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A BROKEN CHAIN.

(Translated from the French.)



JACQUES ran rapidly up the five stairs and stopped on the landing of the sixth floor. There he stood a moment between two doors which faced each other, gazed longingly on the left, took out his key and opened the door on the right; turned once more toward the door on the left, heaved a deep sigh and slowly entered the room on the right.

Once inside, he removed his coat, donned a smoking jacket, placed a chair near the wall, took his favorite position astride it, and, leaning over, applied his ear to the partition, evidently anxious to hear from the other side. Then he lighted a cigarette and watched the smoke as he blew it into fanciful shapes toward the ceiling.

He had already smoked several cigarettes and repeated the listening operation many times when his face, dark until now, suddenly brightened. He could hear some one moving. "She is in!"

A clatter of knives and crockery was now heard.

"She is getting her dinner!"

And leaning still farther forward he strove to catch every move of his unconscious neighbor.

Never seeing her he still felt happy to feel that she was living there so near him.

That he saw her no more was indeed a cruel fact and a cause of much grief. At one time he used to see her almost every day. He would plan accidental meetings so cleverly that they really appeared a pure favor from a kindly fate. They were the result of much scheming, no doubt, but it required a great deal of patience to bring them about. For instance, Jacques would watch for hours in front of the house to see her coming home. As soon as he caught a glimpse of her approaching form he would quickly run up the stairs, wait an instant to give her time to reach the house, then slowly go



FELL WITH A CRASH.

down as if chance alone brought him thus to meet her as she was climbing up to her room. Unfortunately at that important point his self-possession would always desert him. Her modest, unconcerned mien as she passed by so upset him that he would find himself bowing awkwardly, cacting down his eyes and feeling like a bashful schoolboy.

After such failures he would remonstrate with himself severely, vow to be less timid next time, practice graceful bows, invent pretexts for addressing her and study subjects of conversation. But all preconceived arrangements would tumble confusedly to the ground the moment he stood near her, and the consciousness of defeat but increased his nervousness. One day he clumsily dropped his hat and then he determined to never see her again.

"Thus," thought he, "I may at least avoid making a bad impression, as I can't make a good one."

Her name was Charlotte; he had learned that somehow, and her occupation that of a seamstress. She generally was out all day. She was a good, honest girl, to that he could swear, for he knew that she often worked late into the night. How he admired the brave, beautiful girl who alone in the world had so well resisted its temptations!

He wondered when and how he began to love her! She had come to this house the year before. At first he had noticed she was pretty but for a long time had given her no further thought. Then by degrees this sentiment had entered his heart and finally possessed his whole being. How had it come? Through the walls, as it were. It is

the attraction of the woman one feels living near. At night we wonder, is she in? In the morning, is she up? until all our thoughts are of her.

Be it as it may, Jacques had not the least doubt as to the nature of his feelings for Charlotte. Had she allowed him to speak, and admitting such a possibility, had he but had the courage to address her, his declaration would have been short and to the point:

"Mademoiselle, I love you; will you be my wife?" would have been the speech to convey all he thought, felt and desired.

But, then, one cannot offer one's empty hand to a woman! Jacques was poor. He was a painter—one of those aspirants whose wealth is still a matter of hopes and dreams. Just at present he found no sale for his canvas and in order to pay the last quarter's rent the room had been relieved of several pieces of furniture. In fact, a bed and a chair were about its sole ornaments. Upon this chair our young artist spent his evenings, ever on the alert and interpreting every movement of the unconscious girl in the next room. The rustling of her dress, the moving of a chair, the noise of the dishes, all spoke of her occupation at that particular moment.

"She is laying the cloth—she is clearing up—she is sitting down—now she is going to sew."

"I wonder what she thinks of me? Does she suspect I am so near? If only she knew how I love her!"

Often he felt tempted to attract her attention, even though it were silly, but again the fear of displeasing her held him back.

"And yet she must think of me sometimes. She knows I live here. She cannot help seeing the light through my ever-gaping door. She must be a little curious, being a woman. She must notice I am always in. Perhaps I did attract her attention in spite of my blunders; on account of them, perhaps. Possibly she knows I love her and is expecting an avowal, and, seeing I dare not speak—who knows (as much may be expected of women)? She may some day drop her work, cross that landing, push open my door—which I never shut—enter my room and say:

"Since you will not come I shall!" Ah! but that might be a long time coming!

Still straddling his post of observation he would ruminate on the many devices presenting themselves to his mind in order to hasten matters. To slip a note under her door? He had often thought of that, but would she read it? And supposing she did, would not the first passionate word offend her and cause her to tear up his missive in anger? To get some one to speak for him? Whom? They had no mutual friend. Decidedly none of these means were practicable and the only thing to do was to wait. How long?

II.

It was getting late, very late. Charlotte, still at work, began to sing to keep from falling asleep. Jacques kept time, following the rhythm by rocking himself to and fro, which went very well when the movement was slow, but when it quickened with the spirited passages of the song the game became a dangerous one and taxed the poor old chair beyond its capacity for gymnastics.

The whole modern repertoire was reviewed. Now came "Faust."

"Ah, if he were here!"

"But he is there!" Jacques almost cried. In turn came selections from "Rigoletto," "Trovatore," "Barber of Seville," etc. Hours flew by and Jacques never tired of listening to this concert. Charlotte herself must have wearied, for presently the programme altered. Romances and reveries succeeded cavalettas and operatic airs. The vibrating tones of her voice were subdued to suit the low, sweet melodies which followed her former efforts, one of the soothing effects of the change being to lull Jacques into a slumber, though even in his sleep he kept alive to the music and followed every note uttered by the fair singer.

All at once Charlotte, who probably decided she must keep awake at any cost, started into a lively song, "La Valse des Roses," by Oliver Metra, one of those wildly delirious waltzes which would make the dying long for the use of their feet.

Jacques must have been dreaming and dreaming he was waltzing, for, enfolding his chair, he started, whirled two or three times and then both madman and chair fell to the floor with a crash. There was a dreadful commotion; the floor shook. A scream rang through the air but it did not issue from Jacques' lips.

It would have been impossible for

him to utter any sound. He had fallen on his face, split his forehead open and fainted.

When he came to himself, a few hours later, he was lying upon the bed, his head was bandaged, and a woman sat near watching him.

"What! you here, mademoiselle?" "Certainly, monsieur, I heard such a noise in this room last night I feared some terrible tragedy was taking place. I came quickly and found you lying upon the floor unconscious. It is all right now, there is no danger. In a few days no trace will remain but a slight scar. But, tell me, how did it happen to fall in such an absurd manner with your chair?"

Jacques made no reply, but blushed uneasily. Women are quick in seeing a passion they inspire; Charlotte soon read Jacques' heart.

They chatted quietly until breakfast time. The first step was taken. The ice broken. How easy to wait now! They are now married and happy. Charlotte does not work by the day any more. Jacques has reached that happy state of things which comes to all who strive and his paintings are sold quite easily, bringing enough to provide for the demands of their unpretentious mode of living.

Two things have been and are still a matter of wonder and comment among their friends. On their marriage day the "Valse des Roses" was played on the organ and a conspicuous place in their drawing room is filled by an old broken chair, so weak and rickety that Charlotte has to fasten it together with ribbons in order to make it stand.

The Engineer's Astonishment.

There is a smart little town out in North Dakota, and its inhabitants imagine they are a great deal smarter. They have an excellent opinion of their city, as they term it, and blow and bluster more over its welfare and growth than a Kansas cyclone. The main line of a railroad runs through it, and once a week a train stops there. This indifference on the part of the railroad people is a source of great bitterness to the inhabitants, especially as the engineers make it a point to go through the place at full speed. Finally, they resolved to put a stop to it; so one day they built a barricade on the tracks and forced the train to come to a halt. Then they arrested the engineer, took him before the judge of the place. He was charged with running through a city regardless of speed and to the danger of the populace.

"What have you to say in answer to this charge, sir?" sternly asked the judge.

The engineer smiled and looked around. He stepped to the door and looked at the few straggling houses and allowed an expression of astonishment to settle on his face. Then he walked slowly up in front of the judge and said:

"Upon my honor, judge, this is the first time I ever knew there was such a place as a town on this part of the line."

The citizens after that slowly removed the barricade and let the engineer proceed on his way.—Harper's Round Table.

