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VICTORY.
 I fought a battle tonight, dear,
 After the day was done,
 In the silent hours alone, dear,
 I fought a battle and won.
 It was not like the battles of old, dear,
 That we read of in history and song,
 'Twas a battle of conscience and heart,
 dear,
 A struggle to conquer the wrong,
 This battle I fought tonight, dear,
 Was a hard and stubborn fight,
 Temptation was my foe, dear,
 And I fought in defense of the right.
 I won a victory tonight, dear,
 Though the conflict lasted long,
 And often the side of the right, dear,
 Seemed crushed to earth by the wrong.
 But after the battle was won, dear,
 The world grew strangely bright,
 And life seemed happier to me, dear,
 After the battle fought.
 And when evil strives to usurp, dear,
 The kingdom of truth and of right,
 I hope for victory again, dear,
 As sure and complete as tonight.
 —Harry Eastman in Detroit Free Press.

Lincoln's Wonderful Memory.
 One of my consins, John Holmes Goodenow of Alfred, Mo., was appointed minister to Turkey early in the Lincoln administration and was taken to the White House before his departure for his post to be presented to the president. When Lincoln learned that his visitor was a grandson of John Holmes, one of the first senators from Maine, and a man of note in his day and generation, he immediately began the recitation of a poetical quotation which must have been more than 100 lines in length. Mr. Holmes, never having met the president, was naturally astonished at this outburst, and as the president went on with this long recitation the suspicion crossed his mind that Lincoln had suddenly taken leave of his wits. But when the lines had been finished the president said, "There, that poem was quoted by your grandfather Holmes in a speech which he made in the United States senate in ——" and he named the date and specified the occasion. As John Holmes' term in the senate ended in 1833, and Lincoln was probably impressed by reading a copy of the speech rather than by hearing it, this feat of memory appears most remarkable. If he had been by any casualty deprived of his sight, his own memory would have supplied him with an ample library.—Noah Brooks in Century.

Animals That Never Drink.
 Blanchard, in his book on Abyssinia, says that neither the Dorcas nor the Bennett gazelles ever know to resort to the springs, creeks or rivers for the purpose of drinking. Throughout Africa, the expression, "As dry as Sahara or an old gazelle," is very common. Darwin, in his "Voyage of a Naturalist," says that unless the wild llamas of Patagonia drink salt water "they must not drink at all." All writers on natural history subjects are agreed on the point that the largest and most interesting branch of the sloth family never drink. Haynie says, "They are one branch of the peculiar animals which never drink water." C. B. Tartan, on page 58, volume 9, "American Notes and Queries," mentions a parrot which lived in the London zoological gardens 52 years without drinking so much as a drop of water. Somers, Williams, Christian and others doubt whether wild rabbits ever drink, but Rev. J. G. Wood questions the correctness of their suppositions. Creatures which never drink are thought to absorb moisture from their own tissues or from the surrounding atmosphere.

A Plea For Soup.
 A learned doctor pleading for soup on every dinner table says: "A person comes to dinner weary and hungry and needs, first, something to stimulate the secretions of the stomach. The first course, hot soup, does this by its action upon the nerves which control the blood vessels. Taking the soup slowly is an aid to digestion, and if not a favorite dish fish or oysters can be substituted, serving the same purpose. The joint or roast can then be taken with benefit. The system, and the game, vegetables and 'sippets' should follow in this order, not necessarily in course, but in order of dinner, however."

The Use of Water.
 The average consumption of water in New York city is 138,000,000 gallons a day. These figures put New York at the head of the cities of the world in this respect. London's supply is 170,000,000 gallons a day. The supply of Paris is 100,000,000 gallons, and Chicago, an old American city, comes next to New York.

The man whose yea is yea and his nay nay is, we all confess, the most courageous, whether or not he may be the most successful in daily life, and he who gave the precept has left us the most perfect example of how to live up to it.

The huge masks in which actors played on the Greek stage in the time of Aeschylus cost 50 cents apiece.

The native home of wheat is supposed to be the mountain regions of Armenia.

Pond du Lac means bottom or lower end of the lake.

THE MOON AND THE WEATHER.

Lunar Influence In Meteorology Is Pronounced All Moonshine.

An interesting summary of the moon's influence on the weather is given by Mr. Fred H. Tower. The question turns on the widely prevalent, popular notion that the moon's changes bring about changes in the weather; that moonlight has a certain influence on the clouds, and that sleeping in moonlight is dangerous. The scientists, however, find nothing to warrant such a belief after careful study.

In directing the most powerful lenses and reflectors toward the moon and then placing in their focus the most sensitive thermometer nothing has ever been discovered that could lead to the conclusion that heat or cold was produced directly or through reflection. According to the most delicate experiments of the most famous scier tists, the heat of the lunar rays which reach the earth is scarcely twelve-millionths of a degree.

The moon's light has been found to be about 300,000 times less than that of the sun, and, according to Professor Young, a sky completely covered with full moons would give only one-eighth of the light we get from the sun. It thus seems improbable that the moon has any appreciable meteorological influence. M. Camille Flammarion, the astronomer, says, "The luminous or calorific action of our satellite is so feeble that it by no means explains the popular prejudices."

A possible source of influence is the tides produced in the air by the attraction of the moon. It is unquestioned that such tides are produced in the atmosphere just as on the ocean, but here again the most careful tests reveal no more changes than would be expressed by a rise or fall of some hundredths of an inch in the barometric column. The daily changes due to other causes show variations of from a half inch to 2 1/2 inches, and the measure of the moon's influence would be in the way of periodic daily changes. They are thus too slight to be considered.

