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FARM VS. TOWN LIFE.

The percentage of people living in the towns and cities in the United States is gradually growing. Rural life is growing less attractive, and the people are moving to town where they can have the advantages of school and church privileges often denied them in the country. At the present rate in two more decades half the population in this county will live in town. Farm life is often made hard for boys and girls and they become disgusted and move to town where many of them eke out a miserable existance when as they could have lived independently had they remained on the farm. Where one man betters his condition by moving to town two or more barely make a living. The life of a townsman is often deceptive, and some, apparently, well to do, can barely make both ends meet, and many of them do not. A farmer is the most independent person on earth if he only knew it. True, he may have to work hard in the sunshine and the rain, often lives on coarse diet, and his house may not look as attractive as his friend's house in town but withal he is far more independent than his town brother if he is anything like a manager. He is not worried about monthly bills, he is not scared about losing his job, or if in business worried lest loss of trade should bring him to want.

If farmers and people in the country would spend a little more time in making their homes attractive, plant shade and ornamental trees, use more paint etc. the boys and girls would not want to run off to town so much when they grow up. It is a fact never-the-less that most of the successful business men in the cities were farm boys but, they would no doubt have succeded just as well though perhaps in a less degree had they remained on the farm.

We know whereof we speak when we say that, take it all in all, the farmer has an easier time than the average townsman.

If a man connot succeed on a farm he will find it much more difficult to make a living in town unless, he has some special occupation that will enable him to make a living. Competition is sharp in town and unknown in the country almost.

One thing that has made this nation great is because it is a nation of home owners. Emigration from the country to town is in a great measure doing away with this because many a person who owned a good home in the country often becomes a renter when he moves to town. Money made in the country is too often lost in town.

Writers of all ages have harped on this theme to no effect, because each one is determined to settle this question for themselves, because no matter how many others may fail each one thinks he can succeed and nothing but a trial will satisfy them.

The question of breaking up in the country and moving to town is one that should be carefully and thoughtfully considered by any one before a decision is reached.

Perhaps when too late many realize that from an independent farmer or stockmen is a dependent townsman is not a very pleasant transition by any means.

Many a man has had to return to the country and strive hard to regain what they lost by moving to town.

We are not trying to discourage town building by any means, and every one who is sure they can benefit their condition should go to town, but unless they are absolutely sure of this they had better stick to the farm.

We have seen so many move to town and loose all they had accumulated by many years of hard toil in the country that we feel it our duty to give a note of warning. This will apply to any country or town as well as our own.

No one can stand panics and hard times as well as a farmer, and no one is less prepared to withstand such thing as a person who depends on his daily labor or a profession for a living. All such are the first to feel the pinch when hard times come as many have learned by sad experience in the past.

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Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers' and grandmothers' never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration or Heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Get Green's Prize Almanac R. Phillips. 30-tf

BAIRD VOL. FIRE CO.

The Baird Vol. Fire Co. met in regular session Monday night and after disposing of the regular business elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

Jas. H. Walker, Chief.
Jno. McManis, Asst Chief.
B. N. Leonard, Secy.
C. S. Boyles, Treasurer.

A meeting is called for Friday night to arrange for an ice cream supper in the near future to raise funds to complete first payment on Hook and Ladder Truck, which was shipped from Racine Wis. on the 11th and will probably arrive about Aug. 1st. Anyone wishing to donate anything to help the boys out in their undertaking to equip the department with this fine truck, will please hand it to one of the officers before the 1st.

CLEARANCE SALE.

Great reduction from now on all Summer goods that must be closed out. Come early and get choice while the assortment is still complete.

I call your attention to our window shades. 34 dozen just received. A grand line and all colors.

Give us a chance to prove how cheap we are disposing of our goods. H. SCHWARTZ. 29-tf

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causes sick headache, stomach and bowel troubles. Take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the best regulator; a perfect laxative.—Powell & Powell.

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The likeness of W. B. Caldwell M. D. is on every bottle of genuine Dr Caldwell's Pepsin. Accept no other. Take it for constipation and as a regulator of the stomach and bowells. 50c and $1.00—Powell and Powell.

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See the new line of handsome box paper at Powell & Powell's. 30.

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Our line of Summer shirts is the only line in West Texas. You will say so when you come and see.—T. E. Powell. 19tf.

A BRYAN TICKET TO BE PUT OUT IN OHIO.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 14.—On July 31, Ohio democrats who believe in Bryan and the issues which he represents, which the recent democratic convention ignored, will assemble in Columbus and make up a State ticket. Ten men met this morning in a down town office building in this city and decided that a bolt should be made, that a new party should enter the field of Ohio politics.

The attendance at the conference was large and represented a larger part of the State than was expected by those who called the meeting. A formal statement of principles was submitted to the conference and was adopted. This will be printed and sent throughout the State to those who are known to be faithful to the Nebraskan. A convention was decided upon to be held at Columbus July 31. To this convention may come all those who sign their names to the declaration of principles.

All the ladies who attended the picnic, will find a variety of face creams at Powell & Powell's Drug Store. 24.

FRESH BREAD.—Mrs. E. K. Kane has fresh bread every day, made from the best flour. 13

PUTNAM POINTERS.

July 17.—The drouth remains unbroken in this section and stock water is becoming very scarce. Crops are badly damaged and unless we should get rain in a few days the cotton crop will be almost a failure.

Last Thursday was a busy day in Justice Jackson's court, four cases being disposed of. The young men charged with burglary were discharged no evidence being found against them. We have a good joke on our County Attorney, but if John will do the right thing we won't tell it.

Putnam and Delmar crossed bats on the Putnam diamond last Saturday and Putnam was defeated by a score too numerous to mention.

A. M. Sprawls left Sunday morning for a visit with relatives at Terrell.

Sheriff Noble, of Eastland county, was in the city Sunday on official business connected with Ranger and Gorman burglaries.

R. J. Hatcher made a business trip to Carbon Saturday.

Mrs. N. K. Clifford has been quite sick with measles, but is reported better today.

A. L. Clemmer has sold his farm east of town to Mr. T. J. Davis.

Rev. A. L. Jobe has gone to Johnson county where he will assist in several protracted meetings.

J. N. Allen, of Clyde passed through town Saturday enroute to Scranton where he goes to visit relatives.

Coke Cauthen and A. L. Clemmer left Monday morning for a prospecting tour through Western Texas.

Mr. J. A. Devault and Miss Eva Stewart were married last Friday night at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Stewart, Rev. G. W. Parks officiating.

Rev. C. W. Young returned Saturday from a visit to his old home at Milford, Texas.

Y. A. Orr and wife visited relatives at Merkel Sunday. Dr. Orr returned on the night train while Mrs. Orr will remain in Merkel a few days.

Jas. H. Walker of THE STAR was in our city Saturday.

B. F. Williams, of Garland, is in the city looking after his ranch interests.

John Curtis, an old time Putnam boy, but now of Ranger, is spending a few days with friends in and around Putnam.

"Red" Harris, of Admiral, was in town Monday.

Mrs. E. Sigler returned Monday, from a two months visit with relatives at Fort Worth.

Miss Jennie Harris and Miss Walls, of Admiral, are visiting in the city.

Our friend, R. F. Gurney received a verbal message this week from an old friend of his representing a building and loan association, stating that he would call on him as soon as possible with a view of selling a few more shares in his company. Dick is now wearing a pair of pants too short for him on account of his leg being pulled along this line.

Otis Williams is known to his friends as a silver tongued orator from the head waters of Cat Claw. He, by his eloquence, having won a very important case before the City Council, where the question pending was the granting of a franchise to the Putnam Base Ball association and winning by a large majority.

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Clyde, Saturday, July 27, 1901.

PROGRAM.

10:00—Woodmen assemble at School house and conduct speaker to stand. Welcome address, H C. Darden.
10:30—Purposes of Woodcraft, address by Judge S. H. Morrison, of Big Springs.
12:00—Dinner.
2:00—Donkey Race and Fat Man race.
2:30—Egg Race and Tournament.
3:30—Base Ball.
5:00—Vocal music led by Prof. Erwin and other conductors.
Dancing—There will be a nice platform for those who enjoy dancing.
Music—The program will be interspersed with music by Clyde string band.

PRIZES AND RULES.

Donkey Race.—$1 for winner of fast race and same for slow race. Free for all.
Fat Man's Race—$1 for winner. Free for all.
Egg Race—$1 for winner. Free for all.

TOURNAMENT.

1st Tournament.—Purse $25.00. $20.00 to first and $5.00 to second.—Entrance fee $5.00. Distance 120 yards. Time to be made in 9 seconds. Five to enter.
2d Tournament.—Purse $5.00 to winner. Entrance fee 50 cts. Distance 120 yards. Time 11 seconds. Those entering first tournament cannot enter second.

COMMITTEE.

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for a free sample of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and booklet "Told by a Doctor." If he cannot supply you write Pepsin Syrup Co., Main and Charter Sts., Monticello, Ill.—Powell & Powell. July.

You can get an eight day clock, walnut or oak finish cheap at Powell & Powell's. 30.

Handsome Jardiniers, 50c to $1.25 at Powell & Powell's. 30

This week we received another shipment of wall paper direct from the factory in Chicago.—Come and see us for wall paper.—Powell & Powell. 29

We have just received a full line of Breech Loading Shot Guns and Targets, from $3.50 to $35 each.

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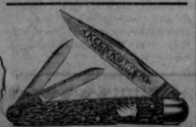

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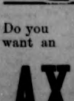

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Sheriff and Tax Collector .... T. A. Irvin.
Deputy Sheriff .... Jim Johnson.
Sheriff Office Deputy .... J. E. W. Lane.
County Attorney .... J. W. Woods.
County Treasurer .... T. B. Holland.
County Surveyor .... G. M. Thomason
Public Weigher .... W. M. Coffman
Hide and Animal Inspector .... W. C. Asbury
County Commissioner Precinct No. 1, J. W. Merrick; Precinct No. 2, Philip Yost; Precinct No. 3, R. D. Williams; Precinct No. 4, E. C. Austin.
J. P. Precinct No. 1, ... J. P. L. O. Oliver
Constable .... Jim Johnson.

CITY OFFICERS.

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Secretary .... H. Schwartz.
Marshal .... J. M. Aycock.
Aldermen: H. Schwartz, H. H. Ramsey, W. E. Mayes, Martin Barnhill, C. H. Mahan.

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M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. W. W. Moss, Pastor.
Sunday School at 11 a. m. J. H. Walker Superintendent.

BAPTIST CHURCH. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. J. Frank Leake, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. W. M. Coffman, Superintendent.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Services 2nd and 5th Sundays. Rev. J. W. Keeble, Pastor
Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. F. W. James, Superintendent.

CHRISTAIN CHURCH Preaching every 2nd. Sunday. Church meeting at 2 p m every Sunday. W A Barnhill, Elder.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday school Every Sunday at 10 a m J C Gray, Supt.
Services at Presbyterian Church 3 and 4th J. M. Brooks.

LODGES.

BAIRD LODGE, No. 522, A. F. & A. M. Meets every Saturday night on or before full moon at 7:30 p. m.
B. L. Russell W. M.
H. Schwartz Secretary.

BAIRD CHAPTER, R. A. M. No. 182. Meets 3rd Friday night in each month.
Harry Meyer, H. P.
B. L. Russell, Secretary.

BAIRD LODGE No. 47, K. of P. Meets in Castle Hall Odd Fellows building every Thursday night at 8 p. m. Visiting Knights always welcome
B. N. Leonard, C. C.
H. Schwartz, K of R. S.

BAIRD CAMP No. 508, W. O. W. Meets in the Odd Fellows Hall. 1st and 2nd Monday nights of each month.
Jas. H. Walker, C. C.
Jno. W. Woods, Clerk.

BAIRD LODGE No 271, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday night.
August Weicks, N. G.
H. Schwartz, Sec.

