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THE WAR'S SUREST SHOT.

LAMAR FONTAINE'S CAREER IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.

Killed So Many Men that He Can't Reckon the Number—Shot Sixty for Gen. Lee in Sixty Minutes. Had Power to Draw on the Treasury—His Dash into Vicksburg.

New York Sun.

Following the peaceful and notorious avocation of a planter and a man of letters in the secluded hamlet of Lyon in Coahoma county, Miss., not far from Memphis, lives Lamar Fontaine, who was perhaps the most sanguinary single handed fighter in the civil war. He carries the scars of sixty-seven bullets, and killed so many men that he cannot make even an approximate estimate of the number.

The Marquis of Lothian in his history of the war of secession, published several years ago, being conversant with many incidents in the life of Fontaine, says in effect that none of the historical or traditional heroes of the chivalric middle ages, no soldier the world has ever known whose deeds of valor have come down in story, song, or fable, can hold a place along side this man in the qualities of bravery, perseverance, or devotion to duty; and the marquis laments that the Confederate States produced no poet or biographer capable of embalming the memory of this nineteenth century warrior.

Fontaine began military service as chief of scouts and courier under Gen. Stonewall Jackson. He served in the same capacity with Gens. Stuart and Johnston, and for a short time with Gen. Lee. He took part in twenty-seven battles and more than a hundred skirmishes in which blood was shed. Although he was only a private in the ranks, he was once intrusted with a carte blanche order on the treasury of the Confederate States. He was known as the best marksman with rifle or revolver in either army. He was wounded sixty-seven times, and thirteen times his lungs were grazed. Five times during the war he was reported as dead.

Lamar Fontaine has in his veins the best blood in the South. He is of the same family as the late Justice Lamar of the United States Supreme Court. Fontaine came to Memphis this week to attend a gathering of the local Confederate veterans' post, and to read a paper commendatory of the South Battle Abbey project. He is under the average in stature, wears a jaunty costume, the most conspicuous of which is a broad-brimmed hat and short jacket.

"Have you any idea of the number of men you killed during your war career?" he was asked.

"I could make no estimate, but on one occasion I shot sixty men in sixty minutes, and the record was kept and vouched for by Gen. R. E. Lee himself. It occurred at Waterloo bridge, near Warrenton Springs, on the Rappahanock, in August, 1862. That is about the first time I ever met Gen. Lee, though I had often seen him before and knew him by sight. I was then acting as courier for Gen.

Jackson, who, it seems, had been telling Gen. Lee about my skill with a rifle. On this day I carried dispatches to Gen. Lee from Gen. Jackson. When I had performed my duty, Gen. Lee expressed a desire to see if what he had heard about my ability as a marksmen was true. I told him I would do my best to demonstrate it. Over across the valley was a ridge upon which was stationed a Federal battery that was pouring shot into the Confederates, just as the guns could be loaded and discharged. Drawing forth and opening his watch, Gen. Lee ordered me to proceed. I began to shoot.

"I would say, 'Now I'll shoot No. 3 on gun No. 1,' and the man would drop at the crack of my rifle; 'Now No. 1 on gun No. 4,' and that man would drop. And so the work continued. As fast as a man on the battery fell over another would take his place. Finally Gen. Lee closed his watch. 'That will do,' said he. 'Sixty men in sixty minutes is your record.'

"On a later occasion Gen. Lee asked me if my conscience did not trouble me."

"What for?" said I.

"Because of the people you have killed."

"General," said I, "does your conscience trouble you when you kill a rattlesnake?"

"Why do you ask that?" he replied.

"Because," I answered, "when I enlisted for the war I made up my mind to kill every Federal soldier I could, and I kill Federal soldiers from the same sense of duty that you would kill a rattlesnake."

Fontaine was asked how he acquired such fine skill in the use of firearms.

"Among the Indians in Texas," he replied. "When I was a small boy I settled with my parents in that state. Later I went to live among the Comanches, and for thirteen years I never saw the face of a white man."

The most remarkable feat accomplished by Fontaine from the point of view of the historian was the carrying of dispatches and caps into the city of Vicksburg when that city was besieged by the Federals. At that time Memphis was in the hands of the enemy, and Fontaine, acting as a spy, and under disguise, had been in this city for a month or so, picking up what information he could for the benefit of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, who had his headquarters at Jackson, Miss. One day there came a summons for him to report to Gen. Johnston at once. Simultaneously the Federals in Memphis got knowledge of his presence in the city. The desire to capture such a dangerous spy and redoubtable Confederate shapshooter became so intense that a large reward was offered for him, dead or alive, and troops were sent to cover all the roads leading southward. He avoided them, however, and reported to his general at Jackson for orders.

The orders were that he should carry dispatches and 40,000 musket caps through the Federal lines into the city of Vicksburg. The difficulty of this undertaking may be judged from the fact that Vicksburg was beleaguered by 75,000 Federals under Gen. Ulysses S. Grant; all

the approaches to the city were controlled and guarded by the Federals, and there was a reward of \$20,000 offered for the head of Fontaine. He set out on his journey, avoiding all thoroughfares. Under cover of darkness he passed through the Federal lines and was about to make a run for the Confederate outposts, when he found himself, in a clump of brushwood, suddenly confronted by a half dozen soldiers, who appeared to know who he was, for on sight they opened fire on him. He rushed among them, revolver in each hand, and four of the men fell dead before his aim. The other two fled and the spy ran into the city. When he presented himself before the officer, his dispatches and musket caps intact, it was found that he had on his body the marks of seventeen bullets. This adventure is well authenticated.

As to the numerous "fatalities" in which Fontaine appeared as the central figure, some of them had their humorous side. John Esten Cooke, the writer of a very popular series of Confederate historical novels, was a companion of Fontaine's during the war and used him, under various names, as a character in his novels. In "Mohun" Fontaine is sketched in the character of Night Hawk. In "Surrey of Eagle's Nest" he has the name of Farley. Curiously enough, the novelist, in this work, states as an historical fact that Fontaine was killed at the battle of Petersburg, which proves only that Fontaine was such a skilful actor as to deceive his closest friends.

"It is true, though," said Fontaine to the writer, "that at Petersburg I was wounded in a hot skirmish engagement, and, being unable to run away, I simulated death when the Federals overran the ground on which I lay. When it was learned in my company that I was dead one of the officers sent off at once for a coffin in which to bury me. But the next day in the course of a general engagement, the officer who had displayed such friendship for me received a fatal wound, and the remains of the poor fellow were shipped home in the coffin he had ordered for me."

It was on his mission to Vicksburg that Fontaine was honored with unlimited credit upon the Confederate treasury. It was in the shape of an order signed by T. O. Mimms, the chief quartermaster of the war department, and read:

"The Confederate States Treasurer will honor any draft presented him signed by Lamar Fontaine."

Perhaps in all the history of warfare no such credit was ever reposed in a private soldier. Fontaine has won honors in literature. He is a popular writer of war sketches, and a recent burlesque article on the Venezuelan controversy in which he undertook to express the patriotism of the Confederate veteran toward the Stars and Stripes evoked a half-column editorial from the London Times. But as a writer he is more widely known by the poem, "All Quiet Along the Potomac." While the credit for this composition has been claimed by several others and publicly accorded to a few, those who are aware of Fontaine's claim and the indisputable evidence upon which it rests no longer entertain any doubt about his good title to the authorship.

Special Attention of Crockett Camp

No. 141 U. C. V.

At an appointed meeting of Crockett Camp No. 141, U. C. V., held Saturday, March 21st, it was adopted that a committee of seven members be appointed to inquire into and ascertain the feasibility of getting up a grand reunion of all the old soldiers of the late war who would like to participate in a barbecue, and have a grand, good old time together at Crockett, Texas, some time this summer, about July or August, and bring along their wives and all their children. The following named comrades were appointed as a committee: E. Winfree, J. F. Martin, J. C. West, J. M. Porter, W. J. Murchison, Dock Kyle, and John Kennedy of Augusta; that they confer with each other and report at the next regular meeting of the camp to be held May 26th, next.

Another motion made that all members who will have their names enrolled and pay their annual dues of 25 cents each by next Saturday, March 25th, will have their names to appear on the roll list at headquarters, and that they will be entitled to badges, and all the benefits of the camp, at the next reunion, to be held at Richmond. The adjutant of the camp is allowed until next Saturday, the 28th of March, inclusive, in which to make collections and remittance of dues.

A. B. BARBER,
Commander.
E. WINFREE,
Adjutant.

Cheap Metropolitan Papers.

There is no excuse nowadays for a citizen to subscribe for a great metropolitan paper in addition to taking his own county paper. The "Twice-a-Week" Republic of St. Louis, which is credited with the largest circulation of any weekly paper, is only \$1 a year, and for this sum it sends two papers a week, or 104 copies a year—less than one cent each. The weekly contains the best and brightest news condensed from the daily paper, together with a well assorted collection of reading matter and useful information. A popular feature in its columns this year will be the speeches of prominent men in the presidential campaign. These will be given almost in full. A reader of the "Twice-a-Week" Republic will always be abreast of the times, for no paper has greater news gathering facilities.

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From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Diamondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rives Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottle free at B. F. Chamberlain's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

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Election Notice.

It is ordered by the commissioners' court of Houston county, Tex., that an election be held at the residence of John McIver on the 31st day of March, 1896, for the purpose of enabling the freeholders of such subdivision to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following boundaries: Beginning at the mouth of Rackard's creek where it flows into the Trinity river, thence up said creek and with the southeast boundary line of the John Durst survey to the northeast corner of said survey, thence with the north line of said John Durst survey to the northwest corner of said survey, thence with the west line of said John Durst survey to where it crosses Smoot's slough the second time about one mile from Trinity river, thence down said Smoot's slough to where it empties into the Trinity river, thence down said river to the place of beginning. It is ordered by the court that L. L. Hall be appointed manager of said election.

Given under my hand and seal of office, February 26, 1896.

L. S.

A. A. ALDRICH,
County Judge H. C.

LOCAL NEWS.

Trade is increasing fast at the Racket Store.

MISTROT BROS. & Co.

Geo. E. Darsey, of Grapeland was in Crockett Monday.

Dr. Hall Wilson of Augusta was in the city Tuesday.

Dr. Wooters was up from Daly's Tuesday.

Will James left Tuesday for St. Louis.

Mr. Ezell, of Palestine was in Crockett Wednesday attending district court.

Cakes of all kinds made to order at Crockett Bakery.

J. J. GOODAY, Proprietor.

J. T. Snell, N. J. Mainer, W. F. Dent and J. R. B. Barbee were in Crockett this week.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus will return by the first of April and resume his practice in the new Murchison building over Arledge Kennedy & Co's store.

Lower the price must go. The lowest price and it in plain figures and the same to all will win the prize. MISTROT BROS. & Co.

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Democratic Precinct Conventions Saturday, April 11. Democratic County Convention Monday, April 13.

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Don't overlook the fact that the Furniture Store can frame any picture in any style at less than one half the regular price of frames ready made.

