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A Fraud of the First Water.

[FROM THE OZONA KICKER.] In taking my pen in hand to fully portray my idea of the damnable fraud known as the Texas quarantine line, I feel as incapable of the task as I would should I fully express my disgust of the president of this grand and glorious country of ours, eating dinner with a kinky-headed nigger. What is the object of this quarantine line? Now, I am going to tell you in plain words, and I dare any man, or anything in the image of a man, to dispute my assertion and back it up with facts.

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you again. No, you are running this business with your money, but I want to tell you right now, your days are numbered—you are weighed in the balance and found wanting, very sadly wanting. Your damnable fraud will be utterly abolished, and that at the next term of the legislature. It was never intended that one-sixteenth of Texas should rule the balance of the state.

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FARM AND FLOCK.

Eggs are still scarce. Fruit market has been dull since Christmas.

Dallas business men are talking of having a horse show.

Oranges in California have been damaged by high winds.

Texas Swine Breeders' association meets at Hillsboro Feb. 4.

Considering the drouth, and cold cattle around Odessa have done well.

Over 8,200,000 hogs were received at the Chicago stockyards during 1901.

The truck growers of Alto have put in something over \$350 for fertilizers.

Wheat acreage of Hood county is said to be four times that of last season.

F. M. Weaver of Fort Worth sold to Pinson & Harrold 1500 steers. Terms private.

News from Coneton is that Islington's Christmas market was the smallest on record.

The short pecan crop has forced the retail price up to 15 and 20 cents per pound at some points.

The fifth annual Scottish show, lately held at Edinburgh, had some fine animals on exhibition.

The celery crop of Michigan brings over \$260,000 annually. Half of it is shipped from Kalamazoo.

John Williamson of Calhoun county is shipping cauliflower. He gets 7c per pound at the shipping point.

Fayette Tankersley has sold his 15,000-acre ranch in Tom Green county to G. W. Tankersley for \$12,000.

T. H. Lawrence took to Corpus Christi a load of cabbage which weighed 1500 pounds and brought \$30 cash.

C. G. Burbank of Fort McKavett has sold 300 coming twos to Russell & Cordey of Menardville at \$20, spring delivery.

Cotton around Quanah is about all picked. The yield, compared with previous seasons, was about two-thirds crop.

Two rice mills are to be erected at Roanoke, La., in time to handle next season's rice crop, and two will also be put up at Iowa Station, same state.

Hon. Jefferson Johnson, Texas' commissioner of agriculture, in discussing crop conditions, said that farmers are actively at work breaking ground for planting.

The Soper Cattle company of Stiles has sold 500 cows and a twenty-sector pasture to James B. Beleher. The cattle went at private terms, and the price paid for the pasture was \$5000.

Scharbauer & Aycock of Midland have sold the bull calves from the herd of registered Herefords bought in Missouri, for \$150 around. O. B. Hol was the purchaser of the animals.

The number of lambs on feed in Larimer county, Colorado, is estimated at 80,000. In feeding these wheat, barley and oats are largely used. It is thought the lambs will take on fat at a rapid rate.

The sheepmen of the Sweetwater country in the vicinity of Rawlins Wyo., are organizing. It is alleged, to buy or lease every alternate section owned by the Union Pacific railway in the Red Desert winter range.

Frank C. Pierce of Dallas has received from Brownsville some Japanese rice. A letter accompanying the sample says extensive preparations are being at present made to cultivate a large area in that section the coming season. The same had on the stalk many seeds.

N. J. Hall of San Saba county bought the Murray & Fentress pasture, containing about 8000 acres, located about four miles northeast from the town of San Saba. He paid \$3 per acre. He gets possession April 15 next.

In anticipation of a visitation of boll weevil and other insect pests, farmers in the vicinity of Petty, Lamar county have started a movement to protect the birds by posting their farms against hunters. Quail in particular are to be taken care of.

John Tubbs, residing near Glade-water, had a curiosity in the fowl line in the shape of a cross between a chicken and a guinea. He had three of them. They are about 2 years old. They have never laid and neither stackle nor crow.

BRYAN ON BOERS.

He Addresses a Mass Meeting at Cleveland in Their Behalf.

SYMPATHY WITH THE FIGHTING

South African Farmers, Urged Them to Continue the Struggle and Was Glad England Had Lost So Much.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 6.—Four thousand people attended a pro-Boer meeting in Gray's Armory Sunday afternoon. There was enthusiastic applause for every expression of sympathy for the struggling Boers.

An unexpected event in the meeting was the appearance of Hon. W. J. Bryan, who was in this city for the day as a guest of Mayor Johnson. When the committee in charge of the meeting learned that Mr. Bryan was in the city an invitation was sent to him and the mayor to attend and address the gathering. Both gentlemen accepted, and when, toward the close of other speeches, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Johnson entered the hall, the whole audience rose en masse and repeatedly shouted the names of "Bryan" and "Johnson," and greeted them with hurrahs and handclapping.

The audience was composed mostly of men, although a number of women were present. The tri-color of the Boer republic was a prominent feature of the armory's decorations, and little streamers were tied in the buttonholes of many of the men. Upon the stage were seven native Boers, who had been in some of the early conflicts of their countrymen against the English forces. They were driven from the country and are now residents of this city. The meeting continued for four hours. The principal address was delivered by Hon. John J. Lentz. Rev. August Franz, a local reformed Lutheran clergyman, also spoke.

When the formal speeches of the afternoon were concluded Messrs. Bryan and Johnson were called upon to address the audience. Mr. Bryan spoke about five minutes, during which time he said:

"Sad will be that day, fallen will be the star of our destiny, if the time ever comes when struggling freemen feel that they can not look upon the people of these states for sympathy."

Mr. Bryan said he was in entire sympathy with the intent of the meeting, eulogized the fighting South African farmers and urged them to continue the struggle. He said he was glad the war had cost England so dearly, and that the disastrous cost in money and life would be a much needed lesson for the English government, because it would teach and has already taught a lesson that will not be soon forgotten. He said he considered it a compliment that the Boers looked to the United States for aid and sympathy in their struggles, and he considered it a disgrace that no official expression of sympathy had yet been made by this government. He believed that the English people are opposed to the continuance of the war, because they, too, are suffering because of the unhappy conflict and are the ones who must bear the burdens of the cost. Resolutions asking the president to endeavor to stop the war were passed.

There are 125 Mormon missionaries in Germany.

Boer Officer Arrives.
New Orleans, La., Jan. 6.—The arrival of Capt. Lewis de Villiers, a Boer officer and an escaped prisoner of war, has caused a stir in British army transport circles. The fact that Gen. Pearson will be here a few days, and that every attempt was made by the British sympathizers to connect him in some way with the blowing up of the British transport Mechanician with a dynamite bomb, makes the arrival of De Villiers all the more interesting.

Appeal to be Made.
Boston, Mass., Jan. 6.—The announcement was made by the Rev. Charles H. Brent, D. D., formerly rector of St. Stephen's church, this city, who was consecrated bishop of the Philippine Islands by the Episcopal church, that he had decided to issue an appeal to the church in United States for a fund of \$100,000 with which to endow the new jurisdiction.

THE SUNNY SOUTH.

Matters of Major and Minor Importance Just Come to Pass.

Coal is scarce at Pensacola, Fla.

Mercantile Trust company was organized at Little Rock.

Stith Green, a prominent Mississippi merchant, died at Brandon.

