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NEW STORE!

I have opened a Store on the West side of the Public Square and take this means of inviting the patronage of those who buy goods in Haskell.....

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Of All Kinds at Reasonable Prices.

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Honest Drugs at lowest prices—Keep a Customer for years a purchaser—gain his respect, because he knows only reliable Drugs are sold and the prices are right. Our Three Stores are heavy buyers. Our first cost is less than others. Our prices are less for equal qualities. We are content with Live and Let Live profits on large volume of business. The right way is our way. We have been doing this for thirty years, consequently have gained the confidence of all who have had dealings with our

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For superior Lens Grinding and excellency in the manufacture of Spectacles and Eye-Glasses. Sold in 8,000 cities and towns in the United States. Most popular Glasses in United States.

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Millet and Borghum Seed.

We have received a car load each of Sorghum and German millet seed, and will be pleased to supply the demands of the farmers in that line. W. W. FIELDS & BROTHER.

Baseball Players and Foot Racers!

Louis J. Kruger, ex-champion long distant foot racer of Germany and Holland, writes, Oct. 27th, 1901: "During my training of eight weeks' foot races at Salt Lake City, in April last, I used Ballard's Snow Liniment to my greatest satisfaction. Therefore I highly recommend Snow Liniment to all who are troubled with sprains, bruises or rheumatism." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Jno. E. Robertson.

Our goods are in; our stock is complete; our prices low. T. G. Carnay.

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"For years fate was after me continuously" writes F. A. Gullidge, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Bucklen's Arnica Sore cured me. Equally good for Burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at all Drug Stores.

Epworth League Program.

The following is the Epworth League program for Sunday, July 10, 1904.

Trust in God, the Solvent of Mysteries.—Psalm 37:1-11.

Leader—Mr. Clay Park.

Song—Prayer—Leader.

Reading Lesson—Mr. Carey Touchstone.

Song—Era Topics.

Song—Prayer—Pastor.

Talk—God Permits Wickedness to go Unpunished for a Time.—Mr. F. G. Alexander.

Trust and do Good Though We do not Understand.—Mrs. E. E. Gilbert.

God's Goodness will be Made Clear in the End.—Mrs. Martin.

New goods at the Racket Store.

JUDGE TERRELL ON THE LAW.

Wants to Cut out the Convention Feature and Kill the Power of the Tricksters.

GOOD READING FOR "CITIZENS."

Judge A. W. Terrell, author of the original "Terrell Election Law" yielded to the petition of a large number of the citizens of Travis county and again became a candidate for the legislature. It was desired that he perfect the election law.

He made no canvass of his district, but a few days ago published an address to the public that all might know his views before voting. We print below some of his statements in regard to the election law. He said in part:

"Two years ago, unaided and alone, I denounced the bribery, corruption and perjury that disgraced our elections, and promised you, if elected to try and stop it. Good men in the Legislature came to my aid, and you now have a law a thousandfold better than the old one, but still very defective.

"The law, as first prepared by me, required that all the expenses of holding primary elections should be paid by the State, counties or cities. Then the poorest man could run for the highest office and the expense to the public would not be one-fifth of what it is now to the candidates. Such is the law in many States, and so it should be in Texas.

"Machine politicians have always wanted county conventions, in which the country voter is confused and cheated by parliamentary rules. I wanted primary elections instead of primary conventions for all officers from Governor down, so that every vote could be counted. We would still have State and district conventions, but their work would be to count the vote, declare the result and make a platform of principles. That is the only way to have a government for the people instead of a government by machine politicians. This reform was stricken out in committee before the bill was reported and should be restored and the nominating convention feature stricken out.

"Some people have complained that the law is too long. It is the shortest law in any well-governed State. Wardheelers, 'fluence men and ballot-box crooks have practiced rascality in a hundred ways, and they will complain of any law that is long enough to head them off and catch them.

"If elected I will do all in my power to perfect the law."

Author of "Dixie" Dead.

Daniel Emmett, author of Dixie, the battle song of the Southern Confederacy, died at his home near Mount Vernon, Ohio, on the night of June 28, at the age of 90 years.

"Tother day a band played 'Dixie.'"

O'er a man who had laid down

By the way age-worn and weary:

"Tother day a golden crown

"Scorched by a bunch of angles

From th' realms of endless day,

Came to meet the soul of Emmett

An to crown it on the way.

"Tother day up there in heaven

Where th' war worn veterans camp.

When th' news came he was comin'

But there rang th' rhythmic tramp

Of th' many feet a marchin'.

An' th' cheerin' of th' throng

Of brave men that died for 'Dixie,'

Greetin' him who writ th' song.

But th' whisper of his comin'

Quickened to a rebel yell;

But it stirred th' perfumed breezes

From the fields o' asphodel;

But it waked th' sleepin' mem'ries

Of old comrades where they slept.

I'll bet heavenly bands played "Dixie"

An' the happy angles wept.

—J. M. Lewis in Houston Post.

Go into any community among small farmers and go to the man who raises a little truck, a little cotton, corn, peas, etc., and then visit the man who raises nothing but cotton and corn. Go into their homes and see how they live, go to their barns and see what kind of stock they have, and then go to the mortgage record and see how they stand there. If you do this, nine cases out of ten your verdict will be in favor of the man who diversifies.—Bartlett News.

The democratic nominating convention for this 10th congressional district has been called to meet at Baird on July 23.

You cannot whitewash yourself by blackening others.—Big Sandy News.

The love of money may be the root of evil, but the lack of it is quite an evil itself.—Courier-Light.

NOTICE.

Haskell, Texas, July 2nd, 1904. In response to a call for a meeting of the trustees of the 2nd Regiment of the 5th Brigade, U. C. V., the following trustees met in the court house at Haskell, Texas, and the purpose of the meeting was stated by Comrade A. H. O'Keefe, and the following named trustees were present, to-wit: A. H. O'Keefe, Stamford, Texas; D. H. Hamilton, Haskell, Texas; W. H. Wood, Anson, Texas, and R. W. Johnson, proxy, for W. S. Rector, of Roby, Texas.

Said board of trustees then proceeded to organize and elect officers, and the following officers were elected, to-wit: A. H. O'Keefe, chairman, and D. H. Hamilton, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. S. R. Rike, for himself and his brother, H. M. Rike, appeared before said trustees and proposed to deed twenty (20) acres of land to said Camp for reunion purposes of said 2nd Regiment, providing said organization would place as much as \$250.00 worth of improvements on said land within two years and said proposition was accepted by said board of trustees that Chairman O'Keefe superintend the surveying and laying out of said twenty acres in lots for the purpose of beautifying and building on said grounds. And it was considered and ordered by the board that there be the following lots laid out and sold, for privileges for the purposes specified during the meeting of said regimental reunion, to-wit:

- Three lots for lemonade stands.
- Three lots for ice cream parlors.
- Two lots for restaurants.
- Two lots for feed stores.
- One lot for flying jenny.
- Two lots for barber shops.
- Two lots for photograph galleries.
- Two lots for meat markets.
- One lot for dance hall.
- Hack privileges, \$1.50 a day for each hack.

The above lots will be let to the highest bidder, and sealed bids will be received until 12 o'clock August 1st, 1904, at which time said bids will be opened and awarded by the trustees at Stamford, Texas, and the right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

All bids will be received at Stamford, Texas, by A. H. O'Keefe.

Witness our hands at Haskell, Tex. A. H. O'KEEFE, Chairman, W. H. WOOD, Trustee, R. W. JOHNSON, Proxy, D. H. HAMILTON, Sec'y, Board of Trustees, 2nd Regiment, U. C. V.

Call For Representative Convention.

Roby, Texas, July 4th, 1904. By virtue of power vested in me as Democratic Chairman of this the 39th Judicial District, I hereby call a District convention for said 39th Judicial District to convene at Roby, Texas, on the 23rd day of July 1904, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic Candidate for the office of District Attorney.

Each county composing the District will be entitled as representation in said convention, one vote for each one hundred and the major fraction of one hundred votes, voted for the Democratic Candidate for Governor in 1902, and the members of the executive Committee are asked to send me the official vote for Governor of his respective county.

This second call is made, for the reason that the call heretofore made is held by the attorney general to be irregular and not in conformity with the Terrell law.

I urge that every County in the District be in attendance on the convention. L. H. MCCREA, Chairman, Dem. Ex. Com. 39th Dist.

Here is, we think, good advice from Texas Farm and Ranch:

More forage crops and more live stock to eat them, should be grown in every part of the country. This is the most profitable farming for the people generally. Experts make more money growing high-priced specialties, like popular fruits, celery, cauliflower, and the like; but for the farmer with a domain of reasonable size, stock farming is more profitable than growing crops to be harvested and sold, whether these crops be cotton, grain or hay, or what not. When the farmer grows the feed and converts it into meat, horse or mule force, milk cows, or even milk, butter and cheese, he becomes a manufacturer and adds the manufacturer's profit to that of the farmer. He has also a by-product; the material required for permanent improvement of his farm in productive-ness and selling value. Such farms never wear out, but like wine, improve with age.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Nacogdoches tobacco raisers are harvesting the crop and an enthusiastic over the quality and yields of the new fields.

Paul Morton was sworn in as Secretary of the Navy Friday, and Mr. Moody, retiring secretary, took the oath as Attorney General Friday.

The international strike of the elevator constructors against the Otis Elevator Company, called on June 17, has been abandoned by the executive committee of the union.

Judge Robert Synnington Gold, professor of law at the University of Texas, died at his residence in Austin, aged seventy-eight years, Wednesday.

The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe and the Texas Central have completed their union passenger depot at Morgan and last week the interlocking device was installed.

Several borings have been made by ranchmen, and they claim to have demonstrated that a vein ten feet thick underlies thousands of acres of land in El Paso County.

After a trip which circled the earth, John Alexander Dowie arrived in Chicago a few days since. He remained in his private car until switched to a train for Zion City.

The Sac and Fox, Iowa, Pawnee, Osage and members of various other Indian tribes are gathering on the Otoe reservation to celebrate July 4 with the Otoe and Poncas.

A special from Dawson says the gold output to June 30 has been over \$150,000 more than during the same period last year. The season's output is estimated at over \$13,000,000.

Seven thousand five hundred union miners in the employ of various furnaces in Birmingham, Ala., suspended work pending the adoption of a new wage scale, the other contract having expired June 30.

There was a windstorm Friday evening in Bowie County between Malin and New Boston, which blew down about three hundred trees in a 40-acre inclosure and prostrated the telegraph and telephone wires.

