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General Weyler has been good to General Campos. He has fully vindicated him by contrast.

The man who says the right thing at the right time is the man who says nothing at all when in doubt.

Where is the women's candidate for president? Isn't Belva Lockwood still available? And what is the matter with Anna Shaw or Mary Lease or Susie Anthony?

General Weyler has heralded another great victory. "The Spanish troops on Saturday captured three rebel camps." The "rebels" were all gone when the capture was made.

The exclusion of men from jury duty because they have read reports of cases in newspapers is preposterous. It has resulted in making the intelligence of the average juror a byword. It is an unwarranted assumption that reporters do not tell the truth. As a matter of fact, they have no reason for not telling the entire and exact truth as far as it can be ascertained by human power.

Imagine the surprise of Mr. H. P. Wood of Youngstown, O., when he entered his stable the other morning and discovered that somebody had painted his horse green. He said nothing, and the night after he had removed the green paint somebody whitewashed the nag. This was more than he could stand, and now during their moments of anguish the four young painters and whitewashers are calculating the inside walls of the county jail.

Nothing ever excites and interests New York so much as a red hot criminal trial. The "cause celebre" of Mrs. Fleming has provided this morbid metropolitan public with a "bonne bouche" in this direction which has seldom been equaled in the criminal records of the great city, and it has been thoroughly appreciated by those degenerates of all classes of society who delight in all forms of crime, especially when the criminal is a woman.

There are about 7,000,000 Jews in the world, about one-half of whom live in Russia. It is not certain that the numbers of the race have increased since the time of Christ. There is no reason to believe that there are more Jews now in England, France, Germany and Spain than there were in the days of the persecution. There were, in 1890, 130,000 Jews in the United States. It is impossible on public credit to predict that they will dominate 70,000,000 of Christians.

If it is true that Mrs. Drayton is actually responsible for the sale of "Astor relics" now in progress in New York, this is only one more indication of the bad form of which the New York aristocracy are capable. It is disgusting and disgraceful that the members of great families cannot behave more decently with regard to their private affairs. Among other things included in the inventory are the toys used by the grandchildren of Mrs. William Astor when very little; in other words, the present Astors, Draytons and Livingstons, and a number of similar articles.

The Siberian railway is being gradually extended and brought into use. From Tscheljabinsk a distance of about 1,280 miles is now being used for traffic, and the favorable effect of the railway upon industry and commerce is already perceptible. The towns along the line increase in size and number of inhabitants, and the imports already comprise articles which were previously unknown. In the principal streets of Tomsk electric light has been, or is just about to be, adopted, and the journey from Moscow to Tomsk can now be compassed in eight days.

The Germans are pushing their commercial enterprises into all parts of the world, much to the annoyance of British investors, who up to this time, have seemed to have a monopoly of the trade and enterprise of the world. Not only is German money being invested in enterprises in South America, but the German companies are obtaining valuable concessions in Asia, especially Persia. One German has obtained a concession of seventy-five years for the construction of a railway between Teheran and Bagdad. The same interests have secured for ninety years the right to establish electric or steam railways between Teheran and villages north of it. The rapid progress of the Germans in Persia is further indicated by the establishment of a steamboat service between Bremen and Bushire, on the Persian gulf. A German bank has also been established at Bushire.

KILLED HIS FRIEND

DEATH BLOW DEALT IN A MOMENT'S PASSION.

W. W. Harrison Kills Frances M. Ector Over a Game of Cards—Both Parties Prominent—Texas Populists Oppose the Indorsement of Bryan.

Jacksonville, Fla., July 20.—In a moment of passion, caused by a dispute over a game of cards, W. W. Harrison, auditor of the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West railroad, dealt a death blow to Francis M. Ector, assistant auditor of the same road. The tragedy occurred Saturday night in the reading room of the Arlington hotel, where the two men boarded. Ector and Harrison were warm friends and nearly every evening played cards in the reading room of their hotel. Harrison struck his friend over the head with a heavy chair. Ector fell unconscious and died at 5 o'clock this morning.

Ector was a native of Atlanta, Ga., and well known in railroad circles, having been auditor of the Richmond and Danville road for a long time. He owned property in Atlanta worth \$100,000.

Harrison is a son of Chief Justice Harrison of Alabama. His also's grief is pitiable and his friends are watching him closely. It is said that he will not be prosecuted.

Refuse to Indorse Bryan.

Dallas, Texas, July 20.—About thirty of the populist delegates to the St. Louis convention caucused here this afternoon. Taylor McRae in the chair, M. C. Granbury secretary, and adopt the following:

Whereas, believing that in union there is strength and in division weakness and decay; and

Whereas, a momentous crisis, in which lies danger, is fast drawing near, when in convention assembled a party whose principles of truth, justice and right; wise counsellors or men of unimpeachable integrity, whose interests are with us, whose supporters are the bone and sinew of this government and are yet the down-trodden and suppressed, will be called upon to announce anew to the people of these United States in particular and to the world in general, the principles which shall be advocated by the people's party; and

Whereas, we believe that in the National convention about to convene in the city of St. Louis, we will be surrounded by the vile influences of the political political betrayers of our former confidences, the representatives of the democratic party, in their efforts to secure at its hands an indorsement of William J. Bryan, the democratic candidate for president, nominated at Chicago, on an attempted imitation of a populist platform; and

Whereas, believing in a firm allegiance to the principles of our party and believing that a compromise, either by indorsement or otherwise, with any other party in our National convention may tend to seriously affect the certainty of the election of our National ticket and in many instances the ticket in several Southern States; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, a number of the delegates to the National convention from all sections of Texas in caucus assembled in the city of Dallas, do most earnestly and sincerely request the delegates from this State and the leaders in particular to use all means against any and all resolutions or motions of whatever kind and character which may lead to the nomination or indorsement of W. J. Bryan or the platform which he is called upon to support; be it further

Resolved, That we favor the nomination of a National ticket at St. Louis and the re-adoption of the principles contained in the Omaha platform.

Details Completed.

Boston, July 20.—The details of the funeral of ex-Governor Russell have been completed. By order of Lieutenant Governor Wolcott details of the first corps of cadets and two companies of militia will be present as a guard of honor, but they will not attend the funeral. The body will lie in state in the rotunda of the city hall, Cambridge, from 12 until 3 o'clock. It will then be taken under escort of ten of Governor Russell's classmates at Harvard college to the Sheppard Memorial church, where the funeral services will be held.

Fatal Runaway Accident.

Hemphill, Texas, July 20.—About three weeks ago Mr. S. H. McGown and others were on their way to the river on a fishing tour. While going down a hill the wagon bed slipped forward and frightened the mules and they ran away. Mr. McGown undertook to jump from the wagon and was thrown on his head. His skull was thought to be fractured, but upon examination it was found to have parted at the seam in front. Mr. McGown died yesterday, after many days of delirium and suffering.

Mormons to Organize.

Vanceburg, Ky., July 20.—The West Virginia conference of the Mormon church, which embraces also Eastern Kentucky, begins July 31, continuing until August 3. Forty elders will be present. Elias Kimball, president of the Southern missions of the church, will preside. Vanceburg has been selected because the church has been accorded more toleration here than at any other place.

Several churches in this and adjoining counties will be organized immediately after the conference.

Unit For Bryan.

St. Louis, July 21.—Some members of the Nebraska delegation, among them Senator Allen, yesterday prepared the following statement: "The Nebraska delegation is a unit for Bryan. They know him well. His life has been a fulfillment rather than a mere promise. We know his high character and eminent fitness for the office of president. He is our neighbor, and we are not deceived in him. If elected he will be the greatest man that has occupied the White House since the days of Lincoln, and in his broad and genuine sympathy for the masses he more nearly resembles Mr. Lincoln than any public man we can recall. The nomination of a third ticket would be the exact equivalent of a genuine indorsement of McKinley, the single gold standard, an abominably high tariff tax, gold bond issues and a perpetual national debt for the next four years; and possibly for all time. If elected president, Bryan will know no democrat, no populist, no republican. There will be no stepchildren in his political family. All who have been with the great reform forces in the fight will be on an equal footing. He will be the people's president. Nebraska is for Bryan."

