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TILLMAN A JIM DANDY

WADES RIGHT INTO THE ADMINISTRATION.

Also Gets After Both Hill and Sherman, the Latter Keeps Quiet, but Hill Answers Him Point by Point—The Galleries Were Filled—Scott Jackson's Trial.

Washington, May 2.—The debate in the senate yesterday was of a dramatic and sensational character, recalling the famous Ingalls-Voorhees contest of some years ago. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, again brought his unique personality into the debate, his speech being the first of any length since his memorable maiden effort attacking public officials, high and low. While he spoke yesterday the silver pitchfork recently presented him in the west was conspicuously displayed on his scarf. The senator used the blunt words characteristic of his utterances, arraigning the president and cabinet officers with unsparring criticism and personal invective. He also addressed himself personally to Mr. Hill and Mr. Sherman, and drew from the former several sharp rejoinders, while Mr. Sherman declined to be brought into a controversy with the South Carolina senator. Mr. Hill followed Mr. Tillman, answering the latter point by point. The New York senator referred to the coming Democratic national convention, declaring that there would be no split, but that true Democracy would recognize the rule of the majority and keep the party intact, despite the threats of the South Carolina senator to leave the party.

Mr. Hill spoke freely and frankly of his differences with the officers of the administration, and in particular referred to the grievous mistake, as he regarded it, of Secretary Carlisle in not supporting Blackburn, when the latter was the nominee of a Democratic caucus. The senator discussed national party affairs, urging harmony and the termination of venomous assaults by Democrats on a Democratic party. He spoke for two hours, and was accorded the closest attention. The debate attracted a great crowd to the senate wing of the capitol—the greatest since congress assembled, filling the senate galleries and overflowing into the corridors, where long lines of people struggled for admission.

International Dam Commission.

Washington, May 2.—The secretary of war has ordered Capt. George McC. Derby's corps of engineers to report by letter to the secretary of state, and to Col. Anson Mills, third cavalry commissioner of the United States on the international boundary commission, to make such surveys and reports and to give such consultations and professional advice as the United States commissioner may require in the consideration of questions pertaining to the use of the waters at the Rio Grande and the prospect of an international dam at El Paso. Capt. Derby will perform these duties in addition to those with which he is now charged.

Scott Jackson's Trial.

Newport, Ky., May 2.—The proceedings in the trial of Scott Jackson yesterday were less exciting than those of Thursday, yet the interest in it did not abate, nor did the crowd of spectators diminish. Morning, noon and night, as the prisoner passes between the court room and the jail, throngs, mostly women and children, gather to catch a glimpse of him. Last night there were nearly 200 in the crowd, including half a dozen infants in baby wagons, a lot of bareheaded little girls exercising on roller skates, and of men not a score.

To Remove His Remains.

Washington, May 2.—Arrangements have been made for the removal of the remains of Mr. Gresham to Oakwood cemetery, near Chicago, to Arlington cemetery, near this city.

Chinese Act.

Washington, May 2.—The secretary of the treasury yesterday sent to the house the draft of a bill amending the Chinese exclusion laws. It provides that in cases affecting the right of Chinese to enter or remain in the United States or where persons of Chinese descent claim the right to re-enter the United States as citizens there shall be required the testimony of other than Chinese persons. In cases where affidavits are taken before notaries public or justices of the peace in such cases and are proven false the persons making them shall be liable to prosecution for perjury.

Shah of Persia Shot.

Teheran, May 2.—The shah of Persia was shot by an assassin at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and died soon after. The assassin fired point blank at the monarch's heart, while he was entering the shrine of Shah Abdul Azim.

Immediately after the shah was shot he was carried to his carriage, and in it conveyed to the palace in this city. There he was attended by Dr. Tholozan, his chief physician, and other physicians, who were hastily sent for. But, in spite of their combined efforts, his majesty died soon after his arrival at the palace, or at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The assassin, who was promptly arrested, is said to be a sayid from Kerman, or from the province of that name. It is believed the murderer has accomplices.

The heir apparent, Muzaffer-ed-Din, was immediately advised of the assassination of his father, and will leave Teheran, where he was sojourning, for Teheran as soon as possible.

Nasr-ed-Din, shah of Persia, was born April 24, 1829, and succeeded to the throne on September 10, 1843, on the death of his father. He was crowned at Teheran October 20, 1849, and his vallah, or heir apparent, is the elder son, Muzaffer-ed-Din, who was born March 25, 1853, and who has four sons and fifteen daughters.

Quiet prevails here, and no disorder is apprehended as a result of the murder of the shah.

Puget Sound.

New York, May 2.—Columbia university will send a band of naturalists to explore the Puget Sound region. The expedition will set out from this city June 10. The first move toward getting up the expedition was made by Prof. B. Achford Dean of the zoological department, who will have charge of it. He said:

"I believe the expedition will be of immense value to science. The oldest and strongest forms of life are to be found in the waters there, and on the land also. There are fish there absolutely unknown. We shall also have a botanist along so that nothing in the country may be missed, and equal care will be exercised for the liberal fauna. We intend also to have an eye on the fisheries there."

Three zoologists will accompany the party and one botanist, Prof. Britton, Prof. N. Harrington and A. J. Grant will also be of the party.

Kearby-Abbott Contest.

Washington, May 2.—The committee which has charge of the contested election case of Kearby vs. Abbott considered the matter yesterday, so far as to hear the report made by Mr. Bell, who was on the sub-committee. He was reading his report to the main committee when the hour for adjournment came. The other members of the sub-committee, who were supposed to be ready to make a minority report against the retention of the seat by Abbott, did not make any report, and from what can be gathered they will not make any. At least that is the opinion of the members of the committee. Jenkins, who said he would make a minority report on the majority report of the committee in favor of Abbott, was present and made no movement in the direction of carrying out his expressed intention.

Wants Damages.

Lexington, Ky., May 2.—In the United States Court at Frankfort, Thursday, Maj. L. B. Hoover of Lexington filed suit against Postmaster Cheney at Lexington, asking \$50,000 damages for illegal detention of the mail.

The petition also attacks the constitutionality of the law under which the mail of the Southern Mutual Investment company of Lexington, Ky., was returned to the writers marked "Fraudulent." The plaintiff is represented by Hon. J. M. Butterworth of Washington, D. C., Judge C. B. Matthews of Cincinnati and J. Honning Nelms of Lexington. This is the first time a postmaster was ever sued in Kentucky.

Believe He Was Murdered.

West Superior, Wis., May 2.—Lewis C. Bratrud, a prominent Board of Trade man, was found dead on the street yesterday evening with a hole through his head. A revolver lay by his side, but it is believed he was murdered.

Decree Has Been Signed.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 2.—Judge Acheson, in the United States circuit court, yesterday signed the decree of foreclosure of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad and the Pennsylvania and Reading Coal company.

MR. GORMAN'S SPEECH

THE EXPENDITURES ARE MORE THAN THE RECEIPTS.

The Whole Country Was Stirred Up Over the Executive's Message, but Says the Treasury Demands Economy—\$162,000,000 Came from the Sale of Bonds.

Washington, April 29.—The senate was brought to an exciting scene after several weeks of serene and formal procedure on appropriation bills. The naval appropriation bill was under consideration and the item of four battleships to cost \$15,000,000 served as a text for a speech by Mr. Gorman, pointing out that the revenues of the government are less than receipts. His statements brought on an animated controversy in which Mr. Sherman, Mr. Hale and Mr. Chandler joined issue with the senator as to the present responsibility for the failure of the tariff legislation in the present congress. Mr. Gorman's speech and the frequent heated party colloquies it developed attracted great interest, crowds filling the galleries for the first time since the Cuban debate and many members of the house coming over to listen to the proceedings. The battleship item was not completed when the senate adjourned.

The senate resumed consideration of the naval appropriation bill, after some routine business had been disposed of.

The pending question was on the amendment offered by Mr. Chandler (Rep.), of New Hampshire, making it unlawful for retired naval officers to enter the service of the contractors furnishing naval material to the government.

Before the proceeding with this amendment Mr. Bacon (Dem.), of Georgia, reported an important new amendment from the committee on naval affairs. It provides as a condition to the building of four battleships, as provided by the bill, that in case the secretary of the navy makes separate contracts for armor or armor-plate, he shall not accept bids exceeding \$350 per ton for such armor, and in case the secretary can not make contracts within such limits he shall delay action and report the facts to the next session.

The Chandler amendment was agreed to—45 to 11. As adopted, the prohibition against naval officers serving naval contractors goes into effect June 30, 1897.

This brought the senate to the most important feature of the bill, appropriating for four battleships, to cost \$3,750,000 each, and ten torpedo boats, at \$50,000.

Mr. Gorman moved an amendment, to fix the number of battleships at two instead of four, and Mr. Quay an amendment fixing the number of battleships at six.

Mr. Gorman then addressed the senate in support of his amendment.

The whole country, he said, had been stirred up by the message of the executive, and, responsive to this, the public and the press had been in a state of excitement as to our relations with other nations. When congress assembled I was informed by the executive that the condition of the treasury demanded economy, or else the country would be confronted with either an increase of taxation or else the sale of bonds. But when the war scare took possession of us more vessels were demanded; appropriations greater than those of our times were proposed, and the secretary of the navy revised his recommendation of two battleships by proposing from four to six battleships.

"This, from a cabinet officer," proceeded Mr. Gorman, "was considered a justification for these enormous appropriations in time of peace, in face of the fact known to every senator that there was not revenue enough to pay the expenses of the government; that there has not been for four years sufficient moneys received to meet the appropriations of congress."

The senator added that of the amounts paid for pensions and ships, \$162,000,000 came from the sale of bonds. This presented the question: Is it wise in time of peace to make these great appropriations? It was evident that there would not be legislation in this congress for relief.

Washington officials have heard nothing about the Bermuda taking another cargo of arms to Cuba.

The senatorial elections were held in Cuba recently.

The House.

