

Coke County Rustler.

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HORRIBLE TO RELATE

A LARGE HOTEL IN DENVER BLOWN TO ATOMS.

The Guests Buried in the Debris, Shout for Help, and One by One Their Cries Are Hushed in Death by the Raging, Merciless Flames.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 19.—The Gumry hotel, 1725 to 1733, Lawrence street, was wrecked by a terrible explosion at 12:10. The rear half of the building, a five-story brick and stone structure, went down with a crash. The hotel was crowded with guests, and many of them must have been killed, as well as the entire force of hotel employees, who were sleeping in the portion of the building that fell. On both sides of Lawrence, from Seventeenth to Eighteenth streets, and on Larimer, directly back of the hotel, the plate glass windows of the business houses were blown in and a number of pedestrians were injured by falling glass. The fronts of many buildings in the vicinity were badly wrecked. The hotel structure for 100 feet along the alley and extending seventy-five feet toward the front is a mass of debris. Brick and plaster are piled in heaps twenty feet high, and from this mass of wreckage can be heard the moans of the injured and dying. At 12:25 five injured persons have been taken out. They were inmates of the upper story, and sank down with the floors, escaping more fortunately than those below, who are still buried in the ruins. The firemen are working like beavers and digging into the debris, and are making little progress. The remaining portion of the building from which the guests are being removed as fast as possible by ladders, is expected to fall at any moment, and precautions to avert further loss of life adds to the difficulty in searching for the dead and injured. By some estimates forty people were in the portion of the hotel destroyed, nearly all of whom must be dead. The cause of the explosion is uncertain, but it is supposed that the boiler in the hotel basement must have exploded. The sound of the explosion was heard throughout the city, awaking people a mile away. A cloud of dust was thrown 1000 feet in the air, and as there is not a breath of air stirring it still hangs in the air like a huge column. Minute atoms of powdered brick and mortar are descending like gentle snow. At 12:50 the ruins are burning fiercely and the firemen have been obliged to retreat from the work of rescue. Every engine in the city is pouring streams into the mass, but the flames cannot be gotten under control before many of the injured have been cremated. As their chances of escape lessen the cries of the imprisoned people are increasing, heart-rending shrieks rising from every portion of the great mass of wreckage. Fears are now entertained that the front portion of the building, which seems to be tottering, will fall and bury the firemen at their work. During the exciting scenes a horse team ran away and into the crowd. Many people were more or less injured by being trampled upon and falling upon the broken glass which covers the street and sidewalks in every direction. Electric light wires dangling from broken poles in the alley added fresh danger to the firemen. One horse was killed by coming in contact with a live wire. Two injured women had been almost extricated from the ruins when the flames approached so close that the rescuers had to abandon them for their own safety. Both voices have been silenced, fire completing the work commenced by the explosion. The bodies of three women are also to be seen in the back part of the building, but cannot be reached. At 1:30 the flames are still keeping the firemen back from the work of rescue, except just at the line of the alley wall. Of those pinioned under the debris only two are thought to be alive, both men from the fifth story, who are still lying on their beds. Both are covered with several feet of debris about their heads and can hardly survive another half hour. Almost no progress is being made at releasing them, as the smoke is blinding and the flames are kept back from their bodies only by half a dozen streams of water. Half a dozen other people in the house have been taken from the ruins fearfully injured. In addition four were severely cut by glass falling into the street. Thus far only fifteen people are known to have been in the building are accounted for. This leaves seven supposed to be dead.

Seven Lives Lost.

OCEAN CITY, Md., Aug. 19.—By the overloading of a small pleasure boat an entire family was drowned and two other families are in mourning. A party of farmers from the neighborhood of Frankford and Shelbyville, Del., had a fish fry on Grey's creek, a branch of the Isle of Wight bay with sailing, fishing and amusements. William Hudson carried a party of nine out sailing and as the boat was about to come back the women of the party jumped screaming on the high side capsizing the little craft, which was hardly large enough to carry five persons. The following seven were drowned: William Storr, 45 years of age, Philadelphia; Laura Storr, his wife, aged 35, and his daughters, Ida May, aged 16, and Eva, aged 14; Myrtle Stevens, of Shelbyville; Lina Hall, aged 19; Lula Hall, aged 24, both daughters of Elisha Hall of Frankford. The capsizing occurred within 200 yards of the shore and in water seven feet deep. Mr. Storr had only one hand and was blind in one eye, but was an expert swimmer. He succeeded in getting his two daughters on the bottom of the boat and was getting his wife when the two girls became frightened and slipped off the boat and went to their parents and together the four perished. Hudson, who was sailing the boat, got the two Hall girls on the bottom of the boat and was trying to save Miss Stevens when they slipped off and were drowned before he could get to them. Two other young ladies who were in the boat were rescued by a fisherman who put off from the shore as the boat capsized. Mr. Storr was found shortly after and his family, and Miss Stevens body was found to-day by hauling a seine. The Storrs family resided at 419 Lancaster avenue, Philadelphia. Mr. Storrs was married in this neighborhood and yearly brought his family for a two week's outing. They were fond of aquatic sport and spent most of their time boating and fishing. Hudson, the skipper, protested to Mr. Storr against the party crowding into his small boat. Storr answered, "Oh, there is no danger, the water is shallow; we are too close and the wind is light." The bodies when recovered presented a sad plight, particularly that of Mrs. Storrs. Crabs had eaten the flesh from her face, exposing her teeth and even the root of her tongue. The end of her fingers had been eaten. Before entering the boat, Mrs. Storrs took her husband's gold watch, over \$100 and other valuables and tied them in her apron. She was tightly clutching the bundle in death.

A Florida Mob.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Aug. 19.—Samuel Lewis, the murderer of three men, was taken from jail at Juno by a masked mob and lynched. When the mob demanded Lewis the jailer said they could have him if they would harm no one else, to which they consented. As the door was opened a negro prisoner ran out. Some one fired, missing him and killing Gustave Kacer, the jailer. The mob continued firing at the negro, but he escaped. Four men then entered the jail and took Lewis, who begged pitifully for his life, to a telegraph pole, where he was hanged, after which the body was riddled with bullets. Lewis shot and killed John Hugh Smith, ex-collector of Dade county, and his brother-in-law, George Davis, in cold blood. Lewis escaped, but a posse caught him. In arresting him Lewis shot and killed Deputy County Clerk Rhet McGregor. Lewis is said to have killed five other men.

