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THE TALISMAN.

Abdul, with his friendliest smiles showing, opened Miss Cathrone's door. It was really the janitor's fault. He should not have allowed Abdul in the building.

M. T. Cathrone was a healthy young woman, and she could have endured more work than was brought her. She greeted Abdul first with a pre-occupied frown of interrupted labor.

"Nice lady! Buy something!" He swung his shiny black pack from his shoulder and lo, there lay before Miss Cathrone's presumably longing eyes a glittering array of jewelry and hairpins, interspersed with such laudably useful articles.

"Buy something! Buy something!" Miss Cathrone shook her head. "Sorry—no money!" she explained succinctly.

She chose the hairpin, silver, with an emerald jewel for a head. Surely a bargain at ten cents, and she could give it to the janitor's daughter.

Abdul hesitated. Why should a smoothly worn dime, a dime more over with a hole in it and a faintly discernible letter carved upon it, possess a market value of fifteen cents?

"Mine!" said Miss Cathrone firmly. "Go! Nice little boy! Go!" But it was not permitted that Abdul should obey.

"Very good, thanks," meadulously and more cordially. "Yes, you've wanted a peddler's dime?" There was provoking laughter in his eyes.

"That's him," he said, he reached a reluctant hand to grasp the shoulder of Abdul. "Here you little devil, give me that money!" he demanded.

It is possible that the experience was a new one to Abdul, and so aim of his life with a stock of English. Or again it is possible that it wasn't. He said nothing, understood nothing. The grim-faced youth shook him energetically.

"Do you hear me? That money you stole. I want it back quick!" Abdul stared at him with graveney reproachful eyes.

"Better hand him over to the police, Grantly," suggested one man with twinkling stamens. "Even if it is for a small sum it'll teach the young scamp a lesson."

"There's a crowd of 'em downstairs," he suggested, grumpily. Suddenly Abdul acknowledged the good points of discretion. He fished a dime from a hidden recess of his anatomy and held it out to Grantly.

"You might attach his pack for it," proposed another softly. Grantly faced them defiantly. He was new among them, and he was young enough to prize their good opinion. But there was something else he prized more.

"You got it?" he asked, his head more vigorously than his captor had shaken him. "She took—" he pointed an accusing finger at Miss Cathrone.

Now why Miss Cathrone, being a business woman of experience, and one more-over sollicitous custom, should have retired behind her office door at this first visitation of her neighbors, was not as palpable as why her visitors, now seeing her, should become confusedly conscious of being in their shirtsleeves and in great part colorless.

"He stole!" he declared, and Miss Cathrone felt six pairs of eyes wonder about her. Abdul fought for it. Courtesy to ladies did not embrace yielding to rapine. His strong little teeth left marks on Miss Cathrone's wrist.

"I thought it was under my foot all the time," explained Miss Cathrone—and then blushed furiously. "Oh, I don't mean that I was hiding it from him," she cried piteously.

"That's like a woman," he said, with tender wisdom. "Well, if it's any comfort to you, I wore it until today when I broke my watch-chain and lent it to be repaired. I laid the dime—our dime—on my desk, and the little Turk hooked it."

"The pledge we'll keep," she said. "For one thing—it was my last cent. I believe you'll have to pay for my supper."

Abdul kept the dime. He had one brief, black moment of disgust when its comparative worthlessness as a market commodity was borne in upon him vigorously by his father, but upon it came the cheering inspiration that it was a talisman. Surely—else why should she, unprincipled young woman, and he, terrible young man, so covet it?

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COLORED AGITATORS

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING SOUTHERN WHITES. APPLY TO ROOSEVELT FOR ABSOLUTE EQUALITY WITH WHITE PEOPLE.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The negro agitators of Washington have for many months been more or less active in their so-called efforts in behalf of equal rights for members of their race, but just at this time they are a trifle more industrious than ever before.

At last night's meeting of the league more hot resolutions were adopted. Tillman and John Sharp Williams were roasted and cussed in the usual denunciations. One set of resolutions took a fall out of the white people of the District of Columbia, and President Roosevelt was requested to do all in his power to prevent the flagrant discriminations which are practiced against the negro in the district.

The league will continue to press for all these things. Their agitation, however, will be confined to the District of Columbia and the Northern States, where the negro is more unpopular than he is in the South. A national convention is called for December 14 to discuss all questions bearing upon the political and social status of the negro, and the indications are that the President and the Republican majority in Congress will be considerably bothered by this educated but mischievous crew.

More Conservative Views. About the same date the above negro fulmination took place, another meeting of negroes of a more conservative character was held in Washington. It was composed of leading preachers and several other negroes who hold important official positions under the government. They, claiming to be representatives and advisers of their race, drew up and published their views as follows:

The spreading race prejudice is occasioned by appeals to race passion by politicians. The cure for the race prejudice is the application of Christian morals and religion and just execution of the laws. The Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution should be held intact. It is not the desire, wish or purpose of the negroes as a race to seek, maintain, emphasize or teach social equality with the whites as a consequence of equal political rights, and they urge strongly that the negro's education should not be limited to industrial training. They believe that the number of crimes charged to the race have been grossly exaggerated by their enemies; that the real facts should be collected and published, and that the clergy of their race should teach strongly against these crimes and against intemperance. They urge a thorough organization of their race under capable and respected leaders, and an appeal to the press and to the moral and religious sentiment of the country, especially to the white clergy. They oppose the idea of a separate political party.

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MONT PELEE'S MIGHTY OBELISK TOWER OF ROCK 5,000 FEET HIGH.

Fresh from what he terms the most wonderful spectacle nature has ever presented, Prof. Angelo Heilprin is back after a two months' visit to Mt. Pelee on the Island of Martinique. "The distinguished feature of Mont Pelee," he says, "and that which makes the volcano unique among the volcanoes of the world, is the giant tower or obelisk of rock which is being extruded from the summit of the newly made cone, which obelisk now rises up in supreme grandeur over 5,000 feet high and almost vertically 540 feet above the summit of the cone proper, with a thickness at the base of from 200 to 350 feet.

"Looking up the obelisk of solid lava from the rim of the crater as I did at the time of my last ascent of the volcano on June 15, the scene that presented itself was of unequalled grandeur, and having fully in mind the grand scenes of nature that I already witnessed, the Alps, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, the Yosemite and the great ice fields of the Arctic north, it seems to be well within the truth to say that this scene surpasses all others.

