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THE MOTH AND THE WORM.

'Tis an old allegorical saying,
Which hope in all ages has spread,
That the soul, like a bloomy winged miller,
Unfolds from a chrysalis dead.

Ah, fair would I yield to this fancy,
This miracle sequence of birth,
For I hold that the soul's dearest treasure
Will be its remembrance of earth.

And, oh, there's a doubt that assails me,
Whether my priest may affirm—
Dare the latterly, think you, remember
The days when it crawled as a worm?

What is life but a season for loving?
What is self but the essence of years—
Distilled from the blossoms of pleasure,
Infused in a molten mass of tears?

What avail to inherit the ages
With naught of the struggle before?
To know that my love shall not perish,
Yet I shall behold her no more?

What avail were this fretting and striving
If memory vanish with breath,
When love is the priest of the living
And hope the apostle of death?

What matter a faraway morning
If memory end with today?
'Twere as well to face death everlasting
As a past to be blotted away.

You may prate of an infinite future;
You may dream of thousands of bills,
But the "home of the soul" were a failure
Without recollection of this.

I am selfish because I am human,
I want not a part, but the whole;
And I tell you that only a tyrant
Could blot out the past from the soul.

—Albert Bigelow Paine in New York Sun.

Old Colonial Mansions.

Bucks county is full of old colonial mansions which still stand as monuments of the stirring times of long ago and as mute testimonials to the careful building of our forefathers. In upper Wakefield is still standing the mansion first occupied by Samuel Merriock and built by him in 1774. This mansion, which rests upon the southern slope of a small hillock known as Jericho hill, formed the headquarters of General Greene in December, 1776, and from this spot he began his march with the army against the Hessians at Trenton on the memorable Christmas day of that year.

Across two fields to the west from the Merriock mansion is the Keith house, where Washington had his headquarters from Dec. 14 to Dec. 25, and over Jericho hill to the north is the old Chapman residence, where General Knox and Alexander Hamilton were quartered during the same period. Besides the Keith House Washington had his headquarters in three other dwellings in the county—the Harris House, Newtown; the Barclay House, Morrisville, and the Moland House, near Hartsville on the Neeshaminy creek. In the latter house Lafayette first reported for duty in the continental army and under its roof first took his seat at the council board.—Philadelphia Record.

Doorway Inscriptions.

Over the entrance of Bentham Hall, Shropshire, is a Latin inscription to this effect, "Conduct thyself well and aspire to lofty things," and over the doorway of a house in Alhwick might formerly be seen this inscription, "That which of old your father hath purchased and left you to possess do you dearly hold to show his worthiness." On a small house at Towchester, Northamptonshire, there is an inscription bearing the date of 1689 which runs thus:

He that carnest veges
By labor and care, by
The blessing of God may
Have some-thing to spare.

John Cass, the astrologer, over his door inscribed this verse:

Within this place
Lives Dr. Cass.

And Addison says he made more money by this distich than Dryden by all his poetical works.—London Standard.

Accommodating Boney Tank.

Boney Tank took in the sights of our city last Saturday. Boney was a little under the weather, having a sore arm and two missing teeth, caused during his recent difficulty with the three men at the ford who tried to shorten Boney's days and wind up his career here on earth. He inquired of us what the news was. We replied that times were hard and news scarce. He handed us \$1 for The Signal and went and got married. Where is the man that could be any more accommodating than this—to furnish us both money and news?—Dahlonega (Ga.) Signal.

An Honest Thief.

On leaving a Paris theater a German gentleman felt for his watch. It was gone. Having a strong suspicion, he laid violent hands on a man in the crowd, who quietly gave up the ticker. When he got home, he found his own watch lying on the table.—Libre Parole.

Michael Angelo had a face as rugged as his genius. His forehead was low and broad; his eyes were full, his nose thick and strong. His face was irregular, but full of power.

Paraguay was so called from the river Paro, meaning the "River of Waters," an allusion to its numerous tributaries.

Brignoli was known as the "silver voiced." His tones, though not strong, were exceedingly pure and sweet.

Diaper was first made at Ypres, in Flanders, it is believed before 1200.

In 1376 eggs sold in Barcelona for 25 cents a hundred.

NOTHING FEMININE LEFT.

Modern Heroine Does Everything Manly Better Than Man Himself.

"They're taking everything from us, these women," said the journalist. "Our lathcoys, cigarettes, bicycles, cricket and clothes have been adopted long ago. Now our football's gone. There's a club of lady footballers, and I hear that they're going on tour. Soon there will be nothing distinctively masculine left. We shall live to see women shave themselves and understand a little about wine. Those will be the last two steps, I fancy."

"Well, the thing cuts both ways," said the ordinary man—"there'll be nothing distinctively feminine left either."

"I don't know that," replied the journalist. "I think," he said meditatively, "that the habit of riding in a smoking compartment when you don't want to smoke and are made rather ill by the smell of tobacco will always remain a distinctive feminine trait."

"I'm interested," the poet said, "in the bearing that this kind of thing must have on fiction. I can remember the time when the heroine of fiction—the sterling circulating library kind—was generally consumptive. The tenderness and frailty of the sex had been insisted upon to such an extent that it almost seemed unwomanly not to have a disease of the lungs. The symptoms of consumption, in themselves unpleasant enough, became positively romantic. Well, we've done with the consumptive heroine. What is the next development to be?"

"It has arrived," the journalist said. "It is the woman who does everything manly rather better than a man and everything womanly rather worse than a woman and fills up the intervals by being rather smart."

"Yes," the poet admitted, "she is in existence. But she has not satisfied the country subscriber yet as her consumptive sister did before her. We must await the progress of evolution."

"Well," the ordinary man said, "it is really rather an extraordinary thing that the woman is constantly encroaching on the sphere of man, man never returns the compliment. Why don't you, by way of retort, grow our hair long and have fashions and believe in medicines and so on?"