This enthusiastic statement, coming from populists in Bryan's own state, has attracted much attention. The Nebraska delegation is thoroughly organized and doing missionary work among the "middle of the road" populists.

"We want to show them," said Senator Allen, "where the middle of the road is."

Between Money and Men.

New York, July 21.—Former State Senator John G. Boyd of the Citizens' Alliance said: "We have always opposed trusts and monopolies. In this fight we are for Bryan against McKinley. Our executive committee has unanimously ratified the ticket and platform. The sound money people are people connected with corporations, trusts and combinations of grasping wealth. It is the fight between the idle wealthy and honest toilers. In my opinion the Bryan ticket will keep Hanna and his crowd busy in this state. Whenever a millionaire democrat jumps over to McKinley a republican farmer and a republican workman declare for Bryan. I was really astounded at the growing sentiment in favor of silver. If the election was held for next Tuesday, McKinley would be badly beaten, and unless there is a change in the situation he will never be president."

A Populist For Second Place.

St. Louis, July 21.—The populist leaders are making strenuous efforts to arrange a compromise which will prevent a bolt by either faction. It develops today that a meeting of the leaders of all factions was held Sunday night and continued in session until 2 o'clock yesterday morning, at which it was agreed to recommend as a compromise that Mr. Bryan is to be indorsed by the populist convention, but that a new man, coming from the South, should be put on the ticket for vice president.

The arrangement provides for the indorsement of the democratic platform so far as it is populist, and for its repudiation when it departs from the populist faith.

Among others present at the meeting were Chairman Taubeneck, Secretary Turner, Messrs. Rankin and Washburne of the national committee, and Ignatius Donnelly. The plan suggested has been canvassed more or less among the various delegations, and appears to be meeting with favor.

Three Texans Pardoned.

Washington, July 21.—The president today commuted to imprisonment for life the death sentence imposed upon three Texans—John C. Bell, Tom Davis and Taylor Hickman. They were to be hanged September 4 at Paris.

In the case of Bell, the president says that while he has been twice convicted of murder, the judge and the district attorney both urge the commutation on the ground of the youth of the convict and for other cogent reasons. Davis and Hickman are full-blooded Indian boys of 15 and 13 years respectively, without any appreciation of the enormity of the brutal and cold-blooded homicide committed by them, and in their cases, also, the judge and district attorney strongly urge the commutation.

It Will Be Butler.

St. Louis, July 21.—The name of Senator Butler of North Carolina was sprung in the executive committee for the first time for temporary chairmanship and was received with much favor. His selection would be especially acceptable to the Southern delegates. Other names mentioned are those of General Weaver and "Cyclone" Davis of Texas. The selection will be made by the national committee. An influential member of the committee tonight predicted that the choice would fall on Butler.

Populists Appeal to Bryan.

Kansas City, Mo., July 21.—While en route to the national populist convention the California delegation, thirty-nine strong, last night issued on open letter to the democratic presidential nominee, William J. Bryan, urging him to go before the country as the nominee of the populist party. The letter was composed and dispatched while the delegation was waiting for its train for St. Louis. Dr. D. G. Daywalt of San Francisco being chosen secretary and instructed to write it.

It would be interesting to learn what Mr. George Pullman thinks now of Prince Isenburg-Birstein, who so nearly married his daughter. The cable tells us that the prince is being sued for \$25,000 by a man to whom he promised that sum if he could negotiate a match between himself and his present wife, an American girl, formerly Miss Lewis. As a matter of fact the prince has money enough, providing he married within his station, but if he made a messalliance he has nothing, consequently if he married an American at all she must be rich.

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MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

INSURGENTS DYNAMITE A TRAIN NEAR PUERTO PRINCIPE.

Two of the Passengers Were Killed, Also Eight Soldiers Who Were on Guard. Others Were Wounded—Fighting With Serious Loss to the Insurgents.

Havana, July 20.—Impelled by rumors that insurgents would attempt to dynamite trains in Puerto Principe, the railroad administrator on the 13th ordered Miguel Torres, an engineer, to take out a mixed train running at a moderate rate of speed, and in case of a mishap to avoid a catastrophe as far as possible. About fifty-five kilometers out the fireman said to the engineer: "Did you see a horseman pass the line?" The latter answered, "Yes," and shortened the speed of the train. About 200 meters beyond two dynamite shells exploded, destroying the first and third-class cars. The explosion occurred just beneath the passengers and two of them were killed. A corporal was hurled by the explosion to a great distance and eight soldiers who were on guard at the door were killed and wounded, among them Puerto Principe. The insurgent leaders, Enrique Collazo and Rego from Santa Clara, have arrived in Puerto Principe.

Guaymas, who has been moving about Sagua is now near Santo Domingo. The professor and secretary of the faculty of pharmacy in the university have been imprisoned for conspiracy.

Lieut. Garcia of the Cienfuegos guerrillas has been killed in an insurgent ambush.

Gen. Bernal with the Wardraa battalion has met the bands of Varona, Gallo and Yubera 2000 strong in Martin Garcia, Pinar del Rio. Hot fighting ensued, the positions changed and the insurgents being dislodged after forty-five minutes.

The insurgent line was an extensive one and their retreating troops kept up a continuous volley with Mauser rifles. The insurgents were overtaken by the cavalry and the infantry kept up the pursuit all day, burning many huts. The insurgents left forty one killed and carried off sixty wounded. The insurgent leader Perez was one of the killed, as well as three insurgent majors and several other officers. The troops had four killed and eighteen wounded.

Colonial Scandal

Berlin, July 20.—Another colonial scandal is on the point of exploding. Herr von Puttkamer, governor of the German Cameroons, is accused of having committed many acts of inhumanity and cruelty similar to those alleged against Whelan and Leist, and for which these officials were ordered to be dismissed from the colonial service. Von Puttkamer's accusers are Von Stettin, late vice governor, and Goebbels, the same British journalist who exposed the abuses in the Cameroons under Whelan and Leist. A large number of affidavits of eye-witnesses and victims of Von Puttkamer's brutality, with the strongest of corroborative evidence, are now in possession of a German paper, and will soon be published. The evidence is so strong that it will be impossible to evade an official investigation. Von Puttkamer, who was appointed to his office only eleven months ago, is accused of having committed the most horrible atrocities upon both male and female natives of the Cameroons, of wife excesses and of financial speculation of a shady character. Rumors of this have been current in colonial circles for some time. Additional evidence is in the hands of two members of the left, and it will be laid before the Reichstag when that body reassembles, in the form of an interpellation of the government.

Killed at Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Fla., July 20.—In a moment of passion, caused by a dispute over a game of cards, W. W. Haralson, auditor of the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West railroad, dealt a death-blow to Francis M. Ector, assistant auditor of the same road. The tragedy occurred Saturday night, in the reading room of the Arlington hotel, where the two men boarded. Ector and Haralson were warm friends, and nearly every evening played cards in the reading room of their hotel.

Haralson struck his friend over the head with a heavy chair. Ector fell unconscious, and died at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. Ector was a native of Atlanta, Ga., and well known in railroad circles, having been auditor of the Richmond and Danville road for a long time. He owned property in Atlanta worth \$100,000. Haralson is a son of Justice Haralson, of Alabama. Haralson's grief is pitiable, and his friends are watching him closely. It is said that he would not be prosecuted.

The Kolapere cup has been won by Canadian riflemen at the tournament at Bixley, England.

Poor Condition of Fruit.

Washington, July 20.—Generally poor condition of fruit throughout the country is announced in the agricultural department report just published. Apples declined in condition from 71 to 64.6 during June. Prospects for excellent crops still continue in New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Iowa. Conditions are also very fair in Nebraska and several of the mountain states in other parts of the country the condition of the crop is far below the average, being the lowest in the Atlantic coast states, where percentages are generally below 50. In the Ohio valley and certain of the western states not yet referred to, the figures are higher, but nowhere above 67 was the percentage returned for Illinois and Missouri.

