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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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My entire stock is Fresh, and was bought with especial reference to.....

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Repairing done neatly and substantially. Prices reasonable. Satisfaction with goods and work guaranteed.

YOUR TRADE SOLICITED.

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Of All Kinds at Reasonable Prices.

Attention will be given to those who patronize the Restaurant. The choicest of things to eat will be served.

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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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## HASKELL NATIONAL BANK,

—OF—  
HASKELL, - TEXAS.

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

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

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

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This question is answered by thousands of dollars paid to the Doctors every year. Then take the opportunity to live. If you have that tired feeling, or indigestion, Constipation, Rheumatism, or any blood diseases we will cure you with Dr. Thurmond's Blood Syrup, or it will cost you nothing.

## We Guarantee to Cure CATARRH

In all its horrible forms with Dr. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure. For twenty years we have successfully treated Catarrh,—cured thousands,—and can cure you. Go to Jno. E. Robertson, Druggist, and talk to him about it, and if he don't endorse it, don't take it. Not only does he endorse it, but puts our money behind it, and if it doesn't do all we claim, he will refund your money. Write to our Dr. Thurmond; and your letter shall have his personal attention. All enquiries strictly confidential.

For Sale by JNO. E. ROBERTSON,  
Haskell, Texas.

### Emergency Medicines.

It is a great convenience to have at hand reliable remedies for use in case of accident and for slight injuries and ailments. A good liniment and one that is fast becoming a favorite if not a household necessity is Chamberlain's Pain Balm. By applying it promptly to a cut, bruise or burn it allays the pain and causes the injury to heal in about one-third the time usually required, and as it is an antiseptic it prevents any danger of blood poisoning. When Pain Balm is kept at hand a sprain may be treated before inflammation sets in, which insures a quick recovery. For sale by C. E. Terrell, Druggist, Haskell, Texas.

Sixty cases of boots and shoes, biggest stock ever in Haskell—sises, styles and prices to suit everybody. Alexander Mercantile Co.

### ABSCESS.

W. H. Harrison, Cleveland, Miss., writes, Aug. 15, 1902: "I want to say a word of praise for Ballard's Snow Liniment. I stepped on a nail, which caused the cords in my leg to contract and an abscess to rise in my knee, and the doctor told me that I would have a stiff leg, so one day I went to J. F. Lord's drug store (who is now in Denver, Colo.) He recommended a bottle of Snow Liniment; I got a 50c size, and it cured my leg. It is the best liniment in the world.

Abscesses, with a few exceptions, are indicative of constipation or debility. They may, however, result from blows or from foreign bodies, introduced into the skin or flesh, such as splinters, thorns, etc. Sold by Jno. E. Robertson's.

The cheapest and best you ever saw for the price—those new shirts at the Racket Store.

## THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE.

FIFTEEN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED.

Resolutions Adopted Asking Intervention in Russo-Japanese War.

St. Louis, Sept. 13.—The all important business for which the Inter-parliamentary union assembled, now assembled in this city, was transacted at the second session which was held today. With great unanimity, these representatives of fifteen different national parliaments adopted the resolutions of far reaching importance. In one, the powers of the world are asked to intervene now in the Russo-Japanese war. In the other the nations are invited to participate in the second session of the Hague conference and President Roosevelt is requested to issue the call.

The measure looking toward intervention in the Far East was adroitly amended. Originally the resolution provided for "intervention at the proper time." The last four words, however, were stricken out on the ground that immediate intervention is necessary. Count d'Alvella of Belgium, was responsible for this amendment. It was also the Belgian member who brought about the insertion of a phrase calling for intervention of the powers "jointly and separately" and the hint was delicately but informally thrown out in this connection that the president of the United States could most properly tender mediation.

The resolution adopted by the conference reads:

"The interparliamentary conference, shocked by the horrors of the war that is being waged in the Far East between two civilized states, and deploring that the powers signatory of the convention of The Hague have been unable to have recourse to the clauses therein, which direct them to tender their mediation immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities, asks the powers signatory of the convention of The Hague to intervene either jointly or separately with the belligerents in order to facilitate the restoration of peace, or to instruct the interparliamentary bureau to bring the present resolution to the knowledge of said powers."

WE ARE A "WORLD POWER."

Pulitzer Reminds Roosevelt Such was the Case Before He Was Born.

The assurance with which you, Mr. President, born in 1858, assume to have discovered the United States and its policies is even more astounding than the policies themselves. You tell us that the Monroe doctrine will be an object of derision unless we have a mighty navy. The Monroe doctrine was thirty-five years old when you were born, and doing remarkably well, as it has been ever since. You tell us that without a still newer, still bigger first-class navy we must definitely make up our minds to accept a secondary position, not only in political but in commercial matters. When you cut your first tooth we had the greatest merchant marine in the world—greater even than England's—and our navy was insignificant. Our mercantile shipping on blue water has steadily declined under the restrictive policies you favor, and it is smaller now than it was when the first keel of the new navy was laid. You tell us that under your leadership we have just become a "world power." What were we—pardon the personal illustration—more than a generation before you were born, when, with only ten million people and insignificant armament, we flung the Monroe doctrine into the teeth of the Holy Alliance?

Considering your intelligence and your knowledge of American history, your attitude seems a mystery. What can be its explanation?

What can be the purpose of all these shrieks for a mighty army and navy, these frenzied denunciations of "cowards," "weaklings" and "cravens," who sordidly mind their own business instead of flying to arms, with no discernible provocation; these frantic wavings of the mailed fist in the faces of the nations? The spectacle is extraordinary and bewildering. The country is in no danger from any power of Europe. All the nations of the Old World are watching each other, afraid of each other, and infinitely more in dread of us, the terrifying "American Peril," than we could possibly be of them. Not one of them would dream of adding a war with us to its other dangers, if we gave it a chance to escape. If we could stand against England with her great armaments ninety years ago, when we had only eight million

people, what have we to fear now with eighty millions and eight hundred times the resources and power for war? [From the New York World.]

Do They Pay for Protection?

The New York American on August 29th published an astonishing story concerning the contributions of the trust to the campaign fund of the Republican party. That newspaper asserted, upon what is claimed was unquestionable Republican authority, that the Standard Oil Company has donated \$1,000,000 and J. Pierpont Morgan has given \$250,000. It also announced that the members of the Union League Club of New York had contributed \$100,000 to the fund.

In regard to these trust contributions, alleged to have been made, the American quotes its informant as saying:

"Morgan's enmity to Roosevelt ended with the appointment of his banking firm as fiscal agent for the purchase of the \$40,000,000 Panama Canal. The \$750,000 pledged by the Steel and Iron Trust was not difficult to exact after the Chicago convention, with the approval of the President, promised no tinkering with the tariff 'except by its friends.'"

### THE NEW STORE.

NEW AND UP-TO-DATE GOODS.

Having put in an entirely new stock of Fall and Winter goods, we are offering our friends and customers such a variety in styles and quality of fabrics that they will have little trouble in suiting themselves in making their purchases from this stock.

We will at all times be pleased to give our lady friends the benefit of our long experience in choosing materials, matching colors, trimmings, etc., when they desire it in making their selections.

We are making a specialty of novelties and trimmings suited to all the latest dress fabrics. We have many little things pertaining to a lady's wardrobe that are not usually found in the general stores, so that we feel safe in assuring the ladies that they can get a complete outfit here and that everything will be up-to-date.

We have a fine and very select line of millinery and can suit any lady's taste in a hat or other head wear.

We promise that our prices are O. K. and only ask that you call, see and be convinced.

MRS. E. J. HUNT & Co.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.

Two hundred and forty acres of fine black land, 20 miles northeast of Haskell, all fenced, two room house and well, 93 acres in cultivation, 40 acres of it in cotton, 10 acres of corn cut and shocked, 11 acres in maize, 8 acres in sorghum, and some late feed crop, balance rented. Span of good mules and good wagon, 4 good milch cows, 5 good mares, 3 fine hogs, all farming tools and household furniture. I will sell the whole thing for \$2500, cash. The crop, stock, etc. is worth \$900, the land \$1600. Who wants it. Come and see me. P. D. SANDERS, 26-7 Haskell, Texas.

Lead has been discovered on Croton Flat, about eight miles east of town, and is causing a great deal of excitement. Two sections of land on which the lead was discovered sold last week for \$16 per acre. Several men from Quanah, equipped with picks and shovels, arrived on the ground Tuesday, and it is reported that work has actually begun. We can't tell or even imagine what the result of this discovery may be, but if these mines prove to be as rich as they are thought to be Dickens county will soon come to the front.—Dickens Item.

The burning of Mr. J. F. Jones' hen house a little before daylight Tuesday broke the morning naps of many of our citizens and created considerable excitement until it was discovered that nothing else was endangered by the fire. It appears that some trash had been raked together and burned in or near the house the previous evening and that some fire was left in the supposed pile of ashes, where it smoldered for several days until fanned into life by a breeze.

Dallas and Fort Worth are now connected by wireless telegraph. When a man in either place wants to send a message to some one in the other place he goes to the operator who hurls a few charges of electricity into space and the operator at the other place catches them quicker than a wink and translates them into words.



All Is Quiet at the Front, But Preparations Go On.

Around Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Sept. 12, 11 p. m.—The story of the happenings before Port Arthur for the last ten days, according to the Novokral, is one of bombardments, outpost clashes and reconnoitering exploits.

The bombardments of the Palichuang fort, which is only 300 yards from Tigblunshan, are frequent. The Russians are trying desperately to retard the further strengthening of this position.

On Sept. 1 a fire partially destroyed the village of Palichuang. Later the Russian artillery leveled a stone house and walls which the Japanese had been using for cover.

Emperor's Call to Arms. St. Petersburg, Sept. 12.—The Emperor has called to arms the reserve troops in twenty-two circuits of the governments of Kherson, Bessarabia, Ekartoslav and Taurid, belonging to the military district of Odesa, and also one category of reserve officers throughout the empire.

sets which was in front of the parade grounds has also been destroyed, presumably by the Russians, although it is not so stated by the Novokral.

Russian guns on a position known as Rock Redoubt fire almost ceaselessly on the two forts at Palichuang. The Russians call these forts redoubt 1 and redoubt 2. The Novokral mentions seeing two companies of Japanese working when a shell compelled them to flee.

The Novokral of Sept. 7 relates a heroic sacrifice of life by a Japanese who, it was believed, attempted to blow up a wall behind which the Russians

Alexieff Sends Resignation. London, Sept. 12.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says it is understood that Viceroy Alexieff, in view of the military contingencies in the Far East, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Emperor, but that no decision with regard to it has been made.

waited. The Japanese soldier calmly left redoubt 1, carrying two boxes and deliberately marched toward the Russians who suffered him to approach. When he was quite near sharpshooters killed him. On investigation it was found the boxes he carried contained lyddite with fuses carefully fixed.

Baltic Fleet Sail. Constantinople, Sept. 12.—The Baltic fleet sailed to-day for the Far East. The vessels are: The battleships Souvaroff, Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's flagship; the Navarin, Sissovolky, Borodine, Alexander III, Orel, Oleg and the Osliba, Rear Admiral Voelkersam's flagship; the cruisers Admi-

Japanese Baby Born in Dallas. Dallas: Probably the first Japanese baby born in Dallas County and likely the first in this part of the State was an infant girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Kinta Tsukahara, living on a farm three miles southeast of Dallas, Friday evening.

Found With a Broken Neck. Houston Tex.: Late Sunday afternoon the dead body of Willie Fisher, a negro, was found in the woods near Pin Oak Grove. He left the home of his mother Friday to hunt persimmons and was not seen afterward until the body was found to-day by a negro man, who promptly reported it.

Lawton, Ok., Sept. 11.—S. S. Remer, who has been for some time at work on a smelter at his mine in Wichita Mountains, will be able to fire up in a few days. He has expended already on his smelter about \$3,000 and says: "Seeing is believing. The first bullion that I can bring into Lawton from the smelter will convince the world that there is gold in the Wichita Mountains. Then it will be an easy matter to get outside capital interested."

