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COTULLA, TEXAS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1898.

\$1. IN ADVANCE.

THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA MURDERED.

WHILE WALKING THE STREETS OF GENEVA AN ITALIAN ANARCHIST PLUNGED A KNIFE NEAR HER HEART.

THE EMPRESS LIVED ABOUT TWO HOURS—ASSASSIN CAUGHT BY TWO CABMEN.

The Empress of Austria was assassinated last Saturday afternoon at Geneva, Switzerland, by an anarchist.

Her majesty was walking from her hotel to the landing place of the steamer, when an Italian anarchist suddenly crept from behind and stabbed her near the heart. She fell unconscious and expired in about two hours. After striking the blow the assassin ran, but was caught by two cabmen, who had witnessed the crime. They turned him over to the Police who immediately locked him up; when questioned by the magistrate, he said that he came to Geneva in order to assassinate another important person, but had been unable to execute the project. He did not give the reason for his failure, but declared it was only by accident that he learned of the presence of Empress Elizabeth in Geneva. At first it was thought that the murder was part of an anarchist plot, but later developments prove that the assassin acted on his own initiative. He acknowledges that he is an anarchist but denies acting for any committee.

The remains of the Empress were buried in Vienna Thursday.

TERRIBLE ESCAPE.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groten, S. D., "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in which finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying that I could not live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at all druggists. Regular size 50c and \$1. Guaranteed or price refunded.

The city of Westminster, B. C., was almost wiped off the face of the earth by fire Monday night. Many people were burned to death and hundreds were left homeless.

Rear Admiral Dewey wants two more ships. He says the situation is critical at Manila, and asks Uncle Sam to give him an additional cruiser and a battle ship.

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WRECK ON THE TEXAS & PACIFIC.

ONE MAN KILLED AND ANOTHER BADLY HURT.

Texarkana, Tex., Sept. 12.—A heavy rain began falling here about noon yesterday and continued for thirty hours, the country being flooded. The bridge across a creek near Buchanan, thirteen miles south washed out, and as Passenger train No. 4 rounded the curve she plunged into the rushing torrent below. The trestle and several hundred feet of track were gone, and the engine, mail, baggage, express and smoking car went down. Prof. Caldwell, colored, of Queen City Tex. was crushed to death in the forward end of the smoker, while J. E. Cothran, of Ft. Worth, was badly injured. The engine turned completely over and Engineer Gilmour and Fireman Miller were only saved by the steel cab which stood the crash. The mail clerks were thrown into the stream and had narrow escapes.

In this issue of the New Era, we announce the name of the Hon. John T. Bivens as a candidate for District Judge of this District. Judge Bivens is a lawyer of high legal attainments, and a large practice in the western part of this and adjoining western districts. As to his ability as a lawyer no further evidence is needed than his numerous able briefs found in the reports of the Superior Courts. Believing that a Judge should be non-partisan, we are entangled with no nomination, and wish to see the bench free from partisan obligations and partisan prejudices. This is just what our district needs, a purely non-partisan Judge, who is an able lawyer, ready to administer the laws as he finds them, and meet out justice according to the testimony. Few men who owe their office to a party can do this, and we much prefer seeing all our Judges come before the people depending upon their legal attainments, rather than a party crutch, and in this respect we are led to believe that Judge Bivens rests upon a strong staff, as we learn from some of the leading lawyers of Southwest Texas that is hardly likely that the district could get a man of better legal attainments.—Rockport New Era.

ATTACKED BY A MAD COYOTE.

E. M. Graham and family had quite a fierce encounter with a mad coyote at their camp on the Tortuga below Loma Vista this week, in which as Mr. Graham expresses it, "it is a miracle that some of us were not bitten." They were at the well about a half at half a mile from the camp when they were thrown into a consternation by the appearance of a coyote right in their midst. There was a hurried scramble for the wagon which was near by which Mrs. Graham and the children reached in safety while Mr. Graham jumped on his horse and rode with all speed possible toward camp after his gun. During his absence the wolf attacked the wagon, making every effort to get at its occupants, and it was only by the most vigorous means that Mrs. Graham kept it back. It took several shots from Mr. Graham's winchester to put an end to the beast's furious attack. Reports of mad coyotes are becoming quite numerous and their presence are causing no little alarm. Several cases of hydrophobia among cattle have also been reported.—Batesville Echo.

BREAKING A RECORD.

HAPPENED WHILE LOADING CATTLE FOR THE THIRD CUBAN SHIPMENT.

The Galveston Tribune, speaking of the last shipment of cattle to Havana, says:

Two years ago when 700 head of cattle were shipped by a Mr. Gould from Ardmore, I. T., to Galveston and loaded on board one of the West India & Pacific Steamship Co's vessels for Europe, two Pullman cars filled with live stock men were brought to this city to witness the wonderful operation. It was the first thing of the kind that had happened at this port. The whole country was interested. Could cattle be shipped on the hoof for Europe from Galveston profitably? Critics differed. Of course Galveston was interested.

It took all day and a good part of the night to load these 700 Ardmore cattle, and part of the next day, if memory serves the reporter right.

There is a slight difference now. Cattle shipments hardly call for newspaper mention. The man who has had more to do with loading cattle than any other person in the port is Bob Gardner, a member of the Borden & Borden Live Stock Company. Bob does not stand on the bridge and direct his men. He gets down among them and if a cowboy fails to cope successfully with an unruly steer he goes after the animal himself and with an extra twist to its tail Mr. Texas Longhorn goes sliding down the chute.

As Mr. Gardner removed a wilted collar in his apartments at the Artillery Club last evening before a pier glass reflecting a pair of soiled linen trousers which had been immaculate in the morning, he was happy.

