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HASKELL, TEXAS

It remains for the Indiana woman to get alimony and breach of promise damages out of the same man. Hats off!

THE story that Li Hung Chang is worth \$500,000,000 is untrue. It seems the poor old man is only worth \$50,000,000 all told.

It is painful to infer from recent occurrences in New York that the supply of family skeletons belonging to the four hundred is not half exhausted.

A BROOKLYN woman who sympathized with the strikers threw a stone at a street car and hit it. If such things can be done the new woman has certainly come at last.

It is the impression in Paris that a city is well repaid for the closest attention to sanitary work. The death rate in Paris has been steadily reduced, and is now the lowest on record, less than twenty per 1,000 inhabitants.

It will be noticed that black snow falls in winter in very much the same localities in which they have rainfalls of fish in the summer. It might be possible that these strange phenomena are visible only to the inflated imagination of a sensational newspaper reporter.

A RALEIGH, N. C., paper tells some remarkable things about the late Senator Vance. It says that he "often met death with grim humor, and the loss of an eye did not discourage him." A man who is not discouraged by the loss of an eye when he has met death must have been indeed a philosopher of remarkable nerve.

The mayors of New York and Brooklyn have approved Governor Morton's suggestion that a commission of eleven members be appointed by the governor and mayors to frame a charter for "Greater New York," to be submitted to the next legislature. The indications are that the consolidation will be effected within three years.

The Kansas murder case, in which the murderer was acquitted by the jury and his hypnotizer was convicted, an account of which was telegraphed over the country some weeks ago, is one of the most peculiar cases on record. One peculiar thing about it is there was not a word of truth in the story, as has since been fully established.

CYCLONES, blizzards and unusually heavy snow storms in our own country, disastrous gales in Europe and earthquakes in Asia have all marked the beginning of the year. When to these are added so many sharp and quick changes of temperature it looks as if there was an upheaval of material things as serious as it is unaccountable.

The bill which provides for the turning over of the Gettysburg battlefield to the national authorities for a national military park also appropriately provides for erecting on the grounds a bronze tablet, having on it a medallion likeness of Abraham Lincoln, and the address in full which he delivered at the dedication of the national cemetery at that place on November 19, 1863.

ACCORDING to a new ruling of the post-office department, guessing at the number of seeds in a pumpkin or grains of corn in a jar is lottery, and the transmission of such guesses through the mail is, therefore, unlawful. And yet the postal regulations permit the transmission of Prophet Hicks' guesses at the weather as though they were all first-class matter. This may not be straining at a pumpkin seed and swallowing a pumpkin, but it looks suspiciously like it.

A PROMINENT English journal, having a weekly circulation of something like seven hundred thousand, has been giving a weekly prize of twenty-one shillings (about \$5) for the most curious advertisement culled from any paper, but the management has been obliged to relinquish it, as some wise acres discovered that they could easily invent an outrageously funny ad and insert it in a newspaper for sixpence, and then win the larger sum thereby. Thus is killed a laudable object.

THERE is an organization known as the National Divorce Reform league, which is working to secure better laws concerning marriage and divorce, and especially to obtain uniformity in such laws. It is understood that twenty-three states have appointed commissions on uniform legislation in relation to such matters, and an effort is making to induce other states to do likewise. There ought to be uniformity in regard to marriage and divorce laws, and the better way to secure it is through agreement among the several states rather than as some persons have proposed by the enactment of a national law.

Sympathy will go out to Emperor William in his imprisoning the wretch who parodied his "Song to Aegir," and in the dedication of the publication in which the parody appeared. Parody is the tribute incompetent wit pays to the works of genius. When this gentle if pungent art was degraded to trying to make out that William's music was worth parody, less majestic was rightfully called into operation. The miserable bungler should be left in the stocks until he repented and apologized, not to the emperor, but to music and art.

THE popular reckoning system of the moderns is the metric. To ascend and descend by tens or multiples of that number is the only satisfactory way to measure value in these days, but this was not the case with the ancients. Three was their popular multiple and this idea they carried into their religion.

A NEW YORK official cannot now accept a pass without violating the state constitution, and this clause has led to the resignation of fifty notaries throughout the state.

SEASONABLE APPAREL FOR THE WOMEN FOLKS.

The Theater Bonnet of To-Day Ought to Satisfy Any Man—An Artistic Mourning Gown—An Effective Gown for \$5.00

THE THEATER bonnet of to-day is small enough to satisfy the man who sits behind it, and eccentric enough to absorb the interest of every woman in the audience. Here are a few of the latest creations.

One which a fashionable milliner declares a "dream" is of Neapolitan velvet, combined with gold lace. For the benefit of the uninitiated, Neapolitan is defined as a peculiar shade of violet. At the back of this novel bonnet stand erect four short black Prince of Wales plumes. A bonnet more light and airy consists of a bit of lace, two curly tips and a cluster of jet crescents. The bonnet is a study in black and white.

Another bonnet noted for its novelty has the foundation made of twisted iridescent braid in shades of heliotrope, gold and green. At the front the bonnet is perfectly flat, all the trimming being arranged toward the back. A full bow of heliotrope velvet, a gold aigrette and two jet prongs form the trimming.

Many of the theater bonnets consist merely of a twist of velvet and a jet or steel ornament. A fetching bonnet easily made at home is formed of a big

She Evolved a Gown. She was a young married woman with more artistic taste than money. What her winter wardrobe needed was a sort of composite tea gown, dinner dress and at-home costume. The illustration shows what she evolved, and this story tells how she did it. Some years ago she owned a black



THIS IS THE WAY IT LOOKED.

silk street gown, which now hung in her closet much the worse for wear. This she ripped up, brushed thoroughly, sponged with black coffee and pressed between flannel cloths with a moderately hot iron. The silk appeared after this operation almost as good as new. Then a little dressmaker, who came in by the day, made the silk into a graceful princess gown. The butter color lace insertion, which so uniquely trimmed it, was bought at a bargain and cost but 10

Care of the Ears. A prominent physician says that more than half of the ear troubles from which people suffer during the cold weather can be traced to the habit of picking at the ears with the finger nails or hairpins or some other hard substance, which irritates the delicate inside of the ear. Instead of this injurious "picking" the ears should be washed out with warm water and a little good soap, and thoroughly dried after the operation. If the ears are sensitive a little cotton may be put in before going into the open air, though this is apt to make them even more sensitive. In extremely cold weather before venturing out, a good way to clean the ears is to wrap the corner of a towel around the finger, and with a little cold cream carefully wipe out the auricle. It will remove every particle of dust and will really protect the ears from the cold, but it can scarcely be recommended for regular use.

Women's Precious Autographs. A girl who is making a collection of autographs of noted people says that she sometimes becomes disgusted with her sex. Women, she finds, are not nearly so polite nor so obliging as men. They, moreover, take up a good deal of their "secretaries" time with long-drawn-out refusals to send the asked for signature, and seem, many of them, neither to have a systematic plan of utterly ignoring the request nor a pleasant response to it.

The Magical Word "Imported." Why is it that the very name "imported" seems to add as much to the beauty and intrinsic value of a garment to most feminine eyes as it does to the price mark. The thing may not be a bit prettier or even more stylish than have been achieved by one's own

THE TERROR'S WIFE.

SHE COULD THROW A ROPE WITH THE BEST.

Pink McKinnon was a Killer and a Bad Man Until His Wife Threw the Lasso and Held Him Up on the Road—The Drummer's Bride.

"Bill Cook's running loose reminds me of another bad man that flourished down there about ten years ago," said an old sporting man to a Washington Post reporter. "He never got the national reputation that the James boys and Billy the Kid had before they were snuffed out. But for innate toughness and general devilment I doubt if ever there was a man in the Western country that could outpoint Pink McKinnon.

"Pink was something like Captain Kidd. He started out suppressing lawlessness and got into it himself. He started when he was pretty young and the thing that gave him his start was capturing a couple of horse thieves that had stood off all the marshals in the country. There had been a couple of rustlers running off stock pretty lively, and then they killed a man or two and finally got a reward set on them. Then they went to work and killed a couple of marshals who went out after the reward, and by that time they had things pretty much their own way. They were camped out in the mountains, nobody knew just where, but one day Pink decided he wanted that reward and he started out after them. He was in the habit of minding his own business pretty well, and he didn't say anything about what he was going to do, so there was no chance for any of the fellow's pals in town to get out and give the snap away.

He got a couple of stone jugs of whiskey and strapped them on his saddle and put his guns inside his trousers, and rode out into the hills. After hunting around awhile he comes on their camp. Of course, there wasn't anybody there; but Pink knew they were watching him from the bushes, and he gets off very quietly, picks his horse out, and sits down alongside their fire and takes a drink. The rustlers throw down on him from the bushes and Pink held up his hands very politely, and they, seeing he wasn't in for fight, came out and had a talk.

"Pink was a remarkably cool liar, and he told them he had just been chased out of town for assaulting a woman and didn't even have a chance to bring a gun away with him. The rustlers had a talk over it, and then they had a drink and then they talked a little more and had another drink. They kept it up until they were dead loaded, and Pink kept it up, too, but he poured all his whiskey down his sleeve. So after a while the two cattle thieves went off peacefully to sleep, and Pink didn't do a thing but take their guns away from them, hoisted them up on their horses, tied their legs underneath, and had 'em down in Silver City before they sobbed up.

