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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

DREYFUS CONVICTED.

Captain Alfred Dreyfus, of the French army, was declared guilty of treason to the army and republic, last Saturday, by a vote of five to two of the judges of the Military Court at Rennes, France, which was presided over by Col. Jouaust. The sentence passed upon the prisoner was ten years detention in a military prison. The trial, which has been in process for more than a month, was begun August 7th., and has continued from day to day, until the verdict was reached. Not one incriminating circumstance was proven, and the whole world looks on the verdict as a travesty on justice, a farce pure and simple, given solely to protect the army from disgrace.

In 1894 Capt Dreyfus was publicly degraded, and sentenced to exile for life on "Devil's Island," on testimony then produced, showing that he had communicated important secrets to the German government. The strong evidence against him was the "bordereau," a memorandum or list of the papers said to have been furnished by him, and in his handwriting. Maj. Esterhazy, toward whom suspicion was directed sometime ago, has confessed to having written it, and is now in exile. Of the other evidence then brought against him, the Court of Cassations, highest of French tribunals, has decided that two were forgeries and a third had no bearing whatever on the case. On such testimony as this Dreyfus was convicted, and has spent five years in that island prison, suffering untold agony. Feeling sure of her husband's innocence, Madame Dreyfus has been constantly at work since the day he was convicted, for a new hearing. She has enlisted the aid and support of men prominent and influential in public life, and it is solely through her efforts that he was given another trial. No evidence has been produced against him in this second trial; on the contrary everything points to the fact that he is the victim of a deep conspiracy against, not only him, but the whole of the Jewish people in France. His only crime was in being born a Jew. Nothing of importance has developed in this trial except that his leading counsel, M. Labori, was shot from behind, and important papers taken, while on his way to the court room one morning. The verdict given is not a surprise to anyone who has read the daily reports. With a court composed of army officers, whose one desire was to shield the army; with public sentiment about equally divided; and with blind, unreasoning hate and prejudice against the Jews to overcome any sense of justice, the verdict was a foregone conclusion. While this will close the case for a time, it is not yet ended. All France must suffer from the acts of this court in thus passing sentence on an innocent man, and if it does not cause civil war, it will destroy all confidence in France as a nation, and lower her in the eyes of the civilized world.

It is said by a police official at city hall headquarters that some of the city banks, whose hoard of surplus cash has been increasing largely of late, have been experimenting with an expedient long in use by the Bank of England officials of paying known crooks for information of any contemplated raid upon their vaults. The Bank of England's first experiment of this kind dates from

1850, when the directors of the bank listened to a startling proposition made by a "ditch digger." The laborer told the directors that he had discovered a new and unsuspected method of getting into the cellar vaults, where the gold and silver bars were kept, and that he would sell his secret to them for money. The directors hesitated, believing that they had taken every precaution against loss from the vaults in putting up heavy masonry, with plenty of iron bars, and by manning the building with armed watchmen. But finally they granted the man, who seemed to talk fairly, a chance to try his plan, and a night was named for the undertaking. At the appointed time a committee of the directors descended to the cellar and heard a peculiar scratching sound under their feet. Two hours later the floor opened and the ditch digger bobbed up serenely, like the evil spirits in the spectacular drama. All around them lay bars of precious metal, totaling in value £3,000,000. The man explained satisfactorily how it was done and as a reward the directors assured him an income for life on an investment of \$10,000. The crook was content and it is believed he remained honest ever afterward. But other crackmen were tempted by his luck to try the same game and the directors were inundated with suggestions and tips on new methods of burglary and how to prevent them. Among other things, they paid \$20,000 for a process, invented by a young chemist, for copying the ink, paper, water-marks and designs of the bank notes so perfectly as to defy detection. The directors found they could use his system more satisfactorily and more profitably than their own in the production of their currency. Despite the fact that these expenditures have run up into big figures in the last half century the directors of today say that all the money was well invested.—Exchange

A THOUSAND TONGUES

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It can but be gratifying to Admiral Dewey to witness the hysterical glorification which will attend his tardy arrival at New York, however much he may condemn the assinine proclivities that gives rise to it. It is said the administration contemplates assembling all warships for the purpose of sending a splendid fleet half way across the ocean to convey the conquering hero home, at an immense cost to the tax payers, and to consume a large amount of fixed ammunition in firing salutes. It is also stated that congress will be called on to pass a law making Dewey's birthday a national holiday.