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 12.—Considerable excitement was occasioned yesterday afternoon by the totally unexpected arrival of the Russian converted cruiser Lena, direct from Vladivostok. She claimed facilities of this port, because her boilers were in such condition as to make her unseaworthy.

Laid Siege to Gamblers. Dallas: After a siege of six hours, during which the police officers of the city prevented any egress or entrance to a building alleged to be a gambling place, the proprietor agreed to make pleas of gaming for twenty-five persons, and the chief withdrew his forces at 5 o'clock Sunday morning and the prisoners were allowed to depart.

Senator Bailey's Date in Dallas. Dallas: United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey will speak to the Democrats of Dallas on the night of Tuesday, Sept. 27. That was definitely decided at a conference held between Senator Bailey and a number of local Democrats at the Oriental Hotel Saturday.

Building Contracts to Be Let. On the 15th of September Mexia will award the contract for the erection of a \$15,000 public school building; on the 19th Elgin will let the contract for a \$10,000 school building; on the 19th Caddo, Indian Territory, will let the contract for a \$10,000 school building, and on the 13th Taylor will let the contract for the erection of a \$20,000 city hall.

A Horrible Confession. Topeka, Kan.: B. F. Slagel, alias Robert Romaine, a deported Colorado miner under arrest charged with burglary, has confessed to his complicity in the Independence depot and the Vindicator mine explosions in the Cripple Creek district last June, by which fifteen non-union miners were killed. Romaine says he helped to place dynamite and wire under the depot. In his confession he implicated twelve other men.

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PURSUIT BEYOND MUKDEN.

Japanese Hang Onto Russian Line Dealing Death. St. Petersburg, Sept. 10.—It seems to be definitely established that Field Marshal Oyama's tired troops practically abandoned on Wednesday the attempt to head off Gen. Kuropatkin and the latter's army has arrived safely at Mukden after frightful experiences floundering through mud and mire over the Mandarin road.

Some description of the scene along the line of retreat are almost indescribable. They tell how the men lay down in the mud and slept in a driving rain without shelter. It is evident that the last determined effort of the Japanese to bring Kuropatkin to bay was made on Tuesday, but the Russian commander in chief faced about and two corps, with artillery, beat off the Japanese while the remainder of the troops continued to march to Mukden.

A late Associated Press dispatch sent to-night from Mukden describes the horrible plight of the soldiers. The detailed statement of the Russian losses, which it is promised will be issued Saturday, is awaited with interest. The general expectation is that the losses will approximate 20,000, against 30,000 for the Japanese.

The work of burying the dead was left to the Japanese, but the task was almost impossible. Awful rains have prevented the work of cremation, on which the Japanese relied, and only shallow trench burials are possible under the circumstances.

Paris, Sept. 10.—The Petit Parisienne has a dispatch from St. Petersburg containing a rumor which is current there to the effect that Gen. Kuroki has succeeded in isolating a force of 30,000 of Gen. Kuropatkin's rear guard and that they have surrendered.

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Conductor Stricken With Paralysis. Temple: While standing in Crawford's jewelry store Friday morning about 9 o'clock John C. Murphy was afflicted with a stroke of paralysis that rendered him incapable of movement or feeling in any portion of the body.

Broken Bones Bolted. Dr. Stephen H. Watts, assistant resident surgeon at the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, has devised a method of joining broken bones that is attracting wide interest among surgeons. His device consists of a silver bolt and nut and is simplicity itself.

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Went Through the Window. Wills Point: Sheriff Sid Curtis of Harrison County passed through Wills Point en route for Marshall with a State convict. About a mile east of town, just as the train was leaving the coal chute, where it had coaled, the prisoner jumped from the window and escaped.

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Odd Facts About Color. Did you ever notice that there is no blue food? We eat things green, red, yellow and violet; flesh, fish or plants in all the colors of the rainbow except blue. Many deadly poisons are blue in color, such as bluestone or the deadly nightshade flower. The color stands in our slang for everything miserable and depressing.

Man and Wife. Buxton, N. Dak., Sept. 12 (Special).—Mr. B. L. Skriveth of this place has been added to the steadily growing following that Dodd's Kidney Pills have in this part of the country. Mr. Skriveth gives two reasons for his faith in the Great American Kidney Cure. The first is that they cured his wife and the second is that they cured himself.

IN A BLAZE OF GLORY.

Knights Templar Adjourned at San Francisco. San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 10.—The grand encampment closed this afternoon after a very harmonious and profitable session. Grand Master Stoddard installed the new officers in their stations and then retired to the ranks of past grand masters, of whom seven are still living.

This morning the Earl of Buxton conferred the order of Knight Commander of the United Orders of the Temple, the highest order in England, upon General Stoddard, Past Grand Master Reuben Hoadly Lloyd and Grand Master-Elect George Mayhew Moulton, and decorated each with a handsome jewel of the order.

Judge Thomas J. Beall of El Paso, past grand commander, was appointed chairman of the committee to consider the petition sent up through grand commandery of Texas for dispensation to establish a commandery in the City of Mexico.

Jake Zarn was appointed one of the tellers of the election, and Edwin Chamberlain of San Antonio, grand commander, was appointed one of a committee to select and present a suitable testimonial from the grand encampment to Gen. Stoddard.

Miss Lottie Stoddard, daughter of Gen. Stoddard, has been the recipient of distinguished courtesies and attention on the part of Californians and distinguished visitors from England. The Earl of Buxton presented her with one of the special jewels brought from England for this occasion.

Elder Jarrett Finney Dead. Sherman: At his home near Luella, Rev. Jarrett Finney, aged 75 years, died after an illness of three days. The deceased was a native of Alabama; came to Lamar County, Texas, in 1850.

Two Negro Preachers Shot. Marshall: Thursday night as Rev. R. Curry, of Sherman, and Rev. P. R. Washington, pastor of Liberty Church, were riding along in a lane in a buggy near the church, twelve miles south of this city, they were fired upon from ambush by unknown parties and both badly wounded.

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# Russians to Reorganize. Japs Will Hold Captures.

Tokio, Sept. 9.—It is thought probable that the party which favors the continuation of the Japanese advance to Harbin will ultimately prevail, however, conservative counselors are likely to prevent any pursuit of the Russians beyond Mukden, pending the fortification of the territory Japan has occupied.

The army's conquests up to the present are covered by a long mountain frontier extending from the Korean border through the center of Manchuria to the plains of the Liao. The military council purposes to augment this campaign in the far north that might so thin out Oyama's forces as to enable the Russians to walk over them and reverse the results of seven months arduous war.

Throughout the empire, the drilling of troops proceeds with silent, intense efficiency. The conviction is deep-seated in the ablest minds that Japan need only to continue to act with discretion to insure the permanent exclusion of Russia from Southern Manchuria and Korea, whatever may happen in the north.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 9.—Besides the formation of two fresh army corps as the first answer to the Japanese success at Liao Yang, the Russian army at the front will be reorganized, probably in the form of two armies in com-

mand of Gen. Linevitch and Gen. Baron Kaulbars, respectively, with Gen. Kuropatkin as commander in chief. Gen. Kaulbars will go out with the two army corps now organizing in the Governments of Kazan, Odessa, Vilna and Kief. Gen. Linevitch has been ordered by telegram from Vladivostok to Mukden. This decision is due in part, doubtless to the growing unwillingness of the big forces under Kuropatkin's command, which will be largely increased by constant reinforcements.

Gen. Kuropatkin heretofore has handled every detail of the vast organization. The work is too much for one man and he is now about broken down under the strain. It is known that the Czar is personally one of Kuropatkin's strongest supporters and it is thought that the General will in all probability retain chief command of the two armies.

Kuropatkin, however, has been adversely criticized by some of the Czar's close military advisers and it is possible he may eventually be superseded.

There is little information from the front. A dispatch from Mukden bearing Thursday's date repeats the story of bad roads, which have hampered the transport, and intimates that there is an interesting movement to Tie Pass, but the nature of this movement is not disclosed.

## AFTER FOURTEEN MILLIONS ARE LOST

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—The great packers' strike, which began July 12, involving almost 75,000 men in various cities, and which has cost in round numbers to the packers in damage, lost business to the railroads and to the men in wages, about \$14,000,000, has been declared off. It ends at midnight tonight so far as the butchers' workmen are concerned and the Allied Trades will formally declare the movement at an end this morning.

The terms constitute a practical surrender for the strikers. Those for whom places can be found are to be taken back at the wages prevailing before the strike was called. Otherwise there are no terms. The union stewards are to be abolished, the yards will remain "open" and the packers will reduce forces so that all employes can be given a full week.

The disastrous end of the strike was foreshadowed when there were wholesale desertions of the union by the cattle butchers and other experienced men. This has been going on for some time and it is estimated that fully 8000 of the expert men have returned to work. In all cases they were sent by the packers to other cities to save them from persecution by the men still on strike.

Donnelly admitted yesterday that the referendum vote taken to decide whether or not the men would return was largely faked. The votes of all men who went out on strike were counted, regardless of whether they had returned to work or not. The actual votes cast in favor of returning number 5,823, whereas it was given out that 25,597 had so voted.

When the packers were advised tonight that it had been decided to end the strike they announced that they would give places as fast as possible to the skilled men, but it was said at the same time that many of these men would be unable to secure their old places, as in many cases the work was being performed in a satisfactory

## Rice Miller Wants Reduced Tariff.

Lake Charles, La.: The Louisiana and Texas Rice Millers' Association held a special meeting here Thursday. The object is understood to be widening of the export market by obtaining a reduction of the Cuban tariff, but no authoritative statement has been made. Among the mills represented were the McFadden mill, Beaumont; the Lane mill, Houston, and mills were represented.

## Democratic Editors Banqueted.

New York: At the banquet given the Democratic editors at the Waldorf-Astoria Wednesday night nearly five hundred were present, the occasion being a national conference called at the instance of the Democratic national committee. The toast list included several of the best known Democratic editors in the country. Col. Sylvanus E. Johnson, Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, and former president of the Gridiron club, was the toastmaster.

## Alleged Murderer Lynched.

Huntsville, Ala.: Settling fire to the jail and holding the fire department at bay with guns, a mob smoked Horace Maple, a negro, from his cell and strung him up to a tree on the courthouse lawn. Maple was accused of the murder of John W. Waldrop, a white man, and he had confessed the crime and implicated others. The mob, which was composed of 2000 people, outwitted the militia and the sheriff.

manner by men who had been secured since the commencement of the strike. It is expected that a majority of the unskilled men will be unable to secure their places again. It was a question of wage scale for this class of men that brought about the strike, the packers refusing to sign an agreement with any class other than skilled workmen.

During the strike approximately 53,000 persons have been involved in the struggle. The greatest number of men idle in Chicago during the strike was 26,000, and the total in the country outside of this city is estimated to be about the same.

The original cause of the strike was a demand by the Butchers' Union that the packers pay to the unskilled workmen 18½¢ per hour. The packers refused an agreement, but offered to arbitrate the question.

## Parker Being Coached.

New York: Judge Parker will be asked to come to this city as soon as his letter of acceptance has been made public and take charge temporarily of his own campaign. Reasons of such force will be laid before him to persuade him to take this step that his acquiescence is regarded as certain. It will be shown to him that the Democratic forces are being disintegrated and disorganized by dissensions among the leaders and that these conditions have reached such a pitch that only his authority can straighten out the tangle. Judge Parker will be told that he must abandon his intention of making no campaign speeches. He will be informed that if the Democrats are to have a chance of winning he must take the field himself and become leader in fact as well as in name.

It is given out at the war office at St. Petersburg, that Gen. Kuropatkin lost 17,000 men in the Liao Yang today's battle.

