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We Never Guess!

When we say we are selling goods cheapest, we are not guessing, we know it. When we say in simple English: "You never saw goods so low before," we don't surmise, we are positive. When we say that we have kicked the foundation from under values and sent prices after a fashion you have never dreamed of, take us at our word that it's the truth. We are busy making bargains these days. If what you want don't appear one day it will another. If there is anything on your mind to-day—something you want at once, come right after it—we will give you a bargain as well one time as another.

Let Her Go!

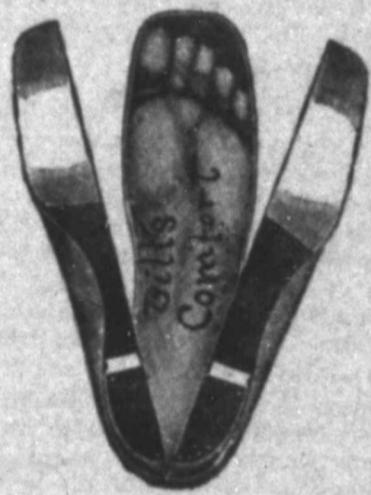
Ten yards of best yd wide Green Ticket Lonsdale for 50c; 10 yds of Hamilton Alpaca Worsted for 50c; 10 yds of Round Thread Cotton Checks for 25c; 9 yds of Best Feather Tick for 75c; 9 yds of Good Matrix Tick for 35c; 10 yds of All Wool Red Flannel for 80c; Mens' Black and Tan Hose for 5c a pair; Ladies' Handkerchiefs 3 for 5c. Remember the Boys' Knee Suits at 35c—we have them. Mens' Sunday Shoes in Lace and Congress with black bottoms 75c a pair. Try one of our Mens' 50c hats—guaranteed to last 12 months. Don't forget our Boys' Wool Hats at 10c, 15c, 20c, and up to 50c. Since our Great Sweeping Advertisement appeared we have sold more goods than any two houses in Houston County and if you will only drop into our store and get our prices you will certainly think that New York and St. Louis have busted.

Have You Seen

Our New Dress Goods? Those that really present the newest thought? The latest touch of fashion? They are here in all their beauty and they are a charming lot. If you are a lover of good clothes and had rather dress well than ill at the same cost drop in and look at this line.

Silk, Silk, Silk!

Two Tonsd Silk—Just the thing for Shirt Waists and Dresses, going at 23 and 27 cents per yard.



Don't Forget!

Ladies don't forget that when you want a nice hat for yourself or daughter that our St. Louis Milliner, Miss Hughes, can trim you one in the latest Paris styles. Our line is very extensive in these goods and we can sell you a hat, nicely trimmed, from 25c to \$9.50.

Capes and Jackets!

Our second shipment of Capes and Jackets have arrived and remember we are ready to make prices again.

Clothing, Clothing!

Don't forget that our line of clothing is complete. Just drop in and see our Youths' Suits at \$8.50 and our Mens' Extra Fine Suits at \$18.00. Then if you decide that you want something cheaper we can give them to you lower than the lowest.

Look Out!

Watch for our next weeks ad. and watch some of our competitors copy.

Remember

We will compare quality and price with any market.

School Shoes!

If you can't get a pair of School Shoes that will last try a pair of W. V. McConnells (own brand) The wear well kind, they are neat and honest goods and will last.

Yours Very Respectfully,

W. V. McCONNELL.



Culberson at Crockett

On last Saturday Houston county turned out in masses to hear the great governor of our great State. It was well known in advance that the people were eager to hear him, and arrangements had been made to accommodate the great crowd that it was known would be present. Although the weather was threatening and the air damp and chilly, these unfavorable conditions had no terror for the unterrified democracy of old Houston county, who came from far and near to hear their chosen leader. Some came the evening before, and hundreds began to arrive early Saturday morning until by nine o'clock when the train arrived the streets were literally lined with humanity. The governor was met at the train by a brass band and a company of mounted young ladies and gentlemen in uniform. Quite a concourse had gathered at the depot to await the arrival of the train and it was evident to every one that it was to be a great day for Crockett. A procession headed by the escort, of young ladies and gentlemen proceed from the depot to the Pick Wick Hotel where the governor became the guest of mine Host W. V. Berry who was all smiles at the thought of entertaining the chief executive of the great Lone Star State. In fact our friend Berry's great ambition was to en-

tain one live governor before he shuffled off this mortal coil and it must be admitted that he succeeded admirably.

The governor arrived at the hotel proceeded at once upon the task of getting acquainted with everybody. He did not wait for introductions but shook the hands of his fellow citizens as they came forward to greet him and for two hours indulged in a running and witty conversation with those about him. The governor was in splendid good humor and seemed to put everyone in good humor around him. Our people will never forget the pleasant impressions of this first meeting with Governor Culberson.

At one o'clock sharp the band struck up a lively air and led the way to the tabernacle where an immense audience preceded them. Upon arrival at the tent Gov. Culberson was introduced by chairman F. H. Bayne in a few happy remarks, and for an hour and a half expounded true democracy to an attentive and sympathetic audience as it has ever been mortal man's privilege to face. His audience was with him from the very start. He at once placed himself squarely upon the Chicago platform declaring that he endorsed every plank of it. He defended his administration as being successful and economical, and showed by facts and figures that it compared most favorably with that of any of his predecessors

since 1873. He showed that we had the lowest tax rate of any State in the union with the exception of three. He paid his respects to Jerome Kearby the man who cherishes the delusion that he is a candidate for governor. He showed that Kearby handled figures and the truth in a most reckless manner. He also gave his unvarnished opinion of the unholy fusion of populists and republicans and showed that it was the most shameful political dicker in the history of politics.

The colored people were not overlooked by him, and he pointed out to them the pledge of the democrats in their platform to enlarge Prairie View Normal and convert it into a university, and their promise of fifty thousand acres of the public domain for that purpose. At the same time he invited their attention to that most remarkable plank in the populist platform wherein they propose to give each race its own pro rata proportion of the public school fund, a proposition which if enacted into law would result in giving each colored pupil a school fund of fifty seven cents and a school term of three weeks.

In a most eloquent and feeling manner he defended his cause in the prize fight matter and satisfied every one that the payment of the fee to Hogg and Robertson was a necessary and wise expenditure

It is impossible to cover in a brief write up every point of his speech but it was a masterly effort and won him and the democracy many friends. Those who went there as his supporters became confirmed in the faith, and many who went to hear him under the influence of an unjust prejudice came away as his warm supporters. Democracy is a great game by reason of his coming, and discomfiture reigns in the camp of the enemy. The pop-republican fusion outfit held a hurried caucus during the speaking and determined to urge Kearby to come here if possible. They realize that unless something is done all is lost.

Gov. Culberson was followed by Col. Geo. L. Walton who gave some excellent reasons why a man should not be a populist. He showed that in a great crisis, such as now exists a patriot could not remain in the populist camp but that duty demanded that all true populists join hands with the democrats in their great fight for reform. His speech was well received, and some of the populists told him that their organization was going to pieces.

Don't.

Don't scratch! Don't cut out the name of the nominee! Don't trade or swap off any name. But vote the entire democratic ticket from electors down.

CREEK.

All is quiet on the Creek. No sickness and all able to eat their share of the grub.

The school opened last Monday, Mr. Gushing Lansford is the teacher, assisted by Miss ——— and Creek may be proud to have got such good teachers.

Our Dr. is getting a good deal of rest now, though he seems to have some patients on Nevil's Prairie who require a good deal of his time.

There will be a good top crop of cotton on some crops. There is some to pick yet and will be until November with out the frost comes sooner than usual.

I think the democrats ought to be bustling for the county ticket and not harp on Bryan and Sewall so much; they are all right, let's work for our State and county. Some of our colored friends are getting their eyes open and you will hear something drop next November. Advocate free silver and vote for McKinley man seems to me to be inconsistent to what has been preached by our populist friends. Now is the time to show that they advocate free silver by voting for free silver men, and not support men who are doing all they can to force social equality on us. If you will vote a populist ticket vote for man who is a populist and not them who belongs to another party and pats you on the back for your vote just to get an office.

ISHMAELITE.

For Sale.

Sixteen fine Berkshire and Poland China pigs, about four months old pedigree stock, sired by double royal Wilkes, registry number 26759.

The grand dam of these pigs sold for \$650 and their grand sire for \$950.

Also two registered Jersey bull calves for sale.

A. LEGORY.

Closing Out at and Near Cost.

I am selling out at and near cost my general stock of merchandise, consisting of Dry goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Dress-Goods, Hardware, everything carried in a general stock of goods. I am going out of business and mean what I say.

come and try me. J. R. B. BARBEE, Lovelady, Texas.

If Troubled with Rheumatism Read This.

Annapolis, Md., Apr. 16, 1894.—I have used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism and found it to be all that is claimed for it. I believe it to be the best preparation for rheumatism and deep seated muscular pains on the market and cheerfully recommend it to the public.

ALSO READ THIS.

Mechanicsville, St. Mary County, Md.—I sold a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm to a man who had been suffering with rheumatism for several years. It made him a well man.

Six weeks ago I suffered with a very severe cold; was almost unable to speak. My friends all advised me to consult a physician. Noticing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised in the St. Paul Volks Zeitung I procured a bottle, and after taking it a short while was entirely well.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

This liniment is different in composition from any other liniment and the market. It is a scientific discovery which results in it being the most penetrating liniment ever known.

Sent It to His Mother in Germany.

Mr. Jacob Esbensen, who is in the employ of the Chicago Lumber Co., at Des Moines, Iowa, says: "I have just sent some medicine back to my mother in the old country, that I know from personal use to be the best medicine in the world for rheumatism, having used it in my family for several years.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and skin eruption, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By B. F. Chamberlain.

I will give a 1 mo. subscription free to the Texas Farm & Ranch, The Christian Advocate, The Christian Courier and The Baptist Herald with every bottle of Cheatham's Chill Tonic bought from me B. F. Chamberlain.

TAKE NOTICE.

All persons who are indebted to Houston county on convict bonds are notified to come up and settle at once, otherwise suit will be brought on all delinquents on such bonds.