Now Admiral Dewey has shown himself to be a man possessing a large amount of common sense, an able commander and a brave soldier, with very little "nonsense about him." When he realizes, as he certainly will, that all this fanfaronade—this fulsome adulation, this frantic paroxysm of globus hystericus, is simply a shrewd investment of political capital made by interested persons for the purpose of working up a public sentiment favorable to a line of national policy, which sorely needs a stimulant to prevent a collapse, his gratitude must be diluted with contempt of fools, and his pride of country suffer humiliation. The reflection that the reception tendered Jim Jeffries and Tod Sloan were small affairs compared with the regular Roman triumph of the hero of Manila harbor, will not be sufficient to take the bad taste out of his mouth which the occasion has produced. It is right to honor those who perform public duties well, but we question the propriety of a nation of people, or any great number thereof making fools of themselves en masse.—Texas Farm & Ranch.

How trilling, how simple a thing is a smile! How slight the exertion does it cost, yet how magical often are its results! How frequently does it dispel the clouds of gloom from the brow of care, lighting up with warmth and genial radiance sunshine on the distant hills, and countenances of the sullen and depressed!

Oftentimes, too, even the forbidden visage of melancholy and despair catches up and reflects back the gentle, hallowed light. Oh, how many a weary heart has been made happy by a smile; how many a heavy load has seemed lighter from its heavenly influence! Friends, withhold not these little courtesies of life; be not penurious of your smiles and kind words; you dream not what a world of good, all unknown to you, they may accomplish. Scatter with a prodigal hand and many a one traveling along life's dusty way will bless you in his or her heart of hearts!—Youth's Southland.

Every boy should start out in life, and the starting point should begin in the school-room, with the determination to do something, to be something in the world's great drama. You are not placed here merely for the purpose of eating, drinking and being merry. No, God has work for every one of his creatures, and while some are compelled by nature to be hewers of wood and drawers of water, and all honor to them if they perform these duties well, yet, what a noble calling it must be to be a molder of thought among the world's greatest intellects. All men who strive are much more beautiful than those who are content with mediocrity. Though, while striving, dear reader, be open and above board in all your dealings with other boys. Let it be said of you that your word is as good as your bond, than which nothing better could be said.—Youth's Southland.

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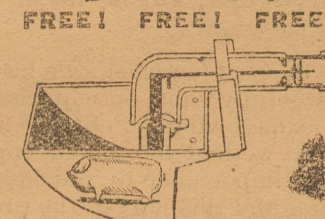
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10:20 a. m. Lv. Leon Ar. 12:58 p. m.
10:41 a. m. Lv. Medina Ar. 1:17 p. m.
10:51 a. m. Lv. Lytle Ar. 1:36 a. m.
1:16 a. m. Lv. Devina Ar. 1:16 a. m.
11:35 a. m. Lv. Moore Ar. 10:58 a. m.
11:55 a. m. Lv. Edon Ar. 10:18 a. m.
12:20 p. m. Lv. Pearsall Ar. 10:32 a. m.
12:42 p. m. Lv. Darby Ar. 10:13 a. m.
12:53 p. m. Lv. Dilley Ar. 9:58 a. m.
1:12 p. m. Lv. Millett Ar. 9:44 a. m.
1:35 p. m. Lv. COTULLA Ar. 9:22 a. m.
1:53 p. m. Lv. Tuna Ar. 9:05 a. m.
2:03 p. m. Lv. Twohig Ar. 8:55 a. m.
2:25 p. m. Lv. Burro Ar. 8:35 a. m.
2:40 p. m. Lv. Enon Ar. 8:23 a. m.
3:00 p. m. Lv. Castana Ar. 8:04 a. m.
3:13 p. m. Lv. Webb Ar. 7:45 a. m.
3:43 p. m. Lv. Green Ar. 7:23 a. m.
3:55 p. m. Lv. Sanchez Ar. 7:12 a. m.
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SATURDAY, SEP 16, 1899.