"Well, that ruined him. He got appointed deputy marshal, killed a man in a saloon row, then had to kill the fellow's side partner to keep from getting killed himself; got to gambling, and finally had to take to the road himself. Like so many of his class men, he was in love with a pretty girl, and a good one, too, who wouldn't believe anything bad of him, and he married her promising to settle down. He did for a little while, but there were a dozen men laying to kill him, and he was kept hustling all the time to keep his head on his shoulders.

"He would gamble, too, and one night a young traveling man came through town with his wife on a bridal trip. The young fellow had a lot of money that belonged to his firm and he was young and fresh and showed his roll in the bar of the hotel. Pink marked him, and that night got him into a game of poker. About midnight he had all the young fellow's money and the firm's, too. The drummer was green and soft, and his wife got into the racket.

"There was a real disgrace starting her husband in the face, and the poor little girl broke down, cried, and made a confidante of the first woman she got hold of, and the woman happened to be Mrs. McKinnon. She was a sweet, good-hearted little woman as ever lived, and if it hadn't been for her I guess Pink would have been killed two or three times before he was snuffed out. She guessed pretty near that Pink had something to do with skinning the young drummer, and she went to him and begged him to give the money back. Pink put her off and said he wasn't acting guardian to all the little boys that were going around without nurses, and he told her good-by, that he was going into Hot Springs for a couple of days.

"Mrs. McKinnon, who knew him by this time, knew what that meant, and she knew if Pink ever spent two days in Hot Springs nobody would ever see anything more of the money. She told him up and rob him on the road, and Pink laughed and hitched his gun around, then he saddled up his horse, got a couple of drinks, and started off, meaning to ride all the rest of the night and get into Silver City next afternoon.

"Mrs. Mac knew it wasn't worth while to say anything more, but she goes to her room, and nobody saw anything more of her till she came down the next morning and gave the little traveling man his roll. Then she told him to get out of town, and she got quick.

"Pink came back to town that night with some cattlemen. He didn't say anything, but he was as black as a thunder cloud, and the boys knew he was something mad. It seems some of the fellows coming into town early in the morning found him roped up tight as sealing wax to a hickory sapling alongside the road, guns and money and everything else gone.



RECEPTION GOWN. IN WHITE SILK. HOUSE GOWN. SOME UP TO DATE COSTUMES.

lace bow, caught at the sides with gold pins to a tiara of velvet or a wreath of flowers.—New York World.

Artistic Mourning Gowns. Never were mourning costumes as artistic as now. Even crepe is so arranged that it is graceful and becoming.



CREPE CLOTH AND DULL JETS.

ing. Mourning is also much lighter in effect than of old, and more variations are permissible.

Dame Fashion no longer neglects the widow's wardrobe; in fact, she shows her skillful hand there as conspicuously as in any other realm. A charming gown designed for first mourning is made of crepe cloth. The skirt is plain, but made with the most approved flare. Crepe is used on the bodice to simulate a vest. It is also made into double directoire revers, which give a dash and style to the whole bodice. The sleeve is an unusually graceful leg of mutton. Jet crescents and a jet aigrette form the little bonnet to which the long veil is fastened. Dull jets are being used quite lavishly on mourning gowns, and as a trimming, black embroidered chiffon is the vogue.—New York World.

Queen Victoria's Quill Harness. The greatest curiosity in the queen's stables and harness rooms is a very beautiful set of harness for four horses. It is called "the quill harness," being one mass of the finest embroidery of white quills on black leather. The maker of the set brought an action against the queen on the question of the price. The case, when fought out, resulted in a favorable verdict for her majesty, but Prince Albert would never allow the harness to be used, and it hangs in glass cupboards in the largest of the many harness rooms.—St. Paul's.

A Veil Stretcher. To make a veil stretcher, which is an indispensable part of a woman's belongings, cut four pieces of cardboard eight by nine inches. Lay in a pile and punch on one side at top, bottom, and middle. Decorate the outside with lettering and tie with ribbons through the punched holes.

Very wide brimmed hats of velvet are trimmed with an abundance of -strich tips curled close. A band of velvet around the crown and a couple of loops are all the other trimmings required.

cents a yard. The stock and bow at the waist line, with its long ends, were made of orange colored ribbon, which had once upon a time served as a broad sash.

It took the whole of the black silk coat to make the huge puffs of the sleeves, but they were a great artistic success when finished, with their stripes of lace insertion and their deep lace cuffs, with overhanging frills. Five dollars covered the entire expense of the gown, counting in the dressmaker's bill, and yet it was much admired.—New York World.

Fashion Notes. Trimmings of chenille and cut jet embroidery on bands of cloth are among the favorite garnitures. A particularly attractive trimming is of fine broadcloth in ivory white. The edges are pinked, and below the pinking is a double row of cloth slightly full, and also pinked. This is closely stitched about three-fourths of an inch from the edge giving a flat pinking, with two ruffles below it. The gallow is embroidered in chenille and beads in natural colors. This is an extraordinarily handsome trimming when properly used, and shows to the best advantage on a red broadcloth, worn at an afternoon reception. The hat worn with this costume is made of white broadcloth, with pinked edges and trimming of red plumes.

The small boy wears black velvet jacket and short trousers. A blouse of cambric, with turned over collar edged with a narrow ruffe, is worn with this. Black silk stockings, with low shoes, are approved. A stylish costume is made of French gray cloth. The stockings and shoes worn with it are red.

Push and velvet are among the favorite materials for the round, full capes that seem to be preferred to all other wraps.

They Don't Like Corn. It is truly an amazing thing this European indifference to corn. The people eat some such queer things over there that one would think that corn would seem a mighty blessing. In the course of two long journeys over various parts of Europe we have never but once found the cereal, and that was at a hotel, almost entirely patronized by Americans and kept by a man who had lived in America. In Paris. We were talking of corn to an Englishman last summer.

"And," said he, "do you really eat it in the States?" "Why, yes." "We only feed it to animals." "Well, then, you treat your animals better than ourselves." He paused for a minute. "Tell me," said he, "in what way do you eat it?" "On the ear." "The ear? Oh, fancy. How strange!" And he looked quite shocked.—Rochester Post-Express.

dressmaker; indeed, it may be positively ugly from an aesthetic point of view, but the fact that it hails from foreign shores is enough to make it a thing of beauty to most feminine holders.

Heavy Underclothing Versus Wraps. Some doctors are beginning to advocate the abolition of the winter flannels. They say that their experience with patients is that it is better for people to don heavier wraps when necessary than to begin to wear at the first of the presumably colder months thick underclothing, which is not changed to lighter no matter how warm the house nor how close and "muggy" the day.

Warned in Time. Old Dumps—A penny for your thoughts.

Young Gumps—I am trying to remember what it was my wife wanted me to bring home.

Old Dumps—My! my! Don't do it. Remember the things a wife wants you to bring home is a mighty bad habit. By the time you've been married ten years, she'll be giving you a list as long as the tariff law.

Pellisson's Little Adventure. Pellisson was frightfully ugly. One day as he was walking down the street a beautiful lady took him by the hand and conducted him into a house close by. Dazzled by the lady's charms, and flattering himself that this adventure could not possibly entail any unpleasant consequences, he had not the strength to offer any resistance. His fair captor introduced him to the master of the house, saying:

"Line for line, exactly like this," whereupon she took her departure. Pellisson, on recovering from his astonishment, demanded an explanation. The master of the house, after sundry apologies, confessed that he was a painter.

"I have undertaken," he added, "to supply the lady with the 'Temptation in the Wilderness.' We have been debating for a couple of hours as to the mode of representing the Tempter, and she ended it by saying that she wished me to take you for a model."—Rivus Anecdote.

senseless when he fell, for the first thing he knew was when he came to, tied to the tree by the road, and all his stuff gone.

"Of course nobody knew how it happened, but I knew Mrs. McKinnon before ever Pink married her, and I knew she was brought up on a ranch down in Texas, and she could ride and throw a rope like a man."

NO SYSTEM Which Can Keep a Clever Bookkeeper From Stealing.

The cashier of a prominent up-town bank said recently that such a thing as a perfect system of bookkeeping had never been devised, and probably never would be. "When you think of it," he said to the New York Sun man, "bookkeeping is simply a question of mental ingenuity. What one brain can devise in the way of safeguards another brain can usually undo, speaking in a general way. The daily papers, in condemning the banks because of the moderate salaries paid to bookkeepers, overlook a very important fact. The banks pay the market rates to expert bookkeepers, which are anywhere from \$1,800 to \$2,000 a year.

An almost unlimited number of men can be obtained at these figures, and paying more money would not make the banks a bit safer, for the simple reason that men of strong, mental powers, great business capacity, and swerving integrity, are not as a rule, content to be mechanical bookkeepers in large institutions. I do not, of course, mean to disparage bookkeepers in any way. The point is that the men who make good bookkeepers are unimaginative, reliable, and steady-going persons, who are not influenced by great ambition, and who do not aspire to lofty places. It is not required of a bookkeeper that he shall have very high mental qualifications, as bookkeeping is now conducted in our big institutions. Each man has a stipulated amount of work of a stereotyped nature to do.