"Made the quickest time on record in the port," said him to a Tribune representative who interrupted him in the middle of the verse of "Sweet Antonette" which was fading a pile of red neckties drooping from a beribboned hoop at the side of his dresser. "Yes, sir," he continued, "we run 900 head of steers down to pier 20 from our yards in the west end of town at 11:30 o'clock, and at 4 o'clock every one of those steers was on board the Ardnamohr and ready to sail for Cuba as far as we were concerned. That is three and one-third a minute. "We loaded the ship by means of double chutes. That is, they were going down into the ship from both ends at the same time. We divided our force of cowboys and simply kept things moving, putting the beeves in the hold and on three decks."

The steers arrived in Galveston Sunday from Pearsall, Tex., and Red Rock, I. T., consigned to us for Ike Pryor. They were unloaded in the yards of the Borden & Borden Live Stock Company in the west end and rested up until yesterday. All were in fine condition and should bring a good price in Havana. This is the third shipment made by Mr. Pryor's firm.

"Mr. Pryor says that this is the best shipment of cattle that has ever left a Southern port. Some of the beeves which weigh over 1000 pounds and the only fear is that the grade is higher than the trade in Havana desires. He says that the Ardnamohr is better adapted to the shipment of cattle than boats that have heretofore been used for that purpose. See is fitted with fans which force the fresh air all over the ship."

AMONG THE EXCHANGES.

It has been demonstrated that improved lines of war are useful unless operated by improved men.—Alice Echo.

The Democratic conventions that have been held so far, almost without exception, have endorsed Free Silver and every plank of the Chicago Platform.—National Sentinel.

The expansion rackets has knocked the Monroe Doctrine into a cocked hat. We don't believe there had any doctrine. It is Washington's hatchet—all alike.—Buffalo Banner.

Peris is established and things are going along in an ordinary way in Spain, for the dispatches say that bull fights are being held off with customary regularity and on this side baseball is doing better than a few months ago.—Alice Reporter.

Mexico bids fair to soon rival Colorado and the more enterprising sections of the United States in the matter of mining on a business basis, with all the latest best makes of machinery. Everywhere the determination to use all methods not modern and economical is evidenced.—The Pass Guide.

The Socialist party is now in the last stages of dissolution. Split into factions it can now no longer present a national political front. It may still cut a small figure in certain localities, but it is a thing of the past.

Business is its decay has been as rapid as its growth.—Hondo Herald.

Very quietly the populists of this district have held a convention at Pearsall and nominated Dr. W. M. C. Frazier of Dimmit county Representative of the 91st district. The matter leaked out and we the newspaper man a local and it will also give Judge J. N. Cramer a peaceful rest.—Uvalde Leader.

Over one hundred prostrations and fifty deaths in New York city in one day from sunstroke and that was on last Saturday! Ye Laredos, would you like to swap your climate, in which a case of sunstroke was never known to occur and no one ever froze to death, for the climate of New York, where people burn up in summer and freeze in winter? Not rough! Give us our climate, if you please, with its perpetual breezes in summer and mild winters.—Laredo Times.

Three brick buildings collapsed in Philadelphia on 11th inst., caused by explosion of gasoline. Many people lost their lives by being crushed to death by the falling buildings.

It is reported that negroes are fleeing from several counties in Northern Texas. Whitecaps posted in Titus, Cass, Hopkins and several counties in the cotton districts which was thickly settled with negroes, and now it is a matter to find a 'coon' anywhere that part of the State.

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10:05 a. m. Lv.	Leon	Ar 6:38 p. m.
10:16 a. m. Lv.	Medina	Ar 6:28 p. m.
9:30 a. m. Lv.	Lytel	Ar 6:06 p. m.
1:30 a. m. Lv.	Devine	Ar 6:46 p. m.
11:20 a. m. Lv.	Moore	Ar 6:26 p. m.
11:40 a. m. Lv.	Eden	Ar 6:06 p. m.
11:52 a. m. Lv.	Eden	Ar 4:55 p. m.
12:08 p. m. Lv.	Pearsall	Ar 4:35 p. m.
12:27 p. m. Lv.	Derby	Ar 4:15 p. m.
12:43 p. m. Lv.	Dilley	Ar 4:00 p. m.
12:57 p. m. Lv.	Millett	Ar 3:47 p. m.
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1:38 p. m. Lv.	Tuna	Ar 3:06 p. m.
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2:10 p. m. Lv.	Burro	Ar 2:38 p. m.
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FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

John T. Bivens announces himself as Independent candidate for the office of District Judge of the 20th Judicial District, and solicits the support of all voters.

FOR DIST. AND COUNTY CLERK.

We are authorized to announce Geo. H. Knaggs as Candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of La Salle County.

FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR.

W. M. Burwell respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of La Salle County, and solicits the support of all voters.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce J. N. Daniel as Candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of La Salle County.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

The undersigned respectfully announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle County, at the ensuing November election.

W. B. GUINN.

W. F. Jay announces himself as candidate for Tax Assessor of La Salle county at the ensuing November election and respectfully solicits the support of all voters.

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At last Spain has won a sea fight. News has been received from the Philippines describing a conflict between the Spanish gunboats and an insurgent flotilla in which the former successfully prevented the latter from landing in the Viscaya Islands. According to dispatches from Madrid, the insurgents had five ships, which were all sunk, and many of the insurgents killed.

Gen. Miles and Gen. Shafter are not only in Washington, but they have met, shaken hands, and chatted together as friendly as any two old comrades might be expected to do. This must be surprising to those who believed, or pretended to believe, that when the two met there would be drawn swords and a contest of the regulation "Three Guardsmen" order. If the men are really as unfriendly towards each other as one might infer from reading recent newspaper publications, they are both past-masters in the art of concealing their feelings. There was certainly no signs of enmity when they met in the office of Gen. Miles, in the war department that could be detected. Gen. Miles will talk every time he gets an opportunity about the necessity of enlarging the regular army and the recommendation he intends making to Congress on that subject, but he says the statement he gave out as soon as he landed in New York, contained all he has to say at present concerning the campaigns in Cuba and Porto Rico. It is believed that the President will take no notice officially of what Gen. Miles said reflecting on the war department, unless circumstances compel him to do so, if miles doesn't do any more of the same sort of talking. He has met Miles twice since he returned to Washington, but nothing was said by either about those news-

PUDDIN' PICKINGS.

