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Joint Resolution to amend Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the grant of aid to disabled and dependent Confederate soldiers and sailors, and their widows, and to grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors.

Section 51. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, that Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant, or authorize the making of any grant, of public money to any individual, association, or corporation, municipal, or other corporation, or to any person, provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1st, 1880, and who are either living or deceased, or whose widows are the proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for a period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances who have never remarried, and who have received the same residence of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors anterior to March 1, 1866; provided, said aid shall not exceed eight dollars per month; and provided further, that no appropriation shall ever be made for the purpose hereinafore specified in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year. And aid grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law; provided, the grant to said home shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars for any one year; and no inmate of said home shall be entitled to any other aid from the State; and provided further, that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to amend the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

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Joint Resolution to amend Section 24, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas. Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas, that Section 24, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 24. That members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury such compensation for their services as may from time to time be provided by law, not exceeding five dollars per day for the first one hundred days of each session, and after that not exceeding three dollars per day for the remainder of the session. In addition to the per diem the members of each house shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed five dollars for every twenty-five miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel by land, by the toll roads, and other routes, and the Comptroller of the State shall prepare and preserve a table of distances to each county seat now or hereafter to be established, and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called within one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session.

nation of members of the Legislature. And whereas, the State Constitution requires the publication of any proposed amendment once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election, in one weekly newspaper of each county in which such a newspaper may be published.

And whereas, the said Joint Resolution directs the Governor to issue his proclamation for the submission of the said Joint Resolution to the qualified electors of the State at the general election to be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1898, the same being the 8th day of said month:

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said Joint Resolution, and by the laws of this State, and by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby issue this my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said Joint Resolution be held on Tuesday, the 8th day of November, A. D. 1898, in the several counties of this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the [L. S.] seal of State to be affixed, at the city of Austin, this 1st day of July, A. D. 1898.

C. A. CULBERSON, Governor of Texas. J. W. MADSEN, Secretary of State.

A Great Scrammer.

More than fifty years ago Lachlan McDonald left his home in Strathspay, Scotland, and went to the shores of Lake Winnipeg. He did not neglect to carry with him his beloved bagpipes, and many an evening he spoke to him of the old home beyond the sea. Even in the daytime, when he was busy in the woods felling trees, he would have it by his side, and on one occasion he had reason to be glad that it was so near. He was merrily swinging his axe, when he was suddenly surrounded by a party of Indians, who looked very formidable as they drew nearer gesticulating in a particularly threatening manner. Things began to seem ominous, when a happy thought came to the Scotchman. Seizing his bagpipes, he blew a blast so loud and long and shrill that the startled red men looked upon him for a moment in consternation, and then took to their heels never stopping till the thick shadows of the forest hid them from the man who could give vent to such an unearthly scream. They did not forget that prolonged cry; from that time the Scotchman was known among them as the "great screamer of the pale faces."

Of all the nations in the world the United States is the greatest producer and consumer of carpets. Their manufacture is confined entirely to the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In 1890 there were 175 factories in this country which manufactured carpets other than rag carpets, and the value of their total product was nearly \$45,000,000. About 30,000 persons were employed as operatives in the carpet works. Sales statistics would doubtless show a large increase over these figures, as they in turn absorb the carpets. They are also being exported to a considerable extent. The same mill which turned out the carpets in a recent sale supplied 25,000 yards which were sent to furnish two palaces for the present czar of Russia. The carpet sent was a plain velvet, especially designed. The prevailing color was green, with a pattern of flowers.—New York Tribune.

THINGS TO KNOW.

The "learned professions" of Italy comprise 295,000 persons. London has 1,380 miles of streets; Paris 600 miles, and New York 575 miles.

About 60,000 stamps are found loose in the letter-bags of the United Kingdom each year. There are in India 200,000 widows aged between 10 and 14 years, and 50,000 less than 9 years old.

The only animal that is really dumb is the glass, which is unable to express itself by any sound whatever. The relative size of the earth as compared with the sun is, approximately, that of a grain of sand to an ocean.

In the Name of the Prophet. In Morocco everything is sold in the name of the Prophet. The storekeeper, the auctioneer and even the pedlar calls upon Mohammed or one of the saints to aid him in disposing of his wares. The auctioneer who sells a slave girl or a rug interlards his talk with many allusions to the Moorish deities. In the streets it is no uncommon thing to hear such cries as, "In the name of our Lord Mohammed Al Hihi! Popcorn! Popcorn!" In the name of Sidus All-bu-Rhahel! Melons! Nice, sweet melons! "God is gracious! Beans! Fried beans!" There he no might or majesty save Allah! Water! Water! Cold water! To the stranger it would appear as if the pedlar and prophet were partners in business.

Meanings. Clarence and Ethiopia are great chums, notwithstanding the difference in color. In fact, that there was any difference in color did not seem to have occurred to either until the other day. Ethiopia is a half-orphan, the scarcely-to-be-regretted author of his being having departed, a year ago, after a "hot time" in this life to the probable enjoyment of something of a similar description elsewhere. "O. Ethy," said Clarence, patting Ethy's shining cheek as they shared a tight-fitting seat in the small wheelbarrow, "you're black. What makes you so black, Ethy?" "Dunno," responded Ethy, slowly, allowing his mind to stray over a variety of possible solutions, "less it's 'cause ma fawser's said."—Judge.

Good Reason.

She—My friends say you are after me for my money. He—Do you think so, too? She—Oh, no! I have no money. Filagendee Blatter.