Street-Car Honesty.

"Now, what," said the scrupulous man, "do you do when a street-car conductor overlooks you and forgets to ask for your fare?"

"I give it to him without being asked, of course," said the conscientious man.

"I used to do that," said the scrupulous man, "till a conductor whom I knew told me that I had thereby been the means of getting him reprimanded. There was a spotter on the car and my action served to call attention to the fact that the conductor had been remiss in his duty. It would probably not have been noticed if I had kept still. Now, what should a man do in such a case?"

"Well, for my part," said the sad devil, "when a conductor overlooks me I consider it an invitation from his company to take a glass of beer at his expense."—Buffalo Express.

Pen Points.

One difference between meat and drink is that while the former is necessary to keep body and soul together, the latter is good at keeping them apart.—Truth.

A carpet used in the room of the English mint, after being in wear some years, was recently burned in pans and yielded \$2,500 worth of gold.

THE FIRST ON RECORD

THE FIRST PERSON TO RECOVER FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

Doctors Don't Know What to Make of the Case, as Recovery Was Considered Impossible—Caused by the Bite of a Mad Cat.



MAN has had hydrophobia, that terrible disease which doctors say is incurable and lives to torment about it—the instance known.

He is Abraham Schlesinger, a well-known business man of St. Louis, who was attacked by the malady while on a visit to his brother and sister at Lock Arbor, Mo.

Mr. Schlesinger, who is a tall, built man of forty-six, was bitten last October by a sick cat, which healed quickly and nothing thought of it further. Mr. Schlesinger continued in good health until three weeks ago, when he came of a headache and a nausea of stomach. The next day he felt better, but declared he was ill enough to need a physician. None was called.

By the afternoon of the following day he began to feel a shooting pain from the tip of his right forefinger up his arm and into his head. In debating on his strange symptoms his sister, Louise, thoughtfully remarked:

"If it wasn't that that cat bit you in the left forefinger, Abe, I would be inclined to think—"

She did not complete the sentence aloud, but it continued in her thoughts as she suddenly recalled that the cat had bitten him in the left forefinger but in the right. He was fearful of calling his attention to the fact. At the same time she pressed her so strongly that she called Dr. A. B. Kohns, the nearest physician. Dr. Kohns did not think it could be hydrophobia after such a lapse of time. He could not detect the illness blood poisoning, but outward symptoms were not present. Nor did the complaint of Mr. Schlesinger suggest such a diagnosis. He concluded by giving the invalid treatment for his stomach and nerves, as the athletic patient ridiculed the suggestion that anything else might be the cause of the trouble. The remedy had no effect further than to stimulate Mr. Schlesinger's nerves, and he was able to come to the supper table that night. He evinced no appetite, however, only remarking that he would like a glass of fresh well water.

His sister Louise arose and procured it for him. When the glass had set a moment beside his plate, he leisurely raised it toward his lips. Then suddenly set it down without tasting it. At the same time it was noticed that he shivered and contracted his throat, trying to swallow an imaginary mouthful.

"I guess I don't want a drink," he simply said.

A hour afterward Mr. Schlesinger grew worse. Shooting pains commenced to cross his head with increasing activity. His brother and sister, seeing these ominous signs, could no longer refrain from comment, but their suggestions of hydrophobia only angered him. He declared it was neuralgia. He was forced to retire to his bed, however, and the doctor was again called.

At 10 o'clock Mr. Schlesinger's frame suddenly grew rigid. His features contracted and his eyes stared wildly, bulging from their sockets. His arms and shoulders bent backward and his chest was considerably raised above normal. His veins and powerful muscles were strongly outlined on his skin. There could no longer be a doubt of the nature of the disease and the doctor declared it to be hydrophobia.

He did not tell the patient his real thoughts, however. Schlesinger was told that it was a severe case of neuralgia and that it would cease at a certain hour that night. After that the patient grew easier. At the appointed hour he had grown entirely well. The cure is entirely attributed to will power.

A Prohibitionist.

Dukane—Isn't your friend Manchester a prohibitionist? Gaswell—Not that I know of. What makes you ask? Dukane—His favorite exclamation is: "Well, I should smile."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

WILD STEERS WRECK A BICYCLE

Each Cattle Give a Wyoming Doctor a Lively Race.

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full milk race, up the hill every day and he could breathe the leaders almost before he had covered half a mile. As he thought one particularly looking beast was about to pick with his horns the wheel struck a mock and the doctor took a head, which landed him safe in a buffalo wallow, where he lay quiet while the cattle jumped over him. The steers were under such headway they could not stop and besides it isn't the nature of western steers to stop when they have once started on a stampede until they drop from exhaustion.

The bicycle did not escape. It lay directly in the path of the maddened animals and was crushed into a worthless wreck.

VEAL CURE FOR SUNBURN.

Damaged Complexions May Be Restored by Veal Cutlet Applications.

The cry which rises annually from every seashore, country and mountain resort in the land this year met with a new response. Pasty lotions of more or less harmless properties are no longer advocated as a cure for sunburn. Complexions which have been given a crimson tinge by too long exposure to summer suns now find their speediest cure in a veal cutlet. The "veal cure," as it is called, has leaped into a popularity which indicates that it is more than ordinarily potent.

Butchers at the summer watering-places have ceased to wonder at the loud demand for veal. They know that when the summer girl returns from her sea bath, walk or drive, her first thought is for a veal cutlet that shall preserve the delicacy of her complexion. The proper procedure is to have the cutlets shaved into very thin slices. These raw slices must then be carefully laid all over the face, and lightly kept in place by passing narrow ribbon or tape over them. The result is not becoming, but that is unimportant. The victim then retires to a perfectly darkened room and lies down for at least half an hour. When the veal becomes warm by contact with the face, it should be turned over and again applied.

When the face has ceased to burn the veal may be removed and the face gently washed with elder flower water. The face should not be again exposed to the sun the same day, and no soap should be used on it for a day or two. When these precautions are observed the veal cure is guaranteed to be effective.—Philadelphia Times.

Desperate Remedy.

"Darling," he said, "you must, you shall be mine!"

"Say," she retorted, placing her finger upon the button in the wall, "do you want me to call the police?"

Then, with a wild, hunted look in his eyes, he grabbed his hat and ran.—Cleveland Leader.

Her Easy Job.

"Aunt Elvira Hobbs never got up from that roomatiz spell yit."

"Naw; some folks won't never outen bed s'long other folks keep fetchin' ice cream to 'em."—Exchange.

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COKE COUNTY RUSTLER fails to reach

before fire was extinguished

building was filled from basement

the fourth story with a suffocating

smoke which burst into a sheet

flames through the entire audite

rooms, almost instantly before the

department could respond with a

stream of water, there being some

fusion at the outset, owing to hook

ladder facilities being short, although

the local fire companies had that

closed a two days' tournament exhibit

tag much skill in quick work.

St. Joseph was called on for assistance

at the outset, they approached

the building through an alley, unless

the ladders in the rear of the building

and while hoisting them the upper

stories fell over without a second's warn

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skull crushed; leaves wife.

Hoffman, Benton Harbor, not a

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believe me; my fellow

that jealousy of a free

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that foreign influence is one

the most baneful foes of repub

government."

What anarchist do you suppose

wrote that? What man do you

suppose, desiring to excite your

prejudice against foreigners, used

that language? What demagogue,

appealing to the passions of the

people, employed those words?

These words were the words said

100 years ago on the 17th of this

month by Geo. Washington.—Bryan.

The first number of the West

Texas Stockman came to hand

last week. It is a neat, newsy

little sheet, published at Colorado

City by Menachin & Barnett, two

good news paper men. May the

citizens of Colorado and the stock

men of the country see that it is

given a wider range of usefulness.

An innocent question or two:

Why was the mention of Kerby's

name cheered so at the republican

convention at Ft. Worth? Are

the two parties not irreconcilably

opposed to each other in principle?

Then is it patriotism, money, or

office behind all that sort of thing?

Some leaders in Texas may go into

the republican party, but the

voters will not—no sir!

Palmer, the third party nominee

for president, has run across a

part of his past political record

that he can't get over. He is

about on a par with the balance of

his bunch. About nine out of ten

of the bunch have been elected to

office on free silver professions

and have repudiated it.