## Seven Hundred Japs Killed.

Chefoo, Sept. 9, 1:30 a. m.—A Japanese column, numbering approximately 700 men, while marching along at night on a road in the valley between Long Hill and Division Hill, met a frightful disaster through the explosion of an electric land mine on Sept. 1. The mine was carefully laid by the Russians three weeks ago. It covered nearly a mile of available marching space. The explosive was placed at the bottom, rocks were placed next, and on top of them clay, packed so carefully that the ground gave the impression of not having been disturbed.

Cabaniss Bros.' livery stable at Austin, also ten buggies, eight tons of hay and \$400 worth of harness and saddles were burned, involving a loss of \$2,000, with no insurance. The loss to the building, owned by the American National bank, was \$2,000; \$1,000 insurance.

Alleged Injury Faker in Trouble. Waco: There is much interest here in the case of Melvin Peters, who was arrested on complaints charging him with securing money from two or three railroads under representations that he had been injured, the roads claiming fraud. Attorneys take different views of the matter, and the outcome will be watched with interest. Peters was required to give bond in the sum of \$3000 upon his examining trial.

## WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Delaware democrats have nominated Caleb S. Pennewell for Governor, and Anson and Oakville, the distance being or.

Bert Goodale, foreman of the Healy cattle ranch near Beaver City, Ok., his horse, during a thunderstorm. Goodale was rounding up the cattle.

Acting Secretary Oliver of the War Department has issued a circular of warning against political assessments and partisan activity of office holders.

The Associated Press states on high authority that Prince Sviatopolk Mirsky has been selected to succeed the late Von Ploche as minister of the Interior.

Dr. H. G. Fleming, of Tullahoma, Tennessee, has been elected president of the New Southwestern Christian College of Denton, and has accepted the place.

Twenty-five violations of local option alone were disposed of at Temple last week. Of that number twenty-two resulted in convictions, two acquittals and one plea of guilty.

While making a parachute descent from a balloon ascension at Tuscola, Ill., Joseph Isle, an aeronaut, whose home was Louisville, Ky., fell 100 feet and was instantly killed.

Fine sugar and tobacco crops and large restoration of public confidence is making business good in Cuba. New York houses exporting largely to the island report a rush of orders.

Two men were killed and another seriously injured in a freight wreck on the Southern Railway between Dogwood and Winton on the Birmingham and Selma division Friday afternoon.

The appearance around Guthrie, Ok., of the cotton bollworm has caused great alarm among cotton planters, as this is the first time it has appeared this far north. Some report half the crop lost.

A high compliment has been paid Mrs. Mary Sherman Allen of Dallas in her appointment as press correspondent for the Woman's Relief Corps, an organization that draws most of its support from the Northern States.

While Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Stitt of Belton were driving with a target gun-sitting on the butt between them, the gun was accidentally discharged, the ball grazing Mrs. Stitt's forehead, painfully but not dangerously wounding her.

Contract has been let for \$22,000 for a splendid two-story brick building for the First National Bank of San Angelo, to replace the building which was burned some time back. The building will be of St. Louis pressed brick and stone trimmings.

Wednesday night G. T. Sayers of Jacksonville, a brother of the Governor, fell from a window of the second story of his house and sustained injuries that will likely prove fatal. Besides being hurt internally, several ribs were broken.

Major Henry Seton of New York, a veteran of the United States army in the Civil and Spanish-American wars, a noted Indian fighter with General Crook, a brother of Archbishop Seton of Rome and a grandson of Elizabeth Ann Bailey Seton, founder of Sisters Charity in the United States, died at Baltimore, aged sixty-three.

While kneeling beside a grave in Washington Cemetery at Gravesend, New York, Yetta Belkowitz, 18 years of age, was crushed to death by the family monument, a heavy granite shaft, which toppled over.

Blacksmiths in the shipyards around New York who have been working on the open shop plan, have made a demand on the New York Metal Trades Association for a closed shop and recognition of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths.

The Treasury Department has begun sending checks to the officers and men of Admiral Dewey's fleet in payment for the awards of prize money made for the victory of the American fleet at Manila Bay.

Four women passengers and three trainmen were killed and about thirty-five persons injured in the Seaboard Air Line wreck at Catawba Junction, N. C. An engine following the express plunged in on top of the shattered cars.

A young lady, a trained nurse in Bellevue Hospital, New York, was bit ten several months ago by an insane patient. Lately she has developed the same form of insanity that afflicted her patient.

The Secretary of State has the nominees of the Democratic, Republican, Prohibition, People's Party, Socialist and Social Labor state conventions, which complete the list. The names will be sent to the different County Clerks for places on the ticket.

Burglars who blew open the safe of County Treasurer J. A. Logan of Yadinville, Yadkin County, Ga., secured between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The post-office safe was also cracked and about \$410 stolen.

## TO GIVE UP PORT.

The Latest Sensation Is That the Port Is to Surrender.

St. Petersburg, Monday, Sept. 13.—Gen. Stoessel's message of thanks to the Emperor in return for the cross of St. George of the third degree is published this morning, having occupied six days to reach this city.

Appropos of this message a friend of the heroic commander of Port Arthur tells the following rather sensational story. After deliberation of the highest authority of the land, a decision was reached that it was useless to hold Port Arthur except for the value of the warships there. Accordingly an imperial order was given to the Askoid by Admiral Witheft, with his dying breath, for the ships to go forth and not on any account to return. This accomplished and Russia's honor having been fully vindicated by its gallant defense, the garrison was to give up the fort in order to save further useless loss of life.

This humane intention was frustrated by Admiral Ouktomsky's defiance of instructions. Once again the fleet is to go out, immediately afterward the ships unfit to go to sea are to be blown up, and then Gen. Stoessel, who has been decorated with the highest order for bravery, will be instructed to surrender the port.

In publishing Lieut. Gen. Stoessel's telegram replying to that of the Emperor, sent recently, reducing the Port Arthur term of military service, the Official Messenger says the news was received by the besieged men with cheers and tears of gratitude.

There is no intimation given as to the method whereby the reply was sent from Port Arthur, but it is dated Sept. 6, indicating that something less than a week is necessary to communicate between St. Petersburg and the beleaguered garrison.

The second Pacific squadron is coaling at Liban. There is good reason for doubting that it will ever get further.

The silence of the Japanese is reminiscent of that which preceded the previous big attacks and gives the impression that the Japanese are employing their usual tactics, the pursuing armies of Oku and Nodzu holding back while Gen. Kuroki is operating an extensive flanking movement.

## Two Killed in a Collision.

Reno, Nev.: Two men were killed and several passengers were injured Monday by a collision between Southern Pacific passenger train at Lawton seven miles west of this city. Fireman Al Hicks of train No. 3 and an unknown man are dead. Both were scalded to death. Each train was a double-header, with a heavy train of Pullmans and day coaches. All of the four engines are a complete wreck as well as the baggage and day coaches of both trains.

## One Farmer Shoots Another.

Gainesville: Sam McKenzie, a farmer residing twenty-five miles east of this city shot and dangerously wounded Charles Bevers Monday morning about daybreak. The weapon used by McKenzie was a double-barreled shotgun, loaded with buckshot, sixteen of which entered the body of Bevers. The attending physicians say Bevers can not recover. McKenzie has surrendered to the officers.

At Atlantic City in a friendly boxing bout, Alexander Tilghman, a waiter, received a bodyblow which was followed almost instantly by death. The opponent was a fellow waiter. The two had been boxing a few minutes when Tilghman's opponent landed over the heart and he dropped.

## Oil Found at Lockhart.

Austin: Judge L. J. Storey says that considerable interest has been caused by the discovery of oil in a well which he and other citizens of Lockhart recently bored near that place. The well was abandoned at a depth of about 1600 feet, but a few days ago, when a look was taken at the well by a member of the company, it was discovered that it was filled to within fifteen feet of the top of the ground with oil, of a good grade.

## Oklahoma's Cotton Crop.

Guthrie, Ok.: Oklahoma will have 300,000 bales of cotton this year, according to the estimate of Secretary of the Oklahoma Board of Agriculture. The acreage is 25 per cent greater this year. The prospects for the cotton crop are the finest ever known in Oklahoma. Three hundred thousand bales are equal to 150,000,000 pounds. Last year Oklahoma raised 204,957 bales, or 93,294,500 pounds, and in 1903 218,399 bales, or 109,195,000 pounds.

## Two Boys Killed on the Track.

Denison: Sunday afternoon a Katy passenger train hit and killed two boys, about 17 and 18 years of age, on a small trestle near Sterrett, I. T. One of the boys is supposed to have been Fred Mills of Muskogee and the other named Cole. According to information received here, the boys were lying on the trestle seemingly asleep. The engineer blew the whistle and one of them raised his head and then sleepily fell back on the track.

## Rock Ribbed Maine Election.

Portland, Maine: The Republicans carried the State in the biennial election Monday, the returns up to 11 o'clock last night indicating a plurality of about 33,000 for Cobb, the Republican candidate for Governor, compared with 33,384 for Hill, the party candidate four years ago. In the First and Second Congressional Districts the returns indicate the election of Amos L. Allen and Charles E. Littlefield by about the same pluralities as four years ago.

In the Third District F. C. Burleigh ran ahead of his vote four years ago. At a late hour last night very few reports had been received from the Fourth District, where the re-election of Llewellyn Powers is conceded. Early returns show that the Democrats have probably made slight gains in both branches of the Legislature, but that body will be strongly Republican and will probably re-elect United States Senator Eugene Hale. The vote was the heaviest cast since 1888.

## Cotton Pickers Scarce.

Hillsboro: There is great demand for cotton pickers. Dozens of farmers were here every day in wagons after them. Many of the negroes have taken advantage of the demand to run the price of picking up to 80 cents per 100. Quite a number of farmers refused to pay it, saying they will risk getting it out with their home force, but quite a number of the negroes succeeded in getting the price raised.

## Found Another Bug.

Atlanta, Ga.: An insect resembling the Mexican boll weevil has appeared in the cotton fields of Georgia and South Carolina. The only difference between the new pest and the weevil is that the former seems to sting the cotton boll, instilling into it a certain poison. This poison first dries up the boll, and then it begins to rot until finally the boll crumbles to pieces.

## WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Friday, October 14th is set for Confederate Day at the Fall Festival at Dallas.

The capital stock of the First National bank of Amarillo has been increased from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

Blaine Hoffman, aged 19 years, received such serious internal injuries in a game of football Saturday at Licens, Pa., that death resulted Sunday.

A recalcitrant grand jury witness was brought before Judge J. M. Pearson of McKinney and adjudged guilty of contempt of court. He was fined \$25 and sentenced to three days in jail.

Mme. Melba, the distinguished singer, while driving in an automobile Sunday afternoon in Paris, accompanied by her two cousins, Misses Walker, ran over a man about 84 years old, the victim dying instantly.

Sam McDonald, who resides about one mile west of Mineral Wells shot himself through the head with a 44-caliber pistol Sunday. He was alone at the time. He was about 45 years old and unmarried.

The dead body of Thomas J. Tredwell, one of the best-known railroad contractors in Mexico, was found close to a copper mine near Monterey, Friday, decomposed so badly that it was buried where found.

John Rotley, the Confederate veteran who is charged with the murder of C. H. Lyster, also an old soldier, at the Confederate Home last Tuesday, is in a serious condition at the county jail where he is confined.

The Sisters of Loretto of the Catholic Church made public plans which they have prepared for the construction of a large academy in El Paso. The academy will occupy ground already owned by the order and will cost \$100,000.

Judge James Kirk Hawes of Chicago, born in Brookfield, Mass., in 1839, one of the factors which defeated Gen. Grant's third nomination in 1880, died suddenly at Lea Cheneaux Island, near Chicago, a few days since.

An inmate of the Terrell insane asylum, in a sudden fit of insanity, struck a waiter named Guy Lowery with a syrup pitcher fracturing his skull.

A movement is on foot to build a good road between Fairfield and Mexia.