For the past few weeks we have been woefully short on editorials, but it was owing solely to the fact that we had too much copy of more importance to our home readers, and this part of the program was left out.

Since the conviction of Dreyfus, it is being rumored that the Paris Exposition will be boycotted because of his conviction. The whole world believes in his innocence, and is trying to show just displeasure at the verdict. All France must suffer because of the rottenness of their army officers.

The Lost Cause, a magazine published at Louisville, Ky., in the interest of ex-confederate veterans, and the preservation of historical facts connected with the late war, reaches our exchange table this week. The subscription price is only 75c per annum and is well worth it. Anyone wishing to read of the valorous deeds of that time, should subscribe for it at once.

The Laredo Evening News, a new barque on the seas of journalism, has made its appearance, and if the advertising columns are an indication of prosperity, the editor is on the road toward it. In his Salutatory, he claims to be a Democrat, but is not prejudiced enough to believe his is the only party in existence or that it never makes mistakes. He puts out a neat, readable paper and one that is an honor to the town.

After today it will no longer be illegal to sell liquor in Twohig. The majority rules in Texas, and a majority has spoken in favor of the traffic, so there is nothing to do now but wait two years before another opportunity to vote will be given. In the meantime the people of that section will have ample time to see for themselves the effects of this trade on their community. Two years hence they may vote with a better understanding than they could have had this time.

A Democratic National Carnival is to be held at Dallas during the Texas State Fair on the 2nd and 3rd of next month. The Hon. Wm. J. Bryan will be present and is the principal orator of the occasion. Other prominent speakers will assist him in discussing the problems of the day. A "Dollar Dinner" will be one of the interesting features of the event. All democrats will be welcomed to this Carnival and will be royally treated. It will be the greatest celebration of the kind in the South this year.

And now comes another upstart, with his bid for notoriety, in the person of Paul E. Ayer of North Carolina, who challenges Maj. Esterhazy to fight a duel because of his conduct in the Dreyfus disgrace. Perhaps Esterhazy is guilty and should be punished for his crimes, but it is not the province of a disinterested person to thus offer to mete out justice to him. If that young man's daddy would take him across his knee and, as in the days of yore, apply a good dose of the old, and time worn remedy—the slipper, he might yet be able to give him some proper idea of his duty and privileges. He has not only laid himself liable for breaking the laws of his state, but has forever disfranchised himself from holding office there.

DISTRICT COURT.

District Court opened Monday morning, Sept. 11th., with Judge Welsh of Corpus Christi, on the Bench. Grand Jury for the term composed of: J. W. McInnis, foreman, M. J. Barlow, Jas. Breeding, C. B. Burwell, Jos. Cotulla, Jno. Dillard, G. W. Henrichson, W. L. Hargus, R. L. Henrichson, E. A. Keck, W. A. Matthews, W. M. McCarty.

Bailiffs appointed to serve the Grand Jury were: M. A. Petty, F. D. McMahan, mounted; Edw. Everts, J. A. Smith, foot.

Civil Cases Continued.
No 554. M. J. Barlow & Co vs A. J. Anglin et al.
No 744. T. F. Miller vs I. N. Hall.

No 754. Jos. Cotulla vs W. M. Burwell et al.
No 752. Raymond Martin vs L. D. Yarbrough et al.
No 755. Mollie Williams vs Tom Williams.

Criminal Cases Continued.
No 601. State vs —, murder.
No 767. State vs —, Assault with intent to murder.
No 771. State vs —, Theft under \$50.00.
No 804. State vs —, Unlawfully carrying arms.
No 821. State vs —, Murder.

No 841. State vs —, Fraudulent conversion of property.
No 843. State vs —, Murder.
No 851. State vs —, Burglary.

No 852. State vs —, Swindling over \$50.00.
No 853. State vs —, Swindling over \$50.00.

In all of the above mentioned criminal cases no arrests have to date, been made and no names can be given.

Three murder cases against Bud Carver, Nos 566, 567, 569, dismissed on application of District Attorney; evidence insufficient to convict.

No 831. State vs E. A. McCurry, Theft of cattle, continued by agreement of parties.
No 746. E. Hernandez vs M. G. Hernandez, Divorce, dismissed at cost of plaintiff.
No 756. H. Morrison vs Mrs. S. L. Morrison, divorce granted plaintiff at his cost.
No 856. State vs W. P. May murder. Bail granted in the sum \$10,000. Venue changed to Webb county.

