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Respectfully  
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## FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALBANY; TEXAS.

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Haskell City, TEXAS

Austin, Sept. 21, 1886  
Mr. R. C. Lomax,

Haskell Tex.

Sir, Referring to your inquiry some time since regarding the condition of the account of A. D. Tucker as Collector of Haskell county. I beg now to state that the information furnished you from this office showing that Mr. Tucker was largely in arrears was incorrect.

Mr. Tucker's accounts are settled in full, and were at the time, and the state owes him on that settlement, \$273.80. The mistake arose in this way. From a peculiar arrangement of the figures on the records here certain amounts of the tax rolls were included twice in the same charge, and besides the rolls of Haskell for 1884 were embraced in the rolls for 1885 and so charged while Mr. Tucker had given a separate receipt to Mr. M. F. Barber of Throckmorton county (to which Haskell was attached for 1885) for the rolls of Haskell for 1884 and was charged with that receipt also. I am glad to be able to say that every thing is perfect satisfactory to this office.

Mr. Tucker has full statements which I trust will be satisfactory to all parties in the county interest.

Respectfully,  
W. J. Swain, - Comptroller

Uncle Sam Can do Nothing More with Geronimo than Hold Him as a Prisoner for life  
Geronimo's gang will not be Hanged.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The annual report of Gen. Miles is still in the hands of the president. It has been the subject of a brief conference to-day between himself and Secretary Endicott, but it is understood no line of action has been decided upon in regard to that portion relating to the surrender of Geronimo. While the text of the report is not yet accessible for publication, it is known that in respect of that matter Gen. Miles does not explain himself to the satisfaction of the authorities, which are now understood to be even more liberal than has heretofore been supposed, is the subject of embarrassment and perplexity. Without saying so in emphatic terms, it is gathered from Gen. Miles' roundabout expressions on the subject that an agreement was made that the lives of the prisoners should be spared and that

they should be removed at once from Arizona. In this respect Gen. Miles has, it is said, gone contrary to the well-understood wishes of his superiors, which action amounts practically to disobedience of orders. The only reason suggested for this course in the absence of any satisfactory statement on the point from Gen. Miles, is the fear that if he did not secure the prisoners in this way they would make terms with and surrender themselves to the Mexicans. This would have rendered the termination of the campaign apparently less creditable to the United States. In this state of affairs there seems nothing which the authorities can do for the punishment of the prisoners except to keep them permanently as prisoner of war. Even should the civil authorities of Arizona demand them for trial, with the most positive proof of murder ready for presentation, the hands of administration would be tied.

### REPUBLICANS IN TEXAS.

The recent financial standing of Texans printed in the Globe Democrat of St. Louis, is a most practical reply to the sectional greeds of that paper and other local shriekers of the North. In this list of men who have amassed wealth in Texas are those who are denominated "conservative," "strong" "stalwart" Republicans. This exhibit, as printed in a paper which has been the most blatant in its denunciation of the Southern people, is a refutation of bloody shirt slanders that can not be questioned. If Northernmen can come to Texas an amass fortune, then certainly, Texas ought to be considered not only a safe field for the investment of Northern capital, but a most desirable home for Northern Republicans who aspire to accumulate fortune. The Globe-Democrat has done Texas some service in this exhibit, albeit that paper disprives its own oft-repeated attacks on the Texas thereby.

Fort Worth Gazette

## Geo. Walshe & Co.,

Wholesale  
GROCERS & IMPORTERS,  
PINE ST., ABILENE TEXAS.

We would call the attention of the trade, to the fact, that we are selling at Fort Worth prices, Dallas or Galveston prices the following goods, thus saving local freight:

Leggett & Myer's star tobacco  
" " scalping knife  
Lorillard's Climax tobacco.  
F. C. Williams & Co Lucy Hinton tobacco, besides a full line of other brands of tobacco and cigars, and we respectfully ask dealers to give us a trial.  
We have in stock a full line of staple and fancy groceries which we are prepared to sell at very low prices, as all our stocks were purchased from first hands in our load lots, and our prices will compare favorably with any market. Have just received per steam ship Olbers, from Rio de Janeiro, Coffee imported by us direct. We respectfully ask dealers to give us a call.

## GEO. WALSH & CO.

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### Very Slight Shocks

CHARLTON, S. C. Oct. 1.—A slight shock here about 1 o'clock this morning, but it was so slight it was not felt by the majority of people. There were slight shocks at Summerville last night, but none of them have been more perceptible than the tremors felt almost every day since August 31. All reports of heavy shocks and tidal waves are absolutely untrue. The weather to-day was bright and pleasant. —Fort Worth Gazette.