It has been found that at Paris the maximum of rainy days occurs between the first quarter and the full moon and the minimum between the last quarter and the new moon. This has also been found true of Stuttgart, but at Poitiers, not 300 miles from Paris, just the opposite was found to be true.

M. Flammarion says regarding the faith of farmers and sailors in the predictions made during the various phases of the moon, "They only consider them to within a day or two before or after the change, noticing one fact in agreement and neglecting ten which are not so."

A common saying among sailors is that "the moon cuts up the clouds." They think that the clouds melt away as soon as the moonlight strikes them. This is also noticeable in the daytime. Light clouds diminish and disappear in a few moments in consequence of a change in their height or the temperature of the surrounding air. In such a case the moon would have nothing to do with it and would only enable us to see the fact which is not noticed on dark nights.—Boston Herald.

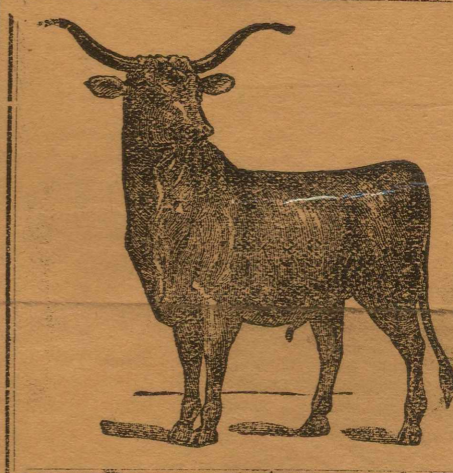
The Poor Rich Man.

There are so many things which one has to have nowadays in order to be comfortable that it seems almost imprudent to inquire how much one ought to save before facing the question of what one can possibly do without. Here the people who are said to have too much for their own good have an advantage over the rest of us. The future of their children is secure. If they dread death, it is not because they fear to leave their wives and children unprotected for. Many of them go on saving just the same and talk poor if a railroad lowers a dividend or there is not a ready market for their real estate at an exalted profit. Are there more irritable men or women in the world than the overconservative perpetually hoarding and worrying lest they may not be able to put by for a rainy day, as they say, 25 per cent or more of their annual income? The capitalist careworn by solicitude of this sort is the one fool in creation who is not entitled to some morsel of pity.—Scribner's.

Why They Can't Spell.

It is said that spelling correctly is a lost art in the city schools, where so much time is given to fall festivals, Thanksgiving fetes, Christmas entertainments, Washington birthday celebrations, spring festivals, May day and Decoration day rites. The children are kept so busy learning poems and songs for these occasions and the teachers are so busy hunting up proper material that somehow there is but little time for teaching such an ordinary study as spelling. That is the reason a high school boy spelled agency "ageshuncy" recently. Another high school boy, asked to define and illustrate "ant-dates," said: "Antedates means going before. The policeman antedates the procession."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

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SONORA, TEXAS. - March 9, 1895.

Our editorial reflections this week have been dissipated by the merry ring and buzz of the hammer and saw.

Strange-but true. The country rejoices that the U.S. Congress has adjourned. If the legislature would only do likewise.

Sonora's school will close about May 24th and it has been suggested that on the Thursday night preceding the closing of the school that an entertainment be given by the Sonora dramatic club for the benefit of the school library. Several ladies and gentlemen have signified a willingness to take part. In order to get the thing in shape those who will take part of feel interested are requested to meet at the court house Thursday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of forming a club.

Stock News.

D. Berry & McKenzie of Sonora bought from J. O. Rountree 700 head of muttons at \$2 a head.

Sol Mayer's string of muttons are off the market until after shearing.

James Mitchell of Crockett county, sold to Chas. Schauer 1800 muttons at \$2 a head.

Chas. Schauer bought from B. F. Byrd this week 600 muttons with wool on at \$2.25 a head.

John Ras of Buckhorn Draw, sold to G. S. Long of San Angelo, 1000 ewes and wethers at \$2.00 a head.

Had you noticed that Ben Cusenbary was in the market for muttons and paying the top price as of old.

J. F. McKee sold to Cusenbary & Miller of Sonora, 1000 muttons at \$2 a head after shearing.

D. B. Cusenbary and M. Miller left for San Angelo this week, where they intend shipping some sheep to market.

The muttons of the Sonora country are so fat and solid that some of them recently shipped east will be used for export trade.

James McLymont of Kinney county is reported to have bought 6000 muttons from N. T. Wilson of Howards Well at \$2.75 a head. How does that strike you?

R. A. Williamson, the sheepman was in Sonora this week and reported having sold to Cusenbary & Miller of Sonora, 800 head of muttons at \$2 a head after shearing. Dick considers this as representing \$2.35 a head with the wool on.

James McLymont of Kinney county bought 2500 head of the Crowl Latham sheep at \$2.00 per head.—Del Rio Record.

NOTICE TO CATTLEMEN.

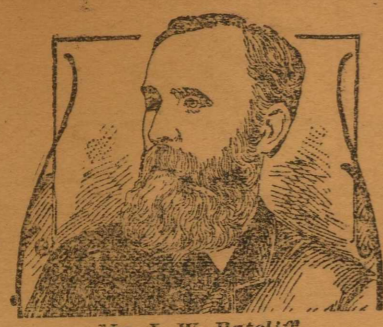
A meeting is called at Sonora, Texas, on March 20th, 1895, for the purpose of organizing, and having a free wagon on the range to be run the entire year. It is necessary for all stockmen to come in and take part in these works and see where and when the work shall begin.