Harry Graham Esq., is out visiting his sister, Mrs. Howard. Mr. Geo. Wright left Tuesday for Pleasanton where he has many relatives. L. P. Williams is attending the commissioners court at Springs this week.

L. P. Williams has been buying cattle from near Pearsall where he has been buying cattle.

Our Sunday School was organized here last Sunday. Howard was elected Superintendent, and Miss Dora McMains Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORTER.

MILLET MENTION.

Mr. Geo. Lowry was in Cotulla Sunday.

J. E. Hill returned to his home in Twohig Monday.

Mrs. A. Millett is visiting Mrs. Burke this week.

Little Inez Rowland is on the sick list this week.

Green Cavender was down from his ranch on Cibolo Monday.

Rev. Wools filled his appointment at this place Sunday last.

C. O. Harris, of Cibolo, was here on business one day last week.

J. W. McCombs, of Cibolo, was a visitor in Millett during the week.

W. H. Jacobs bought from W. Earnest & Co., this week a fine new wagon.

D. W. McKey bought several head of cattle from Chas. Cavender during the week.

Miss Mayme Rowland returned home Sunday from a week's visit to Pearsall and Dilley.

Mr. Chas. Cavender was among the many arrivals in Cotulla Saturday from Cibolo.

J. N. Harris and wife, of here Sunday.

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CHURCHES.

Baptist Church.—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor.—Services;—2nd Sunday morning at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m., J. A. Landrum, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Methodist Church.—Rev. M. T. Allen Pastor.—Services;—3rd and 4th Sunday in month at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:45 a. m., Dr. J. Williams, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Sunday evening at 7:15 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. S. J. McMurphy, Pastor.—Services;—On Wednesday for the 4th Sunday in each month at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Widenthal, Superintendent. Every body cordially invited.

SOCIETIES.

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Geo. H. Knaggs, Dictator.

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We are authorized to announce J. N. Daniel as Candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of La Salle county, at the ensuing November election.

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FOR HIDE & ANIMAL INSPECTOR.

V. G. Maltzberger respectfully announces himself as Candidate for Hide and Animal Inspector of La Salle county and solicits the support of all voters.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for re-election to the office of County Surveyor of La Salle County at the ensuing November election.

J. M. DANIEL.

In the announcement column of the present issue of the RECORD will be found the name of Hon. John T. Bivens, for the office of District Judge.

Judge Bivens is an honored citizen of our neighboring county, Frio, and attends court here regularly, hence is no stranger among us. He has time and again demonstrated his ability as a lawyer in La Salle's Court House; he has associated with our citizens till his good character is a simple matter of fact, his strong support of every law-abiding cause is well known by every one and needs no repetition by us. Many of us, no doubt, do not agree with the Judge on National politics; but this should have no weight against him for the office of District Judge; lay all such aside, and if you believe from the past good record of Mr. Bivens that he will make a just and impartial Judge, give him your cordial support. A man who is not bound up by party, one who has no pledges to fulfill on the bench to the detriment of all good citizens will make a good Judge; we have many such men and Judge Bivens is one in the first rank.

The Peace commissioners have been given their final instructions in regard to their duties, and will leave within a few days to treat with Spain for peace.

The conduct of the war made by a Commission of the most prominent men he can get to assume the task—men whose names will cause anything they say to be accepted by everybody without question—for the purpose of trying to put an end to the charges and counter-charges now being printed in the newspapers. While the Alger-Miles wrangle is said to have had nothing to do with the idea of having this investigation, which was ostensibly asked for by Secretary Alger, it may have much to do with it, as Gen. Miles is not a witness that is likely to be overlooked by the Commission. That he is anxious for the investigation all the world knows. The heads of the Departments of the Army most directly concerned in the investigation—the Commissary General, the Quartermaster-General and the Surgeon-General—all say that they welcome the most rigid investigation into the acts of their several departments, and General Shafter assured the President, personally, that the more thorough the investigation of everything connected with the campaign against Santiago was made the better it would please him, because he was certain it would result in adding to the credit of the men who took part in that remarkable campaign, and in making the people more clearly understand the nature of the difficulties that were successfully surmounted.

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As we go to press a shower of rain came up, which bids fair to become general.

The Public School opens next Monday, and will be conducted by Miss McClure, of Dallas.

Miss Zady McClain, after several months visit to Mrs. D. A. Murray left for her home in Devine Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rowland and little sons, Roy and Dee passed through here Sunday en route to Dilley.

Miss Mary Lawrence, of Cibolo, left on Saturday's train for Devine, where she will spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. M. George.

THE LITTLE ONE.

NOTICE.

I hereby notify the public generally and the Ranch Owners more especially, that I am the sole Agent for the counties of La Salle and Dimmit, for the "Wonderful" Pump Jack, acknowledged to be the best Pump Jack on the market. I have also had twelve years experience in putting up of Wind Mills and all machinery generally required by Ranchmen in their business.

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TAX DEEDS.

W. M. Burwell, Sheriff, to Raymond Martin, Sur. No. 274.

Sheriff to Thos. Prandy, Sur. No. 282.

Sheriff to M. J. Barlow, Sur. No. 1811.

Sheriff to W. H. Jacobs, Sur. No. 49 1-2

Sheriff to H. C. Yeager, Sur. No. 94.

Sheriff to H. C. Yeager, Sur. No. 93.

Sheriff to H. C. Yeager, Sur. No. 180.