Texas wools are worth from 5 to 7 cents more now than at this time last year. We have heard of no increase in the tariff that can account for this, and perhaps the San Antonio Express can explain the connection of the tariff on wool with the gratifying fact of higher prices.

Fort Worth Gazette.

### A Cave-In.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. Sept 30.—A tremendous cave-in occurred in the riverbank fronting Turner ville this morning, 400 feet long and 200 feet wide. It caused a destruction of property belonging to Chaffee & Co., Frank Turner, Louis Lazard and others. This is the third cavin in front of Turner ville and suburbs this month.

Fort Worth Gazette.

### Mourning Her Lost "Daisy."

From the Kansas City Times.  
"Daisy! O, Daisy!" almost shrieked a stylishly dressed lady at the Union Depot recently as she left her two children and hurried through the crowd. The cries and the evident distress of the lady touched the hearts of the bystanders who followed her as she looked under the trains on the platform crying all the while in a piteous voice, "Daisy! Daisy! where are you?" Several unfeeling men who got near enough to speak to her were heard to mutter "Daisy!" as they moved away with a look of disgust on their countenances. Others picturing to themselves a pretty, prattling babe wandering about in the unfeeling crowd in a vain search for its mother; or, if a faint thought crushed beneath the wheels of a car, followed her as she ran frantically up the elevated waiting-room stairs. At last, unable to find Daisy, the woman returned to the depot, and taking a seat burst into a flood of tears.

"Madame," said Depot Master Rogers as he led to her the two children whom he found wandering among the crowd, "I found these two out on the platform, and the other can't be far away. Cheer up. We will find your other child, if not."  
"Oh, it wasn't a child," wailed the lady between her sobs. "It was my dog Daisy."  
The depot master waited to hear no more, and as he strode furiously into the gentlemen's waiting-room he was heard to mutter between his teeth several sentences not to be found in the revised edition of the old Testament.

"Injun on the warpath"  
He sank on the ground and stretched out his limbs.  
"A stiff for tab'au," he said.  
When he got up he dusted his jacket and then, turning about, he muttered—  
"Them's the kind o' games I got to tackle. There ain't no fun in it, I tell you. There ain't no fun in it."  
Then, as he began nursing his indignation for a new explosion, he walked the room silently before he said—  
"Sides all that, I've had to be birds and brute beasts, and Lord knows what. It makes a man mad to be in such company, and to be talked to as that kind. Once I was a roo, which is a big bird in 'Sinbad the Sailor,' and I had to be let down from the flies to carry Sinbad away. The first roo they had got drunk and dropped Sinbad on his head, so that he cursed awful and bounced the roo. On that account I was careful like and grabbed Sinbad under the arms. He was a crank, Sinbad was, and he says, 'that's a h—l of a way for a roo to catch a man.' With that I says, 'If you don't like this roo, blowed but you've got to fly away yourself,' and I dropped him plump down on the stage, and got even for his assasin' me that way. A feller has to stand a good deal when he makes a manager of himself."

"Do not stage figures generally have some special physical advantage of face or form?"  
Yes, "that gives 'em a bigger pull."  
"What are your strongest advantages?"  
"Hair and teeth," said he.  
The reporter looked at the black clusters by the ears and the row of white molars.  
"They are good," he commented.  
"You must take care of them."  
"Oh, I do my best," said the other, indifferently.  
"What do you do to keep them so?"  
"Wear 'em, of course."  
"No; I don't mean that. How do you preserve them?"  
"Oh, I leave the hair with the property man to get fixed up now and then, and the teeth I keeps in a glass o' water night."  
And with this startling intelligence the figure vanished into the hallway. —New York Herald.

Among the ships lying in "Bottom Row" in the New York Navy Yard is the dismantled frigate Colorado. When she was built she was considered the "pride" of Naval architecture and the most formidable man-of-war afloat. She was sent to the China Station and picked up and set of officers selected for their wealth and good breeding. She was the pride of the American squadron in the China seas, and filled the fleets of other nations there with admiration and envy. From Corea to Singapore she was known as "a belle frigate." But that was years and years ago. Now her glory is departed; she is a ruined hulk, and the Government can't even sell her as old timber. —Boston Herald.

Hard drinkers will be pleased to know that their practice is considered by scientific writers to be, on the whole, a benefit to the community. In a recent paper on "The Economy of Vice and Crime," Dr. Brigham said: "The alcoholic road to self-extinction is one of the most speedy ways of destroying the weak and inferior, and although some who select this road are brilliant specimens of mental power, yet as a whole, they are weak and unworthy of preservation." In temperance, however, it does no much harm, also does a great good. The certainty and safety with which intemperance destroys the weak and wicked classes of our community, especially in the case of the "old-fashioned" method of doing it, is the justification of justice.