Respectfully,

F. Mayer & Sons,
G. S. Allison,
J. W. Mayfield.

B. C. Jackson of the well known wool commission and live stock firm of Jackson & Richardson of San Angelo was in Sonora Wednesday with W. W. Beasley the mutton buyer.

Al Haley, the well-known cattle buyer of Sonora was working an unbroken team in the South Llano county Thursday when one of the horses got its leg over the trace and while Mr. Haley was putting the trace back in its place the horse kicked him in the face below the right eye. Al was brought to town and had his face attended to by Dr. H. G. Colson. No bones were broken but it required several stitches. Al is now at home nursing his face and said it was lucky the horse kicked him below the eye. Had he been so unfortunate as to have received the kick the same distance above the eye Al would not have been able to tell how it happened.



Mr. J. W. Rateliff
Garvin, Texas.

Nasal Catarrh

Originates in Impure Blood

Hood's Sarsaparilla Perfectly Cures

We do not need to watch intently to see or hear the victims of catarrh on every hand. The frequent cough, the blowing of the nose, the disagreeable hoarseness, the foul smell, and other symptoms which betray the presence of this very disagreeable disease, are noticed very generally. The disease is an inflammation of the mucous membrane. Its direct cause is impure blood. Its cure is Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I was first troubled with nasal catarrh in 1870, but it did not give me much trouble until 1880, when I became so weak that I could not do any kind of manual labor. I moved from this state to Mississippi thinking I might find some relief. At the same time I was undergoing treatment for my complaint. After a short time I returned to Texas and continued doctoring for the disease but did not realize any benefit. I was very low when I decided that I would try Hood's Sarsaparilla and I am compelled to state that before I had taken of the first bottle I felt a radical change. The terrible headache spells had left me and my appetite had come back. I felt that I was going to get well so I purchased another bottle and felt so much better after taking it that I am a new man."

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HOOD'S Sarsaparilla CURES

arthritis replenished my supply. I am now using the fifth bottle and thank God, for I feel

Like a New Man.

Any who wish to learn more concerning my case may address me and enclose stamp and I will gladly tell them all. JOHN W. RATLIFF, Garvin, Texas.

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Honor Roll.

[For the month ending March 1st.]

First Grade.

Julia Fulcher,
John Williams.

Second Grade.

Vannie Mills,
James Haley,
Clyde Bell.

Low Third Grade.

Orun Schubbach,
Nora Haley,
Myrtle Huffman,
Annie Holland.

Third Grade.

Clara Sharp,
Florence Duke,
Forest Stewart.

Fourth Grade.

Lou Thomason,
Lena Stephenson,
Lottie Stephenson.

Fifth Grade.

Henry Potter,
Eva Holland,
Alice Adams.

Sixth Grade.

May Wyatt,
Deisy Johnson,
Hattie Beaver.

High Fifth Grade.

Lula Holland,
Quitman Hudspeth.

Seventh Grade.

Emma Wyatt,
Herbert Palmer,
Minnie Schubbach.

Eighth Grade.

Mona Rountree,
Sadie Douglass.

Ninth Grade.

Public school will close on the 29th of this month.

On April 1st, I will begin a two month subscription school.

Claude Stevenson, Prin.

To Down Spooks.

A wealthy bachelor declared that a horrid hag had glared at him through the night. His friends laughed at him but he insisted that the house was haunted. He grew ill, complaining of extreme heaviness in the stomach, his appetite failed, he grew sallow and despondent, believing he was going to die, the spook gave a warning, and declared he could see funeral bells ringing in his ears, and even saw a "suicide." A friend induced him to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and he rapidly grew well, spooks and all his distressing symptoms disappearing. A torpid liver and dyspepsia caused his suffering and the medicine cured both. A pamphlet free or a large Book, on Liver and Stomach diseases and how to cure them (136 pages) for 6 cents in stamps. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation, biliousness and derangements of stomach, liver and bowels.

Joseph Buswell county surveyor of Edwards county, died at Rock Springs on Feb. 19th.

DID YOU SEE THE FIGHT?

THEY SURE SCRAPPED to get some of the bargains we offered last week, but it was not necessary, for we will give you just as big bargains this week. We have enough Shirts in stock to supply every Man, Woman and child in the Devil's River Country, with two a piece, and we will do it, too, at a remarkably low price:

Shirts that were \$3 50 now 2 25
Shirts that were \$2 50 now 1 90
Shirts that were \$1 50 now 1 00
Shirts that were \$1 00 now 75c

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wearing that shabby, old Hat! You would not be a bad-looking man, if you were only smiling out from under one of our nobby and serviceable Hats, on which you can have 25 per cent reduction on former prices.

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Washington, March 4.—The Texas delegation was very much delighted to-day with the appointment of Representative Culberson upon the monetary commission, as the honor was wholly unexpected. There was reasonable ground last night for believing that the speaker would appoint Representative Bailey when there were two democrats to be named, but after he was himself made one of the commission, the honor was given to the older man. While he has always been known as an out-and-out silver man, Representative Culberson is very conservative and recently supported the first banking scheme proposed by the administration to this congress.

