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## To Populists of Houston County.

In my former letter I merely foreshadowed what could be done in the pending campaign, if patriotism could be made to rise above partisanship. Subsequent political events have only confirmed what was then guessed at and these I desire to briefly review, in order to show you "where you are at."

You have always boasted that you are independent and non-partisan, but I want to show that you cannot be either if you adhere to the wishes of your leaders in this State. You have proudly asserted your abhorrence of what you have sneeringly designated as "ring rule," but I want to demonstrate to you that your party is more strongly "ring ridden" than either of the other parties, and that you if you follow the leadership of your party in Texas, wear a bigger and more slavish "party collar" than the members of any other party in existence. You have always declared to the world that the country is suffering more from financial mismanagement and bad financial legislation than any other cause, and that you intended by your labors and by your votes, on the first opportunity, to aid in the correction of these evils, but I want to prove to you that the opportunity is now upon you, and that you will not only fail to avail yourselves of it, but will be coerced into casting your votes in favor of a continuation of some of the very things of which you have so justly complained, if you dare to follow in the wake of your Texas leadership.

Now for the facts. When my last letter was written the national democracy had just held its convention, adopted its platform and nominated its candidates. Your national convention and that of the silver party met soon thereafter in the city of St. Louis. The latter party made no nominations but endorsed the democratic nominees, prompted by their patriotic belief that all the reform forces of the country should be united in this campaign. The best element of your leaders and the rank and file of your party recognized and admitted this truth. But there was another element led by the delegates from your own State, commonly called "middle-of-the-roads," who loved party better than country, and who thought they could see in such unity a death-stroke to petty ambitions and the absolute annihilation of prospective office holding, and they began to throw obstructions in the way of accomplishing this beneficial result. The consequence was, your party adopted a platform nominated Bryan, the democratic nominee for president, and Tom Watson for vice-president, and appointed a committee invested with "plenary powers" to adjust all subsequent troubles and shape the course of your party.

Now, I take it you are all familiar with the facts, and the above is the only rational conclusion that can be reached. Nor is the picture over-drawn. There is no denying it. A few of your leaders

simply want the offices, and will leave you with the "bag to hold," and it empty. They would not even permit you to endorse your national ticket. So far as your State convention is concerned, you have no national ticket. You were not allowed even the small privilege of seeing the action of your national convention ratified, nor are you to be granted the right to vote for president, and vice-president, unless it be for the republican nominees. This was purposely left open, and why? Simply to lay the foundation for a trade, whereby your leaders intend to traffic on your suffrages, and compel you to vote for a perpetuation of the same policies that have already wrought ruin and disaster to the homes of the people. This is the dilemma in which you are placed and from it you can not escape, if you do not desire to promote the interest of the republican party. To make sure of rendering your votes effective in a national sense, you have no other alternative than to vote for Bryan and Sewall electors, and this I will prove to you beyond any controversy.

In this country our president and vice-president are not elected by a popular and direct vote, but by electors, for whom our vote is cast, and who cast the final vote for us in the electoral college. Each party has its own electors, and these are voted for by the people. Nor is one set of these electors voted for by the members of each party throughout the Union, but each party in each State has its separate electors, and the electors receiving the highest number of votes in each state are declared elected by the people of that state. So, in order to be on the safe side and to be sure that your votes will count for something, you should endeavor to cast them for the electors likely to receive the highest number of votes in the State. To illustrate: It will not be denied that the democrats have more votes in Texas than any other one party. Therefore if each party in Texas votes for its own electors, for the reason above stated, the democratic electors will surely be elected.

The same logic applies to your duty as to candidates for state and county offices that applies to the question of electors. You have no reason to expect better government than you already have by a mere change of officers, and in fact none is promised you. Therefore it were better to join your democratic friends in their efforts to maintain the good state and county governments you already have, than to persist in a purely office seeking struggle in which no principle is involved. With this I leave the question with you, and ask you to candidly answer in your own consciences whether or not I have established the propositions laid down at the beginning of this letter. If so, then your duty as honest and patriotic men is too plain for further discussion. If not, then my argument has failed and is not worthy of your consideration. I appeal to you to seriously and honestly reflect upon these questions before you go to the polls in November.

J. W. MADDEN.

## Prices in Kentucky Under a Free Silver Regime.

Lexington, Ky., August 24.—On the 26 day of April, 1824, when there was free and unlimited coinage of silver at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1, the executor of Francis Wyatt, a prosperous farmer of Montgomery County Ky., sold at public auction all his personal effects. Your correspondent to-day accidentally discovered the County Clerk's bill of this sale. It is yellow with age, having laid among a lot of other old papers for nearly three-quarters of a century. In order that the public, and especially farmers, can see how free silver stimulates prices, a few of the items, with the sums they brought set opposite, are given:

1 gimlet and scissors	64
1 candlestick	64
1 set knives and forks	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 coffee pot	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 corner cupboard	2 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 wooden clock	1 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 pewter dishes	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 heifer	2 25
1 black heifer	2 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 pair of steers	7 06 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 small bulls	3 31 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 yoke of steers	7 00
1 large steer	11 00
1 large steer	11 00
1 black cow and calf	7 93 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 cow and calf	6 18 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 cow and calf	7 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 yearling calves	3 00
7 sheep (first choice)	10 50
7 sheep (second choice)	9 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 sheep (third choice)	8 00
1 stack rye	2 81 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 stack wheat	2 68 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 stack hay	3 56 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 stack oats (first choice)	3 00
1 stack oats (sec'd choice)	1 50
1 grindstone	50
1 oven and lid	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 piggy banks	31 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 bedstead and cord	1 25
1 gray horse	23 50
1 bay colt	19 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 saddle horse	93 00
1 mare and colt	33 18 $\frac{1}{2}$
12 hogs (first choice)	42 00
11 hogs (second choice)	23 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 sows and thirteen pigs	6 75
50 bushels corn in ear	8 30
700 bu. corn in ear	32 20
1 large hog	4 00
1400 pounds bacon (sold in 100-pound lots)	76 00
13 grown turkeys	1 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 lambs	2 00
29 head geese	3 25
1 barrel and whisky	5 75
1 scythe and cradle	50
45 acres farming land	326 67 $\frac{1}{2}$

It is an old saying in Kentucky that a dead man's property always brings what it is worth, and often more. The above figures, therefore are approximately the full worth of the articles when they were sold. They are submitted for the careful study of the farmers of to-day. While prices may be low, it is exceedingly doubtful if there is a farmer in the land who would sell cattle at \$1.65 per head, or large steers at \$11. Cows and calves they would not likely sell for as little as Mr. Wyatt's brought, and it is certain they would not sell yearlings for \$1.50 each. They would think they were giving away their sheep if sold for \$1 or even \$1.50 a head, and the prices obtained for rye, oats, wheat and hay in 1824 would not be considered now. Horses would not pay at \$23.50, and hogs at \$3.50 each would not

be worth raising, not to say anything of the thirteen pigs and three sows which brought only \$6.75 altogether. Farmers are complaining with corn at 23c per bushel, and yet when there was free and unlimited coinage of "both gold and silver" they could not get over 16c for it. And bacon! That commodity of the Kentucky farmer that is always considered a solid investment, brought only 5.6c per pound before the "crime of '73." Turkeys that now bring 40c to 60c each fetched but 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c when silver was redemption money. Farming land in Montgomery County, which is worth from \$50 to \$80 per acre, sold for \$7.25 before the "gold barons" had "robbed" the common people, and as a matter of fact the identical land mentioned in the above sale bill sold recently for \$50 an acre.—C-Journal.

## Alleged Assassins Arrested.

Readers of the COURIER will remember some weeks since our account of the assassination of Ellenberg in the South-western part of the county. Ellenberg had been hauling ties to Loyelady and was returning home. He had nearly reached home when he was fired on while sitting in his wagon by parties concealed in the bushes or woods. Five shots or more struck him or the wagon he was on. It was thought at the time that more than one were concerned in the cowardly deed and the facts as developed in the last few days sustain that theory of the case. Sheriff Waller has been working on the case for several weeks in a quiet way, gradually drawing the lines tighter and tighter around those he and the public thought were the guilty parties. On Tuesday he arrested Jack Knox, Hill Aday and George McCullar and on Wednesday he arrested Joe Sallas, all of whom according to an eye witness were engaged in the assassination of Ellenberg. George McCullar escaped from the officers on Tuesday night, the others Knox, Aday and Sallas were brought to town Wednesday and lodged in jail. According to developments Aday, Sallas and McCullar were lying-in-wait on one part of the road and Knox at another point awaiting the return of Ellenberg from Loyelady where he had gone with a load of ties. They knew of Ellenberg's habits and movements and had made an effort several times before to intercept and assassinate him. They were successful, at last, however. The shots which did the work were fired by Sallas, Aday and McCullar, Aday using a target rifle and Sallas and McCullar using pistols. According to accounts Knox did not fire any shots but was prepared to do so if it had become necessary. This is a good piece of work and the good citizens of the county will be glad to know that the officers have at last ferreted out the authors of this dastardly outrage. A blacker, more cowardly crime has not darkened the criminal annals of this county for years than the assassination of Ellenberg and all law abiding citizens will rejoice to know that the plot has been laid bare and that those who are responsible for the death of Ellenberg and for blackening the good name of this county are in a fair way of

being dealt with as they deserve. The evidence to prove the guilt of the parties is, we understand, ample and direct besides a mass of circumstances to corroborate the main theory. There were others associated with Sheriff Waller in the prosecution of the case whose names we have not obtained at this writing. We are not advised whether the prisoners will apply for bail or not. Ordinarily, it is not a bailable case. McCullar escaped on Tuesday night and has not been apprehended up to this writing. It is only a question of time, when he will be caught.

There are several chapters in the history of this unfortunate affair before the fatal denouement was reached. Ellenberg had been mixed up in a good many broils with those living near him in the Post Oaks. A mob got together one night for the purpose of lynching him but they were induced to drop the scheme on the representation that the sheriff and his deputies were on the ground for the purpose of protecting Ellenberg. According to accounts Ellenberg was a quiet, peaceful, inoffensive citizen—a foreigner—and was little given to meddling in other peoples' business. Some ugly rumors about Ellenberg's moral character in his relations to one of his female relatives first provoked the criticism of his neighbors.

## LATER.

Holcomb Knox, son of A. J. Knox, was arrested and jailed Wednesday evening as accessory in the murder. This makes five arrested for this crime.

## Communicated.

ED. COURIER.

In the last issue of the COURIER, in which you mention my return you made one mistake which I hope you will correct. You say my text will be found in the book of Lamentations. In this you are mistaken. I am now in Nehemiah. You understand we are rebuilding the temple (Democracy) that has been demolished by the King (Grover.) But our Nehemiah (Bryan) is pushing the work in spite of the Sanballats and Tobiahs of the present age.