ABILENE COMMANDERY, K. of T. No 27 Meets 2nd Monday of each Month.
J. H. Pickens, E. C
C. W. Roberts, Rec

BAIRD LODGE No. 142, A. O. U. W. Meets First and third Tuesday in each month. Visiting brethren fraternally invited and members expected to attend.
J. M. Fite, M. W.
John Jallen, Recorder

BAIRD LODGE No 806 BANKERS UNION of the World meets in the Odd Fellows hall 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month at 8 p. m.
S. T. Fraser, President.
J. H. Cochran, Sec.

CAMP ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON, No — U. C. V. Meets at Baird at 1 p. m. 4th. Saturday in each month.
Jno Trent, Capt.
J E W Lane, Adjut.

TECUMSEH FOURTH.

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The Tecumseh Barbecue has come and gone, but it will linger in the memories of those who participated as a pleasant "oasis" in the monotonous journey of ordinary daily life. The hospitality of that section is noted, but never before, it is said, was it so tried and never did the good people meet the wants of the occasion so promptly, and with such prodigality. Everyone has the same words of praise to sing, and in the vernacular all say "Tecumseh you are a Jim Dandy." No prettier or cooler place could be found than the lovely grove of oaks that was selected for the grounds, and with the beauties of nature supplement ed by the hand of man, in the shape of seats for the weary under the shade of forest trees, nothing could be added for the comfort of the guests.

The Sentinel representative, in company with Mr. A. L. Turner, of the Abilene Furniture Co., arrived on the grounds at 11 o'clock and at that hour the whole country seemed to be alive with vehichles, some coming others just arrived and many more already unloaded of their happy and well-dressed burdens of humanity. Where all the twenty-five hundred people came from would have been a mystery to anyone not familiar with the surrounding country, but they were there and every one seemed bent on having a happy time themselves, and at the same time cheerfully aiding in any way to make it pleasant for others. One feels decidedly stuckup, when surrounded by such a people, on the birth day of our nation, he realizes what true Americanism is, by the living samples around him, of which he is proud to acknowledge himself one.

The Masons, whose day this was for installation of officers, were seen marching from their hall in full regalia under the command of Abilene's well known citizen, D. L. Middleton, who was marshal of the day. Space was cleared for them under the dense shade and an address was delivered in his usual and happy eloquent manner by County Attorney Tom Bledsoe. Mr. Bledsoe's speech was replete with illustrations of the grand history of the Masonic order, many of which he proved by the Bible. Even to one who was not connected with the order the speech was singularly interesting, and even if there was a disbeliever in the mystic rites of the order present, he must have been impressed with the earnestness of the speaker and the proofs with which he backed up his arguments.

Dinner being announced, all proceeded with one mind and one motion, headed for the long tables with a perfect feast of good things under the shade of the grand oaks. Pessimistic individuals had, upon viewing the great gathering, predicted that there would not be half enough to supply the appetite of the hungry crowd, but they did not know Tecumseh's good people. It is safe to say that there never was at any barbecue, in this section, as great a supply of good fat beef furnished, in proportion to numbers, as was fucnished that day. After every one had eaten their fill, there was enough left of meat, pickles and coffee besides other good things to have fed the crowd over again it seemed to the Sentinel, and as a fact those who remained till dark did make a supper from what was left.

After dinner in the afternoon about five o'clock, the public installation of the newly elected officers of the Tecumseh lodge No. 552 was the order of business. T. A. Bledsoe as installing officer and D. L. Middleton, marshal:

J. R. Price, W. M.
G. W. Slaughter, S. W
J. F. Barton, J. W.
H. (Tod) Windham, Treas.
T. M. Slaughter, Sect.
B. M. Jones, S. D.
D. M. Thomas, J. D.
J. E. Crenshaw, S. D.
J. W. Bradley, J. D.
J. W. Slaughter, Tiler.

There were eighteen members of the Tecumseh Lodge present and four visiting brethren.

Tecumseh Lodge was established in 1882 and since has regularly installed its officers on the 4th of July. The Sentinel was informed that a barbecue was had at the same place eighteen years before and although the crowd was not so large, yet the people enjoyed themselves equally as well. After the installing the lodge returned to their hall and were dismissed.

The young people, all this time, had been giving attention to the dance a platform for which amusement was arranged at a sufficient distance so as not to interfere with the other parts of the program. About six of the crowd began to disperse for their homes. The Sentinel man desires to thank all the good people for kindness, but especially is he under obligations to Tom Clark, who, being at home, was especially careful to see that the Sentinel was not neglected. To the good people one and all the representative of this paper desires to return thanks for a pleasant day and many acts of kindness. May you all live to enjoy many more such days as July 4, 1901. —West Texas Sentinel.

Is your liver tired? Does it fail to do its duty? If so, don't neglect its call for help. A few doses of HERBINE may save you a spell of sickness. HERBINE is the only perfect liver medicine. It cures Chills and Fevers. Price 50 cents. For sale at R. Philipps.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending July, 9, 1901. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Walter Haney,
J. T. Hart,
Mr. William Kelly,
Mr. J. R. Littlepage,
Mr. John Morrison,
Mr. J. D. Rowden,
Miss Mollie Thompson.

Wm. McManis, P. M.

White Man Turned Yellow.

Great consternation was felt by the friends of M. A. Hogarty of Lexington, Ky., when they saw he was turning yellow. His skin slowly changed color, also his eyes, and he suffered teribly. His malady was Yellow Jaundice. He was treated by the best doctors, but without benefit. Then he was advised to try Electric Bitters, the wonderful Stomach and Liver remedy, and he writes: "After taking two bottles I was wholly cured." A trial proves its matchless merit for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. Only 50c. Sold by Powell & Powell, Druggists. July.

Dudley Wooten was elected to Congress last Saturday by an overwhelming majority over his republican opponent. The vote, however, was very light. Mr. Wooten's hard pull was in the primaries, and afterwards in the convention, which was locked for a week. The outlook for Mr. Wooten next year does not appear especially bright, judging from the tone of the press in that district. Time, however, works many changes, and he may have smooth sailing next year after all.

FLORIDA LETTER.

Hampton, Fla. July 7, 1901.

Editor Star:—Well Mr. Editer and other friends, it seems that the old Star is just going to dry up, for it has not got a bit of news in it. I did not get it last week, so was at the office on time this morning for it. It most always gets here Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, and it used to be like getting a letter from all, but I guess the hoppers have hopped off with all who wrote the news, for there was none this week. Do pray offer a premium to the best writer. If you all knew how I enjoy your brief dots you would be more liberal with them.

I still like this country fine. We are in the midst of peach shipping. There has been about twelve thousand craet shipped, and we are hardly half through. They net the shippers about $1.25 per crate. Our county shipped 70 thousand crates of strawberries. Blackberries don't count, but I put up 100 quarts, and made some wine. Grapes are beginning to ripen. Kelsey plums will soon be ripe, they are as large as an egg. The native plum is gone, but fruit don't last here like it does there. We have no late peaches here, don't know why, but the Japanese persimmon lasts from September till December; it is fine.

Our rainy season here. It rains a little nearly every day. I have as fine corn as I ever grew. Cotton is a little backward, but full of bloom. Cane is fine. I will learn to farm with the best of them yet. They are all surprised that I have made anything. The old native won't tell you what is right if he knows it, but I hit it on the corn sure. Made very good oats. They don't put enough oats on the ground here.

As to being hot here. It is not near so hot here as it is there and we always have a breeze. The insects I heard about are just a little farther on I just wish you could have a few of our unnecessary showers to drown the hoppers out.

Our doctor is going to leave us next week. He says that he has lived out enough here trying to find somebody sick. There has been one case of fever and one death since I have been here, but this is noted as the healthiest part of the state, but with it all I some times long for a sight of old faces and the mountains and mesquite trees and if I could just see a jack-rabbit I believe I could run him down and hug him. The northern tourist has about exterminated everything here but the gator. It takes a little more nerve than most of them have to tackle him. We have strict laws to protect the game and all birds, but they were made too late. There are fewer birds here than any place I ever saw. It is a $20.00 fine to have a mocking bird in a cage.

There are great hopes that the oranges will come back. Lots of them bloomed this year. I had one to bloom If they do this country will surely boom. Property is going up a little any way.

Cattle are doing fine so far. I don't see why there are not more here With a little looking after I believe it would pay to grade them. The flies are not so bad as they are there. If it rained there like it does here the flies would eat the cattle up. They may get worse later on.

I have out an acre of sweet potatoes and put out another. They are good hog and cow feed. We plant cuttings entirely for the late crop. Just cut an armful of vines and one drops them and another pushes them down with a sharp stick. Don't even press the dirt to them or fill up the hole. They grow all right. There are plenty of good ones on the market now from last year. They are as good as the pumpkin yam.

The people quit work at 11 o'clock and begin at 3 o'clock.

I will close for fear you get tired and pitch it in the waste basket. Hope the hoppers will let up on you all before it is too late and that it will rain in time to make old Callahan keep in the lead. Best wishes to all.

W. F. Palmore.

Notice.

All persons indebted to the firm of S. M. Moon & Co. are requested to settle up. The undersigned has the books and notes of said firm who are anxious to close up the business.

26tf. Ed Coppins,
At Barnhill's Shoe Shop.

The good roads movement is gradually gaining ground in the east, and in the course of a century or two may reach Texas and eventually West Texas. Callahan county has some magnificent roads, but nature has done most of the work. Then we have some miserable roads, part of which are knee deep in sand in dry weather and the other about as deep in mud in in wet weather. A change must be made in our road system before anything like even moderately good roads at all seasons of the year can be secured in the county.

What among human ills are more annoying than piles? The afflictions that prevent active exercises are bad enough, but one that makes even rest miserable is worse. Women are among the greatest martys. TABLER'S BUCKEYE PILE OINTMENT will cure the most obstinate cases. Price, 50 cts. in bottles, tubes 75.—For sale at R. Phillips.

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man. But 'tis too late now. The die is cast. Yet I have some joy in this. You have shed a happy light upon my dying hour. God bless you!"

Rurie's feelings were easily moved, and there was something in the deep solemnity of this occasion that started his heart to a tender mood, and the last words of the dying man flowed the cup. He bowed his head, and, covering his eyes with one hand while he held in the other the hand of Conrad, he wept freely and silently.

At this moment the woman arose and left the room.

"She's gone," said the count after he had recovered somewhat from the deep emotions which had been stirred within his own soul. "Sit down here beside me."

Rurie obeyed the request, and after he had seated himself he gazed sadly into the sick man's face.

"Say, Rurie," the count asked, while an eager look overspread his face, "wast true what Kopani told me—that you overcame Demetrius the Greek with the sword?"

"I did," the youth replied in a whisper.

"But you did not disarm him? You did not fairly take his sword from him?"

"I did, Conrad."

"My soul, is it possible? And where have you been all your life?"

"In Moscow and in Spain."

"And yet obscure."

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"Speak on," said Conrad, at the same time running his eyes almost enviously over the gunmaker's nobly developed breast and shoulders.

"Then, first, I have just come from the Lady Rosalind— Ah, I meant not"—

"Go on. I may have felt a pang at the mention of that name, but I know she loves you, and were I strong at this moment as ever I'd relinquish all claims of her to you. So fear not."

"Thank you, sir count, for this. But, I was remarking, I am not long from her presence, and between us both we have suspected some dark things. Do you think the duke was really your friend?"

The count started, and a strange gleam shot from his eyes.

"Go on," he uttered.

"Then listen. Before you ever came to my shop the duke had solemnly promised Rosalind that she should receive no more trouble from you—that you would claim her hand no more."

"Do you know this?"

"I do."

"But it cannot be. Why should he have sent me on that mission to you?"

"I had taught one of his officers the sword exercise, and he knew I was your superior in strength and the use of the weapon."

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"Yes. I was getting well fast and the doctors said I should be stout and well in a month. But suddenly this change came on. Let's see. On Friday morning I felt the first relapse."

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"As I came this way I saw a humpbacked priest pass out from this house!" said the gunmaker interrogatively.