## S. H. Johnson & Co., North & West Texas LAND AGENCY

Have for Sale:

640 acres fine farming land on lake creek, 10 mi. north of town at \$2.25 per acre on easy terms.  
1500 Acres about ten miles south of town on Paint creek for 2.25 per acre terms easy.  
1392 Acres about ten miles west of town, fine agricultural lands—2.00 per acre—terms easy.  
1000 Acres west of south of county seat—prices and terms furnished on application. Besides this we have property in all parts of the county and are able to fit up any one desiring to invest in Haskell county real estate.

We offer for sale nothing but perfect titles over which we have full control.  
640 Acres 12 Mi. south of town \$2.00 per acre terms easy.  
800 acres, 10 Mi South west of town, for \$2000.00 easy terms.

605 acres 13 Mi North of Haskell reasonable price a terms.

For Sale! 2000 acres at the junction of Pant and California Creeks.  
For Rent! 320 acres all fenced with 3 wires 80 acres subdivision, farm at the house fenced off, good house, two rooms and a good cistern, fine stone fence around yard and garden, 7 miles east of town —apply for terms.

will render property and pay taxes for non-residents, adjust titles and furnish abstracts—Non-residents interest given particular attention.

will redeem lands sold for taxes. will buy and sell lands and ranch property on commission in any of the Pan Handle counties.

## S. H. Johnson & Co. Haskell City Texas.

### A Gigantic Bank Safe.

From the London Globe.

A gigantic strong room, the largest ever constructed, measuring fifty feet in length, and weighing close upon 600 tons, has just been erected for the National Bank of Scotland by Messrs. Chubb. The entire structure is of hard steel. The plates are specially rolled, and after the boring had been completed, were again tempered to render them unassailable by tools of any kind. The safe consists of three rooms, each entered by a separate door and grille, measuring seven feet by three feet four inches, and the floor weigh a ton each, and the standing which they turn on their feet with the greatest ease. The lock of which no less than fifty-eight bolts are contained in the structure, are all of the latest pattern, bearing bolts of a length which shoot at angles of forty-five degrees, forming a powerful device, locking to the frames. The bolts in each door weigh two hundredweight, but by careful balancing they are shot with the greatest ease. In each partition dividing the rooms is a man-hole, also guarded by locks and bolts, for allowing access to the rooms in the event of the door key being mislaid. The doors are seven inches thick, and the plates are all treble, thus giving a practically adamant strength. The capacity of the safe is sufficient to contain 1,250 tons weight of gold bullion, equal in value to \$110,000,000 sterling. The safe will be taken to a place previous to being shipped on board a steamer for Scotland, and will be removed in 600 sections. Each of these sections contains up less than 1,000 rivets each, the bolts being in each case broken off and filed down close, when it has been driven home.

It is a fact that the Colorado is the only ship in the Navy Yard that has been dismantled. The ship was built in 1888 and was considered the pride of Naval architecture and the most formidable man-of-war afloat. She was sent to the China Station and picked up and set of officers selected for their wealth and good breeding. She was the pride of the American squadron in the China seas, and filled the fleets of other nations there with admiration and envy. From Corea to Singapore she was known as "a belle frigate." But that was years and years ago. Now her glory is departed; she is a ruined hulk, and the Government can't even sell her as old timber. —Boston Herald.

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Saturday, Oct. 2, 1886.

STATE, DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For governor, L. S. Ross. For lieutenant-governor, T. B. Wheeler. For attorney-general, James S. Hogg. For associate justice, Reuben B. Gains. For land commissioner, R. M. Hall. For comptroller, John D. McCall. For treasurer, Frank Lubbeck. For superintendent public instruction, O. H. Cooper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Judge. We are authorized to announce J. V. Cockrell as a candidate for reelection to the office of district judge.

For District Attorney. We are authorized to announce W. B. Houston as a candidate for the office of District Attorney 39th Judicial district.

For County Judge. We are authorized to announce W. G. Ballard as a candidate for the office of county judge of this county at the November Election, subject to the will of the people at the ballot box.

We are authorized to announce John Norris as a candidate for the office of county judge.

We are authorized to announce C. J. Chapman as a candidate for the office of county judge.

For District and County Clerk. We are authorized to announce J. L. Jones as a candidate for reelection to the office of County and Dist. Clerk.

We are authorized to announce C. D. Long as a candidate for the office of county and district clerk.

We are authorized to announce S. J. Preston as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce E. J. Wilfong as a candidate for the office of sheriff and Tax collector.

We are authorized to announce A. D. Tucker as a candidate for reelection to office of sheriff and Tax collector.