Washington, April 29.—The house yesterday passed the Pickler general pension bill by a vote of 187 to 54. The Republicans and Populists voted solidly in favor of the measure, and the Democrats, with six exceptions, solidly against it. The section to which the bulk of the proposition was directed provides that pensioners otherwise entitled to pensions shall not be disqualified on account of prior service in the Confederate army, provided they joined the Union forces ninety days before Lee's surrender.

The bankruptcy bill was taken up under a special order providing for a vote Saturday at 4 p. m.

Under the special order adopted Monday the vote on the passage of the Pickler pension bill was taken in the house yesterday, immediately after the reading of the journal. The bill was passed—yeas 187, nays 54.

The Republicans and Populists voted solidly for the measure, and the Democrats, with six exceptions, voted against it. The six Democrats were: Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts; Sorg, of Ohio; Cummings, of New York; Walsh, of New York; Downing, of Illinois, and Layton, of Ohio.

There was great pressure for unanimous consent legislation after the announcement of the vote, and quite a number of minor bills were passed before the regular order was demanded, among them a bill to restore the lands embraced in the Fort Lewis military reservation (Colorado) to the public domain.

At 1:30 p. m. Mr. Mahany, of New York, created a flurry for the consideration of the following resolution:

Resolved, that whereas the cable report announces that John Hayes Hammond, otherwise described as Eugene Hammond, an American citizen, has been condemned to death for treason in the Transvaal, the secretary of state take immediate action to safeguard the interests of said Hammond and exert the friendly offices of that department in his behalf, if the secretary of state, in his judgment, deems such interposition advisable.

Mr. Bartlett (Dem.), of New York, asked if the resolution had been considered by the foreign affairs committee.

Mr. Mahany explained in reply the urgency of the case. It was a matter of life and death. Hammond might be executed under the sentence at any time and any delay might be fatal.

"Is not the secretary of state competent to deal with the situation?" asked Mr. Bartlett.

"Certainly," replied Mr. Mahany. "But the case might escape his attention. With the house of representatives behind him he can proceed vigorously. I desire to say, in this connection," he added, "that the whole power of English diplomacy is being employed to safeguard the interests of the subjects of the queen who are being tried at Pretoria. Some one will be made the scapegoat of this affair. I do not propose to attempt to shield an American from the just consequences of his act, but I am determined an American shall not be made the scapegoat."

"Are you a member of the foreign affairs committee?" asked Mr. Bartlett.

"I am not, but I am a member of this house, and have the right to seek the protection of an American citizen anywhere on the globe." (Applause.)

Cowan Captured.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 29.—Intelligence has been received here of the capture, in Guatemala, of John L. Cowan, of this city, who disappeared last February, leaving friends, relatives, creditors and victims, and about \$200,000 short. He was in the lumber business, and has victims scattered over the lumber regions of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan and Canada. Forgery, note raising and other forms of swindling are charged against him. He will be brought back to the United States at once.

Jury Disagreed.

Omaha, Neb., April 29.—After a sensational trial, extending over several weeks, the jury in the case of ex-City Treasurer Bolla was discharged, being unable to agree. The stood nine for conviction and three for acquittal. Henry Bolla was charged with misappropriating Omaha funds.

Shot His Brother-in-Law.

Butler, Ky., April 29.—B. F. Finney, deputy sheriff of Kenton county, yesterday, at Morning View, shot his son-in-law, Austin Stevens, as the result of a family quarrel. Stevens is in a critical condition.

THE SPANISH CAMPAIGN.

Despite Constant Victories It Was a Disastrous Failure.

The French interests in Spain were left in a most deplorable condition. The populace of Madrid received the hero of the age with coldness, and shut themselves up in their houses to avoid forming a crowd or creating any enthusiasm in the streets. They would not even come out to see the gorgeous military parade which was arranged for their benefit. The gentry and nobility were alike distant and cold. It was clear that Spain could neither be wheedled, cajoled, nor threatened into even passive acquiescence in the new conquest. It was essential, therefore, that another course should be tried. On December 4, Napoleon, in the role of reformer-statesman, pronounced and issued from Chamartin a series of the most thoroughgoing edicts. All feudal privileges, all inter-provincial customs dues, were swept away; the Inquisition was abolished, and the number of convents was reduced to a third. These measures were in themselves most salutary, and struck at the very root of the upas-tree under the baneful shade of which Spain had been slowly perishing. But to do good they must be enforced; there must be a complete military conquest of the country, and a capable administration. There was neither. The Spanish army had been defeated, but, severe as had been its punishment, its resistance was not destroyed; the occupation of the country was also sadly incomplete, and it made no difference whether French soldiers marched, or what strategic points they held, some kind of Spanish fighting force, no matter how irregular, sprang up behind them and on their sides. The complete military centralization of Prussia had made Jena decisive for the whole loose-jointed territory of that kingdom; the compact territory of Spain and the local independence of her peoples made regular victories utterly fruitless so far as the open country was concerned.

HEROIC TREATMENT.

How a Dislocated Jaw Was Put Back Into Its Place.

While talking in his sleep Sunday night, Henry Flocke, builder, residing in Ozone Park, L. I., dislocated his jaw, says the New York Times. Mr. Flocke's habit of talking in his sleep has made him the butt of a good deal of joking. He went to bed as usual, but he had not slept long when he began talking. This awoke his wife, who listened for about ten minutes. Suddenly Flocke's nocturnal monologue stopped. He began gasping. Mrs. Flocke was frightened and shook her husband into wakefulness.

"Why, what's the matter, Henry?" she asked.

Her husband tried to speak, but in vain. His jaw was immovable. He motioned to his wife that he could not speak, and she endeavored to force his mouth shut. She could not move it. Fearing her husband was suffering from lockjaw, she sent for Dr. McDonald.

"Do you want me to replace your jaw in my own way?" asked the doctor.

Mr. Flocke motioned in the affirmative. Dr. McDonald stepped in front of Flocke. Without warning the doctor struck Flocke a terrific blow on the left side of the jaw. Flocke showed a disposition to strike back.

"You told me to do it my own way," said the physician. "You observe that your ability to speak is restored."

The blow had knocked Flocke's dislocated jawbone into its proper position and, except for a little soreness, he was none the worse. Dr. McDonald explained that Flocke's jaw was liable to dislocation at any time, unless he broke himself of the habit of talking in his sleep.

Editors and Preachers.

The fact that journalists differ among themselves and from the preachers on religion and social questions should not surprise anybody who knows how much the preachers differ themselves on the same question. The preachers seem "to want the whole earth" of journalism a little too soon, while the editors, whose outlook upon the world is wider, are obliged to be economical with their preaching in order that their newspapers fulfill their great distinctive mission—publicity.—Rev. John Griffiths.

Salvation Army Is Rich.

The recent trouble in the Salvation Army has brought to light the fact that this organization owns property valued at more than \$4,000,000.

There is only one sudden death among women to eight among men.

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The City of Cripple Creek was almost wiped out by fire recently.

The Colorado Spokesman reports wool selling at 5 1-2 cents at Colorado.

Senator Teller (Rep) of Colorado says he will quit the party if it indorses the gold standard.

Hon. A. J. Baker declined to follow the Hardy-Clark faction out of the democratic party, but Mr. Baker expresses profound sympathy for those gentlemen and their associates. No more pie for them, but Andy is still Commissioner of the General Land Office, you know.

*The "Sterling City Progress" is the name of the new Populist neighbor organ.

George Majors has secured the appointment of deputy U. S. Marshall, the position until recently held by George Scarborough who killed himself a man at El Paso a week or so ago, and will soon move his family to El Paso. Colorado Spokesman.

We would like to see Tilman turning his galvanic battery on the senate illustrated.

The case of state vs. John Fitzpatrick will be called for trial Tuesday morning, at Stephenville. —S. A. Enterprise.

The Shah of Persia was assassinated at Teheran on May 1st.

"I regret to announce, ladies and gentlemen," said the stage manager, coming before the curtain, "that we will have to omit the next performance. The Monkey's Bicycle Race. The female monkey refuses to put on the bloomers.—Ex.

The following is a late version of an old poem: Mary, had a little wale; it followed her to school. The teacher like a fool, stepped up behind the wale and hit him with a rule; then there was no more school.—Ex.

A trade has recently been made in which A. B. Robinson of Colorado sold to J. T. Davis of Waco his entire land interest in this county, consisting of 9425 acres at \$1 per acre. The land comprises the greater portion of the McKinzie pasture and is considered to be of the best tracts in Sterling county. Mr. Davis will cut the land up in small pastures.—Sterling City News.

BROTHER BATES' TRIP TO

San Antonio and Monterey

Mr. Editor:—I promised in my second letter to write up San Antonio, so here goes. Before we reached San Antonio, the king of day passed beyond the western horizon—the pall of night settled down upon us and we draped in mourning. As night came on, the emblem of death came upon us. This merry crowd did not seem to be affected by the death of day that they had enjoyed, but their vesper hymns were the sweet songs of Zion—ringing out in the air, and serving as a funeral dirge for the old day; that was dying and fading away in the distance. Goodbye old day, if you are gone. The cerulean skies are bedecked with the starry hosts, who seemed

to be dancing in the very heavens; as if anxious to lend their light to us to aid and assist us in the great—grand and glorious saving of souls.

Soon we reached the periphery of the Electric lights of San Antonio, as they too sparkled and glimmered, giving us a happy welcome into the city of San Antonio. It being at a late hour I accompanied with Bros. Scarborough, Ross and Stafford, went to a hack man, and said to him carry us four to some good reliable house that will keep us until morning. So he carried us to the Acade Hotel No. 724 1/2, Main street. Here we registered—paid 50 cents and then were conducted to a room, I think, upon the third floor and if my memory serves me right was No. 101. I do not know why it was numbered; unless it was because it had so many beds or I should say mattresses, in it. In that room were thirty five hard mattresses laying upon temporary frames made of plank. I think that there were about two men to the mattress—making in all I suppose, somewhere between sixty and seventy men. I was weary—wanted rest and Morpheus was whispering all the while to me, and saying to me, go to sleep. But how could I under such labors as were afforded me; for upon a coach not very far from me was a man whose name was not Solomon, I do not know, neither do I care to know his name, who kept up a giggle and a laugh until a late hour—showing he knew nothing of polite literature and the rules of etiquette.