"Yes, yes," returned the count, speaking shortly and quickly. "It was Savotano. He has attended me. The duke recommended him."

"And was he here Thursday night?"

"Thursday? Ah, yes; he watched with me that night."

"And has he been in attendance since?"

"Yes—every day. But why do you ask? Say, what is that meaning upon your face? What is it?"

"At this moment the door of the apartment was quietly, noiselessly, opened, and Kopani, the surgeon, entered the place.

"Ha!" cried Rurie, starting toward him and grasping him by the arm. "Your patient is poisoned! A deadly poison has been given him, and it is even now eating his life away!"

"Impossible!" gasped the surgeon, straining his eyes to see plainly who it was that spoke to him. "Ah!" he uttered as he became somewhat used to the gloom of the apartment. "Is it you, sir?"

"Aye, but mind not that now. Cannot you do something for the count? He has been poisoned."

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"Ruric Nevel," said the surgeon as soon as he was sure the invalid would sleep, "will you remain here awhile? I wish to go and analyze some of these things. I have only to go to the academy. I will be back in an hour at the furthest."

The gunmaker gladly consented to this, and, having gathered up the vials and the wine bottle and concealed them beneath his pelisse, the surgeon left.

Ruric Nevel was happier now, for hope was with him while he prayed that God might spare the unfortunate count.

CHAPTER XI.

AN ASTOUNDING AFFAIR.

Half an hour had the gunmaker sat by the side of the sick man's bed when he was aroused from the reverie into which he had fallen by the gentle opening of the door. He turned and beheld a human form emerging from the narrow, dark entryway. As it came into the room the watcher started, for he beheld the hunchbacked priest, Savotano.

"Who is here?" the arch fiend whispered, shading his eyes and trying to peer into the gloom.

"Sh!" uttered Rurie. "The count is sleep."

By this time our hero had so far overcome the first emotion caused by the villain's entrance that he could be calm.

"And who is this?" the priest whispered, moving nearer to the bed. "Ha! The gunmaker!"

"Yes," replied the youth, watching every look and movement of the fellow most closely.

"You are in a strange place, I should say," Savotano whispered, not looking the young man directly in the face, but casting upon him a sidelong glance, as though he dared not look direct.

"Speak not too loud, sir priest," said our hero, determined to enter into no conversation with the man if he could avoid it. "Do not awaken the count, for he is very faint and weak."

And then Rurie had another reason. He feared if Damonoff should awake that the strange discovery they had made might be revealed, and, of course, he wished not that the villain should yet know how well he was understood.

"But why are you here?" pursued Savotano, who seemed determined to know. "I am this poor man's spiritual comforter, and I surely have a right to know wherefore is the presence of one bearing the peculiar relations toward him which are sustained by you."

Ruric's first impulse was one of disgust and wrath, but he managed to keep it to himself.

"Sir priest," he returned, moving his chair noiselessly nearer to the visiter, so that his whisper might not disturb the sleeper, "I heard that the count was dying, and I would not have him die without first forgiving me for all that I had done."

"And has he done it?"

"He has."

"And why do you remain here? Where is his attendant?"

"She is out somewhere. The count has had a strange fit—a startling spasm—and I feared if he had another the woman could not manage him alone."

"Ah!" uttered Savotano. "A spasm?"

"Yes, a most strange one, as though something were at his heart, as though his brain were on fire and his whole system shaking."

The priest turned his head away, but Rurie saw plainly the exultant look which rested there. There was no mistaking any more. That one look—for Rurie saw it—was proof enough.

"Well, well," the misshapen villain said, "I will call again when he is awake. I would not have him die and I not by him."

Thus speaking Savotano arose and moved toward the door. His step was eager, and his every look betrayed some anxious purpose. He stopped as he reached the door and looked back, but he did not speak. Ruric was afraid he might go to the sideboard to look at the medicine, but he did not. He simply cast one more glance at the watcher and then left the room.

In half an hour more the surgeon returned. His face wore a clear, emphatic expression, and his movements were all quick and prompt, as though each one was for the purpose of announcing some self evident decision.

"Well," he uttered, with a quickly drawn breath, "we have put the medicines to a test." And then he leaned back and looked into Ruric's face.

"And what did you find?" the young man asked.

"Just what we expected. We have detected arsenic in three of the medicines which the count had to take. But this poison is not alone. There is much opium in the wine, even so that we could smell it when our suspicions guided us. The poison has been most adroitly fixed. The priest must have one of those recipes which have been used by scientific poisoners, for no physician in Moscow could have concocted the deadly poison."

"But wherein was it so wondrously peculiar?" asked Ruric, with interest.

"Why, in this: Arsenic was the principal poisoning agent, but that alone would produce symptoms which any physician would know at once. In this case there was something present which overcame all the outward signs of the poison and only let it eat upon the vitals. I know not the secret, though I know there is such a one. Had it not been for your fortunate suspicions the count would have died from the effects of the wound. The poison was working silently and surely, without pain and without outward sign different from the usual sinking of the worn and fainting body. But I have hopes now. The villain must not know that we have discovered him. We will let the thing run for the present."

Kopani was not a little surprised when he found that the priest had been there during his absence, but before he could make any further remark the count awoke. He felt very faint, but that strange sickness of the stomach was lessened. The surgeon prepared some suitable diluents, and, having called in the woman, he gave directions that they should be given in large quantities, and also directed her to prepare some strong barley water for the patient to drink as he wanted beverage.

All the vials were replaced upon the sideboard and then refilled with liquids somewhat like those they had before contained. But the nurse was directed not to use them. Everything that her patient was to take she was to keep under her own charge in the kitchen, and she was also most particularly cautioned against allowing the priest to gain anything from her. But Kopani meant to be sure on that score. He had a little business to transact, and then he was coming back to spend the night himself by the count's side. He meant at all events that the poisoner should have no more opportunity to exercise his diabolical science upon the sick nobleman. He promised the count that he should have safe and competent watchers thereafter.

It was fairly dark now, as Ruric could see by raising the curtain and looking out. He had no idea it was so late. Time had passed without his notice. He moved to the side of the bed and took the invalid's hand.

"I must go now," he said. "But if you are willing I will come again"—

"You will come," uttered Conrad in reply, returning the grasp of the hand with all his feeble power. "Oh, you must come often now. I hope I shall live. Perhaps I shall. If I do, I shall owe my life to you. And God knows—for the feeling is even now firm in my soul—that I will always remember how you saved me, and I will never think, never, of the sad blow you struck me. Come—come to me when you can, for now—now—as God lives, I speak the truth—now I love you!"

"God bless and keep you!" murmured Ruric in a husky, tremulous voice. And with these words, coming from the very depths of his soul, he turned away and left the room. He heard the voice of the count as he moved toward the open door and thanked God that 'twas a blessing which fell upon his ears.

Ah, those who know not what true forgiveness is know not the holiest emotion of earth!

Ruric had left his sledge at a neighboring inn, and as soon as he gained the street he bent his steps that way. He had gone half the distance from the residence of the count to the inn and was just upon the point of crossing the street when he heard his name pronounced by some one behind him. He stopped and looked around and saw a man approaching him.

It was too dark to distinguish faces plainly even at a usual conversational distance, yet Ruric was not long in concluding that the man who had thus hailed him was a stranger. He was a medium sized man and so closely enveloped in his bonnet and pelisse that his form and features would have been hidden even had it been lighter than it was.

"Did you speak to me?" asked the youth as the man came up.

"Yes, sir. Is your name Ruric Nevel?"

"It is."

"Then you are wanted a few moments at the residence of a lieutenant named Orsa."

"Alarie Orsa?" asked Ruric.

"The same."

"But he does not live here in the Kremlin."

"He is here now, at any rate, and would see you."

"But you said he was at his residence," suggested our hero, who

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Bond election next Thursday.

Don't forget the bond election next Thursday, July 25th.

Most of the newspaper men of Texas have gone to Buffalo or Colorado for the summer.

Shall the city issue more bonds for the purpose of improving the water system. Election next Thursday.

The people of Missouri are petitioning Gov Dockery to issue a proclamation calling upon the people to pray for rain to save the corn crop.

The State Board has advertised for bids for the erection of the buildings for the state fit colony at Abilene. Bids will be opened at Austin August 8th.

Crops in Kansas, Nebraska Oklahoma and part of Missouri are burning up from drouth. Kansas has made a fine wheat crop, but without rain soon nearly all other crops will be a failure The drouth is said to be worst since 1860.

Some of our populist friends with nothing else to do are trying to to define a democrat. We thought it was long ago settled that a democrat believes what he pleases: a republican believes what Hanna pleases: and a populist believes the world couldn't revolve without his kind assistance.—Breckenridge Democrat.

The Comanche Chief says it publishes the proceedings of the Ohio democratic convention as an item of news not that it endorses them. Why does the Chief think it necessary to apologize for publishing the news, even though that news may be rather distasteful to some of its friends?

We find many believe the best and cheapest way to make a resevoir is to enlarge the wells. However THE STAR does not make any claims as an expert on the subject. The question now and the only question before the people of Baird is, will they vote the bonds. Without money the city can not turn a wheel, that is certain.

Since the pop party has passed away we see very little use for a fit colony in West Texas, but it seems the state is going to start one in Taylor county so as to be ready for the next fly-up the creek political fad that may come along. Nothing like being ready for emergencies.

Senator Butler, of North Carolina, gives out the startling intelligence that the populist party is not dead. If some one were to announce that George Washington was not dead it would not be any more of a surprise than Senator Butler's statement that the pop party is not a shade.

The democrats of Ohio ignored both Bryan and the Kansas City platform, which they had a perfect right to do. On the heels of this comes the news that the Bryan democrats will bolt and nominate a ticket. This will no doubt be good news to the republicans, provided the bolters develope considerable strength.

Ex-Governor Hubbard died at Tyler last Friday after a long illness. Gov. Hubbard was born in Georgia in 1834 and received a classical education came to Texas in an early day when he engaged in the practice of law. In his prime he was considered one of the great orators of the the South, and at Philadelphia in 1876 won the sobrique—the silver-tongued orator of Texas. He served as a colonel in the Confederate army and after the war served as member of the legislature, later as Lieut. Governor and succeeded Gov. Coke as governor when the latter was elected to the United States Senate. The last office held by Gov. Hubbard was minister to Japan during Cleveland's administration.

That was an awful mug the Dallas News artist put on Gen. Gomez last Sunday.

Mary Jane Cox, of the Forney Messenger says the weather is too hot to tax his brain with writing editorials and will depend mainly on his exchanges for good items, but promises to give due credit when he is certain the same article has not appeared more than two or three times as original matter.

City Marshal Clinton has knocked a crimp in one of Abilene's here-to-fore chief sources of trade. The demand for bull snakes was rather slack for a time and people from the country who could not sell their snakes on arrival in Abilene turned them loose in the city to the disquietude of the citizens thereof and Marshal Clinton has stopped this. No more snakes are to be permitted to roam the streets of that town. Good idea, even a moderate drinker is liable to be frightened at real live snakes.

The democrats of Ohio evidently think a change in the policy of the party is necessary to insure success. Neither Bryan or 16 to 1 were mentioned in the platform and the careless delegates actbally trampled Bryan's picture in the dust. Such a thing could not have happened in a democratic convention a year ago without provoking a riot. Straws show which way the wind is blowing and none of the straws are going towards Nebraska.