A. A. ALDRICH, County Judge.

W. I claim some things for Cheatham's Chill Tonic, but not everything. It will not cure softening of the brain or ingrowing nails, but it will cure chills—cold chills. Guaranteed. Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless in 50c size.

Notice!

On the 17th day of Oct, 1896, the firm of Jordan & Broxson dissolved in the weighing and sampling of cotton at the Alliance ware house, the said Broxson leaving J. M. Jordan in possession of same with 86 bales left on said platform for shipment.

G. W. BROXSON.

To The Voters of Houston County. To the voters of Houston county:

The democratic appointments have been changed to correspond with the populist appointments, and they will have speaking at the following places on the dates indicated. It is the desire of the democratic speakers to arrange for a fair division of time with the populists. The dates of the appointments are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Location. Includes Tadmor Thursday Oct. 8th, 1896; Weches, Friday; Augusta Saturday; Evergreen Monday; Grapeland Tuesday; Daly Wedn's.; Porter Springs Thrs; Boggs Friday; Sunflower Saturday; Creek Monday; Shiloh Tuesday; Weldon Wednesday; Lovelady Thursday; Tyler Prairie Sat.; Dodson Mond'y; Coltharp Tuesday; Pleasant Grove Weds; Daniel Thursday; Jones School Fri.; Crockett Saturday.

F. H. BAYNE, Chm., Dem., Ex., Committee.

Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the Chills, builds up the system, and drives away allills. It makes strong the weak, and fattens the lean. Its the tonic of tonics, the best ever seen. 50 cents.

If your children are subject to croup watch for the first symptom of the disease—hoarseness. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse it will prevent the attack.

Wealth is supposed to give ease, but what if the possessor happens to have chills? Why, he should simply exchange 50 cents of his wealth for a bottle of Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and his case would be restored. It always cures chills. Guaranteed. Tasteless 50c size.

Those indebted to the COURIER for subscriptions will do us a great favor by remembering to call and settling for same.

Lost his gripe—the man who took Cheatham's Chill Tonic, but he ain't kicking, and says its a Lulu—Cheatham's Chill Tonic. Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Cures guaranteed. Tasteless in 50c size.

CITY ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett that it shall be unlawful for any person to bury, or cause to be buried, the dead body of any person east of Arch St. or south of the following line: Beginning where Arch and Charles Sts intersect at the North-East corner of lot No. 277, running West sixty feet, thence South thirty-eight feet, thence due West again with right-of-way of the I. & G. N. rail-road. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

J. C. WOOTTERS, Mayor. EARLE ADAMS, Sec'y.

The Darlington, Wis., Journal says editorially of a popular patent medicine. "We know from experience that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is all that is claimed for it, as on two occasions it stopped excruciating pains and possibly saved us from an untimely grave. We would not rest easy over night without it in the house." This remedy undoubtedly saves more pain and suffering than any other medicine in the world. Every family should keep it in the house, for it is sure to be needed sooner or later. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Best Iron Tonic. Pure Sulfate Iron concentrated and pure Amorphous Arginine is contained in Cheatham's Tasteless Tonic, making it the most desirable Iron Tonic on the market. It is a true tonic, strengthener, appetizer, toner up of the system, and blood purifier. Only 50 cents.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by G. M. Thompson, near Weldon, and estrayed before M. B. Newton, J. P. Prec. No. 4, on the 29th day of September A. D. 1896. The following described animal: One dark brown horse mule about 13 hands high. No brand.

Appraised at \$20.00. Filed for Record Oct. 3d A. D. 1896.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 3d day of October A. D. 1896.

N. E. ALBRIGHT, C. C. C. H. C. Texas.

The Royal Tailors.

The largest tailoring establishment in the world now has a representative in Crockett. Call and see their line of samples at Mistrot Bros. & Co.

They not only guarantee a fit but have prices that will please you.

G. Q. KING, Ag't.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.

Are you bilious, constipated or troubled with jaundice, sick headache, bad taste in mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin, pain in back and between the shoulders, chills and fever, etc. If you have any of these symptoms, your liver is out of order, and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your liver does not act properly. HERBINE will cure any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as a liver medicine. Price 75cts. Free trial bottle at L. H. Haring & Co.

What a Prominent Insurance Man Says.

H. M. Blossom, senior member of H. M. Blossom & Co. 217 N. 3d St., St. Louis, writes: "I had been left with a very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve, until I took Ballard's Horehound Syrup. One bottle completely cured me. I sent one bottle to my sister, who had a severe cough, and she experienced immediate relief. I always recommended this syrup to my friends. Jno. Cranston, 608 Hampshire street, Quincy, Ill., writes: 'I have found Ballard's Horehound Syrup superior to any other cough medicine I have ever known. It never disappoints. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.'

New Goods.

E. H. Owens has just received a new and fresh stock of groceries of every description which he will sell cheaper than any house in the city can possibly do so. All goods bought from him will be delivered at your door.

DRY GOODS.

He has also just received a select stock of dry goods and notions, ladies' and gents' furnishing goods etc. If you need anything in this line you will save money by calling on him.

Give Him a Call.

J. C. Wootters & Co.,

Dealer in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, SADDLERY, HARNESS, STOVES, CROCKERY.

All Kinds of Agricultural Implements and Hardware. Also constantly on hand a large ASSORTMENT OF GROCERIES. CALL AND SEE US.



RESTORED MANHOOD DR. MOTT'S NERVE PILLS

The great remedy for nervous prostration and all nervous diseases of the generative organs of either sex, such as Nervous Prostration, Falling or Lost Manhood, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Youthful Errors, Mental Weakness, excessive use of Alcohol or Opium, which lead to Consumption and Insanity. With every \$5 order we give a written guarantee to cure or refund the money. Sold at \$1.00 per box, 6 boxes for \$5.00. DR. MOTT'S CHEMICAL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.



DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS.

The only safe, sure and reliable Female PILL ever offered to Ladies, especially recommended to married Ladies. Ask for DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS and take no other. Send for circular. Price \$1.00 per box, 6 boxes for \$5.00. DR. MOTT'S CHEMICAL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.

INSURANCE THAT INSURES.

- A Policy absolutely without restrictions.
A Policy with but One Condition, namely, the payment of premiums.
A Policy with a Month's Grace in premiums, and paid in full in case of death during the month of grace, less only the overdue premium with interest.
A Policy providing for Re-instatement within six months after lapse, if the insured is good health.
A Policy automatically non-forfeiting after three annual premiums have been paid.
A Policy with privilege of Cash Loans at 5 per cent interest five years after issue.
A Policy with Six Options in settlement at the end of 10, 15, or 20 years.
A Policy incontestable from any cause one year after issue.

THAT'S THE ACCUMULATION POLICY OF THE

New York Life Insurance Co.

JNO. MANGUM, Agent, Crockett, Tex.

D.M. CRADDOCK,

Fire Insurance Agent,

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Representing over \$100,000,000 Capital in the following old line companies. Liverpool & London & Globe, Hartford Insurance Co., Continental, Phoenix, of Hartford, Hamburg Bremen, Commercial Union of London, Imperial, Fire Ass'n., Scottish Union & National, Delaware, Lancashire, Queen, German, Pennsylvania, Germania, London & Lancashire, New Orleans Ins. Ass'n., British America, Mechanics & Traders, Teutonia, Aetna, Providence Washington, Greenwich.

I Also Write Tornado Insurance.

J. S. COLLINS, M. D., Physician & Surgeon.

CROCKETT, TEXAS. Office at Haring's drug store. The COURIER, \$1 per year.

A. A. NUNN, D. A. NUNN, B. W. NUNN,

Nunn, Nunn & Nunn ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.

Will practice in all courts, both State and Federal in Texas. CROCKETT, TEXAS.

In many localities in Iowa corn will be used for fuel. Coal is \$11 a ton and corn 11 cents a bushel in some places.

If women were as pleased to see each other as they pretend to be, what an amount of happiness a sewing circle would contain.

If sinners were not occasionally found out, other sinners would not know how good they are.

We all dislike to ask favors. But we all do it.

A Tenacious Clutch
Is that of dyspepsia. Few remedies do more than palliate this obstinate complaint. Try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, however, and you will find that it is conquerable, along with its symptoms, heartburn, flatulence, nervousness, and loss of flesh and vigor. Bileousness and constipation frequently accompany it. These, besides malarial, rheumatic and kidney complaints, are also subduable with the Bitters.

A trolley line will soon be completed from Philadelphia to Lancaster, 67 miles.

How's This!
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm. Wadding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price, 50c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

The only quicksilver mines of importance in this country are located in Southern California.

That Joyful Feeling
With the exhilarating sense of renewed health and strength and internal cleanliness, which follows the use of Syrup of Figs, is unknown to the few who have not progressed beyond the old-time medicines and the cheap substitutes sometimes offered but never accepted by the well-informed.

Every man claims to read both sides, but no man does.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit using tobacco easily and forever, regain lost manhood, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac from your druggist, who will guarantee a cure. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Every man whose own village never heard from him thinks the whole world will hear from him some day.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe.

It is stated on high authority that one-half the flesh eaten in Germany is horse meat.

The papers are full of deaths from **Heart Failure**

Of course the heart fails to act when a man dies, but "Heart Failure," so called, nine times out of ten is caused by Uric Acid in the blood which the kidneys fail to remove, and which corrodes the heart until it becomes unable to perform its functions.

Health Officers in many cities very properly refuse to accept "Heart Failure," as a cause of death. It is frequently a sign of ignorance in the physician, or may be given to cover up the real cause.

Warranted Safe Cure
A Medicine with 20 Years of Success behind it... will remove the poisonous Uric Acid by putting the Kidneys in a healthy condition so that they will naturally eliminate it.

TOWER'S FISH-BRAND SLICKER
The Best Waterproof Coat in the World!
The FISH BRAND SLICKER is warranted waterproof, and will keep you dry in the heaviest storm. The new FISH BRAND SLICKER is a perfect riding coat, and covers the entire body. Beware of imitations. Don't buy a coat if the "Fish Brand" is not on it. Wholesale Catalogue, A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.

If afflicted with sore eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water.

FISHER'S CURE FOR
CROUP, WHOOPING COUGH, BRONCHITIS, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE THROAT AND LUNGS.

TEMPTATIO.