Bob Brown, colored, was hanged at Clayton, Ala., for the murder of Mr. McLeod.

As the result of a collision between freight trains on the Southern railway three men were killed.

Fifteen watches were stolen from a jewelry store at Lake Charles, La. Their combined value is \$200.

The rise of the Tennessee river forced factories at Chattanooga to temporarily shut down.

E. P. Smith, for thirty years the proprietor of the Arlington hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., died of apoplexy.

James W. Reid, ex-congressman from North Carolina, died at Lewiston, Ida. He went to Idaho in 1887.

C. Aylette Ashby, an attorney of Newport News, Va., shot City Engineer Marze and Police Officer Woodward.

Rev. W. A. Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Jackson, Tenn., has accepted a call to Seattle, Wash.

A successful public exhibition of wireless telephone was given at Murray, Ky. Parties talked about a half mile apart.

By the explosion of a boiler at Britt's Switch, near Prescott, Ark., three men were killed and several injured.

E. D. Plaistead, a traveling man, was found dead in a room at a hotel at Memphis with three bullet holes in his head.

By a flywheel breaking in the Chesapeake and Ohio railway shops at untington, W. Va., six men were injured.

The buildings at Memphis, Tenn., occupied by Meriwether & Co., and the Kremer company were damaged \$75,000 worth.

Fire destroyed the fertilizer department of the Mississippi Cotton Oil company at Meridian, Miss. The loss is \$37,000, fully insured.

Mrs. Lonnie Harrison, who has been living in poverty at Montgomery, Ala., inherits a large fortune in Germany.

C. P. Shell and Robert Thomas, young men, fought a duel in Franklin county, Mississippi. Several shots were exchanged. Thomas was wounded.

Will Morley shot Ed Driscoll an 8-year-old boy, at Smithland, Ky. It is alleged the boy called Morley a Democrat, thereby incurring his wrath.

Ex-Congressman Cowles of North Carolina died at Wilkesboro, that state. He served four terms in congress and was a distinguished Confederate officer.

George Dunbar, Harry Dunbar and Fletcher Bennett were killed and Mrs. George Dunbar and Arthur Dunbar wounded in a fight at a party in Robbins, S. C.

By a railroad collision at a crossing at Keithville, Va., W. J. Davis, a fireman, was caught under an engine and burned to death and Bob Edwards, colored, had both legs broken.

On Negro day at the Charleston exposition Thomas E. Miller, president of the South Carolina Colored college, and former congressman from the Charleston district, was the principal speaker. He emphatically opposed social equality.

Assassinated at Home.
Franklin, Ky., Jan. 6.—Pleas Hall was assassinated at his home five miles from Franklin while with his wife and four children. He was fired upon through the window with a gun loaded with slugs and buckshot, and the top of his head was ironed off. The distressed wife and children picked up the body, and placing it on the bed, remained alone with it through the night, afraid to venture out.

Survivors Land.
San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Ninety-two survivors of the Walla Walla arrived here on the steamer Porpoise. There is some discrepancy in the lists of dead and missing. The number ranges from thirty-seven to forty-seven. This is due to the fact that several passengers boarded vessel as she left port. Others who were traveling second class gave assumed names in order to hide their identity. The Max, which did the colliding, has been towed in.

SINKS IN THE SEA.

Steamer Walla Walla Struck by an Unknown Vessel

IN PACIFIC AND GOES DOWN.

She Had Sixty-Four Passengers and Her Crew Numbered Eighty, and the Death List May be Long.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—The collision at sea early Thursday morning between the steamship Walla Walla and an unknown sailing vessel resulted in the sinking of the steamer and the probable loss of at least twenty lives.

The Walla Walla, owned by the Pacific Steamship company, sailed from San Francisco on Jan. 1 for Puget sound ports. She carried thirty-six first-class passengers, twenty-eight second-class and a crew of eighty men. When off Cape Mendocino, on the California coast, at 4:10 Thursday morning, an iron bark, believed to have been French, loomed up in the haze and crashed into the Walla Walla's bow. Then the sailing vessel slid into the darkness and was seen no more.

All the passengers and crew of the Walla Walla except the few on watch were asleep, but were aroused by the crash. The steerage quarters were in the bow, and it is believed that some of the steerage passengers and crew were crushed to death. A big hole was made in the steamer's bow, and she sank in thirty-five minutes.

The officers and crew maintained strict discipline and boats and rafts were lowered. All who were not killed in the collision got off except Capt. Hall, who remained with his ship. He was picked up later by one of the boats uninjured, with the exception of a few bruises.

There was a choppy sea running and the small boats could not make a landing on shore, a few miles distant. They drifted about all day and were finally picked up by the steamer Dispatch, which took them to Eureka.

Another boat under command of Engineer Brown, and containing thirteen persons, attempted to land at Trinidad and was swamped. John Wilkinson, quartermaster; Wm. Martel, fireman; L. Drube, a passenger, and three unknown men were drowned. Those in the boat who were saved were Engineer Brown, Fireman John McClellan, Coal Passer Wm. Shinn, Sailor O'Leary, Chief Cook Marshall and Wm. B. Smith and Wm. Morehouse, passengers.

When the Dispatch reached Eureka Friday morning with the survivors, tugs were immediately sent out for missing boats. The tug Ranger picked up one containing eleven passengers and three of the crew.

The Walla Walla was valued at \$250,000. She was formerly used as a collier, and about ten years ago was converted into a passenger vessel at a cost of \$175,000. She was insured for about \$200,000.

Pensions for Employees.
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Notices were posted in the various mills of the American Steel and Wire company that a pension had been created for the benefit of the 30,000 employes of the concern.

Shaw Has Arrived.
Washington, Jan. 4.—Gov. Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa, who is to succeed Hon. Lyman J. Gage as secretary of the treasury, arrived in Washington. He is staying at the Arlington hotel, and had been there but a short time when in response to a message from the white house he walked to the president's home and remained with him until after 9 o'clock. Later he called on Speaker Henderson. He will be ready to take charge 22d.

Mathis Convicted.
Oxford, Miss., Jan. 4.—The testimony for the defense in Mathis case closed at 10 o'clock. The argument for the prosecution was opened by United States District Attorney M. A. Montgomery. He was followed by Messrs. Kimbrough and Mize for the defense. The argument for the prosecution was closed by District Attorney Roane, and the case was given to the jury at 3:20 o'clock. Verdict of guilty was given.

FORMAL COMPLAINT

Has Been Lodged at Sabine Against a Former Officer.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 4.—Formal complaint has been lodged in the court at Sabine against a former state quarantine officer, who was recently in charge of the station at Sabine Pass, but who was removed by order of the governor on account of alleged discrepancies in money handled by him. Although formal complaint was made, the doctor eluded the officers, coming through Beaumont, Houston, and to San Antonio without being caught, and is now thought to be in Mexico.

The health department states that the doctor in question had drawn salaries for three employes—engineer, boatman and disinfectant—when for a while he had only two at work. He was ordered to Austin and made to return the amount taken in that manner, it is alleged.

Afterward, the health department states, other irregularities were discovered. The last legislature raised the salary of one of the employes and until the first shortage was discovered this employe did not know that his salary had been raised.

SENSATIONAL SCENE.