The Ohio Bryan democrats now threaten to play the role adopted by a portion of the Clevelamd democrats in 1896. They want to rule or ruin and if they cannot control they will bolt. It is an unfortunate failing with many democrats who bost of adhering only to principles that they will make a little god of some politician and follow him to perdition. If principles, not men, acuate the party why do so many worship any man that for the time being hapens to be the leader? This was so in Clevelands time, and now we see the same spirit manifested towards Bryan. Both Cleveland and Bryan are politicians and each seeks his own aggrandizement first and the party is mainly considered as a means of furthering their ambitious designs. Of the two we believe Bryan is the less selfish, but he has shown in many ways that he is a most adroit politician and knows how to appeal to galleries. There is nothing particular deserving of worship their followers have given them. Both have had their day now let them give way for others. If they won't do this make them get out of the way or run over them. Grover got in the way of the procession and the party took especial delight in running over him. From all indications now the party will have to administer some of the same medicine to Mr. Bryan that he assisted in giving Mr. Cleveland in 1896. The party may lose a few votes by disposing of Bryan but if he is permitted to further dictate the policy of the party it will lose a great many more than to fire him.

There is a good deal said about editors swiping articles from other papers and publishing them as original. Probably no paper is entirely free from this practice, but we know from experience that the omission of proper credit is often due to carelessness of the printer rather than to the feloneous designs of the editor. We have been in the newspaper business near sixteen years and we can truthfully say that we have never yet willfully omitted credit from editorials taken from exchanges, though a number of such editorials have appeared from time to time in THE STAR without proper cridit because the printer overlooked the credit marked on slip, and the omission was not noticed in proof reading. We have in the past noticed some papers pillfering editorials, but we are inclined to believe that most of the so called plagiarism is caused by the carelessness of the printer in failing to note credit marked on clipping rather than a desire on the part of the editor to palm off the product of others as his own. An editor who has a proper conception of his position will no more sneak an editorial from an exchange than he would go into the office of that exchange and steal type or other material. One is just as disreputable as the other, and we believe most Texas editors so regard it and act accordingly. Honesty is the best policy and this applies to the press as well as any other profession. An editor can not persistently pillfer editorials from other papers without the fact becoming known to his contemporaries and eventually to his readers and when that time comes his usefulness is in most instances destroyed.

There is some discussion in town as to the best method of improving the water system. Two communication on the subject this week. The main question just now is, will the people vote the bonds? So little interest is being taken in that question that there is danger of the bond proposition being defeated. Remember the old adage first catch the hare before discussing the question of cooking. Sometimes the hare escapes.

THE WATER QUESTION.

Mr. Editor.—In answer to Mr. Claggett's "Water Question" I will reply that like him, I as every one else does, concedes the fact that there is plenty of water there and also that when the pipe was first put in, that water was thrown over the Court House, but Mr. Claggtt neglected to state that at that time we had only eight or ten water consumers, where we now have over one hundred. I will go still further than Mr. Claggett, and will say that during the winter months we have an abundance of water, with the best of pressure, then why is it that we are short now? It is not on account of the shortness of the supply, for the wells do not so show it. It is on account of the defects of our pipe-line connection with the wells as shown in our last letter, which makes the supply as delivered in town very limited, and when we go beyond that limit our supply fails The city council knew that fact, when they tried to limit the use to about a winter's consumption by not permitting use except for strictly household purposes in which, if they had been able to succeed, the supply would have been ample but I think that if every connection had a meter it would show a vast increase over the winter consumption. Mr. Claggett's idea of enlarging the wells in order to make a storage resevoir, would be a sad mistake. In the first place the water would rise to the level of the strongest veins daming them up, and causing them to cease being feeders to the well and in that manner curtail the drainage area of the well. In this connection, as proof of my statements, I will make an extract from Fanning's work on Hydraulic Engineering. Speaking of the water-supply of Brooklyn, N. Y. with a population of nearly one million whose supply is obtained from wells sunk in the land just as ours says:

"If in snch subsoils, a well is excavated, and a great draught of water is pumped, the surface of saturation will take its inclination towards the well, and the area of the whater shed of the well, will extend as the water surface in the well is lowered. If the well has its water surface lowered so as to draw towards it, say a share equal to twenty-four inches of annual rainfall in a circle around it of one-quarter of a mile radius, then its yield should be one-half a million gallons of water daily. In a test trial one of these wells, fifty feet in diameter was found to yield, after the water surface in the well had been lowered down four and one-half feet at the rate of 850,000 gallons per twenty-four hours."

As then this proposition is true that the effort to exhaust the veins means the strenghthning of them then the converse must be true that the storing of water over them must damage them. We see in the Brooklyn case a practical application of relieving the pressure from the water veins, in order to increase the supply, and we are not apt to err much in following their example And again by the time Mr. Claggett has made his excavation, in water standing ten foot deep, eighteen feet wide, fourteen feet deep and three hundred feet long and disposed of the material coming out of it he will find that his expenses are not far from the $4800. As for the water in the resevoir becoming dead, it is accepted and practiced by all sanitary boards that the aireation of water purifies it and keeps it pure, and it only becomes dead in closed pipes. If Mr. Claggett will study the Engineer's profile of this line he will observe. that after getting the water from the wells by his proposed "syphon" he will still have that "little hill" mentioned by him between his water and town, one of the greatest defects in the whole system, as air collects at that summit and cuts off the water. Mr. Editor, unlike Mr Claggett I have an axe to grind in this matter, and that is to put the water and plenty of it all over town, so he as well as every tax-payer can get all he wants and do the grinding. I still stand by my first suggestions, and believe that the thinking members ot the community will bear me out.

Respectfully yours,
W. C. POWELL.

Mr. Editor.—I have noticed in THE STAR some discussion of this very important subject, and I wish to give some attention to it. First,—I see that the City Council has submitted the proposition to the voters on the 25th day of July 1901, whether or not there shall be issued $4,800.00 in bonds for the purpose of perfecting the present water-system, by increasing the supply of water, and by laying better and more suitable water mains and laterals. I have not heard any one say that there is not a supply of water to be had at the place where the present supply is now furnished, to-wit. the place west of town, upon the hill; but all unite in saying that the present developement is not sufficient. I believe a sufficient supply of water can be had by making an excavation, at or near this place, of say 100 feet East and West or North and South, so as to cut the water bearing sand strata crosswise; crib up the sides and ends with good sound cypress lumber and cross sections at the intermediate joint of the lumber on the sides. That is; use lumber for the sides 20 feet long, 5 lenghths making the 100 feet, the ends and cross sections 16 feet. Then cover the whole crosswise with cypress 18 feet long. This will supply all the water needed, and I believe, will be all the resevoir neccessary. The cost of this excavation, 948 cubit yards at 12½ cents per yard would be $118.50, lumber, sides, crossed-siding, bracing and cover, 19646 feet of cypress at $4 would be $787,84. Labor in cribbing, 3 men at $6 per day, 10 days, $60, making a total of $966.34, say $1,000 even This now leaves $3800.00 to correct the present capacity of the lands, delivering and laying the 4 in pipe as laterals, making this tank 948 cubit yards holding 201 gallons of water to cubit yard, creating a capacity of 190,548 gallons. This will allow a liberal supply of water to all the residents of Baird, and being about 100 gallons per day to the family. The present income from the water system now to the city is $70.00 per month, and an increased revenue of $70.00 would be yielded within a very short time after the completion ot the system, and a conservative estimate, is, that the revenue from the system, within a few years, would be from $250 to $300 per month, and if properly applied in a very short time, would supply all the residents with water; thereafter the cost of completing this system, this income from the water service, should be applied to the payment of of the water bonds, in connection with the water tax; and in a few years the present water system in repairs. From an editorial in THE STAR and some conversations, I understand that there are some intimation that the city entertain an idea of selling the present water works system to a company or to some individuals. Now this would be a very unwise course to be pursued. Should it be done, what would be the conditions? In the first place, the city would continue for all time to levy and collect a heavy annual tax to secure the public supply of water for fire protection and watering troughs. That alone would take as would be if the city would retain ownership, and there would never be any reduction of tax or water rates Should our people be so unwise as to adopt such a course, all the real property would be depreciated in value, as the city would have an unending burden fastened upon it. Now in conclusion, let us all seriously consider this subject and heartily join in the full developement of our water system under the control and ownership of the city. I remain respectfully.

J. E. W. LANE.

WATER FOR BAIRD.

MR. EDITOR:—We see that there is some controversy among several citizens, who are in favor of completing our water system, as to the way it should be done. Now everyone has a right to express his views, but as some may be prejudiced against the proposition on account of such a diversity of opinion by those who advocate perfecting our water system, we think it premature just at this time to discuss anything but the necessity of such an enterprise; as the only subject of discussion is such necessity, then the voters can, by their votes on July 25, say, if we shall have an increased water supply, and if they do, they will vote for the bonds, as the only means of raising the needed funds. These gentlemen, who have thus expressed themselves through your columns, are in favor of this proposition, but differ as to the way the system should be perfected, so we deem it but just to ourselves and the people, to assure all, that there will be no hasty, secret, or unadvised course persued by the city Council as to the best method of improving our water works; but the people will be consulted, and shall have all opportunity to be heard on all questions, and that due consideration will be given to all views expressed. "Let us not cross the bridge before we reach it.", This is a subject of no little importance and we assure, the tax-payers of Baird, that the money will be judiciously expended to insure success. We must have more water, and with the co-oporation of the people it can and will be had.

Respectfully,
J. B. HARMON,
Mayor.
H. H. RAMSEY.
MARTIN BARNHILL.
H. SCHWARTZ.
W. E. MAYES.
C. H. MAHAN.
Councilmen

BAIRD CHAPTER R. A. M.

Baird Chapter No. 182 R. A. M. will install officers tonight, Friday, July 19th. The following is a list of officers elected:

Harry Meyer, H. P.
J. B. Harmon, E. K.
C. S. Boyles, E. S.
Dr. S. T. Fraser, C. H.
E. E. Solomon, P. J.
W. E. Gilliland, R. A. C.
Wm. McManis, 3d V.
J. W. Heffner, 2d V.
Carl Corbett, 1st V.
A. Cooke, Treas.
B. L. Russell Secy.
J. E. Gilliland, Guard.

All officers elected or appointed and all members of the Chapter are requested to be present.

WILL BE NON-UNION.

Threats Made to Start Them With Non-Union Men As in the Past.

TROUBLE EXPECTED.

President Shaffer Still Hopeful—Money Pledged by The Federation of Labor to Help the Strikers Win the Fight Now On.

Pittsburg, July 17.—The threat of District Manager Persifer F. Smith, of the American Sheet Steel company to start the Wellsville Rolling mill and operate it as in the past by non-union men was only a new feature in the strike situation and all eyes interested were turned to that plant. Up to 10 o'clock, however, nothing had been heard from Wellsville by those in authority at headquarters of the Amalgamated association in this city. They refused to believe the Wellsville mill had started up and said they had every reason to believe the plant had shut down and would remain so in spite of the efforts of Smith. He gave orders for the mill to start, and in response to the order about 30 men went out to work, two of them members of the Amalgamated association. The manager of the mill concluded that 30 men was not sufficient to man the crews and the attempt for the present has been abandoned. It is said that non-union men from other places would be brought to Wellsville, in which case serious trouble is feared.

Now that Smith has declared himself it is thought the managers of other non-union plants will make an effort to resume also within a few days and developments of an exciting nature can be expected.

President Shaffer is still hopeful of an early settlement of the strike. The information received from strike centers is quite meagre. This he interpreted to mean the strike was going on well. Nothing further has been done in reference to the issuance of a strike call to the Amalgamated men in the mills of the United States Steel corporation, outside of the three companies, against which the fight is now directed, is still an uncertain quantity. President Shaffer, said he would issue an order only when it becomes necessary. It is evidently the purpose of the association to confine the fight for the present to the three companies now involved.

National Organizer Thomas H. Flynn of the American Federation of Labor, came to Pittsburg from Washington, and after a consultation with the officials of the Amalgamated association pledged the support of the Federation in the strike. In an interview Flynn said the Federation had a membership of 2,000,000 and could make an assessment when any of the organizations affiliated with it were in need of assistance. He said he had just settled a strike of 4000 tube and iron workers at Reading and these men announced they would contribute $1 a week each. All members could not afford this, but an assessment of five cents each would yield $100,000 and would not be missed by the members.

COST OF THE STRIKE.