J. E. Downes, J. C. Miller and J. M. Cellkerk compose the finance committee appointed by Judge Burnett to investigate and check up the financial condition of the county.

March came in bland, smiling and treacherous, and the indications are that it will go out in an ugly mood, probably disgusted that, after tempting the blooms and blossoms out with its persuasive and treacherous smiles, it failed to make a genuine killing in the end.

In the district court last week the case of J. L. McFarlin vs. the I. & G. N. Railroad Co. was tried and the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. The suit was brought for \$20,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by McFarlin.

In the case of the State vs. Thos. Iden, jr., charged with incest, called in the district court last Tuesday, the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty by instruction of the court, the State failing to make a case.

Dorris Moore, charged with arson, was tried in the district court last Monday and Tuesday. The case was given to the jury after dark, and that body not being able to agree on a verdict by noon the following day, it was discharged and the case continued until next term.

Watch this space,
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For Sale.

I am authorized to sell the homestead property of John H. Stuart, situated in East Crockett, consisting of one acre of ground and buildings. For figures and terms call on W. B. PAGE, Administrator.

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Uncle Dave Gordon, from near Daly, a farmer and citizen of the old-fashioned type, who lives at home and keeps his smokehouse at the same place, was in Crockett this week for the first time in nearly a year. The machinery of modern civilization has rubbed off none of the knobs and angles of Uncle Dave's strongly marked character and the sturdy old farmer is as original, straight forward, blunt, kindly and aggressive as in the olden days.

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The Methodist ladies announce their intention of giving a dinner and supper for the benefit of their church on April first. They ask the patronage of our citizens and the visiting public, promising a refreshing repast, the best the market can afford, in short a square meal well cooked and well served. Let all make it convenient to take dinner with them at the corner stand formerly occupied by Mr. Dunn.

Miss Daisy Custer left last week for Galveston to visit her brother, and from there she will return to her home near Columbus, Ohio. Miss Custer was much admired and esteemed in this city, as well for her charming personality as for her musical gifts and accomplishments, and a large circle of friends regretted to see her leave.

Two land suits disposed of in the district court last week were as follows: J. M. Jordon et al. vs. Geo. W. Packard et al., suit to recover 44 acres of land about five miles south of town on the Lovelady road, verdict for defendant; A. M. Roberts et al. vs. Charles Ezell et al., suit for 160 acres of land five miles north of town, verdict for plaintiff.

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Election Notice.

It is ordered by the city council of the city of Crockett, Texas, that an election be held within the corporate limits of the city of Crockett on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1896, for the election of a mayor, two aldermen and a city attorney for said city to serve for two years. Passed February 11, A. D. 1896. J. C. WOOTTERS, Mayor of Crockett, Texas. Attest: JOHN SPENCE, Sec. City of Crockett, Texas

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HOW THEY GOT KINDLING.

Uncle Josh Recalls a Remarkable Storm of the Year 1850.

"There's been a scarcity of kindling-wood 'round here ever since the woods took fire last fall," remarked the grocer.

"What's the matter with the new growth?" asked Jackson Somebody. "There's plenty of it, isn't there?"

"Yes, but 'tain't the right sort. Now, back in '50—"

"Eh? What's that? Back in 1850," broke in Uncle Josh, suddenly waking up. "Why, I can remember it jest ez though it wuz yesterday. An', speakin' of storms reminds me—"

"Nobody said anything about storms, Uncle Josh..." said Jackson, hastily.

She Knew Them.

At a teachers' association in Newark the other day a class of small children were giving an exercise in phonics. The teacher had received correct answers to descriptions she had given them of trees, wood, etc., and then thought she would describe a brook. "What do you find running through the woods, moving silently on the ground, with but little noise?" she asked. For a long time the little ones were quiet, and then a little hand was raised. "Well, Bessie, what is the answer?" the teacher questioned, smilingly. "Tramps," piped out the little one.

FORGOT COLORS.

Experience of a Man Who Was Nine Months in a Dark Room.

The human eye, though trained to distinguish colors, may by want of use forget how to distinguish them. The unique experience of Dr. R. Harley, F. R. S., related in the London Spectator, establishes the fact that color can be forgotten, as well as learned, by human sight.

Dr. Harley, in order to save the sight of one, perhaps of both eyes, when one was injured, voluntarily immured himself in a room made totally dark for nine months.

The fortitude which enabled him to adopt this course and the ingenuity by which he preserved his health and faculties in this, the most mentally and physically depressing of all forms of imprisonment, are sufficiently remarkable; but Dr. Harley also kept an accurate record of his impressions when he at last looked again upon the light after the supreme moment at which he satisfied himself that he was not blind, but could see.

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A FEARFUL TRAGEDY

WILL RESULT IN THE DEATH OF TWO MEN.

Elijah Butler and John White Engage in a Terrible Fight Near Columbus, Ohio, Which Will Probably Result Seriously to Both.

COLUMBUS, O., March 23.—A tragedy which will result in the death of two men occurred about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon near Brice, a small station about ten miles southeast of this city. The participants in the affair were Elijah Butler, white, and John White, colored. The trouble originated over the former's wife, with whom Butler claimed White was familiar. The men met at a farm where White worked, when Butler assaulted White with a corn knife. The latter drew a revolver and fired twice at his antagonist, both balls taking effect, one in the left leg and the other in the right lung. White received a cut four inches long across the head, fracturing the skull. Physicians state both men are fatally injured.

Terrific Mine Explosion.

DUBOIS, Pa., March 24.—A terrific explosion of gas occurred at the Berwind White shaft in the eastern limits of the city yesterday, and fourteen miners were killed. Eighteen men went on at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, fourteen going into the north heading and four into the south heading. At about 10 o'clock the four men were sensible of a shock, and a few minutes later the mine boss came and told them that something had happened and to get out as soon as they could. Assistance was immediately summoned, and practical miners from the Bell, Lewis and Gates mines volunteered their services. As the work of rescue proceeded it was found that the shock in the north heading was so terrific that some of the bodies were mutilated almost beyond recognition. Nearly all of the bodies had been found at 1 p. m., but up to that time they had only been brought to the foot of the shaft, where they were collected preparatory to being hoisted to the surface.

Doctors Pleased.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 21.—More than one hundred physicians called at city clerk's and obtained permits under an ordinance passed by the council giving them the right of the way in the streets. The new departure seems to be popular with the doctors and every man who called and obtained a permit and paid 50 cents for a little badge with a little cross upon it expressed himself as pleased with the plan. The ordinance was passed March 9 and is known as the ambulance ordinance. It contains a provision that every physician having a permit and displaying a badge to be procured from the city clerk shall have the right of the way for himself and his vehicle in the streets as against all processions, persons, vehicles or animals when answering the professional calls. City Clerk Van Cleave has prepared a new badge with a red cross upon it along with the words "Physicians, Chicago."

Edison's Latest Feat.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 24.—The Times-Herald's New York special says that Thomas Edison has succeeded with the aid of the X rays in penetrating the human body with the naked eye, the successful experiment having been made last night, he having looked into the lungs and heart of one of his assistants, and also examined the arteries, muscles and blood vessels. With the powerful cathode light behind the subject he looked through a screen of prepared chemicals and is said to have plainly seen the workings of the various organs of the body.

Oklahoma Shooting.

PERRY, O. K., March 24.—A shooting scrape occurred a few miles south of here yesterday in which Charles A. Gushman, son of C. A. Gushman, a farmer, was shot through the head with a pistol and his mother received a slight wound. Constables went to Gushman's to levy on stock on a mortgage. Old man Gushman, daughter, mother and Charles resisted. When the smoke cleared away Charles was seen senseless on the ground and Mrs. Gushman was shot. Warrants have been sworn out.

A Greer County Prisoner.

GUTHRIE, Ok., March 23.—United States Marshal Nagle last night received a telegram from Sheriff R. P. Coffer of Hardeman county, Texas, asking him to send a deputy here for J. D. Adams, under sentence of murder committed in Greer county. He had been convicted under Texas law, but the county being won by the United States he would secure by writ of habeas corpus. The matter was referred to the department at Washington by Marshal Nagle, after consultation with Governor Renfro.

Attempted Train Robbery.

TULARE, Cal., March 20.—Two officers were shot and a train robber named Daniel McCole killed in an attempt to hold up the south bound New Orleans express here at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The attempted robbery was one of the most daring that has ever taken place in California. Last night the officers of this city were informed that an attempt would be made early in the morning to hold up the Sunset Limited. The man who gave the information gave details of the plot and said at first he intended to take part in the robbery. Under Sheriff E. L. Daggett and Constable Reed, a posse armed with guns went to the place where the robbery was to take place and waited the approach of the robbers. The robbers changed their plans, however and decided to hold up the New Orleans express. The bandits boarded the train at Selma, two climbing on the rear of the baggage car and the other on the tender as the train pulled out of Goshen. The robber who had betrayed his companions left the train without their knowing it, rushed into the telegraph office and told the operator to notify the officers here that the robbers had changed their plans. The officers hastened back to meet the train and boarded the engine at Tegos. The robbers did not intend to make their presence known until after the train had pulled out from the station, but the officers saw the men and opened fire. The bandits returned the volley and Sheriff Daggett was shot through the lung, sustaining a probably fatal wound, and Constable Reed was shot in the shoulder. McCole, who is believed to have been one of the Dalton gang, was killed. The other robbers escaped.

Members of God's Volunteers Kick.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The young lady members of Ballington Booth's new army have been greatly excited over the announcement that the uniforms of "God's American Volunteers" would be of seal brown color. When the samples of cloth were first brought to the room in the Bible house devoted to the trade department of the army, they were sharply examined by the women. Then there was whispering, which grew louder and louder, and until finally it broke out into open revolt. The fair soldiers admitted that they had one worldly weakness left, and that was touched when they were asked to don a color so unbecoming. They were joined by the men, who said brown trousers would be more quickly ruined by knocking around the streets than those of blue. After much deliberation Commander Booth rescinded the order for the brown cloth, and his aids are now looking for suitable of a cadet blue color.

Powder Mill Explodes.

LINGSTON, N. Y., March 19.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Lafrid powder mill at Ritten. Ritten is about six miles from this city, and yet the force of the explosion, which was closely followed by another explosion, was plainly felt here. Five men were blown to pieces and identification was difficult. The list of killed is as follows: Eliza Peterson, John Homes, Emory Decker, Norman Decker and Solomon Smailley. About fifty men were employed and many of them were hurt. It was a few minutes after 11 o'clock when the calamity occurred. The dry house went up, shattered to atoms with the terrible force. Only five men were engaged at work in that department, and they are the five men who were killed. What caused the explosion will never be known.

A Terrible Fate.

HENNESEY, Ok., March 19.—While J. J. Bowman, a farmer, was away from home his house caught fire in the roof. His wife, who was partially paralyzed, sent her two little boys, about five years old, to a school house half a mile away for assistance and then started up stairs, but in doing so fell through the stairway. Her feet or clothing caught and she hung suspended head down. About the time her house was enveloped in flames her husband returned and, hearing the pitiful cries of his wife, made frantic efforts to save her, but the intense heat drove him back and she was literally burned alive. Only two or three bones and a part of the heart was found.