He has, of course, enough ingenuity to swindle, if he chooses to do so. Anybody who believes that a perfect system of bookkeeping can be devised must also believe that it would be impossible to counterfeit money. The bank of England has been held up as a marvel for many years, and yet it is not secret that that institution was swindled in the most complete manner for many years before it was found out. The most important and conservative commercial agencies and financial institutions in this city and London have lost money through their employees, and the Credit Lyonnais, in France, where bookkeeping is said to have been carried to the very highest point of safety, was completely upset by a number of clerks two years ago, who had no difficulty whatever in hoodwinking the experts and pocketing the bank's money."

Three Queer Families. The county in which Milan, Tenn., is located contains three very odd families, believed to be the tallest, heaviest and "lightest" families in that state. The first is composed of four persons—father, mother, son and daughter, the range of height being from 6 feet 2 inches to 7 feet 8 inches. The heavy family is composed of father, mother and daughter, and their united weight is 900 pounds. The featherweight family is composed of three persons, father, mother and eight children, the combined weight of the ten being but 513 pounds, an average of a fraction over 50 pounds.

Mary, Queen of Scots. A miniature portrait of Mary, queen of Scots, believed to be from life, has been on exhibition in Tiffany's show window, in Union Square, New York. It has never been publicly exhibited before, but as it belongs to Mrs. Seton of Orange, N. J., in whose family (the Setons of Arbroath, Scotland), it has been held as a heirloom from the days of David Seton, comptroller of the Scottish revenue from 1589 to 1595, there can be no doubt of its authenticity. It appears to be painted on ivory, and is set in an antique wooden frame. The queen's face is pale, but handsome.

Locks of Foot Ball Heroes. Miss Helene Willis, of San Jose, Cal., is achieving fame as the originator of the idea of collecting the locks of foot ball heroes as trophies. Recently the captain of a well-known eleven received a letter from Miss Willis asking for a lock of hair from each of his team, to be accompanied by their autographs, and explaining the unusual request by stating that she has a large scrapbook in which she has placed the locks of hair and autographs of most of the prominent players of the past season.

THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN.

There is a New York woman who is but 20 years old, and has been married eight times during that period. "You have a bad cold," said "I have," she replied lightly; "I am so hoarse that if you attempt to kiss me I couldn't even scream."

A dish of hot, well-cooked oatmeal, mixed with chopped dates or figs, is at present the form of fruit and cereal meeting with most approval from several well-known food specialists. Through the zealous efforts of Mme. Henri Schmal, editress of the organ of the French New Woman, a bill has been approved by a committee of the French chamber, giving women full control over the product of their personal industry. Tea balls of Dresden china are newer than those of silver, and for that reason probably there is a preference for them. They are sold with and without silver stands, and mounted, cost about \$5. Without the stands the balls are \$2.50. When the paper tears off or wears off your Japanese screen, the frame is still the foundation of another equally different art. Paint it with some enamel paint of any tint you prefer, and make it elegant with brocade, or more simple with pretty cretonne. For lemon-jelly ice: Take four lemons, one-quarter pound candied ginger, one pint sugar, one quart hot water, one tablespoonful gelatine. Soak the gelatine in one-quarter cup of cold water. Pare off the yellow rind of the lemon, cut the ginger into small pieces, pour on the boiling water; cover closely for ten minutes; add the lemon juice and sugar, strain and freeze.

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Items of General Interest Carefully Selected From Many Sources.

Speaking of the wreck of the sloop Scandinavian, rumor has it that Capt. Borwick and his nephew abandoned the sloop in a sinking condition, and pulled for the beach, a distance of about five miles, in a small skiff, which filled several times, but was bailed out again. The hands of the two men were badly frozen and they were finally thrown on the beach in an exhausted condition. They managed to reach the home of Mr. Hyland, in the vicinity of High Island, near Galveston. Their hands were swollen to three times their natural size and they were a pitiable sight. An authentic account could be obtained as to the man supposed to have been lost on the vessel, and the facts will probably not be known for some time. The Scandinavian was bound from Galveston to Sabine Pass when the gale struck her and she went to the bottom.

The county seat war in Wise county grows warm. A convention was held at Bridgeport, and different towns presented their claims to the public for the honor. J. R. Stevens of Galveston, Cooke county, appeared in the convention and said he would build a courthouse and jail at Bridgeport free of cost to the people of Wise county if the county seat was moved to that place. Paradise came forward with a proposition to do the same thing. Stevens proposes not only to build the court house and jail, but to build a three room house and deed it and the lot on which it stands to any widow in Deatur who may be financially injured by the removal of the court house from there.

Recently a thinly-clad young man presented himself at the home of Isaac Van Zandt, about ten miles north of Fort Worth, and asked for a night's shelter, which was given him. Next morning the stranger was gone, as well as a fine horse, saddle and bridle, fine gold watch, numerous articles of clothing and a neat sum of money. Pursuit was given, and subsequently Major K. M. Van Zandt received a telegram from his son, informing him that the dead body of the thief and horse had been found several miles distant with the stolen property lying nearby. The man had frozen to death in the blizzard. Watch money and all were recovered.

A negro boy 10 years of age, who lived with his uncle, Ferny Black, three and one-half miles north-east of Carthage, was found dead recently in a pine thicket about 200 yards from his home. The body was frozen stiff and the presumption is that he froze to death. The boy's aunt says that he left home about dark the night before he was found, but she supposed that he had gone to some neighbor's house, and therefore made no search for him. When found his back was badly bruised and striped, showing that he had been severely whipped but a short while before his death.

Two white boys, aged 16 and 18 years, raised by pious parents, living at Beech Grove, Jasper county, sent to Galveston for whisky for Christmas. It did not arrive until a few days ago, when they proceeded to "tank up." They visited a negro cabin, assaulted the woman and shot her, one of the bullets cutting her jugular vein. Then they left, and the woman and her five children remained in the house all night, afraid to open the door, the woman dying early next morning. They escaped, and are yet at large.

Greenville has a liars' club, and at the last meeting the champion arose and said: "Speaking of farmers reminds me of one living down here near Dixon. Last year he raised about 1000 bushels of pop corn and stored it in the barn. The barn caught fire, the corn began to pop and filled a ten acre field. An old mare in the neighboring pasture had defective eyesight, saw the corn, thought it was snow and lay down and froze to death."

At Big Springs, Howard county, recently, Brakeman L. G. Lem shot Fireman Tom Glass in the right arm and side with duck shot. The wounds are painful, but not necessarily fatal. Under Lem's statement he was admitted to bail in the sum of \$200. Some of the shot passed through the coat of Agent Snoddy, giving him a fright.

Hub Malton, 14 years old, son of George Malton, a farmer living near Robbinsville, Red River county, accidentally killed himself a few days ago. The young man had been rabbit hunting, and on returning home went to put his gun down when it was discharged, the contents taking effect in his neck and causing instant death.

The Texas cattle raisers convention will be held at Fort Worth March 10. At Richmond, recently, in a fight in George A. Reading's saloon, Gull Gibson shot and fatally wounded Bryant Holliman. Seven shots were fired, three of which entered Holliman's stomach. He cannot live. Gibson received a scratch on his elbow and is under arrest.

Emil Beck, a foreman of one of the country road districts of Bexar county, has been arrested upon three indictments brought by the grand jury, charging swindling and misappropriation of county funds. He gave bond in \$1000 in each case.

The schooner G. G. O., hailing from Chicago, bound for Galveston, went ashore on East Jetties, port of Sabine Pass, the other morning, knocking a hole in her starboard side, which caused her to sink. She had a crew of four men on board, who were rescued.

At Rusk, recently, Mrs. Joe Coppeland died, death resulting from being buried. She was playing with her little baby about the fire in an open chimney when her clothing ignited. It was not thought at the time that she was fatally injured.

The Sons of Hermann and other German societies in Texas are interesting themselves in a benevolent scheme for the establishment in the fatherland of a fourth national orphan's home, to which Germans abroad will largely contribute. The German Orphan's Home association of Berlin originated the scheme.

During the heavy norther recently the schooner Emma Thornton, loaded with lumber from Lake Charles to Galveston, dragged her anchors and went ashore east of pier 12 at Galveston. She was helped off by Capt. Haines and crew of the life-saving station. The schooner was floated without damage.

At McGregor, McLennan county, W. P. Watkins, aged about 70 years, stepped out the other morning to attend to stock, and being gone longer than was thought necessary, one of the family went to see about him and found him lying dead in the lot. The cause is supposed to have been heart disease.

A book canvasser, giving the name of C. W. Wilcox and Wilson, out of money, apparently committed suicide with morphine at the Palmer house at Rockdale recently. He was about 80 years of age, nicely dressed and claimed to have a stepdaughter at Geneva, Tex., and a son at Independence, Kan.

The Waco Commercial club has adopted a resolution recommending that Waco donate \$15,000 to the Dublin and Thurber division of the proposed Llano, Dublin and Thurber railroad, and President Sam Sanger has appointed a committee of five to raise the donation.

At Fort Worth, recently, Officer George Carter shot Henry Brown, colored, squarely through the left ankle. Henry was trying to escape with six white leghorn chickens, supposed to be the property of Alarman M. A. Spoots.

The irrigation bill will be recommended to the house committee on irrigation, and many beneficial changes made therein, and the senate committee will report the same bill as will be reported in the house.