Sheriff to Raymond Martin, Sur. No. 274.

REALTY TRANSFERS.

W. C. Irvin to J. J. Irvin, 160 acres out of Sur. No. 312, original grantee. H. Milton Lane. consideration \$160.

N. J. Buckley to T. J. Buckley, Lot 6 in Blk 19, town on Encinal, consideration \$360.

ASLEEP.

Did you hear me when I called you,
Love? You lay so fast asleep,
Did you listen when I whispered
Through your slumbers calm and deep?
Summer roses lay beside you,
Summer lilies white and tall,
And you looked so still and saintly,
Did you feel my tears drop fall?
Oh my darling! but I murmured
Words so wildly true and fond,
Were you dreaming there serenely
Of the strange and vast beyond?
When I whispered how I loved you,
Not a token crossed your face,
But you lay all pale and placid
In that solitary place.
Did you hear me when I called you,
Love? You lay so fast asleep,
And the stillness seemed so holy,
That I scarcely dared to weep.
I scarcely dared to take a rosbud,
Crushed and crumbled, to my breast,
When I left you calmly sleeping
In your everlasting rest.
—London Sun.

SIX BACHELOR MAIDS

"January 1, 1896—Perfectly lovely time to-day. No young men called. We were allowed at the Advanced Young Woman's Business college, and it seems so nice not to be compelled to smirk and smile and listen to a lot of silly compliments and speeches. I never fully realized before what a bore the men are!

"Half a dozen of us girls got to talking the matter over to-night, and finally resolved to paddle our own canoe through life, and let the men do the same, so far as we are concerned. To make the resolution more binding we formed a club known as the 'Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance.' I suppose we ought to have called it a Sixuple Alliance, seeing there are six of us, but Lottie Burton said Triple Alliance sounded better and was just as binding, so we called it that. After we had the name settled on, one of the girls said there was a triple alliance of some sort in Europe, and we might be infringing on their copyright, but none of us could remember exactly what it was about, or who got it up, so we decided to take the chances of there being a patent on it.

"I am the president of the club—won't it look grand when it comes to be printed on the club stationery?—Phyllis Potter, President of the Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance!—and the other members are Lottie Burton, Maud Spencer, Edith Wilson, Mabel Thurston and Belle Richardson. There are to be no dues or admission fee, except one dollar each for a suitable pin, with the monogram 'B. M. T. A.' engraved on it. Each girl is to wear the pin constantly as a reminder of the vow she has taken, and she is to explain fully just what the letter 'A' on anyone who is curious enough to ask.

"Of course, we don't expect any of the members of the alliance to be weak enough to ever fall in love with a man and marry him, but if such an unlikely event should happen, the offender is to strip off her badge of maiden bachelorhood, the club pin, and return it to the president, with a letter of apology, and giving some good reason (if such a thing is possible) for the step she has taken.

"This letter was a suggestion of my own, and I think it is a grand idea. How I will lecture the backsliders! That is, of course, if there are any, which I hardly expect, judging from the way the girls all talked to-night. What a jolly, independent lot they are! No clinging ivy business in theirs, thank you. Men are all well enough in their places—running railroads, engineering political causes, etc.—but when it comes to marrying one of them and being dependent on him for a home and a living—well, the 'B. M. T. A.'s' respectfully beg to be excused.

"January 9.—The pins came from the jeweler's to-day, and they are too sweet and lovely for anything. The monogram is a dark blue enamel, and there is a delicate spray of forget-me-nots twining gracefully around it, making the pin a very tasteful and desirable ornament.

"We girls (the six bachelor maids, I mean) are all very proud of our pins, and commenced wearing them at once. Some of the other girls, since seeing the pins, are sorry they didn't join the club, too, but we have decided to take in no more members, for fear we might get some weak-minded ones who might be led to join just for the sake of wearing one of the pins, and then as soon as the novelty wore off (they wouldn't wait for the enamel—that would be too long) bring disgrace on the club by getting married.

"No, it will be safer to stick to the original membership—the six strong-willed, vigorous-minded founders of the 'B. M. T. A.' We are reasonably sure that they, at least, will be faithful.

"The club stationery also came today, and I couldn't help feeling a glow of bachelor maidenly pride as I saw the words 'Phyllis Potter, President,' in the daintiest of script under the name of the club at the top of the letterheads and on the envelopes.

"I immediately sat down and wrote a note to every friend I could think of—using the club paper, of course—just to impress them with my new title.

"The Bachelor Maids' Triple

Alliance' stationery is going to come handy, by the way, in case a young man ever has the misguided audacity to propose to me. All that will be necessary is to hand him one of those letter headings, and he will see at once that there is no hope for him. This will be much simpler than writing or explaining matters to him verbally, besides being an easy way of letting him down.

"June 22.—To-morrow is graduation day, when the members of the 'B. M. T. A.' must separate and go out into the world to battle for themselves, so to-night we had a sort of farewell jollification to bind us closer together and strengthen the vow we took upon ourselves at the beginning of the year. It was really inspiring to listen to the declarations of independence, now, henceforth and forever, from each and every girl; and when Maud Spencer wittily remarked that she 'had no more use for a man than a cat had for two heads or nine tails,' everybody applauded and said that was just the way they felt about it, too.

"It would have been a good thing if some of the conceited young men of the period could have been present, or at least had their ears glued to the keyhole, and listened to the remarks of the B. M. T. A.'s on this occasion. Guess their ears would have tingled and they would have gone away with their stock of conceit perceptibly lowered.

"The final toast for the evening, drank with our farewell cup of tea, was the following eloquent and noble sentiment: 'The Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance, the Gibraltar of single-blessedness and blessed independence; may it never fall by assaults from without or treachery from within.'