Currency Reform Meeting.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A meeting of the members of parliament favorable to currency reform was held in the house of commons yesterday. Sir William Henry Houldsworth, member for the northwest division of Manchester, conservative, who was a delegate of Great Britain at the Brussels monetary conference presided. Messrs. Lorne, Dorington, Valentia, Vessey-Thompson, Bona, Dirrell, Sam Smith and Porvan were present. It was decided to form a parliamentary committee, its members being engaged to promote an international conference for the purpose of considering what measures can be taken to remove or mitigate the evils resulting from the fluctuations growing out of the divergencies in the relative value of gold and silver.

Three women were burned to death near Memphis, Tenn., the other day. The house was consumed and they did not wake.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Interesting Callings on Various Subjects Taken from the Daily Press.

Before the United States Commission at Dallas, recently, W. D. Neely, postmaster at Waxahachie, was arraigned on the charge of embezzlement. Postoffice inspector H. A. Bell was the only witness examined. He said: "I am postoffice inspector with headquarters at New Orleans. I have examined the postoffice at Waxahachie, beginning on July 31. The defendant was the postmaster there and my investigation covered his management of the office. I checked the office up and found the defendant short in the sum of \$323.25. Of that amount \$596.79 was money order funds and \$3326.46 was on account of postal funds. My examination covered the period from March 31, 1895, to August 2, 1895. Mr. F. M. Hamilton assisted me in checking up the office. Demand was made upon defendant for shortage, but it was not paid." Defendant's bond was fixed at \$1500, failing to give which he was remanded.

The first bills of lading for lumber for the great amphitheater of the Florida Athletic club has been received by President D. A. Stuart. Six cars are now in transit, headed for Dallas. The first installment will contain upwards of 100,000 feet of lumber, and in all there will be sixty-four carloads. The site for the amphitheater, it is understood, has been settled. Rumor has it that the club has secured a site northeast of the fair grounds and close to the Texas and Pacific switch. The amphitheater will cover four acres. The architect and contractor have their plans perfected and the work will be rushed through.

J. J. Prentice et al. have filed suit in the district court at Hillsboro against B. F. Grantham for damages. Petitions allege a contract with defendant to dig a well for him, and they were to dig until they found water sufficient or until he requested them to desist. When they reached a depth of 475 feet defendant, they allege, threw pieces of iron, steel or other hard substances in the well. They, after much delay and expense, extracted them, when the well rope was cut and they were forced to remove their machinery. They pray for actual and exemplary damages in the sum of \$1083.

At Houston the other morning Jack Hawkins and Randall Chambers, both colored, quarreled. Chambers picked up a wheelbarrow wheel and threw it at Hawkins, who dodged it, striking Chambers in the back of the head. One of the iron spokes entered the skull to a depth of two and a half inches. The wounded boy was taken home and Hawkins was arrested. A doctor examined the boy and pronounced the wound fatal and said that nothing could be done to avert death.

A Mrs. Branson at Gid Lane's ranch east of Childress was accidentally shot by a young man named Billingsly the other day. The two were at the ranch and Billingsly picked up an old carbine and while handling it it was discharged, the ball passing through the woman's head and killing her. The verdict of the coroner was that the shooting was accidental. Billingsly is under the care of physicians and is almost crazed with grief.

J. W. Maxwell, general superintendent of the Katy in Texas, who was at Denison a few days ago, said that as soon as the new steel arrives a force of men will be put to work taking up the fifty-six pound rails and replacing them with rails of sixty-six pounds weight. The work will commence at West Denison and extend two miles north. The old rails taken up will be utilized for the construction of sidings to supply sections.

The Denton county tax rolls for 1895 have been received by Comptroller Finley, and show a total valuation of \$7,516,000 as against \$7,425,940 for 1894, an increase of \$120,120.

John Clark, S. Marks, M. Kellar and George Sweeney have been arrested at Hillsboro charged with unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor in a local option precinct, and placed under bonds for their appearance in the county court.

At San Antonio recently a motor-car on a South Heights street car line found a white girl baby on the track, near the crossing of the street car line and Southern Pacific track. There is no trace of the mother.

At Houston the other morning A. B. Jacobs, known all over the south as "Buck" Jacobs, who travels for a New Orleans house, prepared to start on a trip and packed his sample trunk in the second story of the hotel. He rolled his trunk to the elevator shaft, which was open. In attempting to keep his trunk from falling he was dragged through the shaft, falling twenty feet. He is not expected to recover.

The plant of the Taylor Cotton Seed Oil and Gin company has been sold at sheriff's sale to satisfy a judgment in favor of the First National bank of Taylor in the sum of \$30,000. The plant was bid in by J. E. Tucker of Taylor for \$13,500. The new management will erect a new building and otherwise improve the plant to handle this season's seed crop.

At Chillicothe, Hardeman county, recently, E. T. Carter's 5-year-old daughter fell from a loaded wagon the other day and would have been crushed by the wheel had not Mr. Carter lifted most of the weight as the wheel passed over the little one's body. A physician was summoned, who pronounced her injuries not necessarily fatal.

At Brenham, the other morning a freight train on the Santa Fe brought the news that there was a dead man lying beside the track five miles north of Brenham. Justice Ewing held an inquest. The dead man was James H. Goodlett, a farmer. His head was crushed and the brains scattered along the track for about twenty steps.

At San Marcos recently the unusual sight of the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church south entering the water in company with the minister of the Christian church and the two celebrating the sacrament of baptism in one ceremony upon young converts to their respective faiths was witnessed.

F. E. Caraway, while repairing a windmill at W. B. Bishop's farm, near Cleburne, recently, fell from the tower a distance of forty feet, from the effects of which he died.

At Overton, Rusk county, the other evening, while a north-bound freight train was passing the depot a negro boy who was stealing a ride jumped off and was fatally injured.

A Dallas dentist is certain he can identify the mouth of Miss Minnie Williams if he could see the skull with the upper teeth in it. He did work for her in 1892-93-94.

A deaf mute, supposed to be named John Johnson, was run over and killed by a through freight train on the Texas and Pacific road near Handley, Tarrant county, recently.

It is very likely that Alvin, Brazoria county, will have a canning factory in operation in time to consume a part of the fruit and vegetable crop of next season.

The Populists of Ellis county will give a big rally at Waxahachie on August 23 and 24.

Threshing oats and baling hay, seems to be the order of the day, in north Texas.

At Houston, recently, Willie Waller, colored, aged 21 years dropped dead on the street.

At Allenfarm, Brazos county, the cotton crop will be cut short of expectations.

Ex-Congressman James B. Weaver of Iowa is stamping Texas for the Populists.

Watermelons in Palo Pinto county weigh from forty-five to sixty-five pounds.

Wine-making is now in full blast throughout the state from the native grape.