Tuesday night about 9 o'clock news reached town that Crede Spencer had shot himself. Parties reaching the scene of the tragedy found the deceased breathing his last with a bullet hole in his forehead. He was in town just a short time before he committed the rash act and was talking recklessly about what he was going to do, but, no one suspected his seriousness until the sad news came that he had taken his life. It seems that he was going to stay with his brother Wm. Spencer who was all alone that night. After reaching home, Wm. Spencer saw that as he was taking a gun, he kept wanting to go out, and was told by telling him that he was not loaded and went into the work room, but on hearing the report of a gun, turned to see his brother shot as stated above. Rumors and opinions are various as to the cause of the suicide, but are evidently of a delicate nature. The affair was a great shock to every one. Bud was always of a rather reckless disposition, but was an honorable, good hearted boy and had many friends that sadly regretted his untimely end. The grief stricken parents have our sincere sympathy.—Junction City Citizen.

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J. B. Johnson, the lawyer and livery stable owner of Ozona, passed through Sonora Thursday, on his way to Leakey, Edwards county, for his family.

Chile Con Carne and Oysters at Phillips in San Angelo. 304

NOTICE-TAX SALE.

Notice is hereby given that I, J. P. McCONNELL, Tax Collector of the County of Sutton, have by virtue of the power in me vested, seized and levied upon each of the following described tracts of land situated in said county, to satisfy the unpaid taxes as assessed thereon and now due for the year 1894, together with all costs accrued thereon, the assessment rolls of which are now in my hands showing that the taxes as hereinafter enumerated on the said lands have not been paid, and that I will by virtue of the aforesaid premises sell the same for cash to the highest bidder, at public outcry, at the Court House door Sutton County, in such manner as the law directs, and between legal hours, on the first Tuesday in April, 1895, being the 2nd day of said month, and will continue such sale until said lands are disposed of, described as follows:

UNRENDERED.

OWNER.	Acres	Tax & Costs.
Unknown	70	Heits Stephenson Deacon 830 \$15 94
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do	5 8	73 S P Ry Co do 12 86
do	859	5 F W N G Ry Co do 1 86
do	652	11 do do 12 86
do	825	M S Beams do 5 44
do	837	10 D y Land & Cattle Co do 10 88
do	817	26 W G Seals do 12 84
do	5	1 Arnold & Barrett do 12 84

NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

Wm Field & Son	816	C B Fields	610
do	817	do	610
do	818	do	610
do	819	do	610
do	827	W A Fields	610
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But Bring Your WOOL To the

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IF YOU WANT

The BEST PRICES obtainable, "Fair Treatment" and "Low" and "Uniform Charges." We charge only 2 1/2 per cent. Commission. That covers everything—Storage, Insurance, Weighing, Sampling and Drayage.

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Physician, Surgeon and Obstetrician. Office at Cusenbary & Briant's drug store. Residence at the Geo. Dunagan place. All calls promptly answered. Sonora, Texas.

Report of the Condition

The San Angelo National Bank, AT SAN ANGELO,

In the State of Texas, at the close of business, Tuesday, March 6th, 1895, as called by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Recapitulation.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$252,075.81
U. S. bonds and premiums	27,250.00
Real Estate, furniture and fixtures	8,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	125.00
Cash on hand and in banks	76,132.40
TOTAL	\$365,073.21
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits net	4,904.00
Circulation	22,500.00
Deposits	213,568.65
Individual deposits subject to check	\$212,051.46
Banks	1,517.19
TOTAL	\$365,073.21

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TOM GREEN, ss. I, JOHN C. RABBITT, Cashier of the above named Bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN CARRAGHER, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1895. J. L. MALONE, Notary Public, Tom Green County, Texas.

A Million Friends.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, and not less than one million people have found such a friend in Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds. If you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, one trial will convince you that it is a wonderful curative power in all diseases of Throat, Chest and Lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at W. H. Cusenbary & Co., Drug store. Large bottles 50c and \$1.00.

Mrs. M. A. Traweck, proprietor of the Traweck House had an 8 foot Aremotor wind mill and steel tower put over the well on her property this week. The mill was purchased from the energetic hardware and windmill firm of Chris and Geo. Hagelstein of San Angelo, who advertise their business in the Devil's River News.

Four Big Successes.

Having the needed merit to more than make good all the advertising claimed for them, the following four remedies have reached a phenomenal sale. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, each bottle guaranteed—Electric Bitters, the great remedy for Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, and Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are a perfect pill. All these remedies are guaranteed to do just what is claimed for them, and the dealer whose name is attached hereon will be glad to tell you more of them sold at W. H. Cusenbary & Co's. Drug Store.

Died on Thursday morning March 7th, 1895, Morene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cusenbary aged 6 months and two days. The funeral took place Thursday evening to the Sonora Cemetery and was largely attended. The Devil's River News extends its deepest sympathy to the parents and relatives.

Fresh fruits, vegetables, butter, eggs and confectionery and any thing in this line to be had on the San Angelo market always on hand at W. H. Holman's next to the post office.

Wm. Bevans and L. L. Russell of Menardville, were in Sonora this week.

Smoke "Our Favorite" for 5c. 21 Cusenbary & Briant.

Frank Large, the ex-mutton raiser was in Sonora Thursday.

For a pleasant smile, a smoke and genial company, call on "The Mailer's" at the corner of Poplar and Concho streets, San Angelo.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The best Salve in the world for cuts, Bruises, Sprains, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by W. H. Cusenbary & Co.

NOT WHAT WE SAY, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla Does, that tells the story of its merit and success. Remember HOOD'S CURES.

Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away. is the truthful, startling title of a little book that tells all about Noto-bac, the wonderful, harmless Guaranteed tobacco habit cure. The cost is trifling and the man who wants to quit and can't run a physical or financial risk in using "Noto-bac." Sold by all druggists. Book at drug stores or by mail free. Address the Sterling Broom's company, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

Smoke "Our Favorite" for 5c. 21 Cusenbary & Briant.

G. W. Dunagan has sold his Jersey dairy.

For short orders go the Exchange restaurant. 21.

Thomas Bond and Malcolm McNicol were in Sonora this week.

Get your meals at Phillips' short order house, when in San Angelo.

Born on Saturday March 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Asa Robertson, a son.

Philip of San Angelo puts up the best chile and makes a specialty of Mexican dishes. 30 4.

Franks & Taylor from the Juno district were in Sonora Monday.

Oyster loaves at the Exchange restaurant. 29

David and Dan Shene of McKavett were in Sonora for a few days this week.

Meals to order at all hours at the Exchange restaurant. 29

John Hall from down the draw, was in Sonora this week.

Sidney Bremner of San Angelo, is on the look out for another bunch of muttons.

Your cigar dealer will give you a briar pipe free. See adv't of Duke's Mixture. 18.

J. L. Davis was in San Angelo on business this week.

Tom Birtroug, the popular proprietor of the Maud S. made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday.

A very enjoyable dance was given at the Court House Friday night in honor of Misses Alice Robinson, Mel Bradford and Nora Ellis of Menard County who are visiting in Sonora.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gurley and daughter Miss Ollie, came over from Ozona Thursday, to attend the funeral of their grand daughter and niece, and take care of Mrs. Cusenbary.

Go to SAM RUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for fine Imported Brandies, imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars. 17-4f

Max Mayer of the new mercantile firm of Mayer Bros. & Co., returned from a trip to New York, Wednesday, where he bought a complete new stock of general merchandise at such low prices that he thought they were being made a present of them.

John Dunn of the well-known saddlery and harness firm of San Angelo, known as the J. F. Dunn Saddlery Co., was in Sonora Saturday interviewing the merchant in the interest of his house. Mr. Dunn is an agreeable and successful business man and reports being well satisfied with his trip.

The Sonora country will celebrate St. Patrick's day in a manner calculated to be satisfactory to the most ardent Irishman. The entire country will be wearing of the green, equal in fact to the Emerald Isle itself.

N. T. Guest was in Sonora Friday on business. Mr. Guest has 1000 muttons to market in the spring.

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AERMOTORS and BAIN WAGONS, The world famed McCormick Reapers, Binders, Mowers, Twine and all kinds of McCormick repairs.

We want your trade, and if legitimate prices and first class goods are catchers, we have you. Dipping vats made to order.

revealed among the Devil's River County. J. B. Taylor & Co., the grocers of San Angelo, have not been prepared to handle the ranch trade. This is a mistake that has been encouraged by their competitors. They buy ranch supplies, staple groceries, grain, bran, seed, hay, etc., in car lots for cash, and their prices are always right. It is a fact beyond dispute that J. B. Taylor & Co. carry the finest line of staple and fancy groceries in West Texas. J. B. Taylor & Co. have for years supplied the best ranch trade of Tom Green and adjoining counties and would like the people of the Devil's River country to get their prices before purchasing elsewhere. 37 4c.

The cheapest price.—The Pioneer Drug Store, San Angelo. 28 1f

"Our Favorite" is the best cigar. 21 Cusenbary & Briant.

Mrs. D. B. Cusenbary came in from the ranch Thursday to attend the funeral.

F. M. Wyatt, the blacksmith and lively stable man, made a short visit to San Angelo Monday.

If the floor of Hagerlund Bros. new building is ready there will be a dance given the public Friday night the 15th.

G. W. Morris and Capt. John McNicol returned from a visit to Luis Morris' ranch on the San Saba Thursday.

E. M. Noble representing the Fort Worth Gazette made Sonora a visit Friday in the interest of the Gazette.

Mrs. Kenney and Wm. Crowford left Thursday for Luis Morris' ranch on the San Saba where they will make their home.

J. T. Cooper and James Caruthers left for San Angelo this week, where Mr. Caruthers expects to meet his wife and child who have been visiting in Central Texas.

Capt. Remington of Brownwood was in Sonora Friday in the interest of a house. The Capt. is as pretty as ever and as usual passing himself off as a married man.

L. SCHWARTZ & CO.,

Are now receiving their immense new stock of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, ETC. We will not carry any Groceries but devote our entire attention to the DRY GOODS BUSINESS. We are doing a Strictly Cash Business.

This means a great deal to the Public. A saving that will be better appreciated hereafter, when the purchasing public will be enabled to judge for themselves from actual experience. There will be no Leaders with us to draw trade. No So called Special Sales. EVERY DAY of the year will our goods be sold at SPECIAL SALE PRICES and every article in the house MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

We mention a few items as an index to our whole business: Men's all wool suits, nicely trimmed at \$6 00; Men's all wool suits, black or colors a fine quality at \$8 50; Men's Pants, half wool, woven goods, (per pair) at \$1 00; 1 style Cashmere Hat, Alpine, the latest, at \$1 00; 50 Pcs. Challies, newest designs (per yard) at 4 1-2 c; Percalee, 36 inches wide, at per yard, 61-4 c

Go to the CASH STORE for the LOWEST PRICES. L. SCHWARTZ & CO San Angelo, Texas.