By Mrs. Bland B. Huddleston.
HE fearful war times so changed the quiet, unfettered life of our southern town that even little tots like myself went about questioning and questioning. Food and raiment gave me no concern—I was somehow provided for, and I had forgotten the sight and taste of luxuries before I grew old enough to discriminate between the old days of plenty and our later poverty. It was my un replenished store of playthings that most troubled me; it diminished gradually, day by day, and there was no visible source of a new supply. At my seventh birthday I would have given a fortune, had I boasted one, for a knife, and I had never owned one. In fishing, in shooting, in countless emergencies, my one crying need was for a knife. Zeke, one of the negroes, gloated over the possession of a broken case-knife, ground sharp and pointed, and this I sometimes succeeded in borrowing; but Zeke handled it lovingly and guarded it with a vigilant eye, so that I dared take no liberties with it. To insure a continuance of his favors I always adhered strictly to the terms of the loan and never cut a ramrod beyond the stipulated number.

Peace came at last and brought home my father, and two of the three brothers who had gone to the war, and for a time I was fully satisfied. Soon the stores were filled with bright and pretty things, but they were costly and we were now poor.

Thus I came to be 11 years old, with the same hunger still keen in my heart. No later happiness has ever surpassed that of the eventful day when my heart's desire came to me, and my father laid in my palm the prettiest knife I had ever seen. When next I went to school I had advanced much in my own esteem; I had my brand new knife in one pocket, nine true and tried marbles in the other and in my book-sack a long elder pop-gun for shooting china-berries or hog-haws.

From time immemorial the pop-gun has been the favorite summer toy of the southern boy, and no commercial ammunition could be invented to supply that weapon so fittingly and so efficaciously as the berry of the china-tree, everywhere so plentiful here. I was expert at making and using the weapon. Given a human target, I could insure a blister for every berry.

Alas, I soon discovered that the heart of even a boy is rarely satisfied. Joe Cooper, a boy four years older than myself, had come by five large marbles; they were ringmen—two "buck-eyes" and three "stripes," and they appealed powerfully to my covetous little soul. The luster of my nine tried old friends paled beside them—their glory had departed forever.

"Joe," I said, persuasively, as we sauntered along together, "what will you take for 'em?"

"What'll you give?" Joe answered. I named all my most cherished pos-



SURE I HAD KILLED HIM. sessions in succession, but Joe would hear to nothing but my knife. That, however, was out of the question, so we could not trade.

Mr. Wyndham, our teacher, was a mild-mannered man, but severe to cruelty if persistently crossed. He was low in stature, had a round beardless face and was about 40 years old. We boys both loved and feared him, so his reign had been an uneventful one. As for myself, he had never spoken a harsh word to me. I say this to show that I had not even a secret grudge to avenge, when my cupidity led me to assist in an intrigue against his dignity.

The languorous air and the fervid sun make dull work of the southern school room during the summer months, but happily the teacher is lenient. Thus it is that Mr. Wyndham permitted boys of Joe Cooper's age to sit outside under the water-oaks to study, and the younger ones were allowed to go at ridiculously short intervals to the spring for cool water or to bathe their soiled and sleepy faces. Doubtless he sympathized more heartily than we knew.

I was sauntering down the spring path, digging my bare toes into the hot sand and watching the countless black ants that swarm everywhere, when Joe met me.

"Do you still want the marbles?" he asked.

"Do I?" I answered eagerly; "I'd give anything for them—anything but my knife."

"You can get them for nothing," he said, "if you'll do me a favor."

Joe was not a handsome fellow at best, and just now his face was malicious. He had run afoul of some "snag" in his lessons, and had been made to "stay in."

"Take your pop-gun," he continued, "and plug 'Old Windy' in the back of the neck with the greenest, hardest berry you've got, and the ringmen are yours."

My jaw dropped and I gazed at Joe in utter stupefaction. To my mind the proposed assault would almost be equivalent to murder, for I was not wantonly mischievous, and Mr. Wyndham was the man I loved next to my father. Besides, I was not able to associate him in my mind with the idea of indignity, and so I had the grace to reject Joe's offer, but not so firmly or so scornfully as I ought, perhaps.

Joe evidently had in him the elements of the politician, as he afterward showed; he bided his time, yet failed not to keep his project before me, by taking out, as often as he met me, the coveted treasures from his pocket and tantalizing me with brief glimpses of what might be mine.

He who hesitates is lost, and I fell as time passed my refusals became less vehement, and at last I found myself thinking that I would be willing to bear any punishment that Mr. Wyndham might inflict, if he left me with my life and the marbles. Since that hour I have been able to comprehend the love of savages for trinkets, and their sacrifices to obtain them.

In the longest, hottest days, Mr. Wyndham often sat in the doorway, on the side of the schoolroom that chanced to be the cooler. As Joe and I came up from the spring he was resting his head wearily against the door-frame, while the children drooped over their books; it was a village school, and thirty years ago—things have changed since then.

"Now for it," Joe whispered. "Plunk him quick," and his hand slipped into his pocket.

I tiptoed to where my popgun lay in a crack in the wall and took good aim. "Zip!" went the little berry straight to its mark.

Then more things happened than I had foreseen, but not the expected. The impact of a well-thrown berry on a nerve-centre is calculated to smart worse and to startle one more than the uninitiated might suppose. Besides, the country was passing through a lawless stage of reconstruction, and unprovoked crimes were not uncommon. Mr. Wyndham jumped up, startled by thoughts of a cowardly attack from he knew not whom, and, infuriated by the pain of my stinging little missile, he lost his balance and fell heavily on a jagged corner of the doorstep, where he lay so long that the incipient titter from the school room wound up in a cry of terror.

Blood streamed from a cut in his cheek; I was sure that I had killed him.

With all an assassin's instincts for escape, I turned and fled. By and by, as I crouched in a thicket, conscience-stricken and too miserable for tears, I heard my name called in the voice that I always instinctively obeyed. Mr. Wyndham was not dead!

When I crept out, visions of shame and punishment rose before me, but I cared not what might come, now that my friend had not perished at my hand. In the silence of the deserted school room I poured out the whole story. Perhaps Mr. Wyndham remembered some childish treasure that he had craved and failed to get, or it may be that he himself played pranks with the popgun berry; anyway, I went home comforted.

Joe was closeted with Mr. Wyndham a long while the next day. I believe he played the "joke act," and pretended to have intended no harm; nevertheless, he was severely reprimanded. He was utterly crushed when Mr. Wyndham made him turn the marbles over to me, from which it was evident that he had not intended to keep his contract. He might have kept them and welcome, for they had lost their attractiveness for me.

Learning from the Chinese.

The instinct of the plain people has been right in not calling our oriental visitor "Lee," for, acting out his name as popularly pronounced, this wily diplomat has, in England as well as here, required English to be translated to him, whereas it now appears that for years past he has spoken it fluently. This Chinese device of a needless interpreter is a "first-chop" one to gain time for giving answers without causing the delay to be noticed; the mandarin has the time taken in translation for reflection, and, if further reflection is desired, ambiguity in interpretation may be pretended and a new form of the question required. And you men tell us that nothing can be learned from the Chinese.—Time and the Hour.

A silver seal was captured at Dover, N. H., the other day.

A good story comes from Lockport, N. Y., relative to the unusual effect that a proposal had upon a young lady, who was riding home from town in company with a gallant young man. The glorious October moon shone down upon the couple, enveloping them in a light which is the particular delight of Cupid. The young man had been an admirer of the young lady for many moons and that night he was emboldened to speak what was in his heart. He did so, and sad to relate, the fair one fainted. The young lover was so disconcerted that it seems after he succeeded in reviving his companion he did not press her for an answer. She didn't even get a chance to say "how sudden." Young men should be careful how they shock their sweethearts.

The more perfect and ideal a night is for sleeping the longer and louder the baby tests its lungs. Such is life.

Just try a 10c box of cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

Troubles ought to be taxed. Then, as the assessor came around, we would all be free from them.

Woman's Writes

Believe in Woman's Writes? Of course we do. Who could help it when women write such convincing words as these: "For seven years I suffered with scrofula. I had a good physician. Every means of cure was tried in vain. At last I was told to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which entirely cured me after using seven bottles." —Mrs. JOHN A. GENTLE, Fort Fairfield, Me., Jan. 26, 1896.

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The man who lets his troubles control his mouth is a heavy addition to the troubles of other people.

Li Hung Chang likes us, but he waited until he was safely on the other side before he ventured to say so.

There are people of such intense personality that they imagine others are interested in the fact that they arise early in the morning.

A Philadelphia boy smoked cigarettes on a wager, against time. It took him only half an hour to absorb poison enough to kill him. He died in a few hours. Death followed as surely as if a deadly weapon had been used. It is none the less suicide when a fatal result follows a longer use of cigarettes. Such suicides are not rare. Insane asylums and graves bear witness to the insidious and destructive power of this habit.

In a recent letter Dr. George Ebers, the famous German Egyptologist, thus sums up his life: "Next March I shall be sixty years of age, and I have loved much, erred much, borne much and worked much." The humility of the great scholar finely illustrates the truth that profound knowledge and arrogance are not necessarily allied, as unthinking and unlearned people often imagine. He who is most learned is apt to be the most eager and modest learner.

The most famous clown in America, Austin B. Cray, famous for the "Hey Rube" expression and his donkey and cart performances in Barnum's and other circus shows, has gone mad. He talks incessantly, saying that the fact of having had to act crazy for twenty-five years has resulted in his really becoming crazy. As he was being taken to the asylum in Cincinnati he explained to the keepers his plan for arranging matters that all actors might be paid \$50 a day and all other persons \$6 a week.

A Minneapolis man fell in love with a Chicago woman after reading in a newspaper symposium her ideas of what a husband should be. The editors of the city are already expecting to put in an extra department for the receipt of mail to accommodate the other Chicago ladies who have a few ideas of their own about prospective husbands. It is even feared that some poor, discouraged little maiden on the unmentionable side of 30 may be driven to the extreme of saying that her ideal man may smoke in the parlor and come to the breakfast table in his shirt sleeves if only he will hurry up to provide the parlor and the breakfast table before the winter sets in.