The physicians and druggists at Overton are to a man in favor of the anti-cocaine and morphine bill being passed a law, as none know so well as they the bad effects of the said drugs as they are sold now.

Assistant City Engineer Louis J. Hope was run over by a cart at Galveston the other evening. Some of his ribs were broken and he suffered from other internal injuries. Careless driving was the cause.

A petition was circulated at Rusk and freely signed protesting against the increase of taxation on fire insurance companies, and especially against the valued policy bill now before the legislature.

The railroad commission has issued a circular excepting anthracite and blacksmithing coal from the operation of tariff No. 4, the rates previously in existence thereon to remain in force.

General Manager Yoakum and General Attorney Terry of the Santa Fe, as well as a number of other railroad men, have been at Austin several days watching the pending railroad legislation.

In the district court at Galveston Carrie R. Scott of Colorado has filed suit against Harry Edson Sims of Galveston county for damages in the sum of \$50,000 for breach of promise of marriage.

The cotton growers of DeWitt county, in a recent mass meeting, passed resolutions asking the legislature to take some action toward the annihilation of the boll worm.

The Park hotel at Lampasas, which was used as the Centenary college, was destroyed by fire the other night. No lives lost, although several pupils had narrow escapes.

Mrs. Martha Hardin of Terrell fell from the steps of the hotel at Gladewater, Gregg county, the other morning, and broke her arm, and is in a critical condition.

In Angelina county poor cows, calves, and yearlings can be found frozen to death all over the county. Coldest spell of weather for years.

Henry S. Semlinger, a watchman, who took morphine at Houston, recently, died from its effects. He leaves three little children.

The Mexican, Ambrosia Delgado, who was struck by a car on the Midland road at Terrell recently, died from injuries received.

The Populists of Williamson county claim to have a club at every voting precinct in the county and a membership of over 2200.

The stockholders of the Dallas Terminal Railroad and Union Depot company have ordered \$500,000 bonds to be issued.

Senator Rogers has introduced a bill to compel street car companies to use closed cars certain months in the year.

The prohibitionists of Howie county met at the court house at Boston recently and organized for the fight in that county and presented a petition signed by 600 voters asking that an election be ordered by the commissioners' court.

At Navasota a short time since Eliza Jackson was standing near the fireplace when her dress caught fire. She ran up stairs and then ran down. The fire was put out by the neighbors. She may die from her injuries.

At Cold Springs, San Jacinto county, a negro boy, Alex Woodard, was frozen to death the other night. He was duck hunting and was found dead about 100 yards from a house. He had pulled off his shoes.

At Quarry, Washington county, recently, Deputy Sheriff Bruney Parker shot and killed Manuel Martinez, a Mexican, who resisted arrest and drew a pistol. Parker went to Brenham and surrendered.

A concurrent resolution has been introduced by Mr. McLemore of Neucos to reserve Lydia Ann Island in Aransas bay for the federal government for the purpose of erecting fortifications thereon.

Ten carloads of oranges on route from California to the coast and held in roundhouses at Fort Worth during the extreme cold weather were sent to their destination after the weather moderated.

At Kerens, Navarro county, recently, while shooting quail, I. A. Noble accidentally discharged his gun and the loads passed through his right foot, which necessitated amputation.

Gov. Culberson has issued a proclamation designating the 23rd of this month as "arbor day," and Superintendent Carlisle has sent out a circular in connection with the matter.

The dead body of Charles Badeger was found a few days ago by the side of the Montague and Bowie road. No signs of violence appeared and the cause of death is unknown.

At Rusk, Cherokee county, recently, the servant house of Capt. E. L. Gregg burned with its contents and Lucy Wiggins, an old servant, lost her life in the flames.

A portion of Nules bay, a body of water eight miles long and three miles wide, was frozen recently. The norther drove most of the salt water out, hence the freeze.

In Titus county, during the late cold snap, chickens froze to death on the roof and sheep and cattle blown against fences froze to death on their feet.

The survey of the Brazos from Waco down is complete and the engineers say that undoubtedly the river can be used for barges.

The bill of Senator Greer to force railroads to build separate depot waiting rooms for whites and blacks met defeat in the house.

Mr. Rogers has introduced a bill in the senate providing for boards of arbitration in disputes between employers and employees.

Reports from Seury, Borden and other western counties of Texas show that cattle have not suffered seriously so far this winter.

At Houston the other morning, in a difficulty among negroes, Henry Neary received about twenty cuts, serious but not fatal.

Texas has a longer stretch of sea coast than any other state in the Union, California and Florida excepted.

A den with four bears was found in Lamar county on Red river, and a bear hunters and bear stories multiplied.

At Liberty a few days ago William Harris was drowned in the Trinity. He was working with a bridge gang.

A safe at Paradise, Wise county, was blown open recently and \$3500 in cash taken by unknown persons.

S. H. Connor who lived at Vinita, I. T., died suddenly of a hemorrhage at Fort Worth a few days ago.

Two persons were recently killed and several buildings wrecked by a boiler explosion at El Paso.

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Mr. Allen (Pop.) of Nebraska presented a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the secretary of the treasury for a list of national banks which had been depositors of public funds for the last ten years, the interest, terms of contract, etc.

Mr. Hill's resolution, which announces the government's policy as to bimetallism and on payment of gold obligations in the best money available, then came up and Mr. Hill took the floor to discuss the resolution. He was accorded great attention. After a long discussion, the morning hour having expired, the agricultural appropriation bill was taken up.

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The pension bills favorably reported from the committee of the whole, at Friday night's session, [twelve in number], including one to increase the pension of Major Gen. Julius H. Stael, the Hungarian nobleman, were passed, after which the house went into the committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the naval appropriation bill.

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—The weather having moderated on Monday, the carpenters resumed work on the new buildings in process of erection when the big snow came and stopped them.

—Sheriff W. B. Anthony is off on a chase after a party who is charged with having unlawfully disposed of some mortgaged property. He thought it probable that he would have to follow him into the Indian Territory.

—Nothing has yet been heard of Jack Wade, the half-witted man who lived with Mr. A. B. Carothers in the northwestern part of the county, and who has been lost since the 27th of January. He went to a neighbor's on that day, and it is said, started home in the evening, when it is supposed he got lost and froze to death and was buried in the snow.

Hamilton Brown Shoes: I have the largest stock of shoes and boots in Haskell. They are admitted to be the best and I sell them as low as they are sold any where in the United States. S. L. Robertson.

—As yet no cattle or horses have died in this county from the effects of the cold and their long fast while the snow covered the ground. We have heard of a few sheep succumbing but the number is remarkably small.

—Mr. Levi Herbo, a prominent citizen of Stonewall county, died at his home at Rayner on Thursday. Several members of the Masonic fraternity at this place went over yesterday to attend his burial with Masonic ceremonies.

—A letter published in the Motley County Journal claims that there is a good deal of state school land fenced and in use in Motley county on which no rent is being paid, and suggests that if the legislature would look into this matter it could help the school fund out a good deal.

—Most of our space on local pages is taken up this week by the financial statement of the county. The commissioners are required by law to publish such statement annually so that the people can see for what the county money has been spent and how its finances have been managed.

Take Notice.

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O. W. O. Hardman, Sheriff of Tyler Co., W. Va., appreciates a good thing and does not hesitate to say so. He was almost prostrated with a cold when he procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He says: "It gave me prompt relief. I find it to be an invaluable remedy for coughs and colds." For sale by A. P. McLemore.

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For a quarter of a century Dr. King's New Discovery has been tested and the millions who have received benefit from its use testify to its wonderful curative powers in all diseases of Throat, Chest and Lungs. A remedy that has stood the test for so long and that has given so universal satisfaction is no experiment. Each bottle is positively guaranteed to give relief, or the money will be refunded. It is admitted to be the most reliable for coughs and colds. Trial bottle free at A. P. McLemore's drug store. Large size 50c and \$1.00.

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EXHIBIT.

Continued from 1st page.

Outstanding Indebtedness of the County at the Close of the Year: SCALP FUND.

Date of warrant	No of month or Year	No of Warrant	TO WHOM ISSUED.	FOR WHAT DUE	AMOUNT.
July 6	1894	750	Frank Glasscock	Scalps	1.08
do 6	do	3752	T W Coker	do	3.50
do 6	do	3754	E H Morrison	do	6.29
do 6	do	3756	do	do	1.58
do 7	do	3763	M A Clifton	do	4.45
Apr 20	do	3487	J E Dickenson	do	3.12
July 14	do	3765	W F Ruppe	do	3.12
do 16	do	3766	Dan Moonahan	do	1.75
do 6	do	3748	R M Smith	do	.91
Aug 13	do	3774	J L McLean	do	3.60
do 13	do	3778	E Hill	do	1.75
do 1	do	3767	Wilhe Davis	do	7.12
do 13	do	3770	J C Hills	do	1.40
do 17	do	3792	J E Epley	do	3.30
do 13	do	3793	Fred James	do	2.08
do 13	do	3772	Z M Marcey	do	2.08
do 13	do	3771	W J Vance	do	2.91
Nov 13	do	3826	Jasper Millhollon	do	.50
do 14	do	3836	F M Morton	do	1.00
Aug 13	do	3773	J N Jasper	do	6.66
July 6	do	3755	S E Patton	do	4.66
Sept 8	do	3807	do	do	1.33

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HASKELL. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report for the year ending February 9th, 1895, as required by Art. 935a, General laws of Texas, approved May 11th, 1893. Given under my hand and seal of office, at Haskell, Texas, on this [L S] 14 day of Feb'y, A. D. 1895.