We ask a favor of our subscribers

that those of them who have no money

that they will come through with

some sort produce—corn, cotton seed,

hay, potatoes, pork, mutton, chickens,

eggs butter or any other kind of

produce that we can use. We must have

a living out of this business and this is

time of year to pay up.

They talk about the populists, republicans and gold democrats of Texas voting together in the coming election, but they will never do it: The populists can not stand that crowd.

Did it ever occur to you that it was good government you wanted instead of pie? If so, this is the year for you to show your patriotism. If a gold bug president is elected you will have bonds refunded for fifty years, payable in gold: the national banks rechartered for fifty years, and a continuation of the gold standard, and those curses of the government will reduce you and your children to penury, and the lowest condition in serfdom and slavery. Now is the time to right the wrong with your ballots, while you can, for in four years rule of gold bugism will forever seal your fate, unless you use harsher means. Don't let the prospect of a little pie, or pure conservatism keep you from working to the interests of the masses of the people.—Ex.

There is considerable excitement in Bell county over recent finds, which are said to be rich.

President Diaz, of Mexico, tells the new news paper of the prosperity of his country under the free policy and says that Mexico undoubtedly continue to be a country.

Harbison, Vice President Stevenson, who could have had the support of the gold bug democrats for president if he would have had it, will turn out and make speeches for "populist, anarchist" Bryan?

Mitchel, Hardeman, Sterling and Ford codified have been put under quarantine by Governor Culberson on account of the alleged presence of certain parties on the cattle in Ft. Worth.—Stock Reporter.

Two colored men named respectively "Geo. Washington" and "Jake" were overheard discussing the silver question in a saloonage. Geo. Washington pointed to a very pointedly: "Supposing there were two barrels, one filled with silver and the other with gold, which one would you take?" To which Jake solemnly replied: "I'd drink myself to death any way with one barrel and I wouldn't give a—what was in the other."—San Angelo Standard.

The people of San Saba county held a mass meeting last week and denounced the state of lawlessness existing in part of that county. They resolved to support no man for office who will not declare for enforcing the law.—Ex.

A Circular To Land Buyers.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 9.—The following given out to-day by Land Commissioner, Baker will prove of much interest, especially to purchasers of school land.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 9.—Numerous letters have reached the land office bringing information that some parties have sent out circular letters suggesting that the writer or writers, of the circulars can enable the purchasers to rebuy their lands at the reduced price under the present law. In the first place, the commissioner desires to repeat that all business will be transacted by the office in its regular course without pay and without the necessity of paying agents to attend to it for the people.

I also repeat what was said early in the spring through the press, i.e.: No lands will be forfeited,

nor will any relinquishments be accepted in cases where the claims are in good standing as to interest payments. In all cases where sales were made under the acts of 1874, 1879 and 1881, and under the act of 1883, after the act 1885 and prior to the act of 1887, which will then be delinquent in interest payment, will be forfeited on November 1, 1896, and will again be placed on the market under the old classification as soon as the list of forfeitures can be made out and furnished the clerk of the county court of the counties where the land is situated. All lands sold under other laws which may be delinquent for the nonpayment of interest, will be forfeited as soon as the treasurer can report of delinquencies, which will be probably about the middle of January, 1897. Defaulting purchasers may rebuy their lands at the reduced prices under the present law by complying with the terms of this law, except where we are informed that the valuation ought to be increased, and by making their application to date after the list of forfeitures are furnished the clerk, upon the proper blanks furnished from this office. In all cases, unless the original purchaser who desires to rebuy as an actual settler, shall apply in advance of a new purchaser, he will have to give way to the new purchaser, unless the forfeiting purchaser shall within ninety day pay up all the back interest accrued up to the date of forfeiture on his old claim. The law does not permit a reclassification.

If all persons will observe this notice and act upon the information it gives it will not be necessary to turn their business over to their agents at the capital; besides it will greatly facilitate the office in the attention to their business if they will write direct to the office, describing the particular land about which information is desired.

This being a matter of so much public interest, I trust the local papers in each county will publish it for public information.

Respectfully submitted,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
Coman's General Land Office.

From Ballinger Banner Leader.

J. H. Pettit of Bronte, Coke county, was marketing two bales of the "white fleecy staple" in Ballinger Wednesday.

L. W. Pruitt, of Bronte, Coke county, was marketing two bales of the "white fleecy staple" in our city the middle part of this week, as well as laying in a large amount of supplies.

Last Saturday M. D. L. Barnett of the Valley creek country sold to J. L. Lackey and J. J. McCamy 170 acres of improved land situated on Oak Creek at \$7.00 per acre. Mr. McCamy formerly resided here—some five years ago—and came back to make his home with several weeks hence.

Mrs. L. L. Kornegay, of Brownwood, passed through Ballinger the latter part of last week en route to Coke county to visit relatives. While here she sold her Ballinger resident property to Oscar Pearson, our livery stable man, who will soon improve same and occupy same.

Judge Powell has received another communication from Mr. Hollingsworth, who is in England wrestling with capitalists trying to get them to put up the funds with which to build the system of irrigation in Rannels county, but so far has not succeeded in accomplishing his purpose and writes anything but encouraging. How-

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ever, no heed should be given such news, as "the darkest hours are said to be just before day," and it may be the case in this instance, at least it is to be hoped that such is the case at all events.

T. J. Webb of Oak creek county, sold 1200 head of three and four year-old steers to Bill Blocker, of Austin, Texas, at \$18.50 round cash—\$22,200.

From Texas Farmer.

The United States should force bimetalism as a counter influence to the gold standard rules of England, for our power is the greater and we must win in even an equal contest, while in this natural conditions favor bimetalism.

The fellows who want the pensions of the old soldier protected by a gold standard are they who, with few exceptions, did no soldiering, but stayed at home, bought bonds at 50 cents on the dollar and now want them paid in gold.

During the first fifty years of this century the world produced 78 per cent more silver than gold. Since 1850 the world has produced less silver than gold.

For two hundred years prior to 1873 the variations in value of silver and gold were less than 2 points. Since 1873, when silver was demonetized, the variation has been 16 to 18 points.

The first number of the Texas Democrat made its debut at this office this week. It is a daily, published at San Antonio. Its motto is: We stand squarely on the Democratic platform as adopted at Chicago. It is a paper after our own heart and we wish it success.

STOCK NEWS.

It is reported that Berry Thompson, who lives on Lone Wolf, has 20 acres of milo maize that will yield 100 bushels to the acre.

C. H. Lee sold to W. H. Bailey 11 head of yearlings at \$11.—West Texas Stockman.

T. H. Bowman of Big Springs, marketed 130 head of sheep Tuesday evening, average 80 pounds at \$2.—Ft. Worth Live Stock Reporter.

J. E. Huffman bought for Allen Richardson from the following parties in Coke county. J. B. McCutchen 12 fat steers and two cows at \$17 and \$13; Z. Booser eighteen fat steers and two cows at \$17 and \$13; E. C. Rawlings 50 head of calves at \$5.75; C. W. McCutchen one car of fat sheep and lambs at \$2.45 and \$1.05 per head.—San Angelo Enterprise.

A. Hedden this week bought 15 22 head of ewes and wethers from Louis Winkle for \$1.30 per head.—Concho Herald.

Bill West bought last week from John Odum, of Ft. Stockton, 120 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s and 5s at \$10, \$14, \$17 and \$20. The steers were delivered and branded out at Bill's ranch.—Ozona Courier.

Anson and Verner bought for the Vigo Cattle Co., 87 steer yearling, immediate delivery, from C. T. Turney, of Sonora, at \$10.50 per head. They were delivered in the company's pastures on Rocky this week.—San Angelo Standard.

Price Of Tinware At J. M. Foy's, SWEETWATER, TEXAS.

4 qt. Coffee Pot	15c
2 qt. Coffee Pot	10c
2 qt. Cup	10c
3 pt. "	10c
3 plates	10c
10 qt. covered bucket	30
" " "	25c
10 " water bucket	25c
3 gal. deep well	1.25c
4 qt. stew pan	15c
" " dairy "	13 1-2c
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For County Judge.

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To The Voters Of Coke County.

In deference to the wishes of the people of Coke county, through private solicitations, letters, petitions and the nomination of my party (the People's Party) I announce myself a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, and if elected will serve the people to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,

S. J. CHAPMAN.

For Tax Assessor.