"That's no use," said the mere boy. "The worst of doing anything feminine is that it is so—so beastly effeminate. No, I don't believe in troubling one's self about the question. Give a woman all the rope she wants. If she hangs herself, she is probably of the kind that is much better hanged. If she doesn't, the chances are that she'll return that rope with thanks as soon as skipping goes out of fashion. Yes, you may grin, but I've had a lot of experience for my age."—London Black and White.

The Girls of Cuba.

It is not to be accepted as true that Cuban women are all beautiful. It can be stated, as a rule, however, that the Cuban woman has beautiful eyes. Faces that would otherwise be plain and unattractive are glorified by ravishing dark eyes, with arched brows and long lashes that cast shadows on their cheeks. When the face, as is sometimes the case, is a perfect oval, the features prettily formed, with a touch of voluptuousness about the mouth, the hair raven black, such eyes complete a beauty that is well worth a journey to Cuba to see. One will often catch a glimpse of a face like that framed in by a mantilla at the opera or in the street. He—for I do not suppose a "she" would be under the same spell—will often find himself coming to a sudden stop in the street at the sight of such a face peering out from the shadows of a carriage, perhaps with a fan provokingly held so as to hide half the beauty. He will see such beauties, too, now and then at the windows of houses, and this is likely to encourage him in a habit of looking into the wide open windows as he siddles by them on the narrow sidewalks. He will rarely see one walking on the street in the daytime, and when he does she will be accompanied by an elderly woman or a negro servant.—Washington Star.

The British Speaker.

The position of speaker of the house of commons is one of great dignity. He draws a salary of £5,000 a year, enjoys the use of a palace, gets a liberal allowance for entertaining and a peerage on the resignation from office. It is one of the unwritten privileges of members of the house of commons to dine with the speaker. The speaker's dinners are held on Wednesdays and generally compose a total of about 30 members, so that taking the entire parliamentary session all the members get their turn, starting with the cabinet, then the leaders of the opposition and then the rank and file. Until 1889 it was the custom to wear court dress at these dinners—that is, knee breeches, velvet cutaway coats and cocked hats—but in 1889 that rule was swept away.—Washington Post.

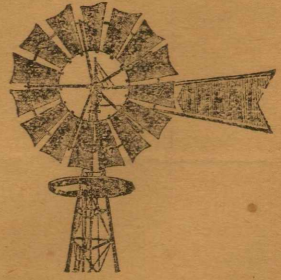
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SONORA, TEXAS. July 13, 1895

Locals from Last Week.
James Worden from Edwards county spent the fourth in Sonora.
Mrs. D. Swift spent the fourth in Sonora with friends.
Dook Simmons and family were in town for the celebration.
Jo and Chris Wyatt were in from the ranch for the fourth.
John Guest and Liss Moss were in for the races.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cusenbary went to Ozona to spend the fourth.
Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson were in for the celebration.
Geo. Traweek spent the fourth at the Huffman ranch barbecue.
Sam Johnson and family were in for the celebration.

Nat Guest didn't come in and J. O. Rountree claimed the forfeit.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glasscock and family celebrated in Sonora.
R. F. Halbert was in town with his friends on the fourth.
Dr. J. H. Coleman's sons were in for the celebration.
G. D. Felton of San Angelo came down to spend the fourth with his daughter Miss Florence Felton.
Neeley Simpson and Bill Taylor wore the same hat at different times.
Mrs. and Mrs. I. N. Brooks and several young ladies came down from the ranch for the fourth.

Sam Cox and sons Zeke, Albert and Sam Jr., were in for the celebration and races.
R. E. Glasscock was here for the sport saying nothing but seeing everything.
John Keton and sister Miss Lou were in Sonora for the fourth and fifth.
O. T. Word and family were among those who celebrated the fourth in Sonora.
D. R. Holland was in to see what was to be seen and hear what was to be heard.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Swearingen were down from the ranch for the fourth.
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Turney spent the fourth and fifth in Sonora with relatives and friends.

O. H. Wood and daughter Miss Ludie, were in for the fourth and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McConnell.
H. P. Cooper Dave Allen, Hank Sivley, Si Brooks and Sam Hutch were among the boys who had a good time.
James Robinson, ex-stage owner and mail contractor, spent the fourth in Sonora with his family.
El Paso, Tex., July 7.—(Special)—J. W. Clayton, who has been in Mexican prison nearly six years is out of jail. Clayton was sentenced to death for killing a prominent cattle man named Cavi in Juarez. Doc Bolton, who was implicated in the killing, escaped from jail and is now at large. All parties were well known in Southern Texas.

Ol Misener, being released from bondage, was kept busy all day last Monday shaking hands with his many friends. They probably never was a man on the streets of Hamilton who ever had more true friends than Ol.—Hamilton Journal.
H. H. Carmichael and E. Huffmeyer of Bandera, passed through Sonora Monday on their return from Ozona where they spent the fourth. While in Ozona Mr. Huffmeyer sold his interest in the business of Carmichael, Perner & Co., of Ozona to Mr. Carmichael.

Col. L. G. Doby representing F. K. Nance, of San Angelo, dealer in furniture, wall paper, paints, etc., was in Sonora for a few days this week. Mr. Doby is a pleasant gentleman and says he was never treated with more genuine Southern hospitality than during his short stay in Sonora.

A Terrible Accident.
Ballinger, Texas, July 8—A sad occurrence took place about twelve miles out of town last night which has left a gloom over the entire county. Yesterday Messrs. Bob Dunlap and Marston Cotton, with some other gentleman, went down the river to some high bluffs of rocks for the purpose of blasting out some bees and honey. After the blast went off they were standing around waiting for time to take out the honey, when suddenly and without warning a large mass of rock, weighing about ten tons, cashed down upon the crowd, instantly killing Marston Cotton and Robert Dunlap. They were mashed into pulp and had to be dug out from under the rock by a large crowd of men, who went from town for that purpose. Both were prominent and highly respected citizens. They were both buried here today. Mr. Cotton leaves a wife and three small children. Mr. Dunlap leaves a mother, father and brother. He was to have been married August 1 and was buried in his intended wedding suit.