I carried my copy of Lamentations until the Chicago convention since which time I have turned it over to my friends on the other line.

G. B. LUNDY.

## A Suit Likely.

M. B. Montgomery, an attorney-at-law, of Corsicana has filed a power of attorney as a representative of John J. Donovan of Vicksburg, Miss. and will set up claim to a one half interest in the tract of land in this county known as the Ramon de La Garza or more particularly speaking in sections 26 and 27 of that eleven league grant. Attorney Montgomery spent several days here looking over the situation. These sections are occupied by persons who will hardly give them up without a contest.

"When the spring time comes, gentle Annie,  
"And the chills and fever bloom once more"  
"You had better buy a bottle of Chamberlain's  
"Chill Tonic!"  
"From the man who runs the nearest drug store."

**CREEK.**

ED. COURIER:

No rain yet but Indian summer has come and the weather is not so warm.

Some have gathered corn and the crops are short. The hogs are poor—no mast and no corn to fatten them. It looks like a poor prospect for meat here. The grass worms have eaten up the grass and are now eating up the goobers and pea vines. The potato crop is a failure.

Quite a crowd went from here to Lovelady to hear the Rev. Freeman preach.

Mr. Frank Taylor died here last Sunday evening, he having been sick for years. He leaves many friends who will mourn his loss.

We see the war is on. We will organize a democratic club here Saturday and put our men in next November and thus exit pops.

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The largest brandy still in the world is at El Pinal vineyard in San Joaquin county, not far from Stockton, says the San Francisco Call. Part of it has been built about four years and the other part was finished only a short time ago. As is well known, the El Pinal vineyard has always made a specialty of brandy and sweet wines. It was the intention of the proprietors to do this when they went into business, and for that reason they had the largest still built that was ever put up. That was, as has been stated, about four years ago, and even then it was ahead of anything in existence. It could produce more brandy in twenty-four hours than any other still in the world, and it has not been surpassed since. But even that was not enough to supply all the alcohol needed in their business, so another still was built and made to work in connection with the original one. The two are really one still as they are used and have about three times the capacity of any other still in the world. This enormous machine is located in a building by itself and part of the year is kept running day and night. It is very complicated in its workings, so that a description of that part of it cannot be attempted here. It will be sufficient to state that the grape juice or wine is pumped from vats to a tank on top of the hill. From there it simply passes through a series of heated chambers in the form of a vapor and comes out in the shape of brandy. It can be tested in the different chambers and the change noted. In the first chamber it is little more than warm wine, and it gradually gets stronger and stronger until it is sharp to taste. From the time the wine leaves the tank until it comes out as grape brandy only ten minutes is occupied. In the old method of distilling it used to take about three hours. In appearance the largest brandy still in the world is simply a conglomeration of tanks, pipes and boilers. The capacity of this still is enough to make a person wonder what becomes of all its products. When running full time it can convert 15,000 gallons of wine into brandy in a day. This will make about 4,000 gallons every twenty-four hours, or enough to keep about 40,000 men in a state of intoxication during that time. In a month there would be enough of brandy on hand to intoxicate 1,700,000 men, or about the entire population of New York. But, as it happens, very little of this brandy is sold as brandy. It is used to fortify sweet wines so that they will be in a condition to keep until ready to send to market. The alcohol acts as preservative of the grape juice the same as it would of anything else. It keeps it from turning sour.

Ten Cuban women have been captured by the Spaniards. This wonderful achievement on the part of the army of Spain shows that its valor is not on the wane and if properly re-enforced might be able to take a few men prisoners, provided they were wounded.

The Japanese believe that each man is predestined to die in a certain way, on an allotted day, and that the combined efforts of man cannot change this fate. This largely explains their impetuous bravery during the war with China.

Whoever heard of mental appendicitis? Here is a case: Phillip St. George Bridges, a medical student of Richmond, Va., wrote a prize essay on appendicitis. Next day he had symptoms of that disease. An operation was performed and he died five hours later. He simply thought he had it and that's what kills lot of us.

The bread of youthful Europe was in the year 1895 lubricated esophageal passage with 9,148,711 gallons of American molasses, for which the parents of youthful Europe paid \$350,400.

There is a blissful ignorance that comes with every diploma.

Here comes the report of another man who has gone crazy with a copy of "Colin's Financial School" in one pocket and a goldite paper in the other. And yet there are those who pretend to doubt that money is the root of all evil.

Fifteen lives were lost and thirty-six people injured as a result of the terrible storm which swept over western Pennsylvania July 27. In Washington and Fayette counties, Pennsylvania, the damage to property will probably reach \$1,000,000.

One good deed is worth about a bushel improperly made out and recorded.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has been a God-send to me.—Wm. B. McClellan, Chester, Florida, Sept. 17, 1895.

A gun is not doing much execution when it haugs fire.

ITS stopped from and permanently cured. N. B. after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free \$2 trial bottle and treatise. Send to Dr. Kline, 261 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

What is popular opinion to-day may become unpopular opinion to-morrow.

Rebecca Broadman is the wife of a traveling salesman and she does not know where her husband is, although he is still awaiting his return in New York, what she does know, however, is that before departing on his last trip her husband sold her to George A. Greenburg for \$600. Consequently Greenburg "look possession" of his bargain. She, however, loves her husband and in perfect good faith has appealed to the courts to know if the "sale" was authentic. All the parties are Russians.

Personal abuse is not a political argument.

It's a very old woman that boasts of her age.

It was so hot in Chicago last week that an ice box took fire.

Poverty is in want of much, but avarice demands the earth.

### Blood Pure?

Is it? Then take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and keep it so. Isn't it? Then take Ayer's Sarsaparilla and make it so. One fact is positively established and that is that Ayer's Sarsaparilla will purify the blood more perfectly, more economically and more speedily than any other remedy in the market. There are fifty years of cures behind this statement; a record no other remedy can show. You waste time and money when you take anything to purify the blood except

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## Look Out

For Imitations of Walter Baker & Co.'s Premium No. 1 Chocolate. Always ask for, and see that you get, the article made by

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At Red Creek the stage stopped for half an hour for the passengers to get dinner and the driver to change horses. As we drove up in front of the shanty hotel from the west an army paymaster in an ambulance drove up from the south. With him was a guard of six cavalrymen, and while the paymaster entered the inn with us to take dinner the soldiers ate their bacon and hard-tack in the shade of the stables. We had been eating for about ten minutes when there was a sudden hurrah outdoors, followed by a dozen rifle shots. Five men on horseback and a sixth in a buckboard drawn by a mule dashed out of the thicket a quarter of a mile away, and, sweeping down on the paymaster's rig, had transferred the safe to the buckboard before one of us reached the Jopr. One outlaw had been killed by the fire of the soldiers and two soldiers had been wounded by the fire of the outlaws. The fellows were off at full gallop and the score of shots fired after them only hastened their speed. The paymaster was the last one to leave the table, and as he came out an excited stage passenger called to him:

"There they go, major!"

"Yes, I see 'em!" quietly replied the officer.

"And they've got your safe?"

"Yes, I expect so."

"Great Scott, man, but are you going to let 'em git away with all that money?" shouted the half frantic passenger.

"All of what money?"

"Why, in the safe!"

"There isn't a shilling in it!" said the major as he returned to the dinner table. "One of the door hinges was out of order and so I was carrying the money in this carpet bag."

He reached down and lifted up the bag and opened it to show us \$10,000 in crisp greenbacks, and as he snapped the lock he sighed and said:

"Sorry for the fellow out there and his gang, but perhaps they'll have better luck next time!"

The Dear Old Fellow.

"What do you admire most in my new dress?" she asked of those who were praising it.

"Just what's in it now," answered the veteran beau of forty gay seasons, as he blew her a kiss.

Most of the canal barges in the south of England are worked by women.

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# THE CROCKETT COURIER.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

J. E. Tytson, of Topeka, Kan., aged 77, is wrestling with the whooping cough. He's "whoopin' er up" late in life.

A streak of lightning in Kentucky the other night was "shaped like a corkscrew." Probably it was looking for a distillery.

Now that the St. Louis people have gotten rid of cyclones, conventions and sunstrokes, they will have a little time to devote to beer.

They have a new disease in the East which they call "roof garden neuralgia," but that is where the neuralgia is usually located.

A Long Island boy has invented a compound bicycle and balloon which flies. No danger of collisions when soaring on this wheel.

When the trans-Siberian railway is completed in 1905 a tour around the world can be made in thirty days. The fare will be from \$250 to \$400.

This is leap year and there are no more weddings than there were last year. Just keeping the boys on the anxious seat to see how they like it.

Although a bicycle rider has been struck by lightning the bloomer girl can ride out, rain or shine, without the slightest fear of attracting even the lightning.

Quito, Ecuador, is the only city in the world in which the sun rises and sets at six o'clock the year round. The reason of this is that it is situated exactly on the equator.

A young lady in Scotland, S. Dakota, and a young man in Indiana couldn't wait, and so they were married by telegraph. The minister was on the bride's end of the wire, and so, of course, got the first electric shock.

An old lady in Nebraska City has found an express order for \$1,500 that was sent to her, and mislaid, forty-three years ago. Of course, the express company will allow her interest for the use of the money.

Another duke has arrived from across the water looking for an heiress for a wife. To prevent his lordship from being "taken in" his wise mamma came with him. And she will examine all candidates for honors with a motherly eye. Nice, isn't it?

Here comes Rev. E. L. Buchanan, who solemnly avers that a Dr. Parkhurst is needed in Kalamazoo. Now everybody in Michigan and everywhere else supposed that Kalamazoo was the model town; hence the surprise when the reverend gentleman announces that the place is full of hell holes. "Why don't he Parkhurst it?" one would naturally ask.

W. A. Clark of Montana has erected a \$100,000 mausoleum to the memory of his wife. Devotion to the memory of one's wife is a good thing. Exploiting it by putting a fortune in a mausoleum is something else entirely. There are many thousands sunk in poverty and idleness and sickness. There be people who claim that a more enduring monument to a wife's devotion could be erected by an investment which would care for the helpless living. Such a monument would indeed keep both the commemorated dead and the generous survivor's memories green. Who will be impressed by a \$100,000 mausoleum in a graveyard? Will it not rather live as a monument of folly and ostentatious extravagance?

A stage coach full of Murray, Idaho, people on the way home from Walla Walla tipped over going down Nine Mile hill and slid fifty feet down the mountain and the only person hurt was a surgeon, whose leg was broken.

They are marveling that one of the child actresses who was among the earliest of the Little Evans in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is a gray-haired grandmother, but the same thing probably can be said of many a ballet girl who is still twirling on her toe to the joy of the front row.

It costs the government \$50,000 a year to fire the sunrise and sunset guns at the military posts. This large sum, in the present condition of the treasury, ought to be saved. The sun would rise and set as usual if no guns were fired, and every good soldier would know when it had come up or gone down.