Brigadier-General Frederick Dent Grant.

THE SON OF HIS FATHER AT THE FRONT.

No more gratifying appointment has been made by President McKinley than that of the eldest son of General Ulysses S. Grant, colonel of the Fourth regiment, New York State National guard, to be brigadier-general. He was chosen colonel unanimously by the officers of the Fourteenth regiment of Brooklyn and was mustered into the United States army with his regiment at Camp Clark, Hempstead, Long Island. He took his regiment to Chickamauga Park, and was there placed in command of a brigade, composed of three regiments, and was acting as brigadier-general when he received his commission from the war department.

Frederick Dent Grant is the eldest son of ex-President Ulysses S. Grant. He was born in St. Louis, Mo., on the 30th of May, 1860. As a boy he was with his father at various times and places when it was convenient for the general to have his family with him—at Fort Henry, Corinth, Vicksburg, Nashville and City Point, in front of Petersburg. He accompanied his father to Washington and was with him when he received his commission as lieutenant-general from President Lincoln. After the war he entered West Point as a cadet, and graduated in 1871. On leaving the Military Academy he obtained a leave of absence and accepted a position as an engineer for the Union Pacific railroad, and assisted in the various surveys across the continent. In 1872 he made a trip to Europe with General Sherman. On his return, in 1873, he joined his regiment in Texas, and assisted in making the preliminary surveys for the Texas Pacific railway.

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The Marriageable Age.

The "marriageable age" varies greatly. In Austria a "man" and "woman" of fourteen are supposed to be capable of conducting a home of their own. In Germany the man must be at least eighteen years of age. In France and Belgium the man must be eighteen and the woman fifteen. In Spain the intended husband must have passed his fourteenth year and the woman her twelfth. The law in Hungary for Roman Catholics is that the man must be fourteen years old and the woman twelve; for Protestants the man must be eighteen and the woman fifteen. In



BRIGADIER-GENERAL F. D. GRANT AT THE FRONT.

Subsequently he was assigned to the staff of General Sheridan as aide-de-camp, and was with him in the campaigns on the frontier against the Indians. Colonel Grant married in October, 1874, Miss Ida Honor, daughter of Mr. H. H. Honor, of Chicago, by whom he has two children—Miss Julia Grant, born June 7, 1876, in the white house, and Ulysses S. Grant, born July 4, 1881, in Chicago.

Colonel Grant resigned his commission in the army in 1881, and engaged in business in New York. He assisted his father in the preparation of his memoirs—that great work of the lamented general, written during a period of great trouble and distress of mind and body, the last contribution which he made to the history of his country. Colonel Grant had filled these various positions, both in military and civil life, in a highly creditable manner, and had won public esteem and confidence, which, with the fact of his distinguished lineage, recommended him to one of the great political parties of New York, and in 1887 he was nominated for the office of secretary of state. Owing to the political complications of that year, Colonel Grant failed of an election. However, in 1888, the following year, he was appointed by President Harrison minister of the United States to Austria, where his success in securing the admission of American products and in protecting American citizens from military duty won for him the highest commendation, and on Mr. Cleveland's election, Colonel Grant was informed that, unless he insisted, his resignation would not be accepted, and that it was optional with him to remain abroad as our representative at the imperial court of Austria. He insisted, however, upon resigning, and returned to America in 1893, since which time he has made his home in New York, and under the reform administration of Mayor Strong was one of the police commissioners of the city.

Our picture represents Colonel Grant seated in front of his tent at Camp Clark. Both in face and figure he bears a striking resemblance to his illustrious father. He is a soldier by birth and education, and he has already demonstrated, in the care and

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SAYINGS OF THE DARKIES.

Secret Nature of the Pill—A Substitute for Marriage—A Negro's Illustration. From New York Sun. The southern darkies are a constant source of amusement, when they are not the cause of unmitigated wrath, to the northern people who go down there among them. The other day a young northern woman, living in Washington and possessed of a deep and abiding antipathy for slaves, complained to Lucinda, the colored servant, that there were a good many of the poets in the house. "I don't see, Lucinda," she remarked severely, "how all these lies could get in if you kept the screen doors closed." "Well, I dunno, etheh, Miss," cheerfully remarked Lucinda. "But you know they is of a secret nature, Miss. Down in Mississippi, in one of the lumber towns, which is owned by northerners, the house servants and some of the laborers are darkies. They are not very strict in their notions of law and order, and they have their own way of doing things. One of the things is that they have a custom of matrimony. Wives and husbands are swapped off with such freedom and frequency that it is rather hard to keep track of the exact contemporaneous combination among the negroes at a given time. The colored people have solved the delicate point of expressing exact relationship by avoiding the subject of matrimony altogether. "Lise she's cookin' fur Duke Johnson now." That's the way they put it. The woman doesn't "marry" anybody. She "cooks fur" him. One of these darkies was telling about a woman on a steam-boat. The levee had caved so that the boat had to land further up than usual. It was at night and the searchlight, turned on the bank, did not reveal anything familiar to the woman. She hung back, therefore, and the darky who had been detailed to put her ashore didn't know what to do. "She stood thah like a horse lookin' at a strange gate," he said. It was this same negro who was one day listening to one of his acquaintances dilate on experiences with the Lord. From the darky's accounts these experiences seemed to have been extremely intimate, and without a word of comment the negro spoke up and said: "Wen you all seen de Lord, wah He?" That is to say: When you saw the Lord, where was

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

A Little Baby Bear—"Frank's Dream."—A Pretty Story for Juniors—All the Boys Have War When School Is Over—A Deed of Heroism.