This is not new (however) to a man that has traveled much; for they very often come in contact with such "greeners."

However, after awhile the storm subsided—my nervous system rallied—I yielded to the entreaties of Morpheus, and was soon a denizen of the land of dreams. I do not know how long I slept. It seemed to me to be but a short time until I opened mine eyes, and upon looking in the direction of orient I discovered that the darkness was receding, and the king of day was making near approach to us. I dressed myself

went down and paid 50 cents for and ordinary breakfast. I then took my grip and stepped out to see the city of San Antonio—called also San Antonio de Baxer. It is said to be one of the oldest Spanish towns upon the continent. It is upon the San Antonio river—not very far from the head of the river.

It is the great historic city of the west. It was the battle field upon which Bowie, Milam, Crockett and other brave men fought and were massacred. It is but the outpost (almost) Christianity; where the mighty tide of wickedness is being met by brave men and women of God, and beat eu back.

I attended most of the services and saw and heard much that I enjoyed. I shall never forget some of the talks that were made how the white handkerchiefs waived in the air, and how I set and cried like a cry-baby. Truth is I do not care if I did cry—am not caring who knows it. How could any one listen at Steward's speech and not cry

I went to see the historic Alamo. The meaning of Alamo in Spanish is cottonwood tree. The Alamo was built by the Franciskins in 1718. The Franciskins are a religious order of the Roman Catholic Church. The Alamo was used as a mission until 1794. At that time it was turned into a military fortress. I felt sad as I passed through this unique building. I entered it at the west. Upon my left as I entered was the room in which Bowie died. The next room on my left was the commissary department. It was there that the last order was given to a man to ignite the magazine, and his attempting to do so was killed. After I came out I too, like most of men, went out to see Madam Candelaria, an old blind Mexican woman who was in the Alamo at the time of its fall. She says Bowie was not killed, but died the night before the battle was fought. The United States government, I understand, is paying her a pension.

I visited Mission Concepcion, it was an old building built in 1731. In that building is the virgin Mary—the confession box, and the Baptismal font.

I then went to San Jose mission four miles from town. It was built in 1817. There is still a congregation that worships there and it is kept by an old Mexican woman. There Roman Catholicism was once in its glory. Its traces are yet to be seen, and as you gaze upon them in silence they speak out for themselves in unmistakable terms. I then went to the South Western Asylum. There are 240 inmates in there. Everything was neat and nice. They have connected with it a laundry. There is a cooking department off from the main building, and the vituals are carried from the cook-room to the main building under the ground by hand ears.

I left here feeling thankful of one thing; and that was that I was not crazy, that is if I am, my friends have not found it out yet. One of my friends in wandering around came in contact with a Mexican. He supposed the Mexican thought that he had gotten out of the asylum, and that caused the boy to suspect that his looks had betrayed him.

The third night that I staid in San Antonio is still fresh in memory. After I had retired and had been asleep; a young man came in and lit the lamp, bathed his face and hands for some time. Finally he retired, and lay for

some time whispering to himself. I was very much wearied, and thought oh! If Morpheus would only come and whisper me to sleep.

The next morning we made up for lost time by sleeping late.

In the evening an opportunity offered and I detirmined to turn the scales upon him. He stretched himself up and said "I have been sent here by my League and I hardly know how I'll tell what I've seen when I get back." I thought then that I understood what that whispering meant the night before. I said my friend that is not what bothers me. That that bothers me is to know it. My hostess laughed heartily—he smiled and we parted, probably never to meet again until the judgment day. I left San Antonio with mingled feelings. I was impressed that it was a great city of about sixty thousand. I was satisfied the city had felt our influence. Wicked men of the city had stood upon the streets and wept during the march of the Legioners.

Again, the lady, where I staid said that two of them had left without paying her. It was told that two men broke into the calaboose with badges on. So you see how the city was impressed. Oh! for the time to come when our institutions will not be imposed upon. My next will be Monterey.

Eugene T. Bates.

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John Barron.

From Hayrick.

Hayrick, Tex., May 3, 1896.

Ed. Rustler:—

Hayrick is still among the liv-
ing and not numbered with the
dead.

There is Sunday school every
Sunday and prayer meeting on
Sunday nights.

The Epworth League holds in-
teresting meetings here.

Rev. Eugene T. Bates preaches
for us.

It is getting quite dry, the far-
mers and stock men are anxious ab-
out it.

Miss Alice Caraway, who has

been assisting Prof. Carter in the
Valley View school has returned
home.

Charley Bird, of Sauc, passed
through the neighborhood last
Friday on his way to Bosque coun-
ty where he has relatives.

Mr. Roe is again at Hayrick en-
joying the pleasant association of
his family.

Hayrick people, you know, are
noted for their hospitality, but if
you have the measles, don't come
to see us—wait until you are well
of the measles and you will be as
welcome as ever.

Respt.

Jarod.

Sanco Dots.

Sanco, Texas, May 5, 1896.

Ed. Rustler:—

A light shower fell here Satur-
day, but not as much as was need-
ed, though, at some places in the
neighborhood they had good rains.

Mr. Frank Morrison, from Ok.
Territory is visiting in the com-
munity.

There was singing at Mr. Dur-
hams Sunday evening. The song
service, conducted by Mr. W. B.

Green and Miss Menervia Green
was well worth hearing.

Mr. Joe Green came home last
week, bringing with him his cous-
in, Mr Joe Bullion.

In a recent examination of the
United States History classer,
the following grades were made
the examination being a rigid one:
Charlie Bird 88 1-2, Ina Bird 98,
Salinda Bird 71, Ida Scarborough
78 1-2, Walter Scarborough 92,
Mattie Scarborough 71 1-2, Vela
Craddock 68. Mr. Smith Bird, al-
though not a member of the class
took the examination, and made
a grade of 95.

Texas History class:

Fannie Payne 100.

Mattie Durham 80.

E. M.

Minutes of The Club Meeting.

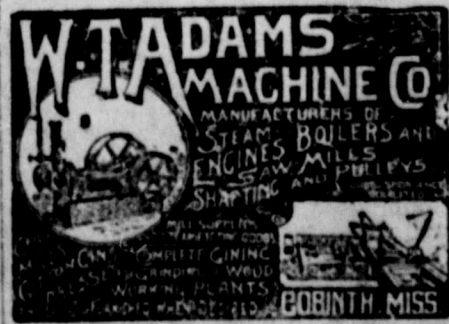
The Peoples Party Club meeting
of Pre. No. 1 met at the court
house in Robert Lee, Saturday
evening May 2nd 1896 with J. W.
Tunnell chairman and B. F. Mont-
gomery Secretary.

Mr. Montgomery announced to
club that he would soon move out
of Pre. No. 1 and requested the
club to elect a secretary and Treas-
urer in his stead. H. M. Bennick
and H. E. Johnston were put in
nomination. H. E. Johnston
receiving the most
votes, was, by motion declar-
ed unanimously elected to fill the
place of secretary and treasurer.

On motion of Dr. J. O. Toliver
the club will at each successive
meeting select one or more speak-
ers for the purpose of discussing
the different planks of the Omaha
platform. Judge Averitt and
Judge Brightman were selected
as speakers for next meeting
—June 6th.

J. W. Tunnell, Chair.

H. E. Johnston, Sec.



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of J. T. Hamilton for collection,
and all who are indebted to me
will please come in at once and
pay him or make satisfactory ar-
rangements otherwise.

Respectfully,

B. F. Montgomery.

The report has come to town
that Perry Jagers, of North
Branch Canon, who has been
sick for a long time, is dead.

Dr. Marberry, of Ballinger, was
called to see Mr. Jagers last
Tuesday and he informed the fam-
ily that he could do nothing for
the patient and that he could not
live but a short while, and W. C.
Merchant came in from Ft. Chad-
bourne Thursday night where he
heard that Mr. Jagers was dead;
but as the report has not yet been
confirmed we still hope to hear
that he still lives.

Jim Bourroughs moved into the
B. F. Montgomery residence yester-
day.

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District Court convenes 1st, Monday
in April and November.

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May, August, November and Februa-
ry.

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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.
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Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
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Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

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vices as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sun-
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A SUNDAY SHOOTING.

ONE DEAD AND ONE MORTALLY WOUNDED.

Two Brothers-in-Law, Dempsey Brown and Jim Nixon, One With a Shotgun and the Other With a Sixshooter Whooped Her Up—Brown Dead.

Austin, Tex., May 4.—The usual quiet of an Austin Sunday was broken yesterday morning by a difficulty between two brothers-in-law, Dempsey Brown and Jim Nixon, which resulted in the death of the former and the desperate, if not fatal, wounding of the latter. The difficulty was the result of a family quarrel, and the shooting took place on the Colorado river, just above the International railroad bridge, at the old McGill ford. Brown was in a wagon with his family and Nixon's wife, who had separated from her husband about six months ago, and they were starting to the country to enjoy a Sunday's outing.

Just after the Browns had driven into the river Nixon rode up behind on a horse, and as he got alongside the wagon the shooting commenced. Nixon used a six-shooter and Brown a shotgun. Brown was shot through the body, and lived only a few minutes, but was kept from falling into the river by his wife, who held him until she drove to the opposite side. Nixon was shot in the head, breast, arm and hand with a load of duckshot, and fell from his horse into the river, being afterward pulled out by some bystanders, who witnessed the shooting. Brown died before the opposite bank of the river was reached, and Nixon is now at the jail in a very precarious condition and not expected to live.

Shot and Killed.

Houston, Tex., May 4.—There was a shooting yesterday morning about 1 o'clock that resulted in the death of Bob Lee, colored. The shooting was done by Simon Varner, colored, in his own house. Varner states that he, with his child, were lying in bed, when some one entered the house. He called to the intruder and received no answer, but the man kept advancing, whereupon he fired. The man who was shot turned out to be Lee. The ball entered the stomach. About 5 o'clock yesterday morning Varner surrendered and was locked up.

Small-Pox Scare.