Prompt Presence of Mind Prevented a Tragic Happening.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 4.—But for the presence of mind and quickness of Deputy Marshal Fossett and Jailer McCracken, the Federal jail might have been the scene of a tragedy of vengeance. The occasion was furnished by the visit to the jail of Dr. Beemblossom, who came up from Oklahoma City Friday morning for the purpose of identifying Levi Reed, a prisoner, as the possible murderer of Dr. Beemblossom's 15-year-old son, who was shot down by a trio of highwaymen near Rush Springs last fall. After admission to the jail Dr. Beemblossom was asked to be seated by the stove in the corridor where one of the guards went to Reed's cell to bring forth the prisoner. Reed was not informed of the purpose of the visit, but understood that he was being taken to the bath room, and when his gaze fell on the man sitting near the stove the prisoner gave a quick start, his face flushed and his lips turned blue. The effect on the visitor was electrical, for he jumped to his feet, shouted, "You are the guilty scoundrel!" and attempted to draw his revolver. He was overpowered and forced struggling from the room by the guards.

HEROIC SACRIFICE.

Devoted Wife Dies in Saving the Life of Her Invalid Husband.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Kate Mason, wife of John Mason, was burned to death Friday at the family residence, 1614 South Ninth street. The house caught fire, and Mrs. Mason, fearing her husband, who is partly paralyzed, would perish, made a heroic effort to quench the flames, and her clothing taking fire, she was roasted, dying in a short time in awful agony. Students of Baylor university rescued Mr. Mason, who has not walked for years, but moves about in a chair on wheels. Help arrived too late to save Mrs. Mason. The husband is 76 and Mrs. Mason was 72 years old. They came here from Germantown Pa.

Double Dead.

Gilmer, Tex., Jan. 4.—Near Simpsonville James Calvert and Carse Quinn, between whom there had been an old grudge, became involved in a fight. A shot was fired, and William Hart, a bystander, fell dead, shot through the breast. Then another shot was fired and Quinn dropped, shot through the abdomen, a wound which caused his death the following day. Calvert was given an examining trial and released on \$4500 bond.

With Beaumont Company.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 4.—J. S. Cullinan, formerly of J. S. Cullinan & Co. in Corsicana, which handled the entire output of that field, including the crude and refined products, has formally announced the severance of all business connections with the above named firm and has cast his future with the Beaumont field. He will be associated with Texas Fuel company as manager. This is a new concern, which will be operated under an old charter.

QUITE A FAILURE.

The Everett-Moore Syndicate is Financially Embarrassed.

BANKERS ARE NOW IN CHARGE.

The Capital Stock of the Concern is Tremendous, About One Hundred and Thirty Million Dollars.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 3.—The financial affairs of the Everett-Moore syndicate, owning or controlling a number of urban and interurban electric railways and an extensive system of local and long distance telephone lines in Ohio and Michigan, passed into the control of a committee composed of seven prominent bankers of this city Thursday.

This action was taken, it is stated, as the result of temporary financial embarrassment on the part of the syndicate, which has for some time been affected by the stringency of the money market. The committee chosen is at work investigating the affairs of the syndicate and express the firm belief that the concern is entirely solvent and that its embarrassment will be only temporary.

The Everett-Moore syndicate is accredited with controlling more than 1200 miles of electric lines in Ohio and Michigan, with many new extensions still in course of construction.

Among the telephone properties owned outright or controlled by the syndicate are the Cuyahoga Telephone company of this city, with upward of 10,000 subscribers; the United States Telephone company (long distance); the Federal Telephone company, the Stark county (Ohio) Telephone company, the Columbian County (Ohio) Telephone company, the Peoples Telephone company of Detroit, the Wood County (Ohio) Telephone company and a number of others in which the Federal Telephone company is the controlling factor.

Among the more important electric street railroads and properties in which the syndicate is largely interested are the Cleveland Electric Railway company, the Toledo Railway and Light company, the Northern Ohio Traction company, the Cleveland, Painesville and Eastern Railway company, the Detroit and Toledo Short Line Railroad company and the Lakeshore Electric Railroad company.

All of these lines are declared by the committee to be, with scarcely any exception, in good physical condition, perfectly solvent and in no wise embarrassed.

The aggregate capitalization of all the various properties owned or controlled by the syndicate is said to be about \$180,000,000.

Expert accountants have been employed by the committee in charge to examine and report upon the condition of all the constituent companies. No statement indicating the liabilities has yet been given out.

Boiler Burst.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 3.—A freight engine just out of the repair shop and fired up in the roundhouse of the Central of Georgia railroad, exploded without warning Thursday, killing three men, injuring many others and shaking the entire city. The report was heard seven miles and houses three miles distant felt the shock.

The news instantly spread that man were killed and in a few minutes hundreds had gathered at the gates, among them weeping wives and children of shop employes, weeping and clamoring for information.

The engine was reduced to fragments, parts being hurled through the building 200 or 300 yards. One piece weighing 3000 pounds was thrown 150 yards.

Wheeler on Race Problem.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 3.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler was in this city in the interest of a new army rifle. Replying to a question on the possibility of a political break in the south, he said:

"There is no question that the superiority of the white race in the south must be maintained. For one reason, white supremacy alone can insure financial stability. No political break in the south will be brought about by any party which tries to interfere from the north, through the medium of politicians, with the solving of the color problem by the south."

DEFENDANT DENIES.

Mathis Repudiates All Previous Statements Made by Him.

Oxford, Miss., Jan. 3.—The trial of Will Mathis, charged with the murder of the two Montgomerys, began Thursday morning. By 11 o'clock a jury had been impaneled and the examination of witnesses begun.

Orlando Lester, who was Wednesday convicted as an accomplice of Mathis in the double murder, was called and gave the same version of the killing that he had given on his own trial.

He said that Mathis told him that he did the shooting himself; that it was planned that the negro should do the shooting, but his nerve failed him and he (Mathis) had to do it himself. He stated that Mathis shot Hugh Montgomery first, shooting him in the mouth, and that he was obliged to shoot John A. Montgomery twice, once in the body and once in the head.

Will Mathis next took the stand. He denied all previous statements made by himself, claiming that they were made under promises of aid or threats of bodily harm. He said he had nothing to do with the killing and did all he could to keep Lester from killing the officers.

Mathis stated that John A. Montgomery was one of his best friends and nothing hurt him worse than the killing of the officers in his house. He said that he had nothing to do with burning the bodies; that his father-in-law, Whit Owens, and the negro did the burning, and that all he did was to take his own pistol and leave the house.

NOT ENCOURAGING.

Conditions in China Do Not Satisfy the Foreigners There.

Pekin, Jan. 3.—Several recent announcements tend to discourage the hope that the dowager empress had learned a lesson of reform from the events of the past year. Foreigners are disposed to take a pessimistic view of the outlook.

Gen. Yung Lu's determination to organize two anti-foreign army corps to offset the commands of the pro-foreign Chinese leaders is particularly disquieting and is evidence of the continued domination of his influence, which is bitterly anti-foreign.

Other incidents which are considered significant are the suppression of the only independent newspaper in this city by order of the governor of Peking and the closing of the industrial school here recently organized by philanthropic Chinese, also by the governor's order.

Bomb Exploded.

Paris, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to the Paire from Kiev, European Russia, under Thursday's date, says a bomb was exploded Wednesday under balcony of the palace of the Grand Duke Constantine.

The explosion occurred at a moment when the saloons were thronged. A great panic followed, but nobody was injured, though the damage was considerable. All the windows near the scene of the explosion were shattered. Nihilists are suspected of committing the outrage. Fifteen students were arrested.

Presented to President.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Representative Richardson of Tennessee, minority leader of the house, on Thursday personally presented the president with a set of his compilations of the messages and papers of the presidents of the United States.