T. M. Lewis is a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Haskell County.

We are authorized to announce W. F. Draper as a candidate for sheriff, and Tax collector at the ensuing election

For Assessor. We are authorized to announce J. W. Evans as a candidate for Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. M. Carter as a candidate for the office of Tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. J. Howell as a candidate for tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. H. Parsons, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Haskell Co. at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce D. F. Williamson as a candidate for tax assessor.

L. Casner submits himself as a candidate for reelection to the office of Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce G. W. Cook as a candidate for tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce W. K. Standifer as a candidate for tax assessor of Haskell county.

I submit myself as a candidate for the office of Tax assessor.—Lee Fitzgerald.

We are authorized to announce J. T. Doman as a candidate for the office of tax assessor.

We are authorized to announce B. M. Regan as a candidate for animal and hide inspector.

I submit myself as a candidate for the office of Hide and Animal Inspector. T. B. Cassett

For County Surveyor. We are authorized to announce G. B. Couch as a candidate for the office of County Surveyor.

I hereby submit myself as a candidate for the office of county surveyor of Haskell county.—Respectfully, J. A. Fisher

We are authorized to announce W. A. Walker as a candidate for the office of county commissioner, precinct No. one.

I hereby submit myself as a candidate for the office of county commissioner, precinct No. one.

LOCAL DOTS

For sale; CHEAP! 260 Sheep, for terms apply at this office.

Anderson & Co. have just received a new stock of fresh druggs call and see them.

Notice to sheep-men, Go to Anderson & Co. for your Sulphur.

Mexican Frog oil cures piles and you can get it at Anderson & Co. Anderson & Co. keeps a sure cure for flux.

Mess Cook and Edge brought in some very fine melons this week and presented the Free Press with some fine ones, for which we are very thankful.

Mr. and Mrs. Draper and Miss Nollie Martin spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and expressed themselves much pleased with the hospitality they received.

Mess. A. H. Carigan and Maj. Smith of Throckmorton were in Haskell this week, and report a young girl found with her throat cut laying in front of a tent at a sheep camp in Throckmorton county.

The girl and her father were tending sheep and the man is also missing and the sheep are scattered over the prairie.

Two men went to the house of Mr. L. R. Lynn and tried to break in last Saturday night during Mr. Lynn's absence. Mrs. Lynn had the courage to use a pistol, but it would only shoot once, and realizing her defenceless condition became very much frightened and she and some lady friends who were stopping with her ran to the house of Mr. McClarren.

This is the second time such has been the case in Haskell and every body is very indignant, and should the vile wretches be caught they will probably be lynched.

It is a shame that those who have to leave home on business can't do so without fear of some one frightening their wives and children, out of bed in midnight hours and causing them to run to neighbors houses for protection.

Judge Cockrell's family is sick and he may not be able to hold court this term in which case a Judge protem will be elected. Mess. Parnell and Cambell of Albany were in Haskell this week on business.

For Sale. To the sheepmen of Haskell and adjoining counties. We call your special attention to the fact, that we will have FOR SALE by the tenth of October at this place a car load fine Ohio mare, na brucks two and three year-old Remember that they are for sale and not to hold over this winter, will take good notes or muttons in payment.

Oscar Martin. Mr. B. Edge returned from Breckenridge last evening accompanied by his young and beautiful bride. The FREE PRESS offers congratulations to the happy pair.

Miss Carrie Rodgers returned from Albany yesterday, where she has been visiting relatives. School began last Wednesday. Rev. D. James is teacher.

The hop last night was enjoyed very much by all present.

Mess W. H. Peckham of Throckmorton and W. B. Houston of Seymour are in the City for the purpose of attending District Court, which will begin Monday.

Miss Ella Boswell of Honeygrove is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Baldwin, and will attend school, while here.

Candidates who want their names on the tickets had better pay their announcements if they have not already paid, and prospective had better make up their minds as to what they are going to do, and make arrangements for their names to be put on the ticket.

There will be preaching in the Cook neighborhood tomorrow.

The father of the young girl that was found dead in Throckmorton, was found a short distance from the tent with his throat cut. A negro by the name of Farrer is charged with the crime. The body of the girl showed that it had been outrageously treated after she was dead.

OIL INSTEAD OF COAL

The Use of Petroleum as Fuel on Steamboats and Locomotives.