"December 20.—Only six brief months have flown by since the members of the B. M. T. A. parted with mutual pledges of constancy to the great cause of single-blessedness, and it grieves me to write it, but write it I must—already the enemy has invaded our ranks and captured one of our most promising members, Maud Spencer is no more! Poor girl! She has exchanged her final cognomen for the plebeian name of Smith—or is it Jones? O, yes, here it is; 'Maud Jones' is the way she signs it to her letter, and the paltry excuse she gives for marrying the creature, Jones, is that she loves him. The idea! Just as if that was any justification for breaking her vows and deserting the standard of the B. M. T. A.'s. Well, I am glad she had the grace to promptly do it; and in my capacity of president at least I am glad that she is no longer worthy to wear Won't I write Mrs. Jones a scathing letter to-morrow when I get it!

"January 8, 1897.—Bad news again and more of it! To-day came two letters addressed to 'Phyllis Potter, President of the Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance,' one containing the announcement of the marriage of Edith Wilson and the other stating that Belle Richardson had met with the same sad fate. They each returned the club pin and said they were very sorry and all that sort of thing, but they loved the men whose names they had assumed and felt sure they were loved in return, and under the circumstances they felt it was their duty to give up the B. M. T. A., etc.

"These excuses are a trifle weak, but I presume it is the best the poor things could do! Well, if they prefer love to liberty, all right, but I feel it incumbent on me to write and tell them what I think of the step they have just taken just the same.

"It is not only discouraging, but shocking—yes, actually shocking—to think that in one short year half of the members of the 'Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance' have fallen by the wayside! It is now a triple alliance in reality, as well as in name, and long, long may it waver!

"I have written to the two remaining members of the club, requesting them to stand firm against the sophistries and delusions of men and matrimony, and I trust now there will be no further desertions from our ranks.

"February 1.—In spite of all I said to her, Mabel Thurston has up and got married! The B. M. T. A. stickpins and the cards containing the announcement of her marriage came this morning, with a note from Mabel explaining how it happened. Same old excuse that they all give—she loved him, it seems, and couldn't possibly live without him. Poor thing! Twenty-two years old, weighs 130 pounds in her gymnasium suit, and can't get along without a man! It is strange how weak and dependent women are getting all of a sudden!

"Wrote 'Mrs. Maxwell'—that's her name now—the usual scorching letter, and also sent a note to Lottie Burton, informing her that upon us two devolved the duty of upholding the principles and the banner of the B. M. T. A. and reminding her that eternal vigilance was the price of single-blessedness.

"Lottie is a decidedly independent and level-headed young woman, and I feel that she at least will not betray the cause.

"February 15.—

Of all glad words of tongue or pen,
The gladdest are these: We must have met
That is what I found in my mind
this morning, and the name sign
to it was Lottie Burton Englehart
She, too, has gone the way of all
others, it seems, and I am left
half a dozen B. M. T. A. stickpins
and an empty title on my lap.
Only 13 fleeting months since
Bachelor Maids' Triple Alliance
organized, and to-day the president
alone is left to carry on the good work
and somehow I feel that from now on
I am going to have a rather lonesome
time of it.

"The postman just called with a batch of letters, and among them was a valentine from Harold Draper. I used to be very good friends a year or so ago, but we had a love spat, and sent him adrift and thought it ended it. But I see Harold hasn't gotten me, poor fellow. I suppose he had suffered enough, and I ought to take pity on him.

"There is no disgrace in giving up the ship when the crew have all deserted it; and even if there were, I've got as good an excuse as the other to wit: 'I was love that made me do it.'

"But I'm glad I was the president of the Bachelor Maids, so I do have to send back my club pin, no do any explaining or apologizing except to myself. I'd hate awfully to attempt to palm off that same old excuse on the ex-members of the B. M. T. A. after the mean letters I wrote them."—Commercial Tribune.

HE COULDN'T HALF RIDE.

The Gawkily-Looking Individual Fooled the Smart Young Tourist.

"I suppose if I should try to ride that machine I should break my neck," said a gawkily-looking fellow, sitting on a box in front of the country wheelman on tour had rested against a wall.

"No, you wouldn't," replied the bicyclist, winking at the bystanders. "It's the easiest thing in the world to do. Anybody can ride one of those machines."

"I want to know," exclaimed the gawkily-looking youth, "do you think I could stay on if I got on?"

"I know you could," said the bicyclist. "And make her go?"

"Of course," replied the bicyclist. "You're trying to fool me." "Don't you want to try it?"

And the tourist in knickerbockers winked slyly once more at the interested spectators.

"How do you keep from falling off the blessed thing?"

"All that you have to do is to start it going, and then take it out and get on."

The gawkily-chap took hold of the bicycle awkwardly and trundled out into the middle of the road.

"It isn't quite as good a one as I got at home," he said, as he mounted it and started down the road at a rattling pace, "but I can follow directions on it; I can start it and keep it going. It's only four miles to the next town; I'll be waiting for you there; good-by."

And the smart young tourist in knickerbockers trudged after him on foot.—Tit-Bits.

COMPOSITION ON WAR.

A Small Boy's Ideas on the Present Conflict.

An essay on the present war between the United States and Spain, written by Paul Harper, the six-year-old son of William Hudson Harper, of Evanston, Ill., and printed in the Index, is as follows:

"This war is prty sirus, and th is why it is, beekas at first you no the Spanish Minister swor at Mukinerly and did not apologis for such a long time. And the next sirus thing was the Maen, and I should like to see that grate eksplasion. And then the Starveing Cyobans are prty sirus to. And now we have begun the war and many brave comrads will dide for their country. Perhaps they will not be a man in the town, and meny a muther will mourn for her husbands. Ded kay they on the batifild, and then stand ther muthers weeping for ther huzbands. They take the wanded to the hospitil and the ded to the graves. And meny Spanish ships will singk, and few American ships will singk, and we shall fite the Spanyrds on land and sea. And our flag waves over the Filipensilens this day and are my.