In making presentation Mr. Richardson laughingly asked the president to read carefully the constitution and Declaration of Independence. The president took joke good-naturedly and said he would.

Fearful State of Affairs.

London, Jan. 3.—Capt. Guy Burrows, who has just returned to this city from the employ of the Congo Free State government after six years' service, declared in a conversation that the conditions prevailing in the Congo Free State are a disgrace to civilization and far worse than ever before. He pictured atrocities of the most horrible character perpetrated on the natives by officials and whites who had concessions of rubber land.

Miss A. C. Kilgore, daughter of the late Congressman Kilgore, died at Chiro, Texas.

Flitting of the Barber.

BY CHARLES HENSLEY.

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"Yas'm, das what I wants ter do, I wants ter atick my knife down the th'out er dat vilyun, er dat scound'el—"
"My, sez Mandy."

"Yas'm, twell hit go ri' down th'ough de middle er his black heart. Das what I wants ter do. En when I git hit dar, I des wants ter tu'n dat knife roun' en roun', twell I cut dat black heart er his'n inter chitterlins."

"My, sez Mandy, 'you suttinly is savage.'"

"Dar, sez I, 'dar, you done said hit. When you sez savage you des spells my name. I des so savage dat I eat dat vilyun's heart en drink his blood en des not bat my eyes."

"What make you so savage agin dat barber, sez Mandy, 'what he bin doin' ter you?'"

"What he bin doin' ter me? He bin doin' des a plenty. Ain't he been trapesin' roun' wid de 'oman dat es good es belong ter me; dat bin promisin' dese days en days fer ter ma'y me? En now he got ter shove his ugly se'f 'twix me en her, en try en keep cump'ny wid her?"

"En what de name er dat lady dat you speakin' er?" sez Mandy.

"Hit des a fool 'oman er de name er Mandy, en kase she des a fool 'oman, en ain't got so ve'y good senses, dey ain't nuthin' dat I kin do ter her, 'cep' en savin' des ter drap her, en dat I reckon I got ter do; fer by dese ways er gwine on she show dat she little better'n a hussy. But fer dat barber, I des suttinly takes hit outer him. I des bruck his back en knock de ugly head clean offer him, das all."

"En dat lady you speakin' about?" sez Mandy, "I des kin tell you dis; she got senses enuf ter do a heap er tinkin' befo' she ever ma'y wid a triflin' vilyun like you is; wid yo' big mouf en yo' big tales, en yo' knives, en yo' weepuns, en yo' hussies—hussy yo'se'f, suh."

"Das all ri', das all ri'. Yo' des do wid yo'se'f what you tink de bes' ter do, en ef you like ter keep somebody else cump'ny better'n my cump'ny, you des keep hit. Hit don't matter ter me ef de yeth des gyape open en swaller you up. But aller dat ain't gwine save dat barber. Dey ain't no use er yo' cryin' en whimperin' roun' me; dat barber des got ter die."

"I ain't wo'yin' about dat barber, sez Mandy. 'I ain't scaert a bit fer him. Dat barber des twicet de man dat you is. Ef I do enny cryin' hit be fer you, you misubble scound'el. Dat barber des ca'y peccetful er knif' en razors roun' wid him aller de time. You go foolin' roun' wid dat barber en he cuts de lights er life outer you. Ef you tackle wid dat barber you better git you a dray pin fer ter hit him wid, fer ef he gits clost ter you, you des es good es dead en gone en mos' forgot."

"What Mandy sez about dat barber didn't suit me so ve'y better. I know myse'f f'om what I yere f'om dis one en f'om dat one, dat he a bad man, des a teh'ble man; a fightin' man f'om yere come yonder. He des boas'es dat enduln' er his time he kill mo'n ten men; en wid one er 'em dat he cuts out a piece er his heart en toas'es hit over de fire en eats hit wid pepper on hit; en wid anudder dat he plant vines on topper his grave en eats de berries offer dem vine, des ter streknin' his heart. I des sholy got ter watch my cornders wid a man like dat. I tink en I tink. Fus' I tink er one way en den I tink er anudder. One time hit look like a good way des ter stan' behinder a cornder twell he come by en den ter swat him wid a dray pin or a crow bar. Das all ri', ef I

didn't know what de bes' fer me ter do. At de las' I tuck a nickle outer my pocket en th'ow hit up in de ar, ter see which way I got ter go dat day. Well, suh, ef dat nickle didn't pint ri' straight ter de shop er dat barber, I pick hit up en th'ow hit again en hit come de ve'y same way. Den I see, come good luck, come bad luck, I des got ter go ter dat barber shop. En widout taken enny mo' time ter tink I des goes. When I come ter de shop I des walks in en hangs up my coat en my hat, des like hit belong ter me, en den I sits down in de barber cheer en I sez: 'Barber, sez I, 'gi' me a shave.' En de barber, he des lafs, en when he done wuck up de lather en spread hit over my face, he sez ter me, 'My, sez he, 'I bin tinkin' f'om what I yeres dat I boun' ter use my razor on you fer sumpin' else beside ter scrape yo' chin. Not,' sez he, 'dat I got nuthin' agin you, kase I ain't, but fer aller dat fire en fury dat I yeres about you, hit look like I bleedzed ter do hit des ter



"Barber," sez I, "when do you leave?" take keer er my own hide." Barber, sez I, "people yeres a heap er ting dat dey ain't no call fer 'em ter yere, en a heap er ting dat neber wuz spoke."

"I got nuthin' agin you," sez de barber, "to be sho', ef I wanted dat 'oman ri' bad, dat Mandy, I des would have her ef I had ter skin you fus' to git her. But I don't wan' her, I des don't." I got mo' wives ri' now den I got enny use fer. I got two er 'em in dis yere town, en dey fixin' ter gi' me trubble dis ve'y minute, kase dey done foun' out dat I got mo'n one. I don't wan' no mo' er de 'omans ri' now. But I is got dis much agin you, sez he, 'dat you bin talkin' mighty big, en bin tellin' yo' tales er what you gwine do wid me."

"Barber," sez I, "don't you let dat razor slip; fer f'om what you tell me you is got all de trubble you needs ri' now." Fer atter he tell me dat he got mo' wives on his hands den he got enny use fer, I wuz feelin' all ri', en I wuz scaered er him no mo'."

"Das so," sez he, "das so, ef I had de time en wuzen a'ready in trubble, dey ain't nuthin' I like better," sez he, "den des ter take you in han's en cook yo' goose. But at de time presen', sez he, 'dey is two lady a'ready quarlin' over me, en my time is all-tuck up. All I got ter do, sez he, 'is ter pull my foot outer dis yere town, en I got ter do dat quick."

"Barber," sez I, "whar you gwine f'om yere?"

"I is gwine a long way," sez he, "I is gwine up North."

"Barber," sez I, "when you gwine?"

"I wuz studyin'," sez he, "ter start tomorrow evenin'."

"Barber," sez I, "you start dis evenin'." I gi' you fi' dollah, sez I, "fi' good dollah ef you do."

"All ri'," sez he, "I do hit; I go dis ve'y evenin'."

"But how does I know, sez I, ef I pays you my good money, dat you keep yo' wo'd en go?"

"You kin come down ter de railroad," sez he, "en put dat fi' dollah inter par er my ticket, en den, ef you likes, you kin see me off on de train."