Friends of Rockford college, a college for young women in Rockford, Illinois, and of the University of Wisconsin, have contributed funds for a fellowship in economics for the coming year, to be held by a graduate of Rockford college desiring to carry on graduate studies in the school of economics, political science and history of the University of Wisconsin. The faculty of the university voted to recommend Miss Mary A. Sabin for this fellowship and she has now been duly elected by the regents. Miss Sabin was graduated from the seminary course of Rockford college five or six years ago; she studied at Smith college subsequently, and then went back to Rockford where she took her degree this year.

The Chinese province, Manchuria, which came into prominence during the late Chinese-Japanese war, appears to be recovering rapidly from the effects of the recent war. Mr. Hosie, consul at Nuchwang, reports that he had a recent opportunity of visiting Kirin, the central province of Manchuria, and nothing surprised him more than the magnificence of the agricultural area through which he passed in this journey of over 780 miles. The country resembled very much the plains of Canada, with here and there a touch of the rolling lands of the northeast of Scotland. There were no small cultivated patches, as in southern and central China; fields on a gigantic scale everywhere met the eye. Scarcely a piece of waste land was to be seen. He mentions the all but incredible volume of trade that was being carried on along the main roads, and the great impetus which the Japanese occupation of the Laotung peninsula gave to the development of the more northern districts of Manchuria. Russian exploring parties have been traversing the province, and an American and German firm have established agencies.

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE.

EIGHT PERSONS KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

They Were Excursion Trains and the Accident Was Caused by the Disobedience of Orders—The List of the Dead and Wounded.

St. Louis, Oct. 26.—Shortly before 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon two passenger trains on the St. Louis and San Francisco road collided nearly opposite Windsor station, thirteen miles from this city, instantly killing eight persons and injuring twenty-one.

The dead are all of St. Louis. Their names are:

Adolph Hohl, engineer of accommodation train; Chas. Mobins, Conrad Kuntz, C. C. Blevins, H. Thall, Barney McKenna, in charge of the refreshments; Maude McKenna, aged 14, his daughter; John Cartwright.

The injured are: Ferdinand Lange, St. Louis, internal injuries; David Barretti, St. Louis, internal injuries, head cut and legs bruised; J. E. Riblet, St. Louis, hips and legs injured; Chas. R. Milentz, St. Louis, scalp wounds; Frank Hasler, St. Louis, late of Springfield, Mo., fireman on excursion train, spinal cord injured and hurt internally; Mrs. J. B. McDaniel, St. Louis, slightly injured; George Wulf of Kirkwood, Mo., conductor on suburban train, hips injured and body bruised; Robert Mulholland of Spring Park, brakeman on suburban train, slightly injured; Geo. Adrien, Springfield, Mo., engineer on excursion train, skull fractured and badly scalded; George Atwood, St. Louis, conductor on suburban train, slightly injured; Frederick Miller, Valley Park, fireman on suburban train, legs injured and body bruised; A. K. Smith, Valley Park, baggage-master on suburban train, head cut and hands and arms injured; Mrs. A. P. Smith, Valley Park, injured by shock; Matt Wapplerhorst, Valley Park, slightly injured; Harry Hill, St. Louis, face cut and badly bruised; Robert Langen, William Sulter, Henry Larborg, Louis Hunt, Henry McMichael, Mrs. Rose Hill, all of St. Louis, more or less injured.

The collision occurred between the second section of an excursion train bound west and the Frisco Valley park accommodation eastbound. From what can be learned at this hour the accident was the result of disobedience or neglect of orders on the part of the excursion train crew, who should have remained at Spring Park for orders and let the accommodation train through.

The excursion was the second section of a special bound for St. James, Mo., 100 miles west of St. Louis, where the Missouri home for aged veterans was dedicated yesterday under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic men and their wives and their children, left St. Louis about 9 o'clock.

According to J. D. Blahman, the telegraph operator, and station agent at Spring Park, it should have stopped at that place. Instead of doing so, the second section passed by the station and soon after met the accommodation coming down grade at full speed. Engineer Hohl of the accommodation was not aware that the second section was on the road and in trying to make the switch at Kirkwood, crashed into the ill-fated train in a cut just thirteen miles from the St. Louis union station.

Jail Delivery.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 26.—Another daring jail delivery was perpetrated last night at the county jail shortly after 5:30 o'clock, six desperate prisoners made their escape. The delivery was supposed to be a wholesale one, in which every prisoner confined on the floor of the jail was to get out, but the watchfulness of the turnkeys prevented this and only six men escaped.

The men who got out were as follows: Jake Brill, convicted counterfeiter, having a sentence of six years to serve; Harry Brooks, convicted of robbing a postoffice and having a sentence of four years to serve; Tom McKenle, charged with house-breaking and having no trial; Tom Kelly, charged with house-breaking and awaiting trial; Wes Saterly, charged with cow stealing and awaiting trial. All of the men were white and were considered desperate prisoners and who would hesitate at nothing.

They gained their liberty by scraping the mortar from between the bricks on cell No. 5, letting the bricks fall into the interior of the cell, and in this manner they got a hole large enough for them to climb through. One at a time they made their way out of the hole and climbed upon the roof. Then with the means of a short rope they let themselves down into a narrow alley between the wall of the jailyard and an abutment of the new jail, and escaped. None of the escaped prisoners had been captured up to midnight. This is the second jail delivery in Louisville within the last year, seven prisoners making their escape on last Christmas day.

A Murder Solved.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 25.—A special from Cornish, Me., says: On Oct. 5 Mrs. Betsy R. Hobbs was found dead. She lived alone about one and a half miles from Effington, N. H. When found the house was burning and her body was half cremated.

The mystery was cleared up Saturday by the confession of Charles Savage. He accuses Frank J. Palmer of the murder. A coroner's jury has brought in a verdict against Palmer of murder in the first degree. Savage was held as a witness. Palmer is 16 years of age and lives at West Parsonsfield. Savage is 20 years of age.

At the inquest Charles Savage unflinchingly withstood a half hour's cross-examination, but at last the coroner discerned a suspicion of weakening and persistent questions were rapidly put to the boy until he finally succumbed and related a tale implicating himself and Frank Palmer in the murder and attempted cremation of Mrs. Hobbs. He and Palmer, he said, had been drinking together the day before the tragedy. Monday morning Savage took his breech-loading shotgun to go shooting. They called at Mrs. Hobbs. Savage left Palmer in the house while he went to the woodshed on an errand. While there he heard the report of a gun and soon after found Mrs. Hobbs bleeding upon the doorstep. Palmer appeared, and with an oath declared that now he had squared the grudge he owed her for pulling \$3 out of him in payment for the glass he had broken in her house three years ago. Palmer asked Savage to help him carry the body into the house. He says he was so frightened he did not realize what he was doing, but they got the body into the house. Savage then took to the woods, being shortly followed by Palmer, who declared that nobody would ever know what happened, for he had set the house afire.

Bryan in Illinois.

Jacksonville, Ill., Oct. 26.—It was a day of quiet and rest that William J. Bryan spent in this city, where for six years he prepared himself for his after life. In the morning he attended services at the State Street Presbyterian church. It was probably the largest congregation that Rev. A. B. Morris has addressed in that edifice. Long before the hour that the congregation generally assembled the church was crowded and in front of the building many of the citizens of Jacksonville waited for over an hour in order to get a glimpse of the former citizen.

The sermon did not touch upon any of the political issues, and barring the usual prayer for the welfare of those in high office, no one would have known that a man of national reputation helped to make up the congregation. After the sermon an informal reception was held from the pew which Mr. Bryan had occupied, and as soon as possible the nominee was taken out at a side door and driven rapidly away.

Toll Gats Destroyed.

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 26.—The toll gate raiders have not left a toll gate or single pike in Franklin county undisturbed, and the owners of these roads are very much incensed at the destruction of their property, and will take such action as will bring the raiders to justice.

Saturday night a mob of about 100 men came down the Lawrenceburg pike destroying all the toll gates as they entered Frankfort. They then went out the Louisville pike from Frankfort laying to the ground gates as they rode along in the moonlight, and defying interference by the toll gate keepers. The raiders are thought to have come from Anderson county and bordering on the Anderson and Franklin counties line.

Averted a Panic.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 26.—By rare presence of mind the Rev. Dr. James Vila Blake saved his congregation from a panic and probably awful results of a fire which broke out just as the morning service was beginning at the Third Christian church yesterday, and which destroyed the main part of the building. When the pastor took his place in the pulpit his attention was drawn to smoke in the lobby leading to the Sunday school. He remained standing until the organist had ceased playing and then requested the congregation to retire quietly by the rear exits. His manner so reassured those assembled that a panic was averted.

Palmer and Buckner.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 26.—Gens. Palmer and Buckner, nominees of the democratic party for president and vice president, were royally received in Minneapolis Saturday. They reached here from St. Paul Saturday afternoon in company with the reception committee which went to meet and escort them to this city. In the afternoon a public reception was held in the West hotel, and a large number of people shook hands with the two old soldiers.

ACTED VERY QUEER.

WILL STRANGE, A YOUNG MAN, TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF.

When Told to Surrender by an Officer He Fires at Him and is in Return Shot Through the Side—He Will Recover Cotton Burned.

Hillsboro, Tex., Oct. 25.—About 12 o'clock Saturday Will Strange, of Foreston, went into the store of S. E. Carter & Co. to purchase a pistol. Selecting a .38-caliber he loaded it and started out.

Mr. Carter called to him to pay for it. He stopped and pointed the pistol at Mr. Carter as if he would shoot him, and went on to the door. Mr. Carter called to him a second time to pay for it, but, walking to the edge of the sidewalk, he raised the pistol and fired it in the air. He then pointed it at his head twice, as if he intended to shoot himself, but he failed to fire. As he raised it to his head the second time, Tom Patterson, a special deputy sheriff, who was coming up the street cried out:

"Don't. Don't do that!" Strange lowered the pistol and started rapidly toward Patterson, with the pistol raised.

Sheriff Bell, having heard the shot, ran across from the court house, and, seeing Strange going toward Patterson waving the pistol, drew his pistol and ordered him to stop. He and Patterson called to him a number of times to stop.

When Strange got within three or four feet of Patterson he fired at him, and turned immediately on Sheriff Bell and shot at him, but Mr. Bell knocked the pistol off with his left hand and grappled with him.