The peach crop promises to be of medium proportions. During the past month a fall of 42.9 points was taken, leaving the general average 55.8. Good crops are expected in Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky Missouri and Kansas. The crop has suffered considerably in California as is shown by a condition of 75, which is lower than any July condition in that state since 1890. In New Jersey the fruit is falling badly. The Connecticut orchards promise very little fruit, and in Pennsylvania the condition is no better than in New Jersey, standing at 52.

Guarded in the Pen.

Little Rock, Ark., July 20.—Investigation of the police records of this city show that Uriah Mills and Garrett Williams, two of the suspects lodged in the penitentiary here Saturday night to keep them from the hands of the maddened citizens of Malvern, were given orders by Police Judge Wilson to "put their freight" from Little Rock last Thursday morning. Eugene Ingram, the third suspect, brought in with Williams and Mills, is known to the police here, and all three are known to have left here on a south-bound freight Thursday night. No additional facts could be elicited in an interview with the prisoners yesterday, only the negro, Williams, says he will get out of the trouble when they are brought to trial. No new arrests were made at Malvern yesterday and a telephonic conversation with the office there tonight says that things are quiet. The woods west of Malvern are still on fire and much apprehension is felt by the farmers for their homes and property. One of the suspects was made way with yesterday. If those now in the penitentiary here can be believed, but the prisoners decline to furnish any additional facts on the subject, preferring to sit until their trial, which will take place at Malvern early in the week.

News from Honolulu.

San Francisco, Cal., July 20.—The steamship China arrived from Yokohama and Honolulu yesterday, bringing the following news:

Capt. John Good who has been in charge of one of the governmental military companies since the overthrow of the monarchy, was deprived of his sword this morning and placed under arrest by order of Col. McLean. For some time there has been friction between Good and his superior officers and the arrest is the result. Minister Cooper will not give the exact reason for the arrest, but it is understood that Good refuses to obey orders. Other grave charges are hinted at, said to have been preferred by Lieut. Coyne of Good's company. Good took a prominent part in the 1893 revolution.

Mexican Matters.

Mexico City, July 20.—Many states which had not anticipated by legislation the need of providing revenue when the interstate taxes should be formally declared unconstitutional are now floundering in a sea of trouble and are enacting burdensome and unscientific tax laws which bear hard on trade. Mexican statesmen regard this confusion as due to the embarrassment of local governments and a lack of competent men to frame fiscal legislation. It is believed that within a short period the obnoxious laws will be repealed and wiser methods prevail. Some large state like Jalisco and Puebla, which got rid of the interstate customhouses long ago, are entirely tranquil, requiring no new taxes, and their methods are likely to become examples for all the rest.

Answer to British Argument.

Washington, July 20.—An important contribution to the literature on the subject of the Venezuela boundary dispute has just been completed, and will be made public in this country as well as Great Britain within a day or two. This addition consists of an elaborate brief drawn by Mr. Starrow, a Boston lawyer of high repute, who has been connected with Mr. Scruggs in the capacity of counsel for the government of Venezuela before the boundary commission. The document is an answer to that portion of the British blue book which was prefaced by eminent counsel engaged by the foreign office to summarize the whole work.

COMING TO A HEAD

FIGHT STILL ON IN THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

There is a Belief that the Deadlock Will be Broken, but in Whose Favor it is Not Known—Interest in the Proceedings Dying Out.

Henrietta, Tex., July 20.—It was long past midnight before the various delegates retired. It was at a late hour yesterday morning when they arose. It seemed by common consent that all animosity engendered during the past week was laid aside for the day. But little is heard pro or con touching the bitter contest now on. All seemed to be resting with a view to re-engaging in the battle on the morrow with greater zeal. True, some caucusing has been done and some work of compromise has resulted.

It is now almost a certainty that Allen, of Wise, will be withdrawn today early in the session. Much speculation is indulged in as to where this vote will go. Friends of the other candidates all claim it. The delegates themselves, however, will not speak of a second choice. Fully one-half of the Wise delegation returned home yesterday, stating prior to departure that they were done so far as they were concerned.

Another element will be injected into the convention to-day in the shape of the presentation of the name of Judge D. A. Holman, of Seymour, as a candidate for the nomination. Thus far the vote originally instructed for him has been cast for others and of course his candidacy will lessen their chances.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon all counties in the district were represented. Cottle has arrived and is for Pierson, consequently his vote on the first ballot to-day will be 45.

As stated last night, there was much talk current concerning the move to reconsider the vote of which the majority report of the committee on basis of representation was adopted. Chairman Coleman, however, states that it will necessitate a two-thirds vote of the convention to do this and hence it is readily apparent that this cannot be done, especially with the convention voting upon the proposition under the new basis.

There was little of interest in the contest yesterday. There are no indications of a break apparent, other than as above stated in the matter of Wise county. Still there are those who openly say a nomination will be made before 12 o'clock to-day. Such may be the case, but little now exists to indicate it.

A Shooting Scrape.

Dallas, Tex., July 20.—At 3 o'clock yesterday morning, on Commerce street, between Erway and Akard streets, Charles Wright and Lee Fleming, both colored, quarreled, and Fleming shot five times at Wright. Wright was shot in the right side, right arm and in the left heel. The friends of Wright removed him to his home and Fleming proceeded at once to the county jail and surrendered. Physicians diagnosed Wright's case, and found that a broken arm was the worst injury he had received. The wounded man will recover. A woman was the cause of the trouble between Wright and Fleming.

Prisoners Off to the Pen.

Panama, Tex., July 20.—Fifty-five federal prisoners were sent to the United States prison at Columbus, O., Saturday over the Texas and Pacific and the Katy, via Belva, in charge of twenty guards. This constituted the last batch of prisoners convicted at the last term of the United States court held here. Mrs. Isabella Capps, a white lady, convicted of manslaughter, was among the number.

Large Peach Shipment.

Jacksonville, Tex., July 20.—Peach shipments from here for July up to date have been thirty-six solid cars, besides what has been shipped by express, a gain of twenty-one cars over the same month and date last year. The largest shipment that has been made in one day was last Monday, which was five cars.

Kicked by a Mule.

Kaufman, Tex., July 20.—Last Friday evening W. J. Brawley was kicked by a mule in a fearful manner. The left jawbone is badly shattered, and a severe kick on the collar bone and breast came near killing him. Mr. Brawley is a farmer, and lives in Kaufman. Physicians say he will probably recover.

Woman Cut and Killed.

Allen Farm, Tex., July 20.—At a dance given by the negroes here Saturday night, Mary Smith, of Navasota, cut and killed Rena Vaughan. She was out with a knife, and died in five minutes. Judge Pools held an inquest and rendered a verdict accordingly. Mary was arrested and carried to the Bryan jail.

Arbitration Tribunal.

Washington, July 18.—The correspondence which has passed between the governments of the United States and Great Britain, respecting the establishment of a general system of arbitration for the settlement of any disputes which might arise between the two countries, and also for the settlement by arbitration of the dispute over the Venezuelan boundary, has been made public in the shape of an even dozen letters which have been exchanged between Secretary Olney, Lord Salisbury, Sir Julian Pomefote and Ambassador Bayard. The correspondence is of great interest, as making a sensible advance toward the adoption of the two English speaking nations of the principle of arbitration as the means of settling disputes between themselves, but the persons who have looked forward with hope and expectancy to the speedy conclusion of treaties embodying the arbitration principle for the settlement of either or both of the two great open issues between the two nations are doomed to disappointment, for at the date of the exchange of the last notes from Secretary Olney to the British ambassador here, dated within the month past, he points out the most vital nature in the case, not only of the Venezuelan question specifically, but of the general arbitration proposition, as if it were still the subject of discussion without much expectancy of an early adjustment.