Rondelet—That Summer Day. That summer day so long ago, We sat and talked, we two and they; And watched the shadowed river flow, That summer day.

And when the evening turned to gray, And distant lights began to glow, They said farewell and went away.

But when I saw those lovers go, I told you all my heart would say; You answered—and we parted so, That summer day.

—William Fisk Brewer.

A Little Baby Bear.

If I gave you ten guesses you would use them all, and still not be able to tell me what I saw today. Do you give it up? Well, it was a tiny baby bear. A hunter had caught him in the woods and brought him to town in his arms. As soon as I heard of him I invited the baby to spend part of a day with me, and we had great fun playing together. Long ago I used to have a picture of Santa Claus, a fat little man, all dressed in a fur suit, and when I saw the baby bear I could almost believe that my picture had come alive. He had the same short woolly legs and fat roly-poly body; and there, too, was the droil, grave face looking as if he were trying to keep from laughing. He came right into the house, as if he had known me all the three weeks of his life; and walked about under the chairs and tables, for he was no larger than a big cat. His little pointed black nose went out to everything that he saw, but as soon as he had got a good smell he trotted away and put his nose into something else. He seemed to be hunting for some smell that he had known in the woods, where he was born and had lived so cozily, snuggled up to his mother's nice black fur. When he got through with the legs of things, he went higher. Right up to the tip-top of a great armchair he climbed, and hung himself across the back as if he were hanging himself out to dry. There he rested a little while; then, drawing himself into a ball, off he rolled on to the floor with such a thump that I thought he must have hurt himself. But he thought not, for without even waiting to rub his knees, he ran across the floor to stand up on his hind feet in front of my bookcase. He reached out one of his soft paws, and patted the backs of the books, as if to say: "I like you very much, but I have not time to read you just now."

I am sure you would have thought him very cunning if you had seen him tipping about on his hind feet with a tiny yellow orange in his arms. He hugged it tight against his breast and set a row of wee baby teeth in the skin. But I did not catch a glimpse of his tongue until I gave him the hand mirror. The moment he saw the baby bear in the glass, a pink tongue, like a curled rose-leaf, came out and made loving little smudges all over the bright glass.

Again and again he lifted up the glass and peeped underneath to find the baby bear behind it. I suppose he wanted a good hug besides the kisses; and I don't wonder, for he was soft and nice to squeeze. When his dinner time came I gave him his milk in a bottle with a rubber top. When he saw it he reached out and whimpered for it just as a hungry baby does. He stood up and took the bottle between his front paws and, tipping it up, sucked away so fast that soon there was no milk left.

Then when he saw that it was all gone he lifted up his little black coat-sleeve and gipped out his milky mouth.

On his way back to his home the children got about him on the street and laughed and jumped about him, clapping their hands; but he seemed to like the fun and made them laugh louder by standing up on his hind legs and walking like a cunning little man. He wanted to stay out in the street to play some more when he got home, but you see it was past bed-time, and he had to be taken in. I am glad to be able to tell you that he did not cry at all as he trotted in and found his own little bed, that must have seemed nice and home-like, all ready for him in the corner.—Louise H. Wall, in St. Nicholas.

An American Sailor's Deed. Lewistown (Me.) Journal: Reminiscences of Commodore Dewey are almost as numerous in Maine this week as stories of Rappahannock. One of the latest has William G. Grant, the keeper of the Matineus light, for his hero. It was on a windy day in 1864 that Commodore Dewey was executive officer on the United States vessel Colorado, on which William Grant was a seaman. The Colorado was steaming into Hampton Roads, Va., towing a large load of sailors, when the boat capsized and in a moment every one was struggling in the water. All but one, however, succeeded in getting on its bottom. He sank. A boat was lowered from the Colorado, William Grant being one of the men assigned to it. The men rowed with a will and soon reached the overturned boat and the sailors clinging to its bottom. They had so much headway that the boat shot over the place where the unfortunate men went down. Mr. Grant was in the bow, keeping sharp lookout for him when he came to the surface. As the boat moved along he looked down into the water, which was very clear, and plainly saw the man near the surface. Like a flash he scrambled to the stern of the boat and without hesitating a second dived over the coxswain's head for the drowning man. He calculated just right, and in a moment had him by the collar and succeeded in bringing him to the surface. Both men were taken into the boat, and after hard work the half-drowned sailor was revived. The next day Dewey was executive officer called Mr. Grant up to the quarter deck, and before everyone thanked him cordially for his bravery in rescuing the sailor. A few years ago when Dewey, then commodore, visited the Maine coast and called upon Grant at Matineus, the incident was recalled and Commodore Dewey again complimented Mr. Grant.

FROM MOUTHS OF BABES.

Why, Clara, said the mother of a bright little maid, aged 3, "aren't you going to kiss papa good-by? He will be gone a week?" "I don't like to kiss him," was the reply, "his hair's dot spawnters in him's face."

"Which do you like best, your kittle or your doll?" asked a visitor of a pretty little 4-year-old. After a moment's thought she went over and whispered in the ear of the questioner: "I fink I likes dollies se best, but please don't tell kittle."

Little 4-year-old Harry, who had been brought up in the city, was spending a few days with his grandparents in the country. One day he was out walking and seeing a lot of sunflowers he exclaimed: "Oh, gwanna, I didn't know zat 'ou waized pea-wips."