A negro named Bud Bennett, together with a mule team, was drowned in Bois d'arc creek, twenty-five miles northwest of Paris. Bennett was accompanied by another negro who escaped by swimming.

The first car of peaches to be shipped from the Longview market went out last week to Northern buyers. The car was handled through the local agency of the Gregg County Fruit and Truck Growers' Association. Other cars will follow later.

The canning factory at Seagoville made its trial run Friday. One hundred and thirty-six cans of tomatoes were canned in thirty minutes. The stockholders are well pleased with the little plant. The manager expects to run steady after July 4.

About 25,000 new life preservers have been put in service on New York excursion boats since the Slocum disaster. All the manufacturers are working overtime, and the preservers are being added to the boat equipment at the rate of 1000 to 1500 a day.

A Cuban negro has confessed that he was the perpetrator of the bomb explosion recently on the Cuba Eastern Railroad at Guantanamo, and James Stuart, a Jamaican, who had been arrested on suspicion of having caused the explosion, has been released.

Besides England and France, already established in Mexican trade, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Denmark have recently established steamship lines to that country with a view to getting a share of the rapidly growing trade of that country.

While walking in his sleep the son of S. A. Wilson, a farmer living six miles north of Waxahachie, fell out of a second story window. He was considerably stunned and sustained several painful bruises.

Under the Kinkade law, which permits homesteaders to file on 640 acres of land, nine million acres of land has been thrown open to homesteaders in Nebraska. The land opened is known as semi-arid land and is mostly adapted to grazing.

W. R. Hearst has again declared that he and his followers will support the nominee of the St. Louis convention faithfully and enthusiastically. He made this declaration just after an hour's interview with John R. McLean.

Mrs. M. A. Roberman, wife of Moses Roberman, a wealthy fruit dealer of Chicago, has been found in a room at the Sherman house suffering from the effects of laudanum. She died a few hours later. Domestic troubles are responsible.

Seven Hundred Persons Go Down in Vasty Deep

London, July 4.—Over seven hundred Danish and Norwegian emigrants bound for New York are believed to have been drowned in the North Atlantic on June 28. Out of nearly 800 souls on board the Danish steamer Norge, which left Copenhagen June 22, only twenty-seven are known to be alive, and for the rest no hope is held out.

When last seen the Norge was sinking where she struck on the islet from a deadly Atlantic reef some 290 miles off the west coast of Scotland.

Early in the morning of last Tuesday the Norge, which was out of her course in heavy weather, ran on to the Rockall reef which, in the distance, looks like a ship under full sail.

The emigrants, who were then awaiting breakfast below, ran on deck. The hatchways were scarcely built for the hundreds of souls and became clogged.

The Norge quickly began to go down by the hold. Eight boats were lowered and into these the women and children were hurriedly put. Six of these boats smashed against the side of the Norge and their helpless inmates were caught up by the heavy seas.

Two boat loads got safely away

from the side of the sinking ship and many of the emigrants who were left on board, seizing life belts, threw themselves into the sea and were drowned.

Capt. Cundel, say the survivors, stood on the bridge of the doomed vessel until it could be seen no more.

The Norge foundered suddenly and some six hundred emigrants were thrown into the water or drawn down with the sinking of the ship. Those could swim tried to reach the boats, but these were already too full and their occupants beat off the drowning wretches with oars.

The boats kept together for some hours. Practically all of their officials handling such crews were passengers and were unused to handling such a craft. The boat occupied by the survivors landed at Grimby was a lifeboat.

One account says that three boats were successfully launched, the other two holding about ten persons each.

The life boat made faster progress and fell in with the Salvia. What became of the other boats is not known.

The rescue of those on the lifeboat took place at 8 o'clock of the morning of June 29, the survivors consisting of twenty men, one of them a seaman, six women and a girl.

JAPAN'S FOREMOST SOLDIER.



Gen. Itel Kuroki, commander in chief of the Japanese army in Manchuria, is a veteran of four wars. He is credited with being an administrator of the first class. He was a member of the war council in Tokio before taking the field, and from his previous campaigns he has gained an intimate knowledge of the topography of Korea and northern China, which is giving him an immense advantage in his movements against the Russians. He is 61 years old, but looks much younger, and is as light on his feet as a man of 30. His first campaigning was in the war for the restoration of the mikado in 1868. He took the side of the samurais, and many stories are told in Japan of his achievements in hand-to-hand combats. Ten years later he helped suppress the insurrection.

August F. Harbough of Cost shot himself through the head with a target gun Friday. Deceased leaves a large family.

Rockdale was destroyed by fire. The loss was about \$850; insured in the Provident of Washington for \$400. The loss was total.

Waxahachie: Mr. Luke Harrison, manager of the round bale cotton gin at this place, has made a strong denial of the report sent out from Boston that the round bale companies would go out of business. Mr. Harrison says his plant, the largest one in Texas, is now making extensive improvements to facilitate the handling of the large volume of cotton anticipated during the coming season.

Hillboro: N. P. Neavits, who lives near town on the black waxy land, planted two bushels of potatoes on less than a quarter of an acre of land this year. He has just gathered his crop and realized thirty bushels from the yield. He has used all he needed, which would make a bushel or more. Six of the potatoes weighed three and three-quarters pounds. Last year he planted a crop between July 20 and August 1 and had potatoes all winter.

Sour Lake: John Vickers died from the effects of a blow received on the head while at work for the Heywood Oil Company Friday afternoon. He was about 25 years old, lived formerly at Mexia, where he was lieutenant in the local military company of that city. He served in the Spanish-American war with the Mexia Company. Deceased had lived in Sour Lake about a year and was a general favorite. He was single.

Twenty are Killed. Litchfield, Ill.: The Chicago Limited on the Wabash Railroad, was wrecked Saturday night inside the city limits. The train struck an open switch was overturned and seven of the nine cars were burned. It is believed that twenty persons perished in the second and third coaches and that forty were injured. The engine after running into the switch struck a string of freight cars and with the first three coaches was piled into a heap across the track and caught fire immediately.

Father Killed, Son May Die. Paris: In a difficulty at 5 o'clock Saturday evening a mile and a half northwest of Roxyon, Winston Maroney was shot in the intestines and fatally wounded, and Al Maroney, his son, was shot in the hip and groin. He may die. Constable Frank McFartridge left for the scene in search of a nephew of Winston Maroney.

Nearly 1500 employes have been laid off at the Pullman shops near Chicago.

Contract has been let for the building of a new depot at Mineral Wells, to be completed by October 15.

R. G. Williams and L. B. Curd, of Fort Worth, engaged in a fight Saturday night and Williams was killed.

Leonard's new electric light plant has commenced operations and the new ice factory is about ready to turn out.

The Texas Immigration Bureau has increased its capital stock to \$25,000 and will move headquarters from Ft. Worth to Dallas.

Mrs. M. F. Hooper, of Sherman, aged 76 years, retire apparently well Friday night, and was found dead in bed Saturday morning.

Jeff Burleson, Jr., a prominent young man at Weverville, near Bastrop, was found dead in his room Saturday night with a bullet hole in his head and a revolver at his side. The shooting is supposed to have been accidental.

It is said that Ross Clark a Lavaca County farmer and railroad man will endeavor to enjoin the propagation of the Gautamian ants, upon the grounds that they are liable to prove a greater damage than the boll weevil they are designed to destroy, and they may not be effective in that purpose.

Machinery is being unloaded at South Bosque for drilling several new wells to demonstrate the value of the oil field being developed there.

A frightened horse driven by two daughters of D. M. Calvin, of Paris, aged 11 and 14 years, dashed against a rapid moving train and was instantly killed and both girls sustained fractured skulls. The injuries are believed to be fatal.

The clay pigeon and the bird on the hat may bear no resemblance to each other, but the idea is the same.

Following the decoy goat to the sheep, but the goat has an eye out for his own skin.

One press notice won't make you famous, but proper advertising will take you a long way up the ladder, slaughter is a bit of innocence with

Loyal to the Last. Weren't you slightly annoyed by the manner in which your wife played when she was your partner at whist? "No," answered Mr. Meekton stonily, "I wasn't annoyed. I was puzzled. I couldn't help wondering who made that foul assertion about its being wrong to trump your partner's ace."

SIX MONTHS RAILWAY BUILDING.

The New Year Makes a Good Showing in Extension.

Dallas, July 5.—Taking into consideration the fact that there has been a heavy falling off in railway traffic in general, that money has been close and that unusually severe weather has made handling of both freight and passenger traffic costly, it is surprising to find, from a collation of official reports received by the Railway Age, that no less than 1,937 miles of track have been completed during the first six months of the year on 134 lines in thirty-three States and Territories, as indicated in the following table:

Table with columns: States, Lines, Miles. Lists track laid from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1904 for various states and territories.

Total in 33 States and Territories 134 1,937.53 The track laid during the first six months of 1903 amounted to 2,221 miles, while for the entire year it aggregated 5,786 miles. If the same ratio is maintained during the present year the new mileage for 1904 will approximate 5000 miles. However, present conditions do not warrant the definite prediction that this ratio will be maintained, for a large percentage of the track laid during the past six months has been on lines which were graded last year and on which track-laying was begun before the close of 1903.

Three Killed in a Runaway. Texarkana: While Mrs. William K. Pugh and several relatives were out driving late Monday afternoon their horse took fright and ran madly away, finally overturning the surrey with the occupants still in it on West Broad street on the street car track, and directly in front of a rapidly moving electric car. In a second or two the car was plowing through the vehicle and its occupants with fearful effect. The car was heavily laden with passengers, rendering its force that much greater. Miss Sybil Pugh, aged 15, had chest and abdomen crushed and died instantly. Little Birdie Bell Pellow, aged 4, had skull crushed and brains scattered along the track for twenty or thirty yards. Miss Maude Pillow, aged 14, had both legs cut off above the knees. She was taken to a sanitarium and died in an hour. The other four occupants of the surrey were badly bruised, but none of them seriously hurt.

S. E. McIlhenny, manager of the Oriental Hotel of Dallas, says that the company has finally and definitely decided to erect the much-talked-of annex to the hotel. The structure will cost \$200,000. Work will be commenced as soon as the plans can be prepared. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas shops at Smithville, that were closed the 15th ultimo, were reopened Friday and a full force put back to work. According to programme, Dallas Maccabees, some eight hundred strong went to Mabank Monday and laid the corner stone of the new \$300,000 cotton mill at that place. The crowd present, it is estimated, numbered not less than 10,000, and was gathered from several counties. Jacques Weinand, aged 52, killed himself Monday near Guthrie, Ok., by blowing his head off with a shotgun. Weinand was a wealthy widower with four children. Favorable temperature during the last two months has given Chicago the lowest June mortality record, not only in its own history, but among all the great cities of the world, according to the weekly bulletin of the health department, the rate being 11.02 per thousand. The different Fourth of July celebrations planned all over Texas were pulled off without jar or accident of serious nature. Generally speaking, the day was given over as a holiday.