Just as Strange shot at Sheriff Bell he was himself shot in the lower right side, a little back. Sheriff Bell, finding him hard to manage, threw down his pistol and got hold of him with both hands. Harry Grizzle ran up and got Strange's pistol, and tried to wrest it from him, but could not till a blow in the face caused him to relax his hold.

Strange was then taken to jail, where his wound was probed. The shot passed over the bones, and the physicians do not think it will be necessarily fatal. The affair was quite exciting while it lasted, and the coolness of Sheriff Bell in not killing Strange has been frequently commented on, and more than one man has spoken of his action in warmest praise.

Strange was searched at the jail, and the following was found on a sheet of paper, freshly written in ink:

"The public will think me a coward for committing this act. But let them think of it as I have and see."

This, coupled with his strange actions, leads to the belief that he intended to commit suicide, and that he would have killed himself on the sidewalk if his attention had not been diverted by Patterson calling to him. It is the supposition that he then charged Patterson, hoping he would kill him.

The grand jury investigated the matter, and ordered Patterson released from custody, he having been jailed on the charge of shooting Strange. Patterson was burnt on the nose by the discharge of Strange's pistol, and his right eye was temporarily blinded. Strange is resting easy, and it is thought he will recover.

Ladonia Fire.

Ladonia, Tex., Oct. 26.—Another disastrous fire occurred yesterday morning. About 2:30 an alarm was given, and it was not long before the fire was located in the dry goods store occupied by Estelle & Jones, on the east side of the square. From there it spread north into S. L. Erwin & Co.'s hardware and furniture store, then into the Weldon National bank, a two-story brick; from Estelle & Jones' south into W. C. Maloney's dry goods and general merchandise store, where the fire was checked, though the next house, occupied by J. B. Haden, is badly damaged. In all, four of the best houses in Ladonia are in ruins.

Head End Collision.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 25.—It was learned here Saturday night that there was a head-end collision Saturday morning on the Galestevon, Harrisburg and San Antonio road two miles west of Alpine. The west-bound passenger train, due here Saturday afternoon collided with a through east-bound freight. Both engines were smashed up and Engineer John Sullivan of the passenger train and Engineer Peter Radey of the freight received painful injuries. Superintendent Van Vleck's car was attached to the freight. The wrecking train has been sent out from here. No further particulars can be obtained.

400-Pound Beaver.

The skull of a mammoth beaver was recently dug up in South Bend, Ind., near the Michigan state line. The live animal must have weighed about 400 pounds.

Wreck of the Central.

Hempstead, Texas, October 27.—Passenger train No. 1 on the Houston and Texas Central railway, northward bound, which left here fifteen minutes late at 11 o'clock this morning met with a mishap one and one-half miles north of Courtney, causing the death of Fireman W. Matthews and serious injury of Engineer C. E. Clarke. At the point stated the tender jumped the track falling upon the side, and the engine thus pulled the train about 300 yards when a switch was struck, where the tender turned one way, pulling the engine over. Here Engineer Clarke jumped, but Fireman Matthews was caught under the engine and scalded to death. It was impossible to secure the body from under the engine for a long while and then only by cutting off a piece of one leg by which the body was held under the engine. A wrecking train has been at work all the evening and trainmen claim that the southbound trains will be only three hours late.

Indian Agency Looted.

Kansas City, October 27.—A special to the Times from Guthrie, O. T., says the Sac and Fox Indian agency, sixty miles southeast of here, was held up and looted this afternoon by the same gang of bandits that looted the town of Carney last week. Sac and Fox is only thirty miles from Carney. There were four masked robbers, mounted and armed. They first roid to the office of Agent Thomas, presumably to demand the money to be paid as annuity to the Sac and Fox Indians next week. Agent Thomas had \$40,000 in greenbacks ready to pay the Indians. Thomas was not in his office. The robbers then went to the store of Mrs. Fannie Whistler, covered the inmates and took \$486 and valuable papers from the safe. They then held up J. W. Maffatt's place and got \$50 and a gold watch. Chief Keokuk's place was robbed of \$50 and \$3000 worth of notes. The boldness of the robbers frightened the traders and people so badly that they were unable to resist. After robbing Keokuk's place the bandits rushed through the grounds of the government Indian school, firing their guns. Two of the robbers were recognized as being in the Carney hold up.

Grain Elevators Burned.

Chicago, October 27.—The two huge grain elevators belonging to the Chicago and Pacific Elevator company were destroyed by fire this afternoon together with their contents. A number of smaller buildings were burned as well and the total loss will be \$1,000,000, the insurance covering three-quarters of that amount. It was a dangerous location for a fire. Directly to the north is the Armour elevator, the largest in the world, stocked up to the roof with grain. To the northeast is the immense malting house of Hale & Curtis, while close at hand lie the docks of the Crescent company with thousands of tons of bituminous coal. The numerous lumber yards in the vicinity added to the danger.

Thousands of people gathered to witness the spectacle afforded by over a million bushels of grain ablaze. At one stage one saw a cataract of burning wheat falling from a hundred feet in the air.

Shot Through the Breast.

Luling, Texas, October 27.—A free-for-all fight took place night before last near the Lee Reed gin four miles north of the city, in which Thomas North (colored) was shot through the breast by Charlie Campbell (colored), the bullet penetrating the body and lodging where it could not be found by the physician. North is still alive and Campbell is under arrest.

Military Trains Collide.

Madrid, October 26.—A dispatch from Havana gives additional particulars of the recent collision between two military trains near unles. According to the official accounts four soldiers were killed and thirty injured. Among the injured were eight officers.

Got No Libel.

New York, October 27.—A year ago the World published an article on Dr. Ashton Buchanan Talbot of Philadelphia, in which it was stated the physician had a penchant for marrying "old ladies and riches." For this latter statement Dr. Talbot brought suit for libel against the World in the United States circuit court, asking \$50,000. The trial, which has been going on before Judge LaCombe for several days, was concluded today. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the World.

A number of Immigrants arrive at Galveston from Hamburg.

Unknown Tramp Killed. Fort Worth, Texas, October 27.—A tramp was found dead this morning by the engineer of the northbound Santa Fe train, five or six miles north of this city. He had apparently been killed by a night train, as his head had rested on the rail, the top of his skull being torn off, exposing the brain. He was, perhaps, 35 years old, and had nothing on his person by which he could be identified. The authorities were notified and an inquest held.

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A TRAIN HELD UP.

FOUR MASKED MEN ROBBED AN EXPRESS CAR.

The Train Was Flagged at a Cut and Two Guarded While the Others Went Through the Car—Amount of Booty Secured Not Known.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 24.—A passenger and express train on the Chicago and Alton road, due here from Chicago and St. Louis at 7 o'clock, was held up and robbed by four masked men yesterday evening at Blue Springs cut, between Independence and Glendale, Mo. The scene of the robbery is less than twenty miles distant from Kansas City. The train was flagged at the cut. While two of the robbers stood guard over the passenger coaches the other two covered the conductor, engineer and fireman with their pistols and compelled them to go to the express car. There the robbers commanded the messenger to open the door of the car, threatening to break in the doors should he refuse. After some delay the robbers were admitted to the express car. They compelled the messenger to open the safe, and extracted from it several packages. How much booty was secured can not be ascertained at this hour.

Death Sentence Passed.

Ardmore, I. T., Oct. 24.—Charley A. Johnson, the negro convicted at this term of court, was sentenced to be hanged yesterday by Judge Kilgore.

"Have you any legal cause to suggest why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?" asked the court. The prisoner's eyes fell and in a trembling voice which was scarcely audible, he said: "I can only beg the mercy of the court."

"Then," said the court, "I sentence you, Charles A. Johnson, to be on the 15th of February, 1897, hanged by the neck until you are dead."

An appeal has been taken and a reversal prayed for on the grounds that the crime cannot be committed on the person of a prostitute. A plea as to the jurisdiction will also be raised and the case carried to the supreme court of the United States on a writ of habeas corpus. This will settle the exact meaning of that part of the territory court, which says that on and after September 1 the courts of the Indian Territory shall have jurisdiction over all crimes committed in the territory and over which the federal courts at Paris, Texas, and Fort Smith, Ark., have not already acquired jurisdiction.

The crime was committed before the courts here had acquired jurisdiction over it. Johnson was arrested by the Ardmore court authorities and held by them and no warrant was issued by the Paris court. It is the purpose of this habeas corpus proceeding to determine whether it was necessary for the Paris authorities to arrest the defendant in order to acquire jurisdiction or whether their failure to do so forfeited them the right to handle the case.

Bryan in Illinois.

Mattoon, Ill., Oct. 24.—What is considered the battle ground of the campaign by the party at present aboard the private car Idler was entered by the nominee yesterday morning. Illinois has been looked forward to, and it has been predicted that Mr. Bryan would put up the best fight he had about him when the Prairie state was reached. Eighteen places were put down on the itinerary yesterday.

The Illinois Democratic politicians met Mr. Bryan at Terre Haute, and they escorted him through Illinois. In the party were Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner W. S. Cantrell, who took charge of the train; Theodore Nelson, Judge William Prentiss, of Chicago; Judge John A. Mahoney, Judge Charles Shackelford, Fred H. Morris, L. C. Graham, of Springfield, and Senator David Evans.

Danville was the first stop of the morning, and from a stand near the courthouse Mr. Bryan spoke to an assemblage which numbered up in the thousands. Enthusiasm prevailed at the meeting.

Ex-Speaker Crisp Dead.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 24.—Charles F. Crisp, ex-speaker of the house of representatives, died here yesterday afternoon.

The end came at 1:45. Mr. Crisp has been an inmate of the sanitarium of Dr. J. B. S. Holmer of this city for several weeks. His condition has been reported as very low, but no such conclusion to his illness had been expected so soon. When a rumor got abroad several days ago that he was sinking, it was vigorously denied at the sanitarium, where it was given out that he was getting better.

Mr. Crisp has been in intense pain all day. Every few minutes he would suffer greatly. But no danger was feared at such an early moment. His wife, together with a sanitary nurse, Miss Sharp, was watching at his bedside.

Insurgents Destroying Property.