"En sodat evenin' atter de ticket wuz bought I see him outer de cyars, en des es de cyars wuz pullin' out he holler outer de winder, 'you gi' my love ter de lady.' En I sez twix' my teef, 'You misubble scound'el, I des suttinly will."

"Dat same evenin' I nook at Mandy's do', I got free, fo' p' ce er dis yere pink stekin' plaster stickin' ter my chin en across my cheek."

"My, sez Mandy when she open de do' ter let me in, what you bin doin' wid yo' face; who bin meddlin' wid you?"

"Dat some er yo' barber's doins," sez I.

"En what you done wid dat barber?" sez she.

"I sez nuthin', but des looks at her ri' stiddy. 'What you done wid dat barber?' sez she again."

"Oman," sez I, "I ain't no barber no mo', an' wid de gun ter whimper an' ter en Ang' "

"Dey is er cryin' fer dat

barber, sez I, 'you seen de las' e dat barber on topper er dis yeth.'

"I don't keer fer de barber, sez she, 'en neber did keer a bit fer him. I des wuz tinkin' er you; I don't wan' you ter have de blood er no man on yo' han's.' 'Dar, dat des hit, honey,' sez I, 'en dat des what save dat barber's life. De fus' time he git down on his knee en beg fer his life, I shuck my head. De second time he des beg an' he pray, but I shuck my head. But de las' time I sez ter him, 'Barber, sez I, 'ef I don't po' out yo' blood dis time, hit des kase er a lady dat don't like dis yere killin' en spillins er blood. Take yo' misubble life, sez I, 'en tank de lady fer hit.'

"My, sez Mandy, 'I didn't tink you could a done de barber dat a way; you suttinly is a man."

"En now, 'oman,' sez I, mighty solemn, 'let dis be a warnin' ter you; you des take yo' cautions f'om dis, en ef enny er dese yere triflin' scound'els, ef dey wuz barbers or des what dey wuz, come foolin' roun' wid you, you des tu'n 'em loose en tell 'em ter go dey ways. Ef dey don't, I des po' out dey blood all over de yeth. Fer f'om dis times on, f'om dis ve'y day, dey ain't no mo' pitty or mussy in dis bus'm.'"

A GIANT FUCHSIA.

Magnificent Specimen of This Plant in Portland, Oregon.

The largest and most magnificent fuchsia plant in this city, and probably in the state, is to be seen in the garden of Robert Foulkes, says the Portland Oregonian. It springs from a single stem some three inches in diameter, but divides into three at the surface of the ground. The top is seven feet in height and is twenty-six feet in circumference, and is loaded with hundreds of beautiful flowers in every stage of development, while the ground beneath is carpeted with fallen blossoms. The plant would have been much higher and broader but for the fact that it has to be put in the cellar every winter and the limbs have to be trimmed off. The height has to be reduced so that it can stand under the floor above. A rather remarkable thing is that when the plant is dug up at the beginning of winter, it is in full foliage and still loaded with blossoms. Uprooting almost any plant in this condition would prove fatal, but the fuchsia takes it all as a matter of course, and soon after it is housed the leaves and flowers fade and drop off and the plant goes to sleep. As soon as it feels the breath of spring it begins to put forth tender shoots in profusion, and hint that it wants to get out of doors. When it is planted out, it starts in growing and "blowing" as if to make up for lost time. Mr. Foulkes has several other varieties of fuchsia in his garden, one of which produces beautiful blossoms eight inches in length from the end of the stem to the end of the petals.

Royal Family Secrets.

A few months ago the Empress Frederick caused her journals and her correspondence to be destroyed, including an immense collection of letters written by Queen Victoria, most of which were, of course, of a strictly confidential nature. The late Empress was no doubt anxious to prevent any possibility of a repetition of the vexatious tracasseries which arose about the papers of Emperor Frederick and caused so much trouble during the summer of 1888, until they were safely deposited among the Hohenzollern family archives at Berlin. It is believed that the famous diary, about which there were such floods of gossip, was burnt shortly after this removal. It is well known that Queen Victoria had a great deal of trouble and anxiety about the Prince Consort's confidential correspondence with his brother, the late Duke Ernest of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. Prince Albert wrote most openly to his brother and his weekly letters were full of private family affairs and of social and political secret history. Ultimately Duke Ernest handed over the Prince's letters to the Queen, who also recovered her husband's correspondence with his cousin, the late king of Portugal.—London Truth.

Not Groaning—Singing.

The following story was related the other day in the Liverpool (England) Post. Seated in a third class carriage of a south bound express were eight people. Seven of the number were quietly reading, when suddenly the eight broke into deep and blood-curdling groans. Horror-stricken the rest gazed at him for a moment, and then one of them, with great presence of mind, produced a brandy flask, and, pouring out a copious draught, forced it on the sufferer. It was quickly disposed of. "How do you feel now," inquired one of the company. "Prime!" was the reply. "What was the matter with you?" was the next query. "Matter with me? Nothing!" was the indignant retort. "What in the name of thunder did like that for, then?" er of the brandy. "Groan!" said the astonished man singing.

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Around Home.

Personals and Locals

The RUSTLER has a word or two which it would like to speak, in the issue of the paper that's coming out this week, and we hope that when you hear it that you all will stir about and help the paper spread the news when the

RUSTLER
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Out.

We want our friends to help us to gather up the news. We want to feel the public pulse and learn the public's views. We want to know when death occurs and when sickness is about and we'll tell it to the people when the

RUSTLER
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When visitors are at your home, just come and let us know. We want to know their business and where they aim to go. And every single bit of news that people care about we'll spread around the county when the

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C. D. Harling is back from San Angelo. Fresh groceries at T. A. Green & Brother's.

Joe Robbins was in from Hayrick Wednesday.

Earnest Newton is very sick with Pneumonia.

Sulphur at Green Bros, price 6 cents per pound.

E. E. Burnett, of Snyder, is here visiting friends.

J. S. Yates has moved to his place, above Saneo.

D. B. McCullum has been on the sick list this week.

Caleb Barron made a trip to San Angelo this week.

Sulphur at Green Brothers, price 6 cents per pound.

Stop at Posey & Bell's Wagon yard when in Robert Lee.

V. O. Barefield, of Mt. Margaret, was in town Monday.

W. H. Lasswell and family have moved back to Robert Lee.

Miss Horn, we learn, is to leave for Tennessee in a few days.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Posey, January 6, 10-pound boy.

Flour, Meal, Potatoes and grain of all kind at Posey & Bell's.

For grain and hay call on Posey & Bell the Wagon yard men.

Mrs. Green, of near Silver, mother of Wm. Green, died last week.

W. H. Hall and G. T. McCown made a trip to San Angelo this week.

To arrive at Posey & Bell's on or about the 15, some fine Florida syrup.

B. A. Boykin spent Christmas with his mother in Hamilton county.

S. G. McCown has bought the Weeb property, in the east part of town.

S. M. Beeman was here this week en route to Olga with Mr. Grooms.

There is three new cases of the so-called smallpox at Sheriff Murrays.

M. B. Patterson bought of Cap. Norbeut 23 head of cattle at \$8.68 per head.

Brace R. Perry and family, of Sweetwater, are in town visiting relatives.

W. C. Swinney an ex-newspaper man is in town and made this office a call.

J. H. Burroughs made a business trip to San Angelo the first of the week.

W. R. Barnett and J. D. Collier made a trip to the latter's ranch Tuesday.

Grandpa Kellar went to San Angelo this week with a span of mules for sale.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lindley, January 2, a girl. Mother is quite sick.