A Visitor's Impression.
The day which ushered in the one hundred and nineteenth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, most have been created expressly for this region. So perfectly flawless was the day. So delightfully cool, and breezy, with the ample shade, afforded by the leafy bowers overhead that no one experienced the slightest discomfort from the sun, or dust. The entire arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of every one was complete in all respects and reflected great credit on the energetic, and efficient gentlemen who had the management of the business. The hundreds of well dressed people assembled on the grounds—the number of fine vehicles, drawn by spirited animals, the air of gayety and cheerfulness, which irradiated every face, all combined to produce an ideal holiday which presented, marked characteristics of advanced prosperity and culture, not often seen seventy miles from railway telegraph. Poverty must be an unknown quantity in Sutton County judging from the abundance of the material comforts of life, as displayed on the dinner table, where the excellence of the barbecued meats, tempted the appetite of the most fastidious, and all had time and opportunity to enjoy the viands which were neatly served by prompt and attentive waiters. Ice cream, cool and sparkling soda water, fruits, watermelons and confectionery kept the children happy and the adults cool and good natured while the strains of popular melodies floating out from the string band, inspired a spirit of peace and harmony awakening tender and perhaps sad recollections in hearts whose thoughts were in the past. The Declaration of Independence was well read by a young lady whose tones were distinctly heard by all who listened. The speech of the day was delivered by one of Sonora's able lawyers whose fervid oratory thrilled the patriotic hearts of his hearers with love of country and home. The speaker paid an eloquent tribute to the brave pioneers who blazed the way for civilization and who now lie many of them in lonely and forgotten graves unmarked by even a headstone, their last resting place frequently near the site of some fair city whose state by palaces and spacious buildings attest the peace and prosperity bought by the blood of the men whose dust moldering in obscurity and whose names are almost forgotten. When the exercises of the day were over the assemblage dispersed in order decorum. Nothing whatever of a disorderly nature was heard or seen and a splendid dance wound up the days pleasure in the auditorium of the Court house and all agree that there was nothing to mar as perfect a celebration of the day, as ever the blue skies of the Lone Star State ever shone upon.

A. C. Clack
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Ed Lehn, the Schleicher county cattleman was in Sonora Thursday.
Maj. A. A. DeBerry and estimable family left for their new home in San Angelo yesterday.
Geo. Allen, the leading music man of West Texas was in Sonora last week. Mr. Allen has anything you want in the music line at his store in San Angelo.
Green Justice from the West Prong of the Neuces came in town Monday. He was a little late for the fourth but had a good time just the same.
Mrs. Dr. J. H. Coleman and children and brother-in-law Will Coleman were in Sonora Monday trading from their ranch in Edwards county.
Buzzard's Bay, Mass., July 7.—Just before 5 o'clock this afternoon news reached the village that a girl baby had been born at Gray Gables. The report was soon verified by Dr. Bryant: who announced that the happy event occurred at 4:30 and that both mother and little one were doing well as could be expected. This is the third child to born into the President's family, and all are girls. Ruth is 4 years and Esther 2. Only a passing glance could be obtained of the President this afternoon, but that was sufficient to notice an expression of satisfaction on the face of the chief executive, although it was an open secret that a boy baby would not have been unwelcome. Mrs. Cleveland's mother is expected to arrive from Buffalo next week.

Clearance Sale!

In order to cut down our immense stock of

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and make room for new goods we have decided to sell our entire lines of summer goods at greatly reduced prices.

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Mens all wool suits,	old price 8 50 now \$6 50
Mens all wool suits,	" 11 50 now 9 50
Mens black and blue Diagonals	" 12 50 now 10
Mens black Imported Diagonals	" 18 now 14

All other suits marked down in proportion in plain figures.

Childrens suits	old price 1 75 now \$1 25
Mens silk front shirts	old price 1 75 and 2 now 1 50
Ladies Duck suitings	old price 12 1-2c now 10c
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Arnold French Challies	" 6 1-4c now 5c
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El Paso, Tex., July 5.—(Special)—The district court is engaged in trying gambling cases. John Wesley Harden, who some weeks ago lost \$100 at craps in the Gem saloon and made the dealer return the money at the point of a pistol, was to-day fined \$25 for gambling, and will later be tried for robbing the game. Phil Baker, the man dealing the crap game, was fined \$50 and sentenced to ten days in jail. But the most interesting case was that of Jim Beverly, said to be a partner in the house. He was acquitted for lack of evidence. Ben Patterson, the other partner refused to testify and was fined \$50 for contempt of court. The case was appealed.

Walter H. Scott has resigned his position with Hagerlund Bros and accepted a position with a firm in Brownwood. Mr. Scott has made many friends in Sonora who will be sorry to see him leave but who wish him success.

The Stewart Family musical specialty and comedy company of the great U. S. A. played to a crowded house in Sonora Thursday night. It was the biggest string of fish ever caught in Sonora, those off the line not excepted.

Stock News.
If you want steer or she cattle come to Sonora.
Wool went up 5 to 15 per cent at the opening of the London sales. Wool is strong on both continents.
McKee Bros. and Hank Silvey sold 80 head of yearling steers to F. Mayer & Sons of Sonora at \$10 50 a head.
F. Mayer & Sons sold 15 head of saddle horses to C. McTagert and T. M. Gadberry at \$22 a head also 3 head to Al Haley for \$100.
Richard Mayfield a stockman from Bosque county, is in Sonora on a visit to his brother Jess Mayfield. Mr. Mayfield wants to buy hogs and steers.
Bob Jacobs, representing Mrs. McKerron of Kinney county, bought 1200 mixed sheep from Wm. Guest at \$1 50 a head. He also bought from other parties making in all about 3000 head.
Worden Bros. of Edwards county bought muttons last week from the following parties: Tom Moss, 418 at \$1 75; from Felder Bros, 340 at \$1 75; from G. W. Patrick, 150 at \$1 75.
From the Chicago Drovers Journal:
In view of the fact that Western range sheep will soon begin to come freely, the outlook does not appear encouraging for Texans and common and medium natives. There is not much hope from exporters and feeders are not inclined to do anything.
Since the price of wool has declined to such a low point the men have begun to realize that they have to give more attention to improving their flocks in order to get better mutton. The time is past even on the ranges when the chief profit in raising sheep is the wool. The Spanish merino will have to give place to a superior grade and the change is being made at a very rapid rate. In Texas, where it is easy to raise sheep, flockmasters have paid more attention to numbers than they have to quality, and so when the bottom dropped out of the wool market they were left with a class of sheep which is exceedingly hard to sell for mutton purposes. Their flocks are being improved, however, and owners will wonder some day why they didn't take this step before.
The sheep situation is not very promising in Texas. The supply in that State is not particularly large but values have declined to that extent that it has become quite unprofitable to ship anything but the best stock. It costs as much to raise crubby as good one and the expense of sending them to market is just the same. It is, therefore, much better that the flocks should be improved and that the low grade stuff that used to be raised for the sake of wool be supplanted by a superior kind that will sell at an advantage for mutton. Texas has made progress in cattle raising, but has stood still so far as sheep are concerned. Market conditions have changed much in the past few years, and the quality of the sheep should be made to suit.—Drovers Journal.