Arrangements have been made with the State Fair of Texas whereby the Ringling Brothers' circus and the Gentry Brothers' dog and pony show can appear in Dallas after the Fall Festival.

Sanger and Decatur are now making an effort to have the Bonham-McKinney Interurban extended to those towns. The original contract is signed and it is stated, work will soon commence.

The wireless telegraph system between Dallas and Fort Worth was put into operation Saturday. This is the first commercial line in the South.

Brownwood has changed the date of the proposed carnival to Oct. 24 to 29.

## MORE LAWN TENNIS PLAYED.

Dealer Notes Marked Revival of Interest in the Game.

"We have sold 50 per cent more tennis rackets so far this season than for ten years past," said the head of the sporting goods department in a big department store yesterday. "The game is surely on the jump. Tennis was practically dead for several years, but it's too good a game to go under. Golf gave it a black eye, but golf is now on the toboggan, except among the experts—the people who play on the teams representing the various country clubs. The individual players no longer cut any figure, and the sale of golf clubs is practically nil.

"But it's different with tennis rackets. The old fellows who used to play years ago are again taking up the game, but, between you and me, they don't like the new rackets. They buy 'em, try 'em and then turn up with an old racket that's all out of date, and ask to have it restrung. The restringing of a racket, though, is a good bit of a lottery; it may turn out all right, but more often it won't. Still, the old timers are willing to take chances. Their principal objection to the new racket seems to be that they can't get a good clutch on the handle, which is thicker than the old pattern.—Philadelphia Record.

## USE FOR HOME-MADE PASTRY.

One Dose Sufficient to Keep Tramps From the Door.

"We owe our immunity from tramps to pastry," proclaimed a recently married Germantown man. "Better yet, my wife made the pastry. It was this way. To begin with, she insists upon the pastry. She makes cakes, and even pies, but she always forgets some important ingredient; so one time a thing will be as heavy as lead, and the next as wet as water—this is when she is stingy with the flour.

"It so happened early in our game of housekeeping that a tramp applied at the back gate for something to eat. My wife said she was sorry, but there was nothing to spare, and in repeating it to me she added that everything we had was too fine to spoil by cutting. I espied her latest in cake (I had already discovered its leaven quality) and I rushed out to him with it, telling her that selfishness was unpardonable and self-denial a virtue too seldom practiced. Now, whatever that tramp told his brethren I don't know, nor do I know if he ate the cake and died, or was brained with it by some jealous one who wrenched it from him. But I do know that no tramp has since ventured to approach us with a request for food. Taking the cake was no merry jest.—Philadelphia Record.

## Gen. Tracy's Queer Hand.

Some time during the year before Gen. Tracy was appointed secretary of the navy and went to Washington to live, the Tracys had in their Brooklyn home an Irish servant girl who was something of a character. She was rawboned and muscular, cross-eyed and frakled, she was not much to look at, but her dignity was not to be trifled with. Unable to read or write, her ingenuity in evading the admission was a source of much amusement to her employers. One day when the members of the family were all away in the country she received a telegram from the general, and, taking it around to the grocery store, she said to the proprietor, whom she knew well:

"Tom, there's just one word in this telegram I can't make out. The general does write such a queer hand."—New York Times.

## Little Known Degree.

John Morley has been given the degree of LL. D. by Edinburgh university, but the author of the "Life of Gladstone" will not use the distinction, nor will his friends "doctor" him. He already possessed the degree, anyway, and besides his elder brother was a Dr. Morley. Most public men are chary about making use of complimentary honors. But Sir Archibald Geikie tells about a Scotchman who was not so modest. The latter tacked the initials "L. F. P." on to the name he emblazoned on his visiting cards. "What does it mean?" his friends asked him. "Well, I saw it was the right thing to have the letters," he answered, "and as I didn't ken what a' the fowks' letters meant, I thought I would put L. F. P. It means 'Lately from Paisley.'"

## Three Meetings.

I was possibly twenty, she  
May be a child of eight,  
When she fluttered a hand at me  
Over their garden gate,  
Then to luncheon, or book, or task  
Merrily off she flew,  
Just as I slowed my steps to ask:  
"Whose little girl are you?"

I was thirty and she eighteen  
When in a ballroom's crush  
Next I saw her, and she, I ween,  
Glimpsing me, deigned to blush.  
She was the season's bid, and, oh,  
Many there were to woo;  
And I? I wanted to whisper low:  
"Whose little love are you?"

Fate still kept us apart, and lo!  
I was forty and gray  
When by quite chance, as such things go,  
Met we again one day  
The willow cabin that she pushed (sweet task)  
Held a baby that deigned to coo  
At a mother I cared not at all to ask:  
"Whose little wife are you?"  
—Roy Farrell Green in New York Press.

## Desire to Live is Strong.

Longevity is ever a subject of absorbing interest. The desire to live is the common inheritance of the race. A desire to die does not spring from a sound mind in a sound body. A priest, having administered the last rites of the church to a dying Irishman, asked if he were not now ready to depart. The sick man replied: "Sure, father, I would rather stay where I am best acquainted." So say we all of us.



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Busquets will soon begin to taste like money if wheat keeps on soaring upward.

Wheat is \$1.15 a bushel in Chicago and enthusiasts predict that it will go to \$1.50 or \$2.00 before next May.

Col. L. J. Polk, late of the Santa Fe Railroad, is pushing a scheme to build a railroad from San Antonio to Rio Grande City, in which he seems in a fair way to succeed. The fact that Col. Polk is willing to build a railroad in Texas would seem to indicate that he has gotten over his antipathy to the State railway commission and bond laws, or that he has concluded that their restrictions are not unbearable.

This year we have seven presidential tickets in the field, to wit: Parker and Davis, democratic; Roosevelt and Fairbanks, republican; Swallow and Carroll, prohibition; Watson and Tibbles, populist; Corran and Cox, socialist-labor; Debs and Hanford, socialist; Scott and Payne, negro liberty. The man who desires his vote to count for anything in the affairs of this government must confine his choice between the first two named.

Although the great packing house strike is practically at an end and the strikers are being taken back in their old places as room is found for them, bad feeling still prevails toward the non union workers and rioting and viciousness still prevails. In a riot at the stockyards Tuesday night eight persons were injured, four of them seriously. Two young women were so badly beaten that they had to be carried to a hospital. The unions have lost immensely in public sympathy on account of the many brutal and shameless acts committed during this strike. Public sympathy is necessary to the success of organized labor and it will not succeed, even in its just demands, until it learns to conform to the rules of law and decency. At the beginning of the packing house strike public sympathy was against the packers and with the Union, but the latter lacked the patience and the sense to hold to lawful and peaceful methods and they lost.

Those newspapers which are setting forth reasons why the Southern negro should be a Democrat rather than a Republican are showing more party zeal than political wisdom. It is far better that he should be incorrigibly a Republican than that he should be in any degree independent. Make the negro an unknown quality in Southern politics, and instantly both parties will become rivals for his vote. The consequences of that are too obvious to need statement. Our politics would be worse corrupted, the negro would get an exaggerated idea of his importance, and no one can doubt that the politicians would pander to him when opportunity offered. Of his increased political importance would come a greater arrogance, and that would make more complex the race problem and aggravate it. Joined solidly to the Republican party, the negro counts scarcely anything in the equation of Southern politics; but, divided as between the parties, he would be an appreciable factor.—State Topics.

In which the Free Press believes State Topics is very correct.

## STATE CHAIRMANSHIP MATTER.

There is a good deal of criticism and surmising of undue influences and advantage to be taken in forthcoming legislative matters because Mr. Frank Andrews of Houston, a member of a firm of lawyers who are attorneys for the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., was elected State chairman of the Democratic party by the late State convention at Houston.

The Free Press is not one of those who think that in Mr. Andrews' election the S. P. R'y Co. was made chairman of the Democratic party of Texas, or that it was given any special advantage. It is true that it is well to be watchful and to avoid the appearance of evil, especially in these days of slick manipulation and grafting in politics, but an honest man can attend to the legitimate law business of a railway company and to the duties of chairman of a political party at the same time and do his duty and justice to both without bringing them in conflict or using one of the positions for the undue advantage of the other. We believe Mr. Andrews is an honest man. While we do not have an intimate personal acquaintance with him we know his people; know them to be an honest, sturdy stock who esteem honesty, honor and a good repute

above money or political preferment, and the impression has been made upon us that Frank Andrews is of the same mettle. Certainly since he came into public view some years ago he has been guilty of no act that justifies the insinuations and suspicions that are being thrown at him, for that is what the talk amounts to. It would be better to withhold criticism until there is some act to criticize. If, when the legislature assembles, Mr. Andrews attempts as a lobbyist to influence legislation in the interest of S. P. Co. and against the public interest—in short, should he attempt such a thing as a lobbyist or otherwise—the Free Press will very cheerfully help to tear him down, but it is pleased to believe at this time that some newspapers and some over-zealous people are making "Much Ado About Nothing," when they might be better employed at something else.

## THE CREDIT AND CASH PROBLEM.

If the Farmers' Union succeeds in weaning its members from the mortgage and credit system it will have accomplished a great and grand work. The laborer who is under the necessity of mortgaging his crop in advance of its gathering, and oftentimes before it is even planted, for supplies with which to make the crop, is nothing more nor less than a galley slave.—Merke Mail.

True, every word of it. It would be better for a farmer and for his family to subsist for a year or two on bread and water rather than go through life a year or more behind. There are some, however, who will make no hard sacrifices if they can help it—who would be in debt within a week if you were to even them up and start them out with a surplus. The man who is not built to get ahead by close saving will never stay ahead, and even when the man is provident his wife or daughters or sons may be vain and extravagant. In such cases it is a hard pull through life. There are a great many miseducated people in this country, and one deplorable weakness comes of a want of sufficient courage to enable men and women to attend to their own affairs in their own way. They nearly all pattern after somebody who has more money than they have, and of course the results are pressure, distress, failure. It is thus even in the country.—Dallas News.

Besides the feeling of independence and security which the man that has the cash to pay as he goes must feel, he will save from 10 to 20 per cent on purchases. But the pay as you go problem has been discussed for a long time and people seem no nearer to it than they were ten or twenty years ago. We think the greatest difficulty lies in human weakness, the lack of the courage and ability to practice self denial. To illustrate what we mean: At least nine out of ten families that can execute a mortgage on their year's labor and prospects and get \$300 credit and no more will go through on that amount, but give them \$300 cash to start on and they will gratify first one and then another desire, none of them seeming to amount to much at the time, and the money will be gone and a credit account started long before the year is out.

If people will look this phase of the proposition squarely in the face and summon up the courage and determination to set apart an allowance and live strictly within it when they have the money in their pockets—as strictly as if it were the mortgage allowance, many of them will soon get on to the cash basis and be comparatively easy and independent, but, with human nature as it is, we don't expect to hear of many doing it. We believe however that we have pointed out the great difficulty, the line on which the fight must be made before the victory is won.

## Worth Thinking About.

During the last three years Mr. Roosevelt has been presumably under the restraint of his promise to carry out the policy of the man he succeeded by accident. In these circumstances he was given an exhibition of one man power, absolutism and imperialism in the executive office which may well make the country ask what might he not do if elected President and untrammelled by any promise of conservatism.—N. Y. Herald.

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Mrs. E. J. HUNT.

Mr. John Cavener of the northern portion of the county, father of Messrs. Ed. and George Cavener, died on Wednesday. Mr. Cavener was quite old and, we understand, has been in poor health for some time and his death was not unlooked for. He was a veteran of the Confederate army.

Mr. L. C. Taylor of Marshall, arrived in Haskell Thursday night. He is a brother of Mrs. W. W. Fields and cousin to Mrs. R. B. Fields.

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Twelve dozen ladies dress skirts, various qualities and latest styles—a job lot bought at a bargain to sell at bargain prices. Ladies, call and see them at S. L. Robertson's store.