SADDLERS, HARNESS, COLLARS, WHIPS, ETC.—lenders for low prices and best quality. Send in your orders or call on us. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

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WOOL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, etc.

We are prepared to advance money and supplies on consignments.

we sell each and every clip upon its own merit.

One-fourth cent per pound covers all charges,

Free wagon yard. SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

THE SAN ANGELO NATIONAL BANK,

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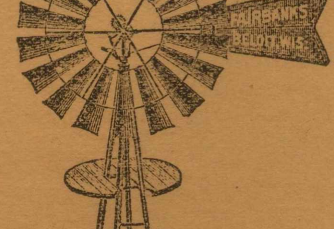
We will handle WOOL on 2 1/2 per cent. commission, which covers all charges, including Insurance, Drayage, Storage, etc.

Being thoroughly acquainted with the people and country from the Colorado to the Rio Grande, we are prepared to do a Wool and Live Stock business superior to any firm in West Texas.

Do not forget to write us if you want to buy or sell Live Stock. Reasonable Advances on Consignments. Office in Citizens National Bank Building, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

NOW that you can get the Galvanized Steel Fairbanks Wind Mill in 8, 10, 12, and 16 foot sizes without delay, and with the OLD RELIABLE ECLIPSE in sizes from 10 to 20 foot, the wind mill question is SOLVED.

WE are prepared to fill your orders for steel or wood wheel mills, and the two above named are made by the same concern and are at the head of their class, namely the family of wind mills.



GALVANIZED TANKS and TROUGHS are among the main features of our business, IN FACT any thing pertaining to water supplies or machinery of all kinds. Please call and see us or write for prices. Yours truly,

J. L. CARLISLE, San Angelo, Texas.

PIANOS and ORGANS BY MAIL? Hagerlund Bros. tell you about them.

Wm. Knabs & Co., Boardman & Gray, and Crown PIANOS, CROWN ORGANS.

Read about them. Think about them. May save you money. Write today.

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WOODFORD (1881) WHISKEY is the finest article that has ever sailed over the San Angelo bars. No headache guaranteed. For sale only at the Corner Saloon San Angelo.

Read the guarantee ticket in a pair of "THE BUCKSKIN BREECHES." If they rip or have any other defect you get a new pair. That's fair, isn't it? Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin Jeans in all sizes. 27.

DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS,
PUBLISHED WEEKLY,
Advertising Medium of the
Stockman's Paradise.
Subscription \$2 a Year in Advance.
Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora,
a second-class matter.
MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.
Sonora, Texas. March 9, 1895.

THE ENCORE FIEND.
Something of the Good He Does and Like-wise Endoes.
Really there has been too much said in disparage of the encore fiend, and it is high time that a word or two were spoken in his favor, for he is by no means the utterly useless and unlovable creature that some harsh critics would have us believe. The encore fiend indeed has many very praiseworthy traits, and of his usefulness there can be no doubt in the minds of those who will view his performances dispassionately and with an eye to discover the benefactions which flow from his unselfish efforts, for he is distinctly altruistic in his intentions and in the methods by which he carries them into effect. He is by no means the hog that his frank and artless manner would seem to declare him. On the contrary, he labors for others, and for all, as well as himself. He is not in town only upon getting a full return for his money, but he is bound that all shall receive their money's worth also. Moreover, he informs others by his liberal and energetic applause what is worthy of their approbation, and upon the principle that there cannot be too much of a good thing, he insists that they shall have as much as possible of what his superior taste conceives they should admire.

And the encore fiend thinks not only of the welfare of the people at the theater, but of others who are not there. By lengthening the performance until after 11 o'clock he prevents the bibulous inclined from visiting the gilded saloon before winding their way homeward, and thus does he a good thing for the cause of temperance. Again, by delaying the close of the performance he brings money to the purse of the taxicab driver who is employed to hurry suburbanites to the trains they cannot reach in time by walking, and he helps the hotels likewise, inasmuch as many who cannot reach their homes, having lost their trains, are obliged to put up in town. The encore fiend is, moreover, no mean factor toward the elevation of the stage, for his applause not only rewards good acting or superior singing, but he causes the performers or singers who have done badly to repeat their efforts, and in this way does he punish offenders.

The encore fiend, it is true, receives a personal benefit from his applause—and indeed every good act brings its compensation to the actor—for the exercise he indulges in is an excellent prophylactic for the gout and rheumatism, it assists digestion and aids in the healthful circulation of the blood.

But these benefits to himself are only incidental. His main purpose is to act for the public good, and most energetically does he attain his object.—Boston Transcript.

The Earliest Coined Money.
Throughout the early parts of Scripture as well as through the poems of Homer not a single passage occurs from which can be inferred the existence of stamped money of any description. It is agreed that the Egyptians had no coined money. Herodotus is authority for the statement that the Lydians were the first people who coined gold and silver. The Pagan Chronicle, however, ascribes the first coinage of copper and silver money to Phoenicia, king of Argos, 806 B. C., in Ægina, which Ælian corroborates, and the best numismatic antiquaries agree in considering the coins of Ægina from their archaic form and appearance the most ancient known. They are of silver and bear on the upper side the figure of a turtle and on the under an indented mark. Coins are among the most certain evidences of history. In the later part of the Greek series they illustrate the chronology of reigns. In the Roman series they fix the dates and succession of events. Gibbon observes that, if all our historians were lost, medals, inscriptions and other monuments would be sufficient to record the travels of Hadrian. The reign of Probus might be written from his coins.—Chicago Herald.