Nacogdoches, Tex., May 4.—The small-pox panic has calmed down to a sensible state of general precaution. The three cases heretofore reported—Pack at Chismo, Pleasant at Black Jack and a negro at Sand Hill—are all convalescent. There is at each one of these three places one new case reported, though somewhat doubtful. Precautions to prevent spreading are being taken.

Threw a Rock.

Trenton, Tex., May 4.—Some one threw a rock through a coach window on the south-bound Missouri, Kansas and Texas train about half a mile north of this place Saturday. Deputy Sheriff Burns has arrested a boy about 15 years old, who is charged with the act. He gives his name as Jerome Goodman. He has only lived here a short time and says he came from the Choctaw nation.

Waived a Requisition.

Orange, Tex., May 4.—A man named Kindrid, who has been working here for some time, was arrested by City Marshal Davis, who left with him for Mississippi City, where he is wanted on two charges. Kindrid insisted that both charges were without foundation and the fact that he consented to go at once without waiting for requisition papers, led those who have known him since he came here to believe him innocent.

Railroad Wreck.

Livingston, Tex., May 4.—Owing to a washout one mile and a half south of town yesterday morning, three coaches, including the sleeper, were wrecked. The trucks went through the bridge, but the cars remained on the road. One of the passenger coaches was considerably broken up, but no one was seriously hurt.

Arrested.

Quinlan, Tex., May 4.—M. N. Wade and John Holden were arrested here Saturday, charged with robbing T. J. Stanford, a stockman from the territory. Wade was discharged at the examining trial and Holden bound over to await the action of the grand jury under bond of \$500.

Shot and Killed.

Waco, Tex., May 4.—A disturbance arose on the county convict farm between the prisoners and the guards and George Billip, a colored ryan, was shot and instantly killed. Justice Bayless Earle went down to hold an inquest.

Accidentally Killed.

Cooper, Tex., May 4.—Early Hunt and John Parish were out on South Sulphur hunting and fishing. While playing and scuffling over a gun, it was accidentally discharged, killing Hunt instantly.

Size of Goose Eggs.

Italy, Tex., May 2.—The heaviest hail storm seen by the oldest inhabitant struck here Thursday evening, about 7 o'clock, lasting half an hour. A heavy rain accompanied the hail. The stones were as large as goose eggs. Nearly every house in town is badly torn up. Many roofs were riddled, and but few lights are left in the north and east windows. The wind came from the north and northeast, and the roaring as it approached was almost deafening. The hail went through the iron roofing like grape-shot. Nearly every business house in town was flooded.

Reports from the country state that many hogs, chickens and some cattle were killed.

W. H. Newton, a photographer, while attempting to go the storm house, was struck by a large stone and his head badly cut. W. J. Haywood was severely pounded and cut on the head.

The width of the storm was about four and a half or five miles. The telephone wires are down here.

City Marshal Garrett exhibited two halfstones yesterday morning, picked up on his back porch, that measured eight inches in circumference. Many of the stones just after the storm measured from ten to fifteen inches around.

All the crops, gardens and orchards in the path of the storm are badly torn up. Early oats are ruined. Corn and cotton in many places will have to be planted over.

Drays are busy this morning hauling and distributing shingles over town, and carpenters are all busy. It will take 5,000 window lights to repair the windows in and around town.

State Medics.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 2.—The doctors met promptly on time yesterday morning, and went to work with a will to conclude the business before the body.

Rev. H. A. Boaz was presented, and invoked divine blessing.

The nominating committee submitted its report, and officers to serve for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: President, Dr. J. C. Loggins, Ennis; first vice-president, Dr. A. N. Denton, Austin; second vice-president, Dr. J. S. Letcher, Dallas; third vice-president, Dr. David Cerna, Galveston; secretary, Dr. H. A. West, Galveston; treasurer, Dr. J. Larendon, Houston; orator, Dr. J. O. McReynolds, Dallas.

Paris, Tex., was selected for the next meeting point and the 4th Tuesday in April, 1897, the time.

Dr. B. F. Britain, of Arlington, introduced the following:

Whereas, the Texas State Medical association adopted the report of the committee, wherein it was recommended that the homeopaths and eclectics be recognized in the law, in order to get a constitutional law passed governing the practice of medicine, and as some uninformed persons may construe this into an endorsement of the homeopaths and eclectics;

Therefore we positively declare that we do not recognize them only so far as they are recognized by statutes and constitution of the state of Texas, to enable us to have a medical law passed in the state, but that we stand by the code of the American Medical association, and will expel any doctor of the Texas Medical association who will lower the dignity of the regular medicine as to meet them in consultation. The resolution was adopted.

Good Old Time.

Plano, Tex., May 2.—The picnic yesterday in Davis' grove, for the benefit of the South's Battle Abbey, was a grand success, both socially and financially. The crowd was estimated at 1200. Hon. W. M. Abernathy, of McKinney, was the orator of the day. Hon. G. E. Carpenter, of McKinney, and Hon. Charley Morris, of Dallas, at one time county attorney of Collin county, made short talks, and were liberally applauded. The Plano cornet and string band and a chorus of eighty young ladies and gentlemen enlivened the occasion with appropriate songs and music throughout the day's exercises.

Selman's Pistol.

El Paso, Tex., May 2.—The pistol which the noted John Selman had on his person the morning of April 15, when he was killed by United States Deputy Marshal George Scarborough, has been found in the possession of a young man named Joe Belmont, who was seen with Selman the night he was killed. Belmont was caught at Pecos City, Tex., with the pistol and was brought here yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Leavitt of Reeves county. Belmont denies that he saw Selman the night of the killing.

Runaway Accident.

Blossom, Tex., May 2.—Rev. Charles Hoover and wife were thrown from a buggy while on the way to Paris Wednesday morning. Mr. Hoover is seriously hurt, but his wife, though bruised up considerably, is able to be up.

Cousins Elected.

Cleburne, Tex., May 2.—Prof. Cousins of Mexia was yesterday elected superintendent of the Cleburne public schools.

REPORTS ARE UNTRUE

THE CREW OF THE COMPETITOR NOT EXECUTED.

The Revolution in Cuba Nevertheless Still Continues, Latest Reports Being to the Effect That the Insurgents Have Sustained Considerable Loss.

Havana, May 4.—Reports of the execution of members of the crew of the schooner Competitor, captured as a filibusterer are untrue.

Admiral Navarro, who must conduct the trial, is still absent from here.

The guerrilla captain, Peral, with three sections of the cavalry of Pizarro, left Marino, Havana province in pursuit of the insurgents. He met a body of them largely superior in numbers near Managua and promptly charged them. After a fight they were dispersed, leaving seventeen killed together with seventeen firearms and machetes. The troops had one guerrilla killed and eleven wounded.

Reports received from various points indicate that seventeen insurgents have surrendered to the authorities. As the result of the sundry skirmishes in Matanzas, Santa Clara and Havana provinces, the insurgents have sustained a loss of twenty-three, three prisoners and four spies.

Basilio Lassa, an insurgent incendiary, will be shot to-day.

Gen. Bernal has been summarily relieved from his command and ordered to report in Havana. Presumably this is due to the fact that Gen. Bernal and his column were not on hand to cooperate with Gen. Yanclin in his engagement with Maceo at Carajicara.

In the last engagement of Cola, Tort and Tejerizo at the plantation of Laiza, near Guines, it is reported that the insurgents lost eight killed.

Lieut. Col. Salgado Indengio fought the insurgent band of Jesus Aguilera at Dos Hermanos. The insurgents lost twelve killed and carried off their wounded. The troops had three wounded.

Col. Estruch, moving in the zone of Mahajigua, Santa Clara province, met a band of 1300 insurgents, who had two cannons. They retired after the fight, leaving twenty-three killed and fifteen wounded. The insurgent leader, Garcia, was wounded.

Capt. Lopez, with the battalion of Cuenca, fought the band of Ramirez in Matanzas province and dispersed them, killing seven of their number.

River and Harbor Bill.

Washington, May 4.—The senate programme for this week is first to take up the river and harbor bill and when that is disposed of to follow with the bill making appropriations for the District of Columbia. Whether the river and harbor bill shall go on longer than two or three days will depend upon the political temper of the senate. The managers will make a strenuous effort to keep politics and several financial questions in the background and to hold the discussion down to the merits of the bill.

The principal subject of the debate in connection with the bill itself is the amendment suggested by the committee on commerce providing for the expenditure of \$2,000,000 for the improvement of the harbor at Santa Monica, Cal. Senator White of that state will offer an amendment making the appropriation dependent upon the recommendation of a committee of engineers, which he will propose, and in case this amendment is lost will make an effort to defeat the entire provision.

An effort will be made to show that the appropriation has been provided for at the instance of the Southern Pacific railway, and it is not improbable that they may forestall the Pacific railway decision in this connection. There will be an effort during the week on the part of the Republican senators to agree upon an order of business for the remainder of the session.

Shot and Killed Himself.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 4.—George H. Osborne, of Wellsville, N. Y., and Bloomdale, O., shot and killed himself at the Hotel Bristol yesterday. Osborne was a traveling man for Very & Osborne, of Wellsville, and also was an operator in gas and oil lands in the vicinity of Bloomdale. He is supposed to have committed suicide while in a state of insanity, caused by business troubles.

Stanford Estate.

San Francisco, Cal., May 4.—After three years of litigation over the estate of the late Senator Stanford, Mrs. Stanford has at last been enabled to pay the amount left the Stanford university. The bonds transferred to the university draw interest at the rate of \$10,000 a month.

Loss \$500,000.

San Francisco, Cal., May 4.—Spontaneous combustion in the paint factory of W. A. Fuller & Co. started a fire which burned the three-story brick building occupied as a factory and warehouse. A representative of the firm places the loss at about \$500,000, but declined to state the exact amount of insurance.

Suspension Day.