In calling attention to its superior advantages as a place of residence, Manhattan, Kan., dwells with especial stress upon the fact that the assessor was able to discover only forty-two pianos in that city.

## A GOLD CONVENTION.

TO BE HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

Delegates From Forty-Two States and Territories Will be Present—Managers Satisfied With the Enthusiasm Shown—Talk of Deposing the Sultan.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 31.—Wednesday the gold democrats are to assemble here to repudiate the action of the democracy at Chicago and launch a new party in the troubled sea of politics, but as yet Indianapolis displays but few of the outward manifestations of an approaching National convention. The hotel corridors, which usually swarm and seethe with politicians and guests on the eve of a National convention, are barren and deserted. A few of the managers are on the ground and the advance guard of the newspaper men is already here, but the delegates have not begun to put in appearance. The nature of things is such that there will be no division as to the tone of the convention and no scramble after the nominations. The managers express themselves as more than satisfied with the enthusiasm which they say has been developed in the country and they expect delegations from forty-two States and Territories to be present.

National Executive Committee. Indianapolis, Ind., August 31.—National Committeeman Krauthoff of Missouri said last night that the Missouri delegation would not urge Colonel Broadhead for president, mainly because the latter does not desire it. Mr. Krauthoff favors Ben T. Cable for permanent chairman of the National committee. Mr. Krauthoff has been here at headquarters for three days. He says there will be a meeting of the new National committee Friday after the convention, when a full membership is expected to be present and that this will probably be the only meeting of the committee during the campaign. "It would not be practicable for the whole committee to meet again," said he, "as forty States are represented and the distances are great. The probable result of the committee meeting will be the selection of an executive committee of fifteen from the Central and more accessible States, into whose hands the entire campaign will be placed. This executive committee can then name a permanent chairman or can defer it for a time."

To Depose the Sultan. London, August 31.—The Daily News in its editorial columns this morning says: "Europe is face to face with the deposition of the sultan and the partition of Turkey."

London, August 31.—A dispatch to the Standard from Berlin, says: It is announced from Havana that the Russian czar and Emperor Francis Joseph and the statesmen who attend d the recent political conference held here, arrived at an agreement which will probably settle the Armenian trouble without the disturbance of existing Turkish frontier. Prince Lobanoff is reported to have said: "We have enough to do with our own Armenians. We don't want to have their number increased."

Wants More Soldiers. Madrid, August 31.—Official telegrams received here from Captain General Blanco, governor of the Philippine Islands, announces that a thousand rebels took the field against the Spanish forces for the purpose of bringing about a revolution. The insurgents were badly armed and easily defeated. Troops are now in pursuit of the fugitives. Governor Blanco, however, estimates that the separatists number 4000. He has asked the government to send reinforcements. The Spanish ministry today decided to send 2000 troops to the Philippine Islands without delay.

Diversion of Hawaiian Trade. Washington, August 31.—The diversion of Hawaiian trade from San Francisco to New York is commented on by Consul General Ellis Mills at Honolulu in a recent report to the State department. He says the shipments are almost double those of last year. Most of this is sugar, of which \$2,957,000 has been carried around Cape Horn direct to New York, instead of going via San Francisco. One large shipment has gone around the Horn to Boston.

Austin, Texas, August 31.—Hon. J. W. Blake, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, addressed the Bryan and Sewall club Saturday night in an hour's speech at the court house. Mr. Blake delivered one of the strongest silver speeches ever made in this city, and made a strong appeal to all democrats to stand by the nominees of the party. Speeches were also made by Hon. L. L. Foster, Taylor Moore and others, and much enthusiasm prevailed.

## Insulted General Lee.

Key West, Fla., September 1.—Consul General Lee at Havana is indignant over an insult offered him by Spaniards in the advice received on the steamer Mascotte. It seems that a notice has been posted at the entrance of Cabanas fortress ordering the arrest and detention of Consul Lee if he presents himself and demands admission to see the Americans confined in the prison. It is said Consul Lee has written a strong protest to Weyler, in which the immediate removal of the notice is demanded. Consul Lee has also demanded that Weyler make a full investigation of the recent murder of Charles Govin, an American citizen, by Spaniards under General Ochoa.

Advices received from Havana Sunday night per steamship Mascotte state that a plot has been formed for the purpose of driving Weyler from the island. The conspirators are members of the conservative party, who have become disgusted with the brutality practiced by the captain general.

Friday night the leaders of the conservatives held a meeting and arranged their plans. They decided to ask the Madrid government to recall Weyler immediately, and if the demand is refused they propose to forcibly expel the captain general. There is a precedent for such action in the forcible expulsion of General Dulce in the last war. The conspirators count on the aid of the Spanish volunteers of Havana to carry out this programme.

The volunteers are bitterly hostile to Weyler, and would be glad to aid in expelling him. It is said that after Weyler is expelled the conservative leaders will open negotiations with the insurgents for peace on a basis of autonomy for the island. If Spain is not willing to end the war on these terms it is said that the conservatives will join the insurgents and declare the island independent.

The conservative leaders claim that the only hope for Cuba is in getting rid of Weyler. They say that the captain general's policy is fast making a disaster of the island.

## Gold Men Gathering.

Indianapolis, Ind., September 1.—Although the convention of the gold standard democrats is less than twenty-four hours away the delegates are slow in arriving. A few of the notables, including Perry Belmont and John T. Fellows of New York; Louis Erich, of Colorado; Comptroller Eckles, Senator Vilas of Wisconsin, ex-Congressman Outhwaite of Ohio, C. S. Sperry of Connecticut, got here yesterday, but the real influx will not begin until today.

Secretary John R. Wilson already has the signed credentials of over 600 delegates and telegrams announcing the others are on their way. Thus far but one delegate has appeared who does not fear the nomination of a third ticket. The managers, however, look upon a ticket in the doubtful states as of vital importance, but the general expectation now is that an electoral slate will be put up in almost every state in the Union. It is pointed out that an active canvass is to be made by the gold standard democrats under the auspices of the committee to be appointed by the convention against the Chicago nominees and that this could be done both more effectively and consistently with nominees in the field.

## Li Hung Chang Traveling.

New York, September 1.—Early yesterday morning Li Hung Chang boarded the dispatch boat Dolphin and in a few minutes anchor was weighed and the start for West Point was made. The ambassador will there inspect the military academy and grounds.

The proposed visit to the squadron off Tompkinsville was postponed, as there was not sufficient time to make the trip before starting for West Point.

## Legion of Honor.

Baltimore, September 1.—A meeting of local members of the American Legion of Honor, at which final steps will be taken looking to the application for the appointment of a receiver for the order for this state, has been called for Friday night. This action was taken at a meeting of the members to the number of about forty last night. A petition will also be filed by Attorney General John P. Poe in Boston in a few days, on behalf of members who are in favor of proceeding at once.

## Injunction Denied.

Charleston, S. C., September 1.—Judge Simonton of the United States circuit court yesterday filed his decision in the suit for injunction brought by the Port Royal and Augusta railway against the Southern States Freight association to prevent the latter from inaugurating the 50 per cent cut in rates declared in retaliation for the 33-1-3 per cent reduction previously made by the Seaboard Air Line. The temporary restraining order was set aside and the case dismissed.

## A FATAL EXPLOSION.

SAM PETERS AND TOM CONLEY ARE KILLED

And Five More are Injured—The Explosion was Caused by Pouring Powder in a Hole that Had Just Been Blown Out. Colored Boy Hurt.

Fairland, Tex., Aug. 31.—Of the seven men injured by a powder explosion at Granite Mountain Saturday evening two are dead, Sam Peters and Tom Conley. Two others, George Darragh and Frank Chapman, are dangerously burned, and three others, Jim McElish, Louis Ball and Shelby Ball, are slightly injured. Darragh is a son of the owner of the mountain quarry, who is now in New York.

Marble Falls, Tex., Aug. 31.—At the explosion at Granite Mountain Saturday six men were burned. Tom Conley and Sam Peters died. George Darragh, Louis Ball and Frank Chapman are in a critical condition. The explosion was caused by pouring powder in a hole that had just a few moments before been blown out, and it not having cooled enough, ignited the powder, which set two kegs of powder near the hole on fire.

## Irrigation Talked Of.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 31.—Parties here who are interested in the irrigation of the Wichita country, said yesterday that the 100,000 acres of land demanded by the irrigation company has been subscribed and that the indications are that unless money matters get more stringent work will commence at an early date. It is stated that the three ditches are to be cut, one running from Dundee to the Red river, a distance of about forty miles and from Dundee east to Henrietta and on to the Red river, and from Dundee north to Iowa park, and thence to the Red river, enabling the irrigation of a body of 250,000 acres of rich and fertile land which will be more land under water than is in Utah. The company which proposes pushing the enterprise agrees to take 50,000 acres at \$8 per acre and to rent the water at \$2 per year per acre. Frank Brown was here from Wichita Falls yesterday and he has great hopes of the enterprise.

## Colored Boy Hurt.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 30.—Saturday night Gillis Wilson, colored, about 18 years old, was fatally injured. At the corner of Washington and Sabine Sts. he attempted to board a street car on the wrong side and was struck by a passing car in the opposite direction. His skull was fractured by the blow and he was knocked from his hold to the ground and was struck then by the car he was attempting to board. He sustained internal injuries and was taken unconscious from the ground. He was hauled to St. Joseph's infirmary. Parties who claim to know say he came from New Orleans. The accident was seen by many persons aboard the two cars. The carmen did all they could to prevent it.

## Young Lady Drowned.

Floresville, Tex., Aug. 31.—News was received here yesterday morning of the drowning in the Cibola last Friday of Miss Cooper, daughter of Jim Cooper. She was bathing with a married lady and her two little daughters and got into deep water. Her body was recovered two hours afterward. The two little girls came near drowning but were rescued before life was extinct.

## Minister Struck.

Greenville, Tex., Aug. 31.—Saturday night at the holiness camp meeting one of the ministers, Mr. Rogers, requested a young man to stop smoking. Mr. Rogers went to where the fellow was standing and was struck by him twice in the face. No arrest was made at the time, but there probably will be in a short time.

## His Finger Amputated.

Ereham, Tex., Aug. 31.—Saturday morning John Rose of Hempstead, a brakeman on extra 95, Houston and Texas Central, while making a coupling, had one of his hand caught between the buffers. The second finger was so badly mashed that it had to be amputated.

## Instantly Killed.

Shiner, Tex., Aug. 30.—Mr. Frank House was shot and instantly killed Friday evening at Farenthold's mill, about eight miles west of here. The parties were brothers-in-law, their wives being sisters. Holly has surrendered to the officers and is now in Gonzales jail.

## Oil Can Explodes.

Calvert, Tex., Aug. 30.—The 9-year-old child of Arch Mims, a colored barber, tried to make a fire with kerosene. The can exploded and burned the child so badly that it died after twenty-three hours of suffering.