The Religion of Japan.
It would be hard to say just what the present religion of the Japanese is. There are all kinds of sects, and Buddhism perhaps predominating. Since the Mikado renounced his infallible and sacred character, considerable looseness in religious thought or superstition prevails, leaving of course all the more room for the advance of Christianity. The temples are very simple structures, the chief internal feature in many of them being a looking glass, supposed to be emblematic of the soul's purity. Near it is a fount containing water. In this the worshipper washes, then proceeds to the looking glass and prays for what he wants, and after leaving a few coppers in a box near by rings a bell at the door thrice as he goes out.—Engineering Magazine.

A Matchmaker.
Shopping Young Lady—(I think) rather like this material.
Clerk (holding the goods up to show enthusiastically)—Oh, madam, it is impossible to buy a better matchmaker.—Journalist.

A BIG MISTAKE.
Three Thousand Square Miles in the Area of France Overlooked.
Who would believe that a mistake of more than 3,000 square miles in the area of a country like France could have remained undetected for years? Such, nevertheless, is the fact. In other words, it has just been discovered that France is larger than she thought she was to the extent of 3,022 square miles, which is but a trifle less than the area of the island of Corsica! All that land France has owned without knowing it until a remeasurement of her area recently revealed the fact.

A proportional error in the estimation of the total area of the whole earth would make a total difference of nearly 4,000,000 square miles, equivalent to a territory as large as the United States, not counting Alaska. This remeasurement of the area of a country is not so simple a matter as might be supposed. The method used in France was based upon a very careful map drawn to a scale of 1 to 50,000. The area of this map was determined by means of planimeters, little instruments designed to facilitate the measurement of plain surfaces having irregular boundaries.

At first the paper itself was used, but after three years had been spent in measuring it was found that the unequal shrinkage of the paper, together with defects in the planimeters used, had vitiated the results. The original copper plates of the map were then employed, improved planimeters were procured, and the work was done all over again.

This work did not consist merely in ascertaining the area of the map. After that had been carefully done allowance had to be made for the fact that the surface of the country, represented as flat in the map, was really curved in consequence of the curvature of the earth, and this necessitated mathematical calculations. The entire map was divided into little squares, and the chief difficulty arose along the borders of the country where the squares were broken. Here the planimeters were applied with the utmost possible precision. It is believed that the remaining error in the estimation of the area of France cannot exceed 124 acres, just enough to make a good farm. One curious fact ascertained is that the ocean annually washes away about 75 acres of land from the coast of France.

It must not be supposed, however, that such errors of measurement as that which the French have just corrected are uncommon. Few countries have yet been surveyed with such accuracy that we can tell within a few acres what their precise area is. There is no operation of practical science that requires more skill, care and patience than the measurement of the land of a nation.—New York Commercial.

His Face His Fortune.
"Long before the war John Reynolds was a great man in Illinois," said Colonel W. R. Morrison. "As far back as 1818 he was a justice of the supreme court and was governor from 1820 to 1834. He cut a figure in the Black Hawk war and later came before a jury, and his facial expression, which certainly did him great service in winning his cases, was something wonderful. It would have made the fortune of any actor. His sneer was a thing to be dreaded."

"Once on an occasion at which I chanced to be a spectator, though only a lad, Reynolds was pitted in a lawsuit against Lyman Trumbull. It was a contest of giants, Trumbull being, as everybody knows, a man of the keenest intellect and a lawyer of the highest rank. He saw that Reynolds was working the jury in his usual way and with great effect. In answering him Trumbull fairly outdid himself. Turning to his opponent at a climax of his speech, Trumbull said:

"I've answered all your legal points, have answered every argument that you have brought forward, but the devil himself couldn't answer your looks!"—Washington Post.

Incredible.
Dredget Hoolehan came over from Ireland, and the day after her arrival in this country "took service" with a resident of Governor's island. "Sure, ma'am an phwat's that 'nise?" demanded Bridget of her mistress as the sunset gun boomed on the evening of her arrival. "That? Oh, it's the sunset," replied the lady.

"Is it indeed, ma'am?" asked Bridget, with her hands raised in astonishment. "Why, affter hearin' that 'nise all yuro loife, Oi suppose ye'll hardly believe me, but in Ireland the sun goes down just as aisy as aisy can be, wid niver a bit av a sound!"—Youth's Companion.

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FERRY'S SEEDS
Ask your dealer for the "Ferry's Seed Annual for 1895." Invaluable to all gardeners and lovers of the vegetable and floral flowers. Write for it—Free. D. B. FERRY & CO., Detroit, Mich.

NO DANCE OF MOTHS.
If the Cosmetic Attracted 'Em, the Other Bottle Would Kill 'Em.
He threw away the stump of his choroot as he ascended the steps of a north Pennsylvania street residence yesterday afternoon and as he touched the bell adjusted his crimson necktie.

It was well he took the precaution, for as the portals opened he beheld a female face. It was stern and austere, for it was attached to a woman of some years who bore all the earmarks of spinsterhood. "Good day, miss," he said politely, removing his hat and bowing low. "Is your mother in?"

The corners of that grim mouth began to elevate. "No, sir, she's not in. Will I do?" He saw his advantage and replied, "Why, certainly you'll do, miss," adding, under his breath, "in a pinch."

But he got inside, and as he deposited his hat within easy reach he asked, "I called to inquire, miss, if you needed any cosmetic?" "What made you ask such a question as that?" she asked sharply. "Why, I'm a little nervous," that is, I'm selling cosmetics," he stammered.