Duel to the Finish. Boston: A difficulty of long standing between Leo Best, a white man, and Joe Muncie, a Mexican, terminated Monday morning about 5 o'clock in a pistol duel, which resulted in the death of both men. The shooting occurred in the saloon in the negro quarter of this town. Seven shots were fired by the two men. Best died almost instantly, but Muncie lived about two hours.

Cattle Dying from Thirst. El Paso, Tex.: In many parts of the country west of here cattle on the ranges have died by the hundreds as a result of the long drouth. Leo Bryant, who has just returned from the Paradise gold camp in Arizona, states that at numerous places along the road he counted scores of dead cows which had gathered around the dried-up water holes to perish. At the same points the odor from carcasses strewn around the desert was sickening.

Boy Instantly Killed. Waco: Lillard Wallace, the eight-year-old son of George Wallace, who travels for the Tom Padgett Company, was instantly killed at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. The boy was riding in a furniture wagon and got out suddenly in front of a negro hack driver named Will Brooks: It is thought the tongue of Brooks's hack struck him on the head. The boy never spoke. Brooks was placed under arrest.

track have been laid on sixty-one lines, and in the States east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio 360 miles of track have been put down on forty-seven lines, making a total of 1,623 miles of track laid on 108 lines in the States west of the Mississippi and south of Ohio. There will be little building in the New England States this year, and thus far no track is reported, while only two of the Middle States—Pennsylvania and Maryland—show any additions for the first half of the year.

PARKER IS THE MAN.

The Anti-Reorganizers Must Take Their Medicine.

Dallas, July 5.—Under date of July 4, the special correspondent of the Dallas News from St. Louis says: Unless something occurs which can demand a place among the list of the remarkable things of the world, it is all over but the shouting. In other words, Judge Alton B. Parker of the State of New York, is now the Democratic candidate for the Presidency and the proceedings of the convention now assembling in St. Louis will henceforth be devoted to the mere formalities of properly and officially announcing this fact to the people of the United States. When the sun went down yesterday afternoon Judge Parker was stronger than when it arose yesterday morning, and when that same sun peeped over the hills to-day he had gathered an additional strength which presaged a race for the opposition to him before the stars came out to-night. The strength which he was securing all the time may be said to have not come to him by votes flocking to him, but from the realization of the different elements of the opposition that they could not get together and that time was fleeing. Further than this is realized that as it fled the chances for nice seats in the band wagon were getting more slim. The stentorian voice of Mr. Bryan could not give the opposing elements any courage. It had a tremor of huskiness about it that was not pleasing. In it was a sort of tone that called on them to die in the ditch rather than that they would win. Soldiers gain honor in dying in the last ditch; politicians never do. Besides, the elements mentioned in looking around began to wonder why Mr. Bryan should call on them to sacrifice themselves when he had no delegates except a measly half dozen, perhaps, from Nebraska to assist them in the perhaps honorable but certainly painful act of dying.

Texarkana: While Mrs. William K. Pugh and several relatives were out driving late Monday afternoon their horse took fright and ran madly away, finally overturning the surrey with the occupants still in it on West Broad street on the street car track, and directly in front of a rapidly moving electric car. In a second or two the car was plowing through the vehicle and its occupants with fearful effect. The car was heavily laden with passengers, rendering its force that much greater. Miss Sybil Pugh, aged 15, had chest and abdomen crushed and died instantly. Little Birdie Bell Pellow, aged 4, had skull crushed and brains scattered along the track for twenty or thirty yards. Miss Maude Pillow, aged 14, had both legs cut off above the knees. She was taken to a sanitarium and died in an hour. The other four occupants of the surrey were badly bruised, but none of them seriously hurt.

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ALL OVER TEXAS.

Jacksonville average twenty cars a day last week of Elberta peach shipments.

Water meters are being installed in Sherman so that consumers may pay for the water they get.

A company has been incorporated at Llano, capitalized at \$100,000, for the purpose of manufacturing a boll weevil machine that collects and cremates insects on cotton plants.

The Texas World's Fair Commission has entered suit in the federal court against the Kirby Lumber Company to collect a \$5000 subscription to the Fair fund.

Greenville has just passed an ordinance providing for the issue of \$16,000 in 4 per cent bonds, the money to be used for building an additional school house.

For the first time in five years Texas will be an exporter of corn. So far as can be learned the prospects for this cereal is the brightest known in many years.

Contracts amounting to \$457,905 have been awarded for the enlargement and improvement of Fort Sam Houston and the preliminary work has already begun.

During the month of June the receipts at the Dallas postoffice amounted to \$26,201.72 against a total for the same month last year of \$22,440.65, a gain of \$3,761.07, or nearly 17 per cent.

A young farmer named Dick Ogde, while running some horses to pen them near Lone Oak, was so severely injured by his horse running into a bolt of arc tree, that he died next morning.

John Jones, the negro assailant of Mrs. Banister, at Cartersville, was lynched near the scene of his crime about nightfall. The negro's body was riddled with bullets, more than 400 shots being fired.

The building of the Hotel Majestic, a high-toned family hostelry, commenced in Dallas several months ago, will be rushed to completion now that unexpected financial difficulties that stopped work on it, have been arranged for.

The contract for the first twenty miles of railroad from Cotulla to Carrizo Springs, to be called the Rio Rio Grande and Nueces Valley Railroad, has been let and the work of construction will begin at Cotulla in thirty days.

Returning home from Karnes City, four Polish farmers were precipitated into San Antonio river, a distance of about 30 feet, by the bridge giving way. None were killed though all were more or less seriously hurt.

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Swallow and Carroll Head The Prohibition Ticket.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 1.—The Prohibition party in National convention nominated Elias C. Swallow of Pennsylvania for President and George W. Carroll of Texas for Vice President. The platform was adopted without argument, after a long deadlock in the resolutions, in which it was described by I. H. Amos of Oregon, secretary of the committee, as the broadest platform ever placed before the people by the party.

The platform is as follows:

1. The widely prevailing system of the licensed and legalized sale of alcoholic beverages is so ruinous to individual interests, so inimicable to public welfare, so destructive to National wealth and so subversive to rights of great masses of our citizenship that the destruction of the traffic is and for years has been the most important question in American politics.

2. We denounce the lack of statesmanship exhibited by the leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties in their refusal to recognize the paramount importance of this question and the cowardice with which the leaders of these parties have courted the favor of those whose selfish interests are advanced by the continuation and augmentation of the traffic until today the influence of the liquor traffic practically dominates National, State and local Government throughout the Nation.

3. We declare the truth demonstrated by the experience of half a century that all methods of dealing with the liquor traffic which recognize its right to exist in any form, under any system of license or tax or regulation have proven powerless to remove its evils and useless as checks upon its growth, while the insignificant public revenues which have accrued therefrom have seared the public conscience against a recognition of its iniquity.

4. We call public attention to the fact proved by the experience of more than fifty years, that to secure the enactment and enforcement of prohibitory legislation, in which alone lies hope of the protection of the people from the liquor traffic, it is necessary that the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the Government should be in the hands of a political party in harmony with the prohibition principles and pledged to its embodiment in law and to the execution of these laws.

5. We pledge the Prohibition party wherever given power by the suffrages of the people, to the enactment and enforcement of laws, prohibiting and abolishing the manufacture, importation, transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages.

6. We declare that there is not only no other issue of equal importance before the American people today, but that the so-called issues upon which the Democratic and Republican parties seek to derive the electoral vote of the country are in a large part subterfuges, under the cover of which they wrangle for the spoils of office.

7. Recognizing that the intelligent voters of the country may properly ask our attitude upon other questions of public concern, we declare ourselves in favor of:

The impartial enforcement of all laws.

The safeguarding of the people's rights by a rigid application of the principles of justice to all combinations and organizations of capital and labor.

A more intimate relation between the people and the Government by a wise adaptation of the principle of the initiative and referendum.

The safeguarding to every citizen in every place under the Government of the people of the United States all the rights guaranteed by the laws and the Constitution.

International arbitration—And we declare that our Nation should contribute in every manner consistent with National dignity to the permanent establishment of peace between all Nations.

The reform of our divorce laws, the final extirpation of polygamy and the total overthrow of the present shameful system of illegal sanction of the social evil, with its unspeakable traffic in girls, by the municipal authorities of almost all our cities.

We declare ourselves in favor of such changes in our laws as will place tariff schedules in the hands of an anti-partisan commission.

We declare ourselves in favor of the application of uniform laws for all our country and dependencies. We declare ourselves in favor of the extension and honest administration of the civil service laws.

We declare ourselves in favor of the election of United States Senators by vote of the people.

Met Sudden Death.

Belton: About 8 o'clock Harry Meyer, the 17-year-old son of a prominent citizen, was killed by the machinery at the power house of the Electric Light Company. Just in what manner the accident occurred will probably never be known, as when young Meyer was discovered he was lying dead beneath the shafting and a large wheel. His right leg was severed from his body, his neck and jaw broken and his body bruised in several places.

Shot His Head Off.

Texas: Sam Easley, a farmer and cattle trader, was shot Tuesday night in bed at his home in the suburbs. He has been mixed up in the courts here for several years on charges of cattle theft, but has always come clear. He and a neighbor filed complaints against each other on like charges recently and Easley's examining trial was to have taken place Tuesday. The assassin cut the wire screen from the window and blew the head of the sleeping man off.

Lineman Meets Death.

Austin: W. E. Bridges, a Western Union lineman, was almost instantly killed as a result of a wire which he was stringing across Congress avenue coming in contact with the street car trolley wire. He was knocked off of a pole and fell to the sidewalk, a distance of thirty feet, and died before a physician could reach him. The unfortunate man is from Bransville, Mo., where a widow survives him.

A difficulty occurred in a field between Dr. Ernest Starks and a man named Bob Spence, near Direct, a postoffice in North Lamar County. The latter was shot with a 38 Colts and instantly killed. Dr. Starks claims self-defense and delivered himself to the sheriff at Paris.

Wants a Cotton Mill.

