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## DOES GOLD GROW?

Some Veteran Miners who Pretend to Believe That It Does.

They recall the beaten trail blazers who had led the march of civilization into the mountains, and their conversation wandered from the departed glories of other days to the latest discoveries in science. John Helehan had just finished reading from a mining journal about Professor Emmet's discovery of the method of tracing silver into gold.

"I think Emmet's report is a humbug," said old Judge, a California Bond of James Ford exists, you stable of precious metals, rejecter as

"So have I," said the judge, "but you have never seen it grow, have you? I don't believe all the yarns these experts spin anyhow."

"Boys," spoke up John Treanor, "perhaps I have got some queer old notions stowed away under this diggin' hat of mine, but for 30 years, man and boy, I've been a prospector, and I've been del some thinkin'. And I tell you now that I believe gold does grow. Twenty years ago I struck the Leost and sank a shaft. It was silver ore, and after diggin' for awhile I gave it up in disgust. Then I wandered over to the other side of the range and located the Banner, a copper mine now in the possession of the Anaconda company. I moseyed around for awhile, and eight years ago I went back to my old love, the Leost.

"Hang me if I could believe my eyes, boys, when I found the prettiest ledge of gold ore right where the silver ledge was! It was as pretty as a picture, and I kept right on diggin' and have been diggin' in that hole ever since. It seemed to me that in the places where the water struck it it grew richer. I ran in three tunnels at the bottom, but found the gold was not yet ripe, so I just closed up the tunnels and let them rest for a few years."

"Blame me if I don't think Hank Stebbins does the same thing," said Jack Flice. "Hank lives up in Soap gulch and has a claim he calls the Belcher. He discovered it 30 years ago, when he was prospecting for bullets in his lead mine to kill Indians with. It is in a funny formation for that part of the country. It is in a reef of sand lying between the lime formation that borders on the Melrose valley and the stratified gneiss formation that runs from that point to the base of Red Mountain. Thirty years ago Hank discovered that there were globules of silver in the sand and located, but there was not enough mineral to pay, and he abandoned it. Ten years ago he went back to the old mine and began turning over the sand. He began to find chunks of gold instead of silver. He has a good thing of it now. He mines it like the Mexicans used to mine it years ago. He cuts stairs in the sand and takes the sand up in a candle box and sorts it over. Now all he has to do when he wants to make a stake is to go down to the sand pile and wiggle a crowbar around for a few minutes when up comes a piece of shining gold. Several capitalists have attempted to get hold of the mine, and one of Heinze's agents made him a good offer for it, but Hank won't sell, for he is sure he has a fortune if the gold keeps on growing."—Butter Inter Mountain.

**Witchcraft in the Nineteenth Century.**  
 Most people believe that witchcraft among civilized people ended when the "Salem witch mania" ran its course and died out in the year 1692. It did, as far as America is concerned, except among savages, but in other countries the belief in the superstition was not to die until a much later date. Even if it can be truly said to be dead now, in France an old beggar was tortured to death as late as 1807 on the charge of being one who "communed with evil spirits," and in Spain a witch was burned in 1808. In 1810 in France a man and his wife tortured a suspected witch to death, and nothing at all was done with them by the criminal courts on account of the lingering belief in sorcery. Four years later a witch was drowned in England, and in 1880 one was burned in Mexico. In 1874, 1879, 1880 and again in 1889 witches were publicly burned in Russia, and even as late as 1890 regular judicial trials of witches were had in Prussia, Poland and Austria-Hungary.—St. Louis Republic.

**An Altered Case.**  
 Father—Upon my word, I am simply ashamed of you. How dare you go fighting with your little friend, Fred?  
 Son—It was his own fault. He said my father was baldheaded.  
 Father—Johnnie, I think under the circumstances I must forgive you. Go and tell Jane to give you a large piece of cake and an orange.  
 —London Answers.

**Happy Days of Yore.**  
 "These buckwheat cakes are not at all like those mother used to make."  
 "Well, I should hope not. She had to make them overnight and take the crock to bed with her to keep them from freezing."  
 —Chicago Record.

## ENGLISH PRIME MINISTER.

He Has the Right to Advise as to Every Department.

Let us consider for a moment what is the real as contrasted with the theoretical position of the prime minister. In the first place, the prime minister, as a rule, makes his cabinet. He is commissioned by the queen to form a cabinet because he is the man whom she considers to possess the confidence of the majority of the house of commons. He forms his cabinet by asking certain members of the two houses to hold the great offices of state. He might do this in one day and without consulting any one.

As a matter of fact, what usually happens is this: As soon as a commission to form a government has been received the prime minister takes into his confidence the two or three men who will hold the chief offices, and they together talk over the other names. When a man is decided upon, he, as a rule, joins the concclave and helps to consult as to men and places, and so the cabinet gradually evolves itself. No doubt, as generally happens in this world, the prime minister's choice is never really free. Certain men must be in the cabinet whatever happens, and hence they may be said not to be chosen by the premier, but to be ministers in their own right. In spite, however, of this, the fact that they are asked to serve by the premier makes them feel his superiority. When the cabinet is made, the theory of the unwritten constitution is that the cabinet governs. In reality it seldom does anything of the kind. Each cabinet minister has very great power in his own department, but the cabinet as a cabinet can do little.

Since, however, it knows everything or almost everything that is going on it can exercise a great deal of indirect power. The previous knowledge that the majority of the cabinet would like or dislike a particular policy has a great influence, but still the cabinet does not rule.

Who, then, really rules? The prime minister, but limited in a way which we must describe later. What gives the prime minister this power? In the first place, he summons and presides over and so largely controls the cabinet meetings. Next, if a vacancy occurs, he nominates the new members from the lower to the higher offices. Then he can and does confer with his colleagues in regard to the business of their departments and so has a hold upon the whole machine government. Sir Robert Peel saw every member of his cabinet separately every day.

Again, if there is a difference between two other members of the government, the premier decides. If there is an irreconcilable difference between himself and a minister, it is the minister and not the premier who resigns. Lastly, the prime minister can, by resigning himself, dissolve the whole ministry. These things, small in themselves, taken together, make the prime minister's position what it is. He makes and can unmake a cabinet. He presides over it, and he has the right to advise in regard to every department, though this right is, of course, seldom exercised, and he has secured to him beforehand the support of the rank and file of any cabinet if it comes to a struggle between him and a colleague, because the rank and file know that if the premier is beaten he has it in his power to upset the whole machine of government. Hence the voices of those who want to keep in office are always found on the side of the premier.—London Spectator.

**Man Eating Sharks.**  
 The man eating fish par excellence is the great white shark. It is otherwise known by the name of man eater. Occasionally specimens are seen on both coasts of the United States, though its more customary habitat is in tropical waters. This frightful creature attains a length of nearly 40 feet, and it is able to swallow a man whole. This fact is proved by an experiment which sailors are fond of making when such a shark is captured. The skull being preserved, they amuse themselves by crawling one after another through the distended jaws. It would be unsafe to do this, however, when the head has been freshly cut off, because under such conditions the jaws will snap together fiercely for some time afterward if anything is placed between them. The skull of a big shark, by the way, is always salable, owing to the demand by museums and curiosity hunters. A young sea lion weighing 100 pounds has been found in the stomach of a white shark.—Rene Bach in Boston Transcript.



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**Medora.**  
[February 14.]

I. One little maid across the street  
Seemed never of her glance chary,  
But when today we chanced to meet,  
And knew that date in February  
When birds and woods are wide awake  
And all the earth to spring is turning  
I saw her smile—'twas no mistake—  
And our two hearts with love were  
burning.

II. A humped cheek, a soft blue eye,  
A figure like a wook born fairy,  
Long locks of hair that vagrant fly,  
A manner not to vain or airy,  
Rose lips that put the rose to blush,  
And do not lack the rose's sweetness  
Are hers, words fall into a hush  
That try to paint her form's com-  
pleteness.

III. I only know she has such grace  
As prompts a passion of a lover,  
A beaming glow illumines her face  
That nowhere else can you discover,  
I wound my arm around her waist  
And found her welcome did not vary  
And so today the bliss we taste  
So long prescribed for February.  
—Joel Benton.