Washington, May 4.—The programme for the week in the house is very unsettled. Nothing definite has been agreed upon except that the Pacific railway funding bill, in behalf of which there has been such pressure, will not come up. W. Bartholde, chairman of the committee on immigration, desires to get up the immigration bill the latter part of the week, but it is doubtful whether he will be able to do so. There are a half-dozen election cases on the calendar and, as they are privileged, it is probable that most of the week will be occupied in their consideration. The cases on the calendar, Johnson vs. Stokes, from the Seventh South Carolina; Murray vs. Elliott, from the First South Carolina; Kinaker vs. Downing, from the Sixteenth Illinois; Cornett vs. Swanson, from the Fifth Virginia, and Hoge vs. Otey, from the Sixth Virginia. The reports in the two latter cases favor the sitting members and will occasion no debate. In the Johnson-Stokes case the majority report favors the sitting member, but there is a minority report in favor of the contestant. In the Murray-Elliott and Kinaker-Downing cases the majority reports favor the contestants. These will be the cases in which findings of the committee will be resisted by the Democrats. W. Murray is a colored man and was given a seat by the Fifty-first house after a contest. To-day is suspension day.

Scott Jackson's Trial.

Newport, Ky., May 4.—There is a possibility, if not a prospect, that the trial of Scott Jackson will consume all of the coming week. If the defense gets its testimony all in by Tuesday night or Wednesday afternoon it will do well. After the defense will come a number of witnesses, brought by the prosecution for rebuttal. No one can tell how much time the arguments will consume. The court is disposed to expedite matters as much as is consistent with a fair showing to both sides of the case. How much time the jury will consume is an unknown quantity, though it is generally believed it will be short.

A Perilous Trip.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 4.—F. C. Heine, a Prussian, 50 years old, made one of the most perilous trips yesterday afternoon that has ever been accomplished on the Niagara river. In a canoe-shaped boat ten feet in length he sailed from the milling district through the hydraulic canal out into the rapids and over to within 300 feet of Goat Island, and then returned without any mishap whatever. The river was full of ice, and everybody thought he and his boat would get wedged in it and be carried over the falls.

Pope's Meditation Refused.

London, May 4.—A dispatch from Madrid says: The Spanish government has declined the pope's meditation in Cuban affairs, on the ground that an acceptance would be tantamount to recognizing America's right to interfere. The Optimo denies positively a story that negotiations are pending for the cessation of Casala to Great Britain.

A Kansas Boy.

Chicago, Ill., May 4.—Owen Melton, one of the crew of the filibustering schooner Competitor, captured by the Spaniards, who is likely to be shot within forty-eight hours, unless Consul General Williams interferes, is an American. He is only 22 years old, and his home is at an obscure town in Kansas, seven miles from a railroad. There his parents live, and they are ignorant of his whereabouts and danger.

Probably Burned Alive.

Cripple Creek, Col., May 4.—It is stated that a shoe drummer, supposed to represent a Cincinnati firm, who was stopping at the Portland hotel, was seen to go to his room in an undressed condition half an hour before the fire started, and has not been seen since. Two drummer's trunks marked "S. S. Company, Cincinnati," saved from the building, have not been claimed. The ruins are to be searched to-day.

Theosophical Marriage.

New York, May 4.—Claude Fall's Wright, the theosophist, was married to Miss Mary Leonard, of Boston, who is also an enthusiastic member of the theosophical society. The marriage was solemnized according to the theosophical rites. To make the marriage valid the contracting parties were afterward united in wedlock by Rev. Robinson.

Shot His Wife.

Ironton, O., May 4.—Joseph Bealls, a stove molder, shot and fatally wounded his wife yesterday. The deed was actuated by jealousy. Bealls escaped, but is closely pursued by officers.

R. H. Long of Alabama has been confirmed to be United States consul at Nogales, Mex.

In 1900 Paris is to have the Olympic games, and New York is to have them in 1904.

That

Extreme tired feeling afflicts nearly everybody at this season. The hustlers cease to push, the tireless grow weary, the energetic become enervated. You know just what we mean. Some men and women endeavor temporarily to overcome that

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Feel-

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Dallas News, Nov. 19, 1895.

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Several other remarkable cures were performed and physicians present gave evidence that they were the most remarkable they had ever witnessed.

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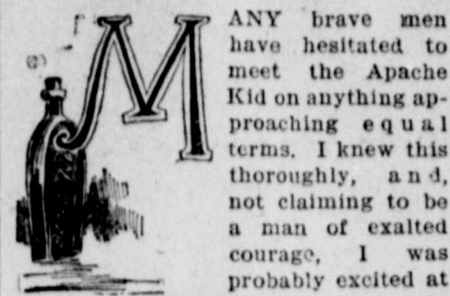
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W N U DALLAS. 19-96

When Answering Advertisements Mention this Paper.

WITH APACHE KID.



to capture him, and this may account, in some measure, for a failure that missed turning out a tragedy only by a hair's breadth.

The Blueball gold mine is located to the north of Phoenix some 18 miles. The property is just being developed, and only three miners (myself among the number) were hired to work in the shaft.

On a certain Saturday night Joe and Pete, my two fellow workmen, saddled up their horses and went to town to remain over Sunday.

After they took their departure, that Saturday night, I thrust a fresh tallow "dip" in the empty whisky bottle that answered for a candlestick, and proceeded to read some papers that had been brought over the day before by some boys at a neighboring mine.

I sat at the table with my back to the door. Time passed rapidly and unheeded, and it must have been close on to midnight when I heard a slight noise and looked up from my reading. The movement brought my eyes on a line with the window, and there, pressed against the glass was the face of an Indian.

My heart gave a wild leap into my throat as I, an instant later, recognized this Indian as none other than the Apache Kid.

For a moment I was actually paralyzed with fear and incapable of action. Visions of the bloody crimes perpetrated by Kid passed in quick and gory succession before my eyes. The redskin was a dead shot with the rifle, I know he would as soon have killed me as to eat a meal. What was I to do? A rusty old Winchester stood in the corner, but I was not certain whether there was a single cartridge in its magazine. I had a wild thought of blowing out the light and chancing the gun. Reason prevailed, however, when I reflected that to recognize Kid was, figuratively speaking, to drive the last nail in my coffin. Whenever the Apache Kid saw that he was recognized, he always acted on the principle that dead men tell no tales.

As I heard a hand rasp across the door in locating the latch, I resolved to strain my nerves to the utmost and fall to show my unwelcome visitor that I recognized him. It was a stern reality for a man to face—a desperate condition—considering that my prospective visitor was an individual with a large reward out for his capture, and who must, of course, believe that every man's hand was against him.

With the noiseless tread of a tiger cat, the Apache Kid passed over the threshold in his moccasined feet. I kept my gaze riveted on the newspaper, but the page swam before my eyes. What would be my visitor's greeting—a knife thrust or a rifle ball? Had I been chained to the floor, with a keg of giant powder slowly igniting by means of a fuse at my back, my nervous tension could not have been greater.

Suddenly I felt a heavy hand on my shoulder, and leaped to my feet.

"How?" remarked Kid, grimly.

"How?" I returned; then added the



AN UNEXPECTED VISIT.

query, for the purpose of disarming his suspicion: "Maricopa?"

He shook his head.

"Pima?"

He nodded.

"What do you want?"

In answer to my question, he held out his right hand and I saw an ugly cut across the wrist.

"Heap hurt," he said, gloomily. "Fix it."

Kid's wish was my law, under the circumstances, and I secured a bottle of arnica and some clean linen and dressed his wound.

"Pima hungry," he then suggestively remarked, and I sat out cold beans and bread and watched them disappear between the Indian's massive jaws.

"Heap sleepy," he went on, after the food had vanished, and then coolly

picked up the rusty Winchester in the corner and dropped down on a cot with the rifle beside him.

Here was an instance of the Apache Kid's reckless bravery. Wounded and in the enemy's country, he deliberately laid himself down and slept. As his stentorian breathing became louder and more suggestive of deep slumber, I grew more courageous; in fact, my recklessness, as I now look at it, amounted nothing short of madness.

As I sat there, in the sputtering glow of that tallow dip, the thought of the \$6,000 out for Kid engendered a desire and the desire engendered a determination.

I would capture him, but how?

I cast my eyes about the shanty. There were no firearms, no rope with which to tie a prospective prisoner—in short, nothing at all which I could use in making such a desperate capture. But, stay! On a rough wooden shelf, not a great distance from my hand, were two bottles, one containing chloroform liniment. Happy idea! I would chloroform the Apache Kid!

If I should live a thousand years, I could never account for the wild impulse that spurred me on to perform that rash act. As I have said, I am not a particularly courageous man, and I can only account for what I did by supposing that I was acting blindly and thoughtlessly on the spur of the moment.

Drawing my handkerchief from my pocket, I stepped to the shelf and laid my hands on one of the bottles. But I recoiled when I reflected that the odor of the narcotic might affect me while I was administering it to Kid. Seizing a towel, I tied it about my nostrils, fold on fold, so that, in breathing, I might use it as a filter, so to speak, for the air that entered my lungs. A moment later I had saturated the handkerchief, and was slowly approaching the recumbent form of the redskin.

Kid slept well—at least his loud breathing gave me this assurance—and I kept my eyes on that old Winchester as I slowly advanced and halted beside the cot. I had neither time nor inclination to remark upon Kid's countenance as smoothed into peaceful lines by the all-conquering hand of slumber. I merely applied the saturated cloth to his nostrils and held it there for minute after minute, while the perspiration started in beads on my forehead and my rash courage oozed gradually out my finger tips. At last, sure that the Indian must be under the influence of the drug, I dropped the handkerchief and hurried from the shanty.

My nerves tingled with excitement. Now that I had my man, what should I do with him? Reason suggested that, to make him secure beyond all peradventure, he should be bound, and I went to the stable to secure a rope. As I turned to retrace my steps to the house, the thought came to me with crushing force that Kid had rarely traveled unattended by some brave with a criminal tendency. Might it not be that he had halted at the shanty to wait for some red companion to join him? What a fool I was. In another instant I had leaped on my horse and was galloping like mad for the Phoenix mine. I would get the entire outfit of the Phoenix and make secure the final capture of my half-taken prisoner.