Sam Ward, colored, was assassinated in DeWitt county a few days ago.

Steckmen can make a note of the fact that cresylic ointment kills ticks.

The Cumberland Presbyterians of Sherman will erect a \$15,000 church.

A bank is one of the pressing necessities of Midlothian, Ellis county.

Cotton pickers are in demand at Yuakum at 50 cents a hundred.

At Rockport, recently, R. Benson swam 250 yards in ten minutes.

Boll worms are injuring cotton near Sanger, Denton county.

Smithville, Bastrop county, has levied a special school tax.

The boll worm is at work near Tom Bean, Grayson county.

Bowie wants an artesian well 1000 feet deep if necessary.

BANKING IN ILLINOIS.

Operations of the Torrens System of Guaranteeing Real Estate Titles.

Illinois is a commonwealth of many small towns, in which, numerically, the private banking institutions predominate. Nor does the supposition that business men prefer to deal with incorporated banks seem to check the progress of private banking enterprise in that state. In 1890 there were 485 such institutions in operation; in 1894 there were no less than 500, exhibiting a ratio of increase which is not equaled by the growth of the national or the state banks. The following table gives the numerical position of the three classes of banks at two periods:

	1890.	1895.
No. of Banks.	No. of Banks.	No. of Banks.
National banks	196	218
State banks	90	131
Private banks	485	590

The field for the national banking system is comparatively limited, owing to certain well known restrictions imposed upon the associations organizing under it. In the country districts the bankable collateral is largely composed of land securities, an asset discounted by the federal banking act. Here a cautious banker operating at his discretion, and comparatively unlimited as to the nature of the securities in which he may deal, secures an opportunity for rendering an efficient service to the community. As affecting the availability of such investments in Illinois, it is of interest to note that real estate security is about to be relieved of many of the disabling legal burdens which interfere with its easy transference. The legislature of Illinois recently passed an act providing for the introduction of what is generally known as the Torrens system. Under this system titles to real estate are guaranteed by the state, so that once the title is established the instrument of proprietorship may be transferred with the facility of a negotiable note. Thus titles to real estate become bankable assets of greater effectiveness than that class of securities has ever enjoyed. The American Banker years ago urged the general introduction of the Torrens system for the particular reason that it turned a cumbersome security into a quick asset of unquestioned validity, and the results of the experiment now to be tried in Illinois will receive the closest attention of all who are interested in freeing the material of credit from obsolete legal complexities.

A THOROUGHLY MEAN MAN.

He Worked the Restaurant Waiter So as to Economize on His Wife's Appetite.

The champion mean man paid San Francisco a visit yesterday, says the Post. He was a big, long-legged, raw-boned fellow, with a nose like the blade of a hatchet. His eyes, like little black beads, were set within half an inch of each other and glistened and gleamed at everybody and everything at once. He clutched the arm of a sad-faced woman with a long, bony hand and clawed at his whiskers with the other as he ordered the waiter in a Market street restaurant to give him a cup of coffee. The waiter brought it with some bread and butter and laid down a check for 10 cents.

"Would you give me an extra pitcher of cream?" asked the mean man. The waiter brought it.

"Yes, by the way, give me a cup of hot water, will you, please?"

The waiter brought it and watched the mean man curiously. He poured the cream into the hot water, put a little sugar in it, shoved it at his wife and flung one slice of bread without butter in her direction. The little woman ate it hungrily and the waiter added 5 cents to the mean man's check.

The row was heard three blocks up Market street. He declared he was being robbed because he was from the country, but he finally paid when threatened with arrest.

The Quality of Tact.

Tact is not dishonesty, writes Frances E. Lanigan. It does not mean the suppression of the truth nor the expression of an untruth, but it does mean the withholding of gratuitous disagreements from arguments in which they are quite superfluous; it also means the effort to induce an agreement kindly when possible, agreement is impossible if it is gracious acceptance of opposit. Tact cannot be said to be sympathy with policy; tact is always policy cannot invariably be have that distinguishing mark.

The state of Louisiana, Louisiana and all, is worth

H. H. Pearce

LOCAL CHIPS.

Good rain Monday and Tuesday. J. H. Childress was in town Tuesday.

E. D. Rollins, of near Bronte was on our streets Thursday.

Mr. N. L. Stewart, of the Edith community, is at a jug court every this week.

Judge A. J. Prichard, of Big Springs, is here this week.

E. B. Blair, of near Hayrick was in the city on business Thursday.

A little money would go a long way with the Rustler about now.

The New Home Sewing Machine for sale by S. R. Nebitt of Sweetwater.

Mr. Jim Hubberd, of Ballinger was in the city on Tuesday on business.

Mr. J. I. Westfall, of near Silver was in town Monday and Tuesday. He says every thing is quiet in his community.

Mrs. P. M. Trammell returned from Brown county Saturday, where she has been visiting her father.

Mr. A. J. Baker and son Elie, of Democrat, Comanche county were in the city several days this week.

For the best hair cut and easiest shave, go to Charlie Carr when in Sweetwater.

For a nice quiet room, with all home comforts, go to the Oaks when in San Angelo.

Mr. Rahe Richard was in town Monday and called on us, and before leaving he subscribed for the RUSTLER.

Having now dissolved partnership, we ask all who are indebted to us to call and settle with us at once.

Respectfully,
Montgomery & Haggerton.

Mr. W. W. McElroy moved to Sweetwater Wednesday, where he will take charge of the Lee and Sweetwater U. S. Mail line.

Misses Edith Montgomery, Leila Webb, Pearl, and Anna Furroughs were pleasant callers at the RUSTLER Office Wednesday evening. Call again ladies.

Given away—a briar pipe, see special offer in advt. of Dukes Mixture.

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MISS LELIA BANDY,
Sweetwater, Texas.

Messrs. W. M. Copeland and J. B. Johnson, of Ballinger passed through Lee on Wednesday. These gentlemen are well known stockmen.

"We told you so" now watch our little town get a move on itself.

Judge A. J. Prichard sold his improvements on Section 413 near town this week to J. W. Tunell for two hundred dollars, and he has his entire crop growing on said farm for sale.

E. C. Good bought of Miller of Angelo 100 fat cows at \$12.50 per head and cows and calves at \$17. Mr. Good has leased the China pasture from E. Menelle and will begin to stock it about September 1st.

For rare bargains in sulkey plows, walking and Buckeye mowers and rakes, see S. W. Crutcher Sweetwater, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reed gave the young people a nice entertainment on Wednesday night, which was well attended and all enjoyed themselves to hearts content.

For a good meal of home raised vegetables, with home raised fruit on the side all done up brown as it is at home, and for the best of attention, call at the Davish Hotel when in Robert Lee.