"Mamma," asked 7-year-old Willie, who was studying his Bible lesson, "what is the difference between high church and low church?" "I know," exclaimed his little 5-year-old sister, "Well, what's the difference?" asked her mother. "One says 'awmen' and the other says 'amen,'" she replied.

Little Nellie had been to an "Uncle Tom's Cabin" matinee with her mother and on their way home she asked: "Mamma, does little Eva play agin to-night?" "Yes, dear," was the reply. "Well, said Nellie, 'I don't see how she can die and go to heaven at 4 o'clock and get back in time to show again at 8.'"

"Now, Tommy," said the Sunday-school teacher to a member of the juvenile class, "which would you rather be, the wheat or the tares?" "The tares," answered Tommy. "Why," asked the teacher in surprise, "how can you say that when you know wheat represents the good and tares the bad?" "Oh, that's all right," replied the precocious youngster, "the wheat gets thrashed and tares don't."

Don't use a gallon of words in expressing a teaspoonful of thought.

Frank's Dream.

"Yes, dear Frank," answered another, "and it is our duty to help get the mat out. It will be your turn first. What will you do?" "I will teach him to become rooted in Christ," answered Faith, "so that he may begin to grow. What will you do, Sister Prayer?" "Oh, I will strengthen your arms and help him by claiming the promise to draw rich nourishment for his growth."

"And I," spoke up Promise, "will help you by giving him all the rich things God has in store for him as soon as he is hungry for them, and here by my side in the Word are Commandments and Warning and Knowledge and Praise. They will help him to grow into a strong man."

"And I," said Obedience, "will hasten his growth by turning him in the direction of Promise. I will lead him to where you can reach him."

"And I," spoke up Good Works, "will give him such exercise every day that he will grow rapidly."

"And I," whispered a voice that sounded like a soft sough, "will watch over you all and over him; and make all your work fruitful and perfect him in the image of his Father."

Then all the other voices softly whispered: "It was the Spirit that spoke, Amen. So will we do if he will give attention to us."—Christian Endeavor World.

All the Boys Have Gone to War.

New York Sun: Over on the west side of the city, where most of the armories are, the boys have caught the "war fever" with a vengeance. When school hours end, then the boys gather and put on their uniforms, which are some made from brown paper or cotton cloth, sticks for guns or swords, and a good strong voice make up the equipment. Then the company starts out to parade. Fire crackers, torpedoes, flags and other martial accompaniments are carried in abundance, and as the youngsters swing down the side streets they make noise enough to stir the blood of a fish. It is not an uncommon thing to see half a dozen companies of fifty or seventy-five boys each parading in different side streets within an hour. No obstructions can be placed in the streets, or there would surely be a riot at every other corner in the city. But up in the less thickly settled districts that is different. If the Spanish ever landed in New York they would find at least one formidable fort confronting them at Kingston road and the boulevard. Up on a high and large rock at the intersection of those highways there is a monster fort, built by the boys. The fortifications are at least twenty-five by thirty feet in size. The ramparts are built of pillaged stove iron and scrap iron, with guns made of sewer pipe and lead pipe from a broken pipe. The place is called "Fort Washington," as on a sign see by a sign on the ramparts. There are other signs, all neatly lettered, such as: "Dewey? I guess we do." "On to Cuba." "Down with Spain."

A big American flag waves over the fort all day and is hauled down every night with due ceremony.

American Fruit.

The action of the German government in shutting out American fruit from their markets comes as a rather unpleasant surprise to the American fruit growers, who had hoped, from a foreign demand, to realize better prices for their products. The action of the action is not clearly understood, but, according to all accounts, one that is not chargeable to the quality of the fruit or its condition. The loss will be keenly felt by the poorer Germans, as American fruit, especially apples, had been since their introduction steadily growing in favor. The United States as a fruit-growing country has scarcely an equal in the world. Its wide range of climate, its variation in soil, and the skill with which its fruit-growers handle their orchards and gardens, makes it of immense value in a commercial sense. If Germany does not want our fruits, there are plenty of other countries that do, and it is scarcely worth while for our farmers and fruit-growers to borrow very much trouble about markets.

RECENT INVENTIONS.

A Pennsylvania woman has invented a dustpan which is designed to fit in a doorway to take up the dirt as it is swept over the sill, the pan telescoping near the center so it can be extended to fit any door.

An improved method of heating rooms is by cooling steam pipes inside an air passage through which air is forced by blowers, and is heated as it passes over the pipes, after which it is discharged through pipes to different rooms.

In a new bicycle brake the plunger is operated by a series of balls placed inside the handle bar, ending in a spiral coil inside the handle, which is mounted on a sleeve to revolve and force the balls into the head to push the plunger down.

A new safety guard for axes is formed of a metal sheath hinged to the helve near the head and designed to cover the sharp edge of the blade when not in use, a recess being cut in the handle to receive the guard when the ax is being used.

Oil cans are being made for cyclers' use in England with a secondary nozzle extending from the outside of the can to the interior of the ordinary nozzle, the former having a screw-threaded head for connection with the inflating pump to force a cleaning fluid through the bearings of the wheel.





The bicycle, as a machine propelled by pedals, having a crank action, is said to have been a Scotch invention, the first one, made of wood, having been constructed by Kirkpatrick MacMillan in 1840.

The fifteen most decisive battles of the world are said to have been Marathon, B. C. 480; Syracuse, B. C. 413; Arbela, B. C. 331; Metaurus, B. C. 207; Teutoburg, A. D. 9; Chalons, A. D. 451; Tours, A. D. 732; Hastings, A. D. 1066; Orleans, A. D. 1429; the Armada, A. D. 1588; Blenheim, A. D. 1704; Pultowa, A. D. 1709; Santiago, A. D. 1777; Valley Forge, A. D. 1778; and Waterloo, A. D. 1815. Some lists include Gettysburg.