A Large Waist.

Is not generally considered a necessary adjunct to the grace, beauty or symmetry of the womanly form. Within the body, however, is a great waste made necessary according to the condition of thing—continually is process and requiring the perfect action of all bodily functions to absorb or dispel the refuse. When there is irregularity or inaction, ladies who value a clean, pure, healthy body will take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—the only remedy for woman which being once used is always in favor.
To those about to become mothers, it is a priceless boon, for it lessens the pain and perils of childbirth, shortens labor, promotes an abundant secretion of nourishment for the child and shortens the period of confinement. Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure biliousness, constipation, sick headache, indigestion, or dyspepsia, and kindred diseases.

The people of Sutton, Edwards, Val Verde, Kimble, Schleicher, Menard and Crockett counties, will save money by trading in Sonora. Read the ads of Sonora's merchants in the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

WHITE HOUSE FLOWERPOTS.
Where They Come From and How They Are Made.
"From 8,000 to 10,000 new pots are required every year for use in the White House conservatories," said Head Gardener Pilster. "This represents the annual loss by decay and breakage. The average flowerpot lasts three or four years. Of the number I have mentioned about one-third are little 'thumb pots' two inches in diameter. They are used for newly propagated plants of all sorts. In spring we require from 35,000 to 40,000 of these baby pots to hold the plants which we have freshly reared for the beds in the grounds of the executive mansion."
"Flowerpots are made everywhere, you might say. Perhaps the greatest quantities of them are now manufactured in Boston and Philadelphia, from which cities immense numbers of them are shipped to other points. Flowerpots are of two kinds—machine made and hand-made. The latter, turned out by the potter's wheel, are the most durable and most expensive. Until recently there were no standard sizes in pots, but about four years ago the Society of American Florists adopted regulations on the subject, so that pot-makers are now obliged to conform to these rules, and a pot made in Boston of a given size is precisely like a pot of the same size made in any other city. Formerly every potter had his own standards of size, and a 3 1-2 inch pot of one manufacturer might be equal in capacity to a 4 inch pot of another make."
"The new standards require that a 2 inch pot shall be exactly two inches deep and two inches wide at the top. In all sizes of flowerpots the depth and diameter at the top must be equal. The regulations cover even the thickness of the rims. Florists demand that their pots shall have rims in order that they may be lifted and moved about more easily. Pots without rims are much more apt to slip from the hand, and thus the important item of breakage is increased. Another point worth mentioning is that pots of the same size may be arranged with greater regularity and accordingly with more convenience on the benches. They look better so too."
"The small pots, made in molds, from two to four inches, cost from \$3 to \$8.50 per 1,000. Handmade pots of larger sizes, from five to sixteen inches, cost all the way from \$13 per 1,000 to \$55 per 100. The big 16 inch pots, which cost 55 cents apiece, are for large palms and other big plants. Some very fine pots are made in the neighborhood of Washington. At Terra Cotta are great beds of beautiful clay, which furnish material not only for pots, but also for first rate sewer pipes."—Washington Star.

Imaginative Autobiographies.
Upon a time Mr. Joaquin Miller, having for the moment nothing to occupy him, wrote out a full and entirely new account of his life. Autobiographies were a favorite pastime with him, and once in so often a new one regularly appeared, differing materially from its predecessor and introducing fresh and vividly imaginative matter. This particular life was in his best vein and was profusely illustrated. A copy was given to one of his daughters, with the suggestion that her father's life should be studied and known, and that her father was a man to be loved and revered. The child looked at the volume.
She turned the pages until she reached one especially fine picture. Seated on a horse, careering wildly across a desolate plain, was Joaquin, clad in a pseudo Indian costume, with a broad sombrero on his head and very long hair floating far behind him in the wind. The child looked long and intently at the picture, examined it critically, then with a reverence and adoration altogether undreamed of labeled it, "Joaquin Miller when he was a girl."—Chap Book.

Surprising Ship News.
One of our shipowners the other day saw his vessel reported. She was bound on a long voyage to the other side of the world. Taking the reported latitude and longitude he found, much to his surprise, that she was in the middle of the desert of Sahara.—Eastern Arris.

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place. All calls promptly answered.
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County court Monday.
Smoke "Our Favorite" for 5c.
21 Cusenbary & Briant.
Mrs. F. M. Drake of Ozona is in
Sonora visiting her daughter Mrs.
Max Mayer.

Fort Worth Beer is handled by
Morris & Allison 35

G. C. Duncan of Brownwood ar-
rived in Sonora Thursday to take
charge of the drygoods department
at Hagerlund Bros.

When calling for Beer be sure
and call for Fort Worth. 35

Hon. C. F. Dickinson of Bellinger
will address the debating society
at the court house Tuesday night.
Everybody welcome. The ladies
especially invited.

The cheapest place.—The Pioneer
Drug Store, San Angelo. 38 tf

G. W. Forbes the cattleman was
in Sonora this week after an ab-
sence of six months. Don't stay
away so long the next time "Uncle
Billy."