G. R. COUCH,
County Clerk.

Representative Beall.

When it became evident that the bill to suspend forfeitures of school land for nonpayment of interest would become a law a number of district attorneys who had the state claims in hand made haste to file suits so as to secure their fees in the cases. This fact became known at Austin and our representative, Hon. J. H. Beall of Nolan county, with unusual promptness and success got a concurrent resolution through the house and senate directing the suspension of all such suits for and during the present session of the legislature or until further legislation thereon. This action will save settlers on school lands from having a cost bill to pay in the district court and give the legislature time to perfect some remedial legislation on the subject. Mr. Beall's action will be appreciated by the people of West Texas.

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the County Court of Harris county, State of Texas, I have this, 1st day of Feb'y 1895, levied upon and will on the 5th day of March 1895, be the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. in front of the court house door of Haskell county, Texas, sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which R. R. Daugherty had on the 25th day of June, 1894, or any time thereafter in and to the following described property, to wit: Southwest quarter of Sec No. 10, Block No. 13, lying and being situated in Haskell County, Texas, surveyed for Houston & Texas Central Railroad company, by virtue of certificate No. 835, containing 161 acres.

The above described property is levied upon and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in the county court of Harris county, Texas, on the 24th day of November, 1891, in favor of Washburn & Moen Manufacturing company, a corporation, against the said R. R. Daugherty for the sum of \$307.03 and the further sum of \$33.23 costs, and foreclosing an attachment lien on said property. Witness my hand this 1st day of Feb'y, 1895
W. B. Anthony, Sheriff,
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Interesting Callings on Various Subjects Taken from the Daily Press.

A peculiar complication has arisen out of the death of Fireman John Hann, who departed this life at Denison, about two months ago.

Recently three convicts working in a gang, cutting brush at the edge of Chambers creek bottom, on the Navarro county farm, escaped from the guards.

The county tax levy of Dallas county, as fixed by the commissioners' court, is as follows: General purposes 25 cents, interest and sinking fund on courthouse bonds of 1891, 8 cents, interest and sinking fund on bridge bonds, issue of 1891, 4 of a cent, interest on sinking fund and all bonds, 1 of a cent, interest and sinking fund on courthouse bonds of 1892, 3 cents, interest and sinking fund on courthouse bonds of 1893, 1 cent, Total 55 cents on the \$100, the same as last year.

At Galveston the other day Jake O'Donnell was shot in the left side. He was one of a party of snow bailers, when one of the few who doesn't like to play snow ball came along.

An injunction suit has been filed in the Forty-eighth district court, which is the outcome of the prohibition agitation in Hood county. The suit is filed by H. J. Kerr & Son, and Aston & Landers, all of Grandbury, against G. W. Riddle, county judge, and J. L. G. Long, W. H. Martin, T. B. Walsh and J. P. Snider, county commissioners of Hood county.

C. L. Vogel, a retail dry goods and grocery merchant, of Madisonville, has very mysteriously disappeared. He went to Houston and Galveston, early in January to purchase a new stock of goods.

At Paige, Bastrop county, recently, a party of two or three had been out bird hunting, and returning stopped at a saloon. E. C. Clark laid his gun down on the counter, and in picking it up accidentally discharged it, striking W. H. Winberg in the forearm with part of the load, which was No. 4 shot. One bone was badly shattered, though it is not thought that amputation will be necessary.

At Garrison, Neacogoches county, recently, Ed M. Weatherly went home and attempted to play "tramp" by knocking on his door and calling in a disguised tone of voice for something to eat. His wife became frightened, seized a pistol and discharged it through the door. The bullet struck a button on his overcoat that changed its course and saved his life.

A practical joke, played at Denison the other night, may end fatally. A lady guest of the Lamar house, while out in the back yard, was confronted with a figure rigged up as a traditional ghost, and so great was her fright, that she fell in a dead swoon. Since then she has been under the care of two physicians, and her condition is considered critical.

Temple was the scene of a hasty marriage recently. There arrived from Texarkana two young men and a girl, the sister of one of the parties by the name of Jordan. They were looking for a man by the name of Wilson and found him there. A marriage license had been procured at Waco and the ceremony was performed by a justice.

At Orange, a few days since, James Hardy, a ship carpenter, was working under the bow of a large barge in Willis' yard, springing a 3x6 inch plank under the bow when the jack-screw let the heavy plank fly back striking him on the cheek with such force as to knock him senseless, inflicting a very ugly and painful wound.

Senators Lawhon and McKinney are drafting a bill relating to division fences. It provides for forcible arbitration after refusal for a certain time of either party to agree to build and enforce equal payment of expenses for building and repairs, should a neighbor build up to and connect with a fence already constructed.

Jordan Gray, aged about 90, and his wife, colored, aged about 85, burned to death in their home, the other morning in the suburbs of Galveston. They lived in a three-room shanty, which is supposed to have taken fire from the stove.

The senate committee on agricultural affairs has reported favorably the bill to authorize elections to include horses, mules and cows in the present stock laws regarding hogs and sheep.

The following pensions have been allowed to Texas parties: Renewal—John Larkin Taylor, Pendletonville, Bell county. Mexican war widow—Mary Ann Davidson, Joshua, Johnson county.

Hon. William L. Wilson of West Virginia, has been invited to deliver an address to the university at Austin in June. It is said that he will accept the invitation.

Will Sanders, colored, while trying to board a freight train at Calvert recently was thrown under the wheels and both legs were cut off at the knees. He will die.

The railroad now being constructed from Georgetown via Granger and Cameron to Trinity is known in law as the Link Line, having had the charter amended.

In the Kearby-Abbott contest for congress in the Sixth district, the recount of the votes cast in ten boxes in the city of Dallas gives Kearby an increase of 165.

A. B. Gerlach, a Denton county farmer, attempted to get off a Texas and Pacific train at Dallas recently while it was in motion and was instantly killed.

From 3000 to 4000 pounds of fish, mostly trout, were frozen in the bay at Rockport, recently. When the thaw came, fisherman had a rich haul.

A bulldog at Houston is reported to have displayed the bad judgment of giving chase to a newspaper reporter. Most certainly he was a young dog.

The depot safe of the Austin and Northwestern railroad at Burnett has been blown open by cracksmen the other night and about \$150 stolen.

Paul, the 13-year-old son and oldest boy of Mrs. Meissner, a widow living at Cuero, accidentally killed himself with a target rifle recently.

The council of Van Alstyne, Grayson county, want to issue bonds and build a city hall, and the taxpayers are kicking hard.

Wood county recently had a jail delivery. Only four took their departure, the other prisoners saying it was too cold.

There is a movement on foot in several counties to reduce the acreage of cotton, plant more corn and raise more hogs.

Comptroller Finley has reversed the ruling that debts may be deducted from the assessment of bank stock.

The senate committee has recommended an appropriation of \$75,000 to build a new mansion for the governor.

Three unknown white men whipped a negro in Grayson county, a few days ago, on his own premises.

Petitions are still pouring into the legislature, asking that the age of consent be raised to 18 years.

Cal Williams, a negro, was stabbed in the back at Dallas recently, but does not know who did it.

INDIAN COURT BILL.

THE MORGAN MEASURE IS CERTAINLY DEFEATED.

The Only Hope is in the Conference Amending the Teller Bill So as to Give General Satisfaction—A Settlement With Arkansas.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The conference committee on the Teller Indian court bill did not meet Saturday, but the conferees were in consultation and expressing views to each other on the outside of the committee room. The fate of the Morgan bill, in its failure to be attached to the Indian appropriation bill Friday, forced the senate conferees to the position of being required to sue for terms from the house conferees in order to get through any kind of an Indian court bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Senator Mills has prepared an amendment to the sundry civil bill which he will offer when the bill comes before the senate. It reads as follows: "And all laws which authorize the secretary of the treasury to sell bonds of the United States for any purpose are hereby repealed."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Edwin D. Jordan, elected to succeed Myron Wright from the Sixteenth Pennsylvania district, was sworn in Saturday morning in the house. After a brief morning session the house went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the executive appropriation bill. A long wrangle resulted from an amendment to give the members \$100 each, extra, for clerk hire. It was finally adopted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Senator Morgan introduced a resolution authorizing the senate committee on Pacific railways to sit during recess, investigating the relations of these roads to the government, make a personal examination of the roads and the country contributing to their income, with a view of ascertaining their ability to pay their indebtedness to the government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The silver men completely gave up the fight yesterday morning for an expression on the silver question. Senator Jones came forward and said that as the pushing of the bill introduced for free coinage would perhaps interfere with the consideration of the appropriation bills and force an extra session, "the friends of silver," he said, "had concluded not to push the bill any further."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Representative Neill of Arkansas introduced a bill approving the settlement affected Saturday, between the United States and Arkansas by Secretaries Carlisle and Smith on behalf of the government, and J. P. Clark on behalf of Arkansas, made by virtue of the authority conferred by the act of August 4, last.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—In the house yesterday the senate amendments to the house bill to authorize the Omaha Central railroad to construct a railroad through Oklahoma and Indian territories were agreed to. A general resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary of the navy to donate certain cannon to the Oregon soldiers' home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—There was nothing done by the conference committee on the Teller bill yesterday, and it looks now as if it would almost be an accident if any agreement should be arrived at in this conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Saturday in the senate, as per agreement, Mr. Butler moved to lay aside informally the Indian bill and take up the pooling bill. The roll was called on Mr. Butler's motion which was defeated—yeas 24, nays 42.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The president nominated Matt W. Ransom of North Carolina, as minister to Mexico Saturday, and the senate immediately confirmed the nomination.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—There was a large attendance on the floor of the senate yesterday and the galleries were well filled in anticipation of a struggle and perhaps a vote on the silver bill which had been brought to the front Monday night as unfinished business. There was hardly an absence on the Democratic side, indicating the desire of the different elements to present full ranks in the impending contest. After some discussion and more filibustering the bill went over.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—In the house yesterday the senate amendment to the bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river at Sioux City, Ia., was agreed to. The house then resumed consideration of the senate amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, appropriating \$500,000 to aid in the construction of a submarine cable from the United States to the Hawaiian Islands. A long discussion followed, and when the vote was had the house refused to concur in the amendment.