**It's All Over Town.**

Is there not a chilly feeling  
Down your spinal column stealing  
While your marrow is congealing  
As it feels the icy nip?  
Are your bones and joints all aching?  
Do you feel your brains a shaking?  
If you do then you are taking  
What is Frenchified: La grippe.  
'Tain't no pleasant-like sensation  
For you feel like all tarantation;  
And, no matter what your station,  
High or low, you'll hardly skip.  
Pains which will not know appeasing  
Aching eyeballs, coughing, wheezing  
Intermittent spells of sneezing  
When you've got the cussed grip.  
You will feel all over spotted,  
You will think your brains are potted  
That to death you are allotted,  
As you swear and rear and' rip.  
And e'ne when you're better getting  
With your ailment you're coquetting  
You will still continue fretting  
As you conyalesce—la grippe.  
—Unknown Sufferer in Houston Post.

**Scandal.**

A woman to the holy father went—  
Confession of sin was her intent:  
And so her misdemeanors, great and  
small,  
She faithfully rehearsed them all;  
And chiefest, in her catalogue of sin,  
She owned that she a talebearer had  
been,  
And borne a bit of scandal up and down  
To all the long-tongued gossips of the  
town.  
The holy father, for her other sin  
Granted the absolution asked of him.  
But while for all the rest he pardon  
gave,  
He told her this offense was very grave  
And that to do fit penance she must go  
Out by the wayside where the thistles  
grow.  
And gather the largest, ripest one,  
Scatter the seeds, and that when this  
was done,  
She must come back again another day  
To tell him his commands she did obey.  
The woman, thinking this a penance  
light,  
Hastened to do his will that very night  
Feeling right glad she had escaped so  
well.  
Next day but one she went the priest  
to tell;  
The priest sat still and heard her story  
through,  
And said, "There's something still for  
you to do:  
Those little thistle seeds which you  
have sown,  
I bid you to regather—every one."  
The woman said, "But father, 'twould  
be in vain  
To try to gather up those seeds again;  
The winds have scattered them both  
far and wide,  
Over the meadow vale and mountain  
side."  
The father answered, "Now, I hope  
from this,  
The lesson I have taught you will not  
miss;  
You can't gather back the scattered  
seeds,  
Which far and wide will grow to nox-  
ious weeds;  
Nor can the mischief ones by scandal  
sown  
By any penance be again undone."  
—Montreal Witness.

**Scandal.**

The Texas legislators evince a  
disposition to protect home indus-  
try in every instance. They  
should be encouraged as it is that  
kind of policy that is needed to  
develop the south and west.

Amusement is as necessary to  
mankind as is food, or air, or  
light. It tones up the individual.  
It cheers his wearisome road  
through life and lightens the mo-  
notonous toil and labors of the  
matter-of-fact and work-a-day  
world.

**Back in the Railroad Business.**

W. F. Buchanan, of Robert Lee  
was in the city Saturday on rail-  
road business. He seemed quite  
enthusiastic, and believed the  
enterprise would go through at an  
early date.—San Angelo Enter-  
prise.

The custom of choosing valen-  
tines, as it is called, has for ages  
been confined to Feb 14, which  
is supposed to be about the time  
of the year that the birds choose  
their mates. In this country al-  
ways and in different parts of  
Europe the date is commonly  
marked, particularly in cities, by  
the sending through the post of  
valentines, generally comic or  
satiric, though often sentimental  
and of elaborate design.

St. Valentine's day, whatever it  
may have been, has long ceased  
to be employed in an erotic or  
mating sense. It may well be  
questioned if one in two or three  
hundred cases of acquaintance be-  
tween the sexes beginning through  
valentines leads nowadays to  
marriage or ensnaring of the affec-  
tions. Such ensnarement is con-  
stantly occurring, independent of  
date, propriety or reason. Matrimo-  
ny thrives at all seasons in  
spite of prudence. The fact is  
that all days are St. Valentine's  
and will be to the crack of doom.

The home of Mrs. L. Robertson  
was the scene of a happy event on  
last Tuesday night. It was the  
marriage of Dr. Wm. M. Fenley  
and Miss Maggie Johnson.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the por-  
tals to the parlor were cleared, and  
the bridegroom and bride, attend-  
ed by Jno. B. Callan and Miss  
Gillie Hanson, approached the  
altar of love, keeping time with  
"heart pulsations" to a soft and  
beautiful wedding march, played  
by Miss Sophie Nauwald.

Rev. J. H. Peters spoke the im-  
pressive words which bound them  
together "forever and for aye."  
The bride was lovely in white  
silk, trimmed with lace, ribbon  
and pearl passamentrie, and or-  
ange blossoms, with bridal veil.  
Miss Gillie Hanson, the brides-  
maid was attractive in cream silk,  
with same trimmings.

The bridegroom and his attend-  
ant wore immaculate black, with  
white kids and ties.

The editor of the Enterprise  
wishes to extend heartiest con-  
gratulations to the happy young  
couple. It has been our pleasure  
to know and to treasure them as  
friends for a long time. The  
bride grew into lovely womanhood  
"right here among us," and was a  
"bright particular star" of Me-  
nardville society and the bride  
groom although a citizen of our  
town but a short time, has, by  
his many noble traits of character,  
won many true and lasting friends.

Again we say, "much happiness  
to Dr. and Mrs. Fenley!"—Me-  
nardville Enterprise.

Zenker & Maier's saloon was  
broken into Thursday night and  
robbed of some small change and  
considerable whiskey.—San An-  
gelo Enterprise.

Samuel G. Tayloe, one of the  
coming lawyers of West Texas, is  
over from Sonora attending to his  
numerous cases in district court.—  
Ozona Courier.

We are indeed sorry to state  
that Uncle Rich Coffey, the oldest  
and one of the highest respected  
inhabitants of Concho county is  
lying at the point of death as we  
go to press.—Paint Rock Herald.

Mr. Lee Bradford and Miss  
Alice Crowel were married at the  
residence of Jim Bradford Wed-  
nesday night. A dance was given  
in honor of the contracting parties.  
A number of young folks from  
town attended. We wish them  
much happiness.—Menardville  
Enterprise.

Rockdale, Milam Co., Tex.,  
Feb. 6.—J. P. Rice, known thro-  
ughout this county as Uncle Porter  
Rice, died suddenly yesterday  
at the age of 77 years. He was  
one of the pioneers of Texas, hav-  
ing removed here from Tennessee  
in 1830. He served in the army  
of the Texas republic in her strug-  
gle for independence, and after-  
ward served through the war  
between the United States and  
Mexico. He was the first vice  
president of the Mexican War  
Veterans' association. He took  
no part in the war between the  
states as he said both sides were  
wrong, and that he had had  
enough of war in the two conflicts  
through which he had served.

**Wool Will be Treated the Same  
Way.**

Washington, February 4.—The  
daily sessions of the republican  
members of the ways and means  
committee, which have been in  
session for two weeks, have  
brought the tariff bill which is to  
be laid before the next congress  
to a stage where the character of  
the measure can be somewhat  
gauged and where certain of the  
most important schedules are defi-  
nitely fixed. Four schedules  
have now been fairly completed—  
chemical, agricultural, wines and  
spirits and earthen and glassware  
schedules. All rates which have  
been decided upon are subject to  
change before the committee fin-  
ishes the bill, but most of them  
probably will remain as they have  
been fixed in the draft of the bill.

Today's meeting was the most  
important of the series, for it re-  
sulted in the framing of the agri-  
cultural schedule, which was made  
a re-enactment of the McKinley  
bill with a few changes, except on  
unimportant products.