Ellen Terry Prostrated.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.—Miss Ellen Terry is prostrated by the announcement of the death of her favorite sister, Mrs. Florence Morris. She denied herself to callers and kept her room all day. Her role in "King Arthur" was taken by Miss Maude's Milton. It was announced that Miss Terry would not appear last evening. It was rumored yesterday evening that Miss Terry would return to England without completing her tour. The petition expressed hearty sympathy with men in favor of the establishment of a permanent arbitration tribunal between Great Britain and the United States.

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MEXIA, Tex., March 18.—The more conservative and older citizens of the Armour community have decided to let the law take its course and no further molestation will be given Muldrew Hickman.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

PRESIDENT ISSUES A CIVIL SERVICE ORDER.

The Rules are Practically Extended so as to include the Entire Indian Service—Indians to be Eligible to Appointment—Other News.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The president has issued the following comprehensive order, extending the civil service to practically the entire Indian service:

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

"Approved March 20, 1896.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Cuban Resolutions Dead.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—After about a month of discussion of the Cuban resolutions they were yesterday put to sleep, for a time at least, in the conference committee. It has been so long since this subject was introduced into congress that it is with difficulty that any one can remember how the present resolutions got before the senate. The senate committee on foreign relations has the resolutions which were dealt with yesterday by the senate before the house acted at all. The committee aforesaid would not agree to them and threw them out. The house took them up and passed them. The senate, not to be outdone in courting the jingo class of the country, introduced and passed resolutions more moderate than those which the house passed. There was a conference committee, and it agreed to report the house resolutions, which had at one time been thrown out by the senate committee on foreign affairs. The case has been going on on this conference report for many days, and it has been apparent all along that the senate was weakening on the whole matter. The aged gentlemen began to realize that both houses had gone too far. First one objection and then another was put into the conference report, and yesterday it was sent back to the conference committee, which looks as if it is intended to bury it, or if this is not done, to force a much more conservative set of resolutions out of the committee. It is a clear case of weakening, and every body here is smiling at the quick way in which the war spirit has gone down.

War Records to Be Stopped.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—It is learned that the subcommittee of the house having charge of the sundry civil bill is seriously contemplating bringing the publication of the war records to an immediate close. In order to accomplish this purpose it is proposed to stop the publication with the completion of the first series, which only covers the campaigns of the war, and not to proceed with the publications of the records relating to prisoners of war, miscellaneous confederate records relating to organization of troops, etc., which, according to the original project approved by congress ten years ago, was to compose series 2 and 3. Several of the volumes for this latter series are already in type and some of them have been stereotyped and indexed.

International Peace Treaty.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—An effort is being made to secure co-operation to aid in a movement for an international peace tribunal. Petitions are being circulated both in this country and Great Britain by the Woman's International Peace League. Mrs. M. B. Ormsby of this city, president of the American branch of the league, is forwarding petitions for signatures to the women of the United States. The petition expressed hearty sympathy with men in favor of the establishment of a permanent arbitration tribunal between Great Britain and the United States.

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The Venezuelan Commission.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The regular weekly meeting of the Venezuelan boundary commission was held yesterday instead of Friday, owing to the fact that a mass of material has been collected for consideration at the hands of the entire commission. Justice Brewer, the president of the commission, was not present, being called out of the city to Texas by the illness of his daughter there. The commission has before it the British case as comprised in the blue book, the Venezuelan case in part, included in several pamphlets prepared by Mr. Scruggs, the counsel for the Venezuelan government, and a mass of matter collected directly by the commission through the state department, the librarian of congress and several expert geographers, who have been engaged in that work. The matter has necessarily been parceled out among the individual members of the commission for study, and at the session yesterday there was a comparison of results so far obtained. This work is expected to last some time, and it is probable that the commission will hold daily meetings. The commission was informed by Secretary Olney yesterday that he was in receipt of communications from the governments of Spain, Holland and Belgium, offering access to the archives of those countries for data touching the disputed boundary. The commission adjourned until next Friday, concluding not to hold daily sessions for the present.

Greer County Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Congressman Cooper yesterday introduced a bill in the house which provides that all the acts of the officers and courts in the territory known as Greer county shall be validated and that the courts and officers shall continue to exercise their functions under the laws of Texas. The bill provides that the territory known as Greer county, and which was by the supreme court held to belong to the United States instead of Texas, shall be ceded to the state. This bill is the result of consultation among the Texas delegation and after much investigation on their part. At this time it is impossible to foretell what will be the result of the effort to get the country back into the possession of the state. It would seem that it would have been better to have pursued the course now proposed in the first place, as congress would have probably preferred to give up the county instead of going to law about it and spending a lot of money in the lawsuit. From all I can hear, Oklahoma will not put up much of a fight against the Cooper proposition.

Angry at Carlisle.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The statement of the newspapers here that Mr. Carlisle is an avowed candidate for the presidency has aroused the silver democrats to something in the nature of a fury. They say he has been a candidate all the time, but they did not believe that he had the impudence to announce it in the face of the fight that has been going on in Kentucky. The silver democrats are very wroth at him because Jo Blackburn was not elected senator in Kentucky, and they charge Carlisle with being the whole cause of it. There is no man in the whole party who is more cordially hated among the silver men than he is. They say he has done all he could to destroy silver by his conduct of the treasury, by refusing to pay out silver for the paper obligations of the government, whether or not the holders wanted gold or silver.

Bayard Resolutions Passed.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The resolutions condemning Mr. Bayard in his utterances in England passed the house yesterday by a big majority. It was known all along that they would pass, because the republicans in that body had determined to make a political matter of it. Mr. Bailey made a speech which secured for him much applause. He made quite a bit and was warmly congratulated over his effort. On the final vote there were but five or six democrats who voted for the resolutions. Among them were Bailey and Cockrell of Texas.

Arrived in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The secretary of the Cuban legation here has received a telegram announcing the safe arrival in Cuba of General Enrique Colazo with arms and ammunition. This the Cuban officials regard as a serious blow for Spain, for they say with the general went a number of distinguished officers. The expedition had more than a thousand rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of cartridges.

Ex-Consul Waller.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Nothing is known at the state department of the detention in prison in France of ex-Consul Waller, as suggested by a Paris newspaper. The records of the department show that he was released February 23, or at least Ambassador Estlin so advised Secretary Olney by cable and it was presumed that he had started for the United States some time ago.

Doctor Albright.

A BROAD MINDED PHYSICIAN WITH PROGRESSIVE IDEAS.

Believes in Recommending Any Medicine That He Knows Will Cure His Patients — Thinks Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a Great Discovery—He Cites Some Marvellous Cures.

From the Examiner, Lancaster, Pa., APRIL 24th, '96.

DR. WILLIAMS' MEDICINE CO.

Gentlemen—While it is entirely contrary to the custom of the medical profession to endorse or recommend any of the so-called proprietary preparations, I shall, nevertheless, give you an account of some of my wonderful experiences with your preparation. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The fact is well known that medical practitioners do not as a rule, recognize, much less use, preparations of this kind, consequently the body of them have no definite knowledge of their virtue or lack of it, but soundly condemn them all without a trial. Such a course is manifestly absurd and unjust, and I, for one, propose to give my patients the best treatment known to me, for the particular disease with which they are suffering, no matter what it is, where or how obtained. I was first brought to prescribe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills about two years ago, after having seen some remarkable results from their use. Reuben Hoover, now of Reading, Pa., was a prominent contractor and builder. While superintending the work of erecting a large building during cold weather, he contracted what was thought to be sciatica. He first noticed it one morning in not being able to arise from his bed. After the usual treatment for this disease he failed to improve, but on the contrary grew rapidly worse, the case developing into Hemiplegia, or partial paralysis of the entire right side of the body. Electricity, tonics and massage, etc., were all given a trial, but nothing gave any benefit, and the paralysis continued. In despair he was compelled to hear his physician announce that his case was hopeless. About that time his wife noticed one of your advertisements and concluded to try your Pink Pills.



He had given up hope and it required a great deal of begging on the part of his wife to persuade him to take them regularly.

He, however, did as she desired, and if appearances indicate health in this man, one would think he was better than before his paralysis.

"Why," says he, "I began to improve in two days, and in four or five weeks I was entirely well and at work."

Having seen these results I concluded that such a remedy is surely worth a trial at the hands of any physician, and consequently when a short time later I was called upon to treat a lady suffering with palpitation of the heart and great nervous prostration, after the usual remedies failed to relieve, I ordered Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The result was simply astonishing. Her attacks became less frequent and also less in severity, until by their use for a period of only two months she was the picture of health, rosy-cheeked and bright-eyed, as well as ever, and she has continued so until today, more than one year since she took any medicine. I have found these pills a specific for chorea, or as more commonly known, St. Vitus' dance, as beneficial results have in all cases marked their use. As a spring tonic any one who, from overwork or nervous strain during a long winter has become pale and languid, the Pink Pills will do wonders in brightening the countenance and in buoying the spirits, bringing roses to the pallid lips and renewing the fountain of youth.

Yours Respectfully,
J. D. ALBRIGHT, M. D.

All womankind will be as happy as shirt waists can make them this summer.

HOW ARE YOUR FENCES?

A Very Important Question With Farmers and Others Just Now.

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

The De Kalb Fence Co., of De Kalb, Ill., has the largest and most complete line of smooth wire fencing of any plant in the country. We desire particularly to call your attention to their goods and write them for a catalogue which they will mail you free.

No line of goods has grown so rapidly in demand or given such general satisfaction as the fencing manufactured by this company. Their steel web picket fence for lawn and yard purposes, their cabled field and hog fence for farm use, their cabled poultry, garden and rabbit fence for its use, are all they claim for them.

You will hardly do yourself justice if you do not thoroughly investigate their lines before placing your order.

If a bachelor at thirty your chances to escape are good.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth, Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Dr. Williams' Rosinore Syrup for Children's Teething.

CLEARING THE SHIPS.

GREAT IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL AND THROUGH WORK.

Work that Must Be Done—Explanation of the Necessity for Congressional Reorganization in the Personnel Concerned.

IN THESE "PIPING times of peace" the routine of "clearing ship for action" on board a "man-of-war" has usually been performed once in three months in rather a perfunctory manner. The habit in this country of considering the possibility of war as very remote has had a tendency to breed indifference regarding many of the preparations that are necessary to put a ship in proper trim for battle. It is only when there is a prospect of an actual engagement that the work of clearing ship will be done with thoroughness. As a rule, the exercise is finished in short order, and a careful inspection would discover many points to which insufficient attention has been given, says New York Herald.

When the United States steamship Detroit was ordered by Admiral Benham to protect American merchantmen in Rio harbor during the Brazilian insurrection, she was cleared for action in a very thorough manner. Two hours were given to the work, and no preparation was forgotten. The minds of the officers and men were enthusiastically concentrated upon the matter in hand, and not a little originality was displayed

to extinguish fire in any part of the ship; extra lashings are placed on the anchors to prevent them from being shot away, thus impeding the speed, and a reserve supply of ammunition is passed up and stowed in a safe place, so that a rapid fire may be maintained from the start.