The last page of the manuscript was embellished with drawings of one battleship with the stars and stripes flying from its masthead. Another man of war is shown just coming into sight.

Where Her Arms Were.
Miss Parvenu (just home from abroad)—There we saw 'Venus de Milo.' She was very lovely, but she had no arms.
Miss Geraldine Parvenu (who stayed at home)—Did you look on the door of her coach?—Detroit Journal.

A Leading Question.
"Sir," said the young man, "I wish to marry your daughter—the flower of your family."
"Are you sure," queried the elder man, "that it is not dough you are after?"—N. Y. World.

HOW WILD ANIMALS DIE.

Hunger Gets Them, Even if They Escape the White Man's Gun.

What becomes of all the dead birds and animals? Some of them, hastened in their exits by villainous saltpeter, go into cooking pots or yield up their blood-dabbled feathers for woman's adornment. But how about those who die a natural death?

It is the rarest thing to find the bodies of wild animals, except such as have plainly died in conflict or by accident. At salt-licks the ground is often covered with the bones of animals who have been killed in fights with each other.

In tropical countries the bodies of dead animals rapidly decay and their smaller bones are devoured by greedy beasts of the pig and hyena type. But the same scarcity of animal remains is noted in the arctic regions, where decay like the Siberian mammoth have been 'cold-stored' for many centuries, and actually eaten at the last.

But each succeeding spring does, as might be expected, disclose skeletons of birds or animals who have died during the year and been buried by the snow. Yet birds swarm by the millions in summer on the arctic tundra and seals, reindeer, foxes, walrus and other land and water animals are there. Nordeskjold notes this strange absence of 'self-dead' polar animals. Not one did he see, though there were plenty of traces of man's wanton waste of life in creatures dead of gunshot wounds. "The polar bear and the reindeer," he writes, "are found in hundreds, the seal, walrus and white whale in thousands, and birds in millions. These birds must die a 'natural death' in untold numbers. What becomes of their bodies?"

It is strange that on Spitzbergen it is easier to find the vertebrae of a gigantic lizard of the Trias than the bones of a seal, walrus or bird which has met a natural death.

It is probable that animals almost universally hide themselves when they feel the pangs of approaching death. Their chief foe is hunger, coupled with old age. Distemper kills foxes and wolves as well as domestic dogs and cats. Chills and heart disease count animals as well as human victims. Old animals die of indigestion, especially when their teeth become too poor to permit of chewing their food.

Tumors, diphtheria and consumption are frequent animal complaints, and anthrax, influenza, glanders and cholera claim their share. Rabies come in epidemics among wild animals as well as tame ones. It was so common among foxes in 1830 to 1835 in France and Switzerland that fox hunts were organized for the protection of domestic animals.

All this, however, doesn't explain what becomes of the dead animals. Perhaps that will cease to be a mystery when we find out where all the pins and shoe buttons go.—N. Y. Tribune.

TALES OF THE BLIND.

Merchant Who Knew His Stock.

There died at Reading, Pa., a few years ago Daniel D. Lerch, who for 14 years had been totally blind. Despite his affliction Mr. Lerch personally managed the affairs of a large hardware establishment, of which he was one of the proprietors. He did all the buying for the house, and probably no man in the business anywhere was better posted in the value of the many different goods carried by a large hardware store. Instead of looking at an article he could thoroughly judge its defects by the touch, while in his mind he retained at all times a perfect understanding of the exact state of any line of the goods carried in stock. On one occasion a customer asked for a particular make of saw, and a clerk responded that they were out of that brand." Mr.

in at once stated that the clerk was mistaken, that "they yet and they would be found in drawer so-and-so," giving the proper direction for finding them, and they were found, too. Many of his customers he knew by their walk.

The faculty which blind men possess of finding their way about depends on observation and memory. Naturally they are minute observers, taking cognizance of things which come to them by their other senses; things that those possessed of the blessing of sight would disregard or overlook. Memory is the strongest point. With memory, a sense of locality, observation and calculation, a blind man can readily make his way through the streets. There are such a man in Detroit who does not hesitate to go to unfamiliar places. His cane most usefully keeps him in the straight path. With it he fears no pitfalls, curbstone trips, or misdirections. This Detroit man knows in some mysterious way the different lines of street cars. He makes no mistakes as to the direction he wishes to go.—Detroit Journal.

Born at Waterloo Battle.

Last year a man died at Birmingham, England, who had through life the satisfaction of knowing that his birthplace was of a unique character, inasmuch as he was born on the battlefield of Waterloo. He was the descendant of a family of soldiers, and his father, who was with the Ninety-seventh Cameron highlanders, was killed in the memorable engagement at Hougomont. The soldier's wife had followed her husband out and thus it happened that the little stranger made its appearance amid the din and roar of battle.—Chicago Tribune.

A Foolish Waste.
Father—What's all this? I'll warrant you've been buying some more useless things, just to keep up appearances.
College Junior—I admit the impeachment, dad—there's a couple of Greek lexicons and a Latin dictionary in those bundles!—Puck.

A Right to Bloom.
Mr. Spokes—What blooming cheeks Nellie Posdick has.
Mr. Spokes—She is the flower of the family.—Detroit Free Press.

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LOCAL PERSONAL.