Only Fifty Present.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Four large American flags fluttered from the dome of the capitol yesterday, in honor of Washington's birthday. The house wore a holiday aspect. A vast array of empty benches greeted the speaker, when he called the body to order at 11 o'clock, less than fifty members being present.

The speaker announced the following appointment of the following visitors to the military academy: Messrs. Wheeler of Alabama, Harris of Tennessee and Milken of Maine.

A Galveston Bridge.—There is quite a rivalry going on between the Terminal company and the La Porte Railway company of Galveston to get their bridges across Galveston bay from Virginia Point to Galveston Island. The Terminal company incorporated under the laws of Texas and then applied to the secretary of war for permission to build a bridge across the bay from Virginia Point to Galveston island parallel with the Santa Fe bridge. The La Porte Railway company secured the passage of an act of congress to build a bridge over the same water, and as it was navigable the location of the bridge was referred to the secretary of war. Both want to start from near the same point and according to their plans if both were built they would cross each other before they reached the island.

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STATE QUARANTINE.

IT COST \$210,000 FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

There is Some Talk of Turning the Entire Subject of Quarantine Over to the United States Government, and Thus Save the Expense.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 25.—Two hundred and ten thousand dollars was the amount that the quarantine service of this state cost the people during the four years of Gov. Hogg's administration. Now \$84,000 is asked for the administration of this department of state government for the next two years, and assuming that no increase will be asked during the following two years, the four years next ensuing will cost the taxpayers to maintain the quarantine service the sum of \$168,000. Many people, and especially the members of the finance committees of the senate and house of representatives, to whom is entrusted the duty of formulating an appropriation bill that will pull the state out of debt, believe that this expense is unnecessary and extravagant, in view of the fact that the government of the United States has been, and is, willing to reimburse the state for this expense, and also to pay it the full value of the buildings and appliances that the state uses for quarantine purposes.

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Train Robbery Bill.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 25.—The following is the bill introduced by Representative Gough:

Section 1. Any person who shall place on any railroad track any obstruction or explosive substance, or shall remove, displace or injure any rail, tie, switch, frog, bridge or trestle with the design of robbing any person, passenger, employe, agent or company, or any railway train, engine, tender, car or coach on any railway in this state, or who shall in any way stop, detain or arrest the progress of any such train, car, engine, tender or coach with the intent to commit robbery thereon, or having in any way entered any car, coach, tender, engine, express car, mail car or other apartments of any such train, shall there rob any person or persons, employes, passenger or agent, or any express company, or mail pouch or car, of any money or valuable thing whatsoever, either the property of such person, agent, passenger or employe, or the property of another in his care or custody, or shall assault any passenger, employe, agent or messenger or other person on said train or connected therewith, with the intention of committing robbery, shall be guilty of train robbery, and on conviction shall be punished by death or confinement in the penitentiary for a term of not less than ten years.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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MUSKRATS ARE BLY ANIMAL

Their Fur is Valuable and There is Many Ways of Catching Them.

The number of skins of very small and common animals is demanded for the fur business nowadays is surprising. The increasing scarcity of some fur-bearing animals has compelled a multitude of ingenious inventors from the fur of more ordinary creatures. Domestic dogs, cats, rabbits are skinned by hundreds every day, and after being subjected to various processes the fur emerges as otter, mink, or beaver, which it most nearly resembles as least to be detected.

But the favorite pelton now is that of the muskrat. It has a thick, wadded hair, and, if killed any time between September 1 and May, is durable. Its natural color is brown and glossy, but it also takes all the better than any other kind of fur. Though, of course a large part of the supply is from the north of the country above the great lakes, thousands of bales of rat skins are collected and shipped from all Northern states. The itinerant dealers who travel through the small elements and collect from the individual hunters and trappers usually about a quarter apiece for the pelts and when they have sorted them in bales according to size and quality they ship them to some wholesale round profit.

Throughout the farming district every boy and man does more or less trapping during the fall and winter months. Of course, the big wealthy farmers do not bother with such business, but their hired hands do. In New England it is a hard work and the rats are being rapidly thinned out. In October the trapping begins in earnest. The muskrats are setting about building their houses for the cold season, what Ojibwa trappers of Ontario call "winter lodges of the musquash," such a time they are very busy passing about among the dry reeds, the marshes, and industriously piling great floating masses of grass leaves, material for building, and of them as they paddle up or down stream with only a nose tip in view. Because they stir about in mud, muskrats are less restricted in trapping as set in all concealing places on the bank by the new ice, in the jungle of dead canes where the rats are harvesting, and the entrances to their deserted homes.

Among the old-fashioned economical trappers, the "twitche,"

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Mrs. Davis, the teacher of the... school, three miles north of Lyons, N. Y., was found the other...

The favorite slave of the khedive... of Egypt has given birth to a daughter. Had the child been a boy...

A bill has passed the Kansas legislature... making it a penitentiary offense to bet on anything, from one to five years...

J. L. Stevens, who, when minister to... Hawaii in 1893, established, without authority, an American protectorate...

Mrs. Carothers, 88 years old, who... lived alone on a small farm in the wilderness in Arenac county, Michigan...

The school board of Coffeyville, Kan.,... adopted the anti-cigarette rule under the provisions of which pupils...

At Springfield, Ill., Carrie Gregory... and George Harpel of Fairfield, Ill., were found dead in bed at the Brunswick...

The day laborer in Switzerland... supports a wife and three children on an income of \$196 a year, and having no...

Life savers succeeded in rescuing... two of the crew of the schooner Louis V. Place, ashore at Point of Woods, N. Y.

Word comes from Madagascar that... everything is quiet there. The natives have killed a French trader at Masakoa...

More than thousand pounds of dynamite... are being used at Manistowic, Mich., in blasting the ice in order to free...

A VERDICT AT LAST.

DEFAULTER WOODRUFF GOES TO PRISON ONE YEAR.

This is the Fourth Trial and the First Verdict—Three Persons Hurt in a Grip Car Collision at Chicago—'Old Dave' Died at New Haven, Conn.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 25.—After deliberating two and one-half hours the jury in the Woodruff case at Perryville late Saturday evening returned a verdict of guilty and fixed the punishment at one year's imprisonment.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 25.—A collision on the Halstead street line yesterday caused great excitement and resulted in three women being badly bruised, although at first it was thought a number of persons had been seriously injured.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 25.—David Stockbridge, an old colored man, known to nearly every person who has attended Yale college for the past thirty years as 'Old Davey,' was found dead in a chair at his home, 497 Winchester avenue, by neighbors yesterday afternoon.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—A Pope Hoagland, a retired merchant, was found dead last night in a bath tub at his residence. Mr. Hoagland entered the bath tub at 4 o'clock. His son, Frederick, returned from business an hour later, and waited for his father to take his accustomed place at the upper table.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Minnie Dingat, a domestic aged 21, was killed by Joseph Wyman, a tailor 25 years old, Wednesday evening at the latter's home on Paulina street. Wyman tried to commit suicide by shooting himself twice, once in the cheek and a second time in the right shoulder.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Dispatches received here from Tangier state that rebel tribes have entered and looted Morocco City, one of the capitals of Morocco. Fighting occurred before the city fell into the hands of the rebels and many on both sides were killed.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 22.—William C. Murphy, one of the last of Gen. Sam Houston's army in the war for independence of Texas, died here yesterday, aged 85. He was one of the eighty-one who defended the Alamo against the Mexicans during the three days' fight.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 22.—The quarantine against Mexican cattle has been suspended until March 10 to enable American cattle buyers who have been buying cattle on the Sonora side of the line to get them into this country.

MASSACHUSETTS, Feb. 22.—The French mail steamship has arrived here from Tonquin, bringing advices that a French convoy composed of twenty-two men was attacked in December, by a party of Tonquin pirates. Thirteen French soldiers killed, and eight wounded.

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A Hot Springs Fire

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 25.—As far as known six people were burned to death and four and a half blocks of the residence and business portion of this city on Ouachita avenue were burned yesterday morning at 4 o'clock.