The notable feature of the correspondence is the fact that whereas, Mr. Bayard was instructed by Secretary Olney as to proposed negotiations at Washington respecting the Venezuelan boundary dispute, Lord Salisbury broadened it into a general arbitration scheme, following a lead set by the late Secretary Gresham in the spring of 1895. Secretary Olney later insisted upon disassociating the two subjects, evidently fearing an entangling alliance otherwise. As to general arbitration, the issues which will prevent an agreement are the indisposition of the British government to include territorial disputes save with the addition of provisions which, in the estimation of Secretary Olney, will render the attempt at arbitration nugatory because there is no means of making the findings of the arbitrators binding upon the parties or of removing from them the possibility of infinite appeals. As to the Venezuelan matter specifically, the difficulty that can not be overcome is the refusal of the British government to submit to the action of arbitration the territory upon which British subjects have actually settled.

"Imitation arbitration" is what Secretary Olney designates Lord Salisbury's project, while the British premier criticizes Secretary Olney's plan as calculated to result in evils worse than war.

Joe Sayer's Views.

Austin, Texas, July 18.—Hon. Joseph D. Sayers was at the Hotel Salge yesterday on his way to McNeil, where he speaks today. He doesn't think the populists will endorse Bryan at St. Louis. The republicans won't let them, no matter how much it costs to prevent it. He is satisfied with the National platform and will stand on and defend it. As to the National ticket's chances of success he thinks they depend to a large extent upon how Indiana and Ohio go. The independent sound money ticket proposition will not meet with much favor, but if such a ticket is finally nominated it will not, in his opinion, cut much figure in the campaign.

May Be Disappointed.

Austin, Texas, July 18.—It is learned on pretty good authority that if Judge Makemson is basing his hopes of being elected to congress on Hardyite support he will be disappointed. It was intimated to leading spirits in the Hardy convention held here last month that if Judge Makemson was endorsed by them the national republican organization might be induced to furnish financial assistance for the campaign, but the bait was rejected. A few individual Hardyites may vote against Joe Sayers and for the Georgetown statesman if the latter runs, but, collectively speaking, the Hardy people will not go to him.

Simmons Back in Jail.

San Angelo, Texas, July 18.—Will Simmons, the prisoner who escaped from the Ballinger jail on June 27 and was arrested at Kerrville last week, for whose capture a reward of \$400 was paid, Governor Culberson paying \$300, was brought to San Angelo last night and landed in jail for safe keeping. Simmons has been convicted and sentenced to fifty years imprisonment, charged with murder, and is awaiting an appeal to the criminal court for a new trial before transported to Huntsville.

Republican Mass Meeting.

Raeleigh, N. C., July 18.—Last night Senator Butler, who was slated for temporary chairman of the St. Louis convention, was in conference with Senator Pritchard and other prominent republicans. It is reported that a deal was made whereby there will be fusion between the republicans and populists on the state ticket, and Butler will be allowed to name the eleven electors in case he secures the nomination of an independent populist ticket at St. Louis. Mr. Butler declined to be interviewed. Mr. Pritchard said he thought there would be fusion in the state.

TEXAS

The governor to the ward of \$100 for the ar. Lockett, who is charged with his wife in Austin county a since.

The work of removing the courthouses at Amarillo, Potter county, from the old town to the modern is satisfactorily progressing, and will be completed in October.

Neely Ball, one of the Collingsworth prisoners who has been in the Hall county jail for safe-keeping serving out a nine months imprisonment for the whipping of Rev. G. M. Lampkin, made his escape recently.

It is believed that both white and colored men participated in the outrage. Sheriff Baker went to the scene of the outrage again and is doing all he can to ascertain all about it in order that the facts may be laid before the grand jury.

Chas. Smith, colored, was burned to death in a house near Cameron, Milam county, yesterday afternoon. He was working out a fine on the plantation of R. L. Batts, and stated at noon that he was sick. The supposition is that he tried to burn out of the building called the jail and was unable to get out before the building fell in. He was burned to a crisp.

At Hearne, Robertson county, some person unknown, and for what reason is unknown, on the night of the sixth reached through a window and cut off the long hair from the head of Mrs. William Matthews' little 12-year-old daughter. Tracks were found in the yard and were followed, but the deed has not been traced to a certain source as yet.

Charlie Kampfenkel, the 18-year-old son of a prosperous German farmer living near Runge, Karnes county, accidentally shot himself through the hand the other day with a target gun. Fortunately the ball passed through without breaking any bones and lodged just beneath the skin on the back of the hand. The ball was cut out and the wound is healing.

The Griffith Lumber Company of Texas, doing business at Magnolia, Anderson county, Texas, eight miles east of Conroe, executed a trust deed to D. C. Sharp, as trustee, with assets on open account, \$1292.50, pine lumber, 1,250,000 feet, with all the fixtures to mill and planer or pertaining to the operation of a saw mill, with teams, etc., with liabilities aggregating between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Col. Charles Hamilton, vice-president and general manager of the Texas Central, narrowly escaped a painful death the other day. He was on his way to his desk when the electric rotary fan fell and crushed the chair he was about to take. It is a heavy metal machine and was going at a high rate when it came down, spinning as it fell and drilled the thick oak chair like a steam driven augur. No one was hurt.

W. L. R. Dickson, a prominent merchant and banker of Childress, Childress county, known throughout the panhandle, was struck by lightning and instantly killed the other morning. It appears that he was just entering his barn door when the barn was struck and set on fire, which attracted some parties near by, who, on arriving at the barn, found him lying on the ground unconscious. He died in a few minutes.

Somebody started the story that twenty-one dead infants had been found in cleaning out the city reservoir at Denton, Denton county, from which the city gets its water supply. For a while the story caused some excitement, but, on investigation, the matter proved to be simply a hoax which some one had started for fun. The people were greatly relieved when they discovered that the story was without foundation.

Acting Gov. Jester has issued a proclamation establishing a quarantine line around Jones county on account of splenic fever, and a proclamation against certain herds in Fisher and Knox counties.

Ed Cochran was arrested the other night, at Denton, Denton county, charged with stabbing his step-father, Charles Leach, near Mings. Leach was stabbed in several places, the most dangerous of which were in the head, side and through the wrist. It is thought his wounds are serious, but not necessarily fatal.

A heavy rain fell at San Angelo, Tom Green county, the other day. This rain is the salvation of western Texas. It will greatly benefit forage, cotton and grain crops and put out an abundance of surface water, not to speak of the benefit to grass.

President Voss and the stockholders of the electric railway of Hillsboro, Hill county, gave a banquet at the eastern terminus of the railway last night to the mayor, city council, city officers and their wives, together with a number of invited guests.

SISTER ROSE.

A STORY OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

BY WILKIE COLLINS.

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CHAPTER XIX.—(CONTINUED.)

"And in excellent health, except that she is subject now and then to nervous attacks, having evidently, as I believe, been struck with some dreadful fright—most likely during that accursed time of the Terror, for they came from Paris—you don't drink, honest man! Why don't you drink? Very, very pretty in a pale way; figure perhaps too thin—let me pour it out for you—but an angel of gentleness, and attached in such a touching way to the citizen Maurice—"

"Citizen hostess! will you, or will you not, tell me where they live?"

"You droll little man! why did you not ask me that before, if you wanted to know? Finish your wine and come to the door. There's your change, and thank you for your custom, though it isn't much. Come to the door, I say, and don't interrupt me! You're an old man—can you see forty yards before you?—Yea, you can? Don't be peevish; that never did anybody any good yet. Now look back along the road where I am pointing. You see a large heap of stones? On the other side of the heap of stones there is a little path—you can't see that, but you can remember what I tell you? Good. You go down the path till you get to a stream; down the stream till you get to a bridge; down the other bank of the stream (after crossing the bridge) till you get to an old water-mill—a jewel of a water-mill! famous for miles around; artists from the four quarters of the globe are always coming to sketch it! Ah! what, you are getting peevish again? You won't wait? Impatient old man, what a life your wife must lead, if you have got one! Remember the bridge! Ah! your poor wife and children. I pity them, your daughters especially. Pat! pat! Remember the bridge—peevish old man, remember the bridge!"