There is a probability that before a very long period oil may come into general use as fuel on locomotives and steamers. Some years ago this did not seem likely, but the marvelous increase recently reported from many parts of the globe in the production of petroleum upsets all former calculations. Within the past ten years the yield from the wells in the neighborhood of the Caspian sea has increased over 15,000 per cent., a steady gain in the production of over 1,500 per cent. per annum. The Baku wells in Russia now yield over 500,000 tons a year, and one well that has been bored in that vicinity is capable of discharging 8,000 tons a day, and will do so when the proper machinery is provided. The main objection heretofore to the use of petroleum as fuel for steamers and locomotives has been the cost, but if the oil springs up as freely as water the expense must decrease. I feel warranted, therefore, in predicting that the day is not far distant when oilers will take the place of coal-passers on many railroad and steamship lines.

This language was used by a railroad engineer, who is also the editor of a leading scientific journal, in response to the inquiry of a New York Mail and Express reporter as to whether it was likely that the substitution of petroleum for wood and coal on some of the Russian railroads would have any effect in changing the present system of generating steam in this country. This subject is now being seriously agitated in England, especially by the owners and agents of the steamship lines which ply to India and China by way of the Suez canal. The most sanguine believers in the virtues of petroleum as fuel for sea-going vessels have this programme: Steamers bound east from America will fill their bunkers at New York with petroleum from the oil regions in Pennsylvania; in England they will "oil" with American or Russian petroleum; at Suez with the Russian or Egyptian article; at Singapore with petroleum from Burmah, and at Hong Kong with Japanese petroleum. The recent discovery of petroleum in abundance on the west coast of the Red sea has supplied the missing link in the long chain of travel.

There is great excitement and no little enthusiasm in Europe over the petroleum discoveries," said the authority above quoted, "and if it should come to pass, as is not at all unlikely, that the cost of petroleum fuel should become so low as to take the place of coal in the Mediterranean and eastern steamers, it would certainly affect this country, for this fuel would undoubtedly be introduced on some if not all of the great Atlantic lines."

It is a fact not generally known outside a small circle of railroad engineers that experiments in building and operating petroleum locomotives have for a long time been conducted privately in this country. Thus far the result has not been entirely satisfactory. Quite recently a locomotive was turned out in Paterson, N. J., and brought down the track to Hoboken. It was the intention to have it returned with its own power generated by petroleum, and a car was attached which contained a select party of invited guests, principally railroad men. For some reason the representatives of the press were not invited to witness the experiment, and up to the present time the result has not been chronicled in the columns of any daily paper. The petroleum was set adrift, steam was speedily generated, the throttle valve was opened, and away sped the oil horse. He proved a wayward steed, for he stopped in his career before going half the distance, and could not be bullied or carressed into traveling another step. He was put out to pasture on the Jersey marshes, for he was adjudged a flat failure. But this did not dampen the ardor of the inventors and engineers, and it is reported that another petroleum locomotive is now being constructed, also at Paterson. It is said that one of the engineers who superintended the building of the torpedo boat which was launched last fall at Fort Hamilton has charge of the work.

Petroleum locomotives differ in many essential points from those in which coal is used. The crude petroleum or naphtha refuse is carried in tanks being connected with one another, and all being connected to the engine by a flexible tube. The fire-box is fitted with parallel pipes, generally five in number, which spring from a cross-pipe at the rear of the fire-box, this cross-pipe receiving a supply of petroleum through the pipe leading from the tender. Below each of the parallel pipes is a corresponding steam pipe, each steam-pipe being fitted with four jets, and each steam-jet has an annular passage, to which the petroleum has access and which thus injects a spray of petroleum into the fire-box. Provision is also made for admitting air mixed with steam. When the engine is standing much smoke is thrown out, but it is claimed that when running with a fair draught sufficient air is taken in to consume the smoke. The furnaces are lined with brick to protect the metal. A railroad man who has been a witness of experiments made with one of these locomotives said:

"There are many reasons why these engines should come into general use

and I think it is only a question of time before they will be used in all the great lines of travel. The use of petroleum on the Caspian sea has increased over 15,000 per cent., a steady gain in the production of over 1,500 per cent. per annum. The Baku wells in Russia now yield over 500,000 tons a year, and one well that has been bored in that vicinity is capable of discharging 8,000 tons a day, and will do so when the proper machinery is provided. The main objection heretofore to the use of petroleum as fuel for steamers and locomotives has been the cost, but if the oil springs up as freely as water the expense must decrease. I feel warranted, therefore, in predicting that the day is not far distant when oilers will take the place of coal-passers on many railroad and steamship lines.

Who Discovered America?

An ingenious argument has recently been published urging the claims of the Chinese to be the discoverers of America. The books of Ancient Chinese historians are now in existence which describe a country called Fu-Sang, visited by Buddhist priests about A. D. 500. The accounts of the people, products, etc., of this flowery land show it to be Mexico. The same voyagers brought home reports of a fog-bound country which, so it is supposed, was Alaska. Maps exist in China over a thousand years old in which the coast-line of America from California to Alaska is vaguely indicated.