The most important step in con-  
nection with the schedule was the  
establishment of rates of \$5 a head  
on cattle more than one year old  
and of 25 per cent ad valorem on  
cattle valued at more than \$20 a  
head. The McKinley rates on  
other live stock, including the rate  
of \$2 on cattle of one year old or  
less are restored. The Wilson  
rates were 20 per cent ad valorem  
on live stock, and while the new  
duty of \$5 on cattle does not reach  
the McKinley figure of \$10 on  
cattle more than one year old, it  
is expected that with the advan-  
ces on the more valuable grades  
it will prove adequate to such on  
the Mexican cattle. It is against  
the Mexican stock that the in-  
crease is particularly directed, on  
the representation of Western  
cattlemen that their business has  
been ruined by the importation  
from Mexico under the Wilson  
law, which amounted to more than  
100,000 head. February 5.—The  
republican members of the ways  
and means committee devoted  
their attention to-day to the  
schedule of wood and manufact-  
ures of wood and decided to re-  
store the McKinley rates practi-  
cally in full, with the important  
exception of white pine. In re-  
sponse to the general demand of  
the representatives of the lumber  
interests, who complained that  
the Canadians were capturing the  
American market for white pine,  
this wood was raised to its old  
rate in the act of 1883, which is \$2  
per 1000 feet sawed. The manu-  
factures of pine clap boards and  
shingles are raised correspond-  
ingly, so that all forms in pine will  
pay the same duties as spruce.  
Pine was dutiable at \$2 under the  
law of 1883, but when the McKin-  
ley bill was framed the rate was  
reduced to \$1, so that in the new  
bill it will pay twice the rates of  
the McKinley act.

The Wilson act placed lumber  
and nearly all forms of wood on  
the free list.

**Notice.**

In connection with the regular  
examination in February, teachers  
will have an opportunity to obtain  
permanent county and State  
certificates.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the ex-  
amination on branches prescribed  
for the third grade certificates  
will be held. On Friday, Feb. 19,  
the examination on the additional  
subjects for second grade and first  
grade certificates will be given and  
on Thursday Feb. 18, the exami-  
nation on the additional subjects  
required for permanent certificates  
will be given. The applicants for  
permanent certificates should be-  
gin the examination on Thursday.  
applicants for first and second  
grades on Friday; applicants for  
third grade certificates need not  
be present until Saturday.  
J. O. Rountree,  
Ex-officio County Superintendent.

During 1895, 238,663 cattle were  
brought into the United States  
from Mexico. It is expected that  
the number imported during 1896  
will greatly exceed that of 1895.  
The figures are not completed.

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windows, fencing and building  
hardware from the well-known and  
reliable firm of Wm. Cameron &  
Co., of San Angelo. This firm is  
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who is one of the company and  
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erly. They are doing business  
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leges, he has had an extensive ex-  
perience as a surgeon and physi-  
cian prior to entering the field of  
specialties.

Why he is a specialist is because  
to understand the successful treat-  
ment of a few diseases is far better  
than an imperfect knowledge of  
many. Concentration of study ac-  
complishes much. The practice  
of medicine is magnanimous and a  
knowledge of it as taught to day is  
considered too much for one man to  
comprehend perfectly as a whole,  
hence the division of the practice  
into specialties. Dr. Moseley has a  
treatment of gonorrhea, syphilis, com-  
paratively the most effective, yet  
time requires which is from one to  
six months. He has been in Sweden  
and has seen the best treatment  
and has adopted it. He has pro-  
ved it by his own practice.

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**Stock News.**

Chicago sheep market on Feb  
9th \$3.50 to \$4, St Louis 3 to \$4  
O. C. Roberta sold his flock of  
stock sheep to T. B. Birtrong at  
\$1 75 a head.

Steve Calvary of Sterling county  
sold 2500 sheep at \$1 75 a head  
last week.

T. B. Birtrong sold 75 head of  
eastern stock cattle to O. C. Rob-  
erts this week at \$11 round.

Sam Henderson of Schleicher  
county bought 33 yearling Durham  
bulls from Thompson Bros., of  
Runnels county at \$35 a head.

Nothing new about the wool  
markets this week. Purchases are  
being made in anticipation of a  
duty on wool.

Bird & Mertz of San Angelo  
sold to Winfield Scott of Ft Worth  
3500 4-year-old steers at \$22.85 a  
head.

This dispatch says the  
highest price for wool sold  
for eight months of the year has  
been reached. It was 40 cents  
per pound. The price was 35 cents  
per pound. This is the  
top price paid in four years.

Lon Tatum sold to Ed Randall  
100 yearlings and 100 cows at \$10  
all round.—Del Rio Record.

G. W. Hodges bought 80 head  
of stock cattle from the Wooten  
estate last week at \$10.25 per  
head.—Kimble County Citizen.

Some small clips of Texas wool  
sold at Eagle Pass last week to  
parties in Mexico at 7 1-4 to 9c  
per pound.—Stockman.

Abe Miller has just returned  
from a trip to Eastern Texas.  
While there he purchased 100  
head of coming two-year-old heif-  
ers for \$7.50 per head and 400 cows  
at \$10 per head.—Concho Herald.

W. A. Kelly and C. C. Wish  
sold 300 4-year-old steers on the  
29th inst to Chittim & Merchant  
at \$21 per head to be delivered  
by Feb. 19. W. D. Heard sold  
about 75 steer yearlings (two or  
three days ago to Campbell Bros.  
& Banks at \$9.50 per head.—  
Uvalde Correspondent in San An-  
tonio Stockman.

N. G. Collins, of San Diego sold  
last week to J. M. Chittum of San  
Antonio 2800 head of steers rang-  
ing from four to seven years old  
located in Nueces county at \$22.50  
per head to be delivered early in  
the spring.

Geo B Loving & Co, cattle com-  
mission merchants of this city sold  
Saturday to A J Chapman of Noco-  
na 2000 cording one and two year  
old steers at \$15 and \$20 per head.  
These cattle are owned by the  
Llano Land and Cattle company  
of Garza county, and are a splendid  
lot of cattle.—Ft Worth Journal

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 7.—  
Two cattle purchases of interest  
were made here this week. Mr.  
A. J. Thompson here from To-  
ronto, Canada, to purchase cattle  
for export, has bought 400 head of  
the Wagoner cattle at Bowie, pay-  
ing in the neighborhood, it is said,  
of \$3.75 for them. These cattle  
will be shipped here Thursday  
next, weighed and shipped direct  
to Liverpool via Galveston or New  
Orleans. On the outcome of this  
shipment will largely depend other  
deals of a similar character.

Lashmatt, at about \$12.50 per  
head.

R. C. Sanderson of Big Springs  
sold 700 head of ones and twos  
last week to Gale McCall of Iowa,  
at \$14.50 and \$18 per head.

Fayette Tankersly sold and de-  
livered at the San Angelo pens  
Saturday, 298 4 and 5-year-old  
steers, at \$22.50, to Thompson Ely  
who will place them on cotton seed  
meal feed at Temple.

Anson & Verner sold 170 head  
of mixed cattle this week to W.  
A. Nix, a Greenville feeder, as  
follows: 90 head of Eastern steers,  
60 head of old cows at \$13 per  
head, 20 head of bulls and stags  
at \$17.

John Bustin returned from his  
Shafter Lake ranch this week on a  
visit to his folks. On his recent  
trip he contracted all his yearlings  
spring delivery, to northern par-  
ties at \$13.50 per head. We  
understand he sold about 1000  
head.

John Kennedy purchased last  
week three registered polled  
parties in Cleburne county. He  
has a nice herd of polled parties  
started and firmly believes they  
are the coming beef breed of the  
United States.

The M. B. Pulliam cattle trade,  
reference of which was made in  
our last issue, was consummated  
yesterday. The particulars of  
this deal which involves \$100,000  
are as follows:—Nub bought from  
Johnson Bros., of Pecos City, 3,  
000 two-year-old steers at \$17.50  
and 2,500 yearlings at \$14, deliv-  
ered at his ranch near Lubbock in  
the spring time gentle Annie.  
These are Panhandle cattle, all of  
Johnson Bros. own raising, and is  
considered one of the best herds  
on the Plains.—San Angelo Stand-  
ard.

**What the American Cow is doing  
For the American Public.**

Most persons will be surprised  
to learn that the butter alone  
which the great American cow pro-  
duces every year could not be  
bought with all the gold and silver  
that is taken from the mines in  
the world in a single year. She  
could buy the bankers, control the  
clearing-houses, own the mines,  
pay off the national debt, or do  
several other stupendous things  
which are left for greatness if she  
only set about it. Her butter for  
one year is worth more than all  
the iron and steel produced, all the  
gold and silver, all the copper,  
lead and zinc, in fact more than all  
the metallic products of a year, so  
that if we had free coinage of iron,  
steel, copper or lead and zinc, as  
well as gold and silver, this free  
coinage would not buy the cow  
butter.