Misses Cora Scarborough and Levenia Payne, of Sameo, were in the city visiting friend Thursday.

Mr. I. J. Good of Edith was in to see us Thursday. He reports good rains and fat stock.

Sulkey Tractors are seen to move two hundred head of cattle to the Menelle pasture.

D. S. Arnold, of Sweetwater handles Michell wagons, stoves and hardware of all kinds by car load lots in connection with the leading grocery business of the town.

Rev. John Reed of Edith passed through town Friday morning on his way to Mt. Margerette for the purpose of holding a protracted meeting.

Easiest ride and quickest time made on Robert Lee and San Angelo Mail-back.

L. D. Sheppard of Coke County, was in town Tuesday and bought a McCormick harvester and binder.—S. A. Enterprise.

Try one of the new teams at the Lee Livery Stable, they are hummers.

C. C. Merchant, editor of that excellent little country paper, the Coke County Rustler, visited our sanetum yesterday.—San Angelo Enterprise.

Quite a number of the citizens of Robert Lee attended the camp-meeting on Oak creek last Sunday and all were favorably impressed with the prospect of a good meeting there this week.

Farm hands are reported scarce in the Northwest, and employment agencies, which are almost as numerous as Saloons in every town and city, have but few applications for this class of labor Tramps, however, are abundant importunate and unruly.

On account of Co. Court not adjourning until the latter part of the week; we have failed to get the proceeding, but it will appear in the next issue.

I will continue to do a Grocery business at our old stand see my card in next weeks issue.

Respectfully,
B. E. MONTGOMERY.

P. N. Henderson of Bronte was in town Thursday. He says the worms have about destroyed his cotton crop and judging by his countenance we are inclined to believe it is just about that way.

S. W. Crutcher of Sweetwater is agent for Buckeye mowers and rakes.

**GEO. ALLEN,
MUSIC**

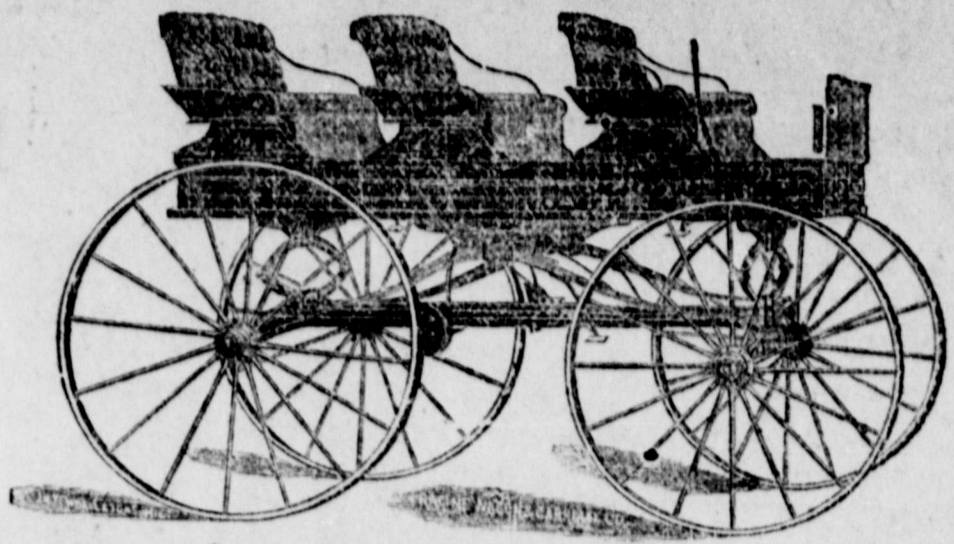
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Mr.—Tripp of the Divide, was here a t t e n d i n g court this week. He says he has onions 17 inches in circumference. How is that for Coke.

The Edith country seem to be on a boom as quite a number of the good citizens of that part of country were attending court this week and were all smile with kindly greetings to all.



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SOCKETY.

I. O. O. F.—Robert Lee Texas No. 357,
meets each Thursday night. George
Williamson, N. G., F. B. Perry, V. G.,
H. H. Hayley, Secretary, J. D. Dav-
is Treasurer.

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Hayrick Lodge No. 695 meets Satur-
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in each month.

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Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church
South services as follows:
Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Bronte, " " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, " " 4 p. m.
Mt. Carmel, " " 11 a. m.
Cox Creek, " " 4 p. m.
Sawee, " " 11 a. m.
Fucker S. C., " " 4 p. m.
Ducker, " " 11 a. m.
Geo. F. Fair, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church; ser-
vices as follows. Robert Lee 4th Sun-
day; Sance, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd
Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st
Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday.
Each appointment begins Saturday
night before.

W. W. Hampton, Pastor.

Baptist Church; 2nd Sunday No
Pastor.

Christian Church 2nd Sunday No
Pastor.

Vol Davis, of Fisher county, re-
cently sold 100 cows and calves at
\$12.00.

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Jes about de time in spring
For de plowin' and de plantin'.
When de bullicog keep er rantin'.
An' yo heah de catbird sing
In de spring;
Den de times an comin' right,
'Ca'se de bass begin ter bite.

Git dat pole an' can o' bait;
Cotch em early—cotch em late,
Cotch 'em night an' cotch day.
Doan' let dem bass git er way.

When de chicken's dtter fry,
An' de sun hab sco'eh'd de meder
In de hotness ob de wedder;
When the cricks am running dry,
'Bout July,

Den de bass, fore Lawd, hab gone
In de holes to res' an' spawn.
Lean dat pole agin de wall,
Leab it dere outwal de fall;
When de leabes begin ter fall,
An' de fro's' hab killed de blossoms
An' de 'tater an de 'possum
Am de sweetes' thing of all,
In de fall
Den de times am mighty right,
'Ca'se de bass and sho' ter bite.

Git dat bait can, git dat pole
Sot yer hook in the deepes' hole
Take er drink an' lay in wait
Long cum bass an' take de bait.