GROWTH OF VEGETARIANISM.

Some Celebrated People Who Now Eschew All Animal Food.

"The future is with the vegetarians," said Prof. Virchow, Germany's greatest medical scientist, some time since when interviewed upon the subject, in Pearson's Weekly. "What will people eat in the near future?" It is interesting to note how many of the distinguished people belong to the class of nonmeat eaters. Vegetarianism is well represented among people who wield the pen. Count Leo Tolstol, the strange man who amid the dreary wilds of Russia produces books read the world over, declares that for years flesh has not polluted his lips. Ouida, the novelist, finds a fruit diet essential to successful fiction-writing, and the broad-minded reasoning of Mrs. Mona Caird flourishes the same sustenance, as does the scholarship of Prof. Mayor, who amazes Cambridge by showing how much learning can subsist upon lunches of no more substantial food than a piece of bread and an apple. The professor is an enthusiastic vegetarian and declares that higher thinking has no greater enemy than flesh-feeding. That vegetarianism is, indeed, not inimical to acute thinking, Edison, the inventor, is an example. The food which enters the laboratory in which the great worker immures himself for days and weeks at a time almost suggests by its scarcity and simplicity that the in-

TOMBSTONES OF GLASS.

An Experimental Monument with Lettering by Sand-Blast.

A glass tombstone is certainly something unique. Such a grave marker stands in but one place in the United States, and that is in the cemetery overlooking the city of Kittanning, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. It has but recently been set up there over the grave of Mrs. Elizabeth Pepper of Ford City by her son, Matthias Pepper. The Kittanning cemetery possesses many natural and artificial beauties. It has been handsomely laid out, with winding walks, stately trees and ornamental shrubbery, and in it are many pretentious monuments. Not one of the piles of marble and granite attracts so much attention as the piece of polished glass with its clean inscription, which stands on a gentle slope falling slowly from the hill-top. Matthias Pepper, who had the glass set up, is assistant superintendent at the Ford City factory. The piece used as a grave memorial is a part of a large plate which was made of unusual thickness for the construction of circular panes to cover the portholes of ocean steamships. The practical indestructibility of glass was the quality which suggested to Mr. Pepper its use in the cemetery. Marble and granite seem to many to be almost eternal in their hardness, but they are far from it, and not at all to be compared with glass. Wind and rain, heat and cold, have their effects on stone of any kind, and finally wear away the hardest granite and cause it to crumble. Go into any old graveyard where stones were erected more than 100 years ago, and it will be found to be the exception where all the lettering on the monuments can be made out. The stone has crumbled and the outlines have been

TWO CENTURIES OLD.

QWO-KA-NUM, CHIEF OF THE SKIQUAMISH TRIBE.

Says He Is the Oldest Living Man—Sightless and Almost Ossified He Remembers the First Ship that Sailed in Puget Sound.



WO-KA-NUM IS in all probability the oldest living man. He is certainly 150 years old and it may be that two centuries have passed since his birth. He is chief of the Skiyamish, a tribe of flat-head Indians, who paddle about the waters and tributaries of Puget Sound.

He says that there is no older man than himself living in the world today, and his word is law unto his people. But he can't tell his age in years. The other native tribes living along that coast believe that Qwo-Ka-Num is the superior of every one else in age for all their own old men say that they knew him when they were youths and that he was a very old man then. They say further that their records show that the aged chief was born many years before the white men came to that country, and that his wisdom is as great as his age, says the New York World.

"His spirit will never die," they say. A World correspondent found this ancient chief with his tribe encamped on the sandy shores of Salmon Bay, an inlet of Puget Sound. One very old squaw was being fed some fish soup by another almost as helpless.

"She is the fifteenth wife of Qwo-Ka-Num," said the guide. Her ancient husband had evidently outlived the love of the varieties of life, for nothing in his surroundings betokened his rank. He was lying doubled up like a jackknife in a heap of hot sand. A fold of blanket was thrown over him, a torn and dirty shirt partly covered his body—that was all; surely a strange garb for so celebrated a chief.

He presented an awful picture of age. His face was turned upward directly at the sun. The sun gave him life, but no sight. He was blind. A shaggy mane of iron-gray hair covered his head. The balls of his eyes had sunk in the sockets. His body seemed shrunk to bones, over which was stretched a skin. The feet and hands looked like knot growths, such as are seen on old oaks. His hands and feet were veritable claws. He did not move. Once in a while a slight inspiration, but no visible trace of expiration. He seemed to be a thing of constant sleep.

The correspondent measured him. He was 2 feet five inches high and 13 inches wide. Of this height his head took 11 inches. Flattening his skull when a child, as is the custom of his people, it had grown upward. He was shrunk together, pinched up; yet they say he had been a great warrior in his day. He did not weigh fifty pounds.

All his joints were stiff. All the vertebrae had cemented together, forming the spine in one rigid curve. Every rib of the sternum could be seen, shrunk in their sockets, now ossified beyond movement. The skin stretched over these bones like a stiffened veil. The skull had shrunk but little. Above the pelvis the shoulders only showed any indication of articulation and with some effort they were moved, the arms barely raising an inch. These were rigid, curved inward, the fingers being in the same curve, clasped over each other. The jaw was but slightly movable on its pivot; it had fallen low down, and a little open always. The gums and tongue were white in color, seemingly bloodless. His upper teeth had worn away, but the lower still remained ground down level with the gums. The face hung in wrinkles and lobed. The ear, as long as a pencil, stood out from the skull. The nose was heavy; the lips also, and they folded over each other. Small white hairs grew on the chin and lips. Two sightless horny orbs protruded from the hollow socket just enough to catch the light.

For twenty years his people have fed him on soft clams and other sea food, in the form of soup. But though he was sightless, almost incapable of movement, he could hear and speak. He said he saw the first big ship. He remembered the first powder. Fifty years ago he was too old to go to the Council of the Tshahs, but his gray-haired grandson went. He was a chief before the natives possessed iron to point their arrows with. That was more than one hundred and twenty-five years ago. So Qwo-Ka-Num is at least one hundred and fifty years old.

Electricity and Tadpoles.

Curious experiments have been recently made, showing that where a number of tadpoles are in liquid through which an electric current is caused to pass they will turn their heads in the direction of the anode supplying the current. On reversing the current the creatures correspondingly change their position.

A woman is never so happy as when she is following the styles of men.

Women are said to be less sensitive to physical pain than men.

Good husbands are seldom troubled with bad mothers-in-law.

Shirt waists are very, very dear to the hearts of all maidens.

The Unkindest Cut of All

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

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one droned disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists; 75c.

Will the shirt waists girl scorn "made ties?"

Every mother should always have at hand a bottle of Parson's Ginger Tonic. Nothing else so good for pain, weakness, colds and sleeplessness.

An evil intention perverts the best actions and makes them sins.

Now is the time to cure your Corns with Hinderecans. It takes them out perfectly, gives comfort to the feet. Ask your druggist for it. 10c.

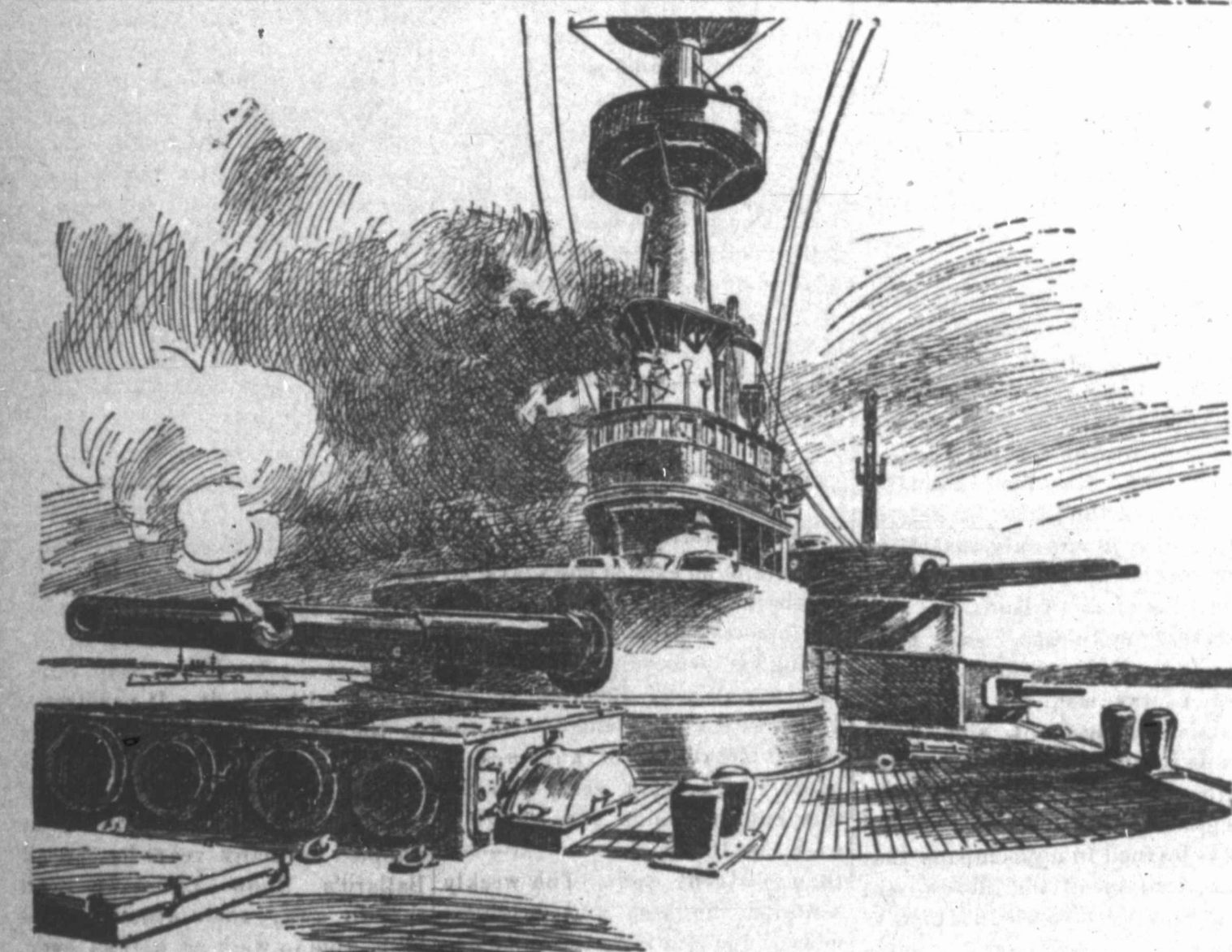
Fortune cannot change us. It can only bring out what is in us.

I never used so quick a cure as Fico's Cure for Consumption.—J. B. Palmer, Box 1171, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25, 1895.

In 1534 and again in 1554 Havana was destroyed by the French.

If Troubled With Burn Eyes Jackson's Indian Eye Salve will positively cure them. 50c at all drug stores.