It Amounts to Thousands of Dollars to the Three Companies Involved.

Pittsburg, July 17.—According to figures compiled by the Pittsburg Dispatch, the steel strike is daily costing the three companies involved $210,000 and workmen $156,000. It is estimated that in the daily loss of nearly 23,000 boxes of tin plate a day, the American Tin Plate company daily losing over $90,000, while the loss to canning companies unable to secure their material is enormous in addition. The loss to gas stove manufacturers is also great as the mills closed, which make a specialty of stove iron. This is a heavy season for making stoves. About 2000 or 2500 tons of steel hoops, bands and cotton ties being lost daily by the American Steel Hoop company, by the season strike and this represents a daily loss of $70,000. In addition to all of these losses many and varied industries are crippled now and in prospect represent losses to men of large sums that cannot be computed now. The amalgamated men are said to have fund of over $200,000 with which keep the strike going and many amalgamated men employed in the various mills still operating will go a great way toward keeping the sinews of war in good condition.

Cessation of Mining Operations.

Scranton, Pa., July 17.—There was almost a complete cessation of mining operations here in the Lackawanna valley because of strike of stationary firemen.

Refuse Non-Union Steel.

Elwood, Ind., July 17.—The Tin Plate Workers' Protective association will refuse to work plates in any of the steel trust mills made or sheared by non-union men.

Menance to Wholesale Shoe Trade.

Vienna, July 17.—Deputy Bauman has been commissioned by representatives of the boot and shoe trade to question The Staathalter in lower Austrian diet as to what that body intends to do with regard to the threatened invasion of the Vienna market by an American syndicate. Local boot and shoe men consider American competition a menace to the very existence of the whole local industry.

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I am the only agent in town for the Hamilton-Brown shoes. Call at the headquarters.—T. E. Powell. 27-tf.

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LOCAL NEWS

Meals at Hotel Seay 25 cents. 13-tf

Meals 25 cts. at Hotel Seay Restaurant. 33-tf

FOR SALE.—Wagon and saddle, cheap. M. M. TERRY. 33-tf

J. G. Hightower, of Atwell, was in town Wednesday.

Best meal in West Texas for 25 cts. Hotel Seay. 33-tf

Miss Lambert of Scranton is visiting relatives in Baird this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Castles are visiting relatives in Anson.

Look outfor change in T. E. Powell's ad next week.

A. L. Biggerstaff, of Putnam, was in town Wednesday on business.

H. A. McWhorter and Wylie Lambert were in town Wednesday.

Regular meals three times a day. Lunch counter oped day and night. 33

Dr. S. T. Fraser and Jim Seay returned from Ft. Worth Sunday morning.

There was a freight wreck near Eastland Monday. Several cars were more or less damaged. No one hurt.

Miss Annie Bauman has gone to Roswell, N. M., to visit her sister, Mrs. Andy Young.

Mrs. J. D. Fletcher returned Sunday night from Colorado City, where she spent a month visiting her daughter

J. D. Boydstun, of Rockwall, came up a few days ago to see how the boys, Louis and Will, are getting along.

Miss Sweet Howell, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Callahan, was to return to her home at Atwell, yesterday.

Mrs. Henry Lambert and Mrs. Burson left last Friday morning for Fisher cobnty to visit relatives.

Dont forget our immense line of wall paper—more wall paper than all other houses in town put together.—Powell & Powell. 20.

Messrs Lilly & Co. who were opening a furniture store at Baird concluded that Baird was already fully supplied in that line and moved their stock to Merkel this week.

W. E. Garland, who has been at work on THE STAR for the past four months, left Wednesday night for Brush, Morgan county, Colorado, where he is going to start a paper. THE STAR wishes "Pat" success in his new undertaking.

Mrs. Ed. S. Seay and little daughter, of Roswell, N. M., spent several days last week and week before in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Seay at Hotel Seay.

FOR SALE.—All my hogs and furniture are for sale very cheap. I also want to trade a three seated carriage for a hack. J. H. HILL. 32-tf

Brown Seay requests THE STAR to announce that he will buy country produce, butter, egg, chicken, etc, and pay the highest market price. When you have anything in this line call at Hotel Seay.

Several of the residents, some eight or ten living in north Baird, are going to put in private water works, and have already ordered the pipe, etc This is a good move and will pay as we know by experience.

Ben F. Williams, formerly of this county, now living at Garland, Dallas county, spent a day or two in town this week very pleasantly with old friends. He says it is equally as dry in Dallas county as it is here, and predicts hardtimes for the whole state on account of the drouth.

The greatest line of embroidery ever seen in the west. Cost you about half what you pay at other places.—T. E. Powell. 26-tf.

THE FOURTH IN JAPAN.

Yokohama Was Turned Into An American City by the Japanese.

Yokohama, July 5, via Victoria, B.C., July 17.—The celebration of the Fourth of July Thursday transformed Yokohama into a veritable American town, and the scene at noon when the warships in the harbor joined in the salute in response to the shore festivities was the most inspiring one. The day closed with a exhibition of fireworks which recently arrived tourists pronounced finer than anything ever seen in America. Conjoined with this effervescence of patriotism the preparations for the great celebration of the Fourteenth when the monument to commemorate Commodore Perry's landing is to be dedicated are proceeding upon a magnificent scale.

The emperor made a magnificent contribution from his private purse and the occasion will testify in many ways to the highest appreciation in which the Americans are held in Japan. The celebration is to be held under the auspices of the Japanese-American Friendly association of which Baron Kane is president. The number of invited guests is so great that one of the largest steamers of the Japanese Mail Steamship company has been chartered to take them to Kurihama, where the ceremonies are to take place. It will be accompanied by the entire squadron and the fleet of warships which have assembled for the purpose.

The honors to be paid on the expected arrival of General MacArthur from the Philippines will at least equal those recently accorded to Field Marshal von Waldersee and everything possible will be done to testify to the genuine respect and affection in which the empire holds the American republic.

The notable feature of the time is the influx of Filipinos who are now arriving in large and increasing numbers. They are mostly of the better class and seem to be coming for the educational advantages which Japan affords. Already they are winning high praise for their general behavior and their eagerness to learn.

Another sign of the times is movement on foot for the general teaching of Russian language in the empire. It is felt that events are rapidly shaping themselves to bring Russia into closer contact with all national and commercial relations here, it being recognized that the northern power is to be the most important factor in oriental politics and trade.

The growth of the Jiji Shimpo the leading journal of the metropolis well illustrates how thoroughly western, especially Americans ideas are dominating the country. The special editions of the papers on special occasions and holidays rival the leading journals of New York. The latest enterprise inaugurated by it is the adoption of the "fresh air fund" movement and numbers of children from the streets of the capital are now being sent into the country for outings of a week or more. The movement is attracting much attention and will doubtless be emulated by many other metropolitan journals.

Telephone Organization.

Fort Worth, Tex., July 17.—Representatives of 17 independent telephone companies and exchanges in Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma met here and formed a permanent organization. Ed Nims of Roff, I. T., is president; O. C. Obetz of Corsicana, Tex., is secretary. The convention determined that all independent telephone exchanges and companies within the territory named were eligible to membership. The session was devoted to the discussion of the telephone situation in Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory and the extension to the stock ranch region.

Injunction Granted.

Austin, July 17.—Attorney General Bell, in behalf of the state, has filed suit in the district court here against the Pacific Express company for a permanent injunction restraining the company from doing business in Texas on the grounds of failure of the Pacific Express company to renew their permit for 1901, being a foreign corporation. The case is set for hearing July 21. A temporary injunction was granted by the court enjoining the company from doing business in Texas pending the hearing of the case.

Drouth Still Continues.

Dallas, July 17.—No change in the drouth situation. No rain in Texas on Tuesday night or Wednesday. Hot winds continue. Reports from northern part of Dallas county state that destructive insects are attacking the cotton fields there. Several counties west of the Brazos river along the line of the Texas & Pacific railway report that not more than a half crop of cotton will be made in that section.

Safe Robbed.

Fort Worth, Tex., July 17.—Robbers cracked the safe of the postoffice Gibtown, in Jack county, Tuesday night. Quite a sum of money and valuable papers were stolen. The robbers used dynamite and badly wrecked part of the building. The deputy United States marshal's office was notified of the facts given. No clue to perpetrators.

Dying from Lack of Water.

Gainesville, Tex., July 17.—Prominent cattlemen who were in Gainesville from the Indian Territory state that the cattle were dying from lack of water.

Showers in Nebraska.

Omaha, July 17.—Showers were reported Tuesday and Tuesday night in the South Platt district, breaking a protracted drouth in that section. Eight other counties in central Nebraska report a fairly good rainfall.

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Baird, Texas.

Mr. J. E. W. Lane has an article on the water question in this issue, in which he deprecates any idea of selling the water works, contending that we would have an unending tax levy for fire purposes. That is true, but we have an unending tax as it is. The tax rate for fire plugs could not be higher than at present, and there is no reason why it should not be lower. One thing Mr. Lane and perhaps others who favor continual city ownership, have not considered, and that is the limited life of water pipe—they do not last forever, and in some places only last ten or twelve years, sometimes less. Even under the most favorable conditions the present water mains are liable to become useless long before the bonds are paid. So on the score of unending water tax we are unable to see any chance for cessation under city ownership, but on the contrary we see a possibility of the water mains rusting out long before the bonds become due, and without any possible chance of raising money to replace them with new material. This is a very important question to consider in discussing the disposition to be made for the future. The question now, however, is shall the City Council issue more bonds. As that is the only solution in sight THE STAR urges every one who desires a more perfect water system to vote for the bonds. If the sytem should be sold the extra issue of bonds will be no extra burden, but there is a good chance of it being a means of effecting a better bargain in case the city desired to sell the water works in the future.

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The Gunmaker Of Moscow

By SYLVANUS COBB, Jr.

ties I had no companion to assist and guide me, and in my loneliness I had no mate to cheer and enliven me. I wished not that such should be the case. At length my eyes were opened, and I saw plainly the spirit that was moving upon my soul. I looked upon you, and I knew that I had found the woman who was to give me joy once more. Rosalind, I love you truly, fondly, and I would make you my wife. Now you cannot fail to understand me, can you?"

Rosalind gazed up into the face of her guardian, and she was pale as death.

"You do not mean—oh!"

It was a deep, painful groan, and the fair girl clasped her hands toward the man before her.

"Hold!" he said almost sternly. "I am not trifling now. I am not only serious, but firm in purpose. When you were placed under my charge, your father bade me do as I would, and now I would make you my wife. The Count Damonoff was the first who came for your hand, and had he been a proper man, and had you loved him, I should have interposed no objections, but you did not love him, and that affair is past. Now I lay my claim upon you, and my fortune and title I lay at your feet."

"And what is to become of my estate?" the maiden asked quickly and meaningly, for the thought flashed upon her.

"Why—we'll have the two united," returned the duke, with some hesitation.

"No, no!" Rosalind cried. "You will not do this! Oh, spare me from such a fate!"

"Spare thee, girl—spare thee from becoming the wife of one of the most powerful noblemen in the empire? You must be crazy."

"My guardian," spoke the fair girl, now looking her companion steadily in the face, "you only do this to try me. When you know that such a union would make me miserable forever, when you know it would cast out all the joys of life and extinguish the last hope of peace from my soul, you surely will not press it."

"Rosalind Valdai, I have resolved that you shall be my wife. Mind you, this is one of the firm, fixed purposes of my soul, and those who know the Duke of Tula best know that he never gives up a purpose once fixed in his mind. You cannot mistake me now."

Slowly the stern fact dawned upon Rosalind's mind. There had been a lingering hope that he might be only trying her to see if she loved him or if she would willingly become his wife. Awhile she remained with her head bowed and her bosom heaving with the wild emotion thus called up. But at length she looked up and spoke.

"Sir," she said faintly, but with marked decision, "you cannot make me your wife."

"Ah! And why not?"

"Because I will never consent."

"Ah! Say you so?"

"I do, and I mean it."