Bartlett: This city is situated in one of the heaviest cotton producing belts of Texas, and is making a strong effort to secure a cotton mill. The amount of cotton brought to Bartlett is very large, and it is argued that if Texas is to become the home of cotton factories Bartlett should have one.—The matter is receiving careful consideration, and strong hopes are entertained that decisive steps may be taken in the matter.

Crushed Under a Train.

Waco: John Williamson, a laborer recently employed by a cotton-seed-crushing concern at Bartlett, Williamson County, was crushed beneath the wheels of the delayed southbound Katy passenger train Thursday afternoon when he attempted to board it as it was pulling out from the station. One leg was severed from the body and the other crushed into a pulp. The man will probably die.

Bosque Will Celebrate.

Waco: The old settlers' reunion and semi-centennial celebration of Bosque County will take place July 4 next at the Fair Oaks Hereford farm, one mile north of Meridian, with a great crowd present. Fifty years ago Bosque County was organized and the first sale of lots of the town of Meridian, the capital of the county, took place. The demonstration about to take place is given in honor of these events.

THE BROTHER IN BLACK.

Census of United States Negro Population Completed.

Washington, July 2.—The Census Bureau yesterday issued the final bulletin on the negro population of the United States:

The number of negroes in the United States:

The number of negroes in the United States, including the entire area covered by the twelfth census (Continental United States), Alaska and Hawaii and Porto Rico, is 9,264,531, perhaps a larger number than is found in any other country outside of Africa. The report indicates that between 11 and 16 per cent of the negro population has, or is believed by the enumerators to have some degree of white blood. The center of the negro population of DeKalb County, Ala., about four miles from the Western boundary of Georgia, having moved thence from Dinwiddie County, Va.

Almost 90 per cent of the negroes in the Continental United States are in the South States and "pre-tenths of them are in Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama. Negroes constitute about one-fifth of the negroes constitute about one-fifth of the city population of Continental United States. There was an increase among the negroes of 1,345,318, or 18 per cent in Continental United States, but the rate of increase declined steadily through the nineteenth century. The negroes, unlike the Indians and the native whites, have a slight excess of females. Illiteracy among them is about seven times greater than the whites. There are 3,997,337 negroes in the United States engaged in gainful occupations. Their death rate approximates 30 per cent, while that of the whites under the same calculation is 17 per cent.

Would-Be Rapist Punished.

Scobba, Miss.: Albert Rea, a negro was lynched Tuesday for attempted criminal assault upon Miss Lavina Poole, 18 years old, daughter of Henry Poole, a well-known farmer of that section. The girl's screams frightened the negro off, who escaped for the time. Later he returned and was hanged by a posse in daylight. This is the second lynching in Mississippi within a week, Starling Dunham having been hanged by a mob last Sunday at Eupora.

McLeod Hotel Leased.

Dallas: T. H. Clancey, proprietor of the Metropole Hotel at Waco, and M. D. Watson, proprietor of the Delaware at Fort Worth, have closed a deal by which they secured a ten years' lease on the McLeod Hotel Building, with an option for the purchase of same within one year. In speaking of the deal these gentlemen say that the building will be entirely refitted and newly furnished.

Horribly Brutal Murder.

El Paso: At Tucson Charles Erickson twice shot his divorced wife who is the daughter of a prominent Nashville jeweler named Gunnerson. She was about to leave for California and Erickson entered the house and pretended to caress her, when he shot at her. She ran and he then knocked her down on the sidewalk and shot her in the head, then kissed her and shot her in the breast, kissed her again and then tried to shoot himself but the gun failed to work.

Windem's first car of potatoes was shipped last week to Denver. They were raised in the black waxy soil.

Got His Windjammer Back.

Shreveport, La.: Julian Renfro, the negro, who has been dumb for some time, having lost his voice in a sensational manner in Chicago, announced to relatives and friends that he would begin talking again Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock and promptly at that hour he shouted out the words, "The Lord be praised." The recovery of Renfro's voice was marked by prayer and thanksgiving among his relatives and friends.

Drowned in the Bay.

Corpus Christi: Arthur Langridge, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Langridge, was drowned in Corpus Christi Bay Friday afternoon. He, with his mother, was fishing on Saddy's lumber wharf, the boy having his cast net, which he had thrown out the second time, when he was pulled into the water, which is about nine feet deep. The mother was on the other side of the wharf and did not hear him fall or call.

College Students in Harvest Fields.

New York: Having been accepted by the State Free Employment Bureau, forty men have started for the wheat fields of Kansas and Nebraska. Several college students are already on the way and another party is being formed. According to the labor bureau, the college student is in demand in the harvest field, those who went last year having shown endurance far beyond men who had been accustomed to hard labor.

COSTLY CONFLAGRATION.

Fire at Cleburne Destroyed \$300,000 Worth of Property.

Cleburne, Tex., July 2.—Property valued at between \$300,000 and \$400,000 was destroyed by fire this morning in the Santa Fe shops at this place.

Forty minutes after the flames were discovered three buildings, built of stone, were in ruins and everything they contained was lost—coach shop, paint shop and planing mill. In addition to this, several passenger coaches were reduced to ashes.

The foreman of the mechanical department states that in his opinion the fire started in the coach shop, although at this hour he is not positive on that point. He also said that in his opinion the fire was due to spontaneous combustion.

The buildings were valued at \$75,000, and the machinery they contained at \$150,000. The passenger coaches were worth from \$6000 to \$10,000 apiece. Besides the items enumerated must be included a vast quantity of valuable material and supplies, which went up in smoke.

The fire was discovered at 1 a. m. At 1:40 it was under control, but in that time much more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of property had been destroyed.

The Cleburne fire department and the members of the fire-fighting force employed in the shops, responded quickly to the alarm, and to their good work is due the saving of the rip track building, where freight cars are repaired. The building contains a vast quantity of supplies.

Capitalization of Stock Companies.

New York: New charters issued during the month of June show a total capitalization for companies in Eastern States with \$1,000,000 or more, authorized stock of about \$103,000,000. This is considerably behind the total for May, but with the exception of that month is the largest in a year. In June, 1903, the total was about \$136,000,000. In February of this year the total fell below \$54,000,000. Since that time there has been an irregular recovery.

Costly Blaze at Jefferson.

Jefferson: Fire Friday night which originated in the hardware store of Gorrae & Co. did damage to the amount of about \$100,000, as follows: J. H. Powell & Son, wholesale and retail groceries, \$25,000. Gorrae Manufacturing Company, dealers in hardware, implements, etc., between \$75,000 and \$90,000. Both stocks are insured for about half their value.

Discouraged by an examination for life insurance, which showed he was afflicted with an organic disease that would terminate his life before long, Allen T. Simpkins, secretary of the Renault Lead Company, of St. Louis, shot and killed himself.

Brady held an election to decide whether bonds should be issued with which to put up a new school building. The bond issue carried almost unanimously, there being but one vote against it.

A Mexican horse thief and a negro confined in jail at Athens attempted to overpower the jailer and escape. The Mexican was killed in the attempt, but only after a life and death struggle by the jailer.

The silver in the Treasury bought under Sherman act having been coined, no more silver dollars will be coined until some sort of new legislation makes provision therefor.

There are 7169 names on the State Confederate pension rolls, and the amount paid for the quarter ending July 1 was \$900.

Work in the coal fields at Coweta, near Muskogee, is progressing rapidly, and in a few days about two hundred men will go to work in the mines.

Because he passed advertising slips on United States half dollars, D. T. Phalen of Harvard, Ill., has been arrested and admitted that he affixed to the coins slips stating that if the money was brought to his store, he would give its value in clothing.

Gustavo R. Schwartz, manager at Chihuahua, Mex., for the New York Life Insurance Company, killed himself by shooting himself through the head. Despondency over bad health was the supposed cause.

D. A. Robinson was appointed postmaster of Dallas on Friday, July 1.

Burdensome Responsibility.

The new office boy stood beside his employer's desk, waiting for orders. The employer, who was new to the office boys, turned with a smile of kindly discipline.

"My lad, remember that a first-rate office boy should be diligent, modest, unobtrusive, accurate and attentive." The boy looked scornful. "Say, mister, have I got to do all dat for 98 a week?"—Youth's Companion.

BUENOS AYRES ALMOST A YANKEE CITY

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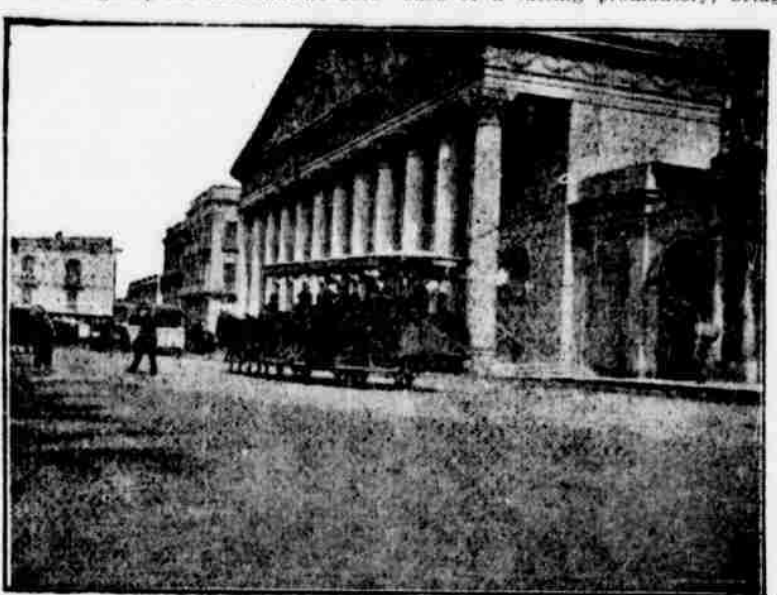
When the summit of the Andes was finally reached, after the long climb by train, coach and muleback, and the glories of this wonderful range were in full view, the appropriateness of what the cowboy said when he first saw the mountains came forcibly to mind. The rough fellow was a man of deep feeling, but few words. As his eyes took in the spectacle, and its grandeur grew upon him, his spirit of appreciation arose, until, no longer able to contain himself, he flung his wide-brimmed hat in the air and enthusiastically shouted: "Hurrah for God." This tribute of the honest plainsman, although very brief and simple, is more eloquent with feeling than whole chapters of description.

The first night going from Santiago to Argentina, the traveler from the Andes sleeps in a corrugated iron shed so high up the trail that he does not need any ice for his tea. To say that he sleeps here the first night is misleading—he only stays a few hours. It hardly seems he has had time to warm his blankets before the guides are after him. The start is made in the dark, and at a pace that is thrilling. As his mule gallops wildly around the edges of dizzy precipices, he shudders from other causes than the cold.