Havana, Oct. 24.—The insurgents, during the past two weeks, have been continuing the work of devastation, particularly in the province of Matanzas, where they have reduced to ashes the tobacco and sugar plantations of Celbon, Congreson, Segundo, Pilla, Aval, Puchea, Petrona and San Juan, together with many farm houses, the whole valued at about \$2,000,000. In addition the insurgents have destroyed numberless palm leaf and other huts, thus rendering hundreds of families homeless.

The prolonged rainy season is retarding the active campaign, and is undoubtedly favorable to the insurgents.

The movement of the insurgent forces from the eastern part of Santiago de Cuba and from the province of Puerto Principe to the central part of the island commenced over three weeks ago, and was signalized by the defeat of insurgents under Juan Bus, from Manzanillo, in the province of Havana. Major Rodriguez commanded the Spanish forces, and Bus was obliged to retreat, thus upsetting his plans to assist Maceo. Pancho Carillo, an insurgent leader, invaded the province of Matanzas about the same time, but he had to retreat, as his force was not strong enough to cope with the 30,000 Spanish soldiers stationed in the province of Matanzas. Finally Juan Delgado, the insurgent leader who approached Havana, was defeated three times, with loss, and was compelled to retreat towards the province of Matanzas and seek refuge in the mountains, being unable to cope with the forces which the governor sent in pursuit of him.

Capt. Gen. Weyler has not decided to go personally into the province of Pinar del Rio, and there assume direction of the operations against the enemy. In the first place he thinks he is better able to direct the movements of the troops from Havana, where he has all resources, and is able to communicate more easily with the rest of the island. In the second place, by remaining here the captain-general is able to avoid the fate which befell his predecessor, Martinez de Campos, who, on account of the attack which the insurgents made on his rear, was obliged to return with his staff to Havana in a sudden and entirely unexpected manner.

Antonio Maceo, after the engagement fought with Gen. Echague, succeeded, it is said, in gaining the mountains. But it is asserted by the Spaniards that his position is very difficult to hold, as it is threatened by a number of Spanish columns, numbering in all about 40,000 men, which, so soon as the weather permits, will be pushed on to the attack, and heavy loss on each side may be expected, as the insurgents have taken advantage of the summer to fortify their positions in the most formidable manner. In fact, Maceo's stronghold has been declared by competent and unprejudiced judges to be impregnable.

Race Trouble Feared.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 24.—A special from Fort Smith says that there has been another outbreak of the trouble between white and colored laborers employed on the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railway under construction car men. The whites have organized an anti-negro league, it is said, for the purpose of preventing the work of negro laborers on the grading work. Contractors persist in bringing negroes as fast as the whites run them out, and several times trouble has occurred between the two races. A band of fifteen or twenty white men, armed with Winchester, raided a negro camp night before last and drove the negroes out of camp. Authenticated details of the raid have not been received, but startling rumors are current. The railroad officials do not deny that race trouble exists. One contractor says that the whites in Polk county object to the presence in that county of any negroes at all.

Army Officers Fooled.

Denver, Col., Oct. 24.—Gen. Wheaton and the other officers of the United States army in this city have for several weeks been handsomely entertained by two Germans of distinguished appearance, who gave the names of Baron Von Livetsov and Baron Von Sack Mitzlaff, and they said they were officers of the German army making a tour around the world without money and in the guise of tramps to win a wager. Suspicion finally being aroused a telegram was sent to the German embassy at Washington, to which a reply has been received saying nothing is known there in regard to the two men. The steamship Monowal has arrived.

Tried to Kill His Wife.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 24.—Dr. T. W. Bowman, who has an office and residence on Broughton street, tried to kill his wife Wednesday night. He was prevented from so doing by W. T. Haskell, a commercial traveler. Haskell seized Bowman's pistol and wrenched it from him. Mrs. Bowman and her mother then assaulted the doctor. They blackened his eyes and beat him very badly about the head.

A FEARFUL CRIME.

JOANNA KUGADT MURDERED AND THEN BURNED.

Remains of Her Body Found in a Pile of Ashes—A Warrant Has Been Issued for the Arrest of Her Half-Brother—Officers are in Pursuit.

Brenham, Tex., Oct. 24.—A startling story reached Brenham yesterday morning by a messenger direct from the scene. As Lem Harris, a negro, who lives near Whitman, was passing through the woods three miles north of Whitman Thursday morning, he noticed the smouldering remains of what seemed to be a large camp fire. The top of an immense tree had formerly lain there and the fire had been built in this brush heap. Harris kicked over the ashes and was startled to find portions of several bones which appeared to be human. A part of a woman's shoe was next discovered and the negro waited no longer, but hastened for the nearest justice of the peace, J. R. Moore of Washington.

The officer, accompanied by Mr. Brewer, arrived at about noon and a more careful search was made. In the ashes of the camp fire a portion of a skull, the teeth and a part of the hip bone were soon found and at the edge of the fire a small knot of fine hair, with several hairpins were found.

In the ashes were found, in addition to the human remains, a pair of hinges and a number of nails and a piece of pine plank. The bones, teeth and hair were unquestionably portions of the remains of a white woman, who was doubtless burned there. An inquest was held, which developed what is thought to be a murder. A negro woman passing through the woods Monday saw a big fire and wondered what it was, so she walked nearer and soon saw a wagon and horses hitched. Some distance away, but near the fire, was a man and as soon as he saw her he pulled his hat down over his eyes and stepped behind a tree. The woman, having satisfied her curiosity, walked away, but she thought it strange that people traveling through the country should drive so far away from the public road to camp, and that they should need such a huge fire to cook with.

It is conjectured from all that has been thus far learned that a white woman was murdered at some other place, and the remains packed in a big trunk and carried through the country until a convenient place was found for disposing of them. Wishing to cover all traces of the deed, fire was decided upon as the most effective element to accomplish the purpose and it was by the merest accident that it was discovered. Officers went at once from here to Whitman and they are now busily engaged.

Later—Mr. John Ewing, a deputy sheriff in Washington, is just in from the scene of the murder and burning of the body of the dead woman. He has a capias for the arrest of Charles Kugadt, a German shoemaker, well known in this vicinity.

A Man Horsewhipped.

Temple, Tex., Oct. 24.—Near Heidenheimer Wednesday night Will Ray was assaulted by two men in a buggy and was given a severe thrashing with a buggy whip. Ray was riding along the lane horseback when he met the buggy. He rode to the side of the road to give them room to pass, but they turned in toward him and got him wedged in against a wire fence. One of the party then covered him with a pistol while the other laid on the whip. After being released Ray rode into Heidenheimer and armed himself and took a friend up behind him and gave chase. After going a couple of miles they overtook two prominent citizens of Rogers and forced them to return to Heidenheimer, where they were bound over to the constable.

Caught in a Gin.

Franklin, Tex., Oct. 24.—Mr. Bob Scott, who was working at W. Grant's gin, eight miles north of here, was caught in the belting Thursday evening and his right leg, from thigh to foot, and right arm, from shoulder to hand, were crushed. He was picked up insensible, but rallied and regained consciousness. He is supposed to be fatally injured. He has a wife and two small children depending upon him.

Killed Instantly.

Spanish Fort, Tex., Oct. 23.—Jess Steadham killed A. W. Johnston Wednesday night near Grady, I. T., six miles north of this place. Johnston and G. W. Campbell, deputy United States marshals, suspected a man for whom they had a writ to be at Steadham's and went there for the purpose of making the arrest. Steadham fired on them, shooting Johnston in the heart. Steadham is under arrest.

At Noblesville, Ind., the molders in the American Carbon works struck a few days ago.

Against the Democrats.

Chicago, October 24.—The courts today decided against the Democrats in the matter of the parade on the night of the 31st. The democrats applied for an injunction to restrain Chief Badenoch from interfering with their parade. The chief of police holds that he had issued a permit to the republicans for a parade on the night in question before the democrats' application came in and he had declared that the two political parties shall not parade on the streets of Chicago the same night, as it would undoubtedly lead to a riot.

The democrats claim that their application was filed first and that Chief Badenoch showed favoritism to the republicans in issuing to the organization a permit to parade while refusing the same to the democrats.

The case was argued before one of the courts here today and the court declined to interfere.

Some of the democratic leaders assert that court or no court, chief of police or no chief of police, they will parade. Others advise against it, as it would surely lead to serious trouble. Chief Badenoch says he will call out the entire police force to prevent the parade if necessary. Some of the more enthusiastic democrats say, though the situation is serious and may prove disastrous to somebody, they will parade anyhow, as they do not propose to submit to such partisan treatment. Unfortunately for the democrats the regular authorized police and city authorities are arrayed against them. The matter has assumed such a serious phase that the leaders on both sides may get together within the next few days and endeavor to effect some sort of compromise. They fear that if such is not done a riot and loss of many lives will result.

Archbishop Ireland Denounced.

Chicago, October 24.—The New World, the official organ of the Catholic church in Chicago and the northern section of Illinois, contains a scathing editorial denouncing the position taken by Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul. As is well known the New World is practically under the management of Archbishop Feehan of the Chicago diocese and reflects his personal views. It is edited by William Dillon, brother of John Dillon, the famous Irish statesman and reformer. Until this last issue the New World occupied a neutral position on the financial question and its bold stand for free silver has created a decided sensation in this section of the country.

Young Man Suicides.

Lake Charles, La., October 23.—The funeral of J. E. Harper, who committed suicide Thursday night, took place yesterday evening. Mr. Harper was a young man with a prominent future. He has been in the employ of the Lake Charles laundry as engineer for more than three years. His wife died about six months ago and about a week ago he became despondent and Thursday night took a dose of sulphate of quinine.

Temporarily Embarrassed.

St. Louis, October 23.—L. A. Coquard, one of the most prominent dealers in stocks and bonds of this city, became temporarily embarrassed as a result of the drop in heat yesterday and filed a deed of assignment, about noon. Jas. G. Cahill and A. G. Dallas, clerks in the broker's office, were named as assignees. A statement issued by Mr. Coquard showed assets \$100,000 and liabilities of only one-quarter of that amount.

Prisoner Relieved.

Springfield, Ill., October 23.—Governor Altgeld has relieved Daniel McCarthy, sentenced to be hanged at Chicago Friday, October 25, for murder, until Friday, February 13, 1897. Prosecuting Attorney Elliott of Chicago has placed before the governor a statement in which he says he has found new evidence in the case that he regards as vital to the same.