Walking as fast as he could out of hearing of the Widow Duval's tongue, Lomaque took the path by the heap of stones which led out to the high road, crossed the stream, and arrived at the old water-mill. Close by it stood a cottage—a rough, simple building, with a strip of garden in front. Lomaque's observant eyes marked the graceful arrangement of the flower beds, and the delicate whiteness of the curtains that hung behind the badly-glazed narrow windows. "This must be the place," he said to himself, as he knocked at the door with his stick. "I can see the traces of her hand before I cross the threshold."

The door opened. "Pray, does the citizen Maurice?"—Lomaque began, not seeing clearly, for the first moment, in the dark little passage.

Before he could say any more his hand was grasped, his carpet bag was taken from him, and a well-known voice cried: "Welcome! a thousand times welcome at last! Citizen Maurice is not at home; but Louis Trudaine takes his place, and is overjoyed to see once more the best and dearest of his friends!"

"I hardly know you again! How you are altered for the better!" exclaimed Lomaque, as they entered the parlor of the cottage.

"Remember that you see me after a long freedom from anxiety. Since I have lived here, I have gone to rest at night, and have not been afraid of the morning," replied Trudaine. He went out into the passage while he spoke, and called at the foot of the one flight of stairs which the cottage possessed. "Rose! Rose! come down! The friend whom you most wished to see has arrived at last!"

She answered the summons immediately. The frank friendly warmth of her greeting; her resolute determination, after the first inquiries were over, to help the guest to take off his upper coat with her own hands, so confused and delighted Lomaque, that he hardly knew which way to turn, or what to say.

"This is even more trying, in a pleasant way, to a lonely old fellow like me—he was about to add, "than the unexpected civility of the hot cup of coffee years ago" but remembering what recollections even that trifling circumstance might recall, he checked himself.

"More trying than what?" asked Rose, leading him to a chair.

"Ah! I forget. I am in a dotage already!" he answered, confusedly. "I have not got used just yet to the pleasure of seeing your kind face again."

CHAPTER XX.

IT WAS indeed a pleasure to look at that face now, after Lomaque's last experience of it. Three years of repose, though they had not restored to Rose those youthful attractions which she had lost forever in the days of the Terror, had not passed without leav-

ing kindly outward traces of their healing progress. Though the girlish roundness had not returned to her cheeks, or the girlish delicacy of color to her complexion, her eyes had recovered much of their old softness, and her expression all of its old winning charm. What was left of latent sadness in her face, and of significant quietness in her manner, remained gently and harmlessly—remained rather to show what had been once than what was now.

When they were all seated, there was, however, something like a momentary return to the suspense and anxiety of past days in their faces, as Trudaine, looking earnestly at Lomaque, asked—"Do you bring any news from Paris?"

"None," he replied; "but excellent news, instead, from Rouen. I have heard, accidentally, through the employer whom I have been serving since we parted, that your old house by the river side is to let again."

Rose started from her chair. "Oh! Louis, if we could only live there once more! My flower-garden?" she continued, turning to Lomaque.

"Cultivated throughout," he answered, "by the late proprietor."

"And the laboratory?" added her brother.

"Left standing," said Lomaque. "Here is a letter with all the particulars. You may depend upon them, for the writer is the person charged with the letting of the house."

Trudaine looked over the letter eagerly.

"The price is not beyond our means," he said. "After our three years' economy here we can afford to give something for a great pleasure."

"Oh! what a day of happiness it will be when we go home again!" cried Rose. "Pray, write to your friend at once," she added, addressing Lomaque, "and say we take the house, before any one else is beforehand with us!"

He nodded; and folding up the letter mechanically in the old official form, made a note on it in the old official manner. Trudaine observed the action, and felt its association with past times of trouble and terror. His face grew grave again, as he said to Lomaque, "And is this good news really all the news of importance you have to tell us?"

Lomaque hesitated and fidgeted in his chair. "What other news I have will well bear keeping," he replied. "There are many questions I should like to ask first, about your sister and yourself. Do you mind allowing me to refer for a moment to the time when we last met?"

He addressed this inquiry to Rose, who answered in the negative; but her voice seemed to alter, even in saying the one word "No." She turned her head away when she spoke; and Lomaque noticed that her hands trembled as she took up some work lying on a table near, and hurriedly occupied herself with it.

"We speak as little about that time as possible," said Trudaine looking significantly towards his sister; "but we have some questions to ask you in our turn; so the allusion, for this once, is inevitable. Your sudden disappearance at the very crisis of that terrible time of danger has not yet been fully explained to us. The one short note which you left behind you helped us to guess at what had happened rather than to understand it."

"I can easily explain it now," answered Lomaque. "The sudden overthrow of the Reign of Terror which was salvation to you, was destruction to me. The new republican reign was a reign of mercy, except for the tail of Robespierre, as the phrase ran then. Every man who had been so wicked or so unfortunate as to be involved, even in the meanest capacity, with the machinery of the government of Terror, was threatened, and justly, with the fate of Robespierre. I among others fell under this menace of death. I deserved to die, and should have resigned myself to the guillotine, but for you. From the course taken by public events, I knew you would be saved; and although your safety was the work of circumstances, still I had a hand in rendering it possible at the outset; and a yearning came over me to behold you both free again with my own eyes—a selfish yearning to see, in you, a living, breathing, real result of the one good impulse of my heart which I could look back on with satisfaction. The desire gave me a new interest in life. I resolved to escape death, if it were possible. For ten days I lay hidden in Paris. After that—thanks to certain scraps of useful knowledge which my experience in the office of secret police had given me—I succeeded in getting clear of Paris and in making my way safely to Switzerland. The rest of my story is so short, and so soon told, that one relation I knew of in the world to apply to, was a cousin of mine (whom I had never seen before), established as

a silk-mercer at Berne. I threw myself on this man's mercy. He discovered that I was likely, with my business habits, to be of some use to him, and he took me into his house. I worked for what he pleased to give me; traveled about for him in Switzerland; deserved his confidence, and won it. Till within the last few months I remained with him, and only left my employment to enter, by my master's own desire, the house of his brother, established also as a silk-mercer, at Chalons-sur-Marne. In the counting house of this merchant I am corresponding clerk; and am only able to come and see you now, by offering to undertake a special business mission for my employer at Paris. It is drudgery, at my time of life, after all I have gone through—but my hard work is innocent work. I am not obliged to cringe for every crown-piece I put in my pocket—not bound to denounce, deceive, and dog to death other men, before I can earn my bread, and scrape together money enough to bury me. I am ending a bad, base life harmlessly at last. It is a poor thing to do, but it is something done—and even that contents a man of my age. In short, I am happier than I used to be, or at least less ashamed when I look people like you in the face."

"Hush! hush!" interrupted Rose, laying her hand on his arm. "I cannot allow you to talk of yourself in that way, even in jest."

"I was speaking in earnest," answered Lomaque, quietly; "but I won't weary you with any more words about myself. My story is told."

"All?" asked Trudaine. He looked searchingly, almost suspiciously, at Lomaque, as he put the question. "All?" he repeated. "Yours is a short story, my good friend! Perhaps you have forgotten some of it?"

Again Lomaque fidgeted and hesitated.

"Is it not a little hard on an old man to be always asking questions of him, and never answering one of his inquiries in return?" he said to Rose, very gaily as to manner, but rather uneasily as to look.

"He will not speak out till we two are alone," thought Trudaine. "It is best to risk nothing, and to humor him."

"Come, come," he said aloud, "no grumbling. I admit that it is your turn to hear our story now; and I will do my best to gratify you. But before I begin," he added, turning to his sister, "let me suggest, Rose, that if you have any household matters to settle upstairs—"

"I know what you mean," she interrupted, hurriedly taking up the work which during the last few minutes she had allowed to drop into her lap; "but I am stronger than you think; I can face the worst of our recollections composedly. Go on, Louis; pray go on—I am quite fit to stop and hear you."