When de fish no longah bite,
And de wintah wind am blowin',
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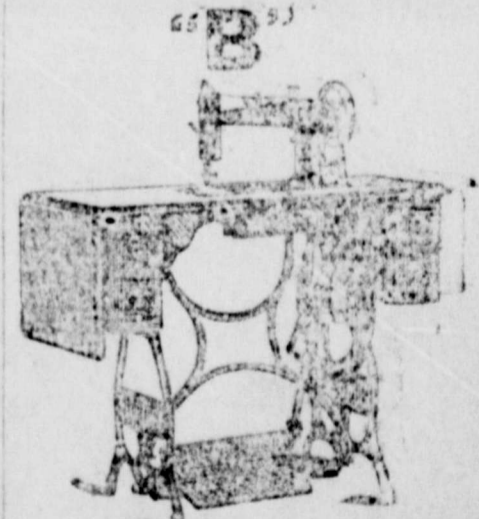
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A PLAN ADOPTED BY THE SILVER CONFERENCE

Of Organization, and a Series of Resolutions Similar to Those Adopted in Texas and Missouri—National Committee Has Full Power.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The silver Democrats continued their conference at the Metropolitan hotel at 10 o'clock yesterday. There were several speeches made, and at 12 m. the committee on resolutions filed into the conference room and Senator Daniel was recognized to make a report of the proceedings of the committee. This was divided into two sections, one consisting of an address to the Democrats and the other of a plan of organization. The address recounted the services and traditions of the Democratic party and concluded with the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the Democratic party in national convention assembled should demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold into primary or redemption money at the ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the action or approval of any other nation.

Resolved, 2. That it should declare its irrevocable opposition to the substitution for a metallic money of a panic-breeding corporation credit currency, based on a single metal, the supply of which is so limited that it can be cornered at any time by a few banking institutions in Europe and America.

Resolved, 3. That it should declare its opposition to the policy and practice of surrendering to the holders of the obligations of the United States, the option reserved by the lot of the government redeeming such obligations in either silver coin or gold coin.

Resolved, 4. That it should declare its opposition to the issuance of interest-bearing bonds of the United States in time of peace, and especially to placing the treasury of the government under the control of any syndicate of bankers by the issuance of bonds to be sold by them at an enormous profit for the purpose of supplying the federal treasury with gold to maintain the policy of gold monometalism.

With a view to securing the adherence to, and re-adoption of the Democratic financial policy above set forth by the Democratic national convention to be assembled in 1896, and of the nomination of a candidate for the presidency well known to be in hearty sympathy therewith, we hereby pledge our mutual co-operation and urgently recommend to our Democratic brethren in all the states to at once begin and vigorously and systematically push the work of a thorough organization, and to this end the adoption of the plan of organization herewith submitted is recommended.

The part of the report dealing with plan of organization above referred to was read by ex-Senator Jarvis of North Carolina and is as follows: Believing that a large majority of the Democratic voters of the United States are in harmony with the sentiments expressed in the foregoing address, and knowing that a full and free expression of their views can only be ascertained and made effective through properly organized effort, we recommend the following as the plan of such organization:

1. There shall be a national committee of Democrats who are in favor of both gold and silver as the money of the constitution, which shall be composed of one Democrat from each state and territory and the District of Columbia, and the executive committee hereinafter provided for.

2. That until otherwise ordered by the national committee Senators Isham G. Harris of Tennessee, James E. Jones of Arkansas and David Turpie of Indiana, and Hon. W. J. Stone of Missouri, W. H. Henrichsen of Illinois, and Casey Young of Tennessee, be and they are hereby constituted the executive committee herein provided for and to fill vacancies in the same.

3. That said national committee shall have full control and direction of the patriotic effort of the bimetallic Democracy of the nation to secure in the next national Democratic convention the maintenance of these time-honored principles and policies of the Democratic party, and when the national committee herein provided for is not in session, the executive committee shall have all the authority and discharge of the duties hereby conferred upon the national committee.

4. It shall be the duty of the members of the national committee from each state immediately after his appointment to take such steps as he may deem best to organize the bimetallic forces of his state, and it is earnestly recommended that in each county or election precinct of each state bimetallic clubs be organized, and for this purpose he may appoint such committees and sub-committees and canvassers as he may deem best.

5. That fully realizing the fact that this nor any other plan of organization can be successful without the hearty co-operation of the voters

themselves we urge upon every voter in every state in the union, who is in sympathy with this movement and who wishes to restore permanent prosperity to his home and country, to lend his aid and influence to perfecting this organization, and that each of them shall enroll himself in some club.

The report was adopted and the conference adjourned sine die.

A Missouri Lynching.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 16.—Emmet Divers, a negro who outraged and then killed Mrs. Cain near Fulton, Mo., three weeks ago and was brought here for safety, was taken from Sheriff Buchanan of Calloway county near Fulton about 2 o'clock yesterday morning by a mob of 100 men and hanged to a railroad bridge. The negro was being taken from here by the sheriff to be tried at Fulton. He left the train nine miles from Fulton and was driving with him with the above result. Yesterday forenoon more than 1000 men from all parts of the country went to the bridge, cut the body down and marched with it to Fulton, where it was suspended to a telegraph pole as a public spectacle and warning to all evil doers. This demonstration was made at the special request of J. W. Cain, husband of the outraged and murdered woman, and it is now stated that the negro's body was taken last night to the Little house, where Cain and his wife lived, the whole premises saturated with coal oil and the remains of the wretch and all effects in the building destroyed by fire.

A Fatal Collision.

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 16.—One person was killed and a score injured in a rear-end collision on the Camden and Atlantic City railway in this city yesterday. The Atlantic City accommodation train which left the shore at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, crashed into the rear end of an excursion train from Lake Side at Liberty Park station. Marshal Johnson, pastor of the Union Methodist Episcopal church of this city, was burned to death and eleven persons more or less injured. The rear car of the excursion train caught fire and was completely burned. The train was the first section of fifteen cars, having on board the parents and scholars of fourteen colored Sunday-schools from Camden, Philadelphia and several counties in Pennsylvania. The headlight of the Atlantic City train was seen as it rounded the curve and a panic ensued. A rush was made for the doors and windows and children were thrown from the car to the platform, while others jumped from the windows. The responsibility for the wreck has not yet been fixed.

A Murderer Confesses.

TWEED, Ont., Aug. 16.—On the 16th of August last Annie Calendar, a young English girl living near Peterboro disappeared, leaving no trace. Yesterday a strange discovery was made. Edward Dewell, station foreman at Sheffield station, found under timbers of a bridge a few miles east of Tweed a piece of planed board about 13 inches square, on which was written the following statement: "SHEFFIELD, April 26, 1895.—To all the world: A greeting—This is to certify that I did on the night of the 16th of August, 1894, murder Annie Calendar, a young English girl, in the little cemetery at Peterboro and with a piece of rope and railroad iron I sunk her dead body in the lake. I did it to hide crime. I feel that God will never forgive me for it. I cannot rest day or night. I would like her body taken up and buried. F. R."