I have reason to believe that the distance from the Blueball to the Phoenix has never been covered so rapidly before or since as it was by me that night.

When I declared that I had captured Kid, the renegade, the Phoenix boys even jeered at me; but they all turned out, armed themselves, and followed me back to the Blueball.

The candle had long since burned out and all was dark in the shanty. I threw a cordon of men about the house, however, and then entered it cautiously, accompanied by three of the best shots from Phoenix.

Not a sound was to be heard as we stepped into the cabin.

"He's still under the influence of the chloroform," I remarked, as I struck a match and lighted a fresh candle. When I finally turned my attention to the cot I was amazed to find that it was empty.

The Apache Kid had disappeared.

On the table lay a pack of much-thumbed playing cards belonging to Joe. One of them—the ace of hearts—was turned up, and on it was hastily written the following:

"When you chloroform your next Indian, use something besides benzine. 'P. S. I take your gun, having lost mine. KID."

The note was correctly spelled and the chirography was fair; but then Kid had enjoyed the advantages of a good Indian school—some say he attended Carlisle.

But how was it I had happened to mistake the benzine for the chloroform liniment bottle, and why did not the Kid rise up and annihilate me on the spot?

I have never been able satisfactorily to answer these two questions.

Big Undertaking.
"I wonder if it would be possible to revive eighteenth century fiction?"
"Well, it's pretty low."—Detroit Tribune.

The Bull and the Professor.

"Now, look here," said the professor to the infuriated bull, "you are my superior in strength; I am your superior in mind. Let us arbitrate this matter and see which should by right have the better of our controversy. 'Oh, no,' replied the bull; 'let's toss up for it.'" The professor lost.—(Tit-Bits). Arbitration with a bull is merely a matter of form.—New Orleans Picayune.

They Gave Him \$100.

A Lexington, Ky., man sued the Western Union Telegraph company for \$1800 for not promptly delivering a message, and so preventing him from attending his mother's funeral, but the jury thought that he was damaged but \$100 worth.

Is Better Now.

A piece of knife blade was taken from the head of Myron Jordan, at Joliet, Ill., the other day. He was stabbed in the head four years ago, and has suffered great pain and been out of his mind ever since.

Many make themselves older by worrying, because they are growing old.

No person who has false teeth should throw his head back when he laughs.

The older a man becomes, the more hills he has to climb.

ASK YOUR DEALER FOR

W. L. DOUGLAS \$3. SHOE BEST IN THE WORLD. \$3.

If you pay \$4 to \$6 for shoes, examine the W. L. Douglas Shoe, and see what a good shoe you can buy for

OVER 100 STYLES AND WIDTHS, CONGRESS, BUTTON, and LACE, made in all kinds of the best selected leather by skilled workmen. We make and sell more \$3 Shoes than any other manufacturer in the world. None genuine unless name and price is stamped on the bottom.

Ask your dealer for our \$5, \$4, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2.25 Shoes; \$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.75 for boys.

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To ALL Merchants Who Retail TOBACCO.

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.

We have notified every wholesale dealer in the United States that we will supply them with soap to give you FREE. Order a good supply of GENUINE DURHAM at once, and insist on getting your soap. One bar of Soap FREE with each pound you buy. Soap is offered for a limited time, so order to-day.

BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO COMPANY.

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

"Big as a Barn Door."

Battle Ax

PLUG

For 5 cents you get almost as much "Battle Ax" as you do of other high grade goods for 10 cents. Before the days of "Battle Ax" consumers paid 10 cents for same quality. Now, "Battle Ax"—Highest Grade, 5 cents. That's true economy.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Well Supplies, Hagelsteins Angelo.
 Kerney Mays was in town Tuesday.
 Charlie Collins was in the city Tuesday.
 Eclipse Repairs at B. L. Wilson Angelo.
 Dr. J. Dickey, of Water Valley was in town Wednesday.
 Mr. A. Payne, of Sanco, was in town Wednesday.
 Mowers at Hagelstein San Angelo.
 W. E. Boykin was in town Tuesday.
 Wire, at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis returned from a visit to Brown county last Saturday.
 Aermotors at Hagelsteins Angelo.
 M. H. Davis added a gallery to and otherwise improved his residence this week.
 Hacks at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.
 Mr. and Mrs. Dan Buchanan's little daughter, Ethel, took measles Tuesday.
 Glassware at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.
 J. B. Morris is mentioned as a probable candidate for the Surveyors office.
 Tinware at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.
 Dr. J. O. Toliver bought the B. F. Montgomery stock of Groceries this week.
 Wagons at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.
 R. P. Perry has rented the livery stable of E. Good—read his card in this issue.
 Hardware at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.
 J. W. Hall has the lumber on the ground and is erecting a residence on his little farm north of town.
 Binders at Hagelstein, San Angelo.
 Buggies at Hagelsteins, San Angelo.
 Mr. G. W. Webb, has rented the B. F. Montgomery Business house, south of the post office, and we have suspicions that he will put in a stock of groceries.
 W. C. Merchant and wife visited relatives in North Branch Canyon this week.
 Implements at Hagelsteins, Angelo.
 Methodist Protestant Quarterly Conference begins at Silver today.
 G. J. Moore went to San Angelo Thursday.
 Aey Ross was in the city Thursday.
 Virgil Brownfield brought Dr. Riggs down from Hylton Wednesday and spent the night in town.
 John Knight says he has not slept good of late for studying about what to do with that immense crop of corn he is raising.
 The Regular May term of commissioners court meets Monday.
 County court meets Monday, May 18th.
 Montgomery Trimble sent to town for a doctor Thursday evening—more measles.

IMPERIAL HARPS

are the best in the market that can be sold for 25 or 30 cents, they are true and full in tone, cash blowing and durable.
CALL FOR THEM.
 Merchants and Dealers supplied. Send for trade prices.
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**

Dr. Latham was called to see Johnie Weathers Wednesday and reported John to be right sick, though improving.

Tom King, the Sweetwater sheepman, staid at the Lee Hotel last Friday and Monday nights on his way to and from San Angelo.

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

Will Collins, one of the most enterprising and broad minded cowmen of West Texas, was in town Tuesday and made the Rustler glad to the tune of \$4. on his subscription to same.

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

G. C. Laswell, of Sanco, was trading in town Tuesday. Mr. Laswell says his family brought chills from the Territory and still have them.

Advertise in the Rustler.

M. H. Davis bought W. L. Clawson's half interest in the 80-acre tract of river bottom land one half mile east of town, known as "Coop Hollow" place—terms private.

Rev. G. C. Berryman was called as pastor of the Baptist Church here last Sunday and will preach every first Sunday.

Quarterly Conference, of the M. E. Church South, convened at Ft. Chadbourne today. Brother Shelton, P. E. is expected to be there and a pleasant time is anticipated.

Billy Collins bought of Wm. Childress & Walter Harris 820 head of cattle at the following prices:—Yearling heifers \$6.2-year old heifers \$9. steer yearlings \$10. cows \$13. And from the O'Daniel Brothers, of Broute, 400 yearling at \$10.50.

On Tuesday evening Dr. Latham was called to visit Mr. J. W. Ashurst little 7 year old son, who had been hurt in the head by a sheep running over him, and had taken the lock-jaw. After relieving him as best he could, Dr. Latham advised that the child be taken to San Angelo, where he could be given constant medical attention.

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.

The Silver mail carrier, J. W. Tunnell, informs us that quite a good rain fell on Saturday last from Sanco toward Silver, at Silver there was but little rain but a heavy hail storm.

Mr. C. H. Cooper of Silver, called to see us yesterday.

A good prospect for rain as we go to press—Friday evening.

The following parties attended the picnic on Pecan yesterday:

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrison, J. E. Stewart and family, H. E. Johnston and children, Emmette Reed, Ed and Miss Lucy Mobley and Miss Sallie Perry, the junior of the RUSTLER gang and—well, as we go to press we have not learned whether he had to go by himself or not.

Dr. Riggs, of San Angel, spent Thursday and Friday in town.

The regular May term of commissioners court meets Monday.

County court meets on Monday May the 18th.

Those in town who have measles and whooping cough are said to be doing well.

In this issue appears the advertisement of Wiukler & Co., of Ballinger, one of the best Dry Good houses in West Texas. We have tried them and do not hesitate to say that they will sell you good goods at a bargain. Read their advertisement and when in Ballinger inspect and price their stock of goods.

Notice.

Saturday before the first Sunday in each month is meeting time of the Peoples Party club of Pre. No. 1, at which time the doctrines of the party will be discussed by selected speakers.

J. W. Tunnell,
 Chairman.

One of Mr. J. F. Starman's little children was badly stung by bees Wednesday and Dr. Toliver was called to see if the Doctor reports the child to be getting all right.

On last Thursday evening a committee, composed of J. W. Reed, J. E. Stewart and Ed Mobley, met at the court house for the purpose of receiving bids for building the church for the M. E. Church South, at Robert Lee.

Only two bids were received; J. H. Burroughs bid—for himself and J. W. Tunnell, and J. A. Green had in a bid for the amount.

As the bids were a tie, and as the committee thought both too high, both were rejected and the committee will meet at the court house again next Monday evening for the purpose of considering all bids that may then be presented.

By request we do not give the amounts of the bids submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

RATES FOR ANNOUCNMENS

FOR OFFICE,

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

Announcement Fees Always In Advance.

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

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. J. 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.

POLICAL 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.

For particulars as to limits and time cards call upon any Santa Fe agent or write to

W. S. Keenan,
 General Passenger agent,
 Galveston, Texas.

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

**ADVETISE 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 sho.

- Any calico in the house 4c per yard.
- 36 inch bleached domestic 4c per yard.
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- Crepon—All shades 6 1-2c per yard.
- Figured chali 3 1 2c per yard.
- White lawn 4 cents per yard
- Ladies black hoes 5c per pair.
- Children's donbie 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 mainsook 5c per yard.

L. Schwartz & Co.

M. ALEXANDER, Manageing Partner,
SAN ANGELO TEXAS,

Millinery And Dress Making.

More new goods at the millinery store!
 Call and see them.