Then all the coal barons, all the  
oil trusts and natural gas magnates  
might combine and still not be  
able to corner the butter, and the  
men who control stone quarries,  
brick yards, all clay products and  
the cement works might join them  
and they could not buy the butter  
and cheese. These are not mere  
assertions made of the American  
cow or the cow candidate for polit-  
ical office. They are more readily  
proved by statistics than are many  
of the bank statements or other  
big business propositions that are  
put before the American people.

A quite serious if not fatal acci-  
dent occurred on R. W. Prusser's  
cattle ranch some twenty miles  
from here on the 3rd. Colonel  
Martin, the 13-year-old son of A.  
H. Martin, was driving some cattle  
when his horse fell with him frac-  
turing the skull just over the eye.  
Dr. Ross of Del Rio went out to  
the ranch to attend him and re-  
mained two days, returning to  
Del Rio this morning. There are  
hopes of his recovery now.—Com-  
stock Correspondent in San An-  
tonio Express.

Our old friend and fellow town-  
man Mr. E. Gibbons, is "again on  
the Bandera side of the hills. His  
family has moved back to the old  
ranch on Verde. Miss Adah is  
teaching school on East Verde;  
Graham has flew into the farm  
and is linking to it like he had  
never been elsewhere, while the  
old gentleman does as he pleases,  
and peddles chickens and turkeys  
and other country produce.—Ban-  
dera Enterprise.

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In this issue we publish an  
account of the marriage of Miss  
Maggie Johnson, daughter of the  
late "Cottonhead" Johnson of  
Menardville.

Jud Swearingen, the genial and  
efficient assessor of Sutton county  
is over from Sonora attending  
district court. Jud is one of the  
boys and makes friends and mak-  
es on the girls as easily as a wom-  
an makes dough and at dances he  
marches strictly on the front sets.  
Jud is very much pleased with  
Ozona and her people. The only  
great kick he has coming at some  
of them is that they take him for  
Cal Hoss.—Ozona Courier.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

**METHODIST:**—Rev. J. W. Gibbons  
Methodist minister of the Sonora  
Mission will attend the following  
regular appointments:  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30  
p. m. on second and fourth Sun-  
days at Sonora.  
Meeting every Wednes-  
day evening at 7:30 p. m.

**BAPTIST:**—Rev. D. W. Matthews  
Pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and  
7:15 p. m., on the first and third  
Sundays in Sonora, also preach-  
ing and conference on Saturday night  
before the first Sunday.

Preaching on fourth Sunday and  
Saturday night before the fourth  
Sunday in Ozona.

Episcopal services will be held  
at Sonora the fourth Sunday in  
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morning and night. At McAvett  
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### Commissioner's Court.

The Honorable Commissioners Court of Sutton County, met in regular session at the Court house, in Sonora on Feb. 8th and were in session three days with the following officers in attendance. Judge J. O. Rountree presiding; Commissioners W. A. Stewart precinct No. 1; O. H. Wood precinct No. 2; Sam Merck precinct No. 3; A. A. Williamson precinct No. 4; and S. H. Stokes clerk.

The following accounts were approved:

J. P. McConnell, tax collector.  
W. H. Cusenbary, treasurer.

S. H. Stokes, clerk; fines trial and jury fees, also quarterly tabulated statement.

J. M. Brotherton, road overseer of precinct No. 1.

Ordered that shoves be made and placed in the vault of the county surveyor's and treasurer's office.

Petition to change the McKavett road, rejected on report of jury of view.

Bond of James Ford as constable of precinct No. 3, rejected having expired.

L. N. Halbert, as appointed county attorney at his bond approved.

The following road overseers were appointed:

J. M. Brotherton precinct No. 1  
Wm. Ogle " No. 2  
Chas. Deer " No. 3  
P. H. McNutt " No. 4.

Petition of R. E. Covington passed till next regular term.

The petition of W. A. Holland and thirteen other school precinct No. 4, pray for an election to determine if a tax of 15 cents on the \$100 valuation in precinct No. 4, be levied in order to supplement the school fund of said district, was granted and the election to be held at G. A. Allison's Llano ranch on April 9th, with R. T. Baker presiding officer.

The following were appointed presiding officers of elections:

J. W. Hagerlund and E. C. Saunders, precinct No. 1.

T. P. Gillespie precinct No. 2.  
Horton Allen, precinct No. 3.

S. C. Martin and R. T. Baker, precinct No. 4.

The following were appointed to hold school trustees election in precinct No. 1: J. A. Hagerlund, G. B. Duke and J. B. Hill.

In precinct No. 2, P. A. Tschudy, M. L. Wood and Fred Koenig.

In precinct No. 3, E. W. Watt, Horton Allen and Frank McDonald.

In precinct No. 4, C. C. Yaws, J. B. Stribbling, J. W. Reiley.

Ordered that the salary of the County Judge be raised from \$480 to \$540.

The ex-officio salary of the county and district clerk and sheriff was made the same as last year, \$300.

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Noah Rose the photographer arrived this week from Menardville and has opened his studio on Main street. Mr. Rose will remain in Sonora for some time and asks the public to call and examine his work. Owing to his prices being reasonable he expects a liberal patronage from the people of the Sonora country.

Fire broke out in the spare room which is about eight feet from the main house at Jo Parker's ranch six miles west of Sonora about daylight Thursday morning and the building and contents are a total loss. Mr. Parker and family succeeded in saving the main house. His loss is about \$200 and he has no idea how the fire originated.

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### Two Killed and One Seriously Wounded.

Charlie Allen who drives the Sonora and Junction City stage brought to Sonora Tuesday the information that T. C. Johnson and J. W. Crain had been killed and one, Underwood seriously wounded while resisting arrest by Sheriff John L. Jones of Kimble county, and posse at daylight Sunday morning in the north corner of R. B. Allan pasture on Bear creek in Menard county.

The events that led up to the tragic ending are about as follows: About January 1st Peter Paterson a cattleman ranching with his brother James Paterson in Kimble county reported to Sheriff Jones that 60 head of cattle had been stolen from the pasture. An investigation followed and 48 head of the cattle were recovered from a ranchman near Brady in McCulloch county who had bought and paid for them in money and horses.

The bill of sale was signed by T. C. Johnson and on this and other information the officers started out to make arrests. They went to where the parties wanted had been staying on the Llano but not finding them at home took their trail which they followed on Saturday last to the Allen pasture.

The posse located the camp at night and early Sunday morning when trying to get nearer the camp a dog gave the campers warning that some one was near and Crain got up with his Winchester in his hand and hissed the dog on. Oscar Latta one of the posse was near Crain and ordered him to surrender but Crain answered by firing into the brush at Latta. Sheriff Jones ordered the posse to charge with the result that Johnson and Crain were shot dead and Underwood was shot twice, once through the hips and once in the lower part of his left leg. Jim Pettegrew escaped in his under clothes with his Winchester and up to present has not been captured although he was seen Sunday evening near his home on the Llano with probably his overshirt tied around his feet.

He had gone 25 miles in this grab. The bodies of Johnson and Crain were buried in Menard county and Underwood was taken to Junction City and placed in Jail. Johnson is supposed to be a new comer from Mills county or the Territory and Crane came to this county with his wife from San Saba county. Underwood is said to be from Missouri but recently from McCulloch county. Pettegrew has been living in Sutton county for some years and at one time was a gambler at Sonora. In the camp was found a buckboard, 12 pistols, three Winchesters and a sack full of cartridges, and several head of horses, some of them belonging to different parties in the country. The sheriff's posse consisted of Sheriff John L. Jones, John Gardner, Oscar Latta, Tom Taylor, Bud Frazier of Kimble county and Deputy Sheriff R. J. Owens of Sutton county.

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Mrs. J. W. Reiley and son John and Mrs. Fred Berger came in from the ranch Tuesday.