Thursday was a 'scorcher.'
Prospects for a quiet election.
If you want cookstoves go to Keck Bros..
J. J. Irvin was up from his ranch Tuesday.
Services to-morrow at the Methodist church.
John Lewis Esq., was up from Twohig Thursday.
Work on the Nueces Bridge is progressing nicely.
What's the matter with the candidates?—Quit?
For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's.
Rev. M. T. Allen visited Pearsall during the week.
A protracted meeting is being held at Carrizo Springs.
Robt. Edwards was in from the Johnson ranch Sunday.
Keck Bros., received two carloads of lumber this week.
Robt. Taylor, of Tilden, was in Cotulla during the week.
For prices of ECLIPSE WIND MILLS call on Keck Bros.
Thos. Hickey, of Laredo, is here visiting his mother.
Ed Robuck was seen on our streets yesterday evening.
J. H. Bucklieu took charge of the Dunham Hotel Thursday.
Go to Keck Bros. for barb wire Prices as low as the lowest.
D. W. McKey was down from his ranch near millett Tuesday.
J. T. Maltberger went up to the Alamo City first of the week.
Mrs. Buckanan was up from her ranch near Twohig Thursday.
Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon.
Jas. Hazelrigg Esq., of Carrizo Springs was in town yesterday.
Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing.
J. E. Hill Esq., was up from his ranch near Twohig first of the week.
Mrs. J. C. Hocut left Tuesday day for Austin, returning home Thursday.
'Knights of the Grip' were numerous in our city first of the week.
W. E. Campbell left Tuesday for Carrizo Springs, to visit his parents.
Take your blacksmithing to Massengale Bros. They guarantee their work.
We would like to have a correspondent at Encinal. Answer some one.
Farmer Jennings Esq., was down from Pearsall during the week.
J. W. McInnis was among the visitors from Twohig in our city Tuesday.
Ranger C. L. Rogers made a flying trip to San Antonio first of the week.
J. G. Smith and wife left on Sunday's train for Pearsall, to visit relatives.
E. T. Lestjarjetta, the well-man returned Sunday from a business trip to Laredo.
R. E. Chew sold last Saturday 400 head of yearlings to M. M. Hodges, of Llano.
W. H. Jacobs, a stockman from the northern part of the county, was in town Tuesday.
Capt. J. W. Sanson, of Uvalde, was here Thursday between trains on legal business.
Mr. W. H. Gates, and Miss Bella Steele each subscribed for the RECORD this week.
Ice-cream at Simon Cotulla's Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Give him a call.
Merchant L. A. Kerr made a flying business trip to Laredo Thursday, returning yesterday.

Ranchman A. P. Blocker and wife were in from the 'Pobrecito' rance yesterday.
Miss Nancy Reynolds came down from Millett Wednesday, on a visit to Mrs. D. S. Livingston.
Go to the Cotulla Bath House if you want a good bath.
Guilford Gilmer, Prop.
Deputy Sheriff Sam Miller, of Encinal, was shaking hands with his many friends here this week.
Mr. C. L. Rogers and family left Thursday for Alice, where they will make their future home.
Capt. J. H. Rogers and Sergeant J. H. Dubose went up to Pearsall Thursday on official business.
Mrs. W. H. Johns and family are attending the protracted meeting at Carrizo Springs this week.
A. Armstrong Jr., of San Antonio, came down Tuesday to look after his ranch interests in this county.
Mrs. Ed English, of Carrizo Springs, passed through here Tuesday enroute home from San Antonio.
Henry Robuck Esq., of Gonzales, purchased 200 hogs here this week and will ship them Monday.
A sample of the Wonder Pump Jack can be seen at Tarver & Hall's Feed Yard. Stockmen should go and see it.
Miss Mattie Jennings, an accomplished young lady of Pearsall, is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. I. C. Jennings.
Capt. J. A. Brooks, of Co., F. State Rangers, now stationed at Alice, arrived here yesterday on a visit to his family.
M. T. Dunham and wife left Thursday for Laredo where they intend spending a few days visiting Mrs. S. V. Edwards.
Ranchman W. T. Hill, accompanied by his wife, were in the city first of the week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Livingston.
Tim Conlan, a prominent sheep man from the lower part of the county, spent a couple of days in our city this week on business.
Messrs. J. J. and B. J. Yowell, who have been absent for the past six weeks in Moore and San Antonio returned home Monday.
J. L. McCaleb and wife returned Wednesday from a two weeks visit to San Antonio, and left the same evening for Carrizo Springs.
C. D. Lake, an erstwhile resident of this place, but now of San Marcos, was here during the week visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Kerr.
The San Antonio Steam Laundry work in the State. Give them a trial and be convinced.
Emmett C. Stevens, Agent.
W. C. Irvin & Sons sold to R. D. Incho of San Antonio, 165 head of cows, steers and calves, Monday last. The prices being \$25. for steers, \$20 for cows and \$7.25 for calves.
Mrs. Robt. Edwards, who has been spending several days here visiting Mrs. Dunham, left Thursday for millett. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Bell Johnson.
Hon. John T. Bivens, candidate for District Judge of this 36th Judicial District, came down from Pearsall Tuesday and left the following morning by private conveyance for Oakville.
Master Arthur Wildenthal, accompanied by his sister, Miss Mary, who have been attending school in San Antonio for the past two months, were arrivals on Monday's train.
M. M. Hodges, a cattle buyer from North Texas, purchased this week 400 head of steers from W. T. Hill, 150 head of stock cattle from Ed Buckley and 150 head of stock cattle from R. E. Chew and Woodlief Thomas.