**Cheerful Idiot.**  
"We are trying" said the rejoicing boarder, "to get a block pavement laid on the street in front of our church." "But isn't that," asked the Cheerful Idiot, "blocking the way to salvation?" —Indianapolis Journal.

The trying something that makes a woman sit down and cry usually causes a man to stand up and swear.

A well-filled refrigerator makes one feel good.

**Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.**  
To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the only cure that makes weak men strong. All drugstores, 50c. or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample sent free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

The middle aisle of a church is the bridal path.

**Try Allen's Foot-Ease.**  
A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet become swollen, nervous and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cures the feet and makes walking easy. Cools swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

**Fleas, flies and chiggers are doing a rushing business at this time.**  
For Lung and chest diseases, Fisco's Cure is the best medicine we have used. —Mrs. J. L. Northcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

**Golf red now has a place in the bicycle outfit.**  
**Hall's Catarrh Cure**  
Taken internally. Price, 75c.

It is a great accomplishment to do good and keep it mum.

**A bath with COSMO BUTTERMILK SOAP,** expels scum, is soothing and beneficial. Sold everywhere.

The meaneat people usually have the longest memories.

**No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.**  
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

All women love to be spoiled, but few admit it.

**Not a Bit Worried.**  
Her Father—Well, if you are determined to marry my daughter I shall offer no objections; but, before you take this irrevocable step, I think it is only right to let you know that I have decided to leave all my money to educational and charitable institutions. Glib Sutor—Oh, that's all right. I've got proof that you bet on a bicycle race once. It'll be easy enough to show that you're of unsound mind.

Why is it a man looks silly when carrying a bouquet?

**A Philippine Heroine.**  
One of the Philippine insurgent leaders is a beautiful woman whose life seems to be charmed. Frequently we see people in this country whose lives seem charmed also, but the only charm about it is that they keep up their strength and vitalize their blood with that celebrated remedy, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

A woman sympathizes with the man she refuses.

**Important to Mothers.**  
The manufacturers of Castoria have been compelled to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to familiarize the public with the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. This has been necessitated by reason of pirates counterfeiting the Castoria trade mark. This counterfeiting is a crime not only against the proprietors of Castoria, but against the growing generation. All persons should be careful to get Castoria bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, under whose supervision it has been manufactured continuously for over thirty years.

**A car window is a hard thing to wrestle with.**  
**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.**  
For children teething, relieves the pain, reduces inflammation, soothes the gums, softens the bowels, cures croup, whooping cough, and all the ailments of infancy.

A neighborly feeling is sometimes one of curiosity or envy.

Within the past month the first iron bridge erected in the state of Ohio has been removed. This bridge was over Salt Creek, on the Central Ohio division of the Baltimore and Ohio road, in Muskingum county, and was built in 1851. It was a single span, 71 feet in length, and was known as a "Bollman deck truss bridge with plate girders." Bollman was at that time chief engineer of construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The man who does not know a woman until after he marries her is apt to regret the acquaintance.

**To Cure Constipation Forever.**  
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c. or 25c. H. C. C. Co. Sell to cure druggists refund money.

**Wings and tulle figure largely in late millinery creations.**

**COSMO BUTTERMILK TOILET SOAP** makes the skin soft, white and healthy. Sold everywhere.

Why is assistance so freely offered to those who need it not?

**STONE IN HER STOMACH.**

From the Gazette, Birmingham, Ala.  
The wife of the Rev. A. R. Adams, pastor of the Bedford Christian Church at Birmingham, Ill., was for years compelled to live a life of torture from disease. Her case baffled the physicians, but today she is alive and well. She tells the story of her recovery as follows:

"About six years ago," said Mrs. Adams, "I weighed about 140 pounds, but my health began to fail and I lost flesh. My food did not agree with me and felt like a stone in my stomach. I began to blot all over until I thought I had dropsy. I had pains and soreness in my left side which extended clear across my back and also into the region of my heart. During these spells a hard ridge would appear in the left side of my stomach and around the left side."

"These attacks left me sore and exhausted. All last summer I was so nervous that the children laughing and playing nearly drove me wild. I suffered also from female troubles and doctored with ten different physicians without receiving any help."

"My husband having read in the newspapers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, induced me to try them. I bought a box and had it sent me last November. I had not expected to see any relief until I had taken a six-ounce trial bottle. I am now taking the eighth box and have been greatly benefited."

"I was also troubled with nervous prostration and numbness of my right arm and hand so that at times I could hardly write the pain, but that has all passed away. I now have a good appetite and am able to do my own work. I have done more this summer than in the past four years put together. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People cured me, and I think it my duty to let other sufferers know it."

Hundreds of equally remarkable cases have been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

**Gun Practice in the British Navy.**  
The naval authorities have had their attention specially directed to the desirability of improving the gunnery practice on board ships of war. The tabulated returns of the practice in 101 ships during 1896 showed that for all guns the hits were less than 40 per cent of the rounds fired. It has been decided to establish a gunnery and torpedo history sheet for all men who have been through these courses of instruction, and the duration of the courses has been altered so that the men in the second class will have a shorter period of study. On the other hand, duly qualified captains of guns can be promoted to the rank of leading seamen, provided they have passed in seamanship and are otherwise considered suitable. There is to be an increase of pay to captains of turret and captains of turret guns, the terms "turret" and "barbette" being, for the purposes of the revised regulation, synonymous. New regulations have also been made affecting acting seamen gunners, and some new ratings have been created, the object being to encourage the younger seamen, at the early period of their course, to learn the duties which will ultimately reward them suitable for higher gunnery or torpedo ratings. Extra pay is to be given in addition to their gunnery or torpedo allowance.—London Standard.