"You know what we suffered in the first days of our suspense, after the success of your stratagem," said Trudaine, turning to Lomaque. "I think it was on the evening after we had seen you for the last time at St. Lazare, that strange confused rumors of an impending convulsion in Paris first penetrated within our prison walls. During the next few days the faces of our gaolers were enough to show us that those rumors were true, and that the Reign of Terror was actually threatened with overthrow at the hands of the Moderate Party. We had hardly time to hope everything from this blessed change, before the tremendous news of Robespierre's attempted suicide, then of his condemnation and execution, reached us. The confusion produced in the prison was beyond all description. The accused who had been tried and the accused who had not been tried got mingled together. From the day of Robespierre's arrest, no orders came to the authorities, no death lists reached the prison. The gaolers, terrified by rumors that the lowest accomplices of the tyrant would be held responsible, and be condemned with him, made no attempt to maintain order. Some of them—that humpbacked man among the rest—deserted their duties altogether. The disorganization was so complete, that when the commissioners from the new government came to St. Lazare, some of us were actually half starving from want of the bare necessities of life. To inquire separately into our cases was found to be impossible. Sometimes the necessary papers were lost; sometimes what documents remained were incomprehensible to the new commissioners. They were obliged, at last, to make short work of it by calling us up before them in dozens. Tried or not tried, we had all been arrested by the tyrant, had all been accused of conspiracy against him, and were all ready to hail the new government as the salvation of France. In nine cases out of ten, our best claim to be discharged was derived from these circumstances."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Chinese and Cockroaches.

Cockroaches are never willingly slain by Chinamen. They consider them sacred insects, and think it portends ill-luck to step on them. As they never make any effort to exterminate them, the Chinese quarters are usually overrun with these pests.

IN A DESERT TOWN.

ARAUAN, A WONDERFUL SPOT ON THE GREAT SAHARA.

It is Nevertheless Uninviting to the European Traveler—The Wells a Hoop to Tourists—Its Queer Inhabitants.



Special Letter.

HIS is a picture of a town which the explorer, Dr. Lenz, describes as "a hell upon earth." It is about 120 miles almost due north of Timbuctoo, in one of the largest sand areas of the Sahara desert. Perhaps there is not another town like it in the world. In a slight depression in this great sand waste about a hundred houses are huddled together. Not a blade of grass grows within many miles. Every pound of food for man or beast must be brought from Timbuctoo. It cannot be called an oasis, for there is not a particle of verdure. Still, it is an important town, because it is richer in water than any other place in the western Sahara. The wells are numerous and some of them are very deep, but the best thing about them is that they are reliable. All caravans know that they are certain to have all the water they want when they reach the town of Arauan.

Many thousands of camels pass every year through Arauan. They rest there after the long desert journey. There are many free negroes in the town, and their chief occupation is to take care of the camels. To the presence of these animals is due one of the greatest plagues of the place, a continual swarm of the most voracious flies. All

APPEARANCES WERE DECEPTIVE

He Could Buy the "Chapple" Twice Over.

Pale and thin was the man's face. Sotted and rent were the veteran clothes that scantily defaced his limbs from the assaults of the wind, says the San Francisco Call. He stood at the curb with his back to the entrance of a fashionable hotel and gazed down at the cobbles of the street. Near the gutter lay a bit of bread. Suddenly he cast his eyes about him and, evidently concluding that he was unobserved, stepped from the curb, snatched up the morsel, moved back again to the sidewalk and began to eat the dirty crust. The action of the pale, thin individual was not unseen by an eye of pity. A well-dressed young man, having witnessed the painful spectacle, was quickly at the side of the assailant of the bread crust.

"For God's sake, man, don't eat that!" cried the new actor on the scene. And while he spoke he fished out a half-dollar piece out of his trousers and offering it in his extended palm, added "This will buy you at least one good meal."

Josh Billings once said that "judging a man by his looks was like judging how far a man can walk in a day by looking at his boots." Looks and actions in this case were deceptive to an amazing degree.

The thin, pale man pushed the last of the bit of bread into his face, then looked straight into the eyes of the man of charitable intent and grinned, and as he grinned he hauled out of a pocket of his pantaloons a fistful of gold tens and twenties, shook them in the other's face and exclaimed in a miserable attempt to be sarcastic at a most inappropriate time and under circumstances that should in decency have forbidden it:

"Save your bits, chapple; I've got enough to buy you twice over."



ARAUAN IN THE SAHARAN SAND WASTE.

day long, says Dr. Lenz, most of the people of Arauan sit in the darkest corners of their houses in order to escape, in some measure, the attacks of these pests. The better class of people do not attempt to leave their houses except early in the morning and after nightfall.

There are other reasons for the seclusion of the people in their dwellings during the day time. Dr. Lenz says he experienced no such intense heat in any other part of the Sahara as in this sand basin. The fierce rays of the tropical sun beat upon these sands with no mitigating influence, and while the sun is high above the horizon most of the people prefer their darkened rooms. Hot sand storms from the south are also frequent and everybody seeks shelter when they come. There is not one of the clay-walled houses of Arauan into which the sand does not find means of entering during the prevalence of these wild wind storms. The blow that Dr. Lenz experienced lasted only a half hour, but before it was over a stratum of sand completely covered the floor, and there was sand in his closed goods boxes and even in his watch. Everybody indoors had his face covered, and yet the finer particles of the sand got under the coverings somehow, and into eyes, ears and mouth and nose.

If a man is caught out in the open when one of these storms occurs there is nothing to do except to wrap up the head with a cloth as tightly as possible, lie flat on one's face, and wait for the thing to blow over. We call this phenomenon a simoon, but that name for it is not known in Arauan.

The town is very unhealthy, because the people are confined to their houses so much of the time, and because their food brought all the way from Timbuctoo is never fresh, often very poor, and sometimes scanty. And yet those never-falling wells make this barren place a haven of rest and refreshment that is greatly prized by the caravans toiling across the desert. There is a converging of a number of the routes from the Mediterranean coast at this spot, and the sheiks, whose people live at Arauan, make a fat income by levying a small tax upon all the goods that are carried through the place and by safe-guarding caravans between Arauan and Timbuctoo, a bit of country where they are likely to meet bands of marauding Tuaregs.

The kind-hearted man retreated in deep embarrassment. The human engima walked off laughing to himself and chewing at his crust. Fiction would not dare create a character like that. It would seem too unreal. How regrettable, then, that the character exists and that the story is true.

A Bird That Shaves.

Man is said to be the only creature that shaves. But this is not so. A South American bird called the "mot-mot" actually begins shaving on arriving at maturity. Naturally adorned with long blue tail feathers, it is not satisfied with them in their natural state, but with its beak nips off the web on each side for a space of about two inches, leaving a neat little oval tuft at the end of each.

Mother's Picture.

Trenton (Ill.) Sun: Young man, carry your mother's picture with you. Bind it to your bosom, and when tempted to do some evil or go to some place of evil concourse, consult that silent monitor. Draw forth and look upon that face. Oh, with what tremendous, restless eloquence it would warn, plead and entreat you to keep back from all evil and inspire you to ascend to the realities of eternity.

Drowned on His Bicycle.

A bicycle drowning accident has taken place in Wales. A fisherman named Conway rode down to lay his lines at low water, but could not keep ahead of the incoming tide. His body was carried out to sea, and his bicycle, found at low tide between two sand banks, was the only mark of what had become of him.

Boat Made from Newspapers.

O. H. Venner, of Bluehill, Maine, claims the distinction of having built from newspapers three years ago what is now said to be the best boat in town. His material was thirty-six thicknesses of newspaper pasted together.

Not Sudden.

He—I love you.
She—Well, it has taken you a long while to say so.—Philadelphia News.

LOCAL NEWS.

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Guns, pistols and all kinds of shooting irons and ammunition to fit at Arledge, Kennedy & Co.