"One can form no conception of its magnificence and towering aspect. The old summit of Mont Pelee, which was rounded and about 4,000 feet high, is now over-topped by this new creation by nearly 1,000 feet, so that the apex of the volcano, which surpasses the old cone, is found at height of 5,200 feet above the sea, and the cone, together with its surrounding crater basin of about 300 feet deep, over which great puffs of steam and sulphur vapor are being emitted, showing that the activity of the volcano is not yet still.

"The appearance of this obelisk or monument on the summit of the volcano, transfixing its cone and virtually blocking it, is no less remarkable than the conditions which are involved in its making. There is no question of doubt that the entire mass, rising twice the height of the Washington monument of Washington, with four times its thickness, is being pushed up bodily, and has been pushed out in this manner to its full present height.

"To what extent this head may still be carried in the future it is impossible to say. The aspect that is presented is one that is unique in the history of volcanoes, and it itself will tell in weeks or months to come what the possibilities of this new form of construction or new type of activity may be.

"This vast obelisk, which gives the appearance as seen from St. Pierre of a monument erected by nature to the dead, is slightly arched or curved to the direction of the destroyed city. On the opposite side it rises with a well high vertical face and presents a perfectly smooth, almost polished surface. The rise of the obelisk is the result of hard pressure against the casing of the wall of rock which borders its channel of exit. The surface indeed recalls to the geologist the appearance of horizontal rock masses that have been polished and curved as the result of glacial action.

On May 31, when the volcano lost nearly 300 feet of its summit, the apex reached the 5,200 feet. At present time it rises slightly to 5,000 feet. On the 4th day of July 17, the rise of the lower wall was twenty-one feet, but in the early period the extrusion was nearly twice as rapid. On the day preceding my departure a faint line of steam was seen issuing from the absolute apex, showing the fissures and passages that exist within the mass, which permit the interior steam to travel through completely from the base to the summit."

Confessions of a Priest.

Rev. John S. Cox, of Waks, Ark., writes: "For twelve years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach illness, or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by Baker & Cunningham, Druggists, Haskell, Tex. Only 50 cents.

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The trial of Curtis Jett in Kentucky, for the murder of Thomas Cockrell last July, which has excited widespread interest, ended Tuesday with a verdict for the death penalty.

Gratifying reports come in the late papers that the yellow fever is dying out at Nuevo Laredo, just across the Rio Grande from Laredo, Texas. Those who had the disease are recovering and no new cases are reported.

The letter published elsewhere in this paper from Dr. Tabor, state health officer, emphasizes the value placed on cleanliness by the best informed health authorities and physicians. If you don't think you know more about it than such men do, go and clean up your premises.

The trial of Lieut. Gov. Tillman of South Carolina for the killing of Editor Gonzales is to begin next Monday at Columbia. Ten lawyers have been entered for the defense, among them several of the leading lawyers of the State. Five lawyers besides the State's attorney are on the prosecution.

Captain Richmond P. Hobson is a candidate for congress from the Sixth Alabama district. And yet it was only the other day he said he was tired of war and strife—Houston Post.

But as the glamour of the Santiago Bay incident has worn off and the ladies have quit kissing him, perhaps he thinks that as a candidate he can keep in practice on the babies.

If you are going to give the hard or macaroni wheats a trial this fall it is time to be looking up the seed question and preparing land for it. We believe it will yield from five to ten or fifteen bushels more per acre here than the wheats commonly grown, and now that the market for it is as good as for the soft wheats it would appear that it is only a common sense business proposition for our farmers to take hold of it.

How many Haskell county farmers and stockraisers are making any plans for giving alfalfa a trial? THE FREE PRESS has published the most reliable and trustworthy information to be had on the subject and it all seems to indicate that alfalfa would succeed here, especially a letter published two or three weeks ago giving the methods of a party out on the plains who has made a success of it there. An article which we reproduce this week will be found interesting.

A Washington dispatch informs us that through the concurrence of President Roosevelt, the Interior Department has ordered an investigation of the Indian Territory scandals growing out of the acts of the department's agents who have had in charge the adjustment and settlement of Indian land matters in the Territory. It is stated that "it seems to be admitted that no crime is charged against the officials. Whatever misdeeds may have been committed are, as a rule, merely offenses against official propriety in taking advantage of their official positions to feather their own nests. Such offenses will not be permitted by the President, and the impression that some official heads down Indian Territory way are soon to be cut off is doubtless correct."

Beginning today and lasting until next Thursday Chicago will celebrate its centennial. There will be great feasting, much oratory and great parades, but the most startling and novel feature of the entire program will be a reproduction of the burning of the city in a unique display of red fire. It is said that one hundred tons of the inflammable material will blaze from the roofs of several scores of the tallest buildings in the downtown district, and for thirty minutes the city will seem to be struggling with a disaster similar to that which resulted in almost total destruction thirty-two years ago. The scene, judging from tests recently made on one of the high buildings, will be thrilling in the extreme, and the display will surely prove an awe-inspiring spectacle.

FOR THE MERIT SYSTEM IN STATE GOVERNMENT.

Many of the papers published in Texas are still criticizing the loose and shabby clerical work done during recent sessions of the Legislature. Such criticism is in order, of course; but it might as well be understood first as last that general criticism is not going to do any good. It is well to say something. What are the Texas editors and other Texans interested in a better service going to do about it? Something must be done if the costly and discreditable weakness is to be corrected. The movement to amount to anything, should begin at once. The News suggests that the press unite in an effort to have the clerical service of the Legislature and in the departments at Austin put under merit rules. Require applicants to prove their fitness and aptness for the work. That is fair, isn't it? If it is not fair, why not? Of course there are some places for which no special qualification is required. All such places might be marked with black beans or buttons, at which every applicant should be given a draw. While this leaves the places to be secured as a matter of chance or good luck, the drawing would at least be fair toward all, and less selfish and cruel than the present plan of appointing favorites on the spot regardless of their fitness for service. It there is a better plan by which the present unfair and costly practice can be corrected, let somebody bring it in to the front and count on The News to support it.—Dallas News.