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In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irrregular living means derangements of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly re-adjusts this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c at all Druggists.

# TO MY FRIENDS, CUSTOMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

I am receiving large shipments of General Merchandise, consisting of full lines of

**STAPLE DRY GOODS!**  
**NOTIONS OF ALL KINDS!**  
**BOOTS, SHOES AND HATS!**

## Gents' Furnishing Goods and Suits!

**MILLINERY! Ladies' Skirts!**  
**MEN'S OVERCOATS! TRUNKS! VALISES, ETC.**

— AND A BIG LINE OF —

## Rubber and Duck Goods!

Which are just the things for the cotton picking season and heavy work generally.

NOW AS TO MY

# GROCERY DEPARTMENT!

I have to say that I intend to keep one of the best and freshest stocks that will be found in Haskell. In the matter of prices

## LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE

For I will GUARANTEE ANY PRICES you can get ANY PLACE—including Stamford. In other words, will say that I intend to

### CUT AND SLASH PRICES ALL TO PIECES!

So do not go to Stamford and say you bought there because they were cheaper than Haskell until you get MY PRICES. I run my own teams, haul my own goods, have no city taxes, rents, or anything of this kind to pay. SEE!

**LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE! Yours for business.**

# T. G. CARNEY.



## My Preliminary Address.

S. L. Robertson comes again to the readers of the Free Press and presents for their inspection and consideration the largest and best selected stock of General Merchandise ever brought to Haskell county. It is complete in all lines of staple dry goods, ladies' dress goods of the latest patterns and weaves, linings, trimmings, embroideries, laces, notions, novelties in ladies' furnishings, shirt waists, gloves, hosiery, corsets, etc., etc., to the end of the chapter.

My stock of men's clothing, underwear and furnishings is mammoth, and contains all of the latest styles and novelties for gentlemen's wear. Star Brand Shoes are still in the lead, "The Best," and my stock of them for men, women and children is larger than ever before, comprising all grades for fine and heavy wear.

In the important matter of prices, will say they were never lower, even when cotton was down to 6 cents and wool 8 cents.

My groceries department will be kept up to a high standard and constantly replenished with the best and freshest eatables to be had in the markets, and my prices will always be as low or lower than anywhere else.

We make it a rule to be fair and honorable in all our dealings, and invite your patronage on that guarantee. Yours truly,

S. L. ROBERTSON.



## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Mr. G. E. Ballew and family arrived home Tuesday from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Collin county.

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

Mrs. Jim Hale of Putnam, is here on a visit to the family of her brother, Mr. W. T. Hudson.

All the popular cold drinks on tap at K. Jones' place.

Mr. H. M. Rike was billed to leave this morning for St. Louis to see the big exposition.

Try that Mexican hardware toilet soap at the Racket Store.

A son was born to Judge and Mrs. H. G. McConnell on Wednesday, 11th instant.

See that new line of gold band glassware at the Racket Store. It's the prettiest yet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cason returned Friday night of last week from seeing the big fair at St. Louis.

Tooth brushes, hair brushes and combs in great variety at the Racket Store.

Mrs. Walter J. Wright of Fitzgerald, O. L., arrived Wednesday evening on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. C. Bohanan, of the western part of the county.

Candies, nuts, fresh fruits and cigars at K. Jones' place. He keeps his stock fresh and of the best quality.

Miss May Fields spent several days this week with the family of Mr. D. W. Fields near Marcy.

You will be both pleased and surprised when you look through Mrs. Hunt's new stock and hear her prices.

Mr. Raymond Alexander has gone to Georgetown to attend the Southwestern University.

Ladies wanting the latest things in dress trimmings, should call at Mrs. Hunt's.

Misses Lillie Rike and Una Foster visited S. R. Rike near Stamford Thursday.

Ladies you will find the new dress goods at Mrs. Hunt's both stylish and cheap.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pierson were shopping and visiting in Haskell Thursday.

See the novelties in ladies' furnishings at Mrs. Hunt's.

Capt. W. W. Fields left Sunday for Sherman with his daughter, Miss Annis, who will attend the Carr-Burdett college at that place.

Fresh cabbage, white greely potatoes and onions—prices cut to the bottom. T. G. Carney.

The clouds thickened up Tuesday evening and gave us quite a refreshing shower. This was followed by a cold north wind during the night, and Wednesday it was chilly enough to make people think about beginning to prepare for winter.

Don't overlook our ladies' ready made tailor suits, Alexander Mercantile Co.

If you want outings, elderdowns, flannels, flanellets, fleeced suitings and sackings, all in different patterns and colorings and at the lowest possible prices, call at S. L. Robertson's.

At last! A pleased and grateful public, although it has suffered long, returns thanks! Carney has dumped that old rattle-trap delivery wagon on the junk pile and sports a brand new one, just from St. Louis; with his name and 'phone number emblazoned in silver letters on the sides and—nary a rattle to it!

The publishers of the beautiful song, "I Wait Alone for You," by the late W. Wesley Wells, have sent us a copy of his last song, "My Mercedes" which has just been published and which he composed a few weeks before his death. It is simply beautiful, easy to play, melodious, and a perfect adaptation of exquisite words to a beautiful melody. The publishers, J. W. Jenkins' Sons Music Co. of Kansas City, Mo., are making a special price of 25 cents per copy.

W. H. Parsons has some nice country land, milo maize, sorghum and milch cows for sale.

Mr. T. G. Carney returned the first of the week from a two weeks' stay in Southern Texas and Louisiana. From the way he is flying at business and talking of whooping up things since his return, we imagine he took some special treatment and got himself inoculated with a new kind of business germ.

WE BUY COTTON and don't allow anybody at the railroad, nor away from it, pay higher prices than we do. So you need not spend two or three days of valuable time in going to the railroad when you can get as good or better price in Haskell and be only one day away from home. S. L. Robertson.

In a 'phone message yesterday morning from Rev. L. L. Lusk, who is at Throckmorton assisting in a meeting, he stated that Rev. R. Lindsey, pastor at Throckmorton, would preach at the Baptist church here tomorrow at the regular hours, morning and night. He also said that they were having a fine meeting at Throckmorton. Great interest was beginning to be manifested and there were three conversions Thursday night. We learned also from another source that Prof. Stephens will be here to take part in the song service at the Baptist church tomorrow.

Latest style ladies' tailor made suits at \$10, but worth \$18 at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Miss Lillie Rike entertained a party of friends at 42 Saturday afternoon, from 4 to 6:30 in honor of Miss Mason of Abilene. The crowd was a merry one and the playing was enthusiastic, each player vying with the others in trying to win the greatest number of games. Mrs. L. T. Cunningham was the fortunate one and secured a dainty prize. After the playing was over, the guests were ushered into the dining room, which they found beautifully decorated and where lovely refreshments were served to them. The shadows of evening were growing long as the party broke up, all pronouncing Miss Rike an ideal hostess an entertainer.

For comfort and style get a long hip, straight front C. B. Corset, or a satin tape girdle at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Lots of blankets, quilts and lap robes at S. L. Robertson's.

BARBED WIRE—Do you need it? If so I can save you nice money on it. Will cut the price way below what you have been paying for it. T. G. Carney.

The Sorosis petticoat, made with a yolk, fits any form, acknowledged to be the best, Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Have you got any prices on rice, beans and soap? See Carney.

When you come to Haskell be sure to call and see the big stock of new goods at S. L. Robertson's.

The following cattle shipments were made from Haskell county this week: J. H. Cunningham, 1 car yearling heifers; M. S. Pierson, 1 car cows; Ross Hemphill, 3 cars mixed cattle; W. T. Hudson, 2 cars cows; J. B. Tomkins, 1 car steers; J. H. Herrin, 1 car calves; G. R. Couch, 1 car; J. S. Boone, 1 car calves, S. S. Cummings and W. L. Hille jointly, 6 cars twos and steers. The cattle were billed to Fort Worth with privilege of continuing to St. Louis if desired on arrival.

Cotton goods are some cheaper this year than last. Be sure to get my prices on calico. Here's trouble again! T. G. Carney.

Star Brand Shoes hold the lead—better than ever, and S. L. Robertson sells them in Haskell.

Geo. P. Ide shirts; 75 cts to \$2.00 at Alexander Mercantile Co's store.

If you have wood for sale, call on S. L. Robertson; he will pay cash for twelve cords of good winter wood.

The ladies of the Christian church give notice that they will serve dinner on the public square on the first day of the Street Fair. They promise an extra good dinner, with refreshments, for 25 cents. They solicit a liberal patronage and especially invite their friends from the country.

S. L. Robertson's store is headquarters for men's and boys' clothing and underwear.

You will find the Buster Brown collars at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Pepsi Pupch, the ideal health beverage—get it at K. Jones' place.

Mrs. J. E. Gammell of Pine Bluff, Ark., is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Simmons.

Haskell merchants are putting in unusually large and well selected stocks of goods, and they are inviting business with the assurance that they will fully meet any competition in this part of the State, and we believe they can do it. Give your home merchants the first chance.

A new and fine line of suspenders at the Racket Store.

Mr. J. E. Patton, one of Throckmorton county's most estimable citizens, was in Haskell Monday. He was on his way to Stamford to meet his parents, who are coming out to live with or near him.

The "Full Moon Club" held forth with Mrs. S. W. Scott Thursday night.

The young people enjoyed a party Friday night, at Mrs. Bud Smith, given in honor of Miss Cora Lemmon who leaves for school at Stamford today.

Mr. Wortha Long left this morning, for Waco where he will attend school.

When troubled with constipation try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no griping or other unpleasant effect. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

## AN ECHO OF CLUBBOM.

"O, how full of briars is this working-day world," yet how soon their prick is forgotten when the windows of our souls are opened to the refined and the beautiful. Our aesthetic natures were fully satisfied by the reception given to the club women of Haskell by one of their number, Mrs. Wm. E. Sherrill, on Monday, September 12th, in honor of Mrs. and Miss Mason of Abilene.

The quiet, original and unique game of the hour was crowned by a beautiful plaque of the bust of Longfellow, framed with his favorite wreath of oak leaves and acorns. This coveted prize was meritoriously bestowed upon Mrs. Samuel Walter Scott, who immediately showed her magnanimous spirit by presenting it to our Abilene visitor, Mrs. Mason, in the name of the Haskell club as a souvenir of the afternoon.

The afternoon luncheon of ices, salad, olives, wafers and sherbet well deserved the title "Theo broma," not alone for its exquisite flavor and its dainty service in fragile china, cut glass and pearl-mounted silver, but also for the graceful, unassuming manner in which it was presented.

During the social chat "over the tea cups" we decided to visit a near-by cotton patch on the following Saturday, with lunch baskets and strong, commodious (?) sacks, that we might replenish our ever needy treasury, as well as strengthen our brain fibers for a better perusal of our winter's study of Shakespeare and Texas history.

Look for a report from our exploration into this new field of labor.

MRS. BAKER.

## ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the Court House in the town of Haskell on the 1st day of October, 1904, for an incorporation for free school purposes only, to be named Haskell Independent School District, and the territory to be so incorporated described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point S. line of Peter Allen sur. 85 vrs. E. of S. W. cor. of same, thence N. 3654 vrs, cross S. line of sec. 31, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. at 5451 vrs; cross S. line sec. 32 at 5700 vrs. a point in sec. 32; thence E. at 794 vrs. E. line sec. 32; at 2772 vrs; cross E. line sec. 33, same company; at 4750 vrs. cross E. line sec. 36, same company, and E. line Jas. Scott L. & L. sur. continuing E. 9500 vrs. to point in Scott sur., thence S. at 2046 vrs. cross S. line of said Scott sur. and N. line of I. Ramos L. & L. sur.; at 5700 vrs. cross S. line of said Ramos sur. and N. line of H. O. Cambell L. sur.; at 9354 vrs. cross S. line of said Campbell and N. line of T. D. Owens L. & L. sur.; at 9500 vrs. to a point in said Owning sur., thence W. at 4750 vrs. cross W. line of said Owings and E. line of sec. 18 H. & T. C. Ry. Co.; at 8015 vrs; cross E. line of sec. 17 same company; at 9500 vrs to a point in said sec. 17; thence N. at 145 vrs. cross N. line of said sec. 17 and S. line of sec. 23, at 1973 vrs. cross S. line of sec. 24 same company, at 3800 vrs to the place of beginning.