Ex-Speaker Crisp Dead.

Atlanta, Ga., October 23.—Charles F. Crisp, ex-speaker of the house of representatives, died here this afternoon. The end came at a quarter to 2. Mr. Crisp had been an inmate of the sanitarium of Dr. J. S. B. Holmer in this city for several weeks. His condition was reported as very low, but no such conclusion to his illness was expected so soon. When a rumor got abroad several days ago that he was sinking, it was vigorously denied at the sanitarium, where it was given out that he was getting better.

Election Tip.

Bedford, Ind., October 24.—J. E. Boruff, a lawyer of this city, who has been making McKinley speeches this fall, announced Thursday that he had \$500 or more to bet Indiana would go 15,000 republican. He would have been accommodated this morning, but when confronted with the cash he stated that the Indianapolis party for whom he was acting had just advised him by wire not to bet on Indiana. The Indianapolis party referred to is said to be the State agent of a life insurance company.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

County Commissioner W. J. Holland was robbed several nights ago near Big Sandy, Upshur county, of \$12 in money.

Louis Morris, a farmer living near Denton, Denton county, was arrested and jailed for arson recently.

Marvin Barnhart, Otis Barnhart and J. Britton were released in the courts of Fort Worth recently from the charge of petty theft.

John C. Mitchell, of Cheokee, San Saba county, filed a deed of trust recently for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities \$10,299.

Cummings Bros., printers and stationers, in Houston, made an assignment recently to George F. Arnold. Liabilities \$37,919.

Henry Skates was placed under a \$250 bond at Terrell, Kaufman county, for shooting at a negro named Arthur Roberts a short time ago.

O. H. Young & Co., dealers in racket goods at Hillsboro, Hill county, filed a deed of trust recently with H. M. Spooner trustee. Liabilities \$2,197.44.

A few nights ago A. H. Dowell, of San Antonio, while waiting at the depot in Houston was robbed of \$325. The thief escaped among the freight cars.

The other day the firm of Stern Bros. in Beeville, Austin county, filed a deed of trust to secure preferred creditors to the amount of \$18,000. Assets not given.

Z. T. Caldwell, of Hubbard, Hill county, dealer in dry goods, groceries, filed a deed of trust a short time ago for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities \$4,773.15.

A few days ago Henry Hale was driving along near Muldoon, Fayette county, when his gun fired and shot him just about the heart, killing him instantly.

Henry Moses, dealer in books and stationery and tobacco, in Waco, made a deed of trust recently with Joe Koen as trustee. His schedule liabilities aggregate \$5,500.

The two-story residence of W. R. Pryor burned the other day in Ennis, Ellis county, together with household goods. The building was worth \$1500, insured for \$1000.

A petition was circulated at Hillsboro, Hill county, recently for the pardon of Will Brooks, who was sent to the penitentiary about a year ago on a charge of horse theft.

John Sanders, the young man who was wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol while out hunting the other day near Pearsall, Frio county, died from the effects of the wound.

Ewing Smith, 17 years old, was shot twice with a double-barrel shotgun several days ago near Prairieville, Kaufman county, and almost instantly killed. The slayer was an uncle of the boy killed.

The young colored man, Mose White, charged with the killing of Mitch Yarboro and the serious wounding of Alex Yarboro, near Miller's Mill, Nacogdoches, the other night, was arrested and put in jail.

The gin belonging to B. B. Braley, near Leonard, Fannin county, caught fire a few evenings ago and was damaged to the extent of about \$275. Fire originated in the condenser. Covered by insurance.

An unknown, supposed to be Aluet Barwick, from papers found on his person, committed suicide at the City hotel in Galveston a few nights ago by taking morphine. He is supposed to be a Bohemian.

Ben Tanahill, a minor, in a suit against the Katy for the loss of a limb in a railway accident near Geneva, McLennan county, was awarded \$6,000 damages in the Hill county courts a few days ago.

J. R. Burns was run over and killed by a west-bound freight train on the Cotton Belt near Cumbly, Hopkins county, several days ago. Mr. Burns was on his way to church when overtaken on a trestle.

Some unknown party hurled a stone through the car window as the train was about halfway between Victoria and Cuero, DeWitt county, a few nights ago. The missile struck Mrs. F. R. Connel in the back of the head, inflicting a painful wound.

The hose carriage collided with a buggy loaded with family supplies belonging to a colored farmer in Ennis, Ellis county, several days ago. The buggy was broken to pieces, the goods scattered and the farmer narrowly escaped being run over.

W. H. Cooper, in a suit against the Katy for damages for injuries sustained in a wreck near Waxahachie, Ellis county, last year, was allowed damages the other day in the sum of \$500 in the Hill county courts.

The 9-months-old child of Clem Womack, living near Rockdale, Milam county, died a few days ago from the effects of a dose of concentrated lie given it by a little negro boy 4 or 5 years old, who was playing physician and said he was giving the baby medicine.

DELFT AND ITS WARE.

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The Prettiest City in a Land of Lovely Places—Its Products Are Once More the Delight of Fashion—The Characteristics of the Genuine Dutch Ware.

Special Letter.

THE modern craze for the beautiful blue camieu ware of Delft has given a new lease of life to Pepys' "most sweet town with bridges and a river in every street, and a windmillor masts and sails at the end of every vista."

Like the sleeping princess the prettiest city in Holland has awakened at the kiss of the fairy prince of fashion, and factories once more begin to line the placid canals as they did in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries when Delft was the first manufacturing city of Europe. Art is long if time is fleeting—two centuries have but served to educate us to the beauty of Delft-falence, and it is doubtful if it will ever again cease to delight the eye—though the numerous cheap, inartistic imitations of it are doing their best to kill it. Doubtful, too, if the potter's

The pale northern light gives the country an aspect of sequestered quiet. There is a gentle silence, a repose of line and color inexpressibly soothing to the mind after the vivid warmth of the south. As majolica expresses Italy so the camieu blue is the natural hue of the Netherlands.

Every bit of scenery is ready for a plaque or loving cup, needing only an ornate border. Dutch mills, large and strong and full of sturdy life; of stone with shingled superstructure, round or octagonal, with thatched roofs, wooden galleries and green doors. Unhurried, but tireless, with all the time there is for drawing water, grinding flour, washing rags, crushing lime or stone, steps to gaze at a passer-by. A small, clean deserted place, its streets intersected by canals and decorated by long, stiff rows of trees, clipped to a uniform size, the chimneys guarded by storks.

For 200 years it has not changed. The view of Delft by Van der Meer in the museum of The Hague might have been painted yesterday. Here 15,000 people live in profound peace where there is room for twice the number. Here a house has its shutters entirely closed, announcing a death, while the funeral announcers pace the streets in elegant black; there a pink silk ball, covered with lace, hangs from a door knob, with a bulletin above to tell passing friends that mother and child sawing wood, cutting tobacco, making the patrimony of the heir or the dowry of the maid they bind the centuries

This is the conventional home, modest, discreet, cheerful. The barque laden with merchandise floats beside it, but there is no clatter of hoofs, no rumble of wheels nor clouds of dust. The movements of life are slow and silent; "the neighboring steeple announces the hour with a flood of harmony, sweet and constant as old custom and domestic affection."

The house will be exquisitely clean, the door knobs polished as if but lately from the shop, though worn smooth by two centuries of service; the staircase dark with age, but with a surface that reflects. Everywhere are quantities of china—jars and cups, plates and vases, candlesticks and ewers, plaques and urns and veltcellars, and along every ledge and vertical strip of wall, against a shining shelf, rows of plates. Picture tiles about the mantel, panels, tiny crockery stoves, all in the palest yellow biscuit decorated in shaded blues, the delight and despair of the collector of Delft!

For here is a piece dated 1611, marked with the magic hatchet, there another with the elaborate sign of the Fortune factory. In some recess, guarded like the jade gem of a Chinese mandarin, a polychrome violin case or tall jar by Albrecht de Keizer, who is famous for his marvelous imitations of the Japanese. Or here is a plaque showing the gateway of The Hague, with shipping and windmills and oriental arabesque of borders—perhaps the very first departure from imitations and the beginning of the national school in this center of the old Dutch school of painting.

It was Delft that subscribed one-sixth of the stock of the Dutch East India company, and the good boat that rode every sea, the Devil of Delft, that brought back in its hold the blue camieu falence of Corea, to corroborate the tales of Marco Polo.

What a marvel that must have been to the good burghers! They were a commercial people. The opulence of the brewers of Delft had passed into a proverb. Three hundred breweries lined the delft, or ditch, as the canal was called in the vernacular. Silver and gold rattled in their ample pockets. Their good beer deserved better cups than the coarse, red underglaze crockery made by Dutch potters.

The marvelous skill of the Corean developed a hitherto unsuspected faculty. Every brewer became a connoisseur in ceramics, the profits of his brewery went into experiments with clays and glazes, his son, instead of going into the counting-house, mixed colors, copied the Corean models on native clay, fired and tried by fire.

Within fifty years the world witnessed a transformation—the most commercial city of Europe had become the most artistic. Three hundred breweries, whose wealth was fabulous, had been closed and thirty potteries gradually absorbed the accumulated wealth. For pieces now worth \$500 were then worth a hundred Dutch sous! Education in art did not keep pace with the works of art. Holland was flooded with pieces of exquisite shape and ravishing colors at the price of common crockery. One-third of all the 6,000 men of Delft were at work in the potteries.

The first results, indeed, produced but coarse, porous pottery, covered with a heavy coating of opaque enamel or stanniferous (tin) glaze. Aside from its decorations this thick, pasty enamel is the chief characteristic. If a piece of the old Delft is broken, the thick enamel will be seen to lie in the porous underlayer in a flaky body. The earliest pieces were invariably ornamented in blue, but later it appeared in polychrome decorations—in red, brown, yellow, purple and green, blended after the true oriental method by laying on the primary colors. Albrecht de Keizer was the most famous of all the falence decorators in polychrome, but even he preferred the blue camieu generally.

Increasing Value of Whalebone.