Holmes to Go to Chicago.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16.—It has practically been decided that H. H. Holmes, the alleged murderer of Minnie and Nannie Williams, B. F. Pictel and half a dozen others, will go to Chicago for trial for the murder of the Williams girls. This, it is said, was the outcome of a lengthy conference held in this city yesterday between W. A. Capps of Forth Worth and District Attorney Graham. After the conference, Lawyer Capps said that he had urged the district attorney to allow Holmes to go to Chicago and that Mr. Graham could hardly refuse to grant his request.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Aug. 15.—John Black and sons were threshing Tuesday when the boiler of the machine exploded, killing three men and injuring four others. The killed are: John Spotsnagle, Curtin Ammons and John Blair. The injured are: Ross Blair, John Spotsnagle, Jr., Leroy Wade and William Ammons. Curtin Ammons was struck by a piece of the boiler and literally torn to pieces. His legs and feet were found under the barn. All of Blair's clothing was torn from him.

A terrible accident occurred at the Germania ship-building yards at Kiel recently. A number of workmen were returning across a gangway to the shore after their work had been completed on a new cruiser, when the gangway broke and all the men were thrown into the water. Eight bodies have been recovered.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Submarine Lamps Are Now Used by Fishermen with Success.

Eastern anglers are taking a leaf out of the book of the fishermen of the Pacific coast. It will be remembered that an enterprising Californian was the first in the country to utilize the idea of attacking fish by means of the electric light. He had the nets for his coast fishing studded with incandescent lamps, which were connected to batteries in an accompanying boat. As soon as the nets were sunk the current was turned on, and the incandescent filament drew fish from far and near, greatly surpassing in its effects on the hauling of the net the most irresistible of baits. Now an Albany man has devised an "electrical net," which works very much after the same fashion, except that the electric light used is fixed above the water instead of below its surface. When the light is placed in position, the nets are set either to seaward of it or around it, flat upon the bottom. When the fish are drawn to the lamp a rubber tube which runs along the top of the net is inflated by a pump in the boat, the upper edge of the net will rise to the surface—the lower edge being held down by sinkers—and the fish are caught. A New Yorker has made a modification of the California plan in using submerged lights. He simply puts a three-candle-power lamp in a quart preserving jar, lowers it in the water, and runs it with a sewing machine battery. He recommends those who wish to follow his example not to spend \$20 on a battery, but buy an electric handbook and, with three goblets securely fastened in a plain wooden box, make for themselves for about \$2.50 a battery which works just as well. He says that night fishing becomes a very lively sport if the light is placed anywhere in the neighborhood of fish. They swim around and spend considerable time investigating, but as soon as their curiosity is satisfied, they get down to business and discuss the baited hook which is dangling near-by.—Exchange.

ELECTRICITY AT SEA.

The White Light Is Proved to Be the One the Easiest and Best Seen.

Some interesting experiments have been made on the visibility of the electric light at sea by the government of the United States, Germany and the Netherlands. The word "visible" in the report on the tests means visible on a dark night with a clear atmosphere. The result of the experience of the German committee was that a white light of one candle power was visible 1.4 miles on a dark, clear night, and one mile on a rainy night. The American tests resulted as follows: In very clear weather a light of one candle power was plainly visible at one nautical mile; one of three candle power at two miles; one of ten candle power was seen by the aid of a binocular at four miles; one of twenty-nine candle power faintly at five miles, and one of thirty-three candle power plainly at five miles. On an exceptionally clear night a white light of 3.2 candle power was readily distinguished at three miles; one of 5.6 candle power at four miles and one of 17.2 candle power at five miles. In the Dutch experiments the results were almost similar, but a 16 candle power light was plainly visible at five miles. For a green light the power required was two for one mile, fifteen for two miles, fifty-one for three miles and 106 for four miles. The result of tests with a red light were almost identical with those with green, but it was conclusively proved that a white light was by far the most easily seen.

Delicious Tuscan Pudding.

Make a boiled custard with one pint of milk, sweetened with half a cup of sugar, boiled and poured on three beaten eggs, writes Elizabeth Robinson Scovil. Return the mixture to the saucepan and stir until it thickens, but do not let it curdle as it will if it boils for more than a second. When cool add one pint of cream, half a cup of sugar, a quarter of a box of gelatine, dissolved and strained, half a teaspoonful of vanilla, a quarter of a teaspoonful of essence of lemon, twenty drops of extract of bitter almond. Put in a mould with smooth sides and pack in ice and salt. The proportion is two quarts of broken ice to one of coarse salt, well mixed. In an hour remove the mould, and after wiping it carefully uncover it, and with a knife scrape the frozen cream from the sides. Beat it thoroughly, as this makes the texture fine and smooth. If it is nearly frozen add half a pound of sweet almonds, blanched and chopped fine, half a pound of candied ginger, cut in small pieces, and half a pound of citron prepared in the same way.

She Got a Safety.

The Mankato girl that worked three weeks selling baking powder to get a safety that a Chicago firm advertised to give anyone selling three cans of their stuff, was hot enough to warp her clothes when she got a big pin, such as is used to keep the baby's bloomers on with.

A MOB WANTS HIM.

HUNDREDS OF ENRAGED KENTUCKIANS.

They Seem Determined to String Up a Negro for Outraging a White Lady. Gen. Sam Bell Maxey is Dead—An Unexpected Answer.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 17.—A special from Lexington, Ky., says: There never were such scenes in this place as were witnessed last night. Last Wednesday Mrs. Mary Hudson, white, wife of a prominent man was outraged three miles from this city by a negro. The screams of the woman attracted the men in the fields. They found Mrs. Hudson unconscious. The country was scoured by hundreds of armed men and bloodhounds and that night Henry Mitchell Smith was caught. He has been held in jail here ever since. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Hudson was brought to this city. She is still prostrated, but has recovered consciousness and at 6 p. m. last night identified Smith at the jail as her assailant. This caused great excitement and Judge F. A. Bullock at once issued the following order and gave mandatory instructions for its careful execution:

"It being the opinion of the judge of this court that the safe keeping of Henry Mitchell Smith, who is now in the jail of Fayette county, confined under a charge of having committed a felony, requires that a guard should be kept over Smith, it is now ordered that fifteen men be summoned to act as such guard and that such men are so to be summoned by W. B. Wilkerson, deputy jailer of Fayette county, and that said men be placed under the control of said Wilkerson." Mr. Wilkerson immediately summoned fifteen good citizens, armed them with guns and revolvers and placed them around the jail. Chief of Police McElroy swore in a lot of special policemen and placed them along the streets leading to the jail. All available men were on guard. This did not prevent a large crowd from assembling at the jail, and they remained there all night. The crowd is orderly, but determined on business. It is well understood that nothing will be done until the crowd comes in from Payne's station, where Mrs. Hudson lives. And it seems to be understood that the crowd from Mrs. Hudson's neighborhood will come. Word from there is that from 100 to 150 armed men are rendezvousing at that place getting ready for the march on the jail in this city. There are many armed men here determined to prevent a lynching if possible, but they find the visitors will get help here as well as resistance. At midnight last night the crowd still remained near the jail and the neighbors are known to be coming.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 17, 1:20 a. m.—The jail is still heavily guarded. A big crowd is hanging around awaiting the expected mob from the country. Two men just arrived from the neighborhood of the crime, say the people have all gone to bed. These two only were sent out to watch the movements and to hurry back and notify the jail authorities in case of mob preparations. They say the people expect the law to take its course. This is thought to be a ruse. A strong guard will be established at the courtroom and all who enter will be searched for concealed weapons.