J. U. Fields has been appointed presiding officer at said election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist in holding it, and said election to be held in the manner prescribed for holding other elections.

Every male person who has attained the age of twenty-one years and who has resided within the limits of the territory herein above described and proposed to be incorporated for six months next preceding the date of said election, and is a qualified elector under the laws of the state, shall be entitled to vote at said election. On each ticket voted, the voter must write, or cause to be written or printed, "Corporation" or "No Corporation."

Notice is hereby also given that at the same time and place designated for holding the above election, and by the same election officers, an election will be held for the purpose of selecting seven trustees for said school district, should the same be incorporated, as provided for the election of such trustees in Chapter 7, Acts of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, First Called Session, 1900.

The foregoing elections are held in pursuance of a petition filed with me on the 8th day of September, 1904, and an order made by me on the 8th day of September, 1904.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of September, 1904.

D. H. HAMILTON,  
County Judge, Haskell County Tex.

## SUITS TO ORDER.

Do you want a Suit of clothes, or a pair of Pants, or a Coat and Vest? If you do, call at the Racket Store and see samples, get your measure taken and we will send your order to one of the leading tailoring houses in the United States:

Quality of goods, style and workmanship are guaranteed, and we will see that the price is satisfactory.

W. H. Wyman & Co.

Hosiery direct from the mills—no old dye rotted stock, at Alex. Mer. Co.

# OUR GREAT FALL STOCK

1904

We have the fullest house we have ever shown to our customers, and our many years of experience in studying and supplying the wants of the people of this section in the dry goods line has enabled us to select a stock which we believe will meet your wishes in every particular.

In making our selections we spared neither time or pains in examining goods and seeing that we got the best in material as well as the latest in design, weave and colorings.

We invite your careful inspection, believing that we have made Every Department stronger and better than before.

## Ladies Suits.

We have added a line of Ladies Ready-to-wear Suits, worth \$15 to \$18 each, on which we are making the

**LOW PRICE OF \$10.00**

They will please those wanting something neat and stylish. The supply won't last long and can't be duplicated at this price.

## Ladies Skirts.

We have a very full and choice stock of Ladies' Ready Made Skirts—decidedly the best line in material and finish ever brought to this place.

Our prices are such that you can afford to buy them better than you can afford to buy the material and make them.

Never in the history of our trade have we been able to show you so varied an assortment in our

# .....DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.....

Splendid values are to be found in this excellent line of fabrics, of which we feel justly proud

Don't Fail to See Our Beauties in LADIES' BELTS!

## Ladies' Novelty Neck Wear.

We have an unusually beautiful line of Novelties in Ladies' Neck Wear. These stylish goods have already attracted the attention of our lady customers. It is our intention to keep this line complete throughout the season by express shipments.

## Ladies' Hosiery.

Heretofore there has been complaint of the poor wearing quality of black hosiery. To correct the defect we bought our hosiery direct from the MILLS, guaranteed new and freshly dyed. You will find this stock complete in all grades.

## Our Blankets and Comforts

Are from the best Mill in the United States, and we offer them without fear of competition in quality or prices.

## Notions, Trimmings.

In this department the ladies will find a great assortment, including all the late novelties—in fact all that any one needs to decorate or complete the most stylish costume.

Our line of GLOVES and Belts will interest you.

## Boots and Shoes.

No store in West Texas surpasses us in the quantity or the range of styles carried in this line for men, women and children and when we say they are the

**HAMILTON-BROWN MAKE**

You know the quality is the best.

## GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

This department in our store is in the front of anything to be found west of Fort Worth. In it the gentlemen will find all that is needed with which to array themselves in accordance with the latest mode.

We invite your special attention this fall to our MILLINERY DEPARTMENT, which is presided over by Miss Mary Young, who is thoroughly acquainted with all the new and advanced styles, modes of trimming and color schemes for producing the most striking effects seen in the Eastern cities.

Our careful selection of materials, together with Miss Young's skill in arranging them into the desired forms, guarantees to our customers as tasteful and correct styles as could be gotten if they ordered their hats from Chicago or New York. We invite the ladies to call and get acquainted with Miss Young.

# Alexander Mercantile Company



## Press On.

If obstacles meet your way  
And darkness grow the clouds each day,  
Do not feel sad, but ever say—  
Press on.

If on a trolley car you ride,  
Do not upon the platform hide;  
The better, there's standing room inside—  
Press on.

If you're a girl that's neat and shrewd,  
Who wears good clothes and has good  
taste,  
Remember that she has a waist—  
Press on.  
—Yonkers Statesman.

# TWO RESCUES

BY STEPHAN BARSONY

It was near midnight, when the telephone in the castle of Zsaby began to ring sharply and excitedly. Baron Sebastian Petrovics, the owner of Zsaby, had not yet retired, but was deep in a book. He hurried to the telephone. "Hello! Petrovics. What can I do for you, countess?"

An excited female voice, the sobbing of which betrayed only too plainly that something had happened, replied: "Are you there, baron. Thank God, you are at home. Please come over at once; burglars are breaking into the house!"

"I will come immediately," the baron shouted into the telephone. "Hold the doors, and let no threats prevail upon you to open until I am there. I shall take men with me. In ten minutes! Be brave, countess!"

He did not wait for the answer; snatching his hat, revolver and sword, he rushed out of the room, swung himself on his horse and called to his men: "Follow me as fast as you can!"

He spurred his horse and galloped toward Gyony.

Gyony was the property of Countess Gulacsy, separated from Zsaby only by a narrow strip of woodland. The owners of the two castles led a retired life, the baron for necessity, for his finances did not allow him to continue the extravagant life he had led in first youth; the countess from a hatred of people which had induced her to take refuge in this secluded spot. Her marriage had not been a happy one, and her husband's conduct had made the thought of men hateful to her. It was only a certain community of interests which had brought her and the baron together. They were neighbors, and could not avoid a meeting from time to time. Gradually she became accustomed to Petrovics, who was an excellent companion and knew how to make time pass in pleasant conversation.

Once he had said to the countess: "You see, countess, you make me happy when you allow me to amuse and entertain you. If you are willing, we can arrange things so that I may hear your voice even when it rains, or in the long winter evenings whenever you would enjoy a friendly talk."

"You know, baron," the countess had interrupted, "that I am no friend of society. You would often seek me in vain, and find only Mme. von Csongay, my companion and friend."

"But if you will give your permission, I will have a telephone connection made between Zsaby and Gyony, so that you can call me when you please."

The young woman smiled and made no objection. Then the "devil's machine," as the servants called it, was introduced; but up to the time this story opens no one had as yet made use of the telephone.

One day, the week before, the mistress of Gyony was in very bad humor, and even vented it on her companion. "My dear Csongay," she cried,

that yourself. No, I am no longer at home for the baron."

A week had passed since this conversation, when the baron was called to Gyony over the telephone. When the burglars appeared, the male servants happened to be away on various errands. The enormous Newfoundland dog barked furiously. He attacked one of the villains, but a pistol shot soon made an end to the faithful animal. The report roused the inmates of the house. The mistress of the castle hurried to bolt the doors



Swayed, and would have fallen.

and then she had the happy inspiration to telephone for the baron.

The burglars seemed to be numerous. They hammered at the lattices of the windows, and swore to set fire to the house if the doors were not opened. Mme. von Csongay was beside herself with fear; she was saying the Lord's prayer over and over, and muttered between times: "It is over with us. They will murder us."

The bandits now tried to burst open the outer door, and the noise was terrible; but the countess was no longer frightened, for her fine ear had detected the sound of hoofbeats, and soon she saw three horsemen coming at a gallop.

Shots were heard outside. The noise was deafening, and above the tumult rose the death-cry of the burglar who had stood guard. After a while quiet ensued, and was broken only by the commanding voice of the baron. The countess turned white as death; it was not her own fate, but that of the baron, which frightened her. Feverish and trembling, she opened the door; the baron stood before her. When she saw him safe and sound she swayed, and would have fallen if the baron had not caught her in his arms.

About a year and a half later after that exciting night a happy family event was celebrated at Gyony—the baptism of the first-born son of the Baron Petrovics and his wife, formerly Countess Gulacsy.

Mme. von Csongay played a more important part than ever. The champagne and the joy had loosened her tongue, and while she caressed the baby she remarked, jestingly: "You owe it all to me; both you, my precious, and your father."

She turned to the baron with a meaning glance. The baroness looked up and saw it, and also that her husband flushed crimson. There was nothing for it but confession. Kissing his wife tenderly, the baron said: "Since it must be, dear, I will tell you all. I adored you, and yet you banished me from your sight. Your friend there was my good angel. She knew how I suffered, and suggested a plan—a detestable plan, I admit. Well, you insisted on a hero, and we played that little comedy of the burglars—"

A shouting and running in the yard interrupted the confession, much to the baron's relief, and he went out to see what was the cause of the excitement.

The baroness felt as if she had tumbled from the clouds, and resolved to be seriously angry with her husband. When he returned, she was about to make a cutting remark, but checked herself at the sight of him. He was dripping wet from head to foot.

"What has happened to you?" she exclaimed anxiously.

"Nothing much, dear. The little daughter of one of my men had fallen into the well, and would have drowned if I had not jumped in after her. The

men seemed to have lost their heads.

For answer the baroness, flushing with pride, held out her arms to her husband, who smiled and said, pointing to his wet clothes: "Wait a minute, dear, until I have changed my things."

Mme. von Csongay looked triumphantly at the baroness, as if to say: "You see, he is a hero, after all!"—From the Hungarian of Stefan Barsony.

## HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS.

Be Interested in Them, but Never Show Curiosity.

If you would have friends, be interested in them.

There is a difference between interest and curiosity. Never be curious. Interest asks nothing, but is glad of others' joys and sorry for others' misfortunes. Curiosity seeks to find more than is written upon the surface, seeks it for the purpose of distribution, for innocent slander.

One's friends like one to be interested. They detest one who is curious.

To be interested in those one meets needs to be to wish them well.

To see the best of those about us will cause us to wish them well.

To our well-wishers we pour out our joys and sorrows. They are interested. They understand.

The interested friend always understands. The curious acquaintance never sees through motives. The curious one is blinded by his own interpretation of causes and his prejudiced view of results.

Don't, therefore, seek to know what is hidden. If your friends conceal something from you he has a reason for doing it. Prove your interest and your lack of vulgar curiosity by trusting him in spite of the concealment.

Those who are truly interested and never curious are surrounded by friends.—Detroit Tribune.

## William Penn's Grave.

I notice that one or two of your correspondents seem concerned about the condition of William Penn's grave. Having, while in England during the summer of 1902, visited Jordan's Meeting House and burying ground, where the remains of William Penn lie, I can testify that the graveyard was then in a respectable condition, and the graves of William Penn, his two wives, Isaac Pennington, Thomas Ellwood and others prominent in their day, were well kept, and marked by neat, modest headstones, after the simple manner of the Society of Friends. The little graveyard and the meeting house close by are under the care of trustees, who appear to guard and protect the property carefully. Jordan's is about two miles from the quaint and ancient village of Chalfont St. Giles. It was in this place that the poet John Milton lived, and where he wrote "Paradise Lost." The house is in a good state of preservation, and visited by many every year.—Letter in Philadelphia Public Ledger.