John Keton the sheepman was in Sonora this week in company with his sister Miss Lou Keton.

Tom White the sheepman from Dolan in Val Verde county was in Sonora this week for supplies.

Dr. J. H. Coleman the well-known stockman of Edwards county was in Sonora Wednesday for supplies.

W. F. Decker the hotel man who has been confined to his room for the past month has recovered and is now able to be about.

Mr. Cowsert a well known stockman of the Llano in Kimble county was in Sonora this week looking for Devon bulls.

Walter Russell and Buck Tipton prominent young cattlemen of Menard county were in Sonora this week.

Mal Walters came in from Keyes Fawcett's ranch on Dolan and is going to work for Bob Peacock.

"Sighless" Hodges the handsome young representative of the Hulbert Hardware Co., of Brownwood was in Sonora this week.

Sam Merck, commissioner of precinct No 3 was in Sonora this week attending court. Mr. Merck says he can strike a bunch of coyotes any time of the day or night in his part of the country.

W. F. Fielding the sheepman who worked for Pat McHugh a few years ago was in Sonora this week. He has gone down to Franks & Taylors to take charge of Jo Thelie's string of muttons.

Robt. Dickinson the dentist of Ballinger was in Sonora Tuesday. The doctor has been enjoying an outing on the ranch of D. B. Cusenbary 20 miles south of Sonora, hunting wolves and wild cats.

Jo Thiele the mutton man returned from San Angelo Wednesday. He was accompanied by A. L. Confor, representative of the Chicago Live Stock Commission Co. who is out on a hunting trip—it may be wild game or to tame something that is supposed to be wild that Mr. Confor is after.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Moseley arrived in Sonora Tuesday and are staying at the Wyatt hotel. Dr. Moseley has been successful in the practice of his specialties at Uvalde, Del Rio and other places on the Southern Pacific and has many recommendations.

Mat Patton the sheepman was in from his sheep camp in Edwards county this week for supplies. They lost a few thin sheep during the storm but not any more, Mr. Patton says, than if they had been on feed in Bell county.

The assessor was instructed to take stock horses at \$8; work horses and mules \$20; stock sheep \$1.25; muttons and dry ewes \$1.75; stock cattle \$1.25 and up \$15; goats 75 cents to \$1.50; and lands same as last year.

F. M. Wyatt of the Wyatt Hotel and W. H. Blaska of Sherwood left on Saturday for Sherwood.

Born to Mr and Mrs Doc Joy, on the 6th of February, a beautiful boy.

Claude Broome of San Angelo, was in Sonora Saturday with some cattle buyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beckett of Kinney county were in Sonora a few days this week. Mrs. Beckett was under the care of Dr. Moseley.

J. T. de Long traveling representative of the Skaboura Dip Co., of Chicago, Ill., is in Sonora and will be pleased to explain his dip to the sheepmen.

W. G. Ray representing Waple-Platter grocery company, Fort Worth, P. B. Beall of the Humiske Glove company of St. Louis, and Ruben Morris representing the American Tobacco Co were in Sonora this week.

R. C. Dawson the saddler is representing the Ramsey Nursery of Austin and any one wanting fruit, shade trees, shrubs etc., should see him at once and make their selection. He has hundreds of trees now on hand in Sonora.

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

A. A. Williamson the county commissioner from precinct No. 4, was in town this week.

Tom Cummings the well-known young cowman from Eldorado, was in Sonora Thursday.

Geo. S. Allison is having shade trees planted in front of his property on Main street.

The grand jury of Crockett county returned twelve bills of indictment.

Commissioner O. H. Wood who was in Sonora this week attending court, expects to have his new ranch house finished this week.

Misses Savana Everett and Florence Kendrick, accompanied by Ruff. Everett of Ozona were in Sonora this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Drake.

It is predicted that the coming season will be a dry one, in fact droughty, similar to last summer. Prepare for it by increasing the water storage now.

Drug Store for Sale.  
One half interest in the prosperous drug business of Cusenbary & Co., of Sonora for sale. Apply to  
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STATE DOCKET.  
February term, 1897.  
Nos. 107, 108 and 109—State vs W. F. Buchanan, embezzlement.  
Nos. 122 and 123—State vs Lon Reynolds, forgery and knowingly passing a forged instrument.  
No. 185—State vs Jo Ratliff, theft of hogs.  
No. 189—State vs A. W. Haley, murder.  
No. 190—State vs Audre a Morades and S. mora Rodrigues, burglary.  
No. 193—State vs Pancho Rubio assault with intent to murder.  
No. 194—State vs J. D. Powell, swindling.  
No. 195—State vs L. V. Lane, theft of sheep.  
No. 196—State vs James Robson conspiring to murder.

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Bring your Deer skins, Furs and poultry to us, we will buy them and pay highest market prices.  
Mayer Bros. & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayer and daughter and Abe Mayer returned from their visit to San Antonio Thursday.

Lovers' purses are said to be tied with cobwebs, but the stoutest purse strings must yield to the man who advertises.

The contest for the office of sheriff and tax-collector of Crockett county was decided in favor of Joe T. Gurley before District Judge Timmins at Ozona this week. The case will probably be appealed.

A. W. McFarland the cattleman of the old Vermont pasture was in Sonora Thursday with his two little boys. One of the boys had stepped on a rusty nail a few days ago and Mr. McFarland brought him to town for medical treatment.

The habeas corpus trial of Jas. Heflin and Wesley White charged by indictment by the grand jury of Crockett county for the murder of George Trawek in Ozona on January 2nd, was had before District Judge Timmins at Ozona and the defendants were admitted to bail in the sum of \$5000 each.

Noah Rose the photographer arrived this week from Menardville and has opened his studio on Main street. Mr. Rose will remain in Sonora for some time and asks the public to call and examine his work. Owing to his prices being reasonable he expects a liberal patronage from the people of the Sonora country.

Fire broke out in the spare room which is about eight feet from the main house at Jo Parker's ranch six miles west of Sonora about daylight Thursday morning and the building and contents are a total loss. Mr. Parker and family succeeded in saving the main house. His loss is about \$200 and he has no idea how the fire originated.

The whole story of the wonderful cures of Hood's Sarsaparilla is soon told. It makes the blood rich, pure and nourishing. It cures scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism.

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THE MOST SENSIBLE GIRL.

Perhaps there are girls who in figure and face than Nolly are far more lowly fitting. Vague measure of gentleness, sweetness and grace seem to feminine worth more enriching.

It may be there grows in the garden of hearts some true to love's tender training. Some gentleness, gifted with manners and arts than Nolly's far more entertaining.

You'll find maiden's quainter, daintier, crowned With charms more deserving man's praises. You'll find them more more sprightly, more tastefully generous.

Do not in the realm of her sex, I declare, No matter what heaven she blesses, Can a woman be found whose good sense will compare With the kind that my Nolly possesses.

Do you ask for the proof? Does my statement compare With the one girl in town who'd the sense to say "Yes"?

In response to my popping the question. —Boston Courier.

When People Catch Cold.

The "cold spots," meaning thereby the surface areas peculiarly susceptible to cold, are principally the nose of the neck and the lower part of the abdomen and the shins. The acute discomfort and the sense of impending disaster which result from the steady play of a current of cold air upon the neck from behind are well known. The necessity of keeping the abdomen warmly clad is also generally recognized, though perhaps not as generally carried into practice. Curiously enough, few people are conscious of the danger they run by exposing the usually inadequately protected shins to currents of cold air. This is the usual way in which colds are caught on omnibuses. When driving, one takes care to cover the legs with a rug or waterproof, but on the more democratic conveyance rugs are not often available, and the reckless passenger by and by awakens to the fact that the iron has entered into his soul—in other words, that he has "caught cold." People who wear stockings, such as highlanders, golfers and cyclists, invariably take the precaution of turning the thick woollen material down over the shins, the better to protect them against less of heat, though incidentally the artificial embellishment of the calves may not be altogether foreign to the maneuver. This is an instance of how all things work together for good. It does not, of course, follow because certain areas are peculiarly susceptible to cold that a chill may not be conveyed to the nervous system from other points. Prolonged sitting on a stone, or even on the damp grass, is well known to be a fertile source of disease, and wet, cold feet are also, with reason, credited with paving the way to an early grave.—London Medical Press.