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.

We are authorized to announce C. W. McCutchen a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor at the ensuing November election.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

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

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

District And County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Barnett a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Coke County.

For County Treasurer.

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

We are authorized to announce C. L. Hughes, nominee People's Party a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Coke county.

For County Attorney.

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

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We are authorized to announce W. L. Clawson a candidate for Justice of the Peace Pre. No. 1.

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The people have been looking ahead with a prophetic eye to when perilous times should come, to when our country would be infested with pesty candidates. Now, Mr. Editor, if you think they can subsist on the above produce, send them around and we will feed them to their full. And those that go out from our part of the country seeking where to lay their heads, we demand that they be treated with due courtesy. On failure to do this, the aforesaid lion will thunder from the mountains against all such unrighteous. We hear that Mr. Holiday Haley put in a tank in our country for Mr. B. U. Smith. Mr. Hayley is a dirt mover, but there came another dirt and trash mover down the creek and moved it the second time.

There are other things that I could speak of, but will desist.

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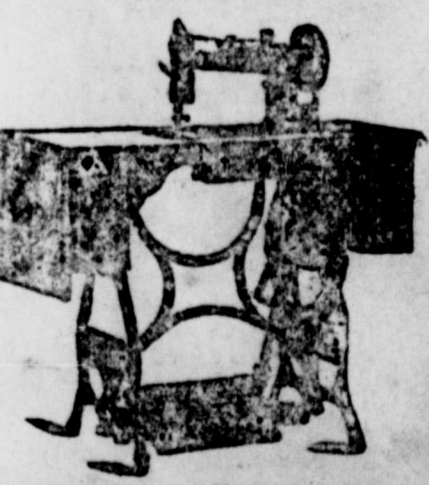
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CHINESE BEGGARS.

The Terrible Condition of a Large Army of Peking's Inhabitants.

Beggars are the curse, the most crying and shameful evil of Peking. Numbering some 80,000, they form a kind of caste, a fraternity, with their own traditions and privileges, such as those of the mendicants of the middle ages in Western Europe and, like them, having their "Emperor of Galilee, Duke of Egypt or King of Thunes," that is to say, an elected chief to whom they all yield obedience. The most curious feature of the whole institution is that the chief, whose headquarters are on the Bridge of the Gate of Heaven, is recognized by the police of Peking, who deal directly with him in matters relating to the corporation of the town.

As for the misery of these beggars, Harper's Weekly says, no description could give any idea of it. But for a rag about their loins they are stark naked. Even in the severest winter, when the bitter wind sweeps across the Mongolian steppes, and the thermometer is far below zero, the poor wretches have, most of them, not a shred of clothing to wrap about their shoulders, and they succumb to the cold every night by hundreds. Gaunt and wan, covered with vermin and sores, they wander about the town harrowing the feelings of the passers-by with their piteous lamentations and fighting with dogs for a share in the refuse of the streets, or for hours together they crouch outside a shop, driving purchasers away by their mere presence, till the owner gets out of patience and flings them a few coins in self-defense.

When night comes they seek shelter under a bridge beneath the gates of the town or in some tumble-down house, lying down helter-skelter, men, women, young girls and children, in a promiscuous heap. Their physical misery is such that their moral degradation is overlooked. From their faces all traces of an inner life are wiped out; like the beasts, they can only endure, and seem to some extent to have lost the capacity for suffering.

British Postal Earnings.

The postoffice department of Great Britain made a profit of 18,160,610 during the last fiscal year. The total of the postal pockets handled during the year reached to 3,020,000,000 against 2,817,000,000 during the preceding five years. In addition to these enormous figures the department handled 78,839,610 telegrams, an increase over the previous year of 7,250,546, or 10.12 per cent.

Shingles 58 Years Old.

Shingles that were laid in 1828 are being taken from the Canterbury (N. H.) Congregational Church. They were split and shaved by hand, and are in perfect preservation, but worn very thin where they were exposed to the weather.

ADVERTISES HIS INJURY.

A Kansas Farmer Bound to "Get Hunk" With the Railroads.

Farmer Jake Stoddard, of Doniphan county, believes in telling the world of his grievance. He has been wronged and he is determined that all who whirl by his house on the Burlington road shall know all about it. Uncle Jake's troubles are told by a signboard which stands near his house by the side of the railroad tracks. The passenger on the Burlington, if he is a lover of the romantic scenery which abounds in northwestern Kansas, may observe from the car window as the train from Atchison approaches Fanning station a large sign covering a board one by five feet, nailed to a pole twelve feet high, which reads:

THIS MAN HAS BEEN WRONGED BY THE RAILROADS.

When the road was built it suited the convenience of the company, according to a local correspondent, to lay the track within ten feet of the corner of Farmer Stoddard's house. The construction gang plowed through his barnyard, removed his hen house and cut a wide swath through a fine young orchard which was the pride of Farmer Stoddard's heart. The agriculturist fixed his damages at a high figure; so high in fact, that the company compelled him to go into court and take what he regarded a ridiculous sum.

It was not long until the trains were running. When the first excursion steamed out of Atchison the passengers, when the train reached Farmer Stoddard's place, observed the sign in bold, black letters, with a background as white as snow. Stoddard had painted the sign himself, and, while it was not executed in the highest style of the art, it could be distinctly read.

Farmer Stoddard has raised a large family of boys and he has taught them to hate corporations. Not less than half a dozen dogs of doubtful breed can always be found on the Stoddard place. The dogs, too, are taught to hate the railroad, and when a train passes the entire pack runs out and barks at it. The old farmer feels that he is in a measure getting even. Brakemen on freight trains have great sport throwing pieces of coal at the dogs as the train passes. Stoddard figures that he gathers up almost enough coal around his premises to keep one stove running through the winter months.

An Evident Mistake.

"I'm looking for a man named Jones," he said, as the door was opened to him by a woman almost six feet high and weighing nearly 200 pounds. "Cy Jones?" she queried. "Yes, I think that is the man. I'm a white-capper and have come to give him warning."

"What's Cy Jones been doing?" "Licking his wife, and he's got to stop it or we'll take him out and switch him."

"Did you ever see Cy Jones?" asked the woman as she drew herself up. "Not that I know of."

She went back to the sitting-room, was gone a moment, and when she returned she was carrying a man about four feet ten inches long under her arm. She gave him a twist and put him on his feet and said: "This is Cy Jones!"

"Your husband?" stammered the white-capper.

"The same, and I am Cy Jones' wife!"

"Great Scott! There must be a mistake here, madam!"

"Yes, I think so!" she dryly replied as she tossed the little man in her arms.

"Sorry to have disturbed you, ma'am, but you see—"

"Yes, I see, and let me help you over the fence."

And placing the little man carefully on his feet she picked up the sailor and tossed him over the gate and went back to her work in the kitchen.—Exchange.

His Way.

A gentleman was visiting a Scotch lunatic asylum, where new premises were being added. The inmates were assisting. On seeing one of the latter wheeling a barrow upside down from the building to the stones, the visitor asked him why he wheeled it in that manner. "Oh," said the lunatic, "that's the best way." The visitor took the barrow, and, turning it upside down, said: "This is the proper way." "That's a' you ken," said the inmate. "I tried it that way, but they filled it fu' o' bricks." So saying, he trotted on his usual way.

Where It Is.

Dipson—Ye gods! isn't this theater hot! And think of it, they say in the papers that they provide tea, air for their patrons! Dobson—So they do. Didn't you notice it on the face of that young man in the box office?—Roxbury Gazette.

Just His Luck.

"Just my luck!" exclaimed the drummer. There were fourteen men in the car. "Caught in a jam again!" he continued, looking at his watch.—Truth.

Two Free Books.

The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio, will send free for a short time two of Dr. Hartman's latest medical pamphlets, entitled Chronic Malaria and Female Hand-Book. They are very readable and full of instruction. Send name and address at once. Pe-ru-na cures chronic malaria and all low states of the nervous system.

He Wanted a Chance.

"Your father seems to walk a little lame," he said.

"He does," she admitted. "Poor papa says he's had his leg pulled until he has pretty nearly lost the use of it."

"What a shame!" he exclaimed. "Isn't it?" she asked.

"And it wasn't artistically done, either. Now, if you will only consent to marry me—"

"Oh, Harold!"