A Double Tragedy. DECATUR, Ind., Feb. 22.—Witshire, O., a small town six miles from here, was the scene of a double tragedy Wednesday evening. Samuel Young, a well-to-do citizen, in a fit of jealousy made his young wife leave home.

AN OUTRAGEOUS AFFAIR. HAMMOND, Ind., Feb. 21.—Driven to desperation by a brutal assault upon his young wife by ruffians in his presence, John Pilowski shot and killed John Kovajak and sent a bullet into the leg of Kymon Kovajski, both members of the gang.

ROBBERS MADE A WATERBOAT. AURORA, Mo., Feb. 23.—Frisco train No. 1, west-bound, was held up two and a half miles east of this city last night. Three men boarded the train at Martintown, five miles east of Aurora, getting on the blind-baggage.

THE BOND AGREEMENT. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Under the terms of the agreement between the bond syndicate and the government, some \$32,500,000 was to have been deposited with the treasury for the home account, the rest of the gold required to pay for the bonds having to come from abroad.

ADJUSTING WHISKY PRICES. CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 21.—A conference of representatives of all distillers in the country was held yesterday at the office of Gen. John McNulta, chief receiver of the whisky trust, the object being the adjustment of prices.

A CHINESE FUNERAL. ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 19.—The whole Chinese colony went out to the funeral of Moy Tung Hai, the Chinaman who was mysteriously murdered at Macon. Among those who came from a distance to take part was Tung Qual, the Chinese court interpreter, who came authorized by Sam Moy, the millionaire, to offer \$1000 reward for the arrest of the murderer.

A CRUEL ACT. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 20.—As the trolley car for Masspath was speeding along near Malvina Monday night, it struck a barbed wire stretched across the road, and fastened at either end. Motorman Scott Radcliffe was caught by the wire.

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THE TALMAGESERMON.

THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL AND ITS HEAVENLY LIGHT.

The Text Chosen Being: "According to the Glorious Gospel of the Most Blessed God—Which Was Committed to My Trust"—Tim. I: 11.

NEW YORK, FEB. 17, 1895.—Several thousand persons were turned away this afternoon from the doors of the Academy of Music after the huge building had been filled to overflowing, the crowds having begun to assemble fully two hours before the time fixed for opening the services.

The greatest novelty of our time is the gospel. It is so old that it is new. As poets and artists are now attempting to fashion pitchers and cups and curiously ware like those of 1500 years ago recently brought up from buried Pompeii, and such cups and pitchers and curiously ware are universally admired, so anyone who can unshovel the real gospel from the mountains of stuff under which it has been buried...

Some of the theological seminaries have been hotbeds of infidelity, because they have tried to teach the "philosophy of religion." By the time that many a young theological student gets half filled with doubts about penary inspiration and the divinity of Christ and the questions of eternal destiny that he is more fit for the lowest branch in the infant class of a Sunday school than to become a teacher and leader of the people.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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WILL WED A DUKE.

DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH AND LORD BERESFORD.

He is the Most Popular Man in the British Army—Brother of the Most Popular Man in England—Friend of Future King.



THE CABLES again bring the announcement of the engagement of the duchess of Marlborough and Lord Beresford, and this time it appears to be authentic news and an early date is given as the wedding day.

If this be true she will marry one of the most popular men in the army and be the sister-in-law of "the most generally popular man in England," Lord Charles Beresford, or to give him his full official name, "Capt. Lord Charles William de la Poer Beresford, R. N., C. B."

The celebrated "Jehu Junior" of "Vanity Fair" said of him in the last issue of that paper to arrive here

NOT SO VERY FUNNY.

But the Young Man Thought It Was Until He Found Out.

The misfortunes of others are filled with irresistible humor in many cases, particularly in the more trifling acts of every day. To see a man sit on his own stiff hat is relished with keen enjoyment by every other man in sight.

If another man finds that the crinoline has come in reality to his own headgear after laughing wildly at the situation is a thousand times funnier.

A young man with this human trait strongly developed swung down Washington street at a sharp pace. He carried his mackintosh flung over his arm.

At the crossing of Fifth avenue there was a rattle of coin and a shower of nickels and dimes rained on the pavement from some unknown region.

No one was more astonished than the young man, and he stopped with great interest and watched passers eye the scattered currency askance and then shyly, as in fear of a trick, says the Chicago Times.

Finally all of the pieces had been picked up by small boys and other sensible pedestrians, and still there was no trace of the source. The curious young man enjoyed the incident and the study of human nature that it afforded, and had got about two blocks

MRS. MARY H. M'KEE.

Was Vice-President of the National Society of Revolutionary Daughters. In Mrs. Mary Harrison McKee, lately vice-president of the National Society of Revolutionary Daughters,



and daughter of its first president, is found one of the finest types of the gracious young American woman. Unassuming in manner and earnest in expression of her views, Mrs. McKee is a club woman and an active worker in matters of charity both public and

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

HOW THE ALAMO MISSION WAS DEFENDED.

A Band of Heroic Texans Fought for Independence There—A Royal Luncheon—How Arthur Took Care of Himself—A Boy's Dinner.

The Battle of the Alamo. It is a safe wager that nine out of every eleven boys who are proficient in the use of a bowie knife have not the slightest idea where the instrument got its name.

Colonel Bowie of Texas fame gave the knife its title. And when one writes of the Texas hero, one must needs think of the battle of Alamo, that heroic fight of which our American boys and girls seem to think so little and half of them know nothing whatever.

They read how the brave soldiers fought and held the pass of Thermopylae, but they seldom think of how a mere handful of men defended the Alamo mission. How they dropped fighting on their knees, and then died facing the foe.

If you should go to the historical city of San Antonio in Texas you will see the old mission building standing with battered, bullet-pierced walls, a monument to the 172 heroes of '36. Behind these walls the most important battle in the war between Mexico and Texas was fought. This was when Santa Anna was president and the Texans were fighting for their independence. Here it was that Colonel Bowie ended his brave life, dying with his boots on and fighting under the most terrible odds. The story is this, and every American child should know it by heart, that he may tell it with pride when other nations are talking of their great deeds.

One hundred and forty-five men under Captain Travis, a young man of twenty-eight, were holding the town of San Antonio against General Santa Anna and 4,000 men. They were the only defenders of the town and were encamped in the old mission of the Alamo. Davy Crockett was also with them, and Colonel Bowie, who was wounded and stretched out on his cot. Of artillery they had only fourteen pieces.

Santa Anna demanded surrender, but the little garrison held out for ten days, skirmishing secretly for food and water. Every shot sent out of the mission house told, but not one of the Alamo heroes was hurt. Patience and strength, however, were being rapidly exhausted. Some of the little band were falling sick, others were desperate. Re-enforcements had been appealed for, but none had come. Colonel Lamein, with 300 men and four pieces of artillery, had started in answer to the appeal, but had not in some way for fresh water and food supplies.

At last Captain Smith joined the exhausted band with thirty-two men. Three days after General Santa Anna ceased the bombarding, and taking advantage of this, Captain Travis called his men into line and frankly owned that there was no earthly hope for them; that he had led them into this thinking that reinforcements were on the way. He does not utter one word against Lamein for falling him; he simply gives them their choice of death. They can surrender and be shot down, or be killed fighting out their revenge. The captain drew a line and said: "Every man who is determined to remain here and die with me come to me across that line."

Every soldier but one crossed at once. When they finished Colonel Bowie looked up with his arm in a sling, and cried, "Boys, don't leave me. Won't some of you carry me across?" And the only backward step they made was to go over the line and carry the colonel to the young captain's side. The man Rose, who was a coward, dropped over the wall into a ditch, and was verily the only man who escaped to tell the tale. And then came the terrible day.

Santa Anna brought up his forces to the fort. The scaling ladders were again and again raised, but those who placed them were shot down like grain. Four thousand men charging into 175 seemed easy enough, but it soon reduced the four thousand. At last numbers conquered, and the Mexicans climbed over into the Alamo. The little band of defenders were trampled on and beaten, but they dropped to their knees and hacked and shot and pierced until the pile of the dead was awful. Colonel Bowie, too weak to rise from his cot, leans on his well-bleeding arm, and marks his man every time he pulls the trigger. Cut, bleeding, he continues to kill until the pistol drops and the breath leaves his body. Davy Crockett, standing in a corner, fights like a panther, and the young captain, backed against the wall, surrenders only when run through and through.

The great battle is over. The Mexicans have won. Out of the 172 Texans 172 are dead. No Spartans were braver or more tenacious, for they killed 500 of their enemies and wounded five hundred more. Texas, though, was finally freed, and ten ever great deeds thrill young boys to hearts, they should think of that splendid piece of American derring-do, and say, as Houston said to his men: "Remember the Alamo."—Claire Claxton, in St. Louis Republic.

One Little Pig. My neighbor has a cow. He also has a "mother pig and her little piglets six," and thereby hangs the story I am about to relate.

One little pig was not so large or so strong as the rest, and he was jostled and crowded about until he could get very little to eat. He could not grow like his mates, for his appetite was never appeased. He squealed his protests loudly into the ears of his selfish brothers and sisters, but not one of them gave heed.

Even the mother could not, or would not, remedy the injustice, and poor little pig went on, struggling, fighting, squealing against fate, seeming to grow smaller and thinner every day until he was spoken of only as "the little runt."