"Ha, ha, ha! You know little of my power if you think you can thwart me in my purpose. I tell thee, as sure as the God of heaven lives, you shall be my wife."

"No, no! Before heaven I protest against such unholy union. You cannot have my heart, and such a union would be but foul mockery."

"Oho! Now you come to the point. I can't have your heart, eh? Perhaps your heart is given to the gunmaker?"

Rosalind's eyes flashed in an instant. The words of the duke were spoken sneeringly and contemptuously, and they jarred upon the young girl's soul.

"Aye," she quickly uttered, and boldly, too, "I do love Ruric Nevel, and he is worthy of my love."

"Now, my pretty ward," resumed Olga in a tone of peculiar irony, "you have spoken as I hoped you would speak—plainly and to the point, so I can answer just as plainly. Know, then, that Ruric Nevel can never be your husband. He stands charged with a horrid crime, and the emperor only waits to see whether the count recovers or not ere he awards the punishment. The gunmaker is forbidden on pain of death to leave the city. So you may cast him from your thoughts as soon as possible."

"What crime is Ruric accused of?" the maiden asked.

"Of murder."

"In wounding the count?"

"Yes."

"Oh, how can you bring your tongue to such speech? You know the noble youth was not to blame in this affair. He was" —

"Hold, Rosalind. I want no argument on this question. You have heard what I have said, and be assured that I mean it. I had hoped you would receive my proposal with more favor, but I did not enter into the plan until my mind was all made up and the thing all fixed. You will become my wife within one month."

"I will flee to the emperor," gasped Rosalind.

"You will not leave this palace again until you are the Duchess of Tula!"

"I will never speak the word that is necessary to make me your wife—never! At the altar, if you be by my side, my lips shall be sealed, and no power on earth shall loose them!"

"Do you mean this?" whispered the duke.

"As God lives I do!"

"Then mark me"—the stout, dark nobleman gazed fixedly into the maiden's face as he spoke, and in his look and tone there was a fiendish expression that could not be mistaken—"I shall do all in my power to make you my lawful wife. If you refuse me, you shall be beaten with the knout in the market place, where all may see the ungrateful girl who refused the heart and hand of the noble Duke of Tula. Aye, and after thou art beaten thou shalt be cast into the streets for dogs to bark at. Dost hear me, Rosalind Valdai?"

With one deep, soul dying moan the poor girl sank down, shivering and pale. The duke caught her as she fell, and, having laid her senseless form back upon the couch, he strode from the apartment.

CHAPTER IX.

THE MASK FALLS LOWER DOWN AND REVEALS THE HEART.

It was early evening ere Zenobie entered the apartment of her young mistress. As she opened the door she found all dark within. She moved into the room, and, shading her candle with her hand, she gazed about. The wind still howled fearfully without, and the snow came driving against the windows. When the girl had reached the extremity of the place, she called her mistress' name, and she was answered by a low groan from the couch in the corner. Thither she hastened, and there she found her mistress.

"Rosalind—my mistress!" she cried, kneeling down.

"Who is it?" the maiden asked, starting up and gazing frantically around.

"It is I, Zenobie. Say, my dear, good mistress, what is it? What is the matter? What has happened?"

With a quick movement Rosalind put her attendant away and sat up, and, having gazed about her for some moments, she murmured:

"Where am I? Who is here?"

"It is I. You are in your own chamber. Come, you are cold here."

Without resistance the maiden suffered herself to be led to the place where the heated air came up from the furnace below, and there she sat down.

"What is it?" again asked Zenobie eagerly. "What has happened?"

Rosalind bowed her head upon her hands, and after some moments of thought she looked up. She was very pale, and a fearful tremor shook her frame.

"Zenobie," she uttered in a low, strange whisper, "ask me no more now. I am not well. Oh, ask me no more now."

"My mistress," returned the faithful girl, placing one arm about Rosalind's neck, "you know what you may tell me and what you may not. But whom will you trust if you trust not me? Oh, give me your love, and if I can serve you let me do so."

"I would trust you with life itself," the maiden returned, "and some time you shall know all that has happened here, but not now—not now. Oh, I cannot speak it now!"

"Say no more, my mistress; only let me serve you. You will have some refreshment—something to eat."

"You may bring me some wine, Zenobie."

And thereupon the young girl hastened away.

In the meantime the duke was in his private room below. He was pacing to and fro across the floor, with his hands behind him, and his brow was dark and lowering. Ever and anon he would stop near the door and listen and then proceed. At length there came a rap upon the door, and the duke said, "Enter." It was a priest who entered the apartment—a small, deformed man, somewhere about 50 years of age. His face was very dark, his features sharp and angular, his eyes dark and sunken deep into his head, his brow heavy above the eyes, where the shaggy brows hung over, but sloping back from thence, leaving the points where phrenologists locate benevolence and veneration deficient and flat. Upon his shoulders he wore a huge, ungainly hump, and, all in all, he was just such a man as a timid person would shun. His name was Savotano. The duke had been the means of getting him into the church, and in consideration thereof he had bound himself to do the duke's evil work. But this is not all.

Some years before there had been a murder in Moscow, and Savotano did the bloody deed. It was a work of pure vengeance. Olga had him apprehended, but he was not brought to justice. The duke found him to be a shrewd, unscrupulous wretch, willing to serve those who would pay him well and ready to let himself then to any one who could save his life. Olga was a man of plots and schemes. He fancied that such a man as Savotano might be of use to him, so he proposed to save him if he would serve his benefactor. The villain was glad enough to accept the proposition, and the bargain was made. Could Savotano enter the church and assume the sacred garb he might in many cases work to better advantage. The wretch readily agreed to this, too, and through Olga's powerful influence he gained a place in the church. He knew that the duke held his very life, and he failed not to serve him. His clerical robes shielded him from much suspicion, and, moreover, the place gave him additional advantages to work at his diabolical trade. His salary from the government was sufficient for his support, while an occasional sum from his master enabled him to enjoy many of those luxuries which were denied to most of his brethren. Olga feared not to trust this man, for the fellow had nothing to gain by betrayal, but everything to lose.

And such was the man who now entered the duke's private room. He entered with a bold air, for, though he was somewhat in the duke's power, yet there was a peculiar satisfaction in knowing that when he fell the noble lord must fall with him, part way at least. Brethren in crime cannot count much upon respect.

"I have come, my lord," the priest said as he shook the snow from his robe and then took a seat by the furnace pipe.

"And how is the count?" asked Olga.

"He is recovering, I am sure."

"Does Kopani say so?"

"Yes. He says he will have him out within a month."

"By heavens, Savotano, this must not be."

"But tell me, my lord, what is the particular need of the count's departing?"

The duke gazed his visitor a few moments in the face and then said:

"Why, since the affair interests you, I'll tell you. Thus far I have paid you promptly all your dues, but I cannot do so much longer unless we can make some of our points work. My property is on the decrease fast. I have not enough left to live on. Within the past three years I have made some bad ventures. I put it into— But never mind; suffice it for me to say that I am at the end of my fortune."

The duke was about to say that he had placed large sums in the hands of the Minister Gallitzin for the purpose of carrying out the conspiracy by which the Princess Sophia was to have been placed upon the throne, and Gallitzin for her prime minister and himself also high in power. He chose not to tell of this. And no wonder, for heads had ere then been taken to pay for such indiscretions.

"And now if the count survives I thus have one source cut off. My half of Drotzen is used up and mortgaged to him, but if he dies the whole comes to me. His father and myself married sisters, and they owned Drotzen, and on his side the count is the only heir. So in the event of his death the whole comes to me. You understand this now."

"Perfectly," returned the priest. "And 'tis a pity your first effort did not succeed."

"So it is," said the duke uneasily. "When I sent him with that message to the gunmaker, I felt sure he would be slain, and then I hoped that the other could be disposed of for having slain him. But the emperor has turned all my plans upside down, for the present at least. Savotano, you must have a hand in Damonoff's medicine!"

"That is easily done, my lord," replied the priest quietly.

"You have free access there?"

"Yes."

"And can you not watch with him some night?"

"I think I can."

"Then do so. When he is dead, 200 ducats are yours."

"Then he dies."

"Good! And now there is one more. This gunmaker must be got out of the way."

"Ah!" uttered Savotano, looking up incredulously. "Do you mean so?"

"Most assuredly I do."

"But why him?"

"Do you fear to undertake the work?"

"Not at all, my lord. I only wished to know why he was wanted away."

"The reason is simple. I must marry with Rosalind Valdai. Her property is worth the whole of Drotzen twice fold—over two million of ducats."

"So much?" uttered the priest, opening his eyes with greedy wonder.

"Yes; it is one of the finest estates in Moscow, and it pays her now a yearly income of a hundred thousand ducats. She does not know it. Ha, ha, ha!"

"Ha, ha, ha!" laughed the priest in concert. "She doesn't, eh?"

"No; she knows nothing about it. But I must secure this, and in order to do it I must marry her, and—if I would be sure of that this accursed gunmaker must be out of the way."

"But what is he to her?"

"She loves him."

"And is not your authority"—

"Hold, Savotano. I'll explain to you in a few words. I'm afraid the emperor has taken a fancy to this youngster, and if he has he may be appealed to in this case. The girl will take marriage hard. I shall have to hire you to perform the ceremony."

"Which I should be pleased to do," returned the priest, with a coarse smile.

"You shall have the opportunity. But first we must have the young Nevel out of the way."

"I think I can manage that, my lord."

"And how will you do it?"

"I suppose you don't want him put where he can get off and come back here."

"No. Finish him while you are about it."

"I will."

"But, mind, it must be done so that in no possible way suspicion may fall upon me. You must contrive some way so that suspicion shall be led at once to some apparent point and there baffled."

"Leave me alone for that, my lord. I can call help if I want it."

"Are there not places in the city where a body can be hidden—where it may be so disposed of and never be found?" asked the duke as the thought came to his mind.

"Never mind," returned the other, with a confident nod of the head. "If I meddle with the matter, it shall be well done."

"Very well. I'll trust it with you."

For a few moments after this there was a dead silence, during which only the moaning of the wind could be heard. But at length the duke started up, and, with sudden energy, he said:

"Ah, Savotano, there is one thing I came nigh forgetting. You have heard of this strange monk—Vladimir his name is."

"Aye, and I have seen him too. You mean that huge lump of human fat?"

"Yes. And now tell me who and what he is. He was at the duel, and I know he has been here to my house. Who is he?"

"You've secured me there, my lord, for I can tell you no more about him than I can about the man in the moon. In short, no one seems to know him, save that he is a monk of some Roman order and named Vladimir. He has been here only a few months, as near as I can find out, and yet I think I know what his business is, or, at least, why he's here."

"Ah, you suspect?"

"Yes, and if my suspicions be correct we could have him taken out at any moment."

"Explain."

"Why, I think he is a spy of the pope, sent here from Rome to learn something of our emperor's plans."

"But he has not visited the imperial palace."

"Oh, yes, my lord; he has been there several times, and once the emperor himself was obliged to send him out of the audience chamber."

"But have you any particular reasons for thinking him a spy from the pope?"

"Why, he is a Romish monk, and he hangs about the most important places in our city. Even the circumstance I have just related—his trying to remain in the audience chamber while private business was going on and having to be ordered out by the emperor—is some ground for suspicion. I mean to watch him at all events."

"Do so, by all means," returned the duke. And then, after a moment's thought, he added: "I do not see why he should be around after every petty duel that may be fought if he is a spy from Rome, and, besides, I have heard one or two persons say that they were sure they had seen him before."

"Oh, that may be only the result of some strong resemblance which he bears to some one else. I am sure he was never here before—not in Moscow."

Again the humpbacked priest was cautioned about the work he had in hand, and, having promised over and over again to be very careful, he took his leave.