**Why Elephants Fear Mice.**  
It seems incredible that so small and harmless an animal as a mouse is able to frighten an elephant almost out of its senses. One little mouse in the hay on which they are feeding will stampede an entire herd. In their native land there are little animals, known as chacanas, which feed on a small, sour berry of which elephants are very fond. They live in settlements, something after the manner of prairie dogs, under the berry bushes. When feeding, the elephants trample the little towns, and the chacanas, in their fright, run up the tubes of the elephant's trunk. Their long, sharp claws catch in the flesh, and they cannot be ejected. The more violently the monster blows through its coiled trunk the more firmly the hooked claws of the little animal become imbedded in the flesh. Inflammation and death are the result. In captivity the elephants think they are in danger of the deadly chacanas when they see a mouse.—New York Sun.

**Senator Sherman's Bet.**  
George A. Sherman, the campaign speaker, used to tell a story to illustrate the abstemious habits of John Sherman. "We had," he said, "been making speeches at Xenia one wet, cold night, and on our way back to the hotel Senator Sherman said: 'Sheridan, I believe a little whiskey is a necessity for us to prevent contracting colds.' It is almost needless to say that I agreed with him, and expressed my regret that I had none with me. 'Don't worry about that,' said the senator. 'I have an ample supply. We will go to my room and get it.' We went to Senator Sherman's room, and he produced from his valise a four-ounce vial of whiskey and a teaspoon. Pouring out a teaspoonful he gravely handed it over to me, telling me to take it, as he had no doubt that I needed it. After I had indulged in the one teaspoonful Sherman took a teaspoonful himself, recorked the little bottle, and returned it to his valise." —Boston Transcript.

**Man-Eating Tiger.**  
The man-eating tiger, whose victim is more often a woman or a child, is a beast of peculiar habits; usually an aged tiger, no longer able to catch the deer or antelope, and perhaps with teeth half worn out, declining conflict with the bear or buffalo.

He therefore lies in wait amid the long grass by the path where girls and old women return from drawing water at a stream or tank, or are passing from one hamlet to another, and if the last of them happens to lag behind alone, stopping to adjust her dress, or stooping to pick a thorn out of her foot, the tiger leaps forth, seizes her, and carries her off to feast on her mangled flesh. It is seldom that this sneaking and really cowardly savage beast will attack a man who carries anything like a weapon, unless the man has provoked the combat.

Tiger hunting in India, encouraged by a handsome government reward, is considered an important service to every village community molested by these formidable animals.

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Watermelons and cantaloupes make the stomach good these days.

**Captured the Forts.**

Washington, July 14.—A cable-gram from Manila dated July 10 says insurgents reported that the German gunboat Irene refused to allow them to attack Spaniards on Grande Island, in Subic bay. Dewey sent the cruisers Raleigh and Concord to investigate. They opened fire on the forts, which with 500 men promptly surrendered. One Hotchkiss gun and 40,000 rounds of ammunition were captured.

The Irene slipped her cable and steamed. Her captain said he interfered "in the cause of humanity" and tendered some refugees on board, but the offer was declined.

**Cablegram From Dewey.**

Washington, July 14.—The navy department has received from Admiral Dewey the following dispatch:

Aguinaldo informs me that his troops have taken all of Subic bay except Isla Grande, which he was prevented from taking by the German man-of-war Irene. On July 7 the Raleigh and Concord went there. They took the island and about 1300 men with arms and ammunition. No resistance. The Irene retired from the bay on their arrival.

I shall send the Boston to Cape Engano about July 15 to second my detachments. It is not practicable to send to Guam. No transport vessel available.

**Will Join Lee.**

Washington, July 14.—Adj. Gen. Corbin last night received the following telegram from Hon. William Jennings Bryan:

Omaha, Neb., July 13.—Adj. Gen. Corbin, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.: I have the honor to report that I was mustered into the service yesterday and await orders. The command will be uniformed, equipped and ready to move within a few days.

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**Assaults Overtures Were Made.**

London, July 14.—A Hong Kong correspondent says: Gen. Aguinaldo declares that both the Spaniards and the Germans have made overtures to him, though he declines to divulge their import. United States Consul Wildman asserts that Admiral Dewey could compel the surrender of Manila to-morrow if he liked. He says his dispatches show that Germans continue to interfere, their action causing much anxiety, as it is said they are assisting the Spaniards by landing flour and other supplies, and moreover German officers have been seen in the Spanish trenches.

The Germans have not been careful to observe the naval courtesies required by the situation. They have given Admiral Dewey much annoyance by insisting on sending their boats around the bay after dark.

At the same time, the German admiral informed Admiral Dewey that he has no intention of giving offense to America and that his movements are not to be considered as any demonstration of ill will. Admiral Dewey is said to have replied: "Perhaps it would be better if matters were managed a little differently."

The German ships have done and are still doing rash and impudent things, like the Irene incident.

The Americans hope the Spaniards will continue their waste of ammunition in fighting the rebels and then surrender Manila without bloodshed.

Admiral Dewey, on the report that the German fleet was landing large quantities of rice and flour for the Spaniards, decided to be more strict and has put a pinnace at each end of the jetty to overhaul all launches going and coming.