## National Baptist Convention, St. Louis.

On September 14th and 15th the Houston and Texas Central railroad will sell round trip tickets to St. Louis account National Baptist Convention meeting on September 16, at rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets good to return up to and including September 26.

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# LOBANOFF'S IS DEAD.

## THE GREAT RUSSIAN MINISTER PASSES AWAY.

Prince Lobanoff-Rostovoski Was in the Presence of the Czar When He Died—It Upsets all Possibilities of a Conference With Foreign Ministers.

London, Aug. 31.—A dispatch from Kioff says that Prince Lobanoff-Rostovoski, Russian minister of foreign affairs, died suddenly while traveling from Vienna to that place.

Prince Lobanoff-Rostovoski was in the company of the czar at the time of his death and his demise was wholly without warning.

The news of the death of the prince, according to the dispatch, caused great sorrow throughout Russia. Besides his political work Prince Lobanoff-Rostovoski devoted his leisure hours to study and to the work of a Russian history. The tour which he had planned to take with the czar through the countries of western Europe was expected to be most far reaching in results affecting the settlement of the eastern question.

Francis Joseph paid Prince Lobanoff-Rostovoski the highest honors during the recent visit to the czar to Vienna and his death at the present juncture is regarded as a most dramatic and important event, upsetting as it does all possibilities of conference between the foreign ministers of the great powers and compelling the czar to change the plans concerning his tour through Germany, France and England.

### Rioting Continues.

Constantinople, Aug. 31.—Rioting was renewed in the Galata quarter of this city Saturday night. A sharp fusillade took place between the

the few that Adams and Richardson should occupy the forenoon. By mutual agreement Joe Adams opened discussion and in a thirty minute speech made a complete exposure of Richardson's candidacy, showing that he must be eager for office since he could not wait to become a legal voter before

negotiated with the Turkish officials and surrendered upon condition that they should be allowed to leave the country, they announced to the dragomans of the different embassies that they intended to continue the agitation until the right of the Armenians should be recognized by the representatives of the foreign powers. Members of the different embassies have received another circular letter from the Armenian revolutionary committee making a similar announcement. It will be remembered that several days before the raid upon the Ottoman bank by the Armenians threatening letters of a similar character were received by the representatives of the powers, but the foreign diplomats stationed in Constantinople paid no attention to these warnings.

Already several claims for damages to property have been received at the British embassy, the property destroyed being owned by British subjects. As an indication of the number of persons who perished in the recent riots, it is stated that 700 bodies were buried in the Chickli cemetery at one time. The British charge d'affaires, Michael Herbert, has made special representations to Tewfik Pasha, Turkish minister of foreign affairs, concerning the case of two Armenians who were brutally killed just in front of the guardhouse and before the eyes of the British embassy.

### New Sugar Laws.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The state department has received a report from Consul Muth at Madgeburg, Australia, as to the new Australian sugar laws, framed in co-operation with Germany. The consumption tax is raised from \$4.45 to \$5.26 per 100 kilos and the total amount of export bounty to be granted by the government is increased from \$2,030,000 to \$2,641,000. The new law went into effect August 1 last. The effect of this will be to further aid the development of the Australian sugar industry. Consul Muth says France has advanced her duties on sugar in order to keep out the competition of German sugars, and he predicts that this autumn France will increase her export bounties in order to meet German sugars in the world's markets.

### French Minister Arrives.

New York, Aug. 31.—Alexander Felix Joseph Ribot, a leading statesman of France, and prime minister and minister of finance during the early part of President Faure's administration, arrived in this city on La Bretagne yesterday. The ex-premier is accompanied by his stepson, Marcel Demargot. The wife of M. Ribot is an American woman. She is the daughter of I. N. Burch of Chicago. M. Ribot and his stepson have come to America to visit relatives in Vermont.

### Li Hung Chang Rested.

New York, Aug. 31.—Li Hung Chang spent yesterday quietly at the Waldorf. In the morning he received his old friend, Col. Forrester, and afterward a delegation of Mott street merchants paid their respects to the viceroy. In the afternoon Li Hung Chang visited Gen Grant's tomb, on which he laid a wreath of flowers, winding up the day by a visit to the house of Col. Fred D. Grant, where he had tea and remained for an hour.

Li Hung Chang will leave to-day on the dispatch boat Dolphin for West Point. He will be accompanied by the members of his retinue, and the officers of the United States government, who are attending him during his stay in this country.

Assistant Secretary McAdoo of the navy and the first assistant secretary of state will also go to West Point. Li Hung Chang will inspect the military academy, returning to this city in the evening.

### A Landslide.

Plaquemine, La., Aug. 31.—Yesterday morning a cave or landslide in the south bank of Bayou Plaquemine, carrying or forcing into the lake basin about 100 feet of the piling in the lower line of the cofferdam. The piles in the cofferdam are thirty-five feet long and tapered and grooved and were driven to prevent the earth from caving into the pit. It is feared that a number of the piles are broken off and the work on the government locks will be delayed. The cave extends to the edge of the public market and this afternoon a large crack running through the center of the market is visible and the upper side is in danger of sinking.

### Charged With Forgery.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 30.—Harvey Williams, alias W. J. Walker, alias Bertram, an employ in the Crescent City office works, was arrested Saturday in the parish prison on the charge of forgery. It being alleged that thirteen checks were held against him at Fort Worth, Texas. The Fort Worth office were notified of the arrest last night and they will be asked to identify the prisoner. Bowers claims that he first knew Williams in Brunswick, Ga., and afterward in Fort Worth, where they worked together in the same house and where it is charged the prisoner forged the name of Lewis Broa. to thirteen checks. Williams says he can prove his innocence and that the whole thing is a plot against him.

### Race War Trouble.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 31.—Reports come from Camp Hill, Ala., indicating that a miniature race war is in progress there. Some officers arrested several negroes and started with them to jail, when a large body of negro sympathizers attacked them. Neighboring whites came to the rescue of the officers and a spirited fight ensued, in which guns, fence rails, rocks and sticks were freely used. The negroes were finally repulsed, four or five men, most of them negroes, are said to have been killed or fatally injured. Details are meager. More trouble is expected.

### Will Not Accept.

Beaver Falls, Pa., Aug. 31.—A meeting of the employees of the Rochester tumbler works held in Freedom yesterday afternoon, and by an almost unanimous vote it was decided not to accept the 20 per cent reduction proposed by the firm. The reduction included every employe of the plant and was to take effect to-day. The men at the request of the company, agreed to work out the glass now in the pots at the old wages, which they refuse to continue, until their old wages are restored.

### The Hawaiian Trade.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The diversion of Hawaiian trade from San Francisco to New York is commented on by Consul General Ellis Mills at Honolulu in a report to the state department. He says the shipments are almost double those of last year. Most of this is sugar, of which \$2,957,532 has been carried around Cape Horn direct to New York instead of going via San Francisco. One large shipment has gone around the horn to Boston.

### Aeronaut Drowned.

Toledo, O., Aug. 31.—Edward Cole, an aeronaut of this city, was drowned in Maumee bay Saturday afternoon after an ascension. His companion, who was billed as Josie Carmel, was saved by her life preserver. The balloon rose from the Casino, on the bay front, and was about three miles out when the tragedy occurred. Thousands of people witnessed the tragedy from the Casino grounds.

### Street Cars Discontinued.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 31.—One hundred street cars have been taken off the various lines of the West Chicago Street Railway company during the last sixty days on account of the increasing competition of bicycles as a means of getting to and from work.

# LI HUNG CHANG HERE.

## DRILLIANT RECEPTION TO THE CHINESE STATESMAN.

Steamer St. Louis Boarded at Quarantine by Americans—Battleships Fire Salutes—A Runaway Horse at a Race Track Injures Several People.

New York, August 29.—Promptly at 8 o'clock yesterday morning the colors were hoisted on board the fleet of American warships at anchor off Tompkinsville, Staten Island, with the usual ceremonies, the band of the flagship playing "The Star Spangled Banner." Shortly afterwards the crews of all the ships were busily engaged in polishing and burnishing, oiling and cleaning, vigorously placing the finishing touches upon the naval finery displayed in all its glory in honor of Uncle Sam and preparatory to welcoming Li Hung Chang, the grand old man of China, the statesman of many titles, in an appropriate manner.

Shortly after the announcement at 9 o'clock that the St. Louis was sighted east of Fire Island, crowds of people crossed the ferries to Fort Wadsworth, Fort Hamilton, Bay Ridge, Quarantine, Tompkinsville and other points from which the arrival and greeting of the distinguished guest of the Nation could be witnessed to the best advantage. Other crowds flocked to the Battery and still others stationed themselves at an early hour in the vicinity of the American Line dock, where the traveler was to land. It is doubtful if New York bay ever presented a grander sight than it did this morning, for anchored there in stately strength were eleven of the warships of the new navy of the United States, the embodiment of grace and strength, of speed and offensive power.

When the St. Louis reached quarantine Li Hung Chang was dining and he remained in his cabin. The steamer was surrounded by the fleet of boats, making it impossible to proceed very fast, and as she steamed up the bay toward the fleet there was a continued sound of steam whistles and some boats touched off a Chinese anthem in the shape of several bunches of firecrackers. When the dispatch boat was reached a salute pealed forth, and a little later as the fleet was reached the New York's saluting guns boomed out the entire salute of nineteen guns, for a lord high admiral, there being no American salute that equals this number. The party of Americans were ushered into the aft drawing room and waited for some fifteen minutes to see the ambassador, in the meantime meeting members of his staff.

Li Hung Chang went into his cabin, but soon appeared with his son. He was attired in the historical yellow jacket, purple silk trousers, black and white felt shoes and a black and red hat with the three-eyed peacock plume depending from the back.

Holding the jacket in front was a large diamond, surrounded with pearls. He wore glasses and leaned a trifle on the attendants as he stood up to receive his guests.

General Ruger was first introduced. He shook hands cordially with the general.

The gangplank had hardly been put in position when Colonel Fred Grant stepped up, and the ambassador's face beamed with smiles as he grasped the colonel's hand and shook it warmly. He conversed with him a few minutes and then entered his carriage for conveyance to the Waldorf hotel.

### Aldermen in Contempt.

Frankfort, Ky., August 29.—Judge Harry of the court of appeals rendered his decision in the Louisville contempt cases yesterday morning. He reinstates the injunction of Judge Toney of Louisville and this action puts the board of aldermen and Mayor Todd in contempt of Judge Toney's court. The decision is a victory for the democratic board of public safety, which the board of aldermen have been trying to oust for the past three months.

### Busy Day For McKinley.

Canton, Ohio, August 29.—Today promises to be one of the busiest days yet for McKinley. Five delegations are scheduled to arrive here during the day. The first delegation will be the commercial men from Chicago, to be received about 10:30. Then will come the supreme lodge Knights of Pythias from Cleveland, followed by Lisbon (Ohio) farmers and later by German-American citizens from Cleveland and a large delegation of workmen from Columbus.