## A Yachting Family.

Some very remarkable figures as to the influence of the Coats family in yachting were given in the course of a speech made at a dinner in Larga, which Mr. George Coats gave to the crews of his yachts Finnella and Kelpie. The various members of the family have no fewer than twelve yachts in commission, ranging in size from the stately schooner Gleniffer and the magnificent Queen of Scots to the bantam racer Thetis. The boats give employment to about 120 men, and its costs not less than \$100,000 per annum to maintain them.

## A Natural Inquiry.

A few days ago a gentleman called up his wife by the automatic phone, but when a voice responded knew there must have been a mistake in the number. The question hovering on his lips slipped out anyway, and he said: "Is supper ready?" "Yes," replied the unknown lady. "I'm coming up immediately." "All right," said she, "but who are you?" He hung up the receiver hurriedly.—Nebraska State Journal.

## Her Day.

She worried over little woes,  
From which he laughing turned;  
She smarmed 'neath the little blows  
Which left him unconcerned;  
She borrowed little troubles when  
She had none of her own;  
He smiled, as is the way with men,  
And let her fret alone.

A sorrow that was real and great  
On them was laid one day;  
Bewailing his heart-breaking fate  
He flung his hopes away.  
But in that dreary hour she went,  
While still her eyes were wet,  
And led him forth, infirm and bent,  
To help him to forget.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Germans on Prize Ship.

Most of the crew of the British steamship Cheltenham, which has been adjudged a lawful prize at the Vladivostok prize court, were Germans. When the Russians seized the vessel the Germans manifested their delight by cheers.

## Athletics in Germany.

Until a few years ago little attention was paid in Germany to athletic sports. To-day tennis and football are said to be more popular than in the United States.

## Doctor Leaves Snug Fortune.

Dr. Samuel Smiles, author of "Self Help" and other works, left an estate which has just been valued at \$350,000.

## New British Trade Vessels.

Two new British trade vessels have just been formed. One is for undertakers and the other for gardeners.

## PRESIDENT EXTOLS HIS PARTY.

### Administrative Acts Defended in Letter Accepting Nomination.

President Roosevelt September 12 issued his letter accepting the nomination for the Presidency tendered him by the Republican National Convention. In the lengthy document sent out he says: "I accept the nomination for the presidency tendered me by the Republican National Convention, and cordially approve the platform adopted by it.

"The principles which we profess are those in which we believe with heart and soul and strength. Men may differ from us, but they cannot accuse us of shiftiness or insincerity. The policies we have pursued are those which we earnestly hold as essential to the national welfare and repute. Our actions speak even louder than our words for the faith that is in us. We base our appeal upon what we have done and are doing, upon our record of administration and legislation during the last seven years, in which we have had complete control of the government. We intend in the future to carry on the government in the same way that we have carried it on in the past."

The acts of the administration in connection with the war with Spain, the Isthmian canal and the upholding of the Monroe doctrine the President defends at length, and declares the party is prepared fully to accept the issue on these questions.

Much space is taken up in praise of the institution of the suit against the Northern Securities Company—the merger suit—and the action of the President in the settlement of the anthracite coal strike.

The President claims the Democratic party is still divided on the question of silver and that the Republican party has been consistent on the question throughout.

Interests of both capital and labor, it is asserted, have been safeguarded by the actions of the administration, and the claim is made that the civil service law is now enforced as never before.

Of the tariff the President says the question of revision must be left to the party now in power, though he admits there may be a necessity for the "revision of some schedules," which he claims should be done by the friends of the policy of protection. The trusts, he claims, are bound up in the prosperity of the country, and must not be injured by changes in tariff schedules.

In a mild manner the document commends the wisdom of the ship subsidy scheme, without actual mention of the plan.

The status of the Filipinos, the President declares, is now of the best, and the idea of the withdrawal of the Americans from the islands is scouted.

In conclusion, the policy of the Republican party on national questions is declared to be the only safe procedure, and the President, for the party, declares his willingness to leave the verdict to the judgment of the American people.

## NO LONGER ALL SENTIMENT.

### Southern Moss Now Article of Commerce.

Poets have written fetchingly about the long gray festoons of Spanish moss, word painters have told how it seemed to mourn over the solitary graves in southern woodlands, tourists have strained after sentimental phrases to express the feelings the sight of great oaks draped with it has awakened in their bosoms, but down in the country where it grows they stuff horse collars with it.

The sweeping moss of the southern forests is linked with commerce. It fills mattresses for beds and cushions for buggies. It is useful for packing and it is gathered as any other crop is gathered by people who are paid by the day. Moss is ginned as cotton is ginned; the outer cuticle of the fiber is removed and leaves it much like horse hair. It is then good for anything that needs stuffing. In Louisiana, instead of merely a detail of swamp scenery, it is the basis of an industry. Bales of it are shown as part of the Louisiana forestry display.

It still waves in the Gulf breezes where it is unmoisted, and the mocking bird, perhaps, veils itself from the moonlight behind it as it trills out its full notes to its mate; it still gives that funereal aspect to the banks of hundreds of miles of bayous and makes distinct from any other landscape in the world the scenery of our southern states, but the utilitarian eye sees in it only so many bales at so much per bale, f. o. b., delivered at northern furniture factories.—St. Louis Democrat

## Ship Subsidy Resuscitated.

The whole Roosevelt Administration seems saturated with the idea that a ship subsidy bill must be forced through Congress. The latest high official to attempt to coerce Congress is Robert B. Armstrong, assistant secretary of the treasury. While Secretary Shaw and others of the Cabinet have yielded their desire for this robbery of the people for the ship trust, they are quite as strongly for a ship subsidy or their under straps would not be declaring for it. The occasion taken by Mr. Armstrong to inoculate others with this Republican policy of subsidy was the national convention of the American Institute of Bank Clerks, held at St. Louis, August 25. He declared that the upbuilding of the Merchant Marine was worthy of the best thought and activity of his hearers and further: "I am sure that your mother puts you to bed before I get home in future," he sternly informed the boy.

"But pop," retorted the child, with a natural overflow of philosophy that was delicious, "how can you see her put me to bed if she puts me to bed before you get home?"

"That was his last question for that evening."—New York Globe.

## HARMONY IN PARTY

### UNITED DEMOCRACY IN READINESS FOR CAMPAIGN.

Strong Contrast to the Factional Disturbances Prevailing in the Republican Ranks—Seemingly Little Doubt of Victory in November.

The Democrats are united as they have not been before for ten years, and Parker and Davis will receive the normal vote of the party with a good many recruits from their opponents. The Republicans are split into factions on several issues. Nearly all the old Hanna machine men are disgruntled as they see a young element of their party in the saddle and they will not pull hard on the traces unless they are paid for their work either in money or promises. In West Virginia, Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Wisconsin, the rival Republican factions are intent on defeating each other and one or the other faction have no faith in or love for Candidate Roosevelt, though most of them declare they will vote for him. In these and other states there are minor factions and important Republicans who while keeping within party lines are opposed to their candidates for president and do not mind saying so in private conversation. The glamour of the Rough Rider has worn off and the business interests of the country have more weight in politics than the imperialistic element.

That is the great danger to the Rough Rider. The farmers have discovered that the trusts are bleeding them and that the high price of wheat is more than offset by the increased cost of what they buy. The workmen are organizing politically for their protection, for the Republican majority in Congress refused to listen to their prayer for legislation for the eight-hour bill, the anti-injunction bill and other lesser laws labor thinks necessary for its salvation. All the Republican leaders favor the open shop and most of them are openly in sympathy with the Party organization of protected trusts and manufacturers.

Wages and being reduced and strikes are numerous, and the cost of living is still advancing, which does not inspire confidence in the economic policies of the Republican party of those who are suffering from loss of wages and increased cost of food.

The trusts have decreased the profits of the small storekeepers, while rents and household expenses are higher than ever before, and the opportunities for increased business is monopolized by the great department stores, who can purchase of the trusts at much less than the small storekeeper has to pay.

People with limited incomes find their expenses have increased while their revenues are stationary. All these people are inquiring why the trusts should be protected by the tariff in selling their products at the highest possible price here and a much lower price in foreign countries. Many of the voters have discovered that the tariff prevents competition and fosters monopoly and that the increased cost for their products that the monopolists charge is a much greater tax than the government collects.

The revenues of the United States are declining and the expenses are greater than ever before in time of peace. Not only have the expenses of the government increased much faster in proportion than the population, but neither President Roosevelt, his cabinet, nor the Republican majority in Congress have offered any solution of the problem, but are all intent on "letting well enough alone," and have paralyzed the industries of the country with a do-nothing policy by fighting all proposals for reform.

The government departments are extravagant and filled with grafters which the Republican party has refused to investigate, although evidence was plentiful that but a beginning had been made in exposing the frauds through a partisan investigation of but two bureaus of the post-office department.

Knowledge of all these sins of the Republican party is finding lodgment in the hearts of many voters and they have determined on a change. Upon the surface of the political field all is still and serene, but there are mutterings in the homes of the farmers, the cottages of the artisan and the tenements of the laboring men that bodes ill for the Republican candidates. The still small voice of reason is working more changes of sentiment than the hired and blatant notes of the trust apologist can overcome, blare he never so loudly, and there is a quiet determination to "turn the rascals out."

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has been in existence since creation, I am unable to understand.

"They had not objected seriously or successfully against government aid to the transcontinental railroads, and he asked why they should protest when it is suggested that the government help place upon the bosom of the sea ships that fly the American flag."

So we may expect if Mr. Roosevelt and a Republican Congress is elected, to see strong pressure brought to bear upon Congress to load up the people with an enormous tax for Morgan and his steamship trust.

## Some New York Republicans.

That the Roosevelt-Odell machine in New York city is a tough proposition is apparent from the evidence given in a circular published by the opposing Republican faction in the Ninth assembly district. There is a conflict in the Republican camp as to who shall represent the party as leader and as county committeemen and the circular describes, "who are dictating nominations in this district and managing party affairs" in the following pen pictures:

"John J. Plunkitt, formerly bartender for 'Mike' Curley on Tenth avenue. Later became janitor and porter of the local club. Has a job as deputy sheriff by reappointment of a Tammany administration. Why?"

"James A. Allen came into the district with a carpet bag and has acquired property. Always obeys orders. Consult the files of the Evening Post and other reputable papers for his record."

"Thomas L. Hamilton, personally a nice fellow, but politically a light weight. Charity forbids expatriation."

"James J. Duffy, the last and least of all. Known as 'Koke' Duffy. Absolutely devoid of any of the customs of polite men. Does well in business, especially during Tammany regimes. Devotes his time and energy more to assisting the Tammany leaders than to working for his own nominal party. Is reported to be about to join Tammany openly soon. Apparently knows no more of and cares no more for political principles than he does of the sturrian age in geology. Mixes in Tammany fights, to the detriment of the Republican party. A most unworthy choice."

"To vote for the above is to debauch the party."

It is the fashion of Republicans to abuse Tammany as a political machine that is everything that is bad, but the evidence given above by Republicans of the G. O. P. shows that the Republican machine leaders are not only vile, but incompetent.

## Republican Harmony in New York.

President Roosevelt is certainly having hard luck in harmonizing the warring Republican factions in his own state. He wanted Root nominated for governor, but Odell said "No." Then he wanted the state nominations left to the convention, but again Odell said "No, I have a candidate for governor which I will disclose when the time comes." President Roosevelt therefore announced that he was not interfering in New York politics. But the stream of Republican leaders that are invited to Oyster Bay belies his lack of interference. The latest invitation issued from Oyster Bay was to Litaner of the glove scandal fame, who, the President declared, "was his close friend and political adviser." It is rather mortifying to see the President, in his effort to control the New York situation, have to consort with such a tough lot of politicians as the Republicans of the Empire State have for leaders.