Go to SAN RINKLES' Moss Rose
saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for
the imported Brandies, imported Clar-
ets, California Orange wine, fine liq-
uors and cigars. 17-tf

E. B. Sweetser, of New York,
Henry and Bruno Wendler, Percy
Coopender and family, of Burney,
and R. Theis of San Antonio, passed
through Sonora this week on their
way home from Ozona.

We have given Morris & Allison
the agency for Quaker City Mono-
gram Whiskey, the best on earth.
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31-tf, Galveston, Texas.

Four Big Successes.

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than make good all the advertising
claimed for them, the following four
remedies have reached a phenomenal
scale. 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 herewith
will be glad to tell you more of them.
Sold at W. H. Cusenbary & Co's. Drug
Store.

Mrs. M. A. Traweck, proprietress
of the Traweck House sent this
office a sample of some peaches
grown in her orchard. As for size,
flavor and firmness it equals the
famous Crawford peach of Dela-
ware.

Try Brown's Indian Maid chew-
ing tobacco, it will more than
please you. Hagerlund Bros have
it. 46.

G. B. Duke, the blacksmith will
shoe horses for \$1 a set, for cash
as long as he can buy shoes as
cheap as at present. He wants to
give his customers the benefit.

Having purchased the A. A. De-
Berry stock of general merchan-
dise at a big reduction at their
cost. I am now prepared to
sell you good goods at prices
which defy competition, for cash.
I bought cheap and will give
you the benefit of my bargain, and
sell cheap. This is no closing-
out sale for I am here to stay but
I will give you better values for
your money than you can obtain
elsewhere.
Geo. H. McDonald.

To my Friends and the Public
I have sold my Sonora business
to Mr. Geo. H. McDonald.
And bespeak for him a contin-
uance of your valued patronage
and the same kind treatment you
have ever accorded me.
Mr. McDonald will collect and
receipt for all accounts due me.
A. A. DeBerry.

County Court Jury List.

W. Babb, R. J. B'an, Thomas
Bond, John W. Buntin Henry
Decker, D. J. Dunagan, F. Gibbons,
H. Knausenberger, C. C. Lemen,
J. O. Rountree, Wm. Schupbach,
H. H. Sheard, C. T. Turney, O
T. Word, T. D. Word.

Sam Martin the North Llano
cattlemen was in town Tuesday.

Smoke "Our Favorite"
21 Cusenbary & Briant.

D. Swift the horseman was in
Sonora Thursday

Ask for Brown & Co's tobacco
and take no other.

E. W. Wall the sheep man of
the Franks Defeat country was in
town Thursday.

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

Mrs. James A. Hagerlund and
daughter and Mrs. Joseph Lee,
returned from Lampasas last
week.

If you want something real good
to chew get Paul Brown's natural
leaf at Hagerlund Bros.

It is natural for a merchant to push
the sale on those articles that bring
the most profit. An intelligent purchaser,
however, will insist on examining the
different makes and judge for himself.
The BUCKSKIN BREECHEES have
passed the examination and are brand-
ed 100 per cent. proof. Stitches double-
sewed, warranted to fit and not to rip.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin
Jeans in all sizes. 27.

Mrs. J. O. Rountree and some of
the family left for Kerrville and
Gillespie county this week to visit
friends and relatives.

J. T. Cooper the well-known
mutton buyer arrived home Tues-
day after an absence of nearly
three months.

R. W. Barton returned recently
from a visit to his home in San
Antonio and was in Sonora Mon-
day.

Mrs. Montgomery of Comanche
county is in Sonora on a visit to
her grand daughter Mrs. W. H.
Cusenbary.

Bud Homsley and daughter
Lillie; Mr. Chancey and daughters
all of Comanche county, passed
through Sonora Thursday on their
way home from a fishing
trip to the Pacos. They were the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H.
Cusenbary while in Sonora.

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and the man who wants to quit and
can't run no physical or financial risk
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free. Address the Sterling Remedy
company, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

A. J. Savell & Sons of San Angelo
have purchased the stage and ex-
press line from Robinson Bros.,
and will continue to run the busi-
ness in a satisfactory manner.

Geo. H. McDonald the well-
known stockman of the Lost Lake
country, this week purchased the
general merchandise business of
A. A. DeBerry. Mr. McDonald is
a merchant of many years ex-
perience and as to his personal
character and business ability he
needs no recommendation at our
hands. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS
wishes Mr. McDonald success in
his new venture.

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A friend in need is a friend indeed,
and not less than one million people
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trial will convince you that it has
wonderful curative powers in all dis-
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bottle is guaranteed to do all that is
claimed for it, or your money is re-
turned. Trial bottles free at W. H. Cusenbary
& Co. Drug store. Large bottles 50c
and \$1.00.

The fourth of July has come
and gone and we believe that all
who helped to celebrate in Sonora
had a pleasant and enjoyable time.
More than 500 people attended the
barbecue and were easily pleased
and went home satisfied. The
day's celebration was begun by
the San Angelo band playing the
national airs. Hon. T. D. N-well
as master of ceremonies then spoke
a few words of welcome and in-
troduced Miss Mona Rountree,
who read the Declaration of In-
dependence in a most praiseworthy
manner.

The next and probably the most
generally appreciated announce-
ment was then made that dinner
was ready. Although there were
more people present than had
been expected, there was plenty
for all and as we heard no com-
plaint it is to be presumed that
the barbecue and dinner commit-
tees thoroughly understood their
duties and gave satisfaction.

The band during the dinner
played numerous and pretty selec-
tions.
Hon. S. D. Foote as orator of the
day spoke interestingly and in-
structively on the day we celebrate
after which the crowd separated,
sought and engaged in amusements
to their liking.

At night those who enjoy tripping
the light fantastic toe attend-
ed the ball at the court house. The
music furnished by Prof. Wurtem-
burg's San Angelo band, the fine
hall, the cool evening, the beau-
tiful ladies and gallant gentlemen
made the event one long to be re-
membered. It was the largest in
attendance ever given in Sonora.

The balance of the visitors and
citizens enjoyed themselves at
sociables, singings, musical, con-
versation and play parties in vari-
ous portions of the town.