"If you'll only marry me," he persisted, "and will give me a right to help you, why between us we ought to be able to pull his other leg until things get evened up a bit."

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Another rain Sunday.

Mr. G. W. Payne was in from Sanco Tuesday.

H. H. Haley had a good job, but lost it.

W. C. Binson, of Edith, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. — Milligan, of Bronte, was in the burg last Tuesday.

Tom Atkins was in town Monday.

W. B. Harrison and family are visiting at Edith this week.

Boyce will save you 50 per cent on Groceries. Abilene, Texas.

4 Qt. Coffee Pot 15 cents at J. Foy, Sweetwater.

2 Qt. Coffee Pots 10c at J. M. Sweetwater.

Mrs. S. G. Louis of India creek was in town Wednesday trading.

John Patterson did some surveying at Ft. Chadbourne the first of the week.

Judge Perryman has been on the sick list a part of this week.

Frank Robinson was in from Ft. Chadbourne Wednesday.

R. P. Perry and V. O. Barefield made a trip to San Angelo the middle of the week.

J. A. Boyce don't take a back seat for any house in Abilene. When you want Groceries see him.

When you go to Abilene, go to J. A. Boyce for groceries. South Side R. R. Chestnut St.

Johnie Gardner was in town a part of this week and as usual gave us some good guitar music.

Prof. B. U. Smith of Edith, was in town that day, and reported the m...

Winn and John Childress. Woperson Edith farmers had when ginned here this week.

Arkansaw Smith is the Hot Stuff on Groceries.

See Arkansaw Smith before you buy your Groceries.

Mrs. M. A. Merchant left for Sweetwater last Tuesday on a visit to relatives.

J. C. Turner hauled a load of lumber from San Angelo for the church this week.

Everybody talks "hard times," but Arkansaw Smith—he sells for cash.

Bailey M. Collyns is en route from England to visit his ranches near San Angelo.—San Angelo Standard.

Judge G. W. Perryman, the leading legal light, of Robert Lee, was in the city Tuesday.—San Angelo Standard.

Mr. Walton, the gin man informs us that cotton is coming in slow since the recent rains.

Henry Wyatt had a bale of cotton ginned here last Thursday.

Mr. C. H. Cooper was down from Silver Wednesday night, and informed us that the recent rains were light up there.

There will be a divorce case or two in our next district court.

Cap. Hutchinson, of Bronte, passed through town Wednesday.

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Ed Millholland and wife, of Howard county, spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis. They were on their way to visit Mrs. Millholland's mother on Fish creek.

Work on the church is again suspended for lack of lumber and the carpenters are in no humor about it. If the lumber was on the ground it would only be a matter of a short time until the building would be completed.

A Mr. Miller, of Fisher county, is in town and is talking of locating in the county. He likes this country much better than Fisher county.

Sam King of Edith, was in the city last Saturday, and called at this office. He reports good rain in his country.

Last week's Sweetwater Review makes a good showing for that city in the way of building and improving.

G. J. Moore says he will not re-apply for his liquor license, which expires on the last day of this month, that he will go out of the business. We are not informed as to whether any one else will take the license or not.

Indmill at Caldwell's Free C. Yard, San Angelo. Lots of lumber in good condition.

Water and wood in abundance. Patronage solicited.

D. E. COCKHAM, Mgr.

John and D. L. Buchanan, residents of San Angelo Thursday turned on show at that place.

Polist, a dancer, of Ballinger, is in town and friends here this week.

Harde... of the western part of the city... He was on his way to visit his sister...

A large gang of Mexicans passed through town Tuesday evening on their way to Bud Stepps' sheep ranch, where they go to shear sheep.

Mrs. Ingram... has moved her stock of millinery to the Odd Fellows building, where she will be glad to have her lady friends call on her. She has purchased a full and complete stock of millinery that will arrive by or before Oct. 1st. Call and inspect the stock and get prices.

The cotton season is now open and good prices are realized for the same. Take your money to A. D. Whites' Grocery Store and get more goods for less money than any where else in San Angelo.

Dr. Riggs, the San Angelo dentist, was in town a part of this week practicing his profession. He was from here to Hylton.

R. F. Richard, of near Hayrick, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Richard has rented his place to Henry Rodger, of Bronte, and he will leave in about two months for Missouri where he will live next year.

My prices are always the lowest for first-class goods is why so many buy their Groceries from A. D. White, San Angelo.

J. J. Fry and family, returned from Colman county Wednesday, where they have been visiting friends and relatives for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lowe of Valley View were visiting in the city Thursday. Mr. Lowe has just returned from a trip down in the southeastern part of the state.

Mr. Jim Armstrong a prominent stock man of Ft. Chadbourne was in town the first of the week. He is thinking of moving to town and sending his children to school.

A protracted meeting began here to night. All come out.

Ed Good was in town Wednesday... Frank Scarborough of Sanco, was in San Angelo Friday trading... Tom Williams, the Bronte merchant, was in the city Friday... J. M. West of Coke county, was in the city Wednesday. He was circulating among our business men getting up a premium for W. K. Hale of his neighborhood, who brought in the first bale of cotton. —San Angelo Enterprise.

Do You Want Your Stock?

I will gather and deliver stock-horses to you for \$2 per head and work-horses at \$5 per head.

All who want their stock gathered can give their brands and I will take care of them while in my possession. Call on or Address me at Robert Lee, Texas.

Respectfully,
Ben Scott.

COTTON.

Wight & McHan, of Sweetwater Texas want your Cotton, will pay the highest market price for it, spot cash. Any quantity wanted large or small and sell you dry goods and groceries as cheap as any one in the west. We are strictly in the market for cotton and want it.

Respectfully,
WIGHT & MCHAN

Perry Breedlove was in from Sanco last Tuesday and called around and subscribed for the RUSTLER. Perry says that late cotton around Sanco will make a great deal more than the earlier crop; that his young cotton will make about a half bale to the acre.

NOTICE.

A report has been circulated amongst the people that I am charging a tenth for ginning cotton, which is a mistake. I only charge a twentieth or sixty cents a hundred for ginning cotton.

Respectfully, H. W. Walton.

A. H. Moore of Trickham, Colman county and Ed Harman of Copperous Coye, Lampasas County were in the city the first of the week. They were looking out for grass. They leased of E. Meindelle, about 12 or 14 thousand acres.

Mr. Michell returned Thursday from Coke county where he left his wife and children. He reports Jewel very much improved.—Iron County Record.

A full stock of Fresh Groceries always on hand and sold at lowest possible prices for cash at the Grocery Store of A. D. White, San Angelo.

We are informed that George Adams, of Brownwood, has bought the F. M. Barnes ranch and cattle in Sterling county.

We did not learn the amount of land nor the number of cattle, but there is about \$30,000 involved in the deal. Mr. Burns, the seller, is a member of the well known and popular firm, Burns & Bell of Colorado City. Mr. Adams is an old stock man and no doubt will succeed in his new venture.

John Lovlady of San Angelo and Lam Hudson of Mule creek, were in the city Tuesday. Mr. Lovlady bought of W. C. Barron, 50 calves at \$6 per head.

Sheriff L. B. Murray, who carried some attached witnesses to District court at Colman city, returned last Tuesday. He says they are sending them to the Pen in a rush, says they sent five Monday.

Before we went to press yesterday evening the chairman had made a call for a democratic club meeting for last night.

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S. LAPOWSKI & BRO. SAN ANGELO, ABILENE and GAINSVILLE, TEXAS.

Frank Bagley, W. H. Craig and Jim McCohen, all of North Branch Canon, came through town yesterday from San Angelo with lumber with which to build Mr. Bagley a residence.

Miss Edna Reed, G. H. Sheppard, H. D. Ramey and J. B. Hensley are before the board of examiners for teachers certificates. All of them have schools in the county. Professors J. A. Stuart, J. L. Ross and W. C. Merchant are examiners.

The Meeting.

I will commence a meeting tonight at the Court House. Brother Broyles from Lecker, is expected to be here Sunday evening. Chas. Brown, of Brownwood, is expected to be here Tuesday evening, and will remain during the meeting. A good attendance is desired at the first service, and on through the meeting.

Eugene T. Bates.

Mr. Joe Webb, of Edith, had a bale of cotton ginned here yesterday.