Korea is exactly the size of Kansas, 82,000 square miles.



THE INDIANA'S DECKS CLEARED FOR ACTION.

In providing against injury from the enemy's fire and in preparing to deliver a rapid and accurate fire in return.

The ships of Admiral Bunce's squadron at Hampton Roads have recently been drilled repeatedly at "clearing ship for action," the orders being to leave nothing undone and to permit no carelessness. The captains of ships and all officers under their command were required to take note and make suggestions regarding any new or improved methods of preparing for battle, and reports from each ship have been made to the Admiral.

There are certain general rules observed in "clearing ship for action" that apply to the new ships as well as to the old. Everything movable about the decks not needed in the service of the guns is sent below to the berth deck or to the compartments below the water line. Many articles used only for convenience or comfort in time of peace are labelled "to be thrown overboard, and overboard they would go at the first signal for battle. If struck by shot or shell these articles would be converted into missiles or splinters, dangerous to the crew.

The iron railings about the ship, and all stanchions, used to support the awnings, are unshipped and sent below, or, if hinged, are folded down outside the hull, leaving the ship's side clear of all obstruction. If these iron stanchions were left in place, shells which might otherwise pass harmlessly over the ship without bursting, might strike them and explode, with damage to the ship or crew.

Barricades or screens are often made with awnings and hammocks rolled up and piled at convenient places. The hose is connected and led out, ready

venter has discovered some mode of obtaining nutrition from the atmosphere. Fruit, bread and milk he declares to be the material upon which he thinks best. Sir James—afterward Lord—Hannan attributed the retention of his extraordinary powers of work, in spite of age and study, which might have ruined the constitution "of three men," as a brother Judge put it, to his never allowing a particle of flesh food to pass his lips.

"I owe much to vegetarianism," once declared that popular wielder of the brush, Hubert Herkomer. Herkomer's father was a vegetarian of the strictest kind, as is Mr. Bruce Joy, one of our most famous sculptors, the producer of the celebrated Bright statue, which Liverpool boasts among its art treasures. One of the hardest workers in our islands is Sir Isaac Pitman, the man to whom the world owes the perfection of phonography. He works ten hours a day on a vegetarian diet.

Literal Factors Involved.

"John," remarked Mrs. Billus, "I expect to give a tea tomorrow evening."

Mr. Billus, who was reading his newspaper, grunted, but made no reply.

"I said I expected to give a tea tomorrow evening, John," she repeated.

"I heard you," said John, "I can take my dinner down town."

"I think I said a little while ago," again remarked Mrs. Billus, after an interval of silence, "that I intended to give a tea tomorrow evening."

"That will suit me to a T."

"And I shall need an X!" she snapped.

Mr. Billus feebly ejaculated "G!" but he forked it over.

obliterated. No effect is produced by the weather on glass. The Pepper monument is of plate-glass one inch thick, a foot and a half wide and four feet high. It stands in a mortise cut into a tube of sandstone. The top of the glass is arched. The lettering on it is made by the "sand-blast" process, and is distinct. The monument bears this inscription:

"In memory of Elizabeth Pepper of Ford City. Died Feb. 4, 1892, aged 77 years.

"Also, William Pepper, husband of the above. Died —, Age —"

From this inscription it may be inferred, truly, that William Pepper is still living. The Peppers are of English birth and came to Ford City years ago directly from the Great Birmingham glass works of London.

The Tongue.

The best cure for an inflammable tongue is the water bucket of absolute silence. Hasty speech is explosive; silence is cooling. The talking tongue is more dangerous than the angry tongue. A hasty word may be excused, but a tattling tongue never. The tattler is just like sin—its foreign substance here is for no other purpose than to annoy and irritate.—Rev. Fuller Bergstresser.

A Roland for an Oliver.

Husband (reading Sunday newspaper)—Mary, here's something new in the household line. I have had your baker's and grocer's home-made bread, pies and chocolate; here is a whole column about home-made desecrate. (Thinks he is funny.)

Wife—You needn't read it. You can get the recipe at your favorite bucket-shop.—Truth.



Gladness Comes

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

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

From C. A. Journal of Medicine Prof. W. H. Fiske, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease, which he sends with a bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferers who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise any one wishing a cure to address Prof. W. H. FESKE, F. D., 4 Cedar St., New York.

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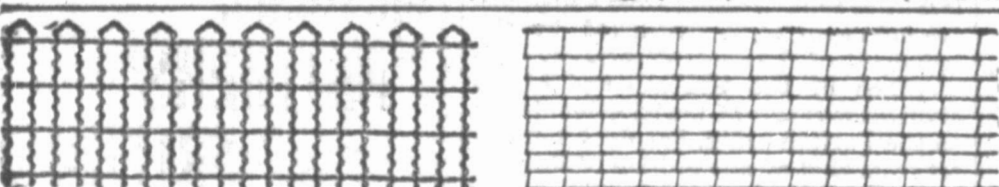
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successful of the season.

The Deacon—O, don't be bashful, Bill;
our dear Brother Holdemupp, the con-
verted road agent, passed the basket
to-day.

Sunday Parade.

Sergeant (calling out)—Krause!
Krause—Yes, sergeant.
Sergeant—This is Sunday.
Krause—To command, sergeant.
Sergeant—This afternoon you and I
will take a walk to the Zoological Gar-
dens.

Krause (delighted)—To command,
sergeant.

Sergeant—You see, I called you a rhinoceros
yesterday, and I should like to
make my apologies to the dear creature
in your presence.—Der Gute Kamerad.

Time Is Money.

Gent—What is the reason you charge
twice as much for my cuffs as you did
formerly?

Washerwoman—Because you have
begun making pencil marks on them.

"What difference does that make?"
"My daughter waste so much time
in trying to make them out."—Spare
Moments.

Force of Habit.

Bicycle Manufacturer—Where am I?
Nearest Angel—Why, this is heaven.
Isn't it delightful?

Bicycle Manufacturer—Yes, indeed.
It's very pleasant. But, I say (looking
about critically), you ought to have bet-
ter roads.—Southbridge (Mass.) Jour-
nal.

A Trifling Difference.

Exchange Editor—What makes Dr.
Leader look so bad to-day?

Financial Editor—Oh, nothing, only
he tried to say in an editorial that Wig-
glestein was a national character, and
the compositor made him say that he
was a national character instead.—
Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

The Matrimonial Bargain-Counter.

In her impotent rage her grace could
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what a woman gets for buying what she
doesn't want just because it's cheap."—
Detroit Tribune.

Reciprocity.

Mother—When the boy in the other
house threw stones at you, why didn't
you come and tell me?

Bobby—Because, mamma, I can throw
them back better than you. He's more
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Indefinite.

Bell Boy—Col. Juniper sends this
card for you to register him by.

Clerk—It's a wine card; ask him if
"Kentucky" is where he lives or what
he wants.

Cut Out.

Weary Watkins—My folks always
sold me I was cut out for a gentleman.
Hungry Higgins—Mebbe you was,
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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Fifteen thousand Spanish soldiers in Cuba are reported missing and it is feared the Cubans may find them.

Enemies of Hetty Green have been telling around that she has bought a new dress. Times must be getting easier.

By the time the robbers next again Iowa may have a curfew law. And I will effect good boys and girls just the same as it will bad ones.

Think of five young women (sisters being so fascinating as to be ordered to leave Germany. Their fortune is certainly assured, don't you think?

Johanna, the Central Park chimpanzee, has been taught to smoke cigar ettes. Has New York no society for the prevention of cruelty to animals?

The king of Abyssinia is said to fear his wife. In both savage and civilized life there seems to be a certain feminine terrorism quite common in matrimony.

A letter from Paris says that the highest toned butcher shops in the French capital are now selling camel's meat, man; preferring it to horse. They'll be selling dogs yet.

With more than 40,000 immigrant who can neither read nor write coming to the United States in a single year our illiteracy may be said to be growing alarmingly.

A dozen dime museums are bidding for the Philadelphia freeman who threw Corbett down. At the nearest saloon for a dime any one can also see what has thrown Sullivan down.

A Kentucky barber is said to have lived fifty-one days on buttermilk exclusively. But any man who would drink so much buttermilk in Kentucky isn't worth saving, anyway.

It is said that the Russian government is about to attempt the regulation of the servant girl problem. In such a contest between autocrats our money goes on the kitchen mechanic.

Gold has been discovered in Minnesota and Kansas and a rush is being made for the new fields. It is nothing to get excited about. Three weeks ago over \$500,000,000 in gold was found in stockings.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore has an article in the North American Review entitled: "Does the Ideal Husband Exist?" The trouble is, Mary, that there are too many ideal and too few real husbands.

From Utica, Mich., comes the story that an agriculturist of that locality whose weight is about 300 pounds, built him a flying machine and proceeded to flutter about the gables of his barn. The latest reports are to the effect that his relatives are still excavating and that an arm and shoulder have been already recovered.

The story that the Boers intend, on the anniversary of their victory over the British at Majuba Hill, to proclaim their independence of England, publicly denouncing the suzerainty which Great Britain claims, is probably intended as an offset to the announcement of decisive military operations by John Bull in South Africa. We shall now see how much the protection on Germany is worth to the valiant descendants of the Huguenots.

It is singular what an exaggerated idea of their own worth some men get. For example, a Chicago contemporary prints a letter from a young man who makes the following offer: "For \$5,000 I will sell myself to anyone wishing a slave. I will do anything the buyer asks—drudge as his slave or kill myself, insured in his favor. I will kill or steal, taking all the responsibility myself." Perhaps the young man regarded this as a very liberal offer. But a little reflection ought to convince him that it is not; that, on the contrary, he asks a most outrageously high price for himself. Young men of his kind are really worth about 4 cents a dozen.

F. J. Chipman, a blind farmer, living at Niles, Mich., was badly fleeced by a Chicago man, who induced him to trade a fine farm for Chicago property. He took advantage of his affliction to make out the papers so that Mr. Chipman was compelled to pay \$800, whether the deal was consummated or not. Rather than lose the \$800 Chipman closed the deal and went to Chicago. Tiring of city life he soon bought the farm back, paying \$1,000 more than he got for the property. He now learns that the Chicago man fleeced him again by placing a \$5,000 mortgage on the farm. Such cases frequently result from a desire to escape the expense of legal advice.

STATE NEWS BUDGET.

OLD SETTLERS AT FREDERICKSBURG TO CELEBRATE.

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of Fredericksburg by a German Colony—Many of the First Settlers Still Living Prosperous and Contented.

FREDERICKSBURG, Tex., March 23.—Extensive preparations are being made for the celebration to be held here on May 8, 9 and 10 of the fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of this town by the German emigrants in 1846. The settlers are a hardy race, and though many of them suffered hardships, want and privations during the first years of their settlement here, many are still living, and all, owing to their untiring industry and perseverance, are prosperous and contented citizens. The celebration will be attended by many old settlers from other parts of the state, who came from Germany to Texas at the same time. Sons of Herman and numerous other German societies from San Antonio, Austin and many other towns throughout southwest Texas will be here, and it may be safely said that this small but energetic town of about 2000 inhabitants will receive thousands of visitors in May next. Prof. Car Beck's band from San Antonio has been engaged, there will be a brilliant display of fireworks and a procession of floats showing "Columbia introducing her Germans into her kingdom," "The Lorelei," and others representing the voyage of the emigrants in a sailing ship and their journey up the country by ox wagons, emigrants on foot, Indians on horseback. Forty-six young ladies appropriately costumed will represent the forty-six states of the union, and there will be numerous other attractions.