A Curious Creation Myth.

The various nations of the earth have their different legends or myths concerning the creation. That of the Scandinavian countries is particularly interesting. According to the myth, Odin, Vili and Ve, sons of the giant and giantess Bor and Besta, killed Ymir, and from his body formed the heavens and the earth. Of his blood they made the seas and impassable oceans which surround the earth; of his bones they made the mountains, using his teeth and the splinters to make the stones and pebbles. From his inverted skull they formed the heavens, and of his brains they formed the clouds. His hair became plants and trees when given a chance to take root in the new, warm soil, and of his eyebrows they made a wall of defense around Midgard (Eden), which was the central place of abode of men. When these miracles had all been performed to suit Odin, who was the chief god, the three brothers took the sparks of fire which rained down from the burning world Muspelheim, and, throwing them over the face of heaven, made the sun, the moon and the stars.—St. Louis Republic.

Conserving and Unconserved.

A burning coal mine exists in Pictou county, Canada. The commissioners appointed by the local government to report on the history, causes and effects of the coal mine fires of the above district reported that the Ford col pit has been on fire at one place or another ever since 1859, and that it was still burning and likely to burn.

Modern patrons of the chrysothemia may not know that it was deemed a lucky stone in the days of King Solomon. What an exquisite color it has! But no two specimens are of quite the same tint.

Russell of The Scotsman, being once rallied by a gray-headed friend upon his baldness, silenced him with the remark, "My hair preferred death to dishonor."

When the snake sheds his skin, the skin of the eye comes off with the rest. Translucent in most parts, the skin over the snake's eye is perfectly transparent.

According to Professor Costa, the period of incubation in shark eggs is about nine months.

Gloom

Of ill health, despondency and despair, gives way to the sunshine of hope, happiness and health, upon taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it gives renewed life and vitality to the blood, and through that imparts that vigor and energy to the whole body. Read this letter: "Hood's Sarsaparilla wonderfully changed sickness to health, gloom to sunshine. No pen can describe what I suffered. I was deathly sick, had sick headaches every few days and those terrible, despondent feelings, with heart troubles so that I could not go up and down stairs without clasping my hand over my heart and resting. In fact, it would almost take my breath away. I suffered so I did not care to live, yet I had much to live for. There is no pleasure in life if deprived of health, for life becomes a burden. Hood's Sarsaparilla does far more than advertised. After taking one bottle, it is sufficient to recommend itself." Mrs. J. E. S., Beloit, Iowa.

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GULLS ON THE THAMES.

During Breeding Time They Are Like Birds of the Country.

The gulls breed in marshy places, sometimes at a considerable distance from the sea, returning to the coast as soon as the duties of incubation are over and reappearing in the following spring. During the breeding season they become, to all intents and purposes, birds of the country, not only in their habitat, but in their habits, and are to be reckoned in no small degree among the farmer's friends. The number of their breeding places in Britain has diminished considerably within historic times. Sir Thomas Browne tells us that in his day these birds were in such plenty about Hoxsey that "the country people sometimes brought them in carts to Norwich and sold eggs in puddings." The colony at Hoxsey was dispersed early in this century, and cattle graze on the excellent pasture land which has been formed by the draining of the marshes. The colony did not, in a body, seek a fresh breeding place, but spread themselves in small parties over the broads. Some came to nest at Rollesby for a few seasons, but the erection there of the Yarmouth water works, it is said, disturbed them and eventually drove them away.

Of all the new colonies, the most successful has been that at Hove-ton, not far from Wroxham, the well known yachting center, where they bred intermittently till 1854, when as many as 30 nests were hatched off. From that date the colony may be said to have settled there permanently, and they have been consistently protected. Some doubtless went to the noted breeding place at Scoulton mere, probably the largest in the kingdom, known like the vanished one at Hoxsey, to Sir Thomas Browne, who, when treating of these birds, wrote to Merritt that "great plenty thereof have bred about Scoulton mere, and from thence sent to London." And at this place they have bred from time immemorial.

The village of Scoulton lies on the high road between Watton and Norwich, and not far from the village is the famous mere, some two miles round, in the middle of which is a large swampy island, with a thick growth of spear grass and reeds, and bearing a few willows. About the middle of February the birds begin to come in, and the stream of immigration continues for about three weeks, when the nesting commences. Not that a nest, in the ordinary sense of the word, is always built—at any rate at Scoulton—for the eggs are sometimes deposited in a hollow on the ground. Generally, however, there is some kind of a nest of sedges, reed tops and withered grass. The birds begin to lay in April, if the weather is mild, and as soon as they have fairly settled down the eggs are gathered for the market, and sometimes as many as 2,000 have been taken in one day. When the birds are in full laying, and have been left from Friday till Monday undisturbed, over 3,000 eggs have been collected. No more than three are laid the first time, though if these are taken, the bird will lay again, but in the second and third clutch there are rarely more than two.

During the breeding season the birds spread over the country in search of food, following the plow, picking up grubs and worms turned up by the share. One is glad to know that the farmers have remembered their feathered friends. Lubbock, in his "Fauna of Norfolk," says that now and then a year of jubilee is given, when no eggs are taken, and that on one occasion the eggs were spared at the instance of the neighboring farmers, who justly valued the services of these birds in the destruction of grubs, etc. As soon as the young birds can fly the colony breaks up, and its members depart to the coast, where, as a rule, they spend the autumn and winter. By the middle of August the gulls have left their breeding place, to return no more till the following season.—London Telegraph.

WATCH FACES.

A Hat Which Showed That They Are Not All Made Alike.

Several men were smoking and talking in the office of a hotel in one of the larger towns of West Virginia when a stranger said: "I'll bet \$10 with any man here that he can't put down on a piece of paper the hours as they appear on the face of my watch."

At this announcement the face of one of the natives lighted up with pleasurable anticipation of winning the money, but he hadn't enough cash about him to cover the stranger's money, so he took a friend off in a corner and said:

"Rube, this is a snap. That stranger thinks the watch face seal hasn't come this far yet, but I read all about it in the paper week before last. Didn't you?"

"No, I didn't, Jim," replied Rube. "What is there in it?"

"It's just this: Most people, when they are asked to put down the hours on a piece of paper, will write the letters all correct till they get to 4 o'clock, and then they'll put down IV; but all watches have four 1's instead. Then when they get to 6 they'll put down VI, when the fact is there is no figure there at all on the watch face, because the space is taken up with the second hand."

"Is that so?" asked Rube.

"Yes."

"Then why don't you bet with him and win his money?"

"I've only \$5. You put up \$5, and we'll make it \$10 and walk off with his cash."

"Here's your \$5," replied Rube, producing a bank note.

Then Jim went over to the crowd, where the stranger was still trying to get a taker for his wager, and announced that he had the money to bet.

The stranger produced a \$10 note, and that, with the capital of the two friends, was placed in the hands of the clerk.

"Now write out the hours," said the stranger.

Jim took a pencil and made a circle as well as he could. It had a few contusions in its circumference, but that didn't matter.

As Jim made his Roman numerals every eye watched him with interest, and as he put down the four 1's he remarked:

"Stranger, you had an idea that we didn't know about this trick here, but you see we do." Then he went on, carefully omitting the VI for 6 and explaining verbally why this number did not appear on the watch face. As he finished the XII he exclaimed, with a satisfied air:

"There you are. I guess you'll find that right."

"That is the way the hours are put on my watch face, is it?" asked the stranger.

"Yes, that is the way the hours are put on all watch faces," replied Jim. "Let's see your watch."

The watch was produced, and instead of the hours being printed in Roman notation there they were in Arabic numerals.

"Well, I'll swear!" gasped Jim.

The stranger put the money in his pocket without saying a word.—Detroit Free Press.

His Fortune.

A man who was walking around in the waiting room of a railroad station waiting for the opening of the doors saw over a rather elaborate weighing machine a sign which read, "It gives you music, tells your fortune and prints your weight all for 5 cents." The man stepped up on the platform, and following the directions contained in another sign attached to the machine dropped a nickel into the slot.

