of the movement buyers and shippers have come in large numbers to Grand Rapids, and last year, when the sales were upon some days up-

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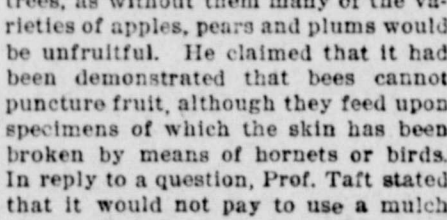
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Cancer Of the Face.

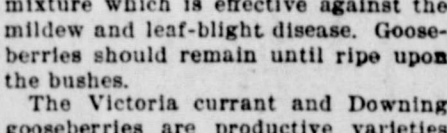


Mrs. Laura E. Mims, of Dawson, Ga., says: "A small pimple of a strawberry color appeared on my cheek; it soon began to grow rapidly, notwithstanding all efforts to check it. My eye became terribly inflamed, and was so swollen that for quite a while I could not see. The doctors said I had Cancer of the most malignant type, and after exhausting their efforts without doing me any good, they gave up the case as hopeless. When informed that my father had died from the same disease, they said I must die, as hereditary Cancer was incurable."

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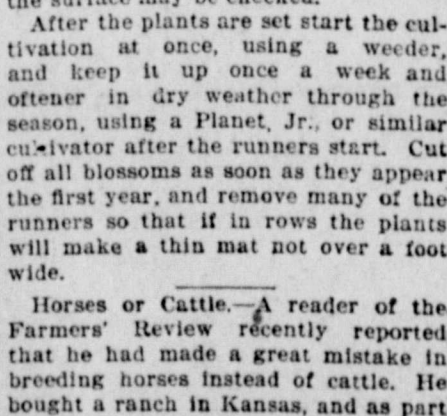


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