S. S. Ackleson and John Nicholas were in town yesterday with cotton to be ginned.

W. C. Lock and John Martshaw were in town yesterday.

NOTICE.

Rev. G. C. Berryman will begin a protracted meeting at the court house here on the first Sunday in October. Rev. D. W. Matthews, of Brownwood, will assist in the meeting.

M. K. Sheppard, of the famous Boozier creek country, was in the city yesterday. He informs us that late cotton in his section will make a great deal more than early cotton is making.

Notice to Subscribers.

An other year will soon expire when many of you will owe the Rustler \$1.50, past due.

So you may look for us around with your account in a short time and please be prepared with the cash for that is what we need.

George Perry killed a panther last Tuesday evening while on his way to San Angelo, about 15 miles south of town. He was working a wild horse and could not leave his team after shooting, but says the panther was not fully grown, being only about as large as a moderately large dog.

Dennis Maddox heap washe one shirt—ask him about it.

Professors Jim Hensley and George Sheppard, of Taylor county, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mobley a part of this week. Mr. Hensley will teach the Rock Springs school and Mr. Sheppard the New Hope school the coming session.

Jim Stewart and family attended the show at San Angelo on the 18. John King has been the barber a part of this week.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Reported by M. H. Davis Com missioner Pre. No. 1 Coke County, Texas, on the 30th day of July 1896. One bay horse about six years old with both fore feet white and left hind foot white, with blaze face. Unbranded.

Also one dark bay horse about 4 years old, 14 hands high, branded A on left thigh.

ED M. MOBLEY, County Clerk, Coke Co., Texas

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COURTS.

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

County Court convenes 3d, Monday May, August, November and February.

Commissioners Court convenes 2nd Monday in February, May August, November.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:

Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

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

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Baptist Church; 1st Sunday
G. C. Berryman, Pastor.
Christian Church 2nd Sunday No Pastor.

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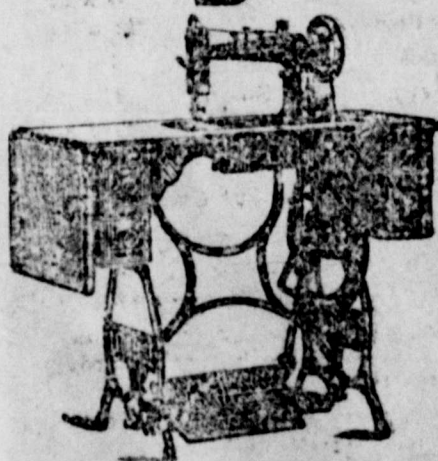
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At no time during the past thirty years has the cotton crop been so nearly all gathered up to date as it is now in Texas, and this fact has increased receipts and is misleading. These receipts will likely continue to be heavy until October, by which time the whole crop will probably have been gathered.

The lowest estimate of American bonds held in Europe is \$5,000,000,000. The lowest average of interest is 4 per cent—or \$200,000,000 annual interest. The total annual production of gold in the world is only \$165,000,000. Of this the United States produces annually about \$35,000,000. With the single standard and low prices, the balance of trade must be against us.

Bryan has been officially notified of his nomination for the presidency by the people's party. He is only asked to accept the vote of the party at the election and is not expected to accept the nomination. Watson has also been notified.

The recent election in Maine went republican. Well, it would have been a little strange if it had gone any other way.

A look of Napoleons hair sold the other day in London for \$150. That is more than McKinley's whole hide will be worth after the November election.—Morgan's Buzz-Saw.

At a meeting of all political parties at Et. Chadbourne last Saturday a vote was taken on Bryan and Sewell and then on Bryan and Watson. Bryan and Watson got everything. Judge Hanna and N. C. Bolton of Nolan county, were there and made speeches.

There was a good turnout of candidates there, who made their announcements. They met at 2 o'clock and held until after sundown.

Edith Doings.

Edith, Texas, Sept 15th, 1893.
Ed Rustler:
Seeing my letter was accepted I will write you again.
We have had fine rains.
Cotton picking is stopped now. Stock is looking well.
People will raise plenty of feed, such as cane and maize.

Mr. A. C. Gardner has returned from the east, where he has been selling horses, and reports crops sorry.

Mr. Green Rushings brother passed through town last week. He is from Louisiana.

Mr. J. J. Curry, traded his sheep for cattle last week.

Henry Scott, is busy in his shop.

J. D. Collier & Co, does a good business here.

Messrs Thomas Sparks and W. C. Benson spent part of last week fishing, and had a merry time.

Mr. Sam King, attended church at Valley View last Sunday.

Mr. Louis Taylor, of Valley View was visiting friends near Edith last week.

Rev. G. C. Berryman, returned from Cedar Hill Monday, where he preaches Saturday and Sunday.

J. E. Warren spent part of last week in San Angelo.

Joe Webb went hunting last week.

James Elliot visited his mother last week.

Bachelors are more harm in this country than the dry weather, I think if they were out of this country the girls could rest with ease.

Success to the Rustler.

Bam.

Indian Territory Letter.

Manassville, LT.

Editor Rustler, Dear sir:

I thought I would give you my experiences as a Territory man, living on the Wasata river among all kinds of human beings. This Territory is a hard place to live

in. Crops are sorry; plenty of corn to live on next year—cotton near a failure.

Hard times and I fear worse coming in the near future. These people say these are the hardest times they have ever experienced here. I am sorry for the people, all waiting for this country to come in. I never saw worse houses for people to live in. They say they can't afford to improve a place for the Indians to live on. Doss commission says that these lands will soon be open for actual settlers. I suppose that is the reason so many are here to get themselves homes, or it may be criminal curiosity.

Grass is scarce, but about 20 miles from the river there is to be plenty of grass. No fish worth speaking of. The people have dynamited the water courses and destroyed what was left from dry weather. Then there has not been any rise to bring them up.

Squirrels have imigrated, plenty of quails left for sport. Some deer and turkey.

A white man is a progressive creature, he carries death and destruction before him and hides these attributes behind selfishness and greed. These people seem to be very religious and no doubt are. I never saw so many big meetings. The Indians have their big protracted meetings and seem to enjoy them, but you can't understand a word they say, only God and Christ.

More law here than any place I ever saw, and it is better executed. It must be so to live here at all. We go slow here and our better judgement tells us it is politic to do so.

Very little sickness here, a few chills.

The pea crop has failed so far. What will we do for our morning "desert" as we used to have. It reminds of the old lady when asked by her preacher, how she was getting along, she said, badly, but the scripture said to grin and endure it. So we will have to grin and endure the loss of the peas.

Respectfully,

Peas.

"Who are you going to vote for?" will soon have to be settled.

The records of the A. F. and A. M. Lodge of Ballinger, were destroyed in the recent fire there.

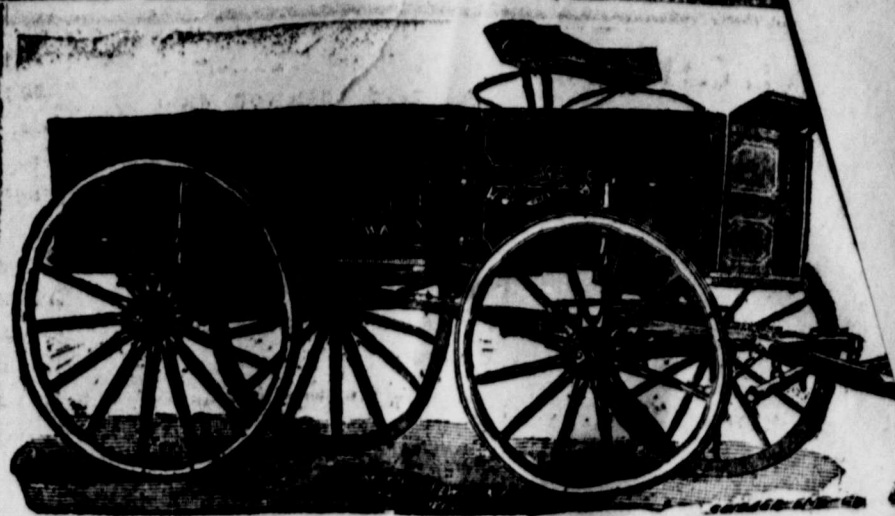
The Miller Mercantile Co, has been chartered at Ballinger.