### Several People Injured.

Rushville, Ind., August 29.—A most thrilling race track runaway, in which it seems miraculous that several people were not killed, occurred at the fair grounds yesterday. As it is, eight persons are injured, two very seriously. They are George Von Puhl, Greenburg, two ribs with shoulder dislocated and two toes torn off; Mrs. Thomas, bruised about abdomen and lower limbs; Mrs. Frank Windlock, this city, cut on head; Mr. George F. Moore, this city, badly bruised in the body; McClelland Naples, this city, back injured; Miss Bertie King, prostration from fright; two small children trampled under the horse's feet.

It was in the second race. Mamie Wood collided with the sulky of Czar. The latter tore down the home stretch without a driver. Mamie Wood, racing at a gallop, ran toward a gap at the east end. Fully 2000 persons were crowded near this gap. Into the crowd at a fearful pace dashed the ferried horse, trampling under foot women and children. For 200 feet through the crowd the horse dashed on until it became entangled among the seats and fell. The sulky was broken into a hundred pieces.

The greatest excitement was caused by the runaway and the crowd was stampeded, men, women and children flying frantic rushes to get away. Many were knocked down and bruised but not seriously.

### Duel at Campmeeting.

Dallas, Texas, August 29.—News reached here today of a desperate duel Thursday evening in a camp meeting at Pleasant Valley, ten miles south of this city. It was fought with knives by Ed Dammons and Oscar Reeves, and was about a young lady, a cousin of Dammons' whom Reeves had been visiting.

Leaving the camp meeting soon after religious services had begun, the young men met near a public road about 200 yards distant and the fight then began. When found Dammons was covered with blood. His breast was slashed into strips, several deep stabs being found in the region of the heart, and his face was covered so as to pass him almost beyond identification.

Reeves was conscious, with a gaping wound in his throat and his head and face covered with slashes.

Neither of the men are expected to recover.

### Cruiser's Preliminary Trial.

On Board the United States Cruiser Brooklyn, Boston, Mass., August 29.—The Brooklyn was given a preliminary trial under forced draught over the official course between Cape Ann and Cape Porpoise yesterday. The average speed for the round trip of eighty-three knots was 20.97 knots an hour, a very satisfactory performance all things considered. The contract calls for a speed of twenty knots an hour in a run of four consecutive hours. For each quarter knot above this a speed premium of \$50,000 is allowed the builders. It is believed that on the official trial on Wednesday a speed of 21 1/2 knots will earn for the Cramp the handsome bonus of \$300,000. Yes, were absolutely perfect.

### Gold Mine at Belton.

Belton, Texas, August 29.—The gold mine excitement grows apace. A company has been organized and leased the old Mexican mine on Mr. Bowles' land and have begun active operations. The shaft was completely filled up by the Mexicans, which leads to the belief that there is gold in it and that it was refilled to prevent any one from finding it. The company has employed an old miner, who has worked in California and Australia, to superintend the work, who says the indications are that gold and silver in large quantities abound.

### Visited a Barbecue.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 29.—In his Syracuse speech William J. Bryan explained his campaigning tour by remarking that because few of the people had enough money this year to visit a presidential candidate, it seemed only fair that the candidate should go to see the people. In pursuance of this policy, Mr. Bryan left Buffalo by trolley yesterday morning to begin a two days' campaign among the smaller cities of Northern New York.

### Successful Excursion.

Victoria, Texas, August 29.—The children's excursion to Port Lavaca from Cuero and Rosenberg yesterday was a pronounced success, exceeding the expectations of its projectors. There were about 600 all told from Cuero and Victoria, and nearly the same number from the East. An unavoidable delay to the train from the east of several hours prevented a great many from going on the excursion who had prepared to go.

## TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Dr. J. O. McDowell of Argyle, Denton county, was found dead in his bed a few mornings ago.

The town of Buffalo, Leon county, was burned recently. Loss estimated at \$30,000 or \$40,000.

At Peoria, Hill county, recently, Mrs. Hague and an infant sustained serious injuries by a runaway horse.

W. H. Fielding, a gunner, residing at Petty, Lamar county, had his arm broken in a steam cotton press the other day.

A lady named Woodbridge living in Denton was hooked in the side a few days ago by a cow, breaking one rib and bruising her up considerably.

Near Kingston, Hunt county, the other day four young men were picking cotton for a wager and got over-axed and are in a serious condition.

A few nights ago, at Houston, James Hoge died suddenly at the Denver hotel from hemorrhage of the lungs. He was 26 years old and came from Pittsburg, Pa.

Tom Fursden, a carpenter, while working on T. P. Murray's residence in Kaufman, Kaufman county, was overcome by heat several days ago. He will recover.

Dr. J. F. Forehand, who practices medicine at Burnham, six miles west of Ennis, was thrown from his buggy and his arm was broken below the elbow a few days ago.

Hans Mahcke, a well known young man of San Antonio, and clerk of the Mahcke hotel, died from an overdose of morphine a few days ago, taken to cure a severe headache.

At Bastrop, Bastrop county, a difficulty occurred recently between A. Guse and W. H. Hines, in which the latter received a severe and painful knife wound in the hand. Guse was arrested, and gave bond.

In a difficulty in a saloon at Mexia, Lemestone county, recently, J. B. Moss, a printer, was dangerously cut with a knife in the neck, having his right ear almost severed from his head. Moss will recover.

Dave Dillingham, a brakeman on the Houston and Texas Central, while coupling cars in the oil mill yard at Brenham recently, was caught between two cars and badly mashed. He was sent to his home in Austin.

Kaufman county can boast of having the youngest school teacher in the state. Willie Daugherty is only 11 years old, and has a school of thirteen little pupils, all of whom are said to be learning rapidly.

At Sherman a small box, containing what is probably the bones of an infant, was found below Batsell's park in the creek a few evenings ago. They have been viewed by Corona Hinkle, and an investigation will be pushed.

A negro man named Waite Jones was found on the New Orleans Pacific a few mornings ago near Marshall, Harrison county. He had been hit by an unknown party and his skull was crushed. It is thought that death will follow.

The Muller building at 223 West Main street, Denton, Denton county, is being overhauled and repaired. It has been rented by a firm from Jefferson City, Mo., who will on Sept. 1 begin a banking business. The capital stock of the bank will be \$10,000.

At Tyler, Smith county, David Beattie, a tailor, and Mrs. A. E. Richer were arrested on a charge of bigamy. An examining trial was had in Justice Presroad's court, and each was placed under a \$200 bond. Beattie and Mrs. Richer were married, and after living together three days separated.

At Denison Joe O'Brien, who is charged with shooting at Brakeman M. F. Cook, came in and surrendered to the officers. He waived preliminary examination in Justice Mixon's court, and was bound over to the September term of the district court in the sum of \$500.

On affidavit of Messrs. Charles and Alvin Kidd, I. A. Rogers, a carpenter of Waxahachie, Ellis county, was arrested a few days ago, charged with an assault with criminal intent on two little girls not yet in their teens. Rogers was jailed and an examining trial will be held.

A residence, the property of August Weller of Sublime, occupied by M. Ehlinger, was destroyed by fire at Shiner, Lavaca county. Loss on the house \$200, insured for \$750 in the Queens Insurance company of New York. Mr. Ehlinger saved most of his furniture and household goods, his loss amounting to about \$300, with no insurance.

John E. Martin of Itasca, Hill county, has filed suit against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company for \$20,000 damages. He alleges that in attempting to board a Katy train at Itasca he was knocked down by an engine and injured to the above amount.

## MY FRIEND THE "CAP"



HAVE been persuaded to take a much needed rest this summer, to permit me to recuperate after a winter and spring of unusual activity and success. Consequently I have temporarily withdrawn from society; and thereby hangs a tale, in which my friend, Captain Rosenbaum, figures to some extent.

Pleasure is to me the chief object of existence; therefore, I have ever striven to enjoy myself, and to present where hilarity reigned—to have "a good time" at every possible opportunity.

You cannot wonder, then, that I felt it was my duty to move in good society. Yet I have been at some pains to arrange my affairs and social relations so to be able to attend most of the better class of private entertainments given in Chicago during the past two or three winters. It not only gave me no small enjoyment, but it also assisted me materially in my business.

It was a matter of considerable difficulty to secure an invitation to the Lawrence reception, but I managed it—no matter how—and it was at this reception that I made the acquaintance of Captain Rosenbaum.

I had strolled into Doctor Lawrence's library, in a wing at the rear of the mansion, on Michigan avenue, to get out of the hot and crowded parlors, and, in the dim light, was leaning against the window-casing, idly tapping on the glass with my fingers, when I noticed at the top of the window-ssh a bit of metal gleaming in the semi-darkness. I touched it, and found that it was part of a burglar alarm, moving when the window was opened upon another bit of metal, and by contact completing an electric circuit of some sort.

I am something of an electrician, and my interest and curiosity were at once aroused. A brilliant idea suddenly flashed in my brain. I unscrewed the upper bit of metal with my knife, and, after twisting off the wire which led from it into the woodwork, was examining it when I heard a light step at the door.

Glancing around, I found standing by the table a tall, dark-skinned man in an evening dress; with black mustache and imperial, and long rather curly black hair—in all suggesting at once the popular idea of his satanic majesty.

By one of those impulses which overcome us at times, I slipped the bit of metal into my pocket and turned toward the stranger, whom from his dress and manner I assumed to be one of the guests at the reception.

"I hope I don't intrude," he said, politely.

"Oh, no," I hastened to reply. "I am glad some one else can enjoy the coolness here."

"I think I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance," the stranger said, smiling; "as guests of this house, I



### I TURNED QUICKLY.

trust we need no formal introduction—my name is Captain Rosenbaum."

"And I am William Vance; very much at your service, sir," I returned, decidedly pleased with my new friend's voice and manner. "I am indeed glad to make your acquaintance, Captain Rosenbaum."

I found the captain a very agreeable fellow; a gentleman of refinement and culture, polished and well informed, a ready conversationalist, though decidedly reserved as to himself, and a smoker of excellent cigars. We discussed books, yachting, horses, the presidential nominations, the tariff, etc., and the captain shone as a man of wide reading and depth of thought along many lines.

I could learn nothing, however, of his own occupation—he was especially reticent on that point. The captain casually let slip that he had been in New York until recently; his business had taken him there on two hours' warning; and had brought him back as suddenly; he could not tell how soon his present business would be disposed of, or where he would go next.

"I am an uncertain fellow," he said, laughing, "and never know my plans two weeks in advance. Indeed, my plans are largely made for me, and I go and come usually at the bidding of others."

While we were talking, Doctor Lawrence entered, and I did not see the captain again that evening, for, while

I presently returned to the parlor, the captain remained chatting with his host.