The races opened Thursday
evening with a matched race 300
yards between Barksdale's sorrel
and Will Talbot's gray. Talbot's
pony an easy winner.

The races on the fifth began at
2 o'clock p.m. The first race
being a 1-4 mile dash free for all,
for purse of \$30 second horse to
save entrance money.

The horses starting in this race
were: W. Warner's bay, Tom
Palmer's brown Jo, Louis Morris'
bay mare, Sam Cox's Limber Jim.

There was considerable betting
on this race. Palmer's brown and
Warner's bay being the favorites.
Those who knew the Warner
horse would have backed him
heavily had it not been for the
fact that they knew Tom Palmer
was a good judge of a horse and
were a little afraid to go against
his favorite. The Morris' mare
and Limber Jim also had their
backers but they did not have so
much to say. They finished in
this order. Warner's bay winner
by 20 feet, Morris' mare second,
Palmer's brown Jo a close third,
and Limber Jim a close fourth.

Altogether it was a pretty and ex-
citing race from start to finish and
when the Sonora horses took first
and second money the crowd went
wild.

The second race was 300 yards
for cow ponies, for purse of \$20,
second horse to save entrance fee.
Six horses ran in this race as fol-
lows: Gillespie's bay; Morris',
Sonora colt, Talbot's brown mare;
L. Walter's brown mare; May-
field's bay; Cox's Gray Eagle.
The Mayfield bay was probably
the favorite for this race but the
Schleicher boys stayed with the
brown mare. The true and tried
Sonora Colt of course had his
stand bys but as he was not in fix
it was a surprise to many when he
won the race. The judges gave
in the finish as follows: Sonora Colt
1st, Talbot's mare 2nd; Cox's
gray and Mayfield's bay tie for
third; Gillespie's bay 5th and
Walters mare 6th.

The next was a 1-4 mile match-
ed race between Warner's bay and
Morris' mare. This was undoubt-
edly the prettiest race ever run in
Sonora and was closely contested
from start to finish. The Warner
horse winning by just 3 feet. The
probability is that in the near
future these horses will again try
their speed.

The next and last race was a
matched race 1-4 mile between the
Cooper gray and Will Talbot's
bay. This time the Schleicher
county boys made a winning and
got a little satisfaction. The Tal-
bot horse being an easy winner.

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debted to Morris & Allison are
requested to call and settle as we
are needing money to run our
business.
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SEEDLESS FRUITS.
 Gardeners Are Trying With Good Results
 to Get Rid of Thorns and Spines.
 "Apples are not so fashionable a few years hence as they are now," said Assistant Horticulturist Taylor. "Gardeners are trying their best to get rid of seeds in fruits. Already we have the navel orange, which is nearly always seedless. Some varieties of apples have been produced that have almost no seeds. They are abnormalities. Sometimes they are called 'bloodless,' because the blossoms have no petals, and in some cases lack stamens. The core is very small, and commonly there is a hollow at the end opposite the stem. These seedless apples are generally poor in flavor, being grown merely as curiosities."
 "Raisin producers in California are trying to obtain seedless grapes for raisins. The object in view is to get size and seedlessness in the same fruit. You are familiar with the seedless grapes of Corinth, which are commonly known as 'currants.' The Sultana raisins of southeastern Europe are likewise seedless grapes. Both of these varieties are now cultivated in California, but they are small. A prominent grower in Fresno county is working in this direction with the Muscat of Alexandria, which is a leading raisin grape in California. He selects cuttings from those vines which produce less than the normal number of seeds. Continuing this process from year to year, he hopes to reduce the grapes to absolute seedlessness eventually. It is believed that the seedlessness of the Corinth and Sultana grapes was obtained by similar means."
 "The banana is seedless and has been so for centuries, though nobody knows why. It is propagated by suckers, and possibly it had no seeds when it was first found in the wild state. The banana is a modified berry. Cutting the fruit down through the middle, you will sometimes see a few little brown spots, which are rudimentary seeds. Occasionally the banana does actually produce seeds. The pineapple is nearly seedless, being propagated likewise from suckers and from slips. The eggplant, which is a fruit botanically speaking, is occasionally seedless. This plant is able to produce developed fruit, whether the blossoms are fertilized or not."
 "Horticulturists are endeavoring at the same time to rid fruit plants of thorns. Some oranges and lemons are very thorny—for example, the high priced King orange, which is the best of the mandarins. It is rarely seen in this market. The first trees were brought to the United States from Cochinchina. In Florida its thorniness has been diminished by selecting buds from branches with the fewest thorns. Thorns are objectionable because they puncture the oranges or lemons when the branches are blown about by the wind.
 "Efforts are being made to get rid of the thorns on raspberry and blackberry plants simply for convenience in picking the fruit. The thorns are induced by nature to protect the plants from animals. Cultivators select those plants which by chance happen to be thornless or comparatively so."—Washington Star.

The Better Part of Valor.
 Nobody ever called in question the courage of the early Spanish settlers of California, but there seems to have been at least one man among their descendants who held discretion to be the better part of valor. His fellow countrymen still preserve the memory, with a keen appreciation of its point.
 A certain Don Andreas was interviewed by his superior officer on the eve of an engagement with the enemy and was warned that the American was a very different foe from the Indian or the Mexican, and that courage should not be pushed to rashness in an encounter with him.
 "Have no fear, general," was the response of the intrepid caballero. "I would far rather that history should record from where I fled than where I fell."
 The general's mind was probably relieved of anxiety concerning the fate of at least one individual in his command by this reply.—Youth's Companion.

Perspiration on Noses.
 I ran across a new superstition the other day. It is the distrust the Virginia negroes have of persons who perspire on their noses. A friend of mine has had a really estimable maid for several months, but the other day the mistress found the maid on the eve of leaving, and all because she had seen beads of perspiration on my friend's nose, and people with noses of that kind are "mean," a word which to the Virginia negro signifies all that is undesirable, untrustworthy and evil.—Washington Post.

Not His Kind.
 "Here's the latest thing in watches," said the dealer—"a warranted waterproof case."
 "I believe," said Mudge, "that one that could be soaked would be better suited to my needs."—Indianapolis Journal.