De Guignes holds that America was first peopled, ages before the visit of the Buddhist priests, by Aeretris, who passed across to Alaska by boats or on the ice, during long winters. As a proof of the ready communication between the two continents, he cites an account from Charlevoix of the missionary Pere Grelion, who preached in the wilderness of the Northwest and was afterward sent to Tartary. There he met a Huron woman whom he had known in Canada. She was a slave to Chinamen who had brought her across Behring Straits.

Every schoolboy is now familiar with the proofs that Erik the Red crossed from Iceland to Greenland, in A. D. 986, and Leif, one of his comrades, visited the Southern coasts.

The old dispute among schoolboys as to the relative honors due to Columbus and Vesputius are mild compared to the fierce battle of antiquarians concerning the claims of these ancient voyagers.

After all, it concerns us much less to determine whether a Chinaman, an Italian, or a Scandinavian first discovered America, than to know how the Chinamen, Swedes, Italians and Anglo-Saxons who are in it now will conduct themselves.

Men of every race have met here in the sight of the world to decide whether men, disregarding all distinctions of rank, of wealth, and even of education, can govern themselves by common sense, truth, moderation and religion; or whether they will become slaves to greed, blind prejudice and ignorance.

Every boy who reads these words will spend his life in improving one side of the question or the other. Which will it be?—Exchange.

An Angler's Passion.

Judge Fitch, a famous fly-caster, writes of troutling: The chief and perhaps greatest pleasure derivable from angling is the store of pleasant memories the angler is laying up for future use. What man or boy forgets any one of his fishing bouts? I would urgently recommend the young angler to begin at once keeping an account of all his fishing bouts. Note in a memorandum book or on a sheet of paper the day of the month and year on which he fished, the names of the steam and his companions, the number of fish saved and the number thrown back (with a little practice it is easy to keep count of these), and lastly, the weight, if he ascertains it, of the fish saved. He cannot imagine what pleasure this will give him in future years. I can, for I have such a record. It lies before me as I write. It begins July, 1845, and ends with August 31 (the last day of the season), 1886, and gives, among other things, the number of fish caught by me in each bout in each year for forty-one consecutive years. The smallest number taken in any one year was in that of 1845. I was not much of an angler then, and I caught but ninety-one. The largest number caught in any year—1089—is credited to the year 1863. The aggregate number is 25,364. All these were trout; all caught with a hook and line (I never caught a fish in my life, of any kind, in any other way), and mostly with a fly. They were all caught in the lawful season, and not in violation of any law, written or unwritten. Many things should be considered in preparing for trout fishing, but the first is to see that no statute is violated.

Wanted To, But Couldn't.

"I want," he said, as he helped himself to a light lunch of cheese, "a quart of Medford rum for bathing purposes, half-a-pound of sugar, and four lemons."

"You know what I told you, Mr. Slugg," said the grocer.

"I recall the insult perfectly; but this time I want to pay cash."

He got the goods, and was walking toward the door with them, when the grocer said:

"Here you, Slugg, I thought you wanted to pay cash?"

"So I do," rejoined the other; "but unfortunately, I can't."—Puck.

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SOUTH AFRICAN POISONS.

Subtle Fluids Employed Among the Bush People.

There are several poisons in use among the aboriginal tribes of southern Africa, but that extracted from a caterpillar, and designated by the natives "mangua," is the most fatal.

As the habits of semi-barbarous people always possess great interest for me, I trust they do so for my readers, and I will therefore describe the two other poisons in use among the Bush people and the manner in which they are employed to serve their purpose.

September Sees.

And now the hunter takes his gun The fields to ramble over.

A Swiss Resort.

The spot where I am writing is a pleasant little bath place, about half an hour's railway journey from Zurich, on the banks of the green, rushing Limmat.

Equal to the Emergency.

Bob Ingersoll recently was talking with an old colored woman in Washington upon religious matters.

"Yes, sah! the Bible says dey is, an' I believe it."

Mrs. Maggie McDaniel was awarded \$8125 damages at Fort Scott, Kas., by the district court, against the St. Louis & Fort Scott railroad.

FIENDISH DEED.

A Demon Holds a Knife Over the Neck of a Colored Girl While He Accomplishes Her Ruin.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 1.—One Hutz Brown, a white man, under arrest for stealing \$45 from an old man named Williams, who resides in the West bottoms, will be called upon to answer to the more serious charge of rape, that will be preferred against him in Wyandotte.

The little colored girl had been working at the residence of Mr. John Williams, a very old man, and a few days since it was found that she was missing.

DIVING FOR MILLIONS.