These questions have been discussed in the newspapers, in conventions and in part embodied in state platforms, but in most cases legislators have gone right along appointing their particular friends and relatives to those positions, or else, the friends of influential politicians or citizens who would be able to influence votes at the next election have been appointed. They have to this extent made public office a private snip for their personal advancement. The result has been costly to the state and unsatisfactory and damaging to the public in a number of instances, notably in the incompetency or carelessness of secretaries and enrolling clerks. The procedure in the matter heretofore has been on the principle of the spoils system; legislators regarding the appointive offices as their personal property to be distributed for their best advantage. It should be plain to any man of ordinary intelligence that this system is radically wrong and subversive of the public interest in its tendency. How the abuse is to be corrected, however, seems not to be an easy problem, in view of the disregard by legislators of former criticism and even party action. When the legislator is a candidate he promises freely and talks wisely of reforms; but his memory too often fails him when he reaches Austin. Perhaps the surest way, though possibly a slow one, is for the people to embody these reforms in the platforms of their district nominating conventions and require the candidate to subscribe to them, then keep tabs on his actions and if he fails to toe the mark on them when he gets to Austin leave him out when it comes to nominating time again, with a direct declaration that it is done on account of his failure to come up to his promises and carry out, or make an honest and strenuous effort to carry out, the platform requirements. But it may be asked, who is to keep the score card and put this plan in operation? It is a regrettable fact that a majority of the voters pay little attention to what a legislator does after he is elected, unless some measure is up in which there is unusual interest in a particular district or districts—as the changing of a quarantine line and regulations or the passage of a school law—and it is this indifference and carelessness on the part of the people that gives the legislator his opportunity to look after the spoils and perquisites and again come before a constituency ignorant of his specific acts in all save matters of the greatest notoriety. Hence we come to the conclusion that the people themselves are largely at fault and that they need to arouse themselves to consciousness and interest in what is going on before we may hope for much improvement in the matters complained of. Newspapers often call attention to such matters and give warning and advice, but in nine cases out of ten it falls on indifferent ears and barren soil. It is passed with the thought, if there is any thought at all, that "I have no time, or it is of no use for me to bother with that." But there is a use: "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" and of

good government and should be exercised by every citizen. Until it is done we will have self serving and jobbery in government from the county seat to the capitol in Washington. The Free Press believes that the whole clerical and working force of the State, the governor and his secretary and the heads of the departments excepted, should be put on the merit basis under a system of civil service examinations.

WALL STREET BUNCOMBE.

In our opinion all this talk about the Wallstreeters being bent against Roosevelt and being willing to support just anybody to defeat his nomination is a trick to throw sand in democratic eyes. They know that the financial interests, the monopolies, trusts and beneficiaries generally of the protective tariff, will control the policy and acts of any republican president, Mr. Roosevelt as well as another should he be elected, and that is what suits Wall Street interests, hence the Wallstreeters would not support any democrat for president, unless they knew, on the quiet at least, that Wall Street interests would not be made to suffer at his hands. Their scheme is to make the impression on democrats that if they will nominate a man for president who is not entirely objectionable to them that he will be given their support and influence in preference to Mr. Roosevelt. They hope thus to tempt the democrats to nominate a democrat (?) of the Cleveland order for the sake of securing their support. They would then go quietly along and cast a safe vote for their kindred interests, that is, for Mr. Roosevelt, feeling, however, that should such a democrat by any chance be elected, they would be comparatively secure. It is a very pretty scheme for Wall Street, to make itself secure any way the election might go.

NO PANAMA CANAL.

The time limit expired Tuesday, 22 inst., for favorable action by the Columbian government on the Panama Canal treaty without such action being taken. The law providing for a treaty with Columbia and for the building of a canal required the president in the event of failure to consummate the proposed treaty with Columbia to proceed to make a treaty with Nicaragua for a canal route across that country and to proceed with the building of same. But Washington dispatches say the President is disposed to delay the matter and resubmit it to the next session of Congress in order to escape the responsibility of acting in it himself. Such action would give the powerful opponents of any canal another opportunity to fight it and probably would result in long delay, possibly continuing from session to session of Congress for years, as in the first instance.

Senator Morgan of Alabama, who has been at the head of the canal movement and one of its most able advocates for years, said, when told of Columbia's failure: "The treaty has been dead for twenty-five days. Nothing could have resurrected it. The action at Bogota means the building of a canal by the Nicaraguan route. President Roosevelt has no discretionary power, but it is made mandatory upon him. It turned out exactly like I expected it, and is the best thing for this country and the world now. It goes back to the proposition to build the Nicaragua Canal, and it will be the best thing for the world."

We believe with Senator Morgan that the matter is up to President Roosevelt and that he should proceed with his duty. President Roosevelt has very sensibly adapted a rule to accept no presents from either individuals or associations, private or public. No right-thinking person would suspect a President of the United States of being influenced by the acceptance of a present, but it is just as well to give no cause for suspicion.—St. Louis Star.

But how about the fine saddle horse sent him from out West by several admirers "Rough Riders" which he accepted? And how about the free use of an expensive special train across the continent and back, which he accepted? The Star should brighten up its memory, or, if it has not heard of these things, it should make an effort to keep better posted.

Various things are pointing to the fact that the "negro problem" will have an important place in the coming political campaign. We would greatly regret to see politics get back to the old bloody shirt agitation, but if it comes the South must and will defend its position.

MARCY NOTES.

A Newsy Letter from our Regular Correspondent.

Cotton picking is the order of the day, and soon it will be plentiful in the market. The farmers are very busy trying to get it to market while it is good price.

"This sprinkling rain today, but I don't think it will rain enough to stop cotton picking."

Mr. Ike Bristow and Miss Bobbie Catherine were married at her home last Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. S. Hatchett.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Munroe Wadsworth and Miss Josie Carr, to take place tonight (Wednesday) at Rev. J. J. Pounds'. While Mr. Carr is a stranger among the young lady and wish her as much success in the new life.

Soon the wedding bells will ring again around Marcy.

Mr. Will Hall and mother and sisters are at home again from their visit to Mills county. Will says he never saw anything down there to catch him.

Dr. Greenwade came in from his ranch in Young county, a few days ago. He reports everything short down there.

Mr. Sam Chapman visited wife and boy at Stamford last week. He says that boy is just about the idea. NELLA BLY, Marcy, Sept. 23, 1903.

WEST TEXAS FAIR.

The annual announcement of the West Texas Fair at Abilene, Texas, is in the hands of the fair management. The fair promises to be a better and better than ever before and management is using every effort to make it such. The horse racing each afternoon will be the best ever seen in this part of the state. No entry fee but the owners will be charged and all the races will be run and but make their horses get up and be left to them. Balloon ascensions, roping contests, fairs and many side attractions have arranged for, besides the garden, and farm exhibits will be the finest ever shown in Texas. The department will be unusually active, and the merchandise offered will be large and well displayed. You spend a few days at the Texas Fair you will not regret. Special low rates on the railroad east and west and special train will be run.