And Olga, duke of Tula, was left alone with his own thoughts. Better for him had that wicked priest been his executioner. Better for him had he been upon the count's bed, racked with dying pains. Better for him had he been a poor gunmaker, so he had been honest. Oh, better for him had he been the meanest beggar that walked the earth than what he was! But he did not realize this. He had a goal ahead, and he tried to overlook the black, dreadful gulf that yawned between him and it.

CHAPTER X.

A STRANGE DISCOVERY.

The news went out that the Count Conrad Damonoff must die. A few days before the best surgeon in Moscow said he would recover, but now that same surgeon said he must fall. A strange change had come over him. He was not a fever, but, rather, a consuming of vitality. He was failing fast, and no art of medicine could revive him. Some thought he must be bleeding inwardly, but others knew better than this, because in that case there would be some outward symptom. The wound itself was healing, but the disease was not. The physician and the priest were now in daily, and the former almost in hourly, attendance. The surgeon was Kopani, and the priest was the humpbacked Savotano.

Thus lay the count upon his bed, weak and faint, but at present almost free from pain, and an old woman was his only attendant, the priest having just left. It was just after noon. The dying man had just taken a powerful stimulating draft, though it was against the injunctions of the priest, as he said that by such means the invalid might die bereft of sense and thus lose his hold upon salvation. He had just taken this draft when there was a low rap upon the door. The woman arose to answer the summons. She conversed a few moments with the girl who had knocked, and when she returned to the bed she announced that Ruric Nevel wished to enter.

"Let him come in," whispered the count.

"But"—

"Never mind," he interrupted as the woman commenced thus to expostulate. "Let him come in. By heavens, if he is my enemy let me see him! It may serve to arouse me."

So the woman went to the door again, and soon afterward Ruric Nevel entered the apartment. He stepped lightly, noiselessly, to the bedside, but it was some moments ere he could distinguish objects by the subdued light of the place. By and by, however, he overcame the difficulty, and he started back in horror as he beheld the features of his adversary. How pale and sunken! How deathlike and ghastly! The count noticed the movement, and he noticed the look.

"Count Damonoff," spoke the gunmaker in a low, solemn tone, "a few days since I heard that you were recovering, and I thanked God. But today they told me you were dying, and I have come to ask that I may take your hand ere you pass away from earth. As God is my Maker and my Judge, I would rather lie down here and die for you than have you pass away with a curse of me upon your soul or on your lips. Forgive me for what I have done and never again will I engage in such a wicked work. For my own life, it is my country's and my mother's and I have no right to throw it away, and my antagonist's life is the sacred property of God, which I have no right to touch but in self defense. Forgive me."

Slowly and heavily moved the dying man over, and then he extended his thin and wasted hand.

"Ruric," he said, and his voice was stronger now, for the potion was working, "I am glad you have come—very glad—for I have wished, above all else of earth, to see you. I could not send for you, for I knew not how you might come. I have been all wrong in the things that have passed betwixt thee and me. I was mad and I blind. I blame you not, but rather do I thank you for your kindness through all the scene. Oh, I forgive you with all my heart. And now tell me that I am forgiven."

"Forgiven?" repeated Ruric, with a trembling lip, still holding the count's hand within both his own. "Oh, would to God I could call you back to life! Forgiven? Oh, God, who reads all hearts, knows how humble, how sacred, is my forgiveness to you! Could I call you back, could I wipe out the past from my memory, I could die content."

"Enough," returned the count warmly. "This was my holiest wish, though pride has kept back its utterance. Oh, I feared you would glost over my death—that you would be glad when I was gone."

"No, no! I should have been a monster then!"

"There are many such. And yet I wronged you by the thought. But I could not help it."

A moment more passed in silence, and then the invalid resumed:

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At the close of the Civil War, a discharged Confederate soldier, with his wife and family, trudged wearily over the foothills of Kentucky from their little homestead in the villlage of Georgetown to Staunton, Va., for pro tection, writes Robert Mackay, in the July number of Success. The family consisted of two boys—bright cherry fellows. One was tired and sore from the continued tramp over the hard roadways, but the other was helping him as best he could and urging him on to the place where rest awaited them. At the same time he was encouraging his downhearted father and mother with kind words.

"Don't mind pa' he said, "I kin sell papers an' will give you all I make."

To-day that boy is mentioned as a candidate for President of the United States. He is Tom L. Johnson mayor of Cleveland, Ohio. When Tom Johnson told his father that he would sell papers to help him along he was just 11 years old. In the five weeks immediately following Lee's surrender he proves that he had the head of a financier. In that period he earned $88. There was a great thirst for news in Staunton, but once a day only was it in communication with the outside world, and then it was by railroad. Tom saw his chance for a monopoly in papers and straightway cornered the market. He made the friendship of the conductor of Staunton's daily train who turned over to him all the papers. For five weeks he held this monopoly selling daily papers for 15 cents each.

As we stated last week, the Gazette is today only half the size, it has been and perhaps some of our readers will begin to "kick" because it is such a "little sheet." It contains as much home reading mater as it ever did, but is minus about three pages of foreign advertising and four columns of stale reading matter; we will save from $10 to $15 per month for the grand and noble privilege (?) of not circulating this matter among our readers. Newspapers are just what the home merchants make them. A paper cannot live if it grows larger than the business the town gives it. If our business want an all home print 5 column folio, give us the patronage and we will get a larger press at once. If you are satisfied with the size of the Gazette, we are.—Putnam Gazette.

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Modern Palestine.

It has often been stated that if one of the prophets had returned to the field of his labors he would have had little difficulty in recognizing the old scenes, but now matters have decidedly changed. The railway from Joppa to Jerusalem is now on a paying basis and other lines which will connect with points of interest up and down the valley of Jordan have been projected or are actually being constructed. In Jerusalem there are electric lights, telephones, phonographs, modern stores and sanitary plumbing. Trolley lines are projected to connect Jerusalem with Bethany, Bethlehem, the Lake of Galilee, Samaria, Jericho, and Nazareth. Recently an American salesman went to Beirut and Jerusalem and sold modern merchandise to the amount of $1,800. It is believed that in a few years the Holy Land will be a good consumer of flour. More than two hundred phonographs were recently sent to Jerusalem, Damascus and nearby places, the Moslems buying them largely for their harems. There seems to be a substantial demand for windmills and irrigating machinery, and the Sultan seems favorably disposed towards the modernizing of this portion of his domain.—Scientific American.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

To the M. E. H. P. and Companions of Baird Chapter No. 182, R. A. M.

On the 12th day of May, 1901, in the 53 year of his age, Companion Calvin Windham died at his home near Tecumseh, Texas.

Companion Windham was a charter member of this Chapter: and his departure hence makes it our sad duty through fraternal resolutions to note his death, his loss to the fraternity, his family and country, with words of sincere grief on the minutes and book of marks of this Chapter.

Companion Windham was a man whose life was characterized by simplicity of manners, unassuming, faithful to every trust, a kindly friend,—a man without envy or malice,—true and devoted to his family, a good citizen and a zealous Mason.

Be it, therefore, resolved:

I. That in the death of Companion Windham this chapter has lost one of its oldest and most esteemed members, and the Masonic fraternity a zealous brother.

II. That his family has lost a kind husband, devoted father and faithful friend; his country an honorable man and a good citizen, deploring his loss to his country, regretting the untimely death of our friend and companion, we deeply sympathize with his family in their affliction, and assuring them with confident faith we doubt not that his soul is at peace with God in Heavan.

"No further seek his merits to disclose,
Or draw his frailties from their dread abode
There they alike in trembling hope repose,
The bosom of his father and his God."

III. That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this Chapter; that a copy be sent to his family, and a copy be sent to his family, and a copy furnished to THE BAIRD STAR.

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30 000 MEN ARE OUT

The Men Obeyed the Order to a Man and Quit Work.

HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN

Non-Union Men Join the Strikers and All the Mills from West Virginia to Illinois Have Been Forced to Close Their Works.

New York, July 16.—Obeying to a man the strike order, 30,000 members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron Workers, Steel and Tin Workers, struck Monday for recognition of their union. From West Virginia to Illinois every mill of the steel hoop, sheet steel and tin plate trusts in which the union man mustered any strength was forced to shut down, and 20,000 to 30,000 other workers were thrown out of employment.

The greatest coup of the strikers was in compelling the closing of two big steel hoop mills in Pittsburg, all of which have been non-union up to a few days ago. Aggressive action against other non-union mills is threatened by the jubilant association leaders. A secret meeting of the sheet steel managers was held in Pittsburg and rumors of a compromise or mediation were quietly started. President Shaffer says he is willing to hold another conference at any time, but it is generally felt that a long struggle is ahead.

RIOT IN GEORGIA.

Negro Excursionists Start a Fight in Which Two Policemen Are Wounded.

Americus, Ga., July 16.—Several hundred negro excursionists from Macon were here Monday afternoon and precipitated a riot, resulting in the shooting of two police officers and the instant killing of Bill English, a Macon negro, and the ringleader in the disturbance. Policeman Howell Britton received a wound in the abdomen which may prove fatal while Policeman Clawson was shot through the thigh.

The Macon excursionists were picnicing at Magnolia Dell, when three of of their number started a shooting affray. Policemen Clawson and Albritton attempted to arrest Bill English, when the negro raised his revolver and shot Albritton fatally. At that moment Policeman Clawson shot English in the head, both pistols firing simultaneously. Thinking English dead, Officer Clawson gave attention to Officer Albritton, whereupon English, when in death agony, raised himself on his elbow and fired again at the policeman. Both returned the fire. Clawson shooting English through the mouth, while Albritton's bullet entered his breast. English fell dead at the second fire. Officer Albritton was conveyed to his residence where the physicians pronounced his wound probably mortal.

Though badly shot Officer Clawson pluckily continued on duty, and with the police reserve sent to the rescue succeeding in arresting the ringleaders. Intense excitement prevailed at this hour and the Macon crowd is departing amid the execrations of the citizens. All ringleaders in the riot are under arrest and the citizens are terribly engaged at the conduct. There will be no further trouble at present.

Official Plague Report.

Washington, July 16.—Official advices to the marine hospital service report that the total number of plague cases in Cape Town up to June 15 was 714, with 358 fatalities. There were two fatal plague cases in Mauritus during the week ended June 13. Remarkably low averages in the death rate in Great Britain are reported for the week ended June 15, being 13.7 per 1000 in London and 15.2 per cent for the 33 great towns of England and Wales.

All Records Broken.

El Reno, O. T., July 16.—All records were broken here Monday by the registration clerks when 10,362 people were given papers entitling them to numbers in the great drawing which will begin July 29. This makes a total registration of 31,915 at El Reno. At Lawton there were 7800 persons registered in the four days ending Saturday. There were more than 10,000 people in El Reno.

Tragedy in San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex., July 16.—Trinidad S. Coy, a well-known young man of this city, was shot twice and dangerously, if not fatally wounded, in the Washington Variety Theater here. He was taken to the city hospital. Charles W. Granberry, a sporting man, was arrested and lodged in the county jail to await the result of Coy's wounds.

Change of Position.

Paris, Tex., July 16.—S. E. Paul, stenographer to Charles Griffith, Frisco Santa Fe freight agent, has accepted a position in the Galveston, Houston and Henderson offices at Galveston.

Five Persons Killed.

Muskogee, I. T., July 16.—Five persons, an engineer, two brakemen and two tramps were killed in a collision of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas freight trains, three miles north.

Paid for Their Services.

Marshall, Tex., July 16.—The Rudd rifles have received from the state $104 for two days' services in answering the recent call to Trinity.

Clement W. Harris was seriously shot at West, Tex.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

Two Freights Come Together and Five Men Were Killed.

Parsons, Kas., July 16.—A headend collision between two local freight trains on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway near Wymart, I. T., killed five men and injured three others. The dead are:

Joe Morris of Parsons.

Two unknown tramps.

James Levelle, head brakeman, Parsons.

Frank Fitzgerald, head brakeman.

The injured are:

Jim Mossey, terribly crushed and injured internally, death expected any moment.

Bean, fireman of Parsons, badly cut about head and leg.