An Unexpected Answer.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 17.—Congressman Hunter of Bowling Green, Ky., recently addressed a letter to Gov. Holcomb in which he requested the governor to assist in raising a fund in Nebraska to aid in the election of a Republican governor of Kentucky and thus break the solid south. Gov. Holcomb, who is a Populist, replied: "It would please me very much to witness the breaking up of the solid south, in the interest of the masses, but I would regret to see the people of Dixie throw off the yoke of the Cleveland Democracy only to assume the bonds of a party pledged to class legislation, advocating a prohibitive tariff for the benefit of wealthy eastern manufacturers, a single gold standard to advance the fortunes of Wall street millionaires and British syndicates and an antipathy to all reforms demanded by the people. Your letter was doubtless addressed to me because the news of the partial redemption of Nebraska from Republican misrule had not reached the headquarters of the Republican executive committee of Kentucky, therefore I return the communication as you would doubtless not desire to have it given publicity."

Movement of Gold.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The most important fact that has developed in connection with the financial situation is that a small premium is being paid for gold obtained from sources outside of the treasury. An inquiry into the case revealed the fact that very little of this gold is shipped to Europe, inasmuch as the remitters could withdraw the necessary gold in coin from the treasury without paying any premium. So far as can

be learned the premium is chiefly paid for assay office bars that come from private smelters in the west. The premium in many cases is paid for the assay office checks given when the gold was deposited in the keeping of the government. This amounts to the same thing as taking the gold itself. It is a mere conjecture how many, if any, are paying a premium for gold, but the fact is known that the bond syndicate on Tuesday last deposited at the assay office \$300,000 in gold bullion and received assay office checks for it. Of this amount \$60,000 consisted of private smelter bars and the remainder of assay office bars. The conclusion to be drawn from this transaction is that the syndicate is continuing its accumulation of gold, which is supposed to have been going on for some time, but the extent of which has been carefully concealed. Of course all this does not indicate that gold rules at a premium, for there is no difficulty in obtaining it at the sub-treasury without paying a premium would soon become known, but the fact that a special effort is made to keep it secret that any premiums are paid, if such is really the case, seems to indicate that the syndicate has an object in keeping its plan quiet. If it were known to be true that the syndicate has set out to accumulate a large amount of bullion for the purpose of protecting the reserve, or for other purposes, its plan might be hindered in one way or another.

Senator Maxey Dead.

PARIS, Tex., Aug. 17.—Ex-United States Senator Sam Bell Maxey passed away at 12:20 yesterday afternoon at Eureka Springs, Ark. His remains will be brought here for interment, arriving over the Frisco at 8:25 today. His wife was at his bedside at the time of his demise, and also Hon. B. H. Denton, his nephew and former law partner; Sam Bell Maxey Long, his adopted son; Henry W. Lightfoot, chief justice of the court of criminal appeals and a former law partner; Reuben R. Gaines, chief justice of the state supreme court; Hon. James G. Dudley, chairman state executive committee, and Dr. J. M. Fort, his family physician and lifelong friend. Gen. Maxey had been at Eureka Springs for several weeks, whether he went to recuperate his wasted energies. He was thought to be constantly improving by his friends who are legion here until the receipt of the following telegram:

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 16.—To E. E. Radford, Paris, Tex.: Gen. Maxey died at 12:25 o'clock this afternoon. Remains will reach Paris tomorrow evening on the Frisco train. Funeral Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. DENTON.

Sam Bell Maxey was born at Tompkinsville, Monroe county, Kentucky, March 30, 1825, and was therefore upwards of 70 years of age. In 1834 his father removed to Clinton county, Kentucky, where he was clerk of the circuit and county courts. He came to Texas in 1857 and settled at Paris, his present home. He was in the war with Mexico in 1846, and was also a gallant confederate soldier. He was a lawyer of marked ability and was twice elected United States Senator from Texas.

Cotton Belt Wreck.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Aug. 16.—News has just reached this city of the wreck of passenger train No. 4, northbound Cotton Belt, due here at 10:30 this morning. As usual the railroad people are mum on the subject and but meager details are obtainable. The wreck was caused by an open switch at Stamps, Ark., thirty-four miles north of Texarkana and 118 miles south of here. The engine and baggage car were derailed. It is known that Engineer Eighth and Fireman Dean are severely injured, possibly fatally. From the fact that the Pullman conductor was also injured it is likely the entire train was derailed. The train was in charge of Conductor John Lebosque. The switch was doubtless left open by the switchman on the freight which left going south before the passenger arrived.

Bill Against a Bank.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 16.—A. Savioto & Co., retail liquor dealers, filed a bill in the chancery court yesterday against the directors of the defunct Shelby bank, which closed its doors a day or two since. The bill sets forth the fact that the bank accepted from them a deposit of \$116,000 five minutes before they closed their doors, knowing that they were shortly to assign, and further states that although but five minutes had elapsed the bank's stock of cash on hand amounted to but \$56,000 when the assignment took place.

The Mayor of Havana Talks.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The mayor of Havana, Cuba, Senor Segundo Alvarez, who is at the Union Square hotel, says that the insurrection in Cuba is not a serious matter, but that there is danger ahead of trouble between Spain and the United States, growing out of the United States government in pressing Spain to pay the Mora claim at this time, and of the aid the Americans are extending to Cuban agitators and filibusters.

Renewing Their Youth.

A STRANGE STORY FROM A NEBRASKA VILLAGE.

The Villagers Excited Over the Increased Health and Vigor of the Older Inhabitants—The Experience of Two "Vets."

(From the World-Herald, Omaha, Neb.)

A World-Herald reporter was attracted by the evidence of renewed activity of some of the older inhabitants of the village of Bruce, a suburb of Omaha, Neb., and enquired the cause. Mr. Andrew Finkenkel, who was a member of Company B of the First Iowa Volunteers during the war, made the following explanation so far as he himself is concerned.