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**LOCAL DOTS.**

- Mr. H. F. Edington has our thanks for a nice melon.
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- Mr. S. B. Haskew did the right thing the other day and will henceforth be a reader of the Free Press.
- Miss Lillie Rike has returned from a few weeks visit to relatives in Fort Worth, Galveston and other points east.
- Spectacle fitting a specialty. I have a good line of glasses. Am located in postoffice building. **J. R. COX.**
- Mr. H. B. Martin editor of the Hall County News is down to take in the reunion and visit Haskell friends.
- Mr. R. D. Fields, one of our most expert melon raisers, presented us with a fine melon Saturday. It was "Bully."
- The local part of the paper is pretty well given over to communicated articles this week; perhaps it will be more interesting for the change.
- Wait our line of Mens and boys Hats, etc.—largest line we ever ordered at one time—lowest prices. **CARNEY & MCKEE.**
- Remember the Big Four Bailey Brothers will appear in many daring Trapez feats, Haskell July 27.
- We publish an original contributed poem this week, written by a citizen of Haskell county and dedicated to the Cow Boy's reunion. We think it will be highly appreciated by the boys.
- The harp is many peoples favorite instrument. **HARPER** is everyone's favorite whiskey. Sold by **KEISTER & HAZLEWOOD**, Haskell, Texas.
- We are requested to notify all farmers interested in the organization of a Farmers Institute that there will be a meeting of farmers at the court house on the second day of the reunion to take further action in this matter. Visiting farmers from other counties are cordially invited to be present.
- Mr. Alberton Bailey, the famous Slack Wire Performer, will exhibit with the Mollie Bailey Show July 27th.
- Just in,—a large line of sandals slippers and shoes, latest styles, best quality and lowest prices, call and see them at **CARNEY & MCKEE'S.**

**THE Y. P. U. BALLY.**

An Enjoyable Time on the Banks of the Clear Fork.

—If you have a watch or a clock that needs repairing bring it to me. My work is guaranteed, and no cure, no pay. **J. R. COX.**

—**DENTISTRY:** Dr. T. F. Nanny, dentist, announces that he will be in Haskell on July 23rd, prepared to do all kinds of dental work under the latest improved methods. We are informed that Dr. Nanny is a graduate of the Vanderbilt university and is also equipped by several years of experience in his profession. He will remain here a week or ten days.

—A one cent postal card saves you \$10 to \$25 by addressing it to S. H. Leavell, Abilene, Tex., for prices on Windmill outfits. 33

**At A Great Bargain:** Lots 7 and 8 in block 5 in the town of Haskell, and Block 15 containing 40 acres adjoining town, being part of Scott survey. For terms write **A. G. Willis, Trust Building, Dallas, Texas.**

—Molly Bailey's Show will exhibit at Haskell on Wednesday July 27th.

—Our immense stock of shoes and slippers of every description will arrive at once, and we will guarantee the lowest price on these goods you were ever offered. **CARNEY & MCKEE.**

—The campmeeting will begin at Whiteflat, July 22. Every christian of any name and order is invited to come and camp. Let everybody feel this to be his meeting, for it will be conducted for the glory of God and salvation of souls. It is important that you be there the first service of the meeting. **W. H. WICKSON** and others will assist in the meeting. **J. L. WHITE.**

—Mr. W. H. Baker, who has his photograph gallery near the Meadors hotel is doing some of the finest work ever turned out in Haskell. He has announced a cut rate from \$6 a dozen to \$4.50 per dozen for large family groups, and prices of all other styles of pictures reduced in proportion. This rate holds good for one week.

**A Challenge.**

**R. E. Northington**, who has been in the employ of Mayfield & Hughes, butchers, for over six years, challenges any Texas raised butcher for a skinning contest at the Cow-Boys' Reunion at Haskell, any day during the reunion for \$50 or more a side. **R. M. NORTHINGTON, Abilene.**

—I have taken the agency for the "Quaker Folding Hot Air and Vapor Bath Cabinet," whose wonderful efficacy in promoting health as well as restoring persons to health in many forms of diseases is attested by physicians and scientists. With it you can have at home Turkish, Russian, hot air, steam, medicated vapor, mineral, salt, hop, sulphur, etc., baths at a trifling cost. The price of the outfit is very moderate. Call at my place and see one and try it if you like. **J. W. BELL.**

—Remember those wonderful Trained Ponies with the Mollie Bailey Show, 16 in number in Many New and novel tricks.

**B. Y. P. U.**

**Program for July 24th, 4 p. m.**

- Song—Prayer.
- Leader—Miss Alice Pierson.
- Lesson—The Plant of Love. Hosea. 11:15; Luke 13:34, 35; 10:41-44.
- Roll call with scripture responses.
- Paper on Lesson—**Marshal Pierson.**
- Trio—Misses Rupe and Johnson and Mr. Percy Lindsey.
- Reading—Miss Una Foster.
- Recitation—Miss Mary Tandy.
- Duet—Misses Zoudee Johnson and Rob Lindsey.
- Talk 5 minutes by **R. E. L. Farmer.**
- Song.
- Miss Birdie Bailey, the Cute Soubrette, little ray of sunshine in merry song and dance, with the Mollie Bailey Show at Haskell July 27th.

**Free Pills.**

Send your address to **H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago**, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box Sold by **A. P. McLemore, Druggist.**

To the Free Press:—

This is a day of conventions, rallies and reunions. We are always looking out for some place to go, and never look long until our looking is rewarded. It is no bad sign. "Go" is almost synonymous with progress, and progress means almost everything. The West is not behind in "go" and progress. We are abreast in the march of intellect and enterprise.