Kilbursey, fireman of Parsons, chest crushed and cut.

The collision occurred on a bridge over the Arkansas river. There is a sharp curve near the bridge and when the engineer saw the danger the engines were too close to each other to be stopped. The two engines came together in the middle of the bridge, the bridge collapsing and both engines fell into the river. The two trains caught fire and burned up the bridge as well as the cars.

The two engines are reported to be buried in the quick sand in the river.

The local freight was to have side tracked at Wymark to let the other freight pass but the conductor, it is alleged, misunderstood his orders.

Three relief trains with wrecking crews and material left here and it is thought that the road will be cleared and the bridge repaired so as to be ready for use by Thursday. Trains are now running over other roads by way of Fort Smith, Ark., and from there to the "Katy" at South McAlester.

Rain in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., July 16.—A severe wind storm prevailed here for half an hour Monday afternoon blowing down the old Sam Jones tabernacle, a large frame structure, and causing minor property damage in other portions of the city. While there was no rain here reports from the interior of the county indicate that a good rain fell.

A heavy wind storm, accompanied by rain, struck the vicinity of Van Buren at 6 o'clock Monday evening, doing great damage to orchards and vineyards, the peach crop being seriously damaged.

Reports from Hot Springs say much of the corn crop in that section has been saved by a heavy rain Saturday afternoon.

Charbon in Arkansas.

Holcus, Ark., July 18.—There is considerable fatalities among stock in this section from charbon which seems to be growing worse, several planters having lost from one to a dozen head of mules, while cows and hogs are also attacked. Nearly every head of stock in the county has been vaccinated during the past week.

Rain at Texarkana.

Texarkana, Ark., July 16.—Monday was a very cool one here. About 7 o'clock it began to rain and a hard rain fell. A high wind prevailed and the thunder and lightning was very severe. Small buildings, fences and trees were leveled. Mrs. John Cassy was struck by lightning.

Will Bussey Released.

Camden, Ark., July 15.—Will Bussey, a negro, twice sentenced to hang for alleged assault upon a white woman, was released upon a new trial, the prosecuting witness having stated under oath that she swore falsely against the negro.

Driven Insane by Heat.

Kansas City, July 16.—Mrs. George Knarp, wife of a prominent contractor, was prostrated by the heat here and became insane. She left home and attempted suicide by jumping into the park lake. A carpenter who was working on a building died from effects of the heat.

High Temperature.

LaCrosse, Wis., July 16.—The temperature here Monday was 100. There were two prostrations. The crops of western Wisconsin are suffering great damage from drouth.

Registered 106.

Baraboo, Wis., July 16.—Monday was the hottest day on record, the thermometer registering 106. Many farmers are selling off their stock for want of food. The oat crop is a total failure.

Struck by Lightning.

New Orleans, July 16.—The Gardner Motor works were struck by lightning Monday night and destroyed. Loss on building, machinery and stock amounting to about $150,000.

Transport Sailed.

Manila, July 16.—The United States transport Sumner with convalescents soldiers on board has sailed for San Francisco.

Strike in Corsicana.

Corsicana, Tex., July 16.—There is trouble on hand between the Master Painters' association and the journeyman painters of this city, the result being a walkout on the part of the journeyman Monday morning. The cause of the trouble is a demand by painters for an increase of 25 cents per day in wages, which the association refused to grant. Every union painter and paper hanger in the city has quit work.

Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul will build a sanitarium at Sherman, Tex., to cost $65,000.

On August 19 the Houston and Texas Central railroad will take direct control of all branch lines. The several headquarters will be abandoned.

WHOLESALE KILLING.

Mexicans and Negroes Have a Pitched Battle and Several Killed.

Hereford, Tex., July 16.—Word has reached this place of a pitched battle and wholesale killing between Mexicans and negroes who are working on the new Rock Island extension in New Mexico, 100 miles west of here. The trouble originated in the killing of a Mexican by a negro some weeks ago. The authorities undertook to arrest the assailant, but his friends interfered and they were obliged to withdraw. Last week 300 or 40 men armed themselves with Winchesters and went after the negro. A battle took place in which 15 negroes were killed outright and several wounded. The casualities among the Mexicans cannot be learned. The trouble occurred at Spencer's railroad camp near Liberty, N. M., in a sparsely settled portion of the territory where police officers are few and the law is not rigidly enforced.

Ordered From Texas Posts.

San Antonio, July 16.—Colonel C. S. Roberts, who has been the adjutant general of the department of Texas almost since its re-establishment, has left for the Philippines to join his regiment. General McKibbin, the first commander of the department, has already gone, Colonel Simpson, chief quartermaster, is under orders to leave, and Major John L. Bulls, who has been chief paymaster since the establishment of the department, has just been ordered to Cuba, while the post surgeon, Lieutenant Byrne, goes to St. Paul. It looks as if the old-timers were being moved. Colonel Peter Cherry, chief surgeon, is the only one left.

Texarkana to Have a Fair.

Texarkana, Tex., July 16.—Passmore Bros., lessees of the race track and fair grounds at Ghois Springs, have applied for a charter. The name under which the enterprise is to operate is the Texarkana Fair association. Some years ago, for several seasons, very successful fairs and racing meets were had at these grounds, but for the last six or seven years the enterprise has been permitted to lapse and finally fall through altogether.

Perhaps Fatally Hurt.

Sulphur Springs, Tex. July 16.—A telephone message brings the tidings that Will Arthur, a resident of this place was fatally shot a few miles in the country. The shooting was an accident. He died a few hours later. Young Arthur, with his mother and members of his family, had gone on a fishing trip. He was 19 years of age, and a son of R. B. Arthur, a traveling man, who formerly resided in Dallas.

Overwhelmingly Elected.

Dallas, July 16.—The election held in this congressional district for the purpose of selecting a successor to Judge R. E. Burke Saturday resulted in an overwhelming victory for Dudley G. Wooten, the Democratic candidate. Mr. Wooten was nominated last Thursday after one of the hardest fought conventions this district ever had, and made practically no canvass after his nomination.

Record Broken.

Galveston, July 16.—The weather record for July and August was broken Saturday when the mercury registered 98, the highest for those months in the history of the weather bureau. The next highest record was 97, registered in July 1875. The hot spell was followed by a thunder storm and the mercury fell 30 degrees. Rain was .36 inches and was local.

Body Badly Mangled.

Crawford, Tex., July 16.—A southbound freight train ran over the body of Westley Tonison, about 100 yards south of the depot here cutting his head off, both legs and one arm and badly mangling the other arm. He leaves a wife and two children and a brother living two miles from here.

Rain at Palestine.

Palestine, Tex., July 16.—A fine rain fell here Sunday and from the appearance of the clouds it was general over the country. The rain was not enough for a relief, but will greatly revive the crops and cool the atmosphere. The heat has been terrific here the last few days, but the temperature has fallen somewhat.

Negro Shot at Ennis.

Ennis, Tex., July 16.—Lee Vass, a negro employed at the ice factory here, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded. The ball passed through the bowels and was cut out near the navel. It is believed that he cannot live. Sam Anderson, a young white man, has surrendered and placed under a $500 bond.

Probably Lost in the Storm.

Edna, Tex., July 16.—Serious apprehension is felt for the safety of Rafford Ward and Lee Allcorn, who lived on Caranallan bay. About two hours before the storm of Wednesday night they started in their boat for the shipyard in Matagorda bay and they have not been heard of since.

Tragedy at a Dance.

Overton, Tex., July 16.—At a negro dance eight miles west of Kore S. Mayfield was shot and killed. The bullet entered the bowels and he died in a few minutes. His slayer has been arrested.

Service on the Lawn.

Paris, Tex., July 16.—There was an innovation in the service at the First Congregational church Sunday night. It was held out on the lawn on account of the heat.

First Bale of Cotton.

Beeville, Tex., July 16.—Bee county's first bale of cotton was ginned Saturday. It was raised by E. J. Kinder of the Clareville settlement. This cotton has not been sold yet.

ONE MAN WOUNDED.

Ill Feeling Between Union and Non-Union Men Cause a Shooting Affray.

El Paso, Tex., July 17.—An American train crew on the Mexican Central railway has just reached this city, having fled from the republic to the north, in consequence of accidentally running over and killing a Mexican and throwing his body into the firebox of the locomotive, in hopes of concealing his death. The accident occurred below Torreon, Mex. The train in an isolated spot ran over a peon killing him. In Mexico the death of a subject by a train is as much a crime as murder. Knowing this, the crew to conceal the accident threw the body in the fire box.

A few days latter the relatives of the dead man began to make inquiry as to his whereabouts. Some one had seen him at a certain point and one Mexican from a distance away saw the train stop. The members of the crew questioned and fearing the truth would come out they resigned their positions and fled to the United States.

Fighting the Financial Bill.

London, July 17.—In the course of the debate on the financial bill in the house of commons, Sir Vernon William Harcourt, Liberal, criticised the government financial policy and said those persons believing the general expenditure would fall after the termination of the war were living in a fool's paradise. Sir William's speech, which was throughout undoubtedly pessimistic, drew angry interruptions from Joseph Chamberlain, colonial secretary. The latter in replying to Sir William, took a sanguine view of the situation in South Africa. He said nobody doubted the war would soon be over and when the Boers found they had been thoroughly beaten and had returned to peaceful occupations, the interest on the Transvaal debt and the sinking fund would be easily payable out of the surplus revenue derived from the new colonies.

Leaguers Still Arriving.

San Francisco, July 17.—The influx of the Epworth Leaguers continues day and night. Twelve of the special league trains which left Ogden Monday reached Sacramento about midnight Tuesday night and were among the early arrivals here. About 40,000 delegates will come from the east over the Southern Pacific lines. In addition several delegations will arrive from southern points. The day was devoted to the completing of the details of the convention which will be formally opened tomorrow morning. The question of holding these conventions every four years instead of biennially may be raised at this meeting.

Making an Investigation.

Washington, July 17.—The Italian government has taken cognizance of the recent affray at Erwin, Miss., in which it is claimed two Italians were lynched and the third sectionly wounded. The facts have been communicated to the foreign office at Rome and the Italian embassy here has made a representation to the state department. At the same time the Italian authorities are pursuing an investigation of their consul at New Orleans and their consular agent at Vicksburg, Miss., which are not far from the scene of the alleged trouble.

Expeditions a Failure.

San Francisco, July 17.—Prof. E. C. Bainard, connected with the Yerkes observatory at Williams bay, Wis., has returned from Sumatra, where he went to observe the total eclipse of the sun on May 16. Prof. Bainard reports all astronomical expeditions sent out by the various bodies and institutions were failures in a great measure. They have added little to the stock of astronomical knowledge. This result is due to the cloudy weather that prevailed at all the stations but one, which happened to be imperfectly equipped, because they expected the clouds to be thicker there.

Steamer and Yacht Collide.

New London, Conn., July 17.—With 40 feet of her bow sheared off in a collision with the steam yacht Wild Duck, at midnight, the steamer Tremont of the Joy line, which left Boston for New York with 300 passengers, was towed in and beached. All of her passengers have been transferred to other steamers in the sound and continued the trip to New York. The shock of the collision threw the passengers out of their berths and a panic was threatened for a time, but the officers of the Tremont maintained discipline and calmed their fears. Nobody was injured.

Strikers Assess Members.

Youngstown, O., July 17.—Amalgamated workers in Youngstown mills of the Republic Iron and Steel company, have met and decided upon a policy of collecting strike benefit funds from their members. They have notified President Shaffer that if the plan is acceptable to him they will each donate one day's pay every two weeks to the strikers' fund. About 800 members agreed to this which will net about $9000 per month. Workers are also rapidly securing jobs in their mills for the striking steel hoop men.

Indiana Arrives.

San Francisco, July 17.—The transport Indiana arrived here, 36 days from Manila. She brought 110 passengers and 1000 soldiers of the Forty-second regiment and the Third artillery. One death occurred during the voyage.

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