Warrants Sworn Out.

LADONIA, Tex., March 24.—Warrants were sworn out yesterday for the arrest of twenty-one leading ladies of Ladonia, charging them with assault upon Dr. Hancock with whips and cowhides in the Santa Fe depot here last Friday evening. The ladies have been cited to appear before the county court in Bonham on April 6. Their bonds were signed by 200 leading citizens of this section, representing more than \$1,000,000 of property. Interest in the matter is high, though there is no excitement or apprehension of further trouble. Dr. Hancock returned from Bonham Sunday, but departed in twenty minutes. He suffered little or no physical injury. The only evidence of the whipping was two abrasions of the skin on one ear about the size of a pea.

Struck by a Train.

ATHENS, Tex., March 24.—One of the most horrible accidents that ever occurred in this county happened on the Cotton Belt track, three miles south of Brownsboro, Sunday night. Boon Smith, Arthur McMillan and Tommy Shiflett, aged 14, 12 and 10 years, were run over and killed by one of the night trains. How it occurred no one will ever know. Smith and Shiflett, fathers of Boon and Tommy are well to do farmers who live in the vicinity of Brownsboro. McMillan lives near Duran, I. T. The remains of the three boys were picked up by the 11.30 a. m. passenger train, carried to Brownsboro, and placed in the depot.

Smallpox at Center.

CENTER, Tex., March 19.—Dr. R. M. Swearingen, state health officer, arrived here Monday in response to a request from Dr. J. W. Rogers to copy or read a physician well up in smallpox. Dr. Swearingen was accompanied by Dr. Larendon of Houston. They, with Drs. Leek and Rogers of this place, visited the smallpox patient, Mr. Hill, and pronounced it a genuine case of smallpox, but they seemed to apprehend little, if any, danger of the trouble spreading. The report that Mrs. Mull and one of her children was down with smallpox has proven to be untrue.

Aransas Harbor Terminal.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 24.—Governor T. B. Wheeler was before the railroad commission yesterday, and obtained an order authorizing the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$250,000 on the Aransas Harbor terminal railway, which is to be completed between the town of Aransas Pass and the deep water front on Harbor island.

Died From His Wounds.

SHERREVEPORT, La., March 21.—J. W. Bailey, a painter about 50 years old, was shot by another painter Thursday night, died yesterday at the Charity hospital from his wounds. Bailey was from Lafayette, Ind., is married, his wife and daughter living in Lafayette, which place he left, coming south to obtain work, reaching this city about a month ago.

W. G. Fountain was shot and killed last week at Laurel. No clew.

Greer County Settlers.

ENNIS, Tex., March 21.—G. H. Eubank of this city was formerly county attorney in Greer county. He says the supreme court was in possession of all the facts there long ago. He assisted Culberson and Clark in compiling the data to be used in the case and evidently feels that the decision is a gigantic straining of justice. Mr. Eubank attaches but slight importance to the high sounding resolutions of congress and orders of the president regarding the rights of settlers. He says the people are there and they are going to stay. An effort was made in 1887 to get them out but they did not go and they will not go now. They have improved their homes, paid taxes and prepared to live there and they will do it. There are seventy-five or eighty school houses in the county. They have built a court house and have elected their officers and have a set of officers able to control the toughest county in the state. They have had their courts and have been executing their laws under authority of Texas. The courts have rendered judgments in regular order. They have sent men to the Texas penitentiary for life for offenses in this state, and these court proceedings should be respected. When he was asked how the people were to get good titles to their homes he said they had the titles through possession. They have been there ten years and they are there to stay, no matter what government claims jurisdiction over the territory.

Decision Reversed.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 18.—The reversal by the United States supreme court of Judge Maxey's decision regarding the extradition by Mexico of the Garzaites who participated in the battle of Tortillas and the massacre at San Ygnacio, which are fresh in the mind of the reading public, will spread terror through a portion, at least, of southwest Texas, where the participants in those unfortunate affairs principally reside. By the ruling of the supreme court those participants, inclusive of all who served sentences in the United States prison for violation of the neutrality laws, will now be subject to extradition by Mexico. Messrs. McCleary and Stayton, attorneys of San Antonio, represented Mexico both in the lower and higher courts.

Storm at Beaumont.

BEAUMONT, Tex., March 19.—Another fearful wind and rain storm swept across the country yesterday at 7.30. It seemed to center about three miles south of Beaumont, where much damage to property was done and several people hurt. A house in which an English family named Geldard was living was literally torn to splinters. Mrs. Gerald and the children were in the building at the time. She was found insensible and remained so for some time afterwards. One of the children, a little boy, was missing and after an hour's search he was found safely wadded away among some bed clothing without injury. The other two children were bruised up, but not seriously hurt.

Gardens Damaged.

ALVIN, Tex., March 19.—Another very heavy rain yesterday morning and the condition of the berry crop and early gardens is deplorable. Hundreds of crates of strawberries have been ruined, and the small plants of beans, etc., washed out of the soil. The berry crop can recover with a few days good sunshine and higher prices may in a manner compensate for the loss from these excessive rains, but in early vegetable the loss is irreparable, as it is too late in the season to replant with any hope of a good market, and the gardeners will have to plant more corn and cotton to fill up the spaces. Mustang layon is swollen to one vast sheet of water, overflowing its banks in many places.

Fancy Cattle.

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., March 18.—W. D. Farris took a reporter over to the stock pens on the Katy to see thirty-six head of beef cattle yesterday. Mr. Farris raised this bunch and sold it to W. A. Briggs of this city several months ago. Mr. Briggs set out to make it the finest bunch of cattle in the country, and he has succeeded, if figures count for anything. The average weight of the bunch is 1617 pounds, though there are several of the steers that will crowd the 2000 mark. Every one of the bunch was raised in Ellis county. Mr. Briggs says the bunch will be shipped tonight, and that he thinks it will be consigned to Liverpool.

Admitted to Bail.

KENEDY, Tex., March 20.—The habeas corpus trial of Robert Burris, Theodore and Foster Butler has held Wednesday before Judge Grimes at Karnes City. They were allowed bail in the sum of \$5000 each in the murder case and \$250 in the assault case. They were charged with the murder of Bill Bosworth and attempted murder of a young man named Bradley. The trouble occurred about two miles from Kennedy a year ago last September. A great deal of interest was taken in this case, owing to the prominence of the parties accused.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Hamilton has adopted prohibition. Center, Shelby county, has a small-pox scare.

Smallpox reported at Dallas and Stephenville.

Austinites are still talking about a cotton mill.

F. E. Squires is the new postmaster at Hearletta.

Galveston county will work her convicts on the public roads.

Congressman Yoakum will not be a candidate for re-election.

San Saba county has had a jail delivery, four prisoners escaping.

The county judge of Bowie county is in a tangle with the district court.

Taylor precinct, of Williamson county, went "wet" again recently.

The receipts at the state treasury from March 1 to the 11th foot up \$220,000.

B. F. Kelley of Commerce, Hunt county, took too much morphine and died.

The comptroller has registered a \$25,000 issue of Sherman refunding bonds.

The attorney general has approved a \$12,000 issue of Victoria county bridge bonds.

A woman was found dead near McKinney recently. Verdict of death by poison.

Trains are now running from Beaumont to Boliver Point, Galveston county.

The tax assessors will meet at Dallas March 20 and organize a state association.

Three cars of beef cattle were shipped from Terrell to Chicago one day recently.

West and Southwest Texas farmers and stockmen are full of hope, having plenty of rain.

Near Rockland, Tyler county, Geo. W. Roberts, an old man, was waylaid the other night on his way home and severely beaten by unknown parties.

The Texas and Mexican Railway company has just paid the state \$67.53 tax on earnings for the quarter ending Dec. 31.

A few days since J. P. Bledsoe and his horse were struck by lightning near Greenville and killed. He was sitting on his horse under a shed during a shower.

The people of Bloomberg, Cass county, will now have a postoffice, notwithstanding the fact that it is less than three miles to Dempsey, another postoffice.

The attorney general has approved for registration a \$28,000 issue of courthouse refunding and a \$13,000 issue of bridge refunding bonds for Haskell county.

The Corsicana Oil Well company has closed the contract for the third oil well, and work will commence on same at once. The company expects to have ten oil wells.

The first consignment of spring wool was received in San Angelo a few days ago. Commission merchants estimate the probable receipts this spring at 2,500,000 pounds.

The Texas roads are paying a large per cent of the taxes in this state, their contributions last year amounting to \$885,464, or \$100 per mile. The Texas and Pacific paid \$203,109, Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe \$98,500, Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio \$86,439, Missouri, Kansas and Texas \$81,364. The lines of the Sunset system alone furnished \$267,000, or 30 per cent of the total.

The comptroller has sent to the county clerk of Archer county the delinquent tax list of that county prepared under the Colquit act. It contains 109 pages, 47 lines to the page and each line represents a tract of land. Three-fourths of the tracts are unknown acreage property and nine-tenths of the town lots are unknown. There are seventy-four property owners who own 147 tracts.

The Texas quarantine line is as follows: North line of Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties; the east line of Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, Greer, Hardeman, Knox and Haskell counties; the south line of Haskell county; the east and south lines of Fisher county; the east lines of Tom Green, Mitchell and Irion counties; the south lines of Irion, Upton, Crane and Ward counties; the east lines of Reeves, Jeff Davis and Buchanan counties. No cattle of any character whatever can be crossed over this line from the east or south between Feb. 15 and Nov. 15.

Stock in Concho county are in fine condition. Heavy and frequent rains have made grass and water abundant.

On March 24 the mayor of Tyler will open to the highest bidder \$25,000 of city 5 per cent bonds to run thirty-five years.

An electric storm passed over Waxahachie a few days since. Mrs. Jack Mayberry was sitting by the stove with her babe in her arms when lightning struck the house, overturned the stove, seriously hurting her foot, and throwing the baby to the floor. No other damage.

Sour

Stomach, sometimes called waterbrash, and burning pain, distress, nausea, dyspepsia, are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This it accomplishes because with its wonderful power as a blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla gently tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs, invigorates the liver, creates an appetite, gives refreshing sleep, and raises the health tone. In cases of dyspepsia and indigestion it seems to have "a magic touch."

Stomach

with severe pains across my shoulders, and great distress. I had violent nausea which would leave me very weak and faint, difficult to get my breath. These spells came oftener and more severe. I did not receive any lasting benefit from physicians, but found such happy effects from a trial of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that I took several bottles and mean to always keep it in the house. I am now able to do all my own work, which for six years I have been unable to do. My husband and son have also been greatly benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla—for pains in the back, and after the grip. I gladly recommend this grand blood medicine." Mrs. PETER BURBY, Leominster, Mass.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1.