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WHY DO WOMEN KISS?
 That is a question the wisest philosopher cannot answer satisfactorily. Learned men in the middle ages, who spent much time in disquisition of trivialities and in hair splitting, enumerated a host of different kinds of kisses, though they, after all, wound up the whole matter by admitting that there is only one true kiss—the kiss of love—and they put the less between women very far down the list as a thing of no account or value, being thus in accord with the conclusions of all sensible people who have studied the question.
 Still, we have to do with facts, and women, for all that may be said against the practice, do kiss each other, and in the pursuit of knowledge on the subject I asked my wife whether she found any pleasure in kissing any member of her own sex.
 "Pooh!" was all the reply she deigned to give, though presently, after apparently cogitating and arriving at the conclusion that this ejaculation, expressive enough in its way, could not help me very much, she made some remarks which were altogether too flattering to myself, and by implication to the male sex, to be here set down at large. Ultimately I managed by pressing the question to elicit something definite on the subject, the gist of which was that when women kiss each other they do so merely as a matter of form, meaning by it, for the most part, no more than a mere handshake and often less, for there may be warmth in that, but nature has denied the possibility of warmth existing in a kiss between members of the same sex. Sometimes, but very seldom, women kiss because they like each other.
 They also kiss, because they don't like each other, and in that case they are sure never to lose an opportunity of kissing each other most punctiliously. They may hate to do it over so much, and yet whenever they meet they eagerly make a pretty little dab at each other's faces, which passes muster in the eyes of outsiders as quite a touching exhibition of womanly kindness and affection, though those who know the real state of affairs only smile and perhaps remark: "How Mrs. A. and Mrs. B. do hate each other, to be sure! See how sweetly they kiss!"
 The whole-hearted kiss of young girls is yet innocent of the ways and deceitfulness of the world is a pleasant thing in itself, but once they are initiated into the wiles of society there is no social usage which jars more on their tender feelings before these become case hardened than the feminine habit of kissing, which so transparently cloaks all manner of unpleasant and uncharitable thoughts.—Philadelphia Press.

Aerial Navigation.
 My opinion is that the only motor which will solve the question is the electric motor. It was I who first took out a patent for this idea, my patent being for "the application of electricity to aerial navigation." That was in 1881, and in a note communicated to the Academy of Sciences I explained the advantages of the electric motor. In the first place, it works without a furnace. Secondly, its weight never diminishes nor increases during its working, and it is set in motion with the greatest ease. Assisted by M. Gaston Plante and other savants and engineers, I was at last able to realize my project of an electric motor.
 Our motor was not, however, of sufficient force to overcome that of the wind, and the best result obtained was that we remained stationary. When sailing with the wind, however, our screw propelled us in a very satisfactory manner. We were delighted with the easy working of the motor, and the result of this experiment was to confirm absolutely the principle that it is the electric motor that must be used. Although we did not make headway against a wind blowing at a rate of three meters the second, we were able to resist it and to deviate from its current by tacking with the greatest facility.—Gaston Tissandier in McClure's Magazine.

The Literary Lottery.
 How great a lottery literature is evidenced in a striking way by the experience of George du Maurier, who sold "Trilby" for \$5,000, when the publishers' offer would have yielded him near \$25,000, and by the previous experience of General Lew Wallace, who once unsuccessfully offered the manuscript of "A Fair God" for \$75, while the royalties on "Ben Hur" have returned him \$75,000. He is said to have sold his "Prince of India" for \$50,000 outright.

A Woman's Idea.
 A business woman suggests that railway book stall keepers and traveling newsboys allow possible purchasers to sample wares before buying. Every undecided customer looking vaguely at the noncommittal titles of the books should be allowed to read five minutes for 5 cents, and then to purchase the volume at its original price minus the 5 cents provided he liked it.

TICKET AGENTS OF LONG AGO.
 When Money Was Easily and Quickly Made at the Expense of Passengers.
 "Ah, me," said an old passenger man the other day, "the Kialto is not what it used to be." The Kialto is that part of Illinois street from Georgia street to the Union station, including what is now known as Jackson place.
 "In the good old days," he continued, "we used to do business along here, and money was as free as water. Then all the lines had agents here, and the rivalry was intense. There was no interstate law nor presidents' agreements to interfere with the commission business. The boys could pick up considerable money in a day, and the question of rates cut no figure. I remember that George Butler thought he was doing nothing if his books did not show \$1,000 a month from commissions alone. It was during the western boom, and there was no trouble to sell tickets to any part of Iowa, Kansas or Nebraska. The home-seekers would come here from all parts of the east.
 "Every agent had a 'barker' in front of his office to attract attention to the wonderful opportunity to get cheap tickets, with a farm thrown in free. The 'barker' would run a man into a shop. Once inside a man had to buy a ticket or die. The great scheme was to get the man's baggage. The agent that got the baggage was sure of a sale, for the owner could not get his valise back until he had purchased a ticket. It was worth a man's life to pass up the filial duty with a grip-sack in his hands in those days. Rough and tumble fights were not infrequent. Sometimes one agent would get the man's baggage and another would get the man himself. Then both would sell him tickets.
 "One time E. B. Thomas, who was then general manager of the old Bee line, passed along the Kialto early in the morning on his way to the Bates House. He had a valise, Wright Jordan, who was working on the Bee line, saw the old man with the grip, but did not know him. In about a minute after he saw Thomas Jordan had him by the arm and was trying to drag him into his office. Old man Parrish had an office next door to Jordan. He saw the struggle and took a hand. Between the two the general manager was pulled and hauled over the sidewalk for several minutes. Jordan finally got the grip-sack and darted into his office with it, while Parrish dragged Thomas into the other office. Explanations were made, and Thomas went to his hotel, where he told one of the officers of the road that the Bee line had some very energetic young men about the station. A messenger was sent to Jordan's office for the baggage. When the affair became known, it was thought that Jordan would be discharged, but Thomas said that he was too valuable to take out of the passenger business. He remained with the road until after the consolidation, when he went to the Big Four, in whose employ he still remains.
 "The agents used to play many tricks on each other. One nearly resulted in a tragedy. There was not a friendly feeling between Jordan and Parrish. One day while Parrish was at dinner Jordan got a huge sign, reading 'This Office For Rent,' and nailed it on the door of his rival's office. When the old man returned and saw the sign, he was wild. He secured a wagon spoke and started out after Jordan, whom he suspected. Jordan's assistant told him that Jordan was innocent, but he carried the club for weeks, looking for the man who played the trick on him.
 "When business was dull, the agents would get long strips of paper and pound the ticket stamps with a noise that could be heard half a square. This was done to make their rivals believe they were doing business. During the Kiewa boom there were lively times. A. D. Perry, now district passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton at Indianapolis, was the originator of that boom. He hunted a location on the map, got a lot of bills setting forth the beauty of Kiewa and sold considerable land as well as tickets. He got hold of a farm near the town. During the boom he was offered big money, but he wouldn't sell. The boom burst, and now he cannot give the land away.
 "If the agents had saved the money they made in those days, they would be well off now. There are only a few of them left. There is more struggle now over the sale of two tickets than there was to secure a carload of passengers in those days. The old time traveling agents don't come here any more. It was a boisterous crowd then. Now it is all business, with plenty of hard work and no big business accounts."—Indianapolis Journal.