Instantly the band began to play, but the man found afterward that he could not recall the tune. In fact, he had never known what tune it played, he had been so interested in his weight and his fortune. Presently the music ceased, and out from a little spot into a little receptacle it could be reached popped a little card properly dated. Upon one side of the card the man read, "Preserve for future reference; 161 pounds." And upon the other side he read his fortune:

Your friends are legion, Your enemies few, But beware of the one Whose acquaintance is new. —New York Sun.

How They Dance In Hungary.

With the exception of the Spaniards there is no nation in Europe who dance like the Hungarians. They love it with a love that amounts to a passion. They not only go in for it heart and soul, but they will dance on anything, in any sort of weather—a paddock, a village street, a stable yard, the earthen floor of a wayside casarid—it is all the same to them. Not the scorching sun, or the whirling dust, or the pelting rain, or the falling snow will deter them. They all dance beautifully too. It seems to be in their blood, just as thieving and fiddling are in the gypsy veins.—H. Ellen Browning in "Wanderings In Hungary."

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BEARTRAP, SWEDISH STYLE.

It Caught the Bear, but American Fellows Proved Too Much For It.

Even Larsen has tried the Swedish method of trapping bears, with American trimmings. The bear fell in with the Swedish plan, but kicked on the American frills and is still at liberty.

About ten miles south of Sugar creek, in Warren county, John Watson runs a sawmill and in the spring turns his attention to boiling maple sugar, which he is assisted by Larsen. One day he sent Larsen down to the mill to fire up the boiler. In a short time Larsen came running back breathlessly shouting between gasps:

"Hand me a gun! A big, black devil has his end in the boiler."

Watson called another man, seized a rifle and ran toward the woods, Larsen and to other hired hand following armed with axes. The bear had disappeared when they arrived at the mill, and with it a fine big ham which had been left in a small smokhouse.

Larsen the began to tell how he had seen beartrapped in Sweden and proposed to try this one. He proceeded to describe the method of the interior of the barrel sirup and honey. He had great assistance and carried the barrel toward a spot where the bear was supposed to reside. He dug a hole in the ground and let the barrel down into the earth, leaving about ten inches above the ground, filling the earth lightly about the barrel. He also threw in a bag of ham bone for bait to catch a whiff of an extra inducement.

Watson looked at Larsen and said no bear would be foolish enough to fall into a shallow trap, and if it did the barrel would not hold it. The trap was set, however. The following day while the men were working in the camp of woods nearby, they heard a scratching and growing in the direction of the bear trap and looked toward it. Sure enough, there was a big black bear head foremost in the barrel, stuck in tight. It snorted and tore chunks of earth with its hind paws, which it scattered in showers in the air. Watson prodded it, which increased its anger, and it tore furiously to free itself.

Larsen was anxious to run to the loghouse and get a rifle with which to shoot it. Watson suggested a cheaper and quicker method. His was to dip water out of the run near by, pour it into the barrel and drown the bear. This improvement on the Swedish system of bear trapping started trouble, Larsen and the other laborer filled two buckets and poured one into the barrel over the bear's back. As the ice cold water flowed down its shaggy coat the bear carried on at a furious rate. It clawed, snorted, sneezed and fought with its hind paws, while the musical gurgle, gurgle, bubble, bubble from the bottom of the barrel caused the three to hold their sides with laughter.

Larsen had started to throw the second bucket of water down the bear's spine when it gave an unearthly growl and tore itself free from the barrel with a jerk. Watson and his assistant ran a dead heat for the log cabin, throwing away their axes as not to be impeded in their flight and leaving Larsen to fight it out with the bear.

Larsen threw the bucket at the bear, hitting it full on the snout, which the bear snorted to rub an instant before starting in pursuit of Larsen. The latter thus gained about a hundred yards. Larsen made for an old milldam and just cleared the dam by rolling over and over as the bear made a vicious lunge after him with his paw. The bear did not follow. It sat down and licked its snout, sirup, honey and blood from its body and slowly trotted off toward the woods.—New York Sun.

Workman's Exchanges.

When a strange barber comes to town and wants work, he does not waste his time and shoe leather walking around inquiring at the shops for a position. He goes to one of the two exchanges and registers his name. Then he takes a chair and a newspaper and proceeds to make himself comfortable. Boss barbers are being in at all hours of the day, and the applicant is sober he is sure to get a chance to show his skill within 24 hours.

The confectioners and bakers on the east side get their employees from an exchange on the corner of Houston and Allen streets. The exchange is in a large saloon.—New York Mail and Express.

Value of Woods For Charcoal.

The different woods which are to be used in making charcoal may be estimated as to their relative value by this rule: Of the oaks, 100 parts will yield 23 parts of charcoal; beech, 21; the elms, the apple and the white pine, 2; birch, 21; maple, 22; willow, 18; poplar, 20; hard pine, 22. All charcoal used in the manufacture of gunpowder is made from either willow or elderwood.

SIBERIAN TCHUKTCHI.

A Warlike Tribe Who Span Their Fingers at the Czar's Tax Officials.

I find that the passage of Bering strait over the ice is impossible. The strait, 40 miles wide at the narrowest part, is never completely frozen over, and any attempt at a crossing would inevitably perish in the continually moving pack. This being the main object of my voyage, I have abandoned the overland journey to Europe, but landed here five weeks ago and have since lived alone with people almost as wild and unknown as the ruder races of central Africa.

"This place may fitly be described as 'the end of the end' of the world. One thousand miles north of Kamchatka and within a day's journey of the polar sea, Omwaidjik stands on a narrow shingle reef fully exposed in summer to the huge breakers of Bering sea, but protected in winter by precipitous mountains from the furious gales and snowstorms of arctic Siberia. One wonders how human beings can exist in this gloomy region, devoid of fuel and the bare necessities of life. For eight months of the year the place is ice locked, but even during the brief summer a sail so rarely breaks the horizon that I saw the vessel that had brought me disappear with some misgivings as to when I should see another.

The Siberian shores of Bering strait are peopled by a fierce, warlike tribe known as the Tchuktchi, who number about 5,000, and who, never having been thoroughly conquered by the Russians, refuse to pay taxes of any kind. Other Siberian natives bring in a yearly tribute of furs and ivory, but the Tchuktchi, secure in his mountain fastnesses, a month's journey north of the northernmost Russian settlement, snags his fingers at the czar's officials. Nor do the latter, for obvious reasons, often pay him a visit.

I landed at Omwaidjik, a village of about 300 souls, early in September, but the snowy landscape and intense cold were more suggestive of midwinter than early autumn. A crowd of natives on the beach seized my things, placed them on a dog sled and led me to a hut set apart for my use. The Tchuktchi dwelling is of walrus hide stretched tightly over a whale rib framework. The perpetual darkness inside is dimly lit by a saucer of seal oil, which diffuses a disgusting odor and serves as lamp and cooking stove. I then discussed a meal of cooked seal meat, with a few morsels of raw whale flesh—not unpalatable—as a hors d'oeuvre, closely watched the while by a score of natives, who crowded the tiny tent to suffocation. The Tchuktchi are noted throughout Siberia as being the filthiest race in creation, and I can honestly endorse the statement. I cannot describe even the least repulsive phases of their daily life. They are, however, of finer physique than the Alaskan Eskimo, while their women are in some cases distinctly prepossessing. All are clad throughout the year in reindeer skins, the women being distinguished by a kind of bloomer costume trimmed with volvereas. Strings of gaudy beads adorn both sexes.

My presence at first aroused suspicion, but by joining the men in walrus hunting expeditions, visiting the women in their huts and learning a smattering of the language I have gradually gained information concerning the region and customs of this strange tribe hitherto unknown even to the Russians.—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Novel Clock.

A French gardener recently hit upon a novel idea in the way of clocks. He drew a large circle of about ten yards in diameter on a lawn and divided it like the dial of a clock into the 12 hours. The circle was laid out with plants of ornamental leaves in different shades of color, while the figures denoting the hour were formed of white, light blue and bright yellow flowers, which showed up plainly upon the dark groundwork. In the center of the circle a hole was made in the ground to inclose a clockwork movement of large dimensions maintained by a reservoir of water worked at a constant level. Two large hands covered with pretty flowers were set in motion by the central mechanism, and at the hours and half hours the cars were charmed by the sound of chimes.—New York Times.