Hood's Pills cure all Liver Bils and Sick Headache. 25 cents.

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

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

Ask your dealer for our \$3, \$4, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2.25 shoes; \$2.50, \$2 and \$1.75 for boys.

TAKE NO SUBSTITUTE. If your dealer cannot supply you, send to factory, enclosing price and 25 cents to pay carriage. State kind, style of toe (cap or plain), size and width. Our Custom Dept. will fill your order. Send for our illustrated catalogue to Box 11.

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LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.
 Why buy a saddle from a dry goods merchant when you can get a shop made saddle from J. T. Dawe's for the same money and will last three times as long.
 Squire John Kennedy of Augusta was in town Monday.
 Eat at New Restaurant. Best meals in city, 25cts.
 J. B. FIFER, Manager.
 D. J. Cater of Lovelady was a visitor to Crockett this week.
 A complete line of furniture, coffins and caskets always on hand at SHIVERS BROS.
 B. F. Pridgen of Grapeland was in town this week.
 Buy a fire insurance policy in one of the old line companies represented by D. M. Craddock.

C. B. Daily and Ed. Keen of Daly were in town this week.
 Craddock & Co. have just opened their Spring Stock of Goods of all kinds Give us a call.
 Craddock & Co. have the best line of Hosiery in town.
 Try Ham Bone Tobacco. Each Plug Warranted.
 Shoes made to order and repairing neatly done; all work guaranteed. At Dawe's saddle shop.
 On last Monday the city council let a contract for repainting the roof of the academy.
 Mr. R. D. Wherry of Guy's Store, Leon county, was a visitor to the COURIER office this week.
 Board and lodging \$4 per week. Day board and lodging one dollar. Single meal 25cts.

NEW RESTAURANT.
 Crockett Bakery for Bread and Cakes. Next to postoffice.
 J. J. GOODAY, Proprietor.
 Col. Tom Bowers, the veteran newspaper man from Houston, spent a day in Crockett last week and gave this office a pleasant call.
 Chew Ham Bone Tobacco. Best on Earth for the money. Manufactured by J. H. Cosby & Bro., Danville, Va.
 Half-a-dozen conspicuous signs have been placed around the cemetery warning trespassers to let the flowers alone.
 The financial committee of the city council was in session Monday to receive the reports of the executive officers of the city.
 If you are anxious to get a perfect fitting suit and one cut in the latest style, call on J. F. Downes. Among his regular customers are a large number of the best dressers of Crockett and vicinity.
 Last week Rev. W. M. Gaddy went to Caldwell county in Southwestern Texas to visit his brother, Rev. C. C. Gaddy. He returned to Crockett in time to occupy his pulpit Sunday.
 I am representing the well-known and high class tailoring houses, Mills & Averill of St. Louis, and Lamm & Co. of Chicago. Having had several years' actual experience in the business, I can safely guarantee satisfaction in every respect. J. F. DOWNES.

CASH! CASH!
CASH!

Car TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS bright and of the very best quality 30 cent per bushel. Car FLOUR received before the big advance, sell at old PRICES. Car salt 200 lbs 90c, 100 lbs 50 cents. SHOES, SHOES, you will save money if you will price before buying. CLOTHING and spring goods coming in daily. The PROOF is calling and seeing for yourself.
 R. M. ATKINSON.

ALL ABOUT

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Almighty Dollar.

It's the Many That Have Too Few and the Few Too Many.

Big prices will not do in these times when even the wealthy can not afford to waste their money and the poor require double duty of every dollar and every penny.
 We are proud to say that our shrewd and up-to-date buying, knowing when, where and how to buy, enables us to sell later styles in better goods for less money than any of the old merchants who boast of what they have made as reward for your past patronage and the high prices you have paid them, and will even now try to make you believe they will sell you cheap. This will not do, talk is too cheap—trade where you can buy the most, the prettiest and above all the best for the least money.

Business Is Our Aim and Value Our Motto. We wish to call your attention to the only Chance for you to buy a brand new suit for almost half first cost.

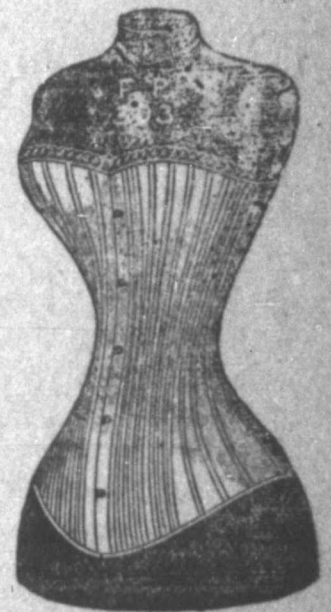
We have just received 360 suits of clothes in men's, youth's and boys', some of which are much finer than were ever brought to Crockett. All of which are the latest styles in Frocks, Sacks, Square Cuts and Prince Alberts. These goods we had made to order and bought them at first for less money than clothing was ever known to sell for. But in shipping from New York to Galveston the cases got damp and were supposed to be damaged. We positively refused to accept these goods until we were offered from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per suit off of each suit, owing to their value, making a rebate of about 50 per cent. These goods are now perfectly dry and you can not tell that anything about them got wet but the price. Call and you will soon be convinced that this is your only chance to buy a suit—coat, vest and pants for a man any size from 35 to 42 worth \$3.00 for \$1.50, a six dollar suit for \$3.50, a \$11.00 suit for \$6.00, and so on up to the finest \$20.00 suit ever brought to Crockett for \$11.00. Don't buy old stock, moth eaten and full of dust when we will sell you a new suit for half the money.

When you need a shirt it will pay you to see our full dress laundred white shirt for 40cts each. Negliges nicely finished with laundred collars and cuffs, 30cts each. Celluloid collars 5cts each, cuffs 10cts pair; nice ties 6 for 5cts, real nice in colors 2 for 5cts.

Ladies we will give a Shirt waist set 4 buttons and 1 pr. link cuff buttons worth from 25 to 50 cents set with every Monarch Shirt waist we sell.

Ladies, call and see our line of new spring dress goods, every thing new and late, Batiste, Crapon, Dimity, Organdy Lawn and Swiss in all colors or quality, Swans Down dress flannel 20 yards for \$1.00, Challie in colors 30 yards for \$1.00. We have shirt waists, nicely finished, fast colors, neatly laundred 35cts each. If you want something fine and in the latest styles take nothing but the Monarch brand. Call and see them.

SHOES, LAST FALL when you would ask for shoes it was on the end of every merchant's and clerk's tongue to say shoes had gone up. Now we are glad that we are able to bring the good news that shoes have gone down. We have just received a big line at cut prices and we can now sell a Glove Grain button or lace nicely finished for 70cts per pair, Oil Grain Climax, no seam in back, front well sewed and rivited, all solid leather 75cts per pair; Dongola button well made and nicely finished, soft, smooth goods 75cts per pair, same patent leather tip 75cts pair, cloth top, patent leather tip 75cts pair; Oxford ties 3 to 8 for ladies, 40cts per pair. Ladies if you want a pair of the only late style ties in town try the John Kelly; remember we give a 25ct bottle of Whitmore's Dandy polish with every pair of tans we sell.



Those who have worn the F. P. Corset say they will have no other.

McLEAN & WILSON, -:- Crockett, Texas.

A. H. Wootters will soon commence the erection of a handsome residence to be occupied by himself and family, a short distance north of the home of his father. Major Wootters.
 Hon. J. W. Madden, private secretary to Governor Culberson, who has been here attending court for the past two weeks, returned to Austin Monday. He expects to remove his family to that city when his children get through the present session of school here.
 In the district court last Monday, Louis Walker, Sam Gibson and Damon Gilford, three negroes, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of burglary and were each sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The burglary was committed in Daly about two months ago and was described in the COURIER at the time.
 During the weeks of District court devoted to the trial of criminal cases there is always a large attendance from the country of witnesses, jurors and those who come from sheer inability to resist the fascination of the machinery of justice grinding its grist and taking its toll of victims. This week is no exception to the rule, and the sturdy citizen from the rural districts is very much in evidence.

Miss Goodgion desires to thank her friends and the public for their past patronage and is pleased to say she has secured the services of a very proficient trimmer, Mrs. LeGros of Houston. Many ladies have pleasing recollections of the beautiful creations of fancy made by her skillful fingers in Mrs. Beasley's establishment two seasons ago. She is also quite as experienced and artistic in dressmaking and all the little accessories of a lady's fashionable toilet. We desire a liberal share of the public patronage.

What You Can Buy —FROM—
J. E. DOWNES.

The best of flour, sugar, coffee, hams, bacon, lard, baking powders, extracts and other fancy groceries. Also a nice suit of clothes, a nobby hat, stylish shirts, cuffs and collars, and for dry goods, he buys from the manufacturers in large quantities, for spot cash, at a saving in the way of discounts from 5 to 10 per cent. See his ladies' shirt waists and material to make more out of, neat, stylish and cheap. Downes says that he is under obligations to the good people of Houston county for what he has made, and that he wants to prove same in a substantial way and asks everybody to call and get bargains.

The grand jury resumed its labors Monday morning and from the number of witnesses in attendance it seems likely that a good many indictments will be returned by that body.

George Blackshear, colored, was arrested and brought before Justice Ellis last Friday, charged with assault to murder Albert James, colored. He waived examination and gave bond to await the action of the grand jury.

There was a heavy frost last Friday morning, but it didn't injure the fruit. The only damage done was to the early potatoes. At this writing (Tuesday) the indications are good for another frost, but it will hardly do much harm.

In the district court last week the case of Ike Daniel against the I. & G. N. Railroad Co., in which the plaintiff claimed \$6000 damages, was tried, but the jury failed to agree on a verdict and the case went over until the next term.

Eat and Sleep At COLL'S.

I'm in my New House and ready to serve you at any time. Call and see me. Board \$1 per day. Meals 25c. Bed 25c. COLLIN ALDRICH.

Have J. T. Dawe repair your saddles and harness at hard time prices. All work guaranteed.

All parties who have cotton seed to sell please bring them in to the mill by March 15, as we will close the season by that time.

Respectfully,
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Try our A. A. 1 Flour. Every barrel and sack warranted. None better. J. E. DOWNES. 5-3t.

Family orders solicited for oysters, bread etc., at New Restaurant. J. B. FIFER, Manager.

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INCORPORATE.
 Make complete abstracts to land in Houston County and the city of Crockett on short notice.
 J. M. CROOK, - - - Manager.

List Your Lands

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Office in Racket Store, Crockett, Tex.
 If you have Real Estate or property of any description, no matter where located, to sell or exchange place it in my hands and I will find you a purchaser. If you want to buy property of any kind see or write me before buying.
 Property Rented, Rents Collected, Etc.