Dr. Lindsey Coming

Dr. J. E. Lindsey writes from Abilene that he will come (about Oct. 1) fully prepared to treat diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and with instruments to measure test and fit the with glasses, and that he will probably spend about two weeks here.

Dr. Lindsey has a number of notes and accounts that he is preparing for his next visit here, settle their indebtedness.

WILL FIGHT IT.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 21.—A meeting of five stock men and promoters of the Independent Pack Company was held at the Midway Hotel this morning. The managers for the organization and financing of the company were discussed, a board of directors was elected, each with control of the affairs of the company.

Those in attendance at the meeting were E. B. Frazer, J. L. T. O. B. Young, Kansas City; Paul Russel of Paul, Kan.; ex-Governor George W. Gilkey of Abilene, W. Flato of Kansas City and C. F. Martin of Denver, secretary of the National Live Stock Association.

The Independent Packing Company was recently incorporated under the laws of the Territory of Arizona. The company is capitalized at \$5,000,000. One hundred thousand shares of stock at \$50 a share will be issued. At the meeting this morning a board of directors was elected, each comprising cattlemen from all the western states.

The board is composed of: E. S. Galt of Arizona; H. Jastro of California; C. E. Adams and A. Watkins of Nebraska, N. A. Newbanks and C. J. Buell of South Dakota, M. C. Campbell, Paul Russel, H. M. Walker and George Plume of Kansas, E. B. Frazer and S. T. Williams of Indian Territory, J. T. Brown and William Lindsey of Montana, L. F. Wilson, B. B. Bennett, V. E. Haisell and S. B. Lucas of Texas, F. W. Flato and N. Gearty of Missouri, John W. Springer, Frank Bevan and C. F. Martin of Colorado, J. H. Irving of Oregon.

At the conclusion of the meeting Charles J. Martin said that the first meeting of the board of directors probably would be held in Denver on the first of next month. At this meeting the officers of the packing company will be elected and the plans for financing the company will be prepared.

"The Independent Company," said Mr. Young, "will have to decide in the near future where to locate its new packing house. There is no reason why this should not be erected in Kansas City. I understand stockmen and others interested in the new company, which is going to fight the packers' trust, have made offers of sites for

king house in other cities. City should be on the alert to this new industry, and if necessary make an offer of a building in order to bring the new industry here."

encouraging to note that little men are pushing their in a business way to fight of trust. Skeptics throw water on the scheme by saying no good can be done by a \$50,000,000 trust \$5,000,000, but they should remember that a minority often is a balance of power, which does not control, greatly influences the action of the majority. The doubting Thomases predict that the new packery soon fall into the practices of trust, as it will find it more profitable to its stockholders than being organized by a number of cattle men, preferably in good faith and the affection of themselves and its stockholders and incidentally all cattlemen, they can at outset so shape their constitution and by laws as to control policy of the company. But it fall from grace and take rust methods what harm will be done? It will make money for the stockholders and make the situation worse for cattle raising interest. So it is as to that there is plenty of reason why the enterprise should have the earnest moral financial support of the cattlemen throughout the country. They can own it and control it if they will.

seems to be puzzling a many people and newsers to understand how it that one senator in Delaware could influence the Postmaster General to dismiss a lady (white) postmistress at Terrell. He made arrangements for furnishing the epileptic institution with supplies. It will be the best ever seen in this part of the state. No entry fee but the owners will be charged and all the races will be run and but make their horses get up and be left to them. Balloon ascensions, roping contests, fairs and many side attractions have arranged for, besides the garden, and farm exhibits will be the finest ever shown in Texas. The department will be unusually active, and the merchandise offered will be large and well displayed. You spend a few days at the Texas Fair you will not regret. Special low rates on the railroad east and west and special train will be run.

The United States government is sending a special envoy to King Menelik, ruler of the largest and most powerful native tribe in Africa, said to number several millions, for the purpose of inviting the King to make an exhibit and probably visit the World's Fair at St. Louis. No doubt such an exhibit as the Abyssinians could make would prove a very attractive feature of the fair. The main object sought, however, is to turn the trade of Abyssinia, which is said to be large and valuable, this way.

Is it true or is it a horrible, cruel, practical joke and misrepresentation that is being perpetrated on President Roosevelt? We hope for the sake of 60,000,000 white people in the United States that it is only a joke. We refer to a news item to be found elsewhere in this paper under the heading "An Equality Button" and which appears to have come through the regular news channels to the Houston Post from Chicago.

NOTICE.

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"POWDER PAINT" is weatherproof, hardening like cement after being applied, and does not crack or chalk off. It is absolutely fireproof, hence it is a great protection to buildings painted with it. Call at store and see proof of this claim.

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It comes in the form of a powder and is mixed with water only, and is applied with an ordinary brush, one coat making as good a covering as two coats of any ready mixed oil paint and being much cheaper.

It is furnished in white and all the desirable tints.

For further information, samples and testimonials, call at the

Haskell Racket Store.

Candidly—you won't find a finer, fresher, purer stock of candy in town than ours. Baker & Cunningham.

T. G. CARNEY.. Fresh Stock! Have You Seen that IMMENSE STOCK —OF— NEW DRY GOODS —AT— CARNEY'S STORE? Mr. Carney is NOW READY for a tremendous business during the FALL and WINTER Seasons. His Immense Stock is complete in every department of the popular establishment. He is holding the old customers and gaining new ones with Superior Goods and "OLD TIME" Prices. The invitation is extended to everybody and their friends—COME, Please Come! New Goods! T. G. CARNEY.

STATE NEWS. The executive committee of the Williamson County Farmers' Institute met at Georgetown Saturday and decided to give an exhibit of stock and agricultural products there on November 24 and 25. W. B. Anderson State Purchasing Agent, returned to Austin after a visit to the State Epileptic Colony at Abilene and to the North Texas Insane Asylum at Terrell. He made arrangements for furnishing the epileptic institution with supplies. It will be opened for patients on October 1.