Dress Making a speciality.

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

Rufe Whiteside hauled his wool to San Angelo this week, with the help of J. W. Fristoe, but did not sell it.

Lee Hamilton took in San Angelo this week and bought a fine saddle of Mose Taylor.

Judge Perryman returned from Ballinger Tuesday night, where he had been spending several days with old friends.

Born.
 On last Sunday, the 3, an eleven pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Parmer, of Valley View.

On the 5th of this month Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hudman, of Indian Creek, this county, were made happy by the birth of a daughter.

B. F. Montgomery and family moved to the J. T. Hamilton ranch, on Boozer, last Thursday.

TONSORIAL EMPORIUM

Jess. Buchanan, Pro.
Shaving, Shampooing, Hair Cutting etc., done in the best of style. When needing work done in his line call on him

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.,
San Angelo, Texas.

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.
SWEETWATER TEXAS.

J. T. Hamilton

[Successor to Hamilton, & Patteson]

DRUGGISTS AND STATIONERS,
Robert Lee, Texas,

J. W. REED,
DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Groceries And

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

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

Wagon and Feed Yard.

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All Kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good
Buck Camp House. The Best Attention
to Customers. The Best Accommodations

For The Least Money. We
Appreciate Your
Trade.

East of Nimitz Hotel.

ROBERT LEE LIVERY STABLE

I have now assumed control of the ED GOOD Livery Stable. I will keep good Teams, good Buggies and Harness for my patrons and will treat you right when put up at my Stable. Free Wagon Yard in connection.

Respectfully,

R. P. Perry.

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.

Balinger, 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.

We offer

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS and the RUSTLER for 12 months for the low clubbing price of \$1.50 cash.

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

Hand in your subscriptions at once.

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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 Balinger 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.
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.

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

When in COLORADO give us a trial.

COLORADO - - - - - TEXAS.

When In Sweetwater

CALL ON

D. S. ARNOLD & CO,

Groceries & Hardware.

Jehu Graham.

BLACK MITH 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 CORNER Square. - - - ROBERT LEE TEXAS

SOMETHING NEW.

My goods have now arrived.

I have in stock a full line of

HARDWARE, . QUEENSWARE, . STOVES,

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.

Paralysis Follows Bloodlessness and Nervous Prostration.

A PATIENT WOMAN AFFLICTED FOR YEARS.

She Tells How at Last She Was Permanently Cured.

From the Press, New York City.

For more than fifteen years, Mrs. A. Mather, who lives at No. 43 East One-hundred-and-twelfth Street, New York, was a sufferer from anemia, which, in spite of the treatment of physicians, gradually developed into nervous prostration until finally marked symptoms of paralysis set in. Mrs. Mather gladly gave the reporter her experience.

"For many years," Mrs. Mather said, "I was a constant sufferer from nervousness. It was about fifteen years ago that my condition began to grow worse. Soon I became so affected that I was prostrated and, until about two years ago, was a part of the time unable to leave my bed. I employed several physicians from time to time, my bills at the drug store for prescriptions, sometimes amounting to as much as \$50 a month, but all the doctors did for me did not seem to help me at all. My blood became greatly impoverished and after years of suffering I was threatened with paralysis.

"When I walked I could scarcely drag my feet along and at times my knees would give away so that I would almost fall down. Feeling that doctors could not help me I had little hope of recovery, until one day I read in a newspaper how a person, afflicted almost the same as I was, had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I purchased a box and began taking the pills. The effect of this first box pleased me so much that I bought another. Before I had taken all the pills in the first box I began to experience relief and, after the third box had been used, I was practically cured. It was really surprising what a speedy and pronounced effect the medicine had upon me.

"I always keep Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the house now, and when I feel any symptoms of nervousness find that they give me certain relief."

Mrs. Mather's daughter, Miss Anna, corroborated her mother's account, and told how she herself had been cured of chronic indigestion by these pills; and how, too, her cousin had been cured of anemia.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females, such as suppressions, irregularities and all forms of weakness. They build up the blood, and restore the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of whatever nature. Pink Pills are sold in boxes (never in loose bulk) at 50c a box or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists, or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Med. Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Seed Contract.

Secretary Morton has let the contract for the 10,125,000 packets of vegetable seeds to be distributed to the public under the recent act of congress to D. Landreth & Sons, of Philadelphia. The price fixed is \$70,000, seeds to be delivered subject to germinative test, under a very carefully-drawn contract, free of cost, at the department in Washington, ready for mailing. The contract for a million packets flower seeds was let L. L. May & Co. of St. Paul, Minn., at half a cent per packet. Under this new method of buying seeds and compelling the sellers to put their own firm names upon the packets, it is believed by the secretary that a better quality of seeds will have been secured.

A Wonderful Structure.

One of the most marvelous bridges in the world is planned to cross the Tennessee river at Knoxville. It will be built of pink marble quarried in the neighborhood, and will cross the river with four great arches of 240 feet span, the longest arch in the world by twenty feet. At the channel span it will rise to 105 feet above the water.

How Did It Happen?

The skeleton of a federal soldier has been found in a hollow tree near the battle field of Seven Pines, Va. It is supposed that he crawled into the tree through fear of bullets, and was unable to get out. The opening in the tree is much too small for a man to get in or out.

A Trinity of Evils.

Biliousness, sick headache and irregularity of the bowels accompany each other. To the removal of this trinity of evils Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is specially adapted. It also cures dyspepsia, rheumatism, malarial complaints, biliousness, nervousness and constipation. The most satisfactory results follow a fair trial. Use it daily.

Nearly every poor man is ready to make fun of a rich man, or borrow money of him.

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 27, 1896.

National Republican convention, St. Louis, Mo., June 16, 1896.

National People's convention, St. Louis, Mo., July 22, 1896.

For particulars as to limits and time cards call upon any Santa Fe agent or write to W. S. KEENAN, General Passenger Agt., Galveston.

It takes an awfully funny joke to strike a busy man.

STOP!—All fits stopped free by Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after the first day's use. Nervousness cured. Treatise and 25 trial bottles free to fit cases. Send to Dr. King, 201 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

The disadvantages of a season arrive before its joys: the bed bug gets here before the violet.

ON PIRATES ISLAND.

ST. THOMAS WAS FORMERLY BLACKBEARD'S SEAT.

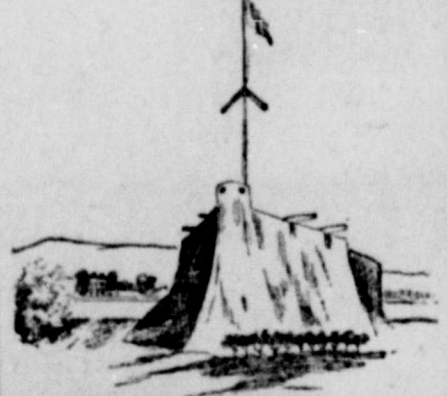
Present Day Reminders of His Reign of Crime—Nineteen Wives and Vast Treasure Were His—His Head the Compensation for His Deeds.

COME down into the hold, my merry men, and we'll have a little hell of our own." This was the cheerful request of the pirate Blackbeard, when business was dull and time hung heavy on his hands. As such a request was also in the nature of a command, and further emphasized by a display of the small arsenal of pistols, arquebuses, and cutlasses which Blackbeard wore about his person, his crew always accepted his invitation with alacrity.

Once in the hold, with the hatches battened down, the genial pirate lighted sundry pots of brimstone, previously prepared, and then serenely awaited developments. With lungs of leather and a constitution habituated to diabolical pastimes, Mr. Blackbeard inhaled the fumes sulphurous as though they were gales of incense from Araby, and when one of his unfortunate messmates ventured to cough he was promptly knocked on the head. And when, at last, sneezing and coughing spitting and swearing, the crew essayed a bolt for the hatches and out air, the festive mariner simply crossed his hands and fired indiscriminately into the crowd of writhing wretches, wounding and killing without mercy.

This was Blackbeard's idea of a good time, and perhaps anticipatory of the good times in store for them when he and his comrades should have departed for the pirates' happy hunting grounds. At all events, it was simply one of his lighter pastimes, his really serious work being put in on the hapless sailors and merchantmen who fell into his hands while his vessel was cruising the seas between the island of Jamaica and the coast of America. Another of his diversions consisted in making his many prisoners walk the plank, said plank being stuck out over the side of the vessel, with the farther end projecting into nowhere, and the howling waves beneath. The scene of this pirate's depredations was chiefly about the group of islands known as the Virgins, in the West Indies, where the numerous concealed harbors and inlets gave him opportunity for escape when hotly pursued by his many enemies. For, though it may seem very strange, this great man had enemies, who, perhaps jealous of his successes, and desirous of putting an end to them, chased him from one place to another most persistently.

It was about the middle of the seventeenth century that Blackbeard, formerly known as Capt. Teach, of Bristol, England, took to the high seas for a living, and became the scourge of the Spanish, Dutch and English merchant marine. He had discovered in the island of St. Thomas, then recently taken possession of by the Danes, a retreat after his own heart. It abounded in hidden harbors, deep inlets, reef-enclosed bays, and projecting promontories that commanded wide extended views of the surrounding seas. The Danes had seized it, finding it practically unoccupied, and, not to be behind them in push and progress, he took possession of the best strategic point on the island. They had erected a little red fort (which may be seen today), supplied it with cast iron cannon (still there), garrisoned it with a handful of stolid soldiers, appointed a governor and police inspector, and then



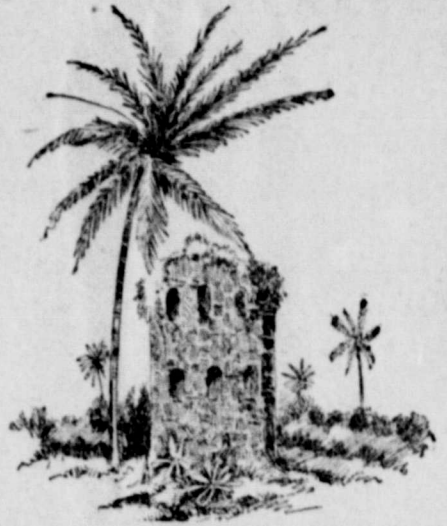
THE OLD RED FORT.

claimed it all. This claim Capt. Blackbeard was disposed to resent, and so, when the valiant Danes drove him out of their fine harbor he vowed he would bring the patriots of the immortal Hamlet to terms.