Takes Two For a Bargain.
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 We demurred at the price and gave the reasons for so doing that are given above, but the seller's argument in favor of the high price was that it would filter some fabulous number of gallons of water per day. This had no connection whatever with the cost of the goods. A frying pan will turn out 500 pounds of cooked material a day, and a 25 cent faucet will permit thousands of gallons of water to pass through it daily. These are the functions of the articles sold. They are expected to be efficient, but there is no reason in this fact for adding 2,000 per cent to the cost of them.
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Two Portraits.
 Doubtless many of our readers will remember the story of how Hogarth painted Fielding's portrait. We are told that the painter tried in vain to persuade the author of "Tom Jones" to sit for him, and that Hogarth was unable to paint the face from memory. Mentioning this fact one day to Garrick, the great actor suddenly said, "Is this likely?" So like to Fielding's was the face which Garrick made up that Hogarth seized his pencil and drew the portrait of the novelist which he has given to posterity.
 Now, the French have an anecdote about the painting of the portrait of Villele on all fours with the above. Conlon, who united the offices of court jester and physician to Louis XVIII, was famed for his powers of mimicry. One day when Gros, the artist, was complaining that no portrait existed which did justice to Villele Conlon answered, "None shows the profound nobility of his character and his evanescent expression." While he spoke the words seemed to come from Villele himself, so like had the doctor grown to the minister. Gros hastily sketched and then painted Conlon's transformed face, producing the best sketch of the French statesman which, we believe, exists.—London Standard.

The Sick One.
 This is a story of an old bachelor friend of mine tells to bolster himself up whenever he begins to think that single blessedness is not all it is cracked up to be. A woman here in town gave a dinner one Sunday in the winter—a family dinner—to some friends who had known her when fortune was not smiling on her as it does these days. She made great preparations for the affair and sent to her farm in Maryland for turkeys to grace the feast. The turkeys came, alive, in a box, but in nailing the box shut one of them had been cut in the head slightly by a nail, so that his head bled a little. The dinner was prepared and served. It was a triumph of art, and everything went on swimmingly till the roast turkey came in. The little son of the house saw it coming. "Oh," he said in a clear, sweet, ringing voice, "here comes the sick turkey. Mamma said to kill that one first."—Washington Post.

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 Just as he was passing through Widow Benham's woods, which adjoin the Grinnell place on the north, he heard a low moaning upon the ridge to the right and back of him. The judge knew well enough what the sound was, for he had not forgotten an encounter of a fortnight ago with wildcats. He began to run at a sort of fast jog, still keeping hold of his cart pole. His speed would have been greater if he had left the vehicle behind, but he didn't think of that. Before he had run a dozen steps he heard the mournful cry answered from the river bank on his left not 100 yards ahead of him. He stopped and listened and could hear the calls come nearer, showing that the cats were closing in on him. To add to his panic the old ox-slave discovered on feeling in his blouse that his graveyard rabbit's left hind foot was not in its accustomed place. With no charm to help him, he began to plan a way out of the scrape. First it occurred to him that he might swim across to Duck island near the Stratford shore, but as the water was so cold and the island a full mile away he gave up that scheme. At the moment he abandoned it the brush cracked right behind him, and turning he saw a light, dark body emerging into the road. Quickly he overturned his cart and crawled under it.
 Soon he heard the low calls close by, and then came a distinct sniff at the edge of the cart. The sniff was satisfactory, it seemed, for the two beasts now began pawing away at the dirt under each edge. The judge waited until he thought they had scooped quite a little cavity and one intruding paw had torn his coattail, and then he managed to shift the cart along by easy jumps till he had traveled a yard or more. After one or two of these mining ventures the wildcats decided that the process was too slow. They then proceeded to jump on the wheels and tried to pry the whole thing over. Fearing they would succeed, the old man thrust one finger out through a knot-hole in the bottom of the cart so that he might hold it down. With a yell one of his enemies struck the finger and ripped it open. All he could do after that was to press his knees and shoulders against the sides and ends of the cart and pray that his muscles would not give out.
 The cats next tried to force the cart out of the road down the river bank, and they nearly succeeded. Luckily they pushed it against a post, and there it stuck. A fury seemed to seize the pair at this failure, for they both sprang on the offending cart and began to tear and splinter the boards. They had succeeded in loosening a board in one side when the sound of approaching wheels was heard. The judge set up loud calls for help, and the wildcats crawled back into the brush. They leaped out again on the newcomers, who turned out to be Lem Smith and Lighthouse Charley Baldwin. Lem carries a good old fashioned six shooter, and he speedily let down one of the pair and wounded its mate so that it fled. They righted the cart and found the judge nearly dead with cramps and fear.—Wheeler's Farms (Conn.) Cor. New York Sun.

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