Sunk in the Vasty Deep in 1798.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1.—A company was recently formed in this city to search for \$10,000,000 in treasure, said to be sunk in the British frigate De Braak, off Cape Henlopen, in 1798.

A Man Shoots His Wife for a Burglar.

DENVER, Oct. 1.—At the Whittemore ranche this morning H. B. Whittemore shot his wife twice, thinking she was a burglar.

CREAM OF THE NEWS.

James Falconer and his brother-in-law, Tucker Agee, of Lexington, Ky., quarreled over the division of an estate and Agee shot Falconer dead.

A well on John Hotchkiss' place, on Ash Flat, was charged with "rough on rats," and twelve persons who drank the water were immediately prostrated with a deadly sickness, some of whom will die.

Pope & Co., grocery firm at Fort Worth, were burned out on the morning of the 26th.

Heavy rain storms in Michigan on the 26th resulted in the washing out of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad so as to stop travel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Gibbs, near St. Louis, Mo., were poisoned by a 14-year-old servant girl on the 26th.

A MUCH MARRIED WOMAN.

With Two Husbands—After Twenty-five Years' Absence No. 1 Returns.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 29.—Twenty-five years ago Wm. Seher, at that time a resident of Milwaukee, and a collector for Miller's brewery, in that city, was married to a Mrs. Louisa Weiss, a widow. They did not live happily together, and one day Seher assaulted his wife, for which he was arrested and jailed.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Two Citizens of Birmingham Waylaid, Knocked Down and Robbed.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 29.—A highway robbery was committed at a late hour Saturday night on the persons of William Kirkland, a prominent resident, and his son, Jesse, who were returning from the city en route home.

THE HUMAN HIDE.

Manufactured Into Walking Canes, An Ohio Tewksbury.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 29.—The agitation over the investigation into the late management of the Ohio penitentiary still continues. While the secret prison is still operating inside of the prison there are others at work on the outside, and the matter will certainly be taken before the grand jury.

CREAM OF THE NEWS.

Henry George has been nominated for mayor of New York City by the Central Labor Union.

Peter McLennan, one of the wealthiest citizens of McLennan county, died at Waco on the 24th.

Sam Irwin, a colored workman at the Longview round-house, was found near the railroad track on the morning of the 24th, with one arm cut off and his skull crushed. He had been run over by the cars during the night.

GENERAL NEWS.

SIGNIFICANT SELECTION.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—At a meeting of the Central Labor Union yesterday afternoon at Clarendon hall, this resolution was adopted: "That the Central Labor Union recommends to the political convention on next Thursday night in Clarendon hall the name of Henry George as the most suitable candidate for the working-men to support this fall for mayor, and we do pledge him our moral and financial support."

NEGRO ROW.

PEARLINGTON, Sept. 22.—An altercation occurred last night between two negroes named James Jackson and Seward Hampton, in which the first named received seven ugly cuts about the head and face.

BLOODY BATTLE BETWEEN MEXICANS AND INDIANS.

GUYANAS, MEXICO, Sept. 26.—Reports reached here to-day of a serious fight on the 14th inst. between Mexican troops and Yaqui Indians. The Mexicans lost twenty killed and forty wounded and the Yaquis sixty-two killed.

POLICE AND STRIKERS FIGHTING.

PEABODY, Mass., Sept. 26.—While John Osborne, a non-union working man from Proctor's tannery, was being escorted to the Salem line by four policemen last night, he was attacked by a mob of 500 strikers, who began to throw stones at him.

THE CAUSE OF SECRETARY MANNING'S BAD HEALTH.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The workmen engaged to-day in tearing the plumbing out of Secretary Manning's private office found in a little closet in a corner a pipe 4 inches in diameter, besides several small pipes, leading directly to the sewer without, and a trap or contrivance to prevent the sewer gas from coming into the room.

An armed mob took F. L. Syms from the Montrose, Colorado, jail and were going into the mountains with him when a battle occurred between the mob and the sheriff's posse, who had overtaken them.

CREAM OF THE NEWS.

The Minnesota Republican State convention met at St. Paul on the 22d, and nominated a full State ticket.

President Cleveland and party have returned to Washington from their season of recreation at the Saranac.

The Sam Houston Normal School opened on the 23d with 120 students. An attendance of 250 is expected during the season.

Coleman & Co., retail hardware merchants of Fort Worth, failed on the 22d. Liabilities \$1800, assets estimated at \$6000.

T. J. Lowe, lumberman and railroad contractor at Texarkana, assigned on the 22d. Liabilities \$150,000, which he claims he will be able to meet.

A charcoal burner named Cooper shot and killed three men near Key West, Fla., on the 22d. The men were unarmed and not apprehending any trouble.