Whalebone promises to become one of the most valuable commodities of commerce, and before the next century is very old it may become as highly priced as gold. It may then be the means of settling forever the monometallist and bimetallic controversies by abolishing both, and making the substitution of whalebone currency possible, for there is no chance of an oversupply of that article, and it is quite evident that it cannot be imitated. Numerous attempts have been made to simulate it, but none has been successful. Not very many years ago whalebone could be purchased for \$400 a ton. At the end of last season the price was \$2,000. To-day it is about \$2,200, and before Christmas it may be higher still, for the Greenland fishing this summer has not proved an immense success. At this price an old family gingham, of which whalebone ribs were generally about half an inch square, would prove a very handsome legacy, much more valuable than a gold-mounted but steel-ribbed umbrella of the present day. A collection of the old articles might form a small fortune. —London Telegraph.

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Mr. A. H. Cransby, of No. 155 Kerr St., Memphis, Tenn., writes that his wife had cancer which had eaten two large holes in her breast, and which the best physicians of the surrounding country treated, and pronounced incurable. Her grandmother and aunt had died of

and when told this, the most eminent specialists of New York, under whose treatment she was given up to die S. S. S. was recommended, and astonishing as it may seem, a few bottles cured her sound and well. Our treatise on this disease will be sent free to any address. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta, Ga.

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7:44	*1:54	*8:24	Allen	*9:59	*4:53	*10:49
7:47	*1:57	*8:27	Passadena	*10:02	*4:56	*10:52
7:51	*2:01	*8:31	Deep Water	*10:06	*4:59	*10:56
7:54	*2:04	*8:34	Deer Park	*10:09	*5:02	*11:00
7:58	*2:08	*8:38	Taylor	*10:13	*5:06	*11:04
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8:13	*2:23	*8:53	Nadessa	*10:28	*5:21	*11:19
8:16	*2:26	*8:56	Texas City	*10:31	*5:24	*11:22
8:19	*2:29	*8:59	Virginia Pt.	*10:34	*5:27	*11:25
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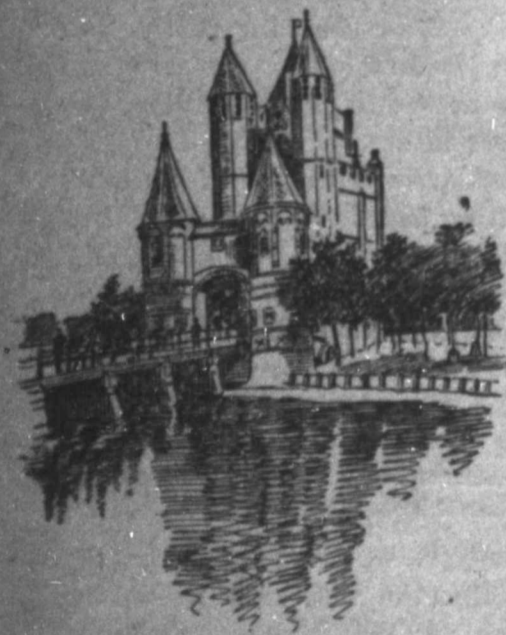
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The prettiest, most characteristic city of Holland, once the third in importance, and but lately designated as the city



CITY GATE, DELFT.

of tombs—the Dutch necropolis—lies two hours' journey by canal from The Hague and forty miles from Rotterdam. The way is all one plain of green and flowery meadows crossed by long files of willows bordering the canals and clumps of poplars and alders. The canal, by which you go silently through a silent land, is bordered by extensive gardens and summer houses with quaint gables. Here and there are seen the tops of steeples, whirling wings of windmills, and every now and then the masts and sails of a ship in the distance, gliding by. Being on a narrow canal, invisible across the fields, it seems to be sailing on the billowy bay of grass, appearing and disappearing behind the trees.

to those when they first became motifs for a national art.

The spires of Delft appear in the distance, the pottery works on the canal and the suburban houses. Against the background of pale blue sky the steeply gabled houses are set in lovely polychrome, in walls of red, crimson, rosy, yellow paint picked out with white, conscious of their spic and span cleanliness, their ancient solidity and glaze of yesterday. Every crossing has its bridges of stone with white railings. A dull and melancholy stillness pervades the town, the doors are closed, the quiet is phenomenal. A servant girl in gown of lilac print and white muslin cap and apron lifts a rosy face from her knitting on the shining area as she goes well. Above the dwellings important storks fly, and round eyed children implore their good offices for baby brothers and sisters, as small people have done these hundreds of years before pottery was ever made in the town.

Not a house of the 5,000 but has its treasures of falence bought in the seventeenth century for Dutch sous, worth now as many sovereigns. They are heirlooms, valued less for their worth and beauty by their owners, perhaps, than for their ancient and ancestral use. Into any of the better houses you may go, if you have a letter of introduction, and you will be received without enthusiasm indeed, but with a stolid thoroughness of welcome that by and by compensates.

It may be a small house at the end of a street opening on a field and washed by a canal—of one story only, of red washed bricks, with a pointed facade and gables—and with an ancient pair of lindens in front. There will be curtains of a dazzling white, snowy steps, a flagged walk, a brilliant green door, flowers growing to order in geometrical beds, and the whole reflected in the clear water of the canal.

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A glance at the official ballot to be used in the city of Houston under the Australian system will show whether there is fusion or not. There is a ticket with republican electors and Kearby for governor, but no populist electors appear on any of the tickets. If this does not mean fusion, will some idiot who denies that there is any fusion, please tell us what it means?

Voters must bear in mind that there are two constitutional amendments to be voted on next Tuesday. You can vote for or against either. One is to authorize the School Board at Austin to invest the Permanent School Fund in farm lands for the penitentiary convicts to work. The other relates to the time which must elapse before election day before a foreigner can give notice of his becoming a citizen in order to vote. The constitution as it now stands says a foreigner may vote if he give notice the day before election of his purpose to become a citizen. The amendment changes this so that he must give this notice six months before the day of election.

Johan M. Claiborne, republican nominee for congress, spoke in the court house Tuesday night on the issues between the democratic and republican parties. Little can be said of his speech except that his voice, diction, delivery and narrative were graceful and worthy of a better sentiment than he showed. The first to grow disgusted with Claiborne's speech were prominent republicans, who demonstrated it by leaving after some of the speaker's most unfortunate expressions. He resorted to a curiouslyness that was well calculated to suit the bulk of his supporters, and a sharp contrast to the respectful attention that was given him. He recklessly flung an insulting and illhumored taunt at every soldier's wife who bore a child from 1862 to 1866; said that free love was the succession to free silver and expressed his own personal preference for sleeping with negroes.

LETTER FROM HON. J. W. MADDEN, ED. COURIER:

On the eve of the election I wish to admonish all voters of the danger of being deceived and especially is this true with respect to every honest populist who wishes to vote as to not aid in the continuance of the present financial policy.

I am prompted to say this much because I have not yet given up the idea that there are a large number of populists who are honest and conscientious men, and who are interested in restoring silver to the position it occupied prior to 1873, and who are not yet ready to trade their votes in furthering one of the most venal, and corrupt political deals ever made in this state. The recent conduct of Mr. Eagle, and his letter to Roub, and the withdrawal of Tompkins and Anthony, together with the open deals that are being made in the different counties, and the manner in which tickets are being printed and sent out by the populists and republicans, ought to be sufficient to satisfy any honest mind that a gigantic trade is on between the leaders of the latter parties, and it is now only a question of the delivery of the goods by the contracting parties.

I especially remind the populists that their tickets are being printed and distributed from Dallas by Chairman Bradley, and these tickets will be used in Houston county as well as all other counties. I

warn the honest populists to examine his ticket closely before he votes and see who the electors are. If he is a friend of good government he should vote for no elector who is against silver or who will not support Bryan in the electoral college if elected.

The best way to guard against fraud in this respect is for each voter to have a list of the electors of each party, and then see if his electors are really on the ticket. Any mixing of electors would evidence tricks and trades, and there is no doubt populists everywhere will find one so-called populist ticket a full set of republican electors. All honest voters can not be too careful along this line. Be careful and see that you vote your real sentiments and are not victimized by a lot of political corruptionists. At least four of the populist electors have already declared their opposition to Bryan, and of course their votes would go to McKinley, should they be elected. I urge upon all populists who want to make sure that their votes will count for Bryan, to vote for Bryan and Sewall electors. Then they will know they are safe otherwise they take serious chances.

J. W. MADDEN.

District Court Proceedings.

Judge Burnett's criminal district court was in session last week with district attorney D. A. Nunn, Jr., looking after the interests of the state, and the following business was transacted:

State v. Henry Small, forgery; convicted with 2 years in the penitentiary. Motion for new trial overruled and defendant appealed.

State v. Jim Wood, theft of cotton; not guilty.

State v. E. D. Moore, arson; not guilty.

State v. Jake Leonard, theft; continued by consent.

State v. Ed King; continued by consent.

State v. Jno. Bowdon arson; not guilty.

State v. Chris. Majors; not guilty.

State v. Geo. McCullough, murder; case set for Thursday, Nov. 12th, with special venire to issue for all the petit jurors for the term.

State v. A. J. Knox, murder; bailed in the sum of \$5000, with following sureties: S. H. Knox, P. P. Wingate, A. T. McManers, J. H. Sallas, F. P. Knox, J. H. Reynolds and Geo. M. Thompson.

State v. Dave Harris, theft of hog; recognized in open court and bailed in the sum of \$250; Henry Williams and D. J. Jordan, sureties.

State v. Henry Allen, assault to rape; plead guilty and sentenced to penitentiary for two years.

State v. Alf. Davis, burglary; guilty and sentenced to penitentiary for 2 years.

State v. John Crawford, assault to murder; defendant recognized in open court and bailed in the sum of \$500.

State v. Elbert Rogers, colored, murder; jury hung and was discharged yesterday.

State v. Sank Owens, colored, assault to murder; recognized and bailed in the sum of \$350; Dr. W. B. Collins and J. H. Wakefield, sureties.

Ex parte Sam Kyle made application for license to practice law. The following committee was appointed to examine him: Geo. Crook, Earle Adams, Sr., and D. A. Nunn, Jr.

Up to last Monday, the grand jury had presented 14 additional bills of indictment, 8 felony and 6 misdemeanor cases. This makes 32 felony cases that have been presented in all since the grand jury met, and only 6 misdemeanor cases.

Court adjourned yesterday until next Monday, and the grand jury until the 9th of November.

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