But the sunrise is his recompense. It all happens as quickly as the opening of a Jack-in-the-box. Long, slender arms of light reach up and tear the robe of night into shreds; the summits flash white; the mist rolls out of the canons; and there, in all their miles of splendor—downward, upward and outward—stand the mountains in unveiled glory, with the sun scrambling hastily over their crest, then soaring into the sky. The whole thing is over in an instant. No mechanism could move so swiftly, so noiselessly, and so effectively.

After the hasty scramble over the frost and snow of the summit comes the hair-raising descent. The guides tell you that the mules never fall, but how they can keep their feet at such a pace seems a miracle. Down! Down! Down! The summits sway in the white light above and the canons yawn below. As the mules gallop around the projecting shoulder of a frowning cliff, running perilously near the precipice, there is a thunderous roar in a neighboring chasm as a mass of rock breaks away and crashes into space. One doesn't know whether to laugh or to pray. There is a feeling of great exhilaration mingled with a sense of fear.

The train makes an all-day job of getting down to sea level. The eyes hurt from the white light and the throat burns from the intense heat. The dust becomes a plague. The train stops at a forlorn little station, and as the gasping, panting engine is allowed to quench its thirst from the nozzle of a water tank, you nod in your seat. You think the car is running through



Cathedral, Buenos Ayres

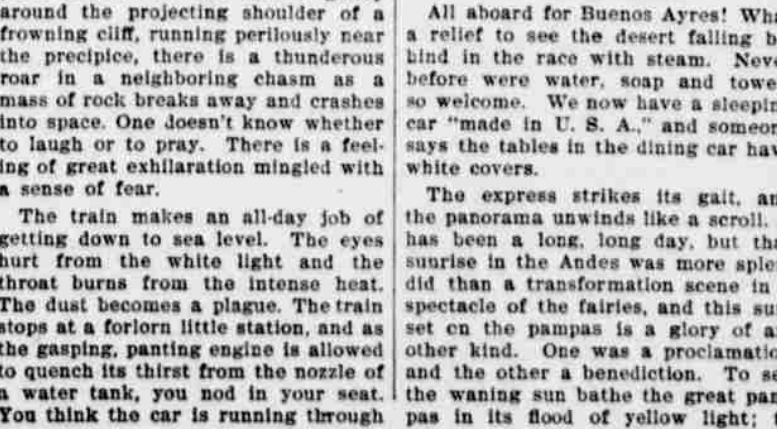
ing into view a grove of Lombardy poplars. They encouragingly waver their plumes across the interval of waste. "There must be water over there," says the fat drummer. A little later we glide along the edge of a great field of alfalfa, dotted with the snowy blossoms of white clover; then we begin to traverse vineyards where great quantities of ripening fruit give promise of much wine. As we skirt some pasture lands, the cattle, sheep and horses stop their browsing to look in wonder at the dirty, rumbling train. The whistle of the engine blows one faint, tired blast, and the porters are pulling off their grimy luggage at Mendoza.

If the foothills felt like a furnace, Mendoza seems like an oven. It is now late afternoon and, although this day's sun has done its worst, there is still no escape from the heat. The coachman walks his gaunt horses, but even though they move at a snail's pace, they are soon wet with perspiration. Fretful women sit in the doorways and fan their flushed faces; while peevish children quarrel as they swarm the sidewalks and gutters. We trundle across an iron bridge that spans the dry bed of a river. So there was nothing in the promise of the poplars! Evidently there was not enough water to go around.

All aboard for Buenos Ayres! What a relief to see the desert falling behind in the race with steam. Never before were water, soap and towels so welcome. We now have a sleeping car "made in U. S. A." and someone says the tables in the dining car have white covers.

The express strikes its gait, and the panorama unwinds like a scroll. It has been a long, long day, but that sunrise in the Andes was more splendid than a transformation scene in a spectacle of the fairies, and this sunset on the pampas is a glory of another kind. One was a proclamation and the other a benediction. To see the waning sun bathe the great pampas in its flood of yellow light; to

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Monument in Plaza.

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It can be said for the Vladivostok squadron that it has a clean pair of heels, having demonstrated its ability to outrun the Japs on several occasions.

The papers bring accounts of the usual number of deaths and maimed and crippled and of more or less disastrous fires resulting from the Fourth or July celebrations. It is time the American people were learning to celebrate the day in some more rational and dignified manner.

Mr. Bryan boasts of standing now where he stood eight years ago. Isn't it about time Mr. Bryan was taking a seat for a while—Fort Worth Record.

Not while the trusts, monopolies and money power have their unholly clutch on the throats of the people. And not while the constitution and the laws are being trampled under the feet of imperialism. No, it is not time for Mr. Bryan to take a seat.

President Roosevelt promoted Secretary Moody of Massachusetts from the Navy portfolio to be Attorney General in place of Knox, resigned, and has appointed as his Secretary of the Navy Paul Morton of Chicago, vice president of the Santa Fe railroad, a man who was a Democrat until he saw the party was in earnest in its opposition to huge corporate combinations and trusts. He goes where he and all his sort belong and the Democracy is glad of the riddance. In the meantime the appointment gives the lie to all Roosevelt's spectacular professions of hostility to trusts.—Comanche Chief.

The Baltimore Sun has had a representative engaged for some time in compiling the statistics from the War Department records and archives and other available sources showing the number of men engaged in the Northern and Southern armies during the Civil war. If the Sun's figures are true, they show up the fighting ability of the Southern soldiers in a way that surpasses anything in the line of valorous achievements on the field of war in the history of the world. There were 2,778,304 men in the armies of the North against a feeble total of 600,000 in the South, and at the close of that fearful conflict only 133,433 ragged "rebels" remained against a horde of over one million on the other side. There were more foreigners and negroes in the Northern armies than men of all kinds in the Southern forces. In view of this great disparity in numbers, the untruncated successes of the Confederate armies during the first two years of the war are nothing short of phenomenal, and their ability to postpone the surrender three years longer is enough to win the applause of history through all the coming ages.

The Free Press has always fought the republican party harder than any other and has said plainer things about some of its policies and leaders perhaps than about any other, because it thought the people were in more danger from that party than from any other. For all these years there have been republicans on its subscription list and we can say for them that not one of them has ever been so narrow minded and intolerant of the opinions of others as to stop his subscription to the paper. We therefore credit them with the intelligence to recognize the fact that all men can not think alike and, also, that no man knows all that is to be known and that any man may possibly learn something and find where he is in error by reading and considering the criticisms of those holding different views to his own. This is more than we can say of some adherents to another party, however. They are very few who have given direct evidence of their intolerance, and they have generally offered some other excuse. Perhaps we may go a little farther and imagine that their own party is not proud of such members, knowing that men of such contracted ideas can not be of benefit to any party.

We see that the republicans are counselling as to how they can defeat Bryan for the Senate, and the plutocratic elements of the democratic party are moving heaven and earth to down him. What does all this

mean? Why is this opposition being brought to bear against Mr. Bryan? There is a reason for all this. What is it? To any one who will stop and think for one moment, the reason is self evident. They know that Mr. Bryan is the true friend of the people. They know that when the battle is on between combined and greedy capital on one hand, and the toiling masses on the other, that William Jennings Bryan is, and will be the undaunted and unpurchasable champion of the many against the few—of right against wrong—of liberty against oppression. They know his power, they dread his intellectual ability, they fear his honesty; and to triumph in their game of greed they know that they must remove him from the confidence of the people, and consequently they are bringing every power possible to down him and destroy his influence. Will they do it? God grant that they may never succeed.—Henderson Co. News.

We can say a hearty amen to what the News says. The democrats, yes, the common people of the entire country "without regard to party, could have no more able champion and defender of their rights against the oppressions of government and the aggression of the trusts than Mr. Bryan. The fact that agents of plutocracy and Rooseveltism in government have trained their whole forces to defeat his election to the Senate from Nebraska is the best evidence that they recognize in him a dangerous foe. By the same token, the people and the friends of the people everywhere, should give their influence to his election.

THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

Parker Probably Nominated.

Our last information from St. Louis indicates that Judge Parker will be nominated on the second ballot. It is claimed that many of the Hearst delegates after voting for him on first ballot will go to Judge Parker on the second ballot and that the votes of several states, which will be cast for "favorite sons" on the first ballot, will then go to Judge Parker, insuring his nomination. As these claims are made by the newspapers and correspondents who have been making such claims all along in their strongly partisan support of Judge Parker, they must be taken with a grain of allowance. However, they have been able to throw a glamorous wave over the country and carry their candidate on its crest and may be able to land him safely.

If the convention shall adopt an honest and fair platform giving unequivocal voice and support to the well known principles and policies of the democratic party without repudiating its late past, and Judge Parker freely accepts and pledges himself to such platform, we can support him with a considerable degree of enthusiasm. We are free to say, however, that we would much prefer as the nominee a man who had the frankness, boldness and courage to speak his convictions before his nomination.

The following extract from the press report gives the opening scene of the convention. This scene was followed by the temporary organization of the convention and an able speech by Congressman John Sharp Williams of Miss., who was honored with the temporary chairmanship:

St. Louis, July 6.—Exactly at noon Chairman J. K. Jones of the national committee called the convention to order. His appearance on the platform with the sound of his gavel brought forth cheering. Chairman Jones directed the sergeant-at-arms to secure order. He continued elaborating the table with his gavel, but it was some time before quite resigned. California's appearance with a huge silk banner and Silk American flag, and a yell "California, California, Hearst Hearst, Hearst," caused cheering. Just as the California delegation reached its section after marching up and down the center aisle, William J. Bryan, who had come in unnoticed, arose in his place and was given a cheer. Then an enterprising member of the Montana delegation created a diversion by vigorously ringing a cow bell. Again Chairman Jones demanded that the convention be in order and at once directed the secretary to read the call of the convention. Applause followed the reading of the call. After quiet was restored, Chairman Jones announced that the convention would be opened by prayer, by Rev. John F. Cannon, pastor of the Grand Avenue Baptist church, St. Louis.