Walter H. Cousins, DRUGGIST. Dealer in DRUGS, MEDICINES, TOILET ARTICLES, RUBBER GOODS, STATIONERY AND JEWELRY. MUNDAY, TEXAS. WEST TEXAS FAIR, ABILENE, - - TEXAS. OCTOBER 13th to 17th, 1903. —BIGGER and BETTER— THAN EVER BEFORE. TUESDAY: Opening Day. WEDNESDAY: Cattle Roping Contest. THURSDAY: Confederate and Woodman Day. FRIDAY: School Childrens Day & Cattle Roping. SATURDAY: Cattle Sales Day.

There will be three Balloon Ascensions during the entertainment. The horse racing each afternoon will be the best ever witnessed in the west. The Ferris wheel, merry-go-round and many other attractions have been secured. The farm, orchard, and garden exhibits will excel any former efforts, and the ladies department will be attractive as usual. In fact the management is pleased to announce that the prospects are bright for the best and largest fair ever held in Abilene. Special trains will be run from the east and west and low rates will be given. Ask your nearest ticket Agent for particulars. MAX R. ANDREWS, Sec.

Helpful Reading. Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of The Semi-Weekly News to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor. The Farmers' Department. Has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experience of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil. Special Offer. If you are not taking The Free Press you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you The Free Press and The Galveston or The Dallas Semi-Weekly News for twelve months. The News stops when your time is out. To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groce's signature is on each box. Lunch baskets at the Racket Store.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

If you have hides for sale go to J. N. Ellis at the City Meat market, and get the highest market price for them.

Mr. G. R. Couch went to Fort Worth Friday to look after the sale of several cars of cattle.

Just received a big line of men's hats, new and up-to-date. Priced lower than the lowest. T. G. Carney.

Misses Maggie and Annie Ford visited friends in town Thursday.

Get your share of the bargains on the 5 and 10 cent counters at the Racket Store.

Mr. Eugene Williams visited Monday this week looking after tombstone business.

A double disc plow, nearly as good as new, for sale very cheap. See Alexander Mercantile Co.

Mr. J. F. Foote and family left the latter part of last week for Denton, where Mr. Foote has secured a good position.

Three store buildings, two residences, and several vacant lots in Haskell for sale at bargain prices. See or write to, T. G. Carney, Haskell, Texas.

Messrs. B. T. Lanier and A. E. Hopson of the north side were doing business in the county capital Thursday.

MONEY TO LOAN—I am loaning money on land at a low rate of interest. I took \$10,000 worth of applications Monday and Tuesday. See me if you want money. T. G. Carney.

Mr. Guest Whitaker moved over to the west side Monday and occupies the Fields residence recently vacated by Mr. Foote.

A new lot of latest style stationery and writing tablets at the Racket Store.

Mr. J. W. Johnson has a force of carpenters employed building a neat and substantial residence on his ranch four miles north of town.

Mr. R. E. Martin, our former citizen, has accepted a position as prescription clerk at Mat S. Blanton's drug store, Fort Worth, Cor. Main and 3rd Streets, and he invites his friends to call and see him when they are in Fort Worth. (29)

Sheriff Bell now sports a new buggy and says he is prepared to attend the campmeetings, round up witnesses and look after the boys generally.

P. D. Sanders is prepared to make loans on farms and ranches, and take up and extend Venors Lien notes. See, or write him at his office in Court House, Haskell, Texas.

County Treasurer Stephens, Dr. M. T. Griffin and Messrs. A. B. Neal and J. L. Odell spent several days this week on Paint and Clear Fork fishing and hunting.

Farmers will find a supply of 8 and 10 ounce ducking for making cotton socks at S. L. Robertson's.

When our reporter dropped in at the popular mercantile emporium of Messrs. Williams & Whitaker yesterday in search of news items he found them too busy opening and marking goods of various shapes, fashions and colors to do anything else.

Alexander Mercantile Co., are making very special prices on a large line of slippers.

Rev. J. T. Nicholson, wife and daughters, of the Pinkerton neighborhood attended the Masonic Lodge of Adoption here Tuesday night and took degrees.

20 pounds sugar for \$1.00—see me for other low prices. T. G. Carney.

Why? pay more, when you can buy the best and most up-to-date clothing, that fits as well as tailored garments, at The Stamford Dry Goods Co.

Goggles and eye shields at the Racket Store.

When you buy Shoes of the Stamford Dry Goods Co., you get latest style and best wear for the least money. Try them, they give satisfaction.

Try Ed Beard at the Parsons barber shop for an easy shave and a ice hair cut.

Elder J. T. McKlesick, formerly minister at Weatherford, assisted by the local minister, C. N. Williams, will begin a series of meetings on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7:45 p. m., at the Christian church.

I now have those prize dishes to redeem the tickets you have received on purchases at my store. Call and get your premiums. T. G. Carney.

The subject of the morning's discourse at the Christian church tomorrow will be: "Is a Conscientious Belief Sufficient for Salvation."

New Shoes—a fine line of them just received by T. G. Carney—to be sold at the very lowest prices.

The Sunshine society will meet on Friday, Oct. 2nd, at 4:30 p. m., with Mrs. McCollum, who requests a full attendance.

Children, get your school tablets, pencils, pens, ink, etc at the Racket Store.

The Magazine Club will have its first regular meeting, beginning its full course of reading and study, with Mrs. J. W. Collins, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at 3 p. m. All members are requested to read the By-Laws and Constitution prior to that time, also to read up on "notions," as that will be the subject for the parliamentary discussion at this meeting.

See the new line of school shoes at T. G. Carney's—now is the time to buy—may cost you more later than we ask for them now.

Elder Williams left a notice at this office yesterday written in a style of orthography that we really believe the Junior editor could excel by a little effort.

HOLIDAY GOODS BOUGHT.

Mr. John B. Baker, of the popular drug firm of Baker & Cunningham, returned the first of this week from a ten days' visit to Dallas.

While in Dallas Mr. Baker spent the greater portion of his time in the commodious sample rooms of Kipp Brothers, of Indianapolis, A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago, Jno. L. Boland, of St. Louis and Blackwell Wislady Book and Stationery Co., of St. Louis. These are the leading wholesale dealers in holiday supplies, and their mammoth displays of samples enabled Mr. Baker to make the purchases for his firm without going to the eastern markets. It is learned that Mr. Baker purchased an extra large stock of both beautiful and useful holiday goods. These purchases were by no means made hurriedly, as the reader may judge from the length of time Mr. Baker spent in Dallas. The goods will be shipped out from the eastern markets within a few days, and arrive in Haskell within ample time to be displayed for the annual holiday opening—December 4th. Unquestionably this display of holiday goods will be the largest and most complete that has ever been offered for sale in Haskell.