Ex-Policeman Lowery, of Waco, and a Mr. Wilson began a walking match at Proctor Springs, near Waco, on the 23d for a purse of \$300. The distance to be walked is 300 miles.

A MARINE COPPER DAM.

The Work of Repairing the Steamship Werra at South Boston.

The ocean steamship Werra, which was disabled in her recent passage to this country by the breaking of her shaft, is in the New England dock at South Boston for repairs, says The Boston Advertiser.

The shaft has been ordered by cable to be shipped at once from Germany and the propeller from Liverpool. The former is on board the steamship Donau, which is due in New York on the 25th inst., and the propeller is expected to arrive on the Liverpool steamer due on the 28th.

This work of restoration is of special interest because it is to be done by means of a coffer dam. Notwithstanding that Boston is praised, and justly, for the many facilities which the port offers for ocean steamer traffic, one very important matter is lacking, and that is a dry-dock long enough to contain a first-class ocean steamer.

The dam is a structure of strong timbers and planks, and its shape or form is that of the bottom, two sides, and one end of a square wooden box. The bottom is settled low enough in the water to pass under the keel of the ship as she lies afloat.

This end or bulkhead is built in two parts and the inner edge of each part is shaped to fit exactly the convex and concave line of the vessel's hull below the water. In the present instance this shape has to be ascertained by taking molds of the interior of the hull at the proper distance from the stern port, making allowance for thickness of the vessel's iron plating.

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A Plain, Simple Man.

"Gentlemen," he said to the reporters, as the sheriff put the knot where it would do the most good, "will you grant me one last request before I die?"

The reporters, to a man, said they would.

First Wayfarer—"Well, but if you're a Dublin man how came you to be born in Cork?" Second Ditto—"Sure it was just there I was borned at the time."—Judge.

GRANITE.

How It is Quarried and Prepared for Use—Where the Stone Comes From.

A reporter of The Cincinnati Sun, in an interview with an old-time contractor obtained the following information in regard to granite: "In the first place, granite appears to be the fundamental rock of the earth's crust, and is nearly always found in its perfect state in mountainous regions.

"Then granite has grain?" "Yes, sort of grain—enough, anyhow, to make it split accurately by proper manipulation. Frequently the seams traverse in parallel lines, in which case the workmen have a comparative piece. First he drills long rows of holes from three and a half inches to ten feet in depth and from five to ten inches apart."

"Then he blasts it out and that's all there is of it?" "Scarcely. When he has drilled around a section ten or twenty feet wide by forty to eighty long he takes a lot of half round irons, pointed like the drills, and sets them in the holes in pairs, flat sides together, of course. Next he sets in his feathers, which are nothing but small, slender, and very tough steel wedges. He goes along with a light hammer and begins driving in his wedges with equal force, so that the strain increases evenly all along the line.

"Where does our paving granite come from, to be definite?" "Rockport and Quincy, Mass., and the coast of Maine are furnishing the most of what we are using here; but fine paving and building granite is found in the Thousand Islands and in New Brunswick."

"Where is the finest granite found?" " Aberdeen, Scotland. That is the red granite, which is full quartz. It takes on a magnificent polish, but you've probably noticed that they don't carve it elaborately. If a man wants a monument of Scotch granite to hold his ashes down he must be satisfied with very quiet designs. But it holds its sharp edges, when they're once on, for ages, almost. The Egyptians had the granite business down to a finer point than any other people on the round earth. They weren't satisfied with shining it up, but they carved it and worked it as a baker works gingerbread."

"Another thing the people don't generally know is that many of the so-called precious stones are nothing but quartz—one of the principal constituents of granite. Agate, amethyst, carnelian, cat's-eye, chalcodony, goodie, and jasper are all quartz formations, and our pleasure traps and garbage carts are trundling over acres of such rubbish every day. Yet people call us Cincinnatians stingy. Science found a way to counterfeit these stones in paste, though, just about the same time she discovered how common is the natural article, so that the market is surfeited with both, and neither is wanted. 'Brazilian peddle' spectacles are made from quartz, and California diamonds, when not artificial, are worked from large, clear masses of quartz which are found in Madagascar."

He Carried the Convention.

"Well, Charley, did you ask for the hand of old Silemore's daughter, last night?"

"You bet I did. I secured the nomination on the first ballot."

"So you are to be married soon?"

"No, siree."

"What!"

"It's a fact."

"I thought you said you secured the nomination!"

"I did. The old man gave me my choice between the toe of his boot and the mouth of his dog, and I nominated the boot, but they gave me the dog by acclamation. Fact is I scooped the whole convention. If you don't believe it look at my pants! They look like they had been through a threshing machine, but they didn't go near half way through the dog."—Newman Anderson.