"Well, then, I must inform you that I do not need any. Was that all?" "But he wasn't going to be bluffed. "May I ask you in parting if you ever use any?" he asked as he reached for his hat.

"No, sir, I don't." "Well, I didn't know. Only those Hamilton girls across the street told me I might call here, but they didn't think I could sell you any." She picked up her ears. "Did they buy any?" "Yes, I sold each of them three bottles. I know, miss, that you may not need any, but this cosmetic of mine is warranted to remove all skin blemishes, freckles, eruptions and give a beautiful, healthy color to the skin. Not only this, but it will render the skin soft and smooth, just like a seal-skin, ma'am."

THE SWITCHING-CITY.
Six Thousand Cars Transferred There Daily From One Railroad to Another.
Chicago is known among the people of the United States as the Garden City, though why this vast expanse of irregular buildings along Lake Michigan should bear that title has never been made very clear. Recently another name has come to be applied to Chicago, and it is certainly far more appropriate—the Switch City.

Ninety thousand miles of railroad or thereabouts center in Chicago. Thirteen hundred and fifty trains leave or arrive every day. Thirty-five railroads have a terminus there, and with eight railroad stations Chicago is second only to London in the number of passengers arriving and departing daily. But more important than all this in its practical effect on what is called by congressional orators interstate commerce is the railroad interchange of cars. The actual number of cars arriving in Chicago each day is 10,000. Of these 6,000 are interchanged from one road to another by an extensive and complicated system of switching. For instance, a train arrives from Kansas City on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road containing perhaps 30 freight cars consigned to various points. Before the freight terminus of the road is reached the various cars are switched off toward their destination. Some are sent south on the Illinois Central or the Louisville and Nashville, and some east over the Vanderbilt lines or the Pennsylvania, and some go to the southeast over the Big Four or the Baltimore and Ohio. The balance go into Chicago.

By this process the only cars that reach the freight stations of the several roads are those containing merchandise for Chicago locally. Trains for out of Chicago are made up at the various crossings that bowlder the traveler who visits Chicago for the first time.

It is a fact not generally known except to railroad men that there is a railroad entering Chicago which does no other business than facilitating the interchange of cars. It is no small concern either, having a bonded debt of \$10,000,000 and capital stock of \$5,000,000 additional. It operates only 17 miles of track, but is the Chicago entrance of seven roads. These roads own the company jointly and pay trackage fees which amounted last year to over \$1,000,000. The company has 33 locomotives and some freight but no passenger cars. Its function is to transfer from one operating road to another cars in such a manner that the expense of transfer in Chicago may be avoided and each train car switched to the line to which it is consigned. This company, however, does only a part of Chicago's monumental business in switching.

Recently there has been some talk among railroad men of forming a combination of roads at Chicago not only to transfer freight and passenger cars, but also to make repairs. Under the present system a disabled car is sent to the repair shop of the road. Hereafter it is proposed that each railroad shall repair disabled cars which come under its control and shall charge such repairs to the company in whose interest they are made. The accounts would be balanced quarterly.—New York Sun.

Which Should Come First?
Benevolent Stranger (with subscription paper)—My friend, I am raising funds for the purpose of assisting the poor people of Timbuktu to build and maintain an artificial ice factory. To the thoughtful mind there must always be something terrible in the reflection that the unfortunate people of that desert city, situated as it is at the southern border of the great Sahara and only 15 degrees north of the equator, on a dreary plain where there is hardly vegetation enough to keep a camel from starving, are tortured the live-long year by heat and thirst, with no hope of relief unless civilization comes to their rescue with its resources and lightens the burden of their existence in their wretched, miserable—

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The Indian most values the red willow because from its bark he makes what is for him a very good substitute for tobacco. To do this he strips one of the long, slender shoots of its leaves, and with his knife cuts the bark until it hangs from the stick into the fire, but not so that it will burn, only so that the bark will become thoroughly dried. When this is done, he carefully rubs it between his hands until it is crumbled almost to a powder.

This willow bark powder he mixes with a small quantity of real tobacco, if he has any. If not, he mixes it with the dried and crumbled leaf of a small and very bitter shrub that grows on the mountain sides and has a leaf looking somewhat like sour boxwood. The Indians call it kinikink, and often mix it with tobacco when they have no red willow. So fond are the Indians of this red willow tobacco that they prefer it to the real unmixed article, which seems to be too strong for them.

The squaws use the red willow to make temporary shelters, or wigwags, which are used instead of heavy skin lodges, or tepees, when the Indians are on the move and only camp in one place for a night or so.

When a pleasant spot by some running stream, where there is plenty of red willow, has been fixed upon for a camping place, and a fire has been lighted, the squaws cut a quantity of the willow, and making a rude framework of the larger branches, of which the butt ends are fixed firmly into the ground and the smaller ends bound together to look like a small dome, they weave the small branches and twigs in and out until the whole affair looks like a great leafy basket turned upside down. The entrance is very low, and when once inside a grown person can only lie or sit down, for if he should stand up he would probably lift the house with him.

While the squaws are building the wigwags the Indian has been stretched on the ground, smoking his long stemmed pipe, with its stone or iron bowl, or else he has been leaning beside the fire preparing his much loved red willow tobacco. Over the same fire is hung a jack rabbit, skinned and spitted upon a slender red willow stick, and from a tree near by a baby swings in his red willow cradle.

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