But these remarks are general. The subject of this write-up is the B. Y. P. U. Rally—a new feature in the B. Y. P. U.'s of this section of the country.

This departure was suggested by Haskell and heartily seconded by Abilene, Anson and Albany. The location of these towns with the fine old stream, the Clear Fork, running between, giving a desirable and central place of meeting, promoted this union of "Unions," and, so it came to pass that, on the 13th of July, on the noble Clear Fork two miles below the crossing closing on the Anson and Albany road, a large representation from each of the towns named assembled. The deep foliage and the green grass combined to make the place selected for general camp grounds a very beautiful one. All were present on the grounds the evening before, and the scene was soon a scene of jolity and merriment. That they came to enjoy, were already enjoying, and would enjoy, the morrow, the fellow who tried to take an early nap is witness and prophet sufficient. To him we refer you.

But the social enjoyment and the slumber disturbing hilarity (with the latter, the young ladies being solely and exclusively charged) are not the only phases of the meeting deserving mention. Early the next morning the sound of voices reminded us that we were to have a sunrise prayer-meeting.

When the sun came peeping over the hill we were assembled under a large tree lifting our voices in prayer and praise. The earnestness and attendance at this meeting showed the deeper, truer and more real purpose of the rally. It was to have a spiritual significance. To cultivate an acquaintance and a friendship between the different towns and to have social merriment are objects worthy; but to be filled with a new zest, to attain to better plans, and to acquire a new strength for Christian work are objects the promoters had in view and more deeply at heart.

The program prepared for the occasion was taken up about 10 o'clock. Miss Mamie Badger was first on the program, subject, "Yesterday, Today and To-morrow." Her essay was beautiful in thought and practical throughout. So highly was it appreciated that its publication in the West Texas Baptist was requested by the meeting. Mr. Wm. Pierson came next with the subject—"The Powers of a Spiritual Life." Mr. Pierson, the only young man on the program, is at home before an audience, and on this occasion he spoke with his accustomed naturalness and force. His subject was peculiarly appropriate, and his thoughts, inspiring to nobler effort and endeavor. The Haskell crowd congratulated themselves upon having chosen so able a representative. The chosen representatives of Anson and Albany were not present, Brothers Siler and Caperton taking their respective places.

The afternoon was spent in social ways—some taking their social way over the hills, some under the trees, and on the creek. At night they all, with many visitors who had gathered in, collected in semi-circular fashion about Dr. Hanks' to listen to an excellent sermon. "We are co-workers together with God." So earnestly and impressively did he speak that the grand truth of the message will remain with us to cheer and strengthen as long as the pleasant memories of the occasion itself. The climax of the occasion, from a social standpoint, was a candy-pulling after the sermon. Haskell with her usual enterprise undertook this vast accomplishment. The other unions were invited and were present in full force.

All sat around the camp-fire in Indian style, mingling and becoming better acquainted till the candy was ready to pull. At about 12:30 the crowds retired to their own camps satisfied with the pleasures of the day.

Other things contributory to the delight of the company were

**ALL IS READY**  
 For the Biggest Gathering of Cow Boys and Slightseers Ever Seen in Western Texas.

And They Are Coming Thousands Strong.

AS we go to press on Friday evening we are able to announce that all preparations have been completed for the biggest and best reunion of The Texas Cow Boys' Association ever held.

The grounds, race tracks and arrangements are the best that have ever been provided for the unique and thrilling scenes which they are destined to witness next week, from the 27th to 30th.

The committees on broncho riding, roping and round-ups report that they have an ample lot of material in the way of "wild and woolly" and hard to catch steers and bronchos to put the boys on their metal and bring out the best skill they possess.

There are from 50 to 60 race horses already here, among which are numbered some of the best in the state, and more are reported coming. Racemen now on the grounds say it will be one of the best race meets ever held in the state, and that the winners will carry away a reputation to be proud of.

For a while it was feared that government red tape would prevent us having the Indians, but a telephone message from Secy Glasgow of the Association, received yesterday evening from Seymour announced that 200 Indians were on the way here from the territory and had then reached Wichita Falls, so the program will go through without a break and the fun will be fast and furious from start to finish.

Already the town is full of strangers and a steady stream is pouring in. Booths for cold drinks, eating stands, side shows, etc., have sprung up on every vacant lot, alley and available corner to such an extent that an old citizen coming in unaware of the situation would hardly know the town.

Those who miss seeing this affair will miss an epoch in West Texas history.

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music on the stringed and "tongued" instruments, exquisite baskets of good things with plenty of fish, lemonade, water melons and various other things.

All returned on Thursday unanimously in the expression of a good time.

The Haskell crowd, composed of about forty, was the largest representation in the Rally. Her chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Lindsey and Mrs. Robertson, to whom the thanks of the young people are extended.

**A B. Y. P. U.**

"LAST summer one of our grandchildren was sick with a severe bowels trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory, of Fredericktown, Mo. "Our doctor's remedy had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which gave very speedy relief." For sale by **A. P. McLemore.**

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**Notice.**  
 President McKinley has been pushing war preparations lately with all the means and energy at the command of the administration, among other things large quantities of provisions were ordered for provisioning the warships—speaking of provisions should remind Haskell county people that they can save money by buying their groceries at the low prices now prevailing at **D. W. COURTWRIGHT & Co's.**

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