In the work of decorating the store house and in displaying this superior stock of holiday goods, Messrs. Baker & Cunningham have procured the help of Messrs. Rike, Rupe and Buchanan. There can be no question about the beauty and attractiveness of the place when the work is finished and the doors are opened to the public on the 4th of December.

Let the readers of THE FREE PRESS call the attention of the boys and girls to this notice. Have the little ones save their dimes and spend them with Baker & Cunningham during the coming holidays.

THE D. D. & W. RAILROAD.

Two of our citizens, Messrs. Geo. Griffith and P. G. Yoe, returned a few days ago from a trip to Wise county. They were in Decatur on the 19th inst. and were informed that the surveying corps of the Denton, Decatur & Western Railway Co. started out west from that place on the 17th, surveying in the direction of Chico, which is the first station north of Bridgeport. The latter is the point at which the Rock Island's Graham branch leaves the main line. They were informed that Decatur had subscribed the \$15,000 bonus asked for by the railroad and was ready to make good the right-of-way to the west line of the county. The people spoke of the enterprise as if they had full confidence in its genuineness and believed that the road would be built.

A Horse Killed.

The Alexander Mercantile Company's delivery horse went off on a fly Tuesday and did considerable damage. Mr. Spruill had driven to the residence of Mr. R. E. Sherrill to make a delivery, and regarding the horse as perfectly trustworthy, left him unattended at the gate while he carried his parcels into the house. He says he had left the horse but a short distance when he looked around, gave a frightened snort and was off at a swift run. He reached the square at the northeast corner, ran down the east side and clearing the southeast corner of the fence around the square ran the length of the south side to the front of A. M. Co's store where the team attached to Mr. W. T. McDaniels' buggy was hitched and into which he ran full tilt, driving the end of one of the shafts of the delivery wagon half way through the body of one of Mr. McDaniels' horses. All of the horses fell in a pile and parties first to them cut the harness loose in order to extricate them. The McDaniels horse died the next day from his wound.

Moral: It isn't safe to leave any horse alone and unattended while attached to a vehicle, especially in town.

Program of the Sunshine Society.

The following is the program of the Girls' Sunshine Home Mission Society which will meet with Mrs. McCollum Friday evening, October 2, 1903, at 4 p. m.

Scripture lesson, read by President.

Reading—Misses Vernon Cunningham, Ethel Alexander and May Murree.

Paper on Mission Work—Mrs. McCollum.

Minutes of last meeting.

Song.

THE STREET FAIR.

The committee has not yet fixed a definite date for the Haskell Street Fair, but in a general way will say that it will be held during the latter part of October. Neither has the committee been able to determine just what can be done in the way of premiums, but will do so and publish the list at an early date. Meantime they urge every farmer to be making his selection of things to bring in for exhibition.

COMMITTEE.

The Haskell cotton gin passed the 200 bale mark at noon yesterday.

S. L. ROBERTSON.

Mr. Jno. E. Robertson has accepted a position with his father and will have in charge the business of collecting. Persons owing store accounts to Mr. Robertson will be expected to pay up this time, and he hopes they will do so promptly, as he needs his money in his business. He requests that every one make his arrangements to settle just as early as possible, that everything may go on as pleasantly and satisfactorily as heretofore.

PROFESSIONAL.

FOSTER & JONES,
Law, Land and Live Stock.
A. C. FOSTER, ATT'Y at LAW
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Attorney at Law.
Office in the Court House.
Haskell, Texas.

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Attorney at Law and Real Estate Agent...
Office at Court House, With County Treasurer
HASKELL, - - TEXAS.

MARTIN & WILSON,
Attorneys at Law and Abstractors...
Office in the Court House.
Haskell, Texas.

Oscar E. Oates,
Attorney at Law.
Office over the Bank.
Haskell, Texas.

S. W. SCOTT,
Attorney at Law.
Office at the Court House.
Haskell, Texas.

JOE IRBY,
Stenographer.
Office at the Court House.
HASKELL, TEXAS.

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Treatment of Consumption... A SPECIALTY.
Office in Wriston Building,
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Office North Side of Square.
Residence Phone No. 26.

DR. A. G. NEATHERY,
Physician and Surgeon.
Office Southwest Corner Square.
Office phone No. 50
Dr. Neathery's Res. No. 23.

E. K. GILBERT,
Physician and Surgeon.
Office North Side Public Square.
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DR. H. G. LITNEY,
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All kinds of Dental work neatly and substantially done.
Office over the Bank.
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PETERS' Barber Shop
West side of Square...
Your Patronage Solicited.
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J. C. BELL,
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN
Saddles and Harness.
Full Stock on Hand. Work Promptly Executed.
Repairing done neatly and substantially. Prices reasonable and satisfaction with goods and work guaranteed.
YOUR TRADE SOLICITED.

ODLE & PAYNE,
LAND AND LIVE STOCK.
We have just opened an office in Stamford and solicit your patronage. If you have stuff to sell or exchange, list it with us. Give us a trial. We can furnish the buyers if we have the bargains to sell.
Office Over First National Bank, - - STAMFORD, TEXAS.

Our New Fall and Winter Goods!

Your Wants have been Anticipated in Our Purchase of this GREAT STOCK!

The House is Full...
.....All Departments are Complete!

Now is the time to make your purchases for the Fall and Winter, and we respectfully ask your careful inspection of our up-to-date goods at an early date.

Dress Goods.

Ladies desiring something choice in new dress goods should not fail to see our Special Patterns in this line. They are the best Haskell has ever shown. In fact, all through our Dress Goods Department will be found bargains and patterns to suit all.

The special cuts in Shirt Waist patterns are exquisite, and you should see them very soon.

Our line of Trimmings, Linings, etc., is fully in keeping and well suited to our line of dress fabrics.

In Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, etc., you will find our stock very complete. Come and see for yourself.

Another Thing

To interest the ladies particularly is an improvement in OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT!

The equal of which cannot be found west of Fort Worth. Miss McMillan will be found at her post here to assist and please you in your selection and choice from the very latest and most stylish styles to be found in the best millinery market in the United States. Her taste and ability are acknowledged to be unsurpassed by all who know her, and she has given the selection of this department particular attention this season.