I was decidedly ill at ease, for I had that piece of burglar alarm in my pocket, and could find no opportunity to put it back. I was fully aware that my hasty action might be misconstrued by one who did not know me, and I was anxious lest the captain had seen me take it down, though not in the most remote way had either of us referred to the subject.

It was no business of his, though, in any case, and I deemed myself in no way bound to consult him about so trivial an affair. Besides, I was inclined to think he had not seen me take the piece of metal. It subsequently appeared, however, that he did see me take it, and his actions were strongly influenced by the ideas this trifling incident suggested to him.

As it happened, I found no opportunity to approach the window again, and I went home with the bit of metal still in my pocket.

That night an attempt was made to rob Doctor Lawrence's house, the burglars entering by the very window from which I had removed the burglar alarm. They did not succeed in securing any plunder, being frightened away before any valuables were found.

Now this attempted burglary was similar to several others which had taken place at some of the finest residences in the city, in each case following only a day or two after a reception or a ball similar to that at Doctor Lawrence's house. As it happened, in every similar instance but one, I had been a guest at the entertainment, and I had almost begun to fear lest the people who had invited me should regard me as a bird of evil omen, and cease to "request the honor of my presence" at their houses.

Probably you are thinking of Captain Rosenbaum in connection with these robberies.

I must confess that I did not, although I had occasion afterward to associate him more or less directly with all of them. I had met him but once, and for a short time only, and his name did not occur to me until two weeks later, when Russell Dennison's daughter was married. At the reception, in the evening, I met my friend, the captain, again, and I found him the same polite, chatty gentleman, but, as before, suggesting Mephistopheles.

I encountered him a dozen times that evening—on the back veranda, in the conservatory, in the garden—till I began to regard him as my evil genius. Particularly did he hover in the neighborhood of the room full of silverware and jewelry which comprised the wedding gifts.

When I left the house the last person I saw was Captain Rosenbaum, who went out with me and left me at the nearest corner, turning down a side street with a wave of the hand and a cheery "Good-night, Vance."

I was destined to see my friend, the captain, once more that night, and it happened in this wise: The moon had gone down, and it was nearly three o'clock in the morning, when, with two friends, I stood in the rear of Russell Dennison's mansion, under the shadow of a large bush. I was still in evening dress, concealed by a dark overcoat, and had a soft hat pulled down over my eyes. In my hand I held a revolver, as did each of my two companions.

In pursuance of my project, it was only a minute's work to quietly open the door at the rear of the house and the door at the head of the stairs within. Two minutes later we were in the room with the wedding gifts.

A dim light burned in the chandelier, and at the other side of the room the figure of a man lay on a sofa.

I slipped over to his side, and with my revolver close to his temple, signaled to my friends to begin their work.

At the first soft clink of the silver in the bag in which they were guardedly slipping the wedding gifts the room was suddenly flooded with light, and I heard an oath from one of my companions.

I turned quickly, and saw Captain Rosenbaum and three policemen standing in the doorway. I had time only to see the captain smile triumphantly and nod in my direction, before my arms were seized from behind; the weapon wrenched from my hand, and with sharp clicks of locking handcuffs, I was a prisoner. My friend, the captain, then spoke:

"Hardly expected to meet me again to-night, eh, Vance? You tried that burglar alarm dodge once too often. Twice you played it in Madison avenue, New York, undetected. An account of similar burglaries in Chicago, as reported in the Chicago Record, aroused the suspicions of Chief Conlin, of New York, and he sent me here to try to run you down. I am known in the metropolis as Jack Randolph, of Police Headquarters. You and your pals are my prisoners."

That consoling speech from "my friend, the captain," made my blood run cold, and I felt humiliated when I thought of how I had been entrapped by the New York detective.

As before remarked, I am now taking a rest from my social duties. I

shall stay at this closely guarded institution somewhat less than eight years, and there are six indictments, I am told, waiting to be attended to when I leave.

## LEISURELY BICYCLE RIDING.

The Only Way to Get Enjoyment Out of the Exercise.

The easy, graceful, moderate, leisurely style of bicycle riding is coming into vogue and practice, particularly with ladies. On the most popular cycling roads in this city and county may now be seen, any fair day, numbers of ladies, alone or accompanied, riding along easily, at a pace of six or eight miles an hour, and either enjoying the landscape or chatting pleasantly. This fact is really a matter of great importance, and from the standpoint of good health and reasonable physical exercise it is both noteworthy and a source of satisfaction.

Bicycling is comparatively a new exercise. Although there have been wheels and wheelmen for a quarter of a century, it is only within four or five years that the pastime has become so popular as to be almost universal. And like every new exercise, it has been done to excess, and is only now beginning to be properly utilized and made a reasonable pleasure. The little child that has just learned to walk cannot make his little legs go fast enough to keep up with his desire to get over space, but by and by he learns to walk with easy grace, and to take such exercise as is both healthful and pleasant. Bicycle exercise has scarcely passed the childish, the rushing, the scorching era, but it is approaching the more graceful and less impulsive stage. The impulse to spin over the ground on a wheel is as irresistible, at first, as the toddler's desire to fairly leap from one point to another, and everything is forgotten but the exhilaration and new excitement. It must be something like the sensations of a little bird the first time he tries his wings. But, as already suggested, ladies and gentlemen who ride the wheel are learning that there is a keen delight in riding easily, gracefully and leisurely. It affords pleasure which "scorching" can never give. It permits conversation, it allows observation of and appreciation of beautiful scenery. It develops love of nature as well as both muscle and lung power. It does more; it prevents redness of face, shortness of breath and superfluous perspiration. The leisurely rider does not get tired; for a nice, easy pace may be continued hour after hour without fatigue, and after a ride of this kind the rider is refreshed and feels that the exercise could be continued indefinitely.

There can be no doubt of all this, for ladies and gentlemen who are fully competent to speak testily to the pleasures of riding at a moderate pace. Moreover, having overcome their early impulses to rush from one town to another or to "chase miles" in order to establish a record of no avail to them after it is made.

There will always be "scorchers" and young beginners, and these will continue to ride as if a cyclone were after them; but ladies and gentlemen generally are surely adopting the leisurely pace and are enjoying it to the fullest extent.—Elizabeth (N. J.) Journal.

## When Napoleon Learned Humanity.

Bonaparte had ruled men's hearts by his use of a cause, securing devotion by ruse and bombast, by success and by sufficient rewards; Napoleon quenched devotion by a lavishness which sated the greediest, losing the affections of his associates by the demands of his gigantic plans. As he felt the foundations of his greatness shivering he became more and more humane. Early in 1813 he said: "I have a sympathetic heart, like another, but since earliest childhood I have accustomed myself to keep that string silent and now it is altogether dumb." He was mistaken; throughout that season he was profoundly moved by the horrors of war; his purse was ever open for the suffering; the king of Saxony was released from his entangling engagements; in spite of his hard-set expression, on the retreat from Leipzig he forbade his men to fire the suburbs of the city in order to retard the pursuit of their foes, and before he left Mainz for St. Cloud, he showed the deepest concern and put forth the strongest effort in behalf of the dying soldiery.—Century.

## Hitching the Bicycle.

A new bicycle kink has developed. A rider stopped in front of a store and, after he had dismounted, he took a heavy weight that was hooked just behind the seat, and attached it to a chain which he took from his pocket. He fastened the chain and weight to the bicycle, and, apparently satisfied that it was now quite safe, he went into the store.—New York World.

## The Moral.

Just as a Mount Sterling family had sat down to dinner and while the head of the family was saying grace a hungry tramp stole the pan of biscuit out of the stove.

Moral—You should watch as well as pray.—Winchester (Ky.) Democrat.

## A MOUNTAIN MOVES.

THE FRENCH PEASANTS HEAR IT GROANING AND ROARING.

Multitudes Visit This Phenomenon—Probable Result Will Be the Changing of the Course of the Famous River Rhone.



MOUNTAIN is moving down in the old provence district of France, says the New York Journal. In what long ago used to be known as the "Land of the Troubadours" this modern miracle has come to pass, and before the eyes of the astonished peasantry who are hurrying to and fro to their wayside shrines and ancient churches a great mass of earth is moving at a rate that is plainly perceptible to the eye and with a noise that groans and roars up and down the valley of the Gard.

It is likely to do even more. There is more than a possibility that this gigantic movement of heaped-up bowlders and loosely-joined together soil will result in changing the course of the famous river Rhone. Already the colliery of Grand Combe, in the little village of the same name, and the best part of a mile of the Allais railway have been destroyed, and the dwellers in that region have had to flee before the mountain's slow and irresistible advance.

The entire movement is strange and peculiar. One reads of the transformations of the earth's surface which took place in the geological ages, but such an event has not been known to happen hitherto in these times of ours. The primal cause of this mountain's moving is said to be the weakening of its base of grit and green marl by the continual infiltration of rain. The lower portions of the enormous mass of soil and bowlders have given way, and the whole vast bulk, which has hitherto lifted its head high above the valley, is gradually slipping down toward the far-off sea, threatening to choke up both the Gard and the Gardon rivers which mingle and flow down to the Rhone through the valley along which the mountain is making its way.

Many people are traveling out from nearby Nimes each day to get a look at this phenomenon. As many as 5,000 sightseers have already visited the district, and great care has to be taken that none of them venture on the mountain itself or in the path of the moving mass.

As it moves, and the advance is almost perceptible as one stands by and watches closely, the noise is deafening and time and time again with a sound like a muffled explosion the surface of the mountain side breaks into great cracks and crevasses, some of which are wide enough for a railway train to pass through.

It was just such vast displacements of earth as this that used to occur in this region ages ago, so the scientists say, before man made his appearance on the earth, and it is owing to these natural phenomena of the far-off period that the Rhone and its smaller sister, the Gard, stand almost unique among the rivers of France. For these rivers are continually shifting in their courses and eating away at times great bites of land in one place and building it up in another, but all the time washing down vast masses of earth and stone to the delta of the Rhone, which was called by the Romans Gallic Egypt on account of the fertility of these enormous quantities of alluvial soil brought down and deposited by the spring floods which overspread the region to the south of Arles. This moving mountain of the Gard will in all probability be eventually washed down to the Rhone delta, for this same thing has been happening on a smaller scale for centuries along the course of the Rhone and the Gard.

An exceedingly curious land is all this country, curious not only because of its picturesque inhabitants that Daudet has portrayed with such faithfulness, but especially because of this little understood, migratory, ever-shifting river Rhone. In what the scientists call the diluvial epoch what is now the delta of this strange river was a great bay into which the blue waters of the Mediterranean poured. Now the mouth of the Rhone makes almost a broad and flat peninsula, stretching out into the great inland sea.

This wonderful change was largely brought about by a geologic movement of which this sliding mountain is an excellent example. The Rhone was a small stream in those pre-Adamite days—but it was destined to become a great one. Two colossal deluges swept down from the Alps along the course of this river, and the Durance, its tributary, carrying all before them in their fury and bringing down huge masses of stone which the force of the torrent ground into pebbles along the overflowing banks.