He sneaked around to the other side of the island, the northern shore, where he knew of a harbor as good as their own, and there landed. This harbor is still there and is yet as solitary as the day old Blackbeard sailed into it with his rapacious crew. It lies directly north of the fortified harbor of Charlotte Amalia, which is also known as St. Thomas but there is a high hill intervening, which shuts it out from the rest of the world, and the handful of Danes in their little red fort. It is deep, harp-shaped, with high cliffs on either side, and a beautiful beach of

white sand at its lower end, nearest to the town beyond the hill.

Landing there at their leisure, the pirates carried their stores and guns to the top of the hill, peeping over the crest of which they could see all the harbor of Charlotte Amalia spread out before and beneath them. This hill-crest is about 1,500 feet above either harbor, north and south, and commands, in fact, the entire island, with its outlying reefs and islets. Having taken possession of the hill-crest, Blackbeard then had the Danes at his mercy. But this was not what he wanted—this narrow ridge, so far above the sea that his retreat might be cut off at any moment—his desires were fixed upon a certain tower, standing isolate upon one of the central hills on which the town was beginning to be built. Having accumulated at the crest all the stores and ammunition necessary, together with such cannon as he could spare from his ship, he awaited a favorable opportunity to descend and take the tower. This came that night, and, if any of us had been there, we might have seen a band of villainous cutthroats carefully wending their way down the steep hillside toward the object of their desires. They finally



BLACKBEARD'S TOWER.

reached it, summoned the captain in command of his small garrison to surrender—which he did at discretion—and then quickly took possession.

When, next morning, the peaceful Danes gazed northward, they saw the pirate flag, with its emblems of death, flying from the parapet of the old tower. That they were astonished, goes without saying; that they hastened to point their antiquated cast-iron guns in the direction of the tower is a matter of course. But they never fired them off. Discretion was clearly the better part of valor in this instance, especially as it was enforced by the pirate commander's threat to blow their fort to smithereens at the least sign of offensive preparation. Down from the hill-crest Blackbeard brought his ammunition and plunder, not forgetting, you may be sure, the nineteen women who stood to him in the nature of wives, and whose fair faces were veiled from the sight of curious spectators. And there they were incarcerated, tradition tells us, these nineteen captive brides. They were a heterogeneous collection, their very nationalities showing the broad sympathies and catholicity of taste of their husband. There were creoles from Cuba; two had been snatched from the very jaws of Havana from a galleon just sailing out of its famed harbor. Three were taken on the Spanish Main, and, judging from their dark complexion, had native Indian blood in their veins. One came from Jamaica, the daughter of an English trader, and had first seen the light in a seaport town of old England. She, with her complexion of cream and roses, was reputed the favorite of the stern, black-whiskered sailor, and consequently was hated by the others. How long they were confined there tradition does not inform us; but it is likely that the deeds of their master soon brought upon him the combined fleets of the nations which he had so long and violently outraged. Square-stemmed Dutch droghers, full-waisted English ships, high-decked Spanish galleons, all were scouring the seas after this universal enemy; and it were very strange if he should not be brought to bay at last and made to answer for his misdeeds. A sea dog born and bred, he could not long stay ashore, even though holding securely a fort that dominated the island of the Danes. Leaving a portion of his harem in the tower, he climbed down to the hidden harp-shaped harbor behind the hills, and again ventured forth upon the sea. There, finally, he met his fate in the person of a valiant officer of the English navy, who, after a fierce fight, overcame him and carried him and his bloody crew to port. It is a matter of history that this valiant lieutenant sailed into a harbor of Virginia with the head of Blackbeard affixed to his bowsprit. It was the fiercest, most savage-looking head that has ever been seen since the Medusa shook her snaky locks and transformed living men to stone. For the face was covered to the eyes with bushy whiskers black as night, curling and profuse, and this enormous beard was adorned with wax-tapers and lighted matches when its owner was in action, giving him an appearance nothing less than diabolic. But the shaggy head, with its whiskers, still adorned with matches and tapers, was at last taken in triumph to shore, never more to wag in hideous jest or to determine the fate of his victims by a nod.

NATIVE BIRDS DISAPPEARING.

Many Causes Unitting to Bring About Their Practical Extirpation.

A lecture was given at the Academy of Natural Sciences Wednesday afternoon by Mr. Witmer Stone, conservator of the ornithological section, on "The Protection and Preservation of Our Native Birds," says the Philadelphia Ledger.

Many causes, the speaker said, combined to bring about the extermination of various species of birds besides the warfare waged upon them by man. The conditions necessary to their existence were changing, and some species were unable to adapt themselves to the change. The clearing away of the forests and settlement of the country had diminished the number and exterminated many species. The wild pigeons which, within the recollection of many of the present generation, darkened the sky with their flight, cannot now be found in flocks in any portion of the country. For the last sixteen years there is a record of only six wild pigeons being killed in this state.

The common quail, or "Bob White," is becoming very scarce, and but for the protection afforded by the game laws, and the vigilance of sportsmen who prosecute the violators of those laws, would soon become extinct. The pheasant, or ruffed grouse, once so plentiful, is now found only in uninhabited wilds, or where they have been placed and protected by sportsmen's clubs. The little wren and bluebird, known and loved by the children of the last generation, are now seldom seen where sparrows are plenty. The burly, pugnacious foreigner came here to stay the year round. He does not migrate as the tiny song birds do, but takes possession of the bird boxes erected for his musical kindred, and, when they return in the spring, their homes are gone; every hole in the trees and every cranny where they used to nest has now a resident sparrow, and the little warblers are driven back to the woods, if they can find any, to end their days.

The great destroyer of birds, however, is fashion. About the year 1880 she decreed that complete birds should be used to decorate the ladies' hats. What fashion decrees must, of necessity, be followed. The smaller birds first became the victims of this cruel craze and millions upon millions were sacrificed to it. Some species have been utterly exterminated. The wholesale millinery firms sent out collectors (taxidermists, they called themselves) who established camps about nesting time, when birds congregate most, and slaughtered them without mercy, leaving their unfed young in the nests to starve.

An Egyptian Bride.

At the marriage in Egypt of Princess Minet Hanen, sister of the Khedive, the bride came in preceded by a woman musician all dressed in white satin. She was supported by two bridesmaids. Her gown was of white satin, but one could scarcely see the material because of the heavy gold embroidery. Her neck and arms were simply covered with diamonds, and on her head she wore a high crown of precious stones, to which was attached her veil of silk and gold. On either side of her head were ornaments of gold and jewels, with threads of gold reaching to the ground, of such weight that the bridesmaids had to carry them. She was one of the most beautiful women ever seen, and when she was seated on the throne it was a picture. She and her surroundings were beautiful beyond description. When she retired the Khedive stood on the throne and threw newly-coined money among the ladies for luck.

Aluminum in the Army.

"The aluminum vessels now in use in the French army are found to wear very little. They can be heated over gas and coal, and are not attacked by the food and wine, etc., as the food does not remain long in the vessels. Flasks in which ordinary water is kept for months show whitish spots near specks of impurities—iron, carbon, etc., and on the soldered portions if other metals have been admixed. The vessels are made simply by stamping, without soldering, except at the handles. In salt water, corrosion of the metal proceeds more quickly than in fresh water; it becomes black, but sulphuric acid carefully applied restores the original brightness.—Popular Science News.

Comparative Cost of Freight by Water and Rail.

It has been proved by actual test that a single tow-boat can transport at one trip from the Ohio to New Orleans 29,000 tons of coal, loaded in barges. Estimating in this way, the boat and its tow, worked by a few men, carries as much freight to its destination as 3,000 cars and 100 locomotives, manned by 600 men, could transport.

A Naturalist.

The class in natural history being asked the difference between a dog and a tree, the head boy answered: "A tree is covered with bark, while a dog seems to be lined with it."



Gladness Comes

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

"If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

The Curse of Mankind!

The most horrible disease to which the human family is subject is contagious blood poison. It has always baffled the doctors, for notwithstanding the progress made in some branches of medicine, they have failed absolutely to discover a cure for it. Whether in the form of powder, pill or liquid, the doctor's prescription is always the same—potash or mercury.

Mr. Otto H. Elbert, who resides at the corner of 22d Street, and Avenue N., Galveston, Texas, had a severe experience with this dreadful disease, and under date of April 5th, 1895, writes:

"Several years ago I was so unfortunately as to contract contagious blood poison, and was under treatment of the best physicians continuously for four years. As soon as I discovered that I had the disease, I hastened to place myself under the care of one of the foremost doctors in my State, and took his treatment faithfully for several months. It was a very short time after he pronounced me well, that the disease broke out afresh, and I was in a far worse condition than at first. Large lumps formed



on my neck, my throat was filled with sores, and a horrible ulcer broke out on my jaw. After being treated again with no success, I became disgusted and changed doctors. I was again given the usual treatment of mercury, and took enough to kill an ordinary man. Of course, I was pronounced cured half a dozen times, the disease returning each time, until my physician finally admitted that he could do me no good. I am sure that no one was ever in a worse fix than I—my hair had fallen by the handful, my feet were so swollen that I could scarcely work, and I was in a sad plight.

"I had seen S. S. S. advertised as a cure for this disease, and determined to try it, and before I had taken one bottle I felt much better. I continued to take the remedy, and a dozen bottles cured me completely, so that for five years I have had no sign of the terrible disease. S. S. S. is the greatest blood remedy of the age, and is truly a God-send to those afflicted with contagious blood poison."

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and never fails to cure contagious blood poison, scrofula, eczema, rheumatism, cancer, catarrh, or any other disease of the blood. If you have a blood disease, take a remedy which will not injure you. Beware of mercury; don't do violence to your system. Our books on blood and skin diseases will be mailed free to any address. Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.