It was very evident that he would be far in the rear when his mates reached pork-barrel dignity, unless there came a change. The thought was hard for a spirited pig to endure, and as his kin would give no relief, he set about finding a remedy him-

self. Like all earnest searchers, he was successful, and presto, what a change! Our piggy ceased to squeal, his sides expanded in a most suggestive manner and he began to grow fat and sleek.

"I wonder what does all that cow?" complained Farmer J. one day. "I fed her well, but she's been drying up for a week or two. There's something funny about it, too; sometimes she gives a good deal of milk, then nothing at all. What can the matter be?"

But the mystery was solved when piggy was espied sitting erect as any milkmaid and, minus the bucket, milking as energetically.

No wonder the cow gave no milk; no wonder the runt grew fat!

Then the smart little pig was shut up, but he will find some hole to crawl out as sure as I look from my window. I often see my neighbor's cow searching for corn in the stalk-field, closely accompanied by her foster-child.—Philadelphia Times.

A December Picnic. Arthur was not very tall, but he felt so, for he had just put on his first pair of trousers.

He was going out that morning to a picnic. It was December, but he lived in Southern California, where summer lasts all the year.

Mamma was dressing the baby. Papa was harnessing Meg.

"You'll have a good time to-day, mamma," he said; "you will only have to take care of the baby. I can take care of myself."

Mamma smiled. "I hope my little boy will be very good and enjoy himself," she said.

When they came to a very steep grade Arthur drew in his breath quickly, but he only said: "I guess the baby's afraid!"

When all the party had reached the canyon they had a nice lunch, and some of them went out to gather wild flowers. Papa went with them, but mamma stayed, with some other ladies, and took care of baby.

After a time they came back with their hands full of beautiful flowers. "Where is Arthur?" asked mamma when papa brought her a large bouquet.

"Arthur? I thought he stayed with you," said papa.

"And I thought he went with you," said mamma.

"Haven't you seen him since we left said papa. 'He's been gone an hour, then. Up here, with all these gullies and steep banks!'"

"And the mountain lions?" cried Aunt Sarah.

Mamma laid the baby on the lap robe and began to scramble up the mountain. Then she ran back and picked the baby up and tried to carry her. Papa was almost out of hearing one way and Aunt Sarah as far off in another. Everybody ran and shouted and looked up and down, under the bushes and behind the rocks. After a long time they all came back but papa, tired, frightened, and with no Arthur.

At last papa came, with Arthur asleep in his arms. He had found him a mile away, at the foot of the canyon, in the signal-house on the railroad. The colored man there was telling him stories and Arthur had on the man's old slouch hat.

Mamma kissed him and cried over him. That waked him.

"I thought I was big and could take care of myself to-day, mamma," he said.—Chicago Times.

A Royal Luncheon. Now listen, my dears, pray what do you think I will surely believe what I say. When I tell you this wonderful thing—that I lunched with a king and a queen to-day.

The palace was well, it was rather plain, and only a few feet square. And some bread and ginger cake, milk and jam. Were all the royal fare.

The butler was grand in a necktie white, and grave as a judge could be. But he had four feet, and looked very much like our own old Jack to me.

The king was dressed in a gorgeous robe, and the queen in an exquisite. And they both had beautiful golden crowns. That didn't exactly fit.

Their manners were dignified, grave and grand. Their appetites royally nice. Though the queen got her pinafore stained with jam. And his majesty choked himself twice.

After the luncheon (the cares of state had tired her out, mayhap) The queen unexpectedly fell asleep. With her curly brown head in my lap.

"Or she is so little, you see," the king explained in a grave aside. "She doesn't remember her part very well!" And he looked much mortified.

Till quite forgetting his rank, he too, sat down on the nursery floor. And played with my top and a train of cars. For fifteen minutes or more.

FOR WOMAN AND HOME.

INTERESTING GOSSIP FOR THE FAMILY CIRCLE.

Some Pen and Ink Sketches of Popular Costumes—For a Widow—A Tea Given? or What?—The Pajama—Kitchen Recipes.

FOR WOMAN HAS MADE another invasion into the province of dress heretofore exclusively monopolized by man, and her great desire to avail herself of every opportunity to appropriate each and every article of his wardrobe to her use is shown again in a feminine adaptation of the useful pajama. To be sure, this negligé costume appears in a new guise, transformed into a thing of beauty, to gratify her more aesthetic taste, by the use of lace, yards of satin ribbon, and a blouse waist of the latest Parisian proportions, but it is a pajama still, with all the elements of comfort possessed by its more severe

and unattractive prototype. It may be made of silk or a new material of silk and wool, white striped with pale blue, and tied in at the waist, ankles, wrists and neck with blue satin ribbon. Lace frills give it a feminine touch of daintiness, and altogether it has much to recommend it for real service, especially in taking long journeys.

This for a Widow. Every woman in the opera house longed to be a widow in the "emerg-

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and apropos to a full page cartoon: "Eight and forty years ago he became the second son of the marquis of Waterford, and thus he has in him the blood of centuries of a noble family. He went with the prince of Wales to India as aide-de-camp; he has been a member of parliament for two constituencies; he commanded the Condor at the bombardment of Alexandria, where in the presence of the fleet the British admiral in command raised the famous complimentary signal, "Well done, Condor!" he served on Lord Wolseley's staff in the Nile expedition of 1882, and he has earned various medals and clasps for killing people, and he has won three peaceful medals for the saving of lives. He was once junior lord of the admiralty and he now commands the steam reserve. He is so full of most brilliant pluck that he has dared most things, from going into a kraal of wild elephants, to taking the chair at a Saturday Savage club dinner, and he is ready to do anything more that a man may do. And with all he is a genial, honest fellow and a hard working seaman, in whom is the clear perception of common sense in all times of difficulty. He is, indeed, an admirable combination of devil-may-care pluck, with the skillful address that is wanted in a leader of men. He has a bright, frank manner, a wholesome, cheery voice, and a laugh that would turn aside wrath as no soft word ever could. Every one who knows him likes him and those who affect to dislike him are petty-minded persons who would be jealous of any better man than themselves. He is a man of very great power with the people, which he may be trusted to use rightly. He has broken most of his bones, yet he still enjoys such a nerve sharpener as may be had by steering a torpedo boat at full speed up the tortuous Medway in the dark. He is altogether a fine fellow who will make a very wholesome demagogue. He has a very charming and beautiful wife, two very pretty daughters and two very ugly big bulldogs."

farther on his way when his face lengthened instantly as he exclaimed: "By Jove! that change fell out of my necktie pocket!"

COUNT VON WALTERSEER. The Man Who May Succeed Hohenzollern as Germany's Chancellor. Berlin advises state that the decoration of the Black Eagle has been gazetted to Count von Waldersee. This may mean that should Hohenzollern resign Waldersee will be the chancellor. He was born in 1832 and entered the

private. A portion of her time hereafter will be passed in New York city, where the affairs of her husband, James R. McKee, call for his attention. The descendant of two presidents and a signer of the declaration of independence, her genealogy runs back to French kings of the middle ages.

Problem of Star Gazing. Prof. E. E. Barnard of the Lick observatory, does not think much of the scheme of a Chicago man for building an enormous telescope near San Diego, Cal., which is to have the largest glass in the world, made up of numberless small lenses. He is working on a wrong hypothesis," he says. "What he wants is not a great glass of the kind proposed, but to do what has not been done—find a means of quieting the atmosphere. In other words, his proposition is an absurdity." Prof. Barnard says people make a great mistake in coming to the Lick observatory at night to see the stars, for they can be seen far better in the daytime. People flock there, too, to see the moon when it is full. "That is the very worst time," he said. "They can see a great deal more when it is only half full, for then the rising sun shines on it, and all the mountains, valleys and even the shadows can be distinctly observed. When the moon is full it simply looks like a blur, or, at best, a map."

Two Fine Old Yankee Gentlemen. Among Connecticut's sturdiest old men is Horace Staples, aged over 90, who is yet in active service as president of the First National bank in Westport. Last week he was re-elected president of the institution for the forty-second consecutive time. It is doubtful if there is an older bank president in New England than Mr. Staples. Another sturdy old gentleman is Col. George Hurlbut of Roxbury, now in his 85th year. The other day he was out with some of the neighborhood boys coasting down hill on a double ripper, and enjoying the sport quite as well as the youngsters.

Gold in Alaska. News of another big gold find in Alaska was brought to Port Townsend, Wash., lately. The discovery was made near Cook's Inlet by newly arrived miners. Gravel taken from the face of a bluff yielded \$15 to the pan, and suggests averaging in value about \$20 each were found in profusion. The party filed claims to the land, and one of their number is on his way to San Francisco for machinery to work the find. A rush of miners to the district from Juneau as soon as the find became known.

Growth of Southern Cities. In the southern states, as well as in the northern, the cities are growing with marvelous rapidity. When the war broke out Atlanta was a dull little place in Georgia with a population of less than 10,000. It has grown since then to be more than ten times that size; it has cast off the mantle of dullness and put on the habiliments of enterprise; it is the booming city of Georgia; it is alive with business; it is the Greater Atlanta; its manufacturing institutions are prosperous. There is no city like Atlanta. By a count just made, it has 208,644 inhabitants—twice as many as it had ten years ago—and more than half of them white.

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