Parties wishing their names on primary ticket, call or send in their names and the fee of 50 cents.

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and first-class. No trash advertised this week. Everything guaranteed not to fade. We wish to call your attention to a few sailor hats for little girls and boys that were sold for 50c, now 25c each; those sold for 25c, now 15c each. Straw hats for men that we sold for 25c, now 15c each; those sold for 50c, now sold at 25c each, and on to the finest we have.

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We wish to correct the mistake made by one of our good brethren who said that we were going to quit business was why we were selling so cheap. Of course this was all told for an effect. Let us say that we would not be surprised to hear worse tales than that before, the getty rid of us. We are here to sell goods and expect to sell them.

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THE COURIER,

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

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W. F. MURCHISON,
JOHN MAPLES.
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For District Clerk,
JOHN H. ELLIS,
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TONY GOSSETT,
J. S. FLUKER.
For County Judge,
J. F. DUREN,
A. D. LIPSCOMB,
E. WINFREE,
JOHN KENNEDY.

For County Clerk,
N. E. ALLBRIGHT.
For County Treasurer,
J. B. ELLIS,
HARDIN BAYNE,
M. M. BAKER.

For Assessor of Taxes:
GAIL CLINTON,
D. J. CATER,
CHARLES STOKES.

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

For Sheriff,
G. M. WALLER,
DICK STUBBLEFIELD,
C. J. HASSELL.

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R. T. MURCHISON,
R. W. VINCE.

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W. D. PRICHARD.

For Constable Prec. No. 1,
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C. R. BAGGETT,
C. C. MORTIMER,
M. W. SATERWHITE.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2,
W. E. HALL,
S. H. ROOK.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4,
T. J. HALLMARK,
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For Sale.

To the public. Pursuant to a resolution passed at the quarterly meeting of the farmers' county alliance of Houston county, held at Lovelady, Tex. July 10, 1896, to sell the cotton platform and property of said alliance. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids, will be received by me until August 15th next, for said platform and the 4 lots adjacent to and covered by same viz. lots no. 3, 4, 5 and 6 of block no. 2 fronting the freight depot on right of way of I. & G. N. R.R. at Crockett, Tex. The property is free from encumbrance and sale will be made for cash only. Parties submitting bids are expected to satisfy the committee in regard to their ability to pay cash. Right reserved to reject any and all bids.

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Fr. Ho. Co.
Lovelady Texas.

Mason's fruit jars at Arledge, Kennedy & Co. for 90cts per $\frac{1}{4}$ gal. 75cts for qts.

In 1872 the democrats in convention endorsed Horace Greeley for president. A part of the convention withdrew and put up Charles O'Connor as the democratic nominee. Just now there is talk of a part of the democratic party putting up another ticket and in such connection it may be of interest to know just how many votes a similar ticket, headed by O'Connor in 1872, received. O'Connor's vote then was:

California.....	1,068
Connecticut.....	204
Delaware.....	487
Georgia.....	4,000
Illinois.....	3,058
Indiana.....	1,417
Iowa.....	2,221
Kansas.....	596
Kentucky.....	2,374
Maryland.....	19
Michigan.....	2,861
Missouri.....	2,429
New Hampshire.....	100
New Jersey.....	630
New York.....	1,454
Ohio.....	1,163
Oregon.....	572
South Carolina.....	187
Texas.....	2,580
Vermont.....	593
Virginia.....	42
West Virginia.....	600
Wisconsin.....	334
Total.....	29,489

CREEK MEETING.

ED. COURIER: Although unaccustomed to writing for publication—in fact this is my first effort. I want to tell you of our glorious meeting down here. Brother J. A. Lee, of Trinity, conducted the meeting without assistance, except that rendered by his wife and daughter in the singing. The meeting began July 11th and closed July 19th, with most gratifying results. The Lord has done a great work for us in this part of His moral vineyard, through Bro. Lee's instrumentality. Ten members were taken into the Baptist church by experience and baptism, three by letter and twenty five backsliders reclaimed, making a total of thirty-eight, who are pledged to a purer and better life. God grant that none of us fall by the wayside but that all may grow better with each succeeding year, and when life's race is ended, meet Bro. Lee "on the banks of sweet deliverance," and there testify to his earnest, faithful efforts here.

A. N. A.

WOODLAND HALL.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me to note a few events from this section.

Health is good. Corn crop is very sorry. Cotton is looking well since the late rains.

Eld. J. E. Bean of the Baptist church has just closed a meeting of 7 days. He was assisted by Eld. N. S. Herod. One added to the church.

Mr. Boyd Garrett of Wortham, is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Miss Minnie Bean of Jasper county is spending the summer with her brother, Mr. J. E. Bean.

Miss Nellie Miller of Hayes Springs, spent several days with us this week attending the meeting.

Miss Ida Kolb has just returned from Abilene, where she has been the two months past visiting relatives.

Mr. Tom Parker had the misfortune a few days since, of getting his house and its contents burned. Success to the COURIER.

"RURAL."

Do you want a wagon, a barrel of flour, bacon, lard, sugar, coffee, syrup, canned goods, a cooking stove, a refrigerator, any kind of hardware, you will find any or all of these articles at Arledge, Kennedy & Co. Crockett, Texas.

Local News.

There is a great deal complaint of rust in cotton.

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Democratic Campaign.

The following schedule for speaking has been agreed on and fixed by the democratic candidates, beginning

(FIRST WEEK)
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Weches, Friday, July 3;

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Tadmor, Wednesday, July 8;
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Coltharp, Friday, July 10;
Hagarville, Saturday, July 11;

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Dodson, Wednesday, July 15;
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Holly, Friday, July 17.

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Lovelady, Wednesday, July 22;
McPhail's Store, Thursday, July 23;

Weldon, Friday, July 24.
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Sunflower, Wednesday, July 29;
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Daly, Tuesday, August 4;
New Prospect, Wednesday, August 5;

Jones' School House, Thursday, August 6;
Shiloh, Friday, August 7;
Crockett, Saturday, August 8.

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Read the 5th annual address of Arledge, Kennedy & Co. this issue.

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Arledge, Kennedy & Co. will give away \$72.00 worth of snuff in the next 30 days.

Guns, pistols and all kinds of shooting irons and ammunition to fit at Arledge, Kennedy & Co.

Parties wishing their names on primary ticket, call or send in their names and the fee of 50 cents.

It is harder to save than it is to make money. You can save it, however, by trading with Arledge, Kennedy & Co.

A full and complete line of coffins, caskets and undertakers goods always on hand at Shivers Bros.

A big crop of fruit. Go to Arledge Kennedy & Co's., get Mason's self-sealing fruit jars and save the fruit.

Chew Ham Bone Tobacco. Best on Earth for the money. Manufactured by J. H. Cosby & Bro., Danville, Va.

The game law will expire July 31st and Arledge, Kennedy & Co. will soon be loaded with guns and ammunition a fine line now on the way.

Do you ever travel? If you do you should take out an accident policy first. D. M. Craddock represents the old Etna Life and Accident company of Hartford and sells 'em cheap. See him before you start.

Crockett leads all East Texas towns in the volume of trade, in the quality of goods and the firm of Arledge, Kennedy & Co. Crockett leads all firms in Crockett in prices, high class goods etc.

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Remember my all SOLID shoes, for ladies, button or lace 75c. R. M. ATKINSON.

All Goods Bought From First Hands!

DRESS GOODS.