CROUSE & BRANDIGEE CLOTHING.

We are handling this standard line of custom made clothing, and that is all that is necessary to say to those who are acquainted with it; for the name carries with it a guarantee of the best clothing made. You should not fail to wear a suit of the C. & B. make and be well dressed.....

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

This department will be found filled with an up-to-date line of underwear of the best makes and the latest styles in Collars, Cuffs, Ties, Etc.

Our Dress Shirts are made to order, and will be found the latest in style and best in material.

HAMILTON BROWN SHOES.

We are neither afraid nor ashamed to head our Shoe Department with this name, as, in the case of C. & B. clothing, the name is a guarantee of the best—so acknowledged the country over.

The stock is complete in all lines for men, women and children, and a special line for school-ears.

Your trade is asked for, and we will try our best to show you that we appreciate it. Come, inspect our goods.....

..Alexander Mercantile Company..

NEW GOODS JUST ARRIVED

Complete line of Spring Dry Goods and Latest things in Dress Fabrics, consisting of Lawns, Mercerized Gingham, Organdies, Piques, Durban Cloth, Alamo Cheviot, Percals, Madras, Dress Linens, White Duck Suiting, the latest and most beautiful effects in Calicoes and a complete line of Domestic and other white goods.

STAR BRAND SHOES ARE BETTER

We also have a full and complete line of Gents' and Youth's Clothing, Shirts, Ties, Collars and Cuffs...

We have the latest styles in Gents', Boys', Ladies' and Misses' SHOES.

LADIES

We have one of the most up-to-date stocks of Spring Slippers and Sandals ever shown in Haskell.



..NOTION LINE..

Ladies' Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Belts, Laces, Ribbons, Buckles and Trimmings of all kinds.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,
S. L. ROBERTSON.

HASKELL NATIONAL BANK

HASKELL, TEXAS.

With correspondent bank in the leading commercial cities of Texas and the East, we are prepared to issue exchange for the convenient transaction of business in all parts of the country.

We solicit like the deposits of the people of Haskell and surrounding country and the business of persons abroad who may have need of the services of a bank here.

The personnel of our officers and board of directors is a guaranty that the interest of all patrons will be protected and promoted.

OFFICERS:
 M. S. PIERSON, President; G. R. COUCH, Cashier;
 LEE PIERSON, Vice-President; M. PIERSON, Asst. Cashier.

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McCullum & Cason

Carry a Complete Line of

FURNITURE... AND HARDWARE.

They are now giving Special attention to the Sale of

REAPERS AND MOWING MACHINES, RIDING AND WALKING PLOWS AND CULTIVATORS...

Their stocks of House Furnishing Goods, Farm Implements, Harness, Cooking and Heating Stoves, Cutlery, Guns, Ammunition, Carpets, Matting, Rugs, etc., are complete in every respect.

This popular firm is anxious to figure with you when you desire anything carried by them. Their goods are first-class and the prices are as reasonable as can be had in any town or city in WESTERN TEXAS. Figure with

McCullum & Cason

Haskell Hardware and Furniture Dealers.

Wright & Williams, BLACKSMITH AND WOOD WORK.

NORTH SIDE SQUARE, HASKELL, TEXAS.

We do a general line of Blacksmithing and Wood Work, and guarantee satisfaction. Horse Shoeing a Specialty.

We handle the celebrated PLANO Harvesting Machinery. The prices are very reasonable. Give us a trial and be convinced.

TO THE LADIES:

We will certainly interest you if you will come in and look at a few articles that were bought especially for your use and convenience, such as,—

Hammocks, Croquet Sets, Carom and Crokinole Boards, Step Ladders, Fly Traps, Vegetable Presses, Shredders and Slicers, Bread Boxes, Flour Bins, Steam Cookers, Roasting Pans, Look and Receipt Books, Toilet Soaps, Powders and Perfumeries, Visiting Cards, Flinch Cards, Fancy Stationery, Pens, Pencils, Ink, Jewelry, Combs, Hair Pins, Books of many standard authors in Cheap form

—AND—

a great many things of utility and convenience about the house and kitchen.

RESPECTFULLY,
HASKELL RACKET STORE.

TEXAS GRAIN CROP.

Yield This Year is Above Average.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 12.—The following interesting data concerning the corn and wheat crop for Texas was given out by Crop Statisticians Agent Wilson today: "The condition of the corn crop for the State of Texas as issued by the Agricultural Department at Washington at noon yesterday places Texas at 91 points, which is 11 points above the average for the United States and 18 points above the ten-year average for Texas. This is the highest average of any of the great corn-growing States for this year. It further indicates that Texas has made the largest and best corn crop it ever has.

Wheat—The average yield per acre of wheat in this State is placed at thirteen and four-tenths bushels per acre, which would give a total crop of 18,100,000 bushels. The condition at harvest is placed at 83 points, which is 8 points above the ten-year average and 8.340 points above the average for the United States this year.

These figures indicate that Texas has made good crops of wheat and corn and will have plenty of feedstuffs to meet what the fall weedy does to eat.

A Remarkable Record.
 Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a remarkable record. It has been in use for over thirty years, during which time many millions of bottles have been sold and used. It has long been the standard and main reliance in the treatment of coughs in thousands of homes, yet during all this time no case has ever been reported to the manufacturers in which it failed to effect a cure. When given as soon as the cold becomes hoarse or even as soon as the coughing begins, it will prevent the attack. It is pleasant to take, many children like it. It contains no opium and may be given as confidently for baby as for an adult. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store Haskell, Texas.

Extra Session of Congress.
 Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 12.—After mature consideration and consultation in person and by mail with members of both the Senate and House of Representatives, President Roosevelt has abandoned the suggestion that Congress be called into extraordinary session in October. The extraordinary session which he announced many months ago would be held this fall, will be called, according to present plans, to meet on November 9, which was the date tentatively fixed some time ago.

What is Life.
 In the last analysis nobody knows but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly readjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at Baker & Cunningham's, Druggists, Haskell, Texas.

Cruiser Maryland Launched.
 Newport News, Va., Sept. 12.—The United States 15,000-ton armed cruiser Maryland was launched at the yard of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company today. An important accident attended the launching, marred but little however, the success of the event.

More than ten thousand people witnessed the launching. Miss Jennie Scott Waters of Baltimore was the sponsor. The ceremonies were brief and simple.

The Maryland's armament will consist of four eight-inch guns, four six-inch guns and on the gun deck a main battery of ten six-inch guns, five on each side.