Such a vast quantity of earth and stone must find lodgment somewhere, and it was carried beyond the then mouth of the Rhone, miles out under the Mediterranean. There it makes a

bed of rubble that is sixty feet in depth and which still exists almost as it was in the beginning. But not all of the mountain bowlders and soil that were carried down by these torrents in their headlong course reached the mouth of this now great river. A considerable portion of them remained scattered along from the mountains to the sea, forming a vast alluvial plain, the distribution being helped along by a score of tributaries, of which the Gard was one.

Though this vast tract of fertilizing mud and stone the river Rhone has wandered for centuries, choosing various courses for itself at various times, changing even from season to season. This wandering of the great river, though it proved a trifle inconvenient to the peasantry, left nevertheless a vast extent of fertile soil capable of growing any French product. Up to the time of Louis XIV. the Rhone was left pretty much to itself, with the exception of the numerous canals constructed at the delta by the Romans, but Louis, thinking he could improve upon nature, spent millions of dollars in strengthening the banks of the river and its main branches and forcing them to remain within their course.

## NEW ZEALAND TATTOOING.

The Face Moko Is Considered a Mark of Identity.

Major-General Robley, who went through the Maori campaign of 1864-1866, has just published an interesting monograph on "Moko or Maori Tattooing," with numerous illustrations from photographs and his own sketches. In New Zealand tattooing is practiced for various purposes. The face moko, for example, is a mark of identity and families are frequently copied on deeds in place of signatures. It is also a sexual adornment to make the men more distinguished and attractive to women, though what was deemed an allurement to lovers of the opposite sex was also expected to make men more terrible to enemies of their own. The great object of the Maori chiefs was to excite fear. To paint their faces like red Indians was but a temporary device; tattooing then came in to give permanent dignity. To show off moko to advantage it was necessary to have no hair on the face, so every Maori was clean shaven, which is to say that he remove the hair with a pair of mussel shells—afterward, after acquaintance with Europeans, with a pair of tweezers. One might have expected that the best examples of the art would have been done with native instruments, but according to Major-General Robley the introduction of iron brought about finer work and thus it was most unsparingly influenced by Sheffield. The actual incision made in the skin was done formerly with bone, wood or stone instruments applied to the skin and driven in with a small light mallet, the pigment being applied to the incision as soon as made, but, of course, every artist had a series of instruments like an engraver and very wonderful, indeed, is the diversity of line and adornment which was thus accomplished. And here it must be said that the characteristic New Zealand moko, which consists of incisions in the skin, has nothing in common with the ordinary blue tattooing which leaves the surface of the skin smooth. The latter process was adopted only by women, who were rarely moko-ed except for a few lines on the lips. The pain of the incisions was considerable but the scars usually healed in a week and a clever artist would be more run after than the most distinguished portrait painter of our day. One of the most striking illustrations in the book is the portrait of King Tawhia, the great ariki, or chief of chiefs. His body, as well as his face, was covered with carving, and he said that for a fortnight, when his lips were being done, he had to be fed most tenderly.

## His Only Bet.

By the side of the chief approaches to a certain English race course one night some years ago, when the races were on, a small knot of folk gathered around a venerable looking gentleman who was with might and main denouncing the wickedness of the betting and pointing out the evils attaching to a "love of sport." This gentleman had a history. He was by no means an ordinary street preacher; he was a wealthy merchant, and many years previously he had, on that very race course, laid the foundation of his fortune by backing a horse (upon the strength of some extra reliable intelligence he had received) to win no less than £5,000. It won, and from that day the fortunate backer bet no more. Not only did he himself turn his back upon the turf, but he was ever doing his best to induce other folk to follow his example.—Exchange.

## Robbing Him of His Fame.

"Well," declared Rip Van Winkle, as he entered Philadelphia, "if this city isn't enough to make a man jealous!"—New York World.

## Don't Need Silver.

In Central South America eggs, coconuts and chocolate pass as currency of the realm.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.  
Try Ham Bone Tobacco. Each Plug Warranted.  
Chas. Hassell and J. S. Fluker are at the oil mill.

J. F. Duren is off on a business trip to Indian Territory.

Mrs. Willie Ripley of Waco is on a visit to relatives here.

Mitchell Satterwhite has sold out his saloon business to Frank Harris.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledg, Kennedy & Co. grocery store.

Mrs. J. B. Fifer has bought of Jno. C. Wall the J. E. Downes old homestead.

Miss Carrie Webb left last Monday night for Austin, where she will attend Stuart Seminary.

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

W. H. Lisbon Esq., a land agent from Galveston, is here making an abstract of the county. He estimates that it will take him two years to complete the work.

I will begin my class in drawing and painting Monday, Sept. 7th. Patronage respectfully solicited. Please apply for terms.

Mrs. H. A. WYNNE.

Cotton has been on the upward jump again this week. The crop all over the cotton belt is reported shorter than last year. Futures in New York advanced over 70 points in two days.

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

From all accounts Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a Godsend to the afflicted. There is no advertisement about this; we feel just like saying it.—The Democrat Carrollton, Kentucky.

For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

John Mangum has taken in hand the fruit crops of W. B. Page and A. LeGory. He is shipping fruit rapidly and finding markets right along at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel. He will handle from fifteen hundred to two thousand bushels of Keifer pears.

Jno. Johnson (col.) who was stealing a ride on the pilot of the evening flyer jumped off at Paso and caught one of his feet under the trucks and had it mashed into a pulp. The train backed back and picked him up and brought him to Crockett where his foot was amputated by Drs. Hall and Smith.

**CASH! CASH!!  
CASH!!!**

DOWN goes the PRICES on SPRING AND SUMMER SHOES. BRING IN YOUR FEET and get them shod with the neatest, cheapest and most DURABLE SHOES in town.

SOLID low cut SHOES reduced from 75 to 50c. \$1.00 shoes to 75c. \$1.25 shoes to \$1.00. \$1.50 shoes to \$1.25. Also a beautiful line of HAND-TURNED tokin in TANS, CHOCOLATE and Blacks, REDUCED from \$3.00 to \$2.50, from \$2.50 to \$2.00, from \$2.00 to \$1.50. These shoes are the latest styles being out on the 20th century last and every pair guaranteed.

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

**Oxford Ties To Be Sold.**

ONLY a limited quantity, all marked in plain figures and sold for their marked price until a very short time ago. Now, we have a few John Kelly's best and finest quality in the latest styles, tan, plain toe, only a few, sizes from one to five, B, C and D width, sold for \$3.50, to close at 195. Same as above only in silk cloth top, sold at \$3.50, to close at \$1.95. Also same in black, cost same as above, now for \$1.95; only a few left.

Our three dollar tans, sizes from 1 to 4 1-2, to close at \$1.75. Here is the best tie ever sold for two and a half, in black or tan, C and E width, to close at a dollar and a half.

Those who have worn these goods can best appreciate this reduction as they have no equal. A few broken sizes in \$1.50, plain or tip, to close at one dollar. Our \$1.25 tie to close at 75c. Tans sizes from 3 to 6, very nice shapes, fifty cents per pair. Black cheaper grades for 20c a pair. Come at once.

Be in no hurry to buy Dry Goods, they are getting cheaper every day. Don't be surprised at present prices on anything. You will hear from the boys soon. Remember it is new music when they play.

SPECIAL:—Ladies' vests worth five cents each to close at two for five cents. Better grade worth twenty five cents now going at 12 1-2c each. The finest fifty cent vest ever sold in Crockett for twenty five cents. Come at once.

Very Respectfully Yours,

**McLean & Wilson.**

**Crockett, - - - Texas.**

Mrs. Waller and children have returned from their trip to Montgomery county.

Miss Sarah Bromberg has returned home from an extended visit in Galveston.

J. C. Toleman, after an extended business trip through Southern Texas, is at home again.

I. A. Daniel has just received a car load of Rye, Barley and Wheat which he will sell at close figures.

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

In our last week's paper we had an article stating that two Walker boys had been arrested for burglarizing the house of Joe Berry. It was a mistake and we are glad to rectify it.

John Mangum, the popular cotton buyer, is making arrangements to go into a wholesale and retail grain and feed business. He will occupy one half of the Opera House building.

Last Friday night Will Glasper and Rob't. Wright (both col.) became involved in a 'scrap' at a festival over near the depot and Glasper pulled his ".45" and proceeded to take a shot at Wright. He displayed some bad marksmanship and only succeeded in perforating the pantaloons of the Rev. Alex Turner who was an innocent bystander.

**Private Detectives Wanted.**

We want one or two young men in this county to represent us as private detectives. Money for the right man. Address with stamp. Texas Detective and Protective Association, San Antonio Texas.

Friday morning's train brought down the Grapeland base ball team to play the Crockett team. The game was called at 4 o'clock and ended at 6:15 with the score 20 to 8 in favor of Crockett. The Grapeland boys say they lost the game on account of the Crockett nine 'ringing in' several players from abroad. The boys are wrong in this assertion. Every boy that was in the Crockett nine was born and raised in Crockett except Geo. Bland and he played at Grapeland when the Crockett boys played up there on the 15th, and of course was expected to play here last Friday.

In a recent letter to the manufacturers Mr. W. Benjamin, editor of the Spectator, Rushford, N. Y., says: "It may be a pleasure to you to know the high esteem in which Chamberlain's medicines are held by the people of your own state, where they must be the best known. An aunt of mine, who resides at Dexteo, Iowa, was about to visit me a few years since, and before leaving home wrote me, asking if they were sold here; stating if they were not she would bring a quantity with her, as she did not like to be without them." The medicines referred to are Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of colds and croup; Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, lame back, pains in the side and chest, and Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. These medicines have been in constant use in Iowa for almost a quarter of a century. The people have learned that they are articles of great worth and merit, and unequalled by any other.

They are for sale here by B. F. Chamberlain.

**That Tired Feeling.**

Can easily be gotten rid of by getting yourself one of those cheap beadsteads which The Furniture Store is selling at cut prices to make room for their heavy fall stock. They have over thirty styles of beadsteads from a little child's bed to the largest double bed, and from the very cheapest bed made, to the finest quarter sawed oak bed. Don't sleep on the floor any longer but come and get yourself a bed while they are selling at such a cut price.

We guarantee every bedstead in our house to be strictly first class not like the cheap trash which falls to pieces in a few months. Come quick as they are going fast.

**Old People.**

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding nature in the performance of the functions. Electric bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it is just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

**STRAYED OR STOLEN.**

One black and white steer about 5 years old marked steple fork in right and split in left ear, branded B. D. on left hip. Will pay five dollars reward for recovery or information to recovery. Address, B. D. RAINS.