Charles Davenport, a young man of 17 years, committed suicide in Big Springs a few days ago by taking strychnine.—Colorado Spokesman.

Bryan is not the nominee of the democratic party.—Hardy.

Well that do settle it. Bud, hadn't we better notify Bryan that he is laboring under a delusion and he had better stop his foolishness and return home to his wife and family?

—Colorado Spokesman.



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Yours Very Respectfully,

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San Angelo,

Texas.

CHANG AT VANCOUVER

CROWDS THROUG THE WHARF TO SEE HIM.

Chinese Residents Erected a Handsome Arch on the Bridge He Crossed After Arriving—He Was Escorted to the Ship in a Carriage Drawn by White Horses.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 14.—At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Li Hung Chang arrived at Vancouver. Crowds lined the approaches to the depot and wharf and masses of people crowded all the emplacements around the harbor. The Chinese residents had erected a handsome and artistic arch at the bridge leading to the wharf and a long line of Chinamen in rich robes of blue, green, plum color, olive and orange stood before the arch, waiting to receive the viceroy.

The bridge was carpeted for some yards on either side of the arch and on this carpet stood a carved wooden table on which incense of sandalwood was kept constantly burning. A richly carved bronze burner, the Chinese band that sounded like pipes played Chinese music as Li alighted from the train.

A carriage drawn by four white horses and draped with the unknown waited to convey him the short distance from the train to the ship. When the procession started, the coach was preceded by his celestial scarlet chair, carried empty by men, and several bands. A division of marines from the warships in the harbor fell into line behind the viceroy followed by a long deputation of names in their picturesque robes. The viceroy seemed delighted at the demonstration in his honor and especially with the homage of his countrymen. The gang plank of the Empress of China was carpeted as for a royal procession. The latter was bound with yellow and draped with flags. The Chinese dragon chair was carried on the plank and the viceroy was seated in it. The absence of the viceroy was noticeable and gave an oriental solemnity to the proceedings. All the ships in the harbor were gayly decorated with rainbows of bunting and many of the roofs around displayed kodak stands.

Many prominent citizens had cards of admission to the Empress of China and crowded her decks to catch a glimpse of the earl as he was carried aboard. For this one day the usual social order was subverted and Chinamen everywhere took precedence of their white brethren in the good-natured throngs that lined the wharf. The viceroy received a deputation of Chinamen in his salon. They presented Li with an address which was read from scarlet paper. During the audience his servant several times put his pipe to his lips and all but smoked for the great potentate.

As a mark of his appreciation of the courtesies extended him by the Canadian Pacific railway, Li conferred knighthood upon A. E. Lalonde of the passenger department of that road.

The Empress of China sails to-day and Li Hung Chang will spend the intervening time aboard.

Postal Clerks Meet.

Denver, Col., Sept. 14.—Over 100 delegates, many of whom have already arrived, are expected to attend the seventh annual convention of the National Association of Postoffice Clerks, which will convene in this city to-day. Among the arrivals are President Benjamin Parkhurst of Washington, D. C.; Vice President James T. O'Neill of Baltimore, and Wm. Agnew of Cleveland; Secretary Wilbur E. Crumbacker of Chicago and Treasurer Edward P. Lincoln of Boston.

"Our principal business," said Mr. Agnew, "will be to discuss the classification bill which we propose to have introduced in congress. As the law now reads, we are at the mercy of the treasury department each year. We want to be classified and paid according to term of service as the carriers are paid."

Shot at from Ambush.

Shattuck, Ok., Sept. 14.—As Ed Mulindore, a line rider in the employ of P. L. Herring, of Fish Creek ranch, was out after strays Friday night, while riding along on one horse and leading another, he was fired upon from ambush. The shot frightened the horses and they whirled suddenly, throwing Mulindore off into a clump of bushes. He lay still and saw four men give chase to the horses, firing many shots at them as they went. It was dark and they undoubtedly supposed him to still be on the animals and his fall saved his life, though it resulted in a dislocated ankle and compelled him to crawl several miles back to the ranch.

Excitement is High.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 14.—A special from Springfield, Ky., says: Every night this city is patrolled by special officers under command of the city marshal. People in the country not in sympathy with the mob dare not come to town lest they be suspected of giving information and incur the personal vengeance of the mob, who are in the majority. Not a soul enters or leaves Springfield without giving a good account of himself. County officers are afraid to raise a hand except to protect the town. They are not accused of cowardice, but fear the consequences of an attempt to restore order with the meager support at their command. And the almost moral certainty of failure.

County Judge Jack W. Thompson has written for publication an appeal to all good citizens to aid him in upholding law and order. The general feeling is in favor of letting matters take their course for the present and not inflame the excited mob.

The people of Washington county voted last fall to make the turnpikes free throughout the county. As the pikes are now owned by companies it is now necessary for another of the people to assess the taxes to purchase the pikes. This vote has not yet been taken and the authorities cannot legally stop toll-gathering. This the people of the county do not understand and, out of patience with what they have risen in rebellion and torn down about all the toll gates in the county. This riotous business has been going on for two weeks. The county authorities, whom the mob have threatened and for two weeks the people here have lived in terror.

Negroes Threatening.

Albany, Ga., Sept. 14.—On Saturday at this place, twenty-two miles from Augusta, Ga., A. M. Clarke, a merchant, shot a negro named Steve Roach in the presence of ladies. The latter was using profane language and his profanity and began to abuse Clarke. The negro had a pistol and Mr. Clarke, thinking he had better arm himself, went to his house for his shotgun and when he returned the quarrel was renewed and holding his ax in a threatening position. They started toward each other and Clarke opened fire on the negro three times and wounded him in the arm and body, but not fatally. The population of the place is about 200, the majority of whom are negroes. They became greatly incensed at the shooting, and threatened to burn the buildings of the whites. The negroes gathered in large numbers in the town with shotguns and pistols and the whites, fearing they would carry out their threats, telegraphed to the judge and sheriff of the county at Albany to send assistance at once. A special train was dispatched with twelve reliable men, accompanied by the sheriff and his deputies. When the train arrived at Albany, the colored people dispersed and the sheriff and his men are now hunting the ring-leaders, but it is probable that they will be successful in their hunt.

Clarke has been put under arrest and will be carried to Albany to-night.

The women and children are very much frightened, but it is believed that since the arrival of the sheriff and posse that the negroes are not so much afraid to carry out their threats after the officers leave.

A Disastrous Work.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 14.—A dispatch from Eureka, Cal., says: "A train on the Mad River and Aracata road went through the Mad River bridge Saturday with six cars loaded with passengers and dropped thirty feet into the dry bed of the river. Annie Holt and Sandy Cameron were killed and ten others seriously injured. The accident was caused by the giving way of a span of the bridge over which the train was passing.

"Four persons in all were killed. In addition to those already named, Miss Kirk, of Riverside, and an unknown child were taken from the wreck. Some were fatally injured.

Illegal Use of the Mails.

Newburg, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Anna Grossner, a Swedish woman of 30, who has a husband and six children, was arrested in this city Saturday night on a warrant charging her with using the United States mail unlawfully. Mrs. Grossner is alleged to have advertised in a matrimonial paper that her husband had died and left her a fortune, but that the estate was not settled up yet. She wanted the assistance of a wealthy gentleman and stated that she would go to his home for an interview if money to pay her fare was sent her. It is alleged that she obtained \$40 from Wm. A. Shout of Mount Vernon, O., in this manner.

MEXICANS ALARMED.

JUARZ IS STILL UNDER MILITARY PROTECTION.

Gen. Juan Hernandez Has Arrived—Troops Have Been Sent Along the New Mexico Line—Squads of Strange Mexicans Have Been Seen Near El Paso.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 12.—The city of Juarez is still under arms, awaiting an attack on her custom house. Gen. Juan Hernandez, commanding the department of Chihuahua, arrived yesterday morning. He sent out from Chihuahua Thursday afternoon two troops of cavalry to Ascencion and two troops to Palomas, on the New Mexico line, and these troops will scout down the line to El Paso, and a troop has been sent down the river on the Mexican line.

Deputy sheriffs of El Paso county are confident that an attack on Juarez was contemplated, or that some other devilry was planned, as they saw numerous squads of strange Mexicans from the vicinity of Presidio del Norte in El Paso Wednesday.