Belton Steam Laundry guarantees satisfaction. E. G. Walton, agent at Bronte.

W. P. Waling sold to D. P. Glass 90 head of yearling steers at \$10 per head.

Rev. J. B. Hooten filled his regular appointment here at this place last Sunday.

If you have an old buggy take it to Lasswell, the painter, and have it made new.

Let W. H. Lasswell order your wall paper. He keeps a full line of all latest patterns.

Boys if you want a nice livery rig try one of Posey & Bell's they keep first-class.

J. H. Hefley made a trip to San Angelo this week and purchased a new buggy while there.

A new Saddle and harness shop has been opened this week with Emmet Reed as proprietor.

S. H. Riley will get all orders filled by stage or phone from San Angelo, in any line you want.

Judge Graham sold a half interest in his abstract office to Prof. J. D. Jowers, of Bronte.

Rev. S. H. Riley preached a very interesting sermon at the Methodist church Tuesday night.

W. H. Lasswell is opening a paint shop in town, and solicits patronage from all over the county.

See S. H. Riley & Son for seed oats and all farm seeds and groceries. They want your butter and eggs.

M. F. Hall went to Ballinger Monday to meet his mother and father, who have come to make Robert Lee their home.

C. C. Doughty, traveling sales man for the Temple grocery company, was doing business with our merchants Thursday.

L. L. Barham, San Angelo, arrived on Tuesday's hack to manage the business of the new grocery firm of S. H. Riley & Son.

Commissioner B. A. Taylor was in town today from his ranch.

S. M. Beeman left Friday for his home in Sterling City.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Collier has been very sick this week but is improving now.

J. W. Brooks and Dave Woodley and families, of Floresville, Wilson county, arrived Tuesday to make Robert Lee their home.

Stage out to San Angelo and return daily, with change of team; making good time. Fair—\$1.50 or \$2.50 round trip. S. W. RILEY.

Rev. B. S. Sullivan, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach Saturday at 11 a. m. and also at night and on Sunday at the same hours.

H. H. Phillips and family arrived last week from Oklahoma. Mr. Phillips sold his quarter section of land which he drew last summer.

J. S. Shupert, the proprietor of the Concho saloon, of San Angelo, accompanied by George Bond, superintendent of the ice factory, at that place, were in Robert Lee Tuesday on business.

E. W. Escue has purchased the half interest of A. J. Taylor in the City meat market. Mr. Escue has renovated the shop some what, and patrons will find everything neat and nice and receive courteous treatment.

Richard Coke Camp U. C. V. you are commanded to meet at the court house in Robert Lee on Saturday, January 18 1902, to consider the matter of a county Reunion for this year, also to make arrangements for attending the general Reunion at Dallas in April. By order of P. S. Stark, Commander, H. H. Hayley Ajt.

School Notes.

School continues to increase in numbers.

The High school department has 43 pupils. Intermediate, 55, and the Primary 73, making a total of 171. The scholastic enrollment by last census, was only about 135. So we are teaching a good many more pupils in the free school age, whose free school money we do not get.

Since the holidays all have gone cheerfully and happily to work, both teachers and pupils.

We are proud of our earnest boys and girls and of the progress they are making in their studies.

The school was visited by the trustees in a body last Tuesday. This visit is the first one we have had from them since the opening of the school, and by the visit they are complying with their agreement with the teachers before school opened. The school feels highly honored by this visit, and we trust it may soon be repeated.

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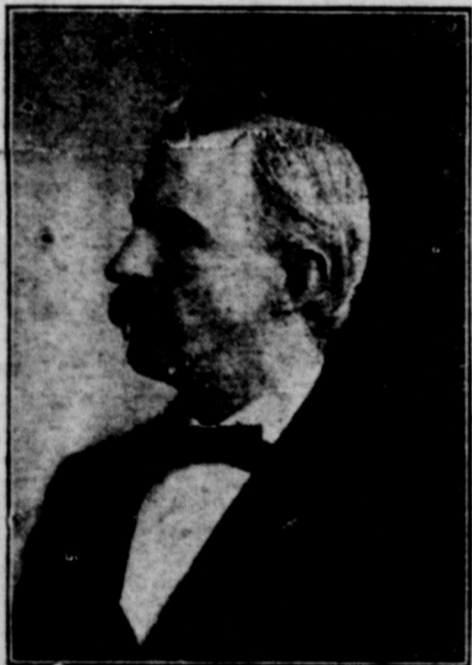
(Special Letter.)

THE approach of Christmastide will be sorrowful for Mrs. McKinley. She has, however, not overlooked it or forgotten her old friends. All the ladies of the Cabinet have received little souvenirs of her friendship. These have taken the forms of tokens of her skill and industry. Some have received slippers, knitted in black wool and ornamented with gray ribbons. Other little fancy articles, which Mrs. McKinley delights to fabricate, are also in the bundles.

There is still living at the capital a venerable negress who was a servant at the White house during the whole of President Lincoln's residence there. Her name is Elizabeth Keckly, and she lives in a comfortable brick house, bought with her earnings, where she sacredly guards the relics of her life in the White House. Among these are an unpublished portrait of President Lincoln, taken in the conservatory with a group of Indians who were at that time on a visit to the "great father"; a picture of "little Tad," given to Mrs. Keckly by the President himself, and photographs of the President and Mrs. Lincoln, also gifts from the distinguished originals, all of them in the little black walnut frames which were in fashion at that period.

A new chef has been installed at the white house. The old one, Sinclair, could not keep up with the strenuous place. William Pinckney, also colored, succeeds Sinclair. Until made steward he was special messenger for Roosevelt. He comes from Albany.

Miss Hay's engagement to Payne Whitney meets with hearty approval on all sides, and both Mr. Whitney and his betrothed have been warmly congratulated. No young woman at the capital is more cordially liked or more sincerely esteemed than Helen Hay. Her childhood and the greater part of her girlhood were spent in Washington, her friends here call her by her first name, and have watched her literary career with keen interest and sympathy. The wedding, which has been fixed for February, will take place



Hon. Jas. D. Richardson.

at Miss Hay's home, and will be a quiet one, owing to the deep mourning of her family.

The Democratic minority in the House of Representatives has a leader of conspicuous ability. He was elected Chairman of the Democratic caucus of the House for the fifty-sixth congress, and has just been re-elected for that position for the fifty-seventh congress.

He is James D. Richardson of Tennessee.

Mr. Richardson has served continuously in the House of Representatives representing the Fifth Congressional District for 16 years, and is now entering on his ninth congressional term.

He is a close observer of events which transpire hourly during the sessions of congress, and never fails to take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself to strengthen the minority. He is a strong and faithful leader, and although he has been highly honored by his party in the past, he will not reach greater heights as time progresses.

Mr. Richardson always takes an active hand in national and congressional political contests. In 1876 he was temporary chairman of the Democratic National convention; in 1878 and 1890 he was Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committees for those years. In 1900 he was elected permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention at Kansas City, a position which he filled with credit to himself and benefit to the party. As a parliamentarian he has few equals.

"I propose becoming interested in all legislation," says Mr. Richardson, "that may be presented to the consideration of the House, particularly, I may say, to the questions relating to trusts, tariff, ship subsidies, revenue reduction, reciprocity treaties, etc. Backed by a united minority I will endeavor to compel the majority to be more care-

ful of the country's interest than they might be if their opposition was weak and divided."