"It Was Summertime in Dixie-land" is said to be one of the biggest song hits that has appeared in some time. It is having a great run in the theaters all over the country, and it is said that nearly 300,000 copies were sold in less than thirty days. It is a sweet and tender love song, refined in sentiment. The opening lines run:

"Nightingales were singing love songs down in Dixie-land
When I whispered soft and low that story old
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It was summertime in Dixie, when she
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If we were going to describe the meaning of "local enterprise" we would first say: If you can think of anything that will beautify or build up your town, go and do it; keep your capital at home, build a new school house, patronize home industry, help your merchants to sell more so they can sell cheaper, stay together and when a man starts a new enterprise help him out and not try to drag him down.—Royce City News.

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In the base ball game on Saturday last between the Stamford and Haskell teams, the Haskell boys won on a score of 28 to 29.

Candy, cigars, pop corn, soda water, cakes, pies and bread always fresh at the Daylight Restaurant.

The work in the Free Press office has been such this week that we have had to neglect local items to a large extent. Will do better next time.

Ice cream all the time at K. Jones' place.

Mrs. K. Jones and children left Thursday to spend some weeks visiting with relatives at Goldthwaite.

Most of the candidates will have a rest after to day, or, better, can go do something that there is some money in.

Pepsin Punch, the ideal health beverage—get it at K. Jones' place.

Mr. Royal A. Williams, railway mail clerk at Waxahachie, is here with his wife and baby to spend a fifteen days vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williams.

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The best stalk of cotton we have seen this year was one sent in several days ago by Mr. W. A. Price of the northeast part of the county. The stalk was about eighteen inches in height and was stocky and well limbed and had on it two blooms and a great number of squares. We were informed that it was taken from a field of thirty acres.

The Arctic serves all the standard cold drinks, ice cream, sherbet, etc., every day, but on barbecue day it will add some new novelties in cold drinks and have sufficient force to serve all comers.

Mr. D. H. Vincent headed the procession the other day with a cotton boll as large as a guinea egg, which he brought to town and exhibited.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Scott on Sunday, 3rd instant.

Mr. W. P. Phillips, the Ample merchant, is permanently located, and don't you forget it. He has an excellent stock of general merchandise, fresh and new. Mr. Phillips enjoys a liberal patronage, but like other progressive business men, he is making an effort to induce others to trade with him.

Mr. J. S. Keister has opened up a store on the west side of the square where he has displayed a choice and entirely fresh stock of family groceries. He has an ad. in this paper inviting the patronage of the public and laying special stress on the fact that it is his intention to handle none but the best and purest groceries. He will also handle feed stuffs.

Mr. McCrea's second call for the judicial district convention for this district and the change of program to the delegate plan of county representation in the convention shows that the Free Press was correct in its criticism last week of the original method proposed for nominating a candidate for district attorney. There may not have been any scheme in the other plan, but merely a failure to perceive the equalities involved, but it is well to avoid the appearance of evil, in politics as well as in other matters.

The candidates will shoot the rapids today. A few of them will land their barques safely on terra firma, but but most of them will founder in the political maelstrom.

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THE BARBECUE.

A Great Big Time in Haskell.

The barbecue given in Haskell last Saturday under the auspices of the central democratic club was an all around success. By 9 o'clock the people were arriving from the country and by noon conservative estimates placed the crowd at from 2,500 to 3,000. The committee had hired for the occasion a large circus tent which was erected on the grounds just west of the public square and near the tables and barbecuing pits. This was supplied with improvised benches estimated to hold 600 people, and it was filled to overflowing with women and children. The Stamford brass band of twelve pieces, which had been secured for the occasion, took its stand on the court house square and played a number of pieces and later paraded the streets in a wagon and lead the crowd of men and boys to the barbecue grounds, where at 10:30 Mr. Oscar Martin was introduced and made a ringing democratic speech reviewing the history of the party and quoting from Jefferson to establish some of the leading principles and usages of the party. In closing he appealed to all citizens and to young men especially to give serious thought to political principles and the policies of parties in order that they might exercise their rights to vote with intelligence for the best interest of themselves and the country at large.

Mr. S. W. Scott was next introduced for a speech. He also reviewed party history and made a strong point in holding up in contrast the Jeffersonian doctrine of a representative government emanating directly from and controlled by the people with the Hamiltonian doctrine of a strong central government dominated by the "upper classes" or "intelligence" of the country and controlling the masses, the first being the foundation upon which the democratic party is built and the second that upon which the republican party rests, and toward which idea Rooseveltism is drifting the country at a fearful rate. He showed that these were irrefutable facts of history. In concluding he pointed out numerous specific instances of the encroachment by the republican party, especially under Roosevelt, upon the constitution and laws, and urged the people to stand up squarely with organized democracy and help to put down this insidious menace to their liberties and rights. They had the power and the right to do it now if they would, he said, but might not have it very long if Rooseveltism was not put under foot.

Both speakers were complimented on their able deliveries.

At this juncture Mr. J. L. Baldwin, who was in charge of the tables, mounted the speaker's stand and invited the ladies and children to dinner, but the tables, arranged for 600 people, and covered with an awning made of wagon sheets, could not accommodate them all at one time. Quite an opening was made in the tent, however, which was partly filled with men and Mr. M. A. Clifton, a prominent farmer of the county, made a brief talk on farmers' organizations. See separate article for this. Table after table was filled until about five tablefuls had eaten. But the sixteen barbecued beefs, several mutton, the great stacks of light-bread, the barrels of pickles and supply of coffee never failed, the tables being kept supplied with fresh provisions as fast as they were eaten, a considerable quantity being left after all had eaten.

At two o'clock the band lead the way to the court house, where the crowd soon filled the large district court room and the wide gallery encircling it. After some music, Judge McConnell introduced Mr. W. T. Andrews, a prominent lawyer of Throckmorton and a man who holds a strong place in the confidence of the people, and for more than an hour he expounded democracy, not only showing that its principles and policies are the best for the people at large, but making convincing arguments showing the necessity for party organization and discipline to meet and overcome the close organization and discipline of the republican party. He showed that this organization should be from the ground—the precinct—up, in order that the superstructure might have a firm and reliable foundation, and that without such precinct organization there would not be that working interest in the lower ranks that there will be with it, consequently, not the same certainty of success. He therefore urged every democrat to join his party organization and become a worker for his party. Applause and "Dixie" by the band followed this speech, which was well received and was highly satisfactory to the democrats.

Several county candidates followed in brief speeches setting forth their claims, and the band played a number of stirring pieces.

As said at the start, the affair was an eminent success from start to finish, much of the credit for which is due to Capt. W. W. Fields, Mr. E. F. Springer and Judge T. D. Isbell, the able and untiring committee in whose hands the Club placed the entire management.



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(Continued.)

That afternoon Gardiner came down again to the Barbary Coast, and had another talk with Shanghai Smith.

"What, another of 'em?" asked Shanghai. "I say, Mr. Gardiner, this is a bit thick?"

"Yes, it's two thousand dollars thick," said Gardiner; "if you could only ship a whole crew on such terms, you might retire and go in for politics."

"And who's the man this time?" "It's Jack Hunt." "Him as is payin' for Gawthrop?" Gardiner nodded.

"And who's payin' for Hunt?" Gardiner took him by the greasy lapel of his coat.

"I'll tell you—it's Gawthrop!" "He's not a bad sort, but he's not the sort to marry a girl like that," said Gardiner.

"If she only knew the life he has led, she'd give him the mitten right off. And I could let her know. It's doing him a favor to send him to sea. And as for Hunt, he's really mean. Life won't be all pie to him as he's laid it out to be.

She'll think they've shied off, and will be mad, and more ready to listen to a man who has loved her for years, as she knows. If she'd only take me while I'm poor, I'd be the proudest man in California. And wouldn't it make all California sick!"

Though he did not know it, both Gawthrop and Hunt played into his hands. Each was quite convinced that he was the favored lover, and as they both had a secret they used it when they got a chance.

"Gawthrop is a very nice fellow," said Jack Hunt condescendingly; "but he never knows his own mind, Miss Atherton. I should never be surprised to hear he had gone to Europe. He's fond of travel, and very, very inconstant."

"Indeed," said Edith. She had found him fairly persevering. It was strange when Hunt was called outside for a few minutes that Gawthrop, who this night had shown no jealousy, threw out a dark hint that Hunt was no true Californian.

"I shouldn't be in the least surprised to hear he had gone to Europe," he said. "He's very flighty. I suppose that is the reason he didn't marry while he was young."

Hunt was thirty, and his rival was twenty-six.

"And don't you want to see Europe?" asked Edith, who wondered what was in the wind.

"Ah, some day, but not alone," answered Sibley. "I shall never go without a companion."

"You should go with Jack Hunt," said Edith mischievously. "I certainly wonder none of you travel more. Now, Mr. Gardiner down there has been all over the world."

"Ah, poor Gardiner!" said Sibley. "How is it so clever and good-natured a man should be doing what he is?"

And much to Sibley's astonishment, Edith Atherton turned on him with an odd question.

"Well—and what are you doing?" Perhaps if Gardiner had heard her ask that question, he might have considered that Shanghai Smith need not intervene after all.

But Smith did intervene that night. When Gawthrop left the theater he went straight down Market street to the water front and found his way to Shanghai Smith's without any difficulty. He had plenty of pluck, and plenty of ignorance of the real conditions of life in San Francisco. What he heard and what he read about the matter did not touch him; he lived in security in quite another world from the scoundrels at the bottom of Clay street and the toughs of the "Coast."

Life there was a theatrical representation. He sat in the stalls and said: "Poor devils, do they really live that way?" He was Sibley Gawthrop, the son of a big man; he was a power himself; he had no fear and went into the trap smiling. If he carried in his hip pocket what Westerners call a "gun," it was on account of Western traditions. He showed no caution, though he walked whistling in the middle of the road. He had no chance to use any weapon, and he never saw Smith. He never even saw Billy. Smith's runner, till Billy sand-bagged him on the back of the head. For Smith was not to be found at his house. He was with Gardiner, and they were both waiting till they heard from the runner that Gawthrop was safely disposed of.

"I ain't goin' to show in it," said Smith, "and why should I? The Hampshire is short of two hands as I zippered in her myself. They don't go aboard when they should, and they turn up drunk at my house, and Billy puts them on board. Can I help it if he puts the wrong ones on her? Of course I can't. And if Billy finds the cash agreed on on 'em, and hands it to me, why, I'll keep it till it's claimed by the owners of it!"

He winked his eye at Gardiner, and the journalist burst into laughter.

"They'll not touch me," he said, "and if they do, I shall either have the laugh on them or shan't care." As he spoke, there was a message sent up from the street. A boy wanted to see Mr. Gardiner.

"A printer's devil, of course," said Gardiner. But he knew the word came from Billy.