She is a sister ship to the Pennsylvania, Colorado, West Virginia, California and South Dakota.

Owes His Life to a Neighbor's Kindness.
 Mr. D. P. Daugherty, well known throughout Mercer and Sumner counties, Va., most likely owes his life to the kindness of a neighbor. He was almost hopelessly afflicted with diarrhoea, was attended by two physicians who gave him little, if any, relief, when a neighbor learning of his serious condition, brought him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured him in less than twenty-four hours. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store Haskell, Texas.

A Peppery Queen.
 On a recent St. James' parade tour a new beauty joined us at Manchester, her opening part being the queen in "Hamlet."

This actress, having been disengaged for some time, to preserve her wardrobe from moth had smothered it in black paper. Being rather late for her first scene, she omitted to shake out her royal robes, and her dignified entrance had an astonishing effect upon all on the stage.

The king, after a brave resistance, gave vent to a mighty sneeze that made the stage vibrate. All the royal courtiers and maids of honor followed suit sympathetically. Hamlet came on with most sublime tragedy air, but after a convulsive movement of his princely features buried them in his somber robe, while sneeze after sneeze was all the public heard from him.

I was playing Ophelia, and what with a cold desire to laugh and then to sneeze and then to cry, jumbled the lot up in a violent fit of hysterics. And the hubbub on the stage and the shrieks of delight from the audience the stage manager sneezing rang down the curtain.—London Press.

"Journalist" Outside the Vatican.
 The imaginative journalist who gave such graphic accounts of what happened inside the Vatican—largely based upon deductions from the external aspect of its walls—might at least have compared notes before publishing results. As it is, they hopelessly contradicted one another in some things and gave the vulgar an excuse for declaring they all were—journalists. They remind me of the harrowed the souls of his hearers with a dramatic description of the scene at Ruyard Kipling's deathbed. "But, sir," objected a wide-awake parishioner after the service, "Kipling's not dead." "Not dead!" quoted his reverence, "ain't he? Wal, I guess it must ha' bin some one else, then. Anyhow, the moral's the same an' the name doesn't matter." —London Tatler.

Hammocks at the Racket Store.

COTTON IN AFRICA.
 The German Government Getting Experts in Texas.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 11.—Through a perfectly reliable channel it is learned tonight that the German Government has just closed and signed a contract with Gus Becker, lately a county commissioner of Harris county, residing at Hockley, and G. R. Kellner of Brookshire, in Fort Bend county, to go to Africa in the German colonial possession to conduct movements already inaugurated to grow cotton there on a large scale. There are others in the state who have made the same agreement, and who, with the above, will leave for the field of their labor in plenty of time to conduct experiments for the growth of a cotton crop next season.

This is the first actual proof of the fact that Germany and perhaps other countries of Europe are going into experiments to grow cotton in competition with the South.

For a bilious attack take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick cure is certain. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

Mixed Cargo from the Philippines.
 New York, Sept. 12.—The transport Kilpatrick, from Manila, arrived today. The transport's route was via the Suez Canal, having a pleasant voyage of seventy-two days. She left Manila on July 2 with sixty-nine cabin passengers, thirteen servants, two civilians, 321 enlisted men and the staff and band of the First and Third battalions of the Fifth United States Infantry, Lieut. Col. George P. Jordan commanding.

There were also on board the transport 302 bodies of United States soldiers, among them those of eight of the slain in the Balangiga massacre in Samar in December, 1902. The Kilpatrick also brings several hundred tons of Philippine exhibits for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. All on board are reported well.

The troops will proceed to the Plattsburg, N. Y., barracks.

Mystery of Wild Animals.
 "The forest has many mysteries," said an old Pennsylvania woodsman, "but none deeper than that of wild animals that die natural deaths."

"The four-footed dwellers of the woods certainly do not live forever. Age and disease must carry them off regularly, as human beings are carried off, but what becomes of their bodies? 'I have many times found dead animals in the woods, but never one that did not show unquestionable evidence of having died from violence of some kind. Every woodsman will tell you the same. What becomes of the dead wild animals that die natural deaths?'—New York Sun.

Raised From the Dead.
 C. W. Landis, "Porter" for the Oriental Hotel, Chamute, Kan., says: "I know what it was to suffer with neuritis, deaf I did, and I got a bottle of Ballard's Kidney Lincture and I was 'raised from the dead.' I tried to get some more, but before I had 'dipped' of my bottle, I was cured entirely. I am telling the truth now." 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 at Baker & Cunningham's, Druggists, Haskell, Texas.

A Protest Against Crop Reports.
 Farrar, Tex., Sept. 11.—The Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of Limestone County, Tex., in regular session assembled at Oaks, Tex., Sept. 9, passed the following resolution, to-wit:

That we believe the farmers of this State are being imposed on by newspaper reports in regard to the present condition of Texas. That we realize the fact that the farmers of this section won't exceed 100 bushels of seed cotton per acre. That we ask the Dallas News to publish the same and ask all other papers in sympathy with the farming interest to copy.

Respectfully, WILEY SIMS, Pres.
 W. W. CARPENTER, Sec. and Treas.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
 Has world-wide fame for marvelous cures. It surpasses every other salve, lotion, ointment of balm for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Bolls, Sores, Felons, Ulcers, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Chapped Hands, Skin Eruptions; Infallible for Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c at Baker & Cunningham's, Druggists, Haskell, Texas.

Tyler for Hearst.
 Tyler, Texas, Sept. 11.—Tyler citizens last night declared themselves for William Hearst of New York for President by organizing a Hearst Club. An enthusiastic meeting was held at the court house and addresses were made by Hon. H. B. Marsh and Judge H. B. Beard. Resolutions were passed unanimously, endorsing Hearst for the Presidency. H. B. Marsh was elected chairman and H. C. Cook, secretary.

The Hearst sentiment is rapidly growing in this city and county, many of the citizens believing him to be the most available man for the Democrats to nominate.

His Life Saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.
 "B. L. Byer, a well known cooper of this town, says he believes Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy saved his life last summer. He had been sick for a month with what the doctors call bilious dysentery, and could get nothing to do him any good until he tried this remedy. It gave him immediate relief," says B. L. Little, merchant, Hancock, Mo. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store, Haskell, Texas.

Mutually Agreed.
 "But George, as time passes on and I grow stout and red faced, will you love me just the same?"
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