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THE COURIER,

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the democratic party:

For District Attorney of Third Judicial District:

A. W. EWING,
of Anderson County.
J. M. CROOK,
of Houston County.
A. G. GREENWOOD,
of Anderson County.

For District Clerk,
JOHN H. ELLIS.
COL. ALDRICH, JR.
TONY GOSSETT.
J. S. FLUKER.

For County Judge,
J. F. DUREN.
A. D. LIPSCOMB.

For County Clerk,
N. E. ALLBRIGHT.

For County Treasurer,
J. B. ELLIS.
G. H. BAYNE.
M. W. BAKER.

For Assessor of Taxes:
D. J. CATER.
GAIL CLINTON.

For Tax Collector,
JOHN R. FOSTER.
S. E. HOWARD,
J. R. SHERIDAN.

For Sheriff,
G. M. WALLER.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1,
T. C. LIVELY.
R. T. MURCHISON.

For Justice Peace, Precinct No. 1,
C. W. ELLIS.

For Constable Prec. No. 1,
C. K. BAGGETT.
C. C. MORTIMER.

FOR TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

Leon & H. Blum, Wholesale Dry Goods Merchants File an Assignment.

Galveston, Texas, March 24.—Leon Blum, Sylvan Blum, resident partners, and Hyman Blum of New York, composing the firm of Leon & H. Blum of this city, large wholesalers of dry goods and notions, late this evening filed a statutory deed of assignment, conveying to B. Adoue in trust, for the benefit of such of their creditors as may accept their proportional share of said estates in full discharge of their respective claims against said firm, all property of the said co-partnership, together with all the individual property of the partners, save as may be exempt by law from execution.

The deed recites that owing to the volume and multiplicity of the firm's affairs it is impossible to file at this time a schedule either of assets or liabilities. It is impossible at this hour to approximate either the liabilities or assets, but the firm was one of the largest in the South and did an immense business.

The local banks are fully protected by collaterals. The bulk of the creditors are said to be in New York. Mr. Adoue, the assignee, is the senior partner of the banking house of Adoue & Lobit. Mr. Leon Blum is president of the Galveston Wharf company, vice president of the Gulf and Interstate railway and is prominently connected with other corporations.

The assignment in no way effects the Leon & H. Blum Land company. Late tonight it is said in business circles that the assets probably aggregate \$2,500,000; liabilities \$2,000,000.

Preacher, So-Called, Rotten Egged. LOVELADY, Tex., March 22.

The No. 13 train last Thursday brought to this town a man and a

woman who passed for his wife. The fellow claimed he lived in the North and was spending the winter in the South for the benefit of his wife's health, and to pass the time off he was giving lectures on Spiritualism Exposed. Also said he was a Campbellite minister. He proceeded to business at once by engaging the hall for three nights to lecture and to preach in on Sunday. Things went on lovely until a drummer arrived in town on Saturday and proceeded to expose the preacher by saying that he knew him at Waldo, Ark., where he came in there a stranger and held a meeting for two weeks, and when he was caught in dirty conduct with this woman, who was a grass widow of unsavory character. He left between suns, the woman following next day. This became pretty well known by night when they were returning from the Hall to the Hotel and they were treated to a dose of stale eggs, by some one who did not have the love of God in their hearts just then. This has created an unusual excitement in our usually quiet little town and all the good people regret the necessity for such an occurrence. At the same time the good people feel very much outraged, at being imposed on by such an unsavory pair. The preachers got off light enough for riding out of town on a rail would have been none too good for him.

LOVELADY

A Call.

To the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy:
You are called to meet at the office of Madden & Mipscomb at 3 o'clock Tuesday the 31st day of March for the purpose of arranging a plan to raise funds for the Rouss Memorial Hall. The first day of May has been appointed by General Gordon as a day for an effort throughout all of the Southern States to raise such funds. It is necessary for the whole South to raise \$50,000 in order to make the institution a success. A much larger sum will undoubtedly be raised, but we can afford to be lavish in this matter and Houston county should make it a matter of pride to let her contribution be large. At this meeting new members may be enrolled and all qualified are invited.

A. D. LIPSCOMB,
J. R. SHERIDAN, President.
Secretary.

District Court Notes.

State vs. E. D. Moore, arson: mistrial.

State vs. Thos Iden, Jr. incest; not guilty.

State vs. Pete Bryant, Emanuel Jones, Joe Johnson, Abe Bryant, Emilene Bryant and Sarah Bryant theft of hog; dismissed for want of evidence to convict.

State vs. Jim Jones, abortion continued.

State vs. Jake Ellenburg, assault to rape; two years in penitentiary.

State vs. Green Lovelady, theft of cattle; not guilty.

State vs. D. B. Smith, false swearing; continued.

State vs. Sam Gibson, burglary; two years in penitentiary.

State vs. O'Neal Sutton, passing counterfeit; money; plea of guilty and punishment assessed at two years in penitentiary.

State vs. Lucious Walker, burglary; and punishment fixed at two years in penitentiary.

State vs. Doman Gilford burglary, plea of guilty and punishment assessed at two years in state prison.

State vs. Will Walker, dismissed.

State vs. Burl Hudson, theft of cattle, verdict guilty and punishment fixed at two years in state prison.

State vs. Lee Burton, charged wity murder, is set for today (Thursday) and a special venire of forty men will be summoned.

Hon. B. J. Fletcher has returned to his home in Lexington, Lee county, and we shall not probably see him again in Crockett until the cotton season opens next fall. He spent the winter and fall just gone in Crockett buying cotton, and his superior business and social qualities and fine mental gifts won for him many friends among the best classes here who would be heartily glad to welcome him back as a permanent citizen. The following dispatch concerning him appeared in the Houston Post after his return to Lexington a few days ago: "Hon. B. J. Fletcher has just returned from East Texas, where he spent the winter. When asked about Governor Culberson's re-election Mr. Fletcher said: 'Democrats in that section are practically unanimous for Mr. Culberson. Sound money men and free silverites alike there will resent any attempt to depart from long established democratic usage in giving every democratic governor two terms.' When asked if he would run for representative again, Mr. Fletcher said: 'No; the nomination belongs to Burleson county: I am not in Politics!'"

Our Sewing Machines Must Go.

We are overstocked on them and will sacrifice them to close them out. If you can't pay cash we will sell you on time. This offer is good only while our present stock lasts. If you need a good warranted sewing machine you had better come at once and get this bargain.

Very Truly Yours,
THE FURNITURE STORE.

Mrs. Alvin Ellis and her two children are sick with measles. There are a good many other cases of the same disease in town, mostly children.

Given Away.

A second-hand piano and organ, both for \$25. Call at this office.
W. B. PAGE.

Democratic Precinct Conventions Saturday, April 11. Democratic County Convention Monday, April 13.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, PALESTINE, TEXAS, Feb. 6, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 6th, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m., pursuant to the By-Laws of the Company, for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

Notice is also hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 6th, 1896, at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to the By-Laws of the Company, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
A. R. HOWARD,
Secretary.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c and \$1.00 per bottle at E. F. Chamberlain's drug store.

VIRTUE VS. VICE.

Battle in the Northern Pinerias Won by the Former.

The Vast Woods No Longer Filled with Stockades in Which Helpless Women Are Kept Prisoners and Chased by Savage Dogs.

In the northwest forests where but a few years ago vice most hideous boldly paraded itself in the public gaze and almost to the present lurked but little concealed in the neighborhood of populous communities, experienced search fails to find any vestiges of the depravity that formerly prevailed. Occasional discovery of haunts like those that once infested the entire northwest region now raises a decidedly indignant outcry against such monstrosities of the past.

And yet, says the Chicago Journal, it was only eight or ten years ago that every settlement in the pinerias and the mining camps of the northwest vied one with another in infamous and lawless practices. Citizens of more than one locality in Michigan or Wisconsin, after pointing out the improvements of a decade in the appearance of their thriving city, conclude a tribute to the moral standing of the place and its citizens with the statement that a score of years ago this was by reputation "the most disreputable town in the United States."

In every lumbering town was to be found from two to a dozen stockades, dens of infamy where womanhood was held as cheaply as in any harem of an oriental prince. At first these stood on frequented streets, later in by-ways of the city, finally retreating before the advance of public decency to the cover of the woods, half a mile from any highway. Hither were brought young girls enticed from Chicago, Minneapolis, and even more distant cities. Every dive had its procurers in every city within reach. Under the control of brutal men and hardened women the youthful victims were inducted into their lives of shame, never to be released until death came. High walls of sixteen-foot timber placed on end surrounded the rude huts. At the barred gateway was kept a kennel of fierce bulldogs, trained to pursue only the unfortunate women that might attempt an almost useless flight.

The disappearance of even the very walls that sheltered these iniquities is something marvelous. Some were razed to the ground by woodmen, wearied of the immorality they fostered. All have vanished except a few, which stand decaying and deserted reminders of the old strongholds. One of these is in the pine woods across the Menominee river from Norway, Mich. It was one of the most notorious resorts of the northern region. Within the stockade stood a commodious two-story frame house. The stockade itself was of planking, sixteen feet high, with a strong gate facing the front entrance of the house, on either side of which was a kennel of dogs. The escape of a woman, disguised as a man in order to deceive the dogs, was the means of bringing to notice the character of the place and its tenants. She had been lured to the place with assurances of reputable employment. Twice before she had attempted to escape, eluding the dogs by her change of appearance, but had been overtaken by the keeper of the place. A prominent lawyer in Norway swore out a warrant against the slave master and secured conviction and a heavy fine. A few repetitions of this treatment convinced him of the advisability of a change of business. He betook himself to the copper mining country on the shore of Lake Superior and engaged in legitimate business. He is now the possessor of a fortune of five hundred thousand dollars.

The house he once occupied when engaged in his soulless business still stands, dilapidated and tenanted only by the horrible associations, and perhaps by the suffering spirits of the past. On the decaying framework of the stockade still hang the long planks, separated by wide gaps, through which may be seen the desolation within. The gate and the kennels are gone. The doors have fallen and the thin partitions are broken through. It looks what it really is, one of the last of its kind.

Exaggerated stories occasionally reach the public of the revival of these old haunts, but their untruth is evident from the character of the inhabitants that now make up the population. Like all sections of the country, there is more or less immorality permitted in the northwest towns, but the old-time stockades have disappeared. So, too, have the gambling resorts, around which so much lawlessness centered. The stirring scenes that made these localities so interesting from a distance are unknown now, succeeded by the tameness of business enterprise. Observance of the Sabbath and of the civilized customs of Christendom is not on the Puritan order, but does not differ from that of any section of the progressive west. These parts have lost their well-earned reputation as "the toughest in the United States."

Germany's War Treasure.

The largest permanent store of coined money in the world is in the imperial war treasure of Germany—a portion saved for emergencies from the one billion dollars paid by France after the Franco-Prussian war and locked up in the Julius tower of the fortress of Spandau. It amounts to the value of thirty million dollars.

A BONANZA FOR EVERYONE!

Read the following directions and you will know just how to get it:

Just come with a Nickel
or a 20-Dollar Bill to the
Bonanza Store

at the old MURCHISON STAND on the west side of the depot at LOVELADY and invest it with

Ella Mainer & Co.,

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