**"This is for You."**

I will sell you dress goods, such as lawns, muslins, organdies, percales, tulle, nainsooks, chambrays, gingham, etc., etc., at very close prices. I only ask you to price same. Bargains for everybody every day in the week. Our line of ladies' shirt waists are going; have sold boxes of them and we now offer them cheaper than ever. Gentlemen, remember our bargain in everything in furnishing goods: Hats, the very nobbyest; shoes the latest styles. We want to win trade and hold it. Don't miss us. Come at any time and every day in the week except Sunday, and you can find us loaded with bargains. Try our A. A. 1 Flour; none better. Don't be deceived. Call on the old reliable,

Yours for trade,  
J. E. DOWNES.

A few reasons why Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic should be used. It is effective; it is harmless; it is pleasant to take; it is quick in its action; it is guaranteed to cure. 50 cents.

My little boy, when two years of age, was taken very ill with bloody flux. I was advised to use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and luckily procured part of a bottle. I carefully read the directions and gave it accordingly. He was very low, but slowly and surely he began to improve, gradually recovered, and is now as stout and strong as ever. I feel sure it saved his life. I never can praise the Remedy half its worth. I am sorry every one in the world does not know how good it is, as I do.—Mrs. Lina S. Hinton, Grahamsville, Marion Co., Florida. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

The lady who imported a Peruvian dog for the sake of his Peruvian bark to cure chills had never heard of Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It cures the chills any wt. ere, some how Guaranteed. Tasteless 50 cents.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For President: W. J. BRYAN of Nebraska.
For Vice-President: A. SEWALL of Maine.
For Governor: C. A. CULBERSON.
For Lieutenant Governor: G. A. JESTER.
For Attorney General: M. M. CRANE.
For State Treasurer: W. B. WORTHAM.
For Comptroller: R. W. FINLEY.
For Sup't Public Instruction: J. M. CARLISLE.
For Com. Land Office: A. J. BAKER.
For Congressman Second Dist.:
For Chief Justice, Court of Civil Appeals: GARRETT.
First District:
For Associate Justice, Court of Appeals: W. L. DAVIDSON.
Supreme Court: DENMAN.
For Rail Road Commissioners: JOHN H. REAGAN, ALLISON MAYFIELD, STOREY.
S. B. COOPER of Tyler Co.
For Judge Third Judicial District: W. H. GILL of Anderson Co.
For Attorney Third Judicial Dist.: J. S. JONES of Henderson Co.
For Floater: N. B. BARBEE.
For Representative: W. B. WALL.
For County Judge: E. WINFREE.
For County Treasurer: M. M. BAKER.
For Assessor of Texas: GAIL CLINTON.
For Sheriff: G. M. WALLER.
For Tax Collector: J. R. SHERIDAN.
For District Clerk: TONY GOSSETT.
For County Clerk: N. E. ALLBRIGHT.
For County Attorney: JOE ADAMS.
For County Surveyor: B. M. JONES.
For Justice Peace Prec't No. 1: W. D. PRICHARD.
For Constable Prec't No. 1: M. W. SATERWHITE.

WHEN did Dave Richardson become such an admirer of Judge Burnett? It has not been two months since he stated that "the only interest he felt and expected to take in Houston county politics was to beat Burnett."

The best paid laborers in the world are to be found here in the U. S. and under the gold-standard.

The most dangerous man in the country to day is the dogmatist who knows everything and is never mistaken.

We repeat it again for the ninety eighth time, now, that there is nothing wrong with the country except agitation and agitators.

It is so dry in Texas that Horace's rustic could walk from one side of the State to the other without waiting for a single stream to run by.

Can Frank Hill give one single, sound, sensible reason why the people of this county should elect him County Judge except the ever-present, ever-lasting, ever-disturbing one of being office-hungry?

We received ten days since a long communication from Hon. J. W. Madden on the political situation. The article is a very able and interesting one and we regret that the demands on our space made it necessary to cut it down.

Our esteemed friend, G. B. Lundy, replies to our squib of last week and drops into scriptural quotations with graceful glibness. Regardless of the aptness or correctness of his quotations, he fires away all the same. But George isn't as much at home in Biblical lore as he is at "argifying" on finance.

Hon. John H. Reagan says he was elected to an office at Ft. Worth without his consent. Now, that is simply a stupendous piece of incredible gush. If he didn't want the position why didn't he get up and say so and he wouldn't have been raped with it.

The Galveston News says Hogg is "megalophonous." What's "megalophonous"—anyhow?—Palestine Advocate.

Turn to your Greek Lexicon and under the caption of M and P you will find the words "megas" and "phonos"—the former meaning 'huge,' 'large,' 'great' and the latter, "sound," "voice" etc. From these two the compound is formed meaning, "big-sounding," "great-voiced," etc and in a secondary or hyperbolic sense, meaning "cyclone-roarer," "thunder-gust-buster," "hell-tore-loose-in-Georgia" etc.

Mr. Dave Richardson assumes that, because the law doesn't specifically say that a candidate for County Attorney must be a qualified elector before he can serve as county attorney, for that reason he is eligible. This is a violent and preposterous assumption on Mr. Richardson's part.

It is very amusing to see Judge Burnett and Frank Hill coquetting with the populists. A Saratoga Beau Brummel is not more skilled in the arts of ball room gallantry than these two gentlemen are in their attentions to the pops.

The path of the office seeker is rocky and thorny. If he should be so fortunate as to get an office, he is not more than installed therein before some aspiring genius figures to make life miserable by plotting to fire him out two years thereafter.

CHAIRMAN BYNUM of the National Democratic Executive Committee perpetrated a huge joke one day last week. He was asked what states the National Democratic Ticket to be nominated at Indianapolis this week would carry. His reply was: "Alabama, Florida, Kentucky and Texas." Mr. Bynum must have an acute faculty for the ridiculous or he is so unsophisticated as to be easily imposed on.

To the Houston county Democratic jury commissioners;—Did you draw negroes on the juries in Houston county? If you did not, who did? It is being intimated in Anderson county that you are the guilty parties.

Of course technically speaking, the commissioners drew the negroes. It is also true that Judge Burnett in his speeches in Houston county promised the negroes that they should have representation on the juries and he organized the jury commissions with the view of fulfilling his election promises to the negroes.

You can say to the people of Anderson county that Judge Burnett is the man who is responsible for negroes being put on juries in this county and not the jury commissioners. If he had been opposed to them sitting on juries he could very easily have appointed commissioners that would not have put them on as he did commissioners who he knew would put them, on even though he should not suggest such a thing to them.

AMENDE HONORABLE.

Hon. J. W. Madden, private secretary of Gov. Culberson writes the COURIER under date of August 31 to the effect that the editorial in the last issue of the paper criticising some remarks that Gov. Culberson according to the Galveston News is reported to have made in his Ft. Worth speech does the governor an injustice. Mr. Madden denies that the governor made the remarks. In commenting on them we expressed the hope that the governor had not been correctly reported and we are glad to know that the alleged remarks were not made by him. We have always regarded Gov. Culberson as conservative and incapable of making a speech after the order of the "liver and lights" speech of Governor Hogg.

GROVER CLEVELAND is said to be collecting material for an address which he will deliver in behalf of the Indianapolis ticket soon after its nomination.

GRAPELAND.

Look out for the Clark, Hardy, Kearby and McKinley combination if it extends to logical affairs somebody will be surprised when the votes are counted in November.

When the "Flyer" stopped at the depot last Friday night to land the Grapeland nine you would have thought that Bryan was elected or Cuba had gained her independence from the amount of faces and hurrahing with tin horns, yelling, etc. The disturbance to those who were trying to slumber was counteracted by the thought that our boys in whom we have great confidence had of course won a great victory at Crockett where they had been to play a game.

The Crockett team has been invited to visit Grapeland at a future time to give our boys a chance. Come up boys we will welcome you and will guarantee the guys to be all Caucasian.

Capt. R. S. Pridgen who has been very low we are pleased to state is some better this week.

A splendid and most enjoyable entertainment, in honor of Miss Nannie Woodard's departure to Baylor College at Belton Texas, was given last Saturday night at the Totty House. The parlors were thrown open at 8:30 p. m. and soon a crowd of happy people filled

TO YOUNG WIVES

WE OFFER A REMEDY WHICH INSURES SAFETY TO LIFE OF MOTHER AND CHILD. "Mothers' Friend" ROBS CONFINEMENT OF ITS PAIN, HORROR AND RISK.

"My wife used only two bottles. She was easily and quickly relieved; is now doing splendidly." J. S. MORRIS, Harlow, N. C. Sent by express or mail, on receipt of price, \$1.00 per bottle. Book "TO MOTHERS" mailed free. HEADFIELD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

William's Kidney Pills Has no equal in diseases of the Kidneys and Urinary Organs. Have you neglected your Kidneys? Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your Kidneys and Bladder? Have you pains in the loins, side, back, groins and bladder? Have you a flabby appearance of the face, especially under the eyes? Too frequent desire pass urine? William's Kidney Pills will impart new life to the diseased organs, tone up the system and make a new man of you.

A complete line of coffins and metallic caskets at The Furniture Store at moderate prices.

RESTORED MANHOOD

be great remedy for nervous prostration and all nervous debility. It restores the vitality of the system, and cures all nervous diseases, such as Nervous Prostration, Loss of Manhood, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Youthful Debility, excessive use of Tobacco or Opium, which impairs and injures the system. With every \$5.00 order we give a bottle of our "Nervine" for free. Sold at \$1.00 per bottle or \$5.00. DR. MOTT'S CHEMICAL CO., Cleveland, O.

GO TO J. A. BRICKER & CO.

Gold and Silver Spectacles. Gold and Silver Watches. Plain Gold and Fancy Set Rings. Silverware and Novelties. Fine Watch and Jewelry Repairing a Specialty. Castleburg Old Stand.

them to overflowing. At a suitable hour refreshments were served and to say that they were prepared and presented by that queen of hostesses Mrs. Ida Totty is enough to insure their excellency and ability to satisfy the palate of the most fastidious.

D. McNaughton of Palestine spent Thursday in town "rustling."

Thos. Bowers the "veritable" of the Crockett Enterprise was in town Saturday with an eye to business in the interest of his paper.

R. T. Gibson of Palestine spent a day here this week prospecting with a view to establishing a paper here.

Elder Poe of the Christian church will begin a protracted meeting at Hays Springs next Sunday.

Mr. J. P. Doherty of Palestine, a telegraph operator, succeeds Mr. Parnell here as night man.

Mr. M. D. Murchison informs us that he has weighed 100 bales of cotton up to date.

Elder Holsapple of the Christian church will preach here on Sept. 15th.

Misses Ruth Taylor and May Fox attended the entertainment at the Totty House.

Miss Belle Valentine of Crockett attended the entertainment at the Totty House.

Clarence Prestidge of Percilla took in the hospitality of the Totty House last Saturday night.

No rain yet everything burning up. Health splendid.

KEYSTONE.