"Billy, Mr. Smith's runner, gimme a quarter to run up to you, sir, and say it's all right," said the young hoodlum. "And he said you was to gimme another quarter."

Billy had said nothing of the kind, but the boy got it all the same. And half an hour later Jack Hunt interviewed Billy the runner in about the same place in the dark road that Gawthrop had met him.

The runner went through his pockets eagerly. "Two thousand in the one night," said Billy. "Oh, ain't Smith doin' well? And two first-class guns as belongs to me. I'll shove 'em on board the Hampshire bright and early. Oh, I done it clean and neat."

He had great professional pride, and when he came alongside the Hampshire at four o'clock in the morning, and found all hands getting up the anchor, he felt that the thing was going to finish itself without a hitch.

"Once at sea and the job's complete. Hallo, there, send down a whip into the boat," he cried. "I've got them two as shipped. And good men, too, when they're sober."

He heard the first mate bellow: "Mr. Jones, get these swine on board quick. Drunk, are they? We'll sober 'em. Up aloft and loose the top-sails."

And the two lights of San Francisco society were carried into the foc'sle. "Blimey, but I'd give sunfish to be as blind speechless as this," said one cockney, "and there ain't no chance of it till we gets to London."

But the mate was roaring overhead. They dropped Hunt and Gawthrop into two empty bunks and went on deck.

"Can't you turn these men to?" asked the chief mate, Mr. Ladd, of Jones. And Jones went into the foc'sle and punched both of these gentlemen in the ribs.

"Wake up, you drunken galoots," said Jones.

In answer they both sighed and snored, and turned peaceably to rest. Jones, who knew a bit, unhooked the lamp from the sweating beam over-

"What's the matter, Mr. Jones?" head, and lifting Hunt's eyelid with his thumb, saw that the man's pupil was down to a pin-point. It was the same with Gawthrop.

"Hooused, of course," he said. And he reported aft that not even putting them under the hose would wake them for some hours.

"Confound all California and its manners and customs," said Ladd. "But the manners and customs of Shanghai Smith at any rate saved Hunt and Gawthrop from eight hours of the finest education in the world. It was noon, and the Hampshire's crew was at dinner when Gawthrop showed signs of animation.

"Ah, humph!" said Gawthrop, and without opening his eyes he reached out and pressed the head of a small bolt with his thumb.

"What's the jigger doin' of?" asked Tom, the cockney who had sighed over the fact that there was no chance of getting intoxicated until they reached London.

"Johnson, give me some tea," said Gawthrop. He believed that his man had answered the electric bell. But there was a Johnson, or more properly a Johannsen, among the crew.

"Here, Dutchy, give him some tea," Gawthrop opened his eyes and yawned. He shut his eyes again, but did not shut his mouth in time to prevent Bill Yardley, who was the jigger of the crowd, dropping a piece of soaked biscuit into it. Gawthrop spluttered, coughed violently, and sat up. As he did so he of course hit his head a smart crack on the deck above him. He sat up again on his elbow, and stared about him stupidly.

"Ere, come out, matey, and 'ave yer grub," cried the kindly crew with one voice.

"You've 'ad a rare good canik," said Tom encouragingly.

"Eh, eh, what?" asked Gawthrop. He blinked at the men, and with a fallen jaw wagged his head from side to side.

"Where am I?" he asked. "On board the 'Amphire, sonny," said Tom. "Come, show a leg!"

"Humph!" said Gawthrop, and he rolled a dry tongue against his teeth. "Am I asleep?"

"I'll lay odds you won't be in ten minutes," said Tom. "What's the game you're playin'?"

Gawthrop stared at him and rolled his eyes round the foc'sle. He saw fifteen grinning faces in the light from the scuttle above. Outside the open foc'sle door he beheld the foremast, with its rail and the gear coiled on the pins.

"It's a ship," said Gawthrop, "it's obviously a ship!"

The men looked at each other. "D'ye think he's a greenhorn?" "Hooused!"

"Shanghai!"

The word "shanghai" fetched Gawthrop clean out of his dream.

It hit him fair and square, and though it half-stunned him, it woke him, all the same.

"In the Hampshire and at sea," said all hands eagerly. They saw what had happened quicker than he did. For reasons which he did not yet understand they believed him a seaman, but they saw he had been shipped against his will.

"D'ye think it was Shanghai Smith as done it?" "Ah," said Gawthrop. "Why, where's Hunt?"

"D'ye mean your mate as come aboard wid you?" asked Tom. "There 'e is, and fast asleep. Wake 'im up, chaps; I say, 'ere's a game!"

Gawthrop put a leg out and dropped on deck just as Tom got Hunt by the hair and gave it a yank that nearly raised his scalp, but did not wake him.

"Is this 'im?" In the half-light Gawthrop saw a face which was the color of dark mahogany, and did not recognize his rival.

"No," he said. He did not know that Billy, with a professional ardour that did him credit, had colored Hunt and himself with walnut juice on their faces and hands till they appeared to have been tanned the three skins deep.

And just as Gawthrop denied that he knew Hunt, the boson's whistle blew.

(To be continued.)

WORK OF THE SECRET SERVICE.

Most of It Relates to Counterfeiting—Their Other Duties.

Arrests by the secret service men who constitute a bureau of the treasury department average less than two a day. They are practically government detectives and handle jurisdiction only in cases wherein violation of the law relating to the treasury department are concerned. They have nothing to do with the postoffice department, which has its own force of special detectives, or with the war department.

The chief cases the secret service men handle relate to counterfeiting, but they have also jurisdiction in a few other cases, which are rare enough to be unimportant. Some of these are: The presentation of false claims against the United States government, the intimidation of government witnesses, obtaining fraudulent naturalization papers, the possession or attempted use of "washed" internal revenue stamps, the impersonation of government officers and the rare and unusual claim of "larceny from the United States government."

Uncle Sam is frequently defrauded, there is good reason for believing; but he is never robbed. What is taken from him, where anything is taken, is taken under color of law, if not by due process of law, and an overt act of robbery of government property is so rare as to be almost unprecedented.

His Relationship.

The friends of the middle aged bachelor couldn't for the life of them tell whether he was after the buxom widow of 49 or her pretty daughter of 29, so very devoted was he to each of them. At last their curiosity overcame them, and one approached him on the subject.

"Come," said the questioner, "we want to know what you are going to do in this matter. Will you be step-father to the daughter or son-in-law to the mother?"

"Neither," he replied, good-naturedly. "I am going to be uncle to the daughter."

"How's that? You are not going to marry the girl's aunt?"

"No, not that I am aware of," he said, with a faint gleam of amusement. "But her mother has promised to be a sister to me."—Answers.

Too Much for Poor Lo.

An Indian caught his first glimpse of a natural gas fire a few days ago near the territory line. He looked into the stove and all he could see was a pile of red-hot bricks, through the crevices of which the blue flames were curling. He said nothing, but before starting home he went to a yard and bought a lot of brick and hauled them home. He burned up six boxes of matches and all the dry wood his wife had cut trying to get the bricks to burn and finally hauled them back and told the yard man they were "no good."

Royal Hotelkeeper.

The king of Württemberg is the only hotelkeeper who is a king. When Peter the Great was traveling incognito through Europe he refused to stay anywhere but at an inn. To circumvent this whim the then king of Württemberg put a tavern sign outside one of the royal palaces and, dressed as an innkeeper, himself welcomed the czar. That monarch's descendants have been in "the trade" ever since; and the present king owns two large hotels, from which he derives about \$50,000 a year.



Burdensome Responsibility.

The new office boy stood beside his employer's desk, waiting for orders. The employer, who was new to the office boys, turned with a smile of kindly discipline.

"My lad, remember that a first-rate office boy should be diligent, modest, unobtrusive, accurate and attentive."

The boy looked scornful. "Say, mister, have I got to do all that for \$2 a week?"—Youth's Companion.

A Pleasant Doctrine.



Parsons—What is reciprocity? Why, suppose I kissed you and you kissed me in return; why, that would be reciprocity.

Miss Willin—Why, that isn't bad at all, and I always thought it was something dreadful.

Explanation.

Bangs—Funny about you. You laughed as though you would split at that joke in the second act; but when I told it to you a week or so ago it didn't seem to strike you as a bit comical.

Bings—I paid money to hear that joke at the theater; when you told it it was not sought by me. People pay money for advice from the doctor, but they have no use for gratuitous advice.

The Better Man.

"The last time I passed through here," said the drummer, "your editor and the Rev. Bill Gunning were having quite a religious discussion. I guess the editor, after all, was just as good a man as the minister."

"Yes, wrong that, stranger," replied Alkali Ike.

"How do you know?" "I just come from the editor's funeral."

New Kind of Mother-in-Law.

"You're one of the few men I have met who don't object to his mother-in-law paying a long visit."

"Me object to my mother-in-law! I should say not!" "You get along well, then."

"You bet we do. And you ought to see her boss my wife around."

Her Proof.

"Do you know anything about hypnotism?" asked the girl in the pink waist.

"Well," replied the fluffy-haired maid, as she held up her left hand to display a sparkling solitaire to better advantage, "you can judge for yourself."

Fatal Oversight.

"Patriotic songs? Huh!" snorted the publisher, handing back the manuscript.

"Why, isn't that a patriotic song?" demanded the author.

"My dear sir, you don't rhyme 'soldier boy' and 'mother's joy' in it anywhere."

Mint.

The Lady—"Mercy on us! Why are you sitting there making that queer noise?"

The Bum—"Aw, I'm a-imitatin' er robin, lady, thinkin' dat mebbe youse'd come to de window and throw me a few crumbs, missus!"

Like the Real Thing.

"Ah!" sighed the elderly visitor, "would that I were a little girl again, like you."

"Well," said four-year-old Bessie, you pretend to be naughty, then I'll let's play you are my little girl and whip you and send you to bed without your supper."

LIVE STOCK

Two Important Experiments.

The Iowa Agricultural Union, a society formed largely of graduates from the Iowa agricultural college, has undertaken to solve two questions of very great importance to the agricultural world.

One of these is the influence on the progeny of the age of the sire and dam. In the case of swine and sheep this is to be extended to include the number of progeny at time of birth and the development after birth.

Also the difference in vigor between the different progenies is to be noted. This has been a matter that has excited the keenest discussion among breeders.

A large number of our most advanced thinkers have been declaring that the immature sires and dams are the cause of the decadence of constitutional vigor noted in some of our highly bred animals.

At the same time the practice has been to breed from young animals to get early maturity which is conceded to be of great value, especially in the case of meat animals.