"In July, 1895, while my company was on the march through Austin, Tex., I was attacked with rheumatism of the worst kind in one leg at Alexander, La. Being weak I was sunstruck and remained unconscious for several hours. Every summer since I have been unable to stand the heat of the sun, and have been compelled to give up my work. There was in my head a bearing down feeling which increased until it seemed my head would burst and it caused a ringing in my ears, and palpitation of the heart set in, so that the slightest noise would set my heart thumping. Several times it has rendered me unconscious for from seven to ten hours at a time. In addition to this the rheumatism extended up my entire side until it drew my head down on my shoulder. I lost my strength and flesh and was totally unfit for work.

"For twenty-eight years I have consulted physicians and taken their prescriptions without deriving any material benefit. My ailments increased in intensity until I was assured that there was no hope for me.

"In November last I read in the World-Herald a case of a man who had been entirely cured from the ailments from which I was suffering, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. On November 28 I purchased a box. In a week I felt better than I had for six months past. The ringing in my ears began to lessen in volume and finally left me. The pain from the rheumatism gradually left me, so that within one week from the time I took my first pill I was able to sit up in bed. On January 11 I was able to go out and walk around a little. On February 9 I was so thoroughly cured that I accepted a position as night watchman in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, remaining out of doors from 9 p. m. until 6 a. m. I have gained in weight from 144 pounds, which I weighed in November last, to 162 pounds, which I weigh now."

"For nerve building and for enriching the blood Pink Pills are unequalled. They may be had of druggists or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., for 50 cents per box, or six bottles for \$2.50.

Seated Literature.

The finding of a copy of Milton's "Paradise Lost" sealed up in a tin can, which was floating down the Penobscot river, Me., a few days ago, has brought into notice a learned tinsmith, who has rather novel ideas as to methods of disseminating literature. He lives in a small town on the upper part of the river and is accustomed to inclose all sorts of excellent books in tin cans, tightly soldered, and so constructed as to float easily, and to set them adrift in the river, in the hope that they will be picked up by residents of the many islands at the mouth of the river, who are not kept in close touch with culture, or else by sailors. He thinks the peculiarity of the way in which the books reach the readers helps to secure for them a reading.

How a Tongue Can Be Quieted.

A new medicine has arrived from Maine. "My doctor is a real joker," said a Lewiston lady. "I didn't know that my talking bothered him when he was writing prescriptions until the other day. He never mentioned it, and I always asked him all sorts of questions while he was writing them out. Recently he examined me and sat down to write something. I kept talking. Suddenly he looked up and said: 'How has your system been? Hold out your tongue.' I put out that member and he began to write. He wrote and I held out my tongue, and when he got through he said: 'That will do.' 'But,' said I, 'you haven't looked at it.' 'No,' said he, 'I didn't care to. I only wanted to keep it still while I wrote the prescription.'"

Of late, when any one dies, the notice frequently adds that an "operation" was performed not long before.

No One Cares.

They say that the Prince of Wales is on very intimate terms with Dick Croker, and the New York Four Hundred are preparing to open their doors to him, which they have hitherto declined to do.

Better Late Than Never.

Edward Cardwell, an Englishman, who has been working on a Pennsylvania farm, has just heard that his father, who drove him from home, is dead and has left him \$3,000,000.

Polite to the East.

They tell of a member of a well known London club that he never, under any circumstances forgets to be polite. The relations between the gentleman in question and his wife culminated in a row which resulted in a separation. When the war of words was at its height the wife cried bitterly: "Then you love me no longer?" "Madam," replied the husband, "with his very best bow, 'I have thy happiness.' Even in that trying moment he knew how to live up to his reputation."

HIS LAST TATTOO.



SO LONG AS POETS and historians continue to weave pretty stories of personal valor, and they will do it as long as a spark of patriotism burns in the human breast, no class of heroes will find greater favor among the masses, or whose heroic feats will bring the fire back to the veteran's eye surer, than the brave little fellows who sounded the reveille or beat taps. Bugle boys and drummer boys have figured often and conspicuously in the annals of war. And nowhere in history have we more or brighter examples of this kind than in the records of the Civil War, on both sides—Confederate and Union.

The story of Harry Baldwin's unswerving loyalty to the old flag, and his fearlessness of death for the cause he had so nobly espoused, affords a bright example of this kind. He belonged to a New York regiment—I am sorry that I have forgotten its number, though that hardly matters as long as I remember the main facts of his adventures—and he was the life and heart of his older comrades.

In truth, our little drummer boy was looked upon with so much favor, and he had shown such clear-headed ability on certain dangerous occasions, that when the commander felt anxious to learn certain particulars in regard to the enemy he delegated Harry to go upon the hazardous mission.

"Keep your eyes open, my boy, as I know you will, and I will risk you to go where I would not dare send any scout of mine, but I must warn you to never forget that you are in the enemy's country, and that a single mistake will cost you your life. I shall not put you from my thoughts until I see you safely back here with the news I am so anxious to have."

Feeling, as every true soldier should, the importance of his perilous undertaking, Harry started forth on his reconnaissance. It was already growing dusky in the deeper forest, and soon the shades of night would enable him to push his way into the vicinity of the



Confederate army with greater safety. He knew very well that it lay encamped behind the low mountain range that ran for ten miles or more north and south, with here and there a broken link affording passage to the other side. I say he knew they were there, but had he known their exact location, this night trip would not have been necessary.

His clothes covered with dust, and his limbs aching from the day's hard marching, the drummer boy moved somewhat wearily through the mountain gap, while the shadows fell deeper and darker around him. It was a wild, lonely place, though he gave little heed to his surroundings other than to watch them closely for some indication of the enemy that he felt might be lurking uncomfortably near.

Still nothing occurred to excite his suspicions, until a gradual lifting of the shadows ahead told him that he was approaching the other side of the range, and that it behooved him to move with even greater caution than hitherto. Thus his surprise may be imagined when, as he was silently crawling around a jagged arm of one of the foothills, he found himself in the midst of a squad of Confederate infantry.

Discovered by them before he could beat a retreat, he was captured in the twinkling of an eye, to be dragged away toward the headquarters of the southern commander, charged with being a spy!

Harry, proudly, "and as such, I believe, I have ever done my duty."

"Oh-ho! so that's it? Well, you look and act like a gritty one, and the boys say you resisted them last night tooth and nail. Say, it's a pity one so young and smart should be shot down like a dog. Do you want to live, my little drummer boy?"

"My life is my country's, sir. If I can serve her better by dying than living I am content."

"