## The Cost of Living.

After pondering over the figures of the Department of Commerce and Labor for about a month the Chicago Chronicle has discovered Mr. Wright's "average man" does not exist, but that "the standard of living is better" than it was a few years ago. Since the beef trust, the coal trust, and the hundreds of other trusts have advanced prices to the top notch, the average man and woman have discovered that it cost a great deal more to keep up the standard of living and that present wages and trust prices are an obstacle that everyone feels. All the sophistry of the Republican statisticians cannot gloss over the fact that the limited income cannot be stretched to meet the demands that are made upon it. High trust prices fostered by the protective tariff may give a glamor of prosperity to the protected industries, but the many have to pay to the prosperous few.

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"Hello!"

petulantly, "we won't receive Baron Petrovics again! He has abused my friendship and confidence."

"That is unheard of, incredible! So tactful a man—"

The countess shook her head nervously. "Imagine! He had the audacity to ask for my hand."

"Well, that is not an unpardonable crime."

"Don't irritate me, dear. I don't want to marry, and that is the end of it. All men are alike—calculating and selfish. How do I know whether he loves me or not? Could he become a hero for my sake—die for me, if need be? Could he force me to admire him and bend to his will? You don't think



**Looped Bolero.**  
Bolero jacket fronts are not always worn open. Some are hooked and some are invisibly stayed on one or both sides. But the newer scheme is to have the fronts connected with loops of passementerie, ribbon or hussar braiding. It is not meant to join the bolero fronts close together. Instead, a small space is usually allowed to show the all-over lace or embroidered lawn blouse. Across this the loops go in a series. This is especially handsome in staining or voile costumes, and is also seen on dresses of buff linen, worn of a morning.

It is perhaps one of the most comforting things in life that a man's idea of what constitutes success changes as he grows older.

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"In Boston the finest shops are filled with bareheaded women shoppers. They're not women of the poorer classes, either, but well-dressed matrons and stunning looking maids.  
"In Boston neighbors call to one another from stoop to stoop over their after-dinner coffee. There, too, children visit from house to house for all the world as they do in country towns. Neighbors borrow each other's newspapers, to say nothing of magazines and books, and they use one another's telephones. They are not above taking a neighbor's dog for an automobile ride, and the way the women take their own parcels home after a shopping bout is enough to make a New York sister's eyes open. For all their cold culture they beat all for asking questions of strangers, quite as villagers are supposed to do.  
"It's fine to go there once in a great while when one wants to return to simple country life, but for every day living purposes New York suits me."—New York Sun.

**DANGER IN A WATERSPOUT.**  
Passed Close to Ocean Liner, Almost Causing a Panic.

Such passengers of the Koenig Luise as had never seen a waterspout had an opportunity of looking one over, as that vessel was nearing port, and looking it over at such close range as to cause many to shrink back in fright.  
It was on Monday noon and on the outer edge of the Gulf Stream when the spout was first discovered. It was about five miles distant and broad of the starboard bow. The word went round that a waterspout was in sight, and the 500 passengers who were preparing for luncheon hurried on deck to see. The captain, with his chief officer, joined the fourth officer, who was keeping watch on the bridge, and narrowly watching the swirling mass calculated that it would clear the vessel and that it would not be necessary to alter her course in order to avoid it. The spout rapidly drew near, and with base bubbling and frothing went swirling by a short 50 feet under the stern, making as it passed a loud hissing, which was described like that of escaping steam.  
Just then a rain squall came by, and after it passed the spout was seen in eastern, dim and shadowy, like a long waving ribbon suspended from the clouds.  
Captain Volger estimated the pyramid-shaped base to be 20 feet in diameter and the body about 5 feet in thickness.—New York Herald.

**The Child's Mistake.**  
She walked before, I couldn't see her face. But, as she walked along, with her bent beneath her bonnet glistened auburn hair. I followed as you'd follow if you were a flying day-lion as aimless as a wind from wind king's prison newly unconfined.  
I did not wish to speak to her at all—still it was good to watch the sun rays fall.  
I open that hair and there remain, content in sense of kinship, at their merriment.  
A man and child came up the other way. The man looked sad—on such a sunny day!  
He was in mourning, and the little child (oh, how can youth and crapa be reconciled!)  
A girl of four, perhaps; the pretty mite wore christies black instead of pink-and-white.  
They faced me, me and her who walked before. Some twenty steps away from her, no more.  
When suddenly the two perceived her, and I saw the child let go its father's hand—run forward, chubby arms extended, eyes.  
As glad as angels viewing Paradise!  
Then, running so, the child glanced once again.  
At her who walked before me. Then came pain.  
Where joy had been, and with a little moon.  
The child turned to its father, left alone. Meanwhile the woman, unconcerned, serene.  
Had passed the two, whom she had hardly seen.  
The child said to its father, doubly sad: "I thought I was mamma back from heaven, dad."  
—Chicago American.

**"Father" of the House of Lords.**  
Lord Templemore is not only the "father" of the House of Lords, but of the British Parliament as well. Between his lordship's debut at St. Stephen's and that of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, the "father" of the House of Commons, there is a gulf of upwards of two decades. Lord Templemore took his seat in June, 1842, while the ex-chancellor of the exchequer did not enter parliament until July, 1864.

**Only New Mistakes Condoned.**  
The following is a rule in an Atchison wholesale house: "Employees are welcome to one mistake, but we seek it to 'em for making the same mistake twice."—Atchison Globe.

**Gold Quartz in Ceylon.**  
Gold bearing quartz has been found in Ceylon, but it remains to be seen whether it is present in sufficient quantity to be commercially successful.

**"Hymn to Apollo."**  
A song called the "Hymn to Apollo," written 280 years B. C., has just been sung for the first time in England.

**Women Taxpayers May Vote.**  
The Evangelical church council of Hungary has given taxpaying women the right to vote.

**HAD TO GIVE UP.**  
Suffered Agonies from Kidney Disorders Until Cured by Doan's Kidney Pills.

George W. Renoff, of 1953 North 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa., a man of good reputation and standing, writes: "Five years ago I was suffering so with my back and kidneys that I often had to lay off. The kidney secretions were unnatural, my legs and stomach were swollen, and I had no appetite. When doctors failed to help me I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and improved until my back was strong and my appetite returned. During the four years since I stopped using them I have enjoyed excellent health. The cure was permanent."  
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**DIFFERENT VIEWS OF MARRIAGE.**  
**In Russia Old-Maidhood is Considered a Misfortune.**  
In most countries where civilization is somewhat backward marriage is apparently regarded as the necessary fate of every woman. This is so much the case in Russia that there, when the parents of a girl see her getting on towards old-maidhood without any prospect of marriage, they take her abroad for a time. After a year or two she will reappear among her old friends as a widow, and though they may suspect that her late lamented husband never existed outside the imagination of those who invented him, yet the fiction is useful in giving her a certain status in society and enabling her to avoid the mortification of the "unappropriated blessing." In Bermuda, on the other hand, girls are often prevented from marrying by the law of the land, which decrees that a woman who marries a foreigner shall not only lose what property she may have to have, but shall also become incapable of inheriting any. Sometimes Bermudan girls renounce their birthrights for love's sake; but as a rule the charms of peniless damsels are not sufficient for men to desire them for wives, and therefore many of them are doomed to spinsterhood by the law.

**The way a woman talks to a baby, all it has to do to prove it is as smart as the claims, is to talk English when it is grown up.**  
**Slightly Poetical.**  
"My experience with Cheatham's Laxative Tablets has been most happy. They are just what you say—a sure cure for chills. They cast out malaria and biliousness, drive the blues away; restore strength and appetite and clear out the yell springs of hope."  
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You can tell by looking at the style of some women's clothes that they still have pictures of Washington Crossing the Delaware in their parlors.

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When a man amounts to a great deal more than his father, it indicates that he had a very superior woman for a mother.  
Superior quality and extra quantity must win. This is why Defiance Starch is taking the place of all others.  
It is no use praying for the preacher when you will not pay for the preaching.

**New York's Classic Cities.**  
New York state is full of cities and towns of classic nomenclature. There must have been a wave of Graeco-Roman lore when the christening of municipalities took place, with a by-product of Atlantean as a seasoning. There are such names as Rome, Troy, Athens, Cairo, Syracuse, Ithaca, Sparta, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Tyre, Memphis, Venice, Florence, Corinth, Parma, Milan, Naples, Hector, Ovid, Delhi, Delphis, Diana, Paris, Pompey, Iliou, Palmyra, Palermo, Marathan, Mycenae, Napoli, Nineveh, Babylon, Romulus, Sileam, Smyrna, Utica, Virgil, Homer, Cicero, Ceres, etc.

**The South's Surviving Generals.**  
An authoritative list of the surviving generals of the Southern Confederacy is furnished by General Marcus J. Wright, a Confederate veteran employed by the war department. All the full rank generals had died in 1893, when Beauregard passed away. There are now four surviving lieutenants general—Simon B. Buckner, Stephen D. Lee, Alexander P. Stewart and Joseph Wheeler. Of major generals there are eleven and of brigadier generals fifty-one. The surviving staff officers of Confederacy shrank one-half in number during the past decade and their disappearance has now become very rapid.  
A beautiful woman is the only tyrant man is not authorized to resist.—Victor Hugo.

**Charm of Victoria Falls.**  
How the Victoria falls impress a visitor is recorded in Miss C. W. Mackintosh's journal of a recent tour in South Africa. Miss Mackintosh says: "We perceived no hint of the falls, only seeing before us a screen of rocky-based, bright green forest, apparently closing in the river, like a lake. Ten minutes' walk brought us to the camp, on a cliff which literally overhung the gorge, and we saw the cataract thundering down into the Boiling Pot at our feet. The walls of the chasm, 400 feet high, were spanned by a rainbow. The charm of these falls lies not in the one overwhelming crash as at Niagara, but in the cumulative effect of various glimpses, the matchless beauty of the surroundings and the strangeness of the whole setting, but chiefly in the columns of spray, called the 'thundering smoke,' and in the ever-changing rainbows. The mile-wide river suddenly drops into a yawning crack in the ground, stretching right across the stream at right angles to the banks, a foaming trough, quite narrow, of which the walls rose 400 feet above the surface of the water."

**Something is the matter with the pillow cushions: None are too good for an unmarried man to put his feet on, and all are too good for a married man's head.**  
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**WORLD'S FAIR.**  
For low rates to the World's Fair via the Texas and Pacific Railroad ask any ticket agent, or write E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas, Texas.  
There is one consolation for the girl whose parents can't afford to send her to college: she would probably look like blazes in a cap and gown anyway.  
**Cloudcroft Travel.**  
Indications that it will be heavy this year. Summer travel to Cloudcroft is already picking up and will receive a boom on August 1, when a large party of residents of Southeast Texas will take the Southern Pacific to the cool land above the clouds under the personal direction of Miss Mary W. Roper of Houston, who is now in Cloudcroft making arrangements for the accommodation of those who will go or who may desire to join the party. The round trip rate to Cloudcroft is operative on certain days, they being July 22 and Aug 1, 10, 20 and 30, good for sixty days. The round trip rate from Houston is \$15, and from points east \$15 with the one-way rate to Houston added. Further particulars may be had by writing T. J. Anderson, General Passenger Agent, Southern Pacific, at Houston.  
Unhappy is the man to whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.—Richter.  
Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3/4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.  
The best thing I know of is a fast rate wife, and the next best thing is a second rate one.—Josh Billings.  
That and This.  
"Twelve years ago I bought my first bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil. For Cuts, Burns, Sprains and Aches it was the best remedy I had found to that time. After the lapse of one dozen years I can truly say, it is the best remedy I have found to this time."  
John P. Thompson, Red Rock, O. T.  
25c and 50c bottles.  
**Shells That Drift to Sea.**  
Two fairy-like shells are known to drift afar at sea. These are the violet sea snail and the paper nautilus. After certain storms the violet snails are found on many beaches; at times, also, are they picked up on the mainland beaches, and opposite Catalina island, California, usually one-half inch in diameter. The paper nautilus is now and then taken at sea near San Clemente island, as well as at Catalina, or it may be cast ashore. From one-eight inch in length, it is frequently brought in perfect.—Scientific American.

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