Here are new goods just received; bought in a wholesale closing out and clearing sale—some for even less than one third its real value: An empire dimity worth and sold all the season for 10c, now to be sold at 5c a yd, in almost any color. Now don't forget and pay the reduced 7 and 8c price for these goods. Fine zephyr gingham worth 12½ and 15c, now 7c a yd. Fine Pique—just the thing for skirts, worth 15c, now 7c a yd. Nautch linen worth 12½c, now 8c a yd. Best agran linen worth 15c, now 8c a yd. Beautiful jaconet linen worth 15c, now 9c a yd. Linen irish organdie worth 16½c, now 10c a yd. Just tink of spiral lace zephyr worth 20c, now 10c a yd. Genuine madras cloth for shirt waists worth 20c, now 10c a yd—extra wide. This is undoubtedly the grandest bargain ever known in Texas. Wool and silk strike challie worth 20 and 25c, now going at 9c per yd. Think of it! How is this?—linen javanaise worth 33½c yd, now 18c. is genuine French organdie; finer even than silk, sold at the first of this season for 40 and 50c, now 20c a yd. This Represents the grandest bargain ever known—the well known lonsdale bleach domestic—The best quality of bisaching made; worth 10 and 12½c—come and get a bolt at 6½c a yd. Don't buy cheap bleaching as long as this chance lasts. It will be money saved to any one. Now we have advertised no cheap goods, no shoddy second hand and old styles. If you want cheaper goods come or send for samples. Come at once while you can get choice of these goods. Remember that the above goods are all new

and first-class. No trash advertised this week. Everything guaranteed not to fade. We wish to call your attention to a few sailor hats for little girls and boys that were sold for 50c, now 25c each; those sold for 25c, now 15c each. Straw hats for men that we sold for 25c, now 15c each; those sold for 50c, now sold at 25c each, and on to the finest we have.

SHOES.

We handle the best, most select and largest line of shoes in Crockett. There are hundreds of people ready to testify to this knowing it to be true. Any man wanting a nice shoe from \$1.00 to \$4.50 can make a selection at once and get just what you want in our store. Don't forget the John Kelly Oxford Ties—they have no equal and are now going at almost any price. St. Louis made slippers going from 35c up to \$1.95.

Don't forget this glove grain button or lace shoes for ladies. We do not have a few pr's in our windows marked very low in order to get you in and then say we can't fit you, but have any size from 3 to 8—this is a \$1.00 shoe but will be sold for 65c per pair. Gentlemen don't forget that \$1.50 Monarch shirts are going at \$1.20 each.

We wish to correct the mistake made by one of our good brethren who said that we were going to quit business was why we were selling so cheap. Of course this was all told for an effect. Let us say that we would not be surprised to hear worse tales than that before, the gety rid of us. We are here to sell goods and expect to sell them.

Yours Respectfully,

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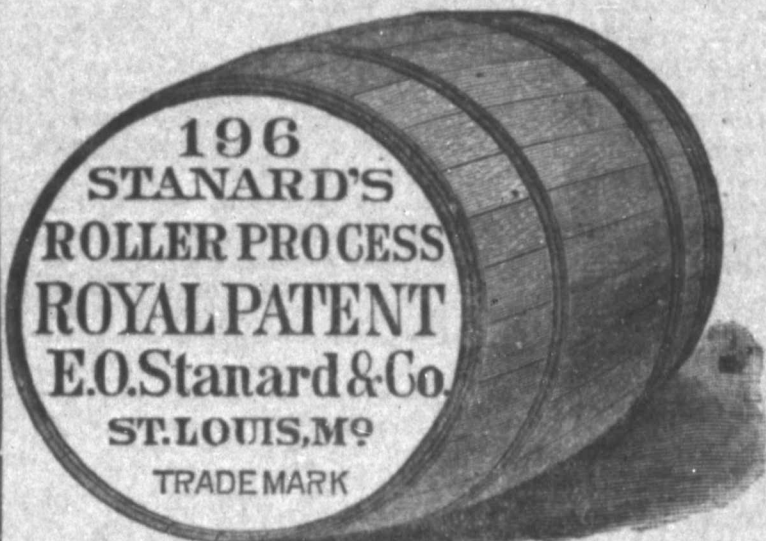
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FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:

We are pleased to say to you that we have had another very successful year's business. Indeed our sales have been enormous—far surpassing our previous year. We extend you our hearty thanks for your kind patronage and feel that you appreciate our dealings with you by your continued courtesies and increase of trade.

We have set our figures for next year's sales to reach [\$150,000] one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Our motto is: "The More We Sell, the Cheaper We Can Sell." Increase sales, decrease profits, big sales and low prices are winning. For instance: If we sell \$150,000 and make 2prc our profit would be \$3000, but if we can only sell \$15,000 we would have to make 20 instead of 2prc on every dollar, and to sell \$1500 we would have to make 200prc to make the \$3000 etc. By giving us your trade you enable us to do the more for you. We promise to give you the very lowest price possible and the best of treatment and protect your interest to the best of our ability.

It is useless to make a list of prices as prices in our goods may be changed before to-morrow. We buy in large quantities and for spot cash and get the lowest market price always and are ready at all times to make you prices when you get ready to buy and can reach the very lowest price at any time.

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

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- GAIL CLINTON.
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For Sale.

To the public. Pursuant to a resolution passed at the quarterly meeting of the farmers' county alliance of Houston county, held at Lovelady, Tex. July 10, 1896, to sell the cotton platform and property of said alliance. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids, will be received by me until August 15th next, for said platform and the 4 lots adjacent to and covered by same viz. lots no. 3, 4, 5 and 6 of block no. 2 fronting the freight depot on right of way of I. & G. N. R.R. at Crockett, Tex. The property is free from encumbrance and sale will be made for cash only. Parties submitting bids are expected to satisfy the committee in regard to their ability to pay cash. Right reserved to reject any and all bids.

H. H. LARUE.

For executive committee.

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Lovelady Texas.

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CREEK MEETING.

ED. COURIER: Although unaccustomed to writing for publication—in fact this is my first effort. I want to tell you of our glorious meeting down here. Brother J. A. Lee, of Trinity, conducted the meeting without assistance, except that rendered by his wife and daughter in the singing. The meeting began July 11th and closed July 19th, with most gratifying results. The Lord has done a great work for us in this part of His moral vineyard, through Bro. Lee's instrumentality. Ten members were taken into the Baptist church by experience and baptism, three by letter and twenty five backsliders reclaimed, making a total of thirty-eight, who are pledged to a purer and better life. God grant that none of us fall by the wayside but that all may grow better with each succeeding year, and when life's race is ended, meet Bro. Lee "on the banks of sweet deliverance," and there testify to his earnest, faithful efforts here.

A. N. A.

WOODLAND HALL.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me to note a few events from this section.

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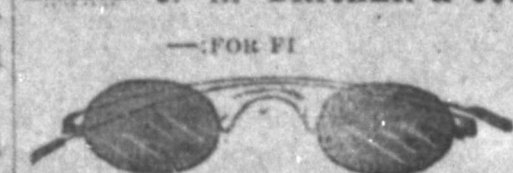
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- (FIRST WEEK)
- At Grapeland, Tuesday, June 30;
 - Perella, Wednesday, July 1;
 - Augusta, Thursday, July 2;
 - Weches, Friday, July 3;
- (SECOND WEEK)
- Daniel, Tuesday, July 7;
 - Tadmor, Wednesday, July 8;
 - Ratiiff, Thursday, July 9;
 - Coltharp, Friday, July 10;
 - Hagarville, Saturday, July 11;
- (THIRD WEEK)
- Pleasant Grove, Tuesday, July 14;
 - Dodson, Wednesday, July 15;
 - Freeman, Thursday, July 16;
 - Holly, Friday, July 17.
- (FOURTH WEEK)
- Pine Grove, Tuesday, July 21;
 - Lovelady, Wednesday, July 22;
 - McPhail's Store, Thursday, July 23;
 - Weldon, Friday, July 24.
- (FIFTH WEEK)
- Creek, Tuesday, July 28;
 - Sunflower, Wednesday, July 29;
 - Boggs, Thursday, July 30;
 - Porter Springs, Friday, July 31.
- (SIXTH WEEK)
- Wesley Chapel, Monday, Aug. 3;
 - Daly, Tuesday, August 4;
 - New Prospect, Wednesday, August 5;
 - Jones' School House, Thursday, August 6;
 - Shiloh, Friday, August 7;
 - Crockett, Saturday, August 8.