The new gowns of the Countess Cassini, the lovely daughter of the Russian Ambassador, will dazzle the nation's capital, and it is said that they surpass in cost, richness and elegance anything in America. Every modiste and milliner of note upon the continent is represented in this truly regal outfit. It took thirty-four trunks to bring the things across the ocean.

Former Senator Puffer of Kansas, with whiskers longer and better groomed than in the days when he occupied a seat in the senate, was a visitor to the senate chamber during the first days of the session. He took a seat on the Republican side next to Senator Burton.

Senator Cullom is defending his committee room against the onslaughts of Senator Steve Elkins, who thinks he is entitled to it. Cullom has had his present room for nearly twenty years. He does not care to leave. Tom Platt of New York has the room fitted up for Cullom, and he will not get out. So Elkins is the homeless member at present.

The latest crank to annoy the president wanted to borrow money. He is Adrian C. Pickhart, of Plainfield, N. J., who came to Washington with the record of having secured \$2.75 from a New York cabman on a forged check. Doubtless Pickhart believed that a man who could cheat a New York cabman could borrow money from the president of the United States. He wrote letters to the president naming sums he would like to have as temporary accommodations and was arrested and locked up for his pains.

Uncle Joe Cannon, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, thinks the war revenue taxes will be taken off by this congress: "It is just my personal opinion," said Mr. Cannon. "The occasion for them is gone. There is enough revenue without them. They are most vexatious, and a little repealing paragraph would do the work. Perhaps the tax on beer will be retained, but they might as well all go."

Mr. Cannon, familiarly called "Uncle Joe," much in the same sense and with the same good-natured regard, considered in his capacity as custodian of the public purse, as the people entertain for our national and titular guardian "Uncle Sam," is pre-eminently fitted to continue at the head of appropriations—a committee which, year in and year out, is perhaps the most important of all, and regularly performs the most laborious and exacting work done in congress.

Kentuckian Walks to Washington.

Mr. James La Barre, an old Kentucky veteran of the Civil War, will start his long walk to Washington, D. C., in a few days. It will be remembered that he walked this distance of over 600 miles last winter. He claims to be the victim of an unjust Court-martial sentence received at Warrington in 1863. Through this charge he has been unable to secure a pension, and although he has tried repeatedly to remove this obstacle all attempts in this direction have failed. Last year, more determined than ever, he called in Congressman Shattuc, and, with his assistance, a special bill was introduced, but owing to the short session of Congress it was not acted upon. At this time La Barre walked from Covington, Ky., to Washington in 23 days, spending all but three of the nights without shelter, and subsisting on the scant food he received along his journey.

La Barre will start again for Washington on foot and expects to cover the distance in less time than last. He is now 57 years old, and, although the many years of toil have bent his once sturdy form and silvered his locks, he is confident he will cover the 600 miles without trouble.

The Czar's Barbers.

No Nihilist will ever get a chance at the Czar of Russia with a razor, at least in the guise of a barber. The autocrat has his beard carefully trimmed, but with scissors. Even this is treated as a responsible and important function, and of the four Grand Masters of the Court, as they are called, one always attends the Czar when His Majesty is under the barber's care. Not that any doubt is felt as to the fidelity of the tonsorial artist. The family of the Guelabovskii have been barbers to the imperial house of Romanoff from the time of Czar Paul.

Emperor William's Servants.

In the twenty odd palaces of the German Emperor some 3,500 servants are employed, about 2,000 of these being women. A huge income is, of course, required for keeping up establishments on this scale, and the Emperor's total expenditure is estimated at some \$25,000 a day.

RUMMAGE SALE SURPRISES.

Unpleasant Discoveries Made by Persons Who Miss Belongings.

Some funny stories are being told, and there are many others that might be in connection with the epidemic of rummage sales which has swept over the city. Quite a little might be said about one of the woman managers who laid down her coat and left it for a moment, only to find it sold upon her return. Another tale might be told of a man who had lost his silk hat much after the same fashion and who rescued it from an untimely fate after diligent labor and a choice assortment of expletives, and so on, almost ad lib. But the funniest might be related of two men, two women and two shirts. One of the men, who may be designated as Mr. A, had a couple of fine shirts, which, however, were too small for him, and one day he announced that he would wear them no longer. Mrs. A. then took advantage of the opportunity to contribute them to a certain rummage sale. There they were seen by Mrs. B, who, observing the excellence, and the newness, of the garments, promptly purchased them for Mr. B.

The other day Mr. A. and Mr. B. were walking down the street together. Suddenly Mr. A. commented on the shirt worn by Mr. B., saying it was just like one of his, which was strange, as his had been made to order. Mr. B. said he did not know where it came from, as his wife had purchased it. One word brought on another, and finally out of curiosity Mr. A. turned back the cuff of the shirt in which Mr. B. was attired and thereon found his (Mr. A's) initials. Explanations were sought and found, and it would be difficult to discover two more disgusted men than those.—Wilmington (Del.) News.

SMALL ROOMS IN NEW HOTELS.

Every Inch of Space Utilized in Order to Meet Expenses.

"The evolution in hotels during the past few years has been interesting," said Mr. Charles Logan of New York, who is in town for a few days. "Of course, the most noticeable features are the extensive modern improvements, such as baths, washstands, telephones, etc., in each room and the generally improved equipment of the buildings. A feature which is not so noticeable, but one which is very important to the hotel man, however, is the decrease in the size of the rooms. Hotel rooms used to have high ceilings and were long and broad. Now they are mostly small, with comparatively low ceilings. Sometimes I hear guests ask each other why the rooms are so small nowadays, and they seldom hit on the right reason. It is because the cost of erecting and operating a hotel is much greater than formerly, while the extent of the patronage is about the same. It is necessary to make the rooms small in order that the same space may bring bigger returns. Take one big room which used to produce, say \$3 a day, and it is now cut in two so as to make the same space produce \$6 or \$5 a day. The hotel which used to occupy its site contained about 150 rooms, but look at the difference in cost of the two hotels, and in the expense of maintaining and operating them. A hotel that used to cost \$200,000 now costs \$1,000,000."—Washington Post.

Couldn't Be There to Pray.

"The most disappointed man I ever saw," said William J. Casey, a Baltimore financier, "was a poor wretch who was about to be hanged in one of the northeastern counties of Maryland. I happened to be there about the time and accepted an invitation to witness the execution. This fellow's lawyers had been working hard to save his neck, and there seemed to be some possibility that he might be reprieved. The time set for the execution arrived, however, and the sheriff made plans to carry out the execution. The march on the scaffold had begun and the prisoner was about to mount the steps when a messenger arrived, banged frantically at the gate of the jail yard, and was admitted waving a telegram in his hand. The procession was at once stopped, and the sheriff took the telegram, and saw that it was addressed to the condemned man. He handed it to the fellow, who, trembling with hope, tore open the envelope. He cast his eager eye at the message, paled, and let it drop from his hand. The sheriff picked up the paper, read it, and the march to the scaffold was resumed. In a few minutes the man who had hoped for a reprieve was in eternity. The message was from some minister who had become interested in his case. It told him to trust in the Lord and he would be saved."—Washington Post.

It has been found in world's fairs lasting six months that nearly three-fourths of the attendance occurs in the last three months.

Petrified fruits have been found in coal from Spitzbergen, the island group in the Arctic ocean, midway between Greenland and Nova Zembla.

Were Duck Pants.

When Ed Gilmore of the Academy of Music and Col. Jones of the Aquarium meet at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, there is always something doing.