This scare will result in Juarez being made regimental headquarters and the military post considerably enlarged. Mexican troops were still patrolling the river front and the outskirts of the city.

A Big Assignment.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 12.—Thomas B. Pearce, owner of T. Atkins and Henry ton mills, and doing a Franklin cotton business in this city, and under the name of Pearce, Atkins & Co., and Henry Pearce Sons Co., assigned yesterday as a company and as individuals to William C. Cochran, a cotton mill owner.

Assets are \$240,000 and liabilities \$163,000. The assets consist of \$110,000 in personality and \$130,000 in realty. The cause of the crash is due to slow collections and dull business. There are no preferences. The firm of cotton mill owners, one of the largest in the country, Pearce, Atkins & Co., have a big store here, and Henry Pearce's sons own the big Deer Creek cotton mills.

The firm of John Henry Pearce first commenced manufacturing cotton gins and spinning machinery, which were used in the south, and in making their trades they were sometimes compelled to take cotton in exchange.

This induced them to go into the manufacture of cotton goods, and in this way the cotton manufacturing business began. The firm of Pearce, Atkins & Co. has been in existence for twenty years and the firm of Henry Pearce Sons for ten years. Several hundred employees will be thrown out of work.

Insurgents Lose.

Havana, Sept. 12.—Juan Salas Valadarez, a Frenchman, has been arrested at Sagua on a charge of complicity with the insurgents.

Col. Hernandez has had a fight with the bands of Bermudez and Nunez, numbering 2000, at La Guana Colorado, in Pinar del Rio. Firing was kept up for two hours in the woods about Guira, when the insurgents were dislodged with a loss of seventeen. The troops had two killed and nineteen wounded, seven of them seriously.

The insurgents have burned the houses and demolished the plantation of San Francisco, near Cayaja.

A fight is reported by Col. Arce to have occurred at San Felipe, in Santa Clara province, with the insurgents under the leadership of Higinio Esquerro. The insurgents had twenty-one killed.

During a severe storm at Trinidad lightning killed two persons and wounded three.

Col. Aguilera has had an engagement with the insurgents at Arce, in Havana province, in which the leader, Herminio Rivero, was wounded and subsequently died. Twenty-three insurgents were killed.

The gunboat Valiente has captured an insurgent supply boat, the Flor de Moron, with a crew, which was being towed to Caibarien.

Suffering Anticipated.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Information received at the treasury department indicates that there is likely to be much suffering among the miners at Cook's Inlet, who are returning from the Alaska gold fields, unless the commercial companies who took them north provide for their passage home. More than a year ago the department notified the commercial companies that there was no government could not furnish the transportation for these miners, and if the companies took the miners north they should look out for their return. It is said if all the cutters in the Bering sea were pressed into service they could not accommodate more than 150 men. There are said to be nearly 1,000 of these returning miners now at Cook's Inlet.

Mercantile Alliance.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12.—Two hundred Chicago manufacturers and jobbers and over thirty thousand retail merchants outside of Chicago have just completed the greatest mercantile alliance that the history of the country ever has known.

Articles of incorporation of the association, which is called the National Association of Merchant Travelers, were received Thursday from Springfield, a board of directors and an executive committee have been chosen, and the offices of their association are to be elected next week.

The inaugural meeting of the alliance will be held in this city Sept. 21 to 26.

The movement for the formation of the alliance has been going on secretly for months, but it was not until Sept. 1 that a meeting was held and a constitution drafted. The actual formation of the association and the adoption of a constitution took place last Saturday morning at the Medinah temple.

Letter Carriers' Convention.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 12.—The letter carriers yesterday morning instructed their chairman to appoint a committee of five to visit the postmaster general in the interest of substitute carriers. The committee to which had been referred the refusal of the colored branch of Richmond, Va., to receive white members reported in favor of recalling the charter of the branch and issuing a charter and organizing a new branch. This led to a long debate lasting until past noon. The election of officers, set for yesterday morning, was carried over until afternoon. San Francisco was selected as the convention city for 1900. The following officers: President, John N. Parsons, New York; vice-president, John Arkins, Fall River, Mass.; secretary, J. F. Victory, Washington; treasurer, Alex McDonald, Grand Rapids.

The Men Win.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12.—The strike of 20,000 union hod carriers has ended in a most complete victory for the men. Few words were wasted in the resolution adopted by the Masons and Builders' association, which puts an end to the largest and most stubbornly fought strike in the building trades this year.

By gaining recognition for their union from the bosses, the hod carriers claim that they have won all they could have wished when they started the strike, over a month ago. The scale of wages has been agreed upon, but will probably be the rates paid by the biggest contractors, who capitulated some time ago—20 and 22 cents and hour. All the men return to work pending the settlement of the working rules.

He Awoke too Soon.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 12.—John Hughill, who allowed himself to be buried alive on the theory of hypnotic suggestion, induced by Prof. Watson, of London, has been unearthed. Hughill went to sleep, but he was up fourteen minutes ahead of schedule time. When Hughill came to, he found himself known by pounding on the coffin, and during his struggle he cut his knee pan. When he was brought to he lapsed into a deathly swoon, which the physicians almost mistook for death. He was rubbed with whisky and alcohol and revived. Hughill says that he will never do it again. When he awoke he imagined he had been buried alive, and this almost crazed him.

English Scientists Entertained.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 12.—Three English scientists were given the freedom of the University of Chicago yesterday and a trip to the now nearly completed Yerkes observatory formed a part of the day's programme. The visitors are W. H. M. Christie, astronomer royal of Great Britain; H. H. Turner, professor of astronomy at Oxford university and Capt. Hills of London. The party is on its way home from Japan, where it went in the interest of the English government to take observations on the solar eclipse.

A special train has been placed at the disposal of the university by the Chicago and Northwestern officials for the run to Williams bay.

The Hoo-Hoo's Adjourn.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 12.—The Hoo-Hoo convention held business sessions yesterday, and elected supreme officers, as follows, for 1897: H. H. Hemingway, snark; senior Hoo-Hoo, John J. Martin, Detroit; junior Hoo-Hoo, A. A. White, Missouri; bojum, Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minnesota; scrivener, J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.; jabberwock, E. B. Preston, Louisville, Ky.; custodian, Lloyd A. Kimble, New York city; arkanoper, Frank B. Cole, Tacoma, Wash.; guidon, W. B. Stillwell, Georgia. The convention adjourned last night, and many of the delegates will make an excursion to Lookout mountain to-day.

Exploring Africa.

Mr. Maurice Versepuy, the African explorer, telegraphs from Las Palmas that he is on his way back to France, having successfully accomplished a journey across Equatorial Africa. Mr. Versepuy (says a Paris correspondent) set out from Zanzibar on July 3, 1895, accompanied by M. de Saint Roman and M. Spock, with a caravan of 151 Ascaris. The chief landmarks of his journey to the Upper Congo were Kilimanjaro, Mount Kenia, Boringo, Mengo and Uganda. The expedition on several occasions met with resistance from the natives. In September one of the Masai tribes, well armed and strong in numbers, attempted to stop the French explorer, but it was routed, leaving twenty men on the field. This is the seventeenth time Africa has been crossed in modern times.

Population of Kansas.

The annual census of Kansas, taken under state authority, has recently been compiled for 1896. It shows that the population of the state is only 1,336,659. This is less by 90,000 than it was six years ago.

Pink Oleomargarine.

The law of New Hampshire says that all oleomargarine sold within the state shall be colored pink. With this there is no chance of palming off the spurious for the real article.

You are Not "Shaken before Taken" With malarial disease, but with prodigious violence afterwards, if you neglect immediate measure of relief. The surest preventive and remedial form of medication is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the potency of which as an antidote to miasmatic poison has been demonstrated for over forty years past. The liver when disordered and congested, the bowels if constipated, and the kidneys if inactive, are promptly aided by it, and it is invaluable for dyspepsia, nervous debility and rheumatism.

All husbands are not alike, because some husbands are bridegrooms.

Half the declarations of love a man makes to a woman, are to quiet her suspicions.

Marion Crawford has written a new story specially for The Century. It is called "A Rose of Yesterday," and it will begin in the November number and run for six months. The story opens in Lucerne, and while it is entirely separate in interest, some of the personages that appear in it will be familiar to readers of "Don Orsino." It is wholly romantic in character.

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