The second experiment is relative to cross-breeding. Our stockmen assert that much is sometimes gained by a single cross, but that to use the results of this cross as breeders is a mistake.

They say that while one cross improves, more than one deteriorates the progeny. The co-operators in Iowa will seek to determine the influence of cross breeding.

Animals will be cross bred and their offspring will be in turn used for breeding purposes and their progeny compared with the pure breeds.

The advantage in these experiments is that they are to be carried on on a large scale and under the observation of skilled experimenters.

Shearing of World's Fair Sheep.

A rule having an important bearing upon the shearing of sheep to be exhibited at the World's Fair at St. Louis has been announced by the chief of the Department of Live Stock as follows:

"All sheep and goats must have been evenly shorn, and properly shorn on or after the first day of April, 1904, and the date of the shearing must be certified on the application for entry.

Sheep or goats un-evenly or stubble shorn or that have been clipped to conceal defects or to mislead will not be allowed to compete.

The judge shall disqualify for competition any sheep or goat deemed by him as having been improperly or stubble shorn or with its fleece otherwise treated for purposes of fraud or deception."

The question of shearing in connection with the exhibition of sheep has been a vexed one at fairs and expositions for a long time.

A draft of a rule was sent to prominent breeders and authorities with the request for suggestions as to the best form. The customs prevailing in other countries and made legitimate through climatic or other conditions, although perhaps not common with sheep breeders in the United States, have been fully taken into account.

The experiences of previous fairs and the necessity of avoiding an unenforceable regulation were considered. The rule determined upon is intended to enforce only such restrictions as will secure deserved awards.

In the Dipping of Cattle.

The government a short time ago issued a proclamation prohibiting the transportation of mangy cattle except after having been dipped.

We published a summary of the requirements at the time. We note some additional points that may be of interest to some of our readers.

The dipping must be thoroughly done, and the cattle must be kept in the dip two or three minutes, having been completely submerged twice.

The temperature of the dip should be maintained at 105 degrees or as nearly that as possible, while the cattle are in it. It must be changed as soon as it becomes filthy, regardless of the number of cattle dipped in it.

No dipping should be done in cold weather unless the men having charge of them have provided warm pens in which the animals may be kept till dry.

The cattle must not be loaded onto cars till they have become dry. Where large numbers of cattle are ready for shipment and have not been dipped, the government will send inspectors and those animals found to be free from scabies will be permitted to go forward without being dipped.

All public stock yards are considered by the inspectors as having been infected and no animal will be permitted to be shipped out without dipping except where part of stock yards have been set aside for the use of uninfected cattle.

Potatoes as Hog Feed.

Potatoes are quite largely fed to hogs, but it is found advisable to boil them. In the New England States they are fed extensively, being boiled in milk and mixed with meal in a barrel.

Frequently several bushels are boiled at a time, and when mixed with corn meal make an appetizing mess. The only fault to be found with this combination is that it is badly out of balance.

The potatoes are rich in starch and so is the corn. To such of our readers as are still following the old practice we would advise the substitution of bran or of ground oats for the corn meal. This would make a fairly well balanced ration. The Canadians say that potatoes have a good effect on the quality of bacon produced. There is probably no better use to which small potatoes may be put than this.

Trapped in Armor.

Trying on ancient armor is not always an agreeable experiment judging from the experience of a French artist. He had bought a quaint old helmet and put it on his own head to judge the effect.

Unfortunately he touched a spring, the visor shut down suddenly, and, being alone in the studio, he could not free himself from the medieval head covering without help.

At last he ran into the street, where his appearance created considerable amusement till a charitable passerby managed to set him free.—Jane Lang, in Hour Glass.

School for Fire Fighters.

New York is the only city in the United States which supports a regularly equipped school for the instruction of fire fighters.

Other cities have instructors who go about from one company house to the other, but New York has a permanent headquarters for its instructor and a corps of assistants who are always at work.

Since the new type of building has come into such prominence the scaling ladder, the life net and the water tower have come in for a great deal of attention. Men are trained in the handling of all these devices before they are graded as first class firemen.

The fire fighters' school is open to men of other cities and many of them have taken advantage of a sixty days' course. Since the school has been running similar institutions have been started in England, France and Germany, though not on such a large scale.

The problem of fighting a fire in those countries presents few difficulties, owing to the old-fashioned style of buildings which still persist and the more general use of those in construction.

He Bought the Ghost, Too.

Cumnor hall in Warwickshire, the country seat of the Earl of Leicester, Queen Elizabeth's favorite courtier, where Amy Robsart, the earl's wife, was murdered by Leicester's variety in order that the queen and he might marry, recently became the subject of a queer suit.

The Earl of Abington sold the estate to Scott Hall, who now wants to get rid of the bargain on the astonishing ground that the ghost of Amy Robsart doesn't walk, whereas that was one of the principal expectations he had in buying Cumnor.

But the judge decided in effect that there was no possible way of coercing a ghost, and that Scott Hall would have to keep Cumnor hall.

Is the man in the moon stuck up? He looks on ordinary mortals.

Herrick on His Farm.

Governor Herrick, of Ohio, is now leading a bucolic existence on his farm near Sullivan, in Ashland county. Immediately on his arrival there he settled down to a farmer's life in earnest.

Donning a broad-brimmed hat of coarse straw, the kind bought for 10 cents in a country store, and a pair of blue overalls, he did the chores and all other small jobs incidental to a farmer's work.

One delegation of farmers discovered the governor sitting on a rail fence eating a red apple, a feat which he prefers to the most elaborate banquet.

He passed apples around and then discussed various topics with his callers. This is the place where the governor spent his boyhood days and where he first knew the little country girl who is now Mrs. Myron T. Herrick.

Web and Fields' New Alliances.

Those persons who are watching the fortunes of Joe Weber and Lew Fields, the two funny Dutchmen who made the world laugh for over twenty years, may be interested to know that since the dissolution of the partnership each of them has taken up with a woman star of national reputation.

Weber is to appear with Anna Held and Fields is to have for his leading woman no less a person than Marie Cahill, who has been a successful star for three years past.

There was a report that Lulu Glaser was to join in with Weber, but this has been discredited by the manager of the brilliant young Pittsburgh comedienne.

TWO STEPS

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As everybody knows, the ash left on burning tobacco is considerable and, as a matter of fact, the mineral matter of the tobacco leaf frequently amounts to as much as a fifth part of its weight. Thus, a ton of tobacco leaf would yield four hundredweight of ash, which represents valuable mineral constituents withdrawn from the soil which have to be replaced by abundant manuring. It has been calculated that a ton of tobacco withdraws over a hundredweight of mineral constituents per acre of land. In 1901 the home consumption of tobacco in the United Kingdom was at the rate of two pounds per head, or a total of about 40,000 tons, which represents, at what is now a probably low computation, approximately 8000 tons of ash annually committed to the winds or dissipated in some way or other. On the face of it there would seem to be a fortune in store for that individual who could devise a successful means for the collection of tobacco ash, and it is a great pity that so much valuable material should forever be lost to the soil without any attempt at direct restoration being made.

Would you call it "unconscious humor" when a woman in a faint looks funny?

It Pays to Read Newspapers.
Cox, Wis., July 4.—Frank M. Russell of this place, had Kidney Disease so bad that he could not walk. He tried Doctors' treatment and many different remedies, but was getting worse. He was very low.

He read in a newspaper how Dodd's Kidney Pills were curing cases of Kidney Trouble, Bright's Disease, and Rheumatism, and thought he would try them. He took two boxes, and now he is quite well. He says:

"I can now work all day, and not feel tired. Before using Dodd's Kidney Pills, I couldn't walk across the floor."

Mr. Russell's is the most wonderful case ever known in Chilpewa County. This new remedy—Dodd's Kidney Pills—is making some miraculous cures in Wisconsin.

Rhodes Scholars at Oxford.
The only Rhodes scholars at Oxford so far are the Colonials and Germans. The Americans will go there next year. The Colonials are said to be a bit rough, without the Eton polish, but a year has done wonders with them. But the great successes among the Rhodes scholars are Germans. "I believe," said an observant don, "that the most capable man in the college is a German, who came here with a Rhodes scholarship. He is also, I should say, the most popular man in the college." continued the observant don. "I think England and Germany will understand one another better if we get a few more like him. I asked him how he thought of coming to Oxford." said the observant don. "Was there an examination, or what?" "There is no examination," explained the young German in excellent English. "The Kaiser looks rounds and selects. On Thursday I received a telegram from the Kaiser, 'You go to Oxford on Tuesday,' and I came."

The Clevelands' New Summer Home.
After their recent sorrow Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland are prepared to bury themselves in the seclusion of a far-away homestead, and they have leased a comfortable farmhouse near Sandwich, N. H., for the summer. The place is almost a historic place, being one of the oldest farm houses in the country and being one of the best preserved. It formerly belonged to Silas Frye, a wealthy farmer, who put in it furniture of mahogany and plate of pewter. It is said the Clevelands may buy the property and use it for a summer house. The Frye farm is eleven miles from West Ossipee, the nearest railway station, which shows that the former president and his wife wish to cut themselves off from the world in general. The death of little Ruth Cleveland has crushed her parents, and some of the closest friends of Mrs. Cleveland have not seen her since the child's death. Within a few days the spacious Cleveland house in Princeton will be closed.

Some creatures have the faculty of swallowing insults and growing fat on the strength of them.

COLORADO SUMMER SERVICE.
On the Santa Fe Railway.
The Santa Fe has announced resumption of its luxurious Colorado Flyer, leaving Kansas City Union Depot 6:55 p. m. daily through the summer season.

The equipment consists of library-smoking car, free reclining chair car and twelve-section Pullman sleeper, Kansas City to Colorado Springs; twelve-section Pullman sleeper, Oklahoma City to Colorado Springs via Newton; ten-section Pullman observation sleeper, Kansas City to Colorado Springs. Excellent library in observation car; also current weekly and monthly illustrated publications for use of Pullman passengers only. Current weeklies, monthlies and daily newspapers in library-smoking car for use of all train patrons.

Eastbound, this train is known as the Missouri River Flyer. The equipment is the same as that westbound. Departure from Denver at 12:15 p. m., Colorado Springs 2:50 p. m., Pueblo 4:05 p. m., reaching Kansas City at 9:05 a. m. Oklahoma City is reached at 12:55 p. m., next day, and Galveston at 6:55 a. m., the day following, by connecting train from Newton.

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For low rates to the World's Fair via the Texas and Pacific Railway ask any ticket agent, or write E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas.

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