"I see that Senator Stadler was out gunning the other day," said the colonel to Ed Gilmore the other evening. "Yes?" said Gilmore. "Did he bag anything?"

"Bagged a pair of duck." "You don't say? Where'd he bag 'em?"

"At the knee," said Col. Jones. "They were duck pants."

Rainbow in a Clear Sky.

The appearance of distinct rainbow in a clear sky created a sensation in Richmond, Va. The bow was visible more than an hour. Dr. Taylor, the state chemist, explains the picture as the reflection of the sun's rays upon minute particles of ice crystals that had been carried high in the sky and by the cold snap of several days' duration. The heat from the sun is sufficient to drive the light through the ice bank, and in this penetration the colors that cause the resemblance of the phenomenon to a rainbow are generated.

Largest in the World.

Savings bank deposits in this country are the largest in the world, reaching \$2,310,660,000. These deposits have doubled in about fifteen years. Germany is the next largest, \$1,900,000,000; Austria-Hungary, \$1,201,240,000; France, \$854,220,000, and the United Kingdom, \$829,020,000. Comparisons of this kind are not conclusive, because savings in Germany are placed in co-operative banks. Building associations, both in this country and in European lands, carry also a large share of savings. In this country these hold \$700,000,000 of savings.

Nearly Raised.

Methodists are congratulating themselves on ending this calendar year with a round \$15,000,000 of their \$20,000,000 thank offering fund. Mass meetings designed to insure the raising of the remaining \$5,000,000 are to begin in January, and are to be held in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Chicago. In Pittsburg and other large cities no meetings are to be held for the reason that in them the task has already been accomplished, and the cities selected are intended to be national, it is given out.

Then Go.

In finishing a call, young woman, you should always bear in mind that a thing "if 'twere done when 'tis done, then 'twere well 'twere done quickly." When you've decided that it's time to go, "stand not upon the order of going," but go and don't prolong the operation.

Don't wait until after you've got to your feet to knit up the loose ends of the conversation and give the finishing touches. You are subjecting your hostess to an undesired ordeal. Standing and waiting are a strain upon the most robust.

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College Athletics.
"When my son went to college," said the father, "I told him that I would not permit him to join the gymnasium."
"Did he obey you?"
"I told him that if he didn't, I would thrash him."
"Did it answer?"
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TOLD OF TEXAS.
A Number of Events that Have Come to Pass the Past Few Days.

Gilmer has electric lights.
Dallas has a macaroni factory.
Vernon is to have a cotton oil mill.
El Paso will have a Pintsch gas factory.
Lieut. Gov. Browning is at Austin on legal business.

A. K. Israel, a prominent citizen of Oak Cliff, is dead.
Fred Finke, a Brenham merchant, hanged himself in his barn.
Mrs. Allen Turner was burned to death near Sulphur Springs.
Wise county Democrats will hold their primaries for county nominations April 5.

D. M. Kemp of El Paso has been appointed assistant state purchasing agent.
H. S. Grimes, an Ellis county farmer, died at Waxahachie from morphine poisoning.

Murray Gin company of Dallas has increased its capital stock from \$300,000 to \$450,000.
The contract for the sewerage system of Brownwood has been let to a Waco firm for \$5500.

Mrs. J. A. McHale was frightfully burned at Dallas by her clothing catching fire from a stove.
Railroad Y. M. C. A. of Texarkana has 1012 members. The one at Cleburne has 1066.

Jesse A. Clair, a brakeman, fell from a car of coal near Lytle. His head was severed from his body.
The little child of C. H. Tyler of Paducah fell in a pot of boiling water and died from the scalding.

Elder T. D. Larimore of Alabama is conducting a series of meetings at the First Christian church of Dallas.

By a fire at Texarkana John Carmichael lost nine horses, a carload of alfalfa hay and 200 bushels of corn.

J. W. Unsel, a merchant of Fate, Rockwall county, was found dead at his store door with a pistol beside him.

Attorney General Bell has approved an issue of \$7000 registration and \$5000 schoolhouse bonds of Wills Point.

The grand lodge of Texas colored Masons met at Waco. It was decided to establish a widows' and orphans' home.

William Baker, a former Texas and Pacific railway conductor, and known in every town and city on that line, died at Port Arthur.

O. B. Colquitt of Terrell announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for railroad commissioner, as does also E. P. Curtis of Temple.

As the result of a fall, Aunt Lizzie Wilkins, 90 years old, died at Chicota, Lamar county. She lived in one of the first houses built in Lamar county.

The English agent of the Star and Crescent company of Beaumont has closed a contract to furnish 10,000,000 barrels of oil to parties in that country.

While carrying a gun cocked and rolling a cigarette Charles Wagoner, near Hempstead, struck the hammer. The weapon was discharged. The load entered Wagoner's body near the heart, killing him.

While preparing feed for his hogs J. W. Cheek of Crowell dropped his watch without his knowledge in a bucket of swill. Next morning he found half the case in the pen. The presumption is the swine devoured the rest.

Scared by Smallpox.
Houston, Tex., Jan. 6.—The sudden advent of a negro suffering from an advanced case of confluent smallpox at the police station caused no end of excitement. The man was placed out on the curbstone, where he waited until the health authorities called for him, which was nearly an hour. It was necessary to send to the detention camp outside of the city limits for the ambulance. In the meantime the negro remained quiet enough.

Fully half a dozen of those whose business calls them to the station were seated in the detectives' office when the case presented itself. The door was ajar, when suddenly it was thrown wide open. There stood the negro, covered with pustules of the disease. "I'm sick and want to find a doctor," he exclaimed.

"Get out of here!" some one yelled, and the door was slammed in the negro's face with a bang. All then fled.

Energetic.
One of the most remarkable men in this country is Rev. H. Conwell, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia. He has either preached or lectured every evening, with possibly a dozen exceptions, during all the past sixteen years. He has delivered the lecture he calls "Acres of Diamonds" more than 2500 times. In addition to his duties as pastor of the largest Baptist church in Philadelphia, he is president of a college attached to the church, in which more than a hundred young men are educated by means of money raised by him.

The more reasons there are for a man saving money, the less likely he is to do it.

When community of interests meets community of interests, then comes the tug of war.

The dog who does not love his owner is very rare.

Laughing at a man's alleged funny story will please him more than telling.

Education in Cuba.
Some idea of the important educational reforms brought about and the wonderful progress made since the island came under American rule, can be obtained from their exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition recently, for which they were awarded nine medals. There is also a wonderful record back of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and one that has never been equalled. It is a specific remedy for dyspepsia, indigestion, sick headache and malaria, fever and ague. Don't fail to try it.

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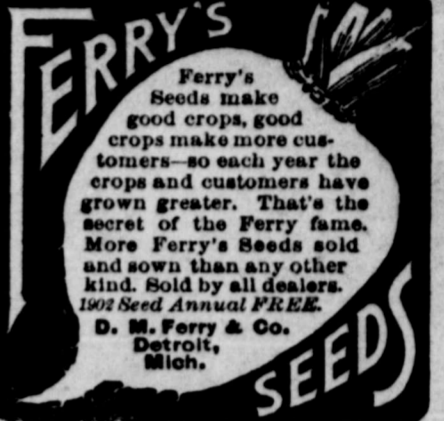
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"That the president of the United States be requested to cause this resolution to be communicated to Rear Admiral Schley and through him to the officers and men under his command."

Without division resolution was referred to committee on naval affairs.

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