SCHOOL NEWS.
The musical exercise abounded with discords Friday evening.
Miss Nina Gates was absent yesterday, on account of sickness.
Miss Daisee Carr was absent Monday. The dentist was paid for her absence.
Rev. A. F. Starrett conducted the opening exercise at school Monday morning.
The children from two families are out of school on account of exposure to an epidemic.
Some students seem to think the death of a dog in an Egyptian family had a very peculiar effect on its members.
The following students entered school last Monday. Misses Nina Gates, Susie Morgan, Mamie Wildenthal, Lou McMains, and Arthur Wildenthal.
NOTICE.
I have purchased the Dunham Hotel, also the Livery Stable, am thoroughly renovating same, and will make them first-class headquarters at reasonable rates to all visitors in our town. While in Cotulla give me a call and be convinced that I will treat you right.
Respectfully,
J. H. Bucklieu.
NOTICE.
My Residence in Cotulla is for sale at a BARGAIN. Address,
F. B. SWIFT.
Care Traffic Dept., M. N. R. R. Paseo de la Reforma, Mexico.
Emmett Stevens ships laundry next Tuesday. Don't forget to leave your orders with him Monday.
Mrs. T. L. Moore, of Carrizo Springs passed through here Tuesday on her way to Encinal, to visit her sister, Mrs. Shaw.
One of Mr. Joe Hocut's little girls was bitten by a rattlesnake last Monday evening. Dr. J. M. Williams was summoned immediately and the little one is now up and out of danger.
Mr. Jos. Cotulla left Tuesday for his ranch in Encinal county, with another herd of about 600 cattle. This makes 1,600 head that Mr. Cotulla has moved in the past month, and he says if it don't rain soon he will have to move all his stock, as there is no grass at all in his pastures here and cattle are beginning to die.
Mr. E. P. Clarey, of Dilley, inventor of the Wonder Pump Jack, has been in the city for the past week, talking to stockmen and showing them the sample of his Pump Jack now on exhibition at Tarver & Hall's Feed Yard. Mr. Clarey says it is only four months since the first one was manufactured and now he is disposing of them almost as fast as he can get them made. Every one that he has sold so far, has given perfect satisfaction. He received an order a short time ago for one from a stockman in Mississippi; John R. Blocker, the Cattle King of the West, purchased one and shipped it to one of his ranches near Chihuahua, Mex. The Wonder Pump Jack is an improvement over the ones manufactured by collins and others that have been used for years past. Take the Pump Jacks that are made by the Collins Mfg. Co. for instance, and it takes two well-fed horses to pull them; not so with the 'Wonder, one horse can easily pull it. They are also a great deal more durable than all others; no machinery about it to be always wearing and breaking, and the price in considerably less, being from \$50 to \$75 cheaper than all others.
Mr. Clarey has the Pump Jacks on exhibition at Ft Worth, Beeville, San Antonio, and and at this place. By going to either of the above mentioned places, stockmen can see them in working order. It will only be a matter of time until the Wonder Pump Jack will be found on every ranch in the Southwest.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.
BY J. O. OWEN.
During the part of the week may we recognize the teacher's personality more readily than on Friday afternoon. Methods and fixed regulations for four and three quarter days are indispensable to success, but during the last hour of the school week, it is necessary to have a little pleasant variety to erase the wrinkles and endeavor to get to each other.
It is a great deal for the teacher to come close enough to their pupils to touch their lives with sympathy and affection, and this may be done in a spirit and manner that will elevate the student and inspire in him an ambition to ward wisdom and culture that can be produced in no other way. Some teachers think their work accomplished when they have explained the contents of the text, and assume by their action that a child may get an education from a text book. When a lesson in the text is prepared and recited by the student, the frame-work for the strengthening of mind and character has been constructed, but the teacher does not direct the child's mind to material for the completion of the frame, energy has been lost and no one benefited. They should have been. The book work cannot educate, it is a teacher time, however careful and well prepared she may be to give instruction that will develop all the capabilities of the mind, while the regular work is in process, hence the necessity at the close of weeks work, for a short time that may, in a pleasant manner, be devoted to the development of the ethical nature of children. Many of the students have, by repeated efforts acquired a fair knowledge of a number of text book facts, but their general information is so limited, their vocabulary so small, and their mental foundation so very narrow that it is impossible for them to appreciate the practical use of what knowledge they possess or to appreciate and express the beauties of literature when they have worked to the very best of their abilities. If a child's mind is to grow and develop in a normal condition, all its capabilities must receive that which will nourish and strengthen them, and all who have studied mind growth, well know that reason and judgment are the last capabilities to which, naturally come into activity, and such instruction as will develop the other capabilities should be given in the Primary Department, but if neglected there and the student is expected to learn, to think and appreciate or express what he learns, this instruction must be supplied in other departments.
It may be safely said that few students of the fifth or sixth grades, appreciate a TRUTH when once fully understood, more than those in our school, and few are more interested in truths connected with their work, but they have so little information outside of the text, that it is very difficult for them to understand the bare facts of the text and it is almost impossible for them to get and state the relation of any one fact to another. It is very encouraging however, to have pupils who are so willing to inform themselves when they are directed. If the parents could once fully understand how necessary to the acquirement of an education, and how much more pleasant and shorter would be the road to education, a good supplementary and reference book, their children would be furnished, and then there would be no difficulty in getting them to acquire an education.
While the parents are looking so diligently after the physical welfare of their children let them not neglect their mental needs.

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HARDWARE.
6 in strap hinges 5c pr; 12 in 10c pr; 3 in butt hinges 5c pr; screws 10c a gross; 12 boxes tacks 10c; 8 in steel fry pan 10c; 12 in 20c; 1 gal glass oil can tin jacket 25c; Thompson's brass rivets 10c box; Enameline stove polish 5c. (reguar price everywhere 10c.) 5 in Slim taper files 5c; Loaded shells 45c box; 1 gal coffee pot 10c. Nice line of Tinware at bottom prices. Heavy solid leather Halters, \$1.
DRY GOODS.
Simpson calicoes, all fast colors 5c yard; Full width domestic 5c yard; woven duck (same on both sides) dress goods 12 1-2c yard; black hose 50ga seamless, double heel and sole 20c pr; 3 papers pins 5c; 3 boxes black head mourning pins 5c; Full width oil cloth 17 1-2c yard; 18 lead pencils 5c; 4 cakes Coko soap 10c; 10 quarter bleached sheeting, extra good quality 20c yard; 3 spools thread 10c; 144 Rice buttons 5c; Celluloid collars 5c. Tablets of all kinds.
Boys suits, \$1; Men's Overalls, 50c to \$1. Boys, 25c to 50c. 7lb bed.comforts, \$1.
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