No 822. State vs Reta Martinez, theft under \$50, continued for service.
No. 854. State vs L. Perrez, unlawfully selling liquor, dismissed on motion of District Atty.
No 855. State vs L. Perrez, unlawfully selling liquor, dismissed.

No 758. L. Segobia vs L. Morena Segobia, divorce. Granted plaintiff at his cost.
No. 729. State vs S. Benevidas et al, judgement nisi. Bond squashed and judgment nisi herefore taken set aside and held at naught.
34 tax suits continued for service.

INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY GRAND JURY.
No 855. State vs W. P. May, murder.
No 858. State vs — theft of horse.
No 859. State vs. — theft of horse.
No 860. State vs — theft of horse.
No 861. State vs — adultery.

In four of the above indictments no arrests have been made hence the names cannot be given.

Jury Commissioners appointed for next regular term were: J. W. McInnis, W. A. Matthews and W. E. Campbell.

Bond, Alex Cromwell forfeited judgment, nisi taken in cause No 840, State vs Alex Cromwell, sum \$250 (charged with theft of

horse) against said Alex Cromwell as principal, J. D. Yarbrough, Tom Dillard and S. T. Dowe as sureties.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that on August 15th. 1899, the Commissioners Court of La Salle County Texas, passed and entered of record the following order:

"It appearing from the returns of an election held at Twohig in La Salle County, Texas, on the 12th. day of July A. D. 1899 to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall longer be prohibited in Justice's precinct No 5 of said County, that there was one vote cast for prohibition and twenty-two votes cast against prohibition at said election, it is therefore ordered by the Commissioners Court of said County that the election heretofore held in said precinct more than two years past and on the 10th. day of August A. D. 1896 and which then resulted in favor of prohibition, and the order of this Court based on the result of said election and enforcing prohibition in said precinct are now hereby set aside. It is further ordered by the Commissioners Court of said La Salle County, Texas, that this order be published for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in said County and that after said publication, the sale of intoxicating liquors in said precinct No 5 shall no longer be unlawful."

S. T. DOWE,
County Judge, La Salle County, Texas

The business world recognizes that no man who drinks is as good as he would be if he never drank. Time was when in certain lines of business it was considered necessary to drink. Quite the contrary is the case now. Even saloon men prefer barkeepers who do not drink liquids they sell. All the fairy tales about the great things people do when under the influence of liquor have been exploded. The orator who must be intoxicated in order to make a speech is no longer here and he has never been here. The lawyer who can not plead a case or cite an authority without spending the night before in a barroom has gone to visit the pale glimpses of the moon and he has always been gone. The writer who produces a great poem or a great essay, while maudlin, removed from this planet before the command, "Let there be light," was given. The bookkeeper, clerk, mechanic, salesman, artisan, young or old, is not at his best while under the influence of liquor, and he is not as valuable to himself, his employer, or society. In the race of life the temperate man has the best of it; the drinking man is handicapped. Great things have been done while the brain was excited by stimulants, but greater things would have been done had there been no artificial stimulation. The sober man is always an improvement on the drunken man.—Memphis Appeal.

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BY HOWARD FIELDING.

Chapter I. Decisive game between Harvard and Yale; is won by lucky strike by Jack Brant.

Chapter II. Paddy O'Toole, playing in base ball is taken by Harry Bangs, who wishes to send him to college for private reasons.

Chapter III. Bangs begins private instruction preparatory to sending O'Toole to college; but finds he will never learn.

Chapter IV. Florence Lorne mistakes O'Toole for Lawrence Bangs, and Harry Bangs promises to see that both, Lawrence as a student, O'Toole as ball player as on persons, claiming the description would never be known.

Chapter V. O'Toole agrees to limit his speech to "yes" and "no" as a condition. Is entered by pitcher on Yale Nine, and creates a sensation in the trial game.

Chapter VI. ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE CROWD. It is usual to preserve a considerable degree of reticence regarding the performance of candidates for an athletic team.

Chapter VII. But the performance of Paddy O'Toole had been so remarkable that it could not be kept quiet. It was all over the college before morning, and the name of Lawrence Bangs was more common in conversation than the definite article.

Chapter VIII. Lawrence remained hidden during that recess and Paddy had the character all to himself. He did very well with it, thanks to the continual prompting of Harry Bangs, who traveled with the nine.

Chapter IX. To Lawrence such a period of retirement from the world would ordinarily have been no hardship. He was always glad to be alone with his books.

Chapter X. Lawrence, absorbed in study, sat in his room. The time passed more quickly than he knew. Suddenly he heard a sound as if pandemonium had slipped its cable and was drifting down on him.

Chapter XI. She received him in an entirely new way. She had appeared to take an unusual interest in him when he had first met her, but it had been tempered by the shadow of her displeasure.

Chapter XII. This meeting was but the beginning. Florence was making a long visit in New Haven. Their conversation glowed with the sacred fire of hostility to Harvard. Lawrence described the feelings which inspired him when he went upon the field.

harder than ever before in the game with Harvard, which would be played on the following day. Then Lawrence lied some more and promised to do that which only Paddy O'Toole could perform.

"Oh, Lawrence," she said, looking thoughtfully into his face. "I wish you could wear your baseball uniform all the time. You don't know how much handsomer you are in it than in your ordinary clothes."

"That hurt a little, but Lawrence stifled his jealousy of Paddy, remembering how much the lad had done for him."

"Well, the man is as good as your own stuff right now," said Paddy, stretching out his right hand perfectly flat, with the palm down, and about on a level with his waist.

"And then came the first Harvard game. Oh, it was a slaughter! Three hits and one of these or thereabouts. Only one red-legged man on third base in the whole game and he died there. Fifteen men struck out, and Paddy batted in the first two runs for Yale with a three bagger in right field in the third inning, and scored himself a few seconds later amid cheers that rent the sky."

"Well, she said that he needn't mind, for the wine would keep until the next year."

"What could it have been?" echoed the other four.

"Mrs. E., I guess you all know her, came over one day last summer and said she wanted to buy a baby buggy."

"Well, I met her now and then, and she always told me how nice the buggy was, and how the baby enjoyed it, but she never offered to pay for it. That was over a year ago, and a month ago I stopped to see whether she was going to pay for the buggy or return it."

"How unladylike!" echoed the four others.

"Oh, but that wasn't the worst. She did return the buggy, finally, but she did not send back either the parcel or the fur robe, and when I called to see if I could get them, for of course the buggy was practically useless without the parcel, she was even worse than she was at first."

"Did you ever hear the like?" echoed the four others.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

Written for This Paper. HOW those four ladies happened to call upon lady number five at the same time does not matter in the least so far as this story is concerned. They were there, and it is a reality that we must deal with.

"Do you know I heard the awful thing about Mr. S.—to-day?" "Do tell us what," echoed all four others.

"Well, you know their cook left last week, and they have been having just the most dreadful time trying to get another, and couldn't. Finally, Mr. S.— said he was going to get the old one back again, and he went out to find her. It took him nearly a whole day to do that, and then the first said she wouldn't come back, but after he urged her real hard she finally did, and she would come if they would buy something decent to cook and enough of it, that she wouldn't try to get up good meals with nothing another day."

"Mr. S.— was horrified, because he supposed the very best was being bought for the house, and he promised if she would come back he would do the marketing himself, and see to it that she got good material and plenty of it. So the cook came back this morning, and I met Mr. S.— at the market ordering his meat and groceries."

"I had just the meanest thing happen to me yesterday you ever heard of."

"Well, about three months ago Mrs. L.— called in to borrow some vanilla extract. She said she was entirely out, but that she didn't want to buy any because her brother who was in the business of selling extracts always supplied her, and it was so much better than what she could buy at the stores, so that if I could loan her a little she would return at least double the amount when she received some from her brother."

"Well, she never returned, and she never will, even after saying she wanted to return double the amount."

"It doesn't seem possible!" echoed the other four.

"Speaking of close people reminds me of something in a letter I received from my mother a day or two ago. My parents live at an eastern resort the year round, and right beside them is a cottage in which is occupied during the summer by a gentleman and his wife. They have an abundance of money, and there is no reason why they should be so close, but they are, and if anything the woman is the closest of the two."

"My mother never told me this until her last letter, but it happened last fall, only their coming back to the place reminds me of it. Last fall she and her daughter returned to their winter home, and the gentleman asked my father to look after the house for him during the winter months. When they got to the depot to take the train my father was there. The old man was very much worried for fear he had not entirely extinguished the gas in the house, and he was worried over it some, he asked my father if he would not step over to the house and see if everything was all right. Father promised that he would, and then just as the train started out the old gentleman, thinking probably that he should offer some remuneration for father's trouble, said to him that he would like to have a drink. Of course, father would not have touched their wine, but what do you suppose the old lady said about it?"

"Well, she said that he needn't mind, for the wine would keep until the next year."

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THEIR HOUSE 'PHONE

THERE are three other subscribers on Spence's party telephone wire. That is the limit.

The wisdom of this quadruple arrangement is, Spence says, one of the most manifold things he ever ran across. If there were more than four subscribers to a line no one of them could succeed in edging in more than an average of 8.6 conversations daily unless he neglected his business and devoted his entire time to securing control of the wire. This Spence has carefully figured out according to the doctrine of chances and the theory of accumulating probabilities, using up all the logarithms at his command in the process. Of course in this event the subscriber would become discouraged in time and would either order the service discontinued or would wreck the telephone with an axe. If, on the other hand, there were only two or even one other person with an interest in the line the thing would degenerate into a mere annoyance, with the same ultimate result.

As it is, Spence approaches his telephone with a feeling of excitement attending the uncertainty of finding the line clear that is so intense as to seem almost illegal. The gambling instinct is aroused within him. Formerly when he felt that he needed a stimulant of this sort he dropped a penny into the nearest slot machine that dispensed chocolate and chewing gum. Spence loathes chewing gum. He is, however, abnormally fond of chocolate. When he put his penny in the slot he knew that the odds that he would not get gum were two to one, adopting the ratio of the probability that he would get chocolate, and making the customary discount for the innate perversity of inanimate objects. His feeling, therefore, as he pushed the button was one of distinctly pleasurable devilishness, but it was not to be compared with the telephone dissipation.

Taking all this into consideration, the limit of four, Spence says, is quite an ideal one. There is just enough to insure the element of uncertainty into the thing, and not too many to prevent the telephone from being occasionally of practical utility.

The other night Mrs. Spence said to her husband after dinner: "I had quite a chat with Mary to-day. She said her mother was coming to see her next week and she would have to come over on Wednesday if she came at all."

"Yes, she here?" "No, I talked with her over the 'phone.'" "At the drug store?" "Why, no; over our 'phone. Oh, and do you know, Wilson, that man who was so rude last week broke in on me four times again. He was perfectly awful about it."

"I'd break in on him if I knew who he was," said Spence, savagely. "I'd break him in two. You didn't stop talking until you finished what you had to say, did you?" "No, indeed, I didn't."

"By George," said Spence, "if she's coming on Wednesday we'd have to let Robert know. What time is it? I guess I'd just about catch him at home now. Excuse me half a minute, will you?" "You'd better make it half an hour," said his wife.

He placed the receiver to his ear, but he said nothing for a moment, and then he hung the receiver up again before he said it. "Why, Wilson! I'd be ashamed!" said Mrs. Spence.

"Oh, well," said Spence, "the other people have got to live too."

He seemed to be trying to convey the impression that this was rather an unusual occurrence. "They'll be through in a minute or two," he added, hopefully, but with a distinct challenge of contradiction in his look.

For the stated minute or two he walked up and down the room, stopping to look at the pictures on the wall, as if he had just noticed them for the first time and they struck him as rather good in their way. Then he sat down and unhooked the receiver again. The clock could be heard ticking very plainly.

"Good!" exclaimed Spence, presently, with one hand covering the mouthpiece of the telephone. "He's going away on his summer vacation. He's telling the cheap shate at the other end where he can buy his duck trousers at about half the regular price."

"He's telling how many fish he caught last year."

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Fresh candies and fruits at Simon Cotulla's.

There will be services at the Methodist Church tomorrow.

Court of short duration owing to the limited number of cases on docket.

Frozen water for sale, six days in the week at Stanfield's.

Wm. Johnson, Esq. was in the city Wednesday from his ranch near Millett.

For a good bath go to the Cotulla Bath house.

Have you been to the New Drug Store? If not, why not?

S. J. Jordan shipped two cars of sheep this morning to the New Orleans market.

J. W. McInnis of Twohig, was one of the prominent visitors in this city Wednesday.

Mrs. Newberry, of Mathis, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Dubose.

Orange, Blackberry and Grape ciders at S. Cotulla's.

The hotels and boarding houses of Cotulla have been "full up" for the past several days.

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Sam Anderson has returned from the Territory, where he has been since May working for W. T. Hill.

J. B. Williams & Co's Barber's bar soap at the New Drug Store. C. McGarity.

Little showers of rain all over the county from Sunday to Tuesday, inclusive were very much in evidence.

W. N. Terry, formerly connected with the RECORD, spent the time between trains in Cotulla Wednesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Henrichson are the happy possessors of a fine baby girl, which arrived at their home on 13th inst.

W. G. Johnson, was among the prominent stockmen who had business in the Metropolis during the week. He returned Wednesday.

F. C. Benkley, of Millett, was in the city Wednesday. As was the case with most other visitors, the court house was the Mecca of his travels.

The streets of Cotulla, owing to District Court, was filled with residents of all the outlying districts, this week, and had the appearance of a populous city.

BEWARE!!

Parties who leave my gates open on River Pasture will be discovered. Beware! Ed Buckley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jordan of San Antonio are here on a visit to relatives.

Messrs. Jno. Bode and Thos. Salmon, two of our subscribers from McMullen county paid us a pleasant call Tuesday morning.

W. G. Johnson delivered a train load of cattle here Monday morning to J. M. Campbell of Pearsall, and were shipped to the feed pens at Wortham, Texas.

W. E. Alderman, a popular ranchman from the Twohig country, was in attendance at Court the early part of the week. He called round and renewed his subscription to the RECORD, while here. Thanks.

Alex Cromwell, who is under indictment here for horse stealing "jumped" his bond the early part of the week. He was captured Thursday by the officials at Bandera, and brought back to day by Ranger Dubose.

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Mrs. E. P. Gilmer and son, Charlie, who spent the summer in Mt. Airy, N. C., visiting relatives, returned home Saturday last. We are glad to note the great improvement in Charlie's health.

John T. Maltzberger returned Wednesday to Bliss, I. T., after spending several days here on business. Mr. Maltzberger says cattle are not doing well in the Territory this year, and that a good many stockmen will have to hold their cattle until next spring.

Notice is hereby given to the young ladies especially, that our popular young deputy sheriff is still heart and fancy, free, and that the report circulated last week is utterly false. He makes this statement to set himself right in the eyes of the aforesaid young ladies.

Mr. Chas. Sullivan, one of the county's first settlers, a prominent sheepman, had us place his name on our subscription list yesterday. He thinks we are trying to run a decent paper, and he wishes to help a good thing along with his support. Thanks, both for your kind words and your subscription, we appreciate them.

J. W. McCombs was down from Millett attending court the greater part of the week. He dropped in to see us while here and reports crops in his section of the country as having been very good. Says he planted his corn in the latter part of April, later than he had ever done before, and had his crop gathered in a few days less than four months.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, my eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c, guaranteed at all drug stores.

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MILLETT.

SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY—LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Millett, Texas, Sept. 15, 1899.—Millett school opened Monday with Prof. Alexander of Stockdale, as teacher.

A very nice shower of rain fell here Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Sam Johnson left on Wednesday's northbound train for San Antonio.

Mrs. Marshall went up the road Wednesday morning.

Mr. D. W. McKey, a prominent stockmen is in the Alamo City on business.

Jas. Rowland, one of our leading stock-farmers went up to the Metropolis.

Mr. Ed Reynolds went down to Green Station yesterday where he expects to spend the winter.

Mrs. Grey has been quite sick the past week.

Little Burney Shull has been on the sick list but is now much better.

J. W. McCombs has been in Cotulla attending Court this week.

Miss Rosa Held returned Sunday evening from Cotulla.

Mr. J. T. Alexander went down to Cotulla Thursday to be examined before the County Board of Examiners.

HOPE.

TWOHIG.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY A 'CANDY PULLING AT R. L. McCLELLAN'S. SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY.

Twohig, Texas, Sept. 16, 1899.—Doors of the hospitable home of R. L. McClellan was thrown wide open to the young people of this section last Friday night, where a big "candy pulling" took place. There was quite a crowd present and every one had lots of fun.

The public school opened up last Monday with quite a large attendance. Miss Lucy Neal from Floresville, is in charge and the people are expecting a very successful term this year.

Mr. Bill Jay has moved to Twohig where he can have the benefit of the school for his children.

Mrs. W. T. Hill went to Cotulla Thursday on a visit to Mrs. G. H. Knaggs.

Messrs. J. W. McInnis, J. M. Ramsey, Ed McCoy Jno. and Tom Dillard, Jno. Robuck, John Lewis, E. W. Alderman, Lee and Ed Henrichson, John Bode, Joe Yarborough and several others from this section attended District Court at the County seat.

Miss Edna Robuck went to Cotulla fore part this week on a visit to Miss Stella Butler. She will be gone some time.

Mr. A. P. Blocker was in town Thursday. He reports several showers lately and good grass.

Rev. Bruce Roberts preached to a very good congregation here last Saturday night and Sunday morning. He left for Encinal Sunday evening where he preached that night.

Twohig sported two whole Drummers Thursday. Such happenings are rare.

HARRY.

ENCINAL.

NEWSY NOTES THAT TRANSPIRE DURING THE WEEK. DRUMMERS NUMEROUS—INDICATION OF BUSINESS.

Encinal, Texas, Sept. 15th, '99.—Mr. Hugh Morrison made a flying trip to Cotulla Tuesday.

R. N. Martin, manager of the Martin ranch was in town Sunday visiting friends.

Hugh Henry, Twohig's agent, came down on Sunday's train (to attend church?) and returned Monday morning.

Rev. Bruce Roberts preached an interesting sermon at the school house Sunday night.

Mr. T. M. Little and daughter, Miss Maggie, returned home last week after several weeks spent in Henderson county visiting relatives.

Celestine McMulin, of the Bueno Vesta ranch is in town this week on business.

W. S. Cobb and daughter, Mrs. C. H. Skidmore, after a few days spent in Carrizo Springs visiting relatives, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. A. Richardson and family of San Antonio, after spending several weeks at the Oak Grove ranch, came in Tuesday and left the following day for their home in the Alamo City.

Mr. J. A. Trenton, Mo., was in Encinal Thursday on business.

Mr. Chas. Gilmer of Cotulla came down on Sunday's train to visit his brother, R. A. Gilmer.

Dr. D. S. Livingston was called to the bedside of Frank Hillard Jr. yesterday, who is quite sick.

Mr. Burnett Little left Sunday for Green, where he goes to take charge of the section.

Those who attended court from here at Cotulla this week were: Messrs. Jas. Breeding, J. W. McMulin, W. A. Matthews, J. F. Hillard, S. J. Jordan and S. H. Miller.

Our town has been well represented by 'Knights of the Grip' this week.

Mr. W. N. Terry and family returned Tuesday from a few days visit to relatives in Carrizo Spgs.

HELEN.

Ranger Dubose received a fine pearl-handle pistol yesterday from San Antonio.

We acknowledge receipt of season passes to the great International Fair at San Antonio this fall. Judging from all reports, it will be the best in the state this year, and being so near home every one should make it a point to go for a few days at least.

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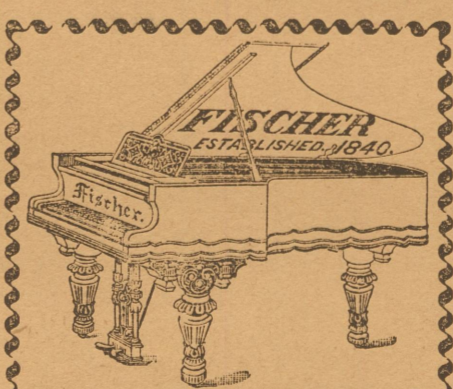
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