Poor Policy.

"Fine piece of work," said the visitor. "What's the matter?" inquired the proprietor. "I was simply complimenting the work."

"That's the trouble. The workman was in hearing, and he'll be after more money."—Chicago Post.

Meaning of "Comet."

The word "comet" is derived from the Greek, meaning hair, and has reference to the tail resembling flowing hair.—Philadelphia Record.

THE LANGUAGE OF CHRIST.

Arguments Tending to Show That It Was Syriac or Aramaic.

Mrs. Agnes Smith Lewis, the oriental scholar who not long ago discovered an ancient Syriac text of the four gospels in a monastery at Mount Sinai and translated it, contributes an article to The Century in which she discusses the question in which she discusses the question, "What Language Did Christ Speak?" While many scholars believe he spoke Greek, because three of the four gospels are supposed to have been written in that language, others believe he spoke a Semitic tongue, probably Aramaic, which was at that time the vernacular of Palestine, and with this belief Mrs. Lewis sympathizes.

In the course of this discussion Mrs. Lewis brings out many points of interest. Syriac, or Christian Aramaic, was the first language into which the New Testament was translated, Aramaic not being a corrupt form of Hebrew, as many suppose, but a distinct language. Again, Hebrew had ceased to be the language of the common people before Christ's advent. The rabbi spoke to the common people in Aramaic, which was the language of the Jews and business were written in that language, and even some of the prayers of the synagogue were translated into it. The weight of evidence favors the theory that Paul used the language in writing to the Romans, or at least thought in it. One of the most important of Mrs. Lewis' arguments is contained in the following illustration of her subject:

"We have, first of all, the various Aramaic phrases actually embodied in the Greek text as having been uttered by our Lord, such as ephphatha (he opened), talitha, cumi (maiden, arise), where the word cumi might be Hebrew or Syriac or Arabic. And the last despairing cry of our Lord on the cross, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' is not translated in the Sinaitic palimpsest, for the good reason that it is a natural part of the Syriac text.

"Take next the names of persons and places in the New Testament. The Syriac word for son is bar, and so we have Bartholomew, Barabbas, Bar Jesus, Bar-Jona, Barnabas, Bar-Timaeus. Had Hebrew been the spoken tongue these names would have run Bentholomew, Ben-Jesus, etc. We have also cepha (a stone, feminine gender), Boanerges—that is, Ben-bergas (sons of thunder), Sapphira (the beautiful), Thoma (the twin), Martha (the mistress), Tabitha (the gazelle), Bethesda (house of fishing), Nazareth (watch), Gethsemane (an oil press), Golgotha (place of a skull), Aeldanna (the field of blood). It may as well be explained that the initial syllables of most of these names, as is a distinctive Syriac termination. The words Mammou (Matthew vi, 24) and raca (Matthew v, 22) and abba are Syriac also."

Mrs. Lewis cites many other convincing indications that Christ spoke in Syriac or Aramaic, the most of which are too technical for use in this connection. She has poured a flood of light upon a most obscure subject with the aid of her recent important discoveries—abstract, first, for the mysterious reason, which probably no one will ever explain, that Christ did not set down a single line in writing of his doctrines or teachings, and, second, because no one took down those teachings, they having been written in their present form from memory years after his ascension. The discussion of this question will engage the attention of scholars, and many interesting contributions to the literature of the subject may be expected, especially from the new point of view introduced by Mrs. Lewis.

It Cured.

The following story is told in the memoirs of Lord Blackford, recently published in England. Mrs. —'s relations with her maid are rich. She was describing one who was a breaker of china. "At last she broke three things in one day. So I said to her, 'You are ill, Jane; you want some castor oil.' The maid stared and was astonished. 'Your hand shakes; you want some castor oil, Jane.' The maid took it as a joke and grinned. But when bedtime came the upper maid was duly summoned. 'Jane is ill and wants some castor oil. Come with me, and I will give it out for her.' Mrs. — appeared at the bedside with a quite inflexible determination, explained that Jane was ill and did want castor oil and must take it. She did take it, and no further breakage occurred.

Toilet Note.

"Miss Powderpuff must have a very highly colored imagination," said the young man with the chrysothemia in his coat. "Why?" asked the other one with the geranium. "Because she spends so much time in making up her mind."—Detroit Free Press.

SHE LIKES DEATH SCENES.

Viola Allen, the Actress, Says They Are a Fascination to Her.

Miss Viola Allen has probably died as many times as any other woman on the stage—that is to say, of course, a dramatic death.

"There is something fascinating to me," she said, "in a death scene. If the actress has to fall to the ground in a death agony, she must be careful that she does not perform the feat as though she were a clasp-knife folded up. Then, again, she must cultivate breathing, so that she may seem not to be breathing at all. Nothing is more ridiculous than the spectacle presented by a supposed corpse whose chest is heaving violently in consequence of the emotion attendant upon falling.

"I remember in 'Virginia' I was stabbed and fell backward to the ground. The blow made me gasp. Gradually my limbs became rigid, and I fell at the moment the spirit of life was supposed to have left my body. I used to remain motionless with my mouth and eyes open. My authority for each action and subsequent pose is the strongest. I was the witness of just such a tragedy in real life. The only pain I experienced in that scene was the enforced holding of my breath. The length of the actual death scene is about five minutes.

"When I played in 'Othello' with Tommaso Salvini, I was always nervous during the smothering scene, because the Italian tragedian used to get extremely excited. I would turn my face sideways and hold a small space open under the farther side of the pillow, so that I could breathe, but even that breathing hole would frequently get closed under Salvini's forceful energy.

"Then, when he had found that he had killed Desdemona without cause, in his remorse he would throw himself heavily upon the body. I used to wait for this piece of business as one would wait for a locomotive about to project itself upon the waistband.

"As Juliet, I have died many times. Romeo, you know, drinks the poison and subsequently throws the vial away as Juliet approaches him; then, seeing him die, seizes himself and falls over him. At one theater the property man, thinking poison should be represented by some black liquid, filled the vial with ink. As Romeo made merely a slight motion of drinking the liquid, he did not notice the nature of the fluid. But when he threw the bottle from him it struck someone where near Juliet, and the ink flew all over my face and the lovely white gown I wore. On that occasion, you may be sure, the life of Juliet was ended with the least possible delay.

"In 'La Chatterbox' the heroine dies a slow death by poison. In this case I took special care to find out the right poison that should be mentioned in the piece as the one that would cause a slow building of the senses.

"Death by starvation is by no means jolly. As Jess in 'Hood-mum,' I have had to make believe I would give my life for a doughnut. In this play my death occurred while I was reclining on my side, well down the stage toward the footlights. This was quite often an awkward situation, because of the different curtains at the various theaters. Now and then to avoid my being struck by the curtain, the hero would be obliged to draw my body back, and once, though a man put out his hand to keep the curtain from touching me, the heavy mass actually grazed my nose."—Boston Globe.

Snaps In English.

A Russian artist who has so thoroughly mastered the English language that all its subtleties are as familiar to him as are those of the language of the czar was telling a few friends about the difficulties he encountered. "You have so many superfluous letters," he said, "that when I began to think I was becoming a master of your language I succeeded in having myself laughed at a dozen times a day. I began to learn English in Boston, its American fortress. One day while waiting with a friend I saw a street sign. 'Oh,' I said, 'what a funny name for a street! Kneeland street!' I pronounced the K. 'You're wrong,' said my friend. 'You pronounced "Kneeland" street. The K is the letter I took the lesson to learn. The next day I went into a restaurant and looked over the bill of fare. It gave me some "idneys." I saw the server looked at me again, and, in desperation, I pointed to the record of what I wanted. "Oh," he said, "Excuse me, you pronounced the K. It is the letter."—New York Times.

Had an Alternative.

Pilroy—And because you would find a nickel to pay the fare, conductor make you get out of the walk? Jayson—No. He only made me get off. I could have sat on the street if I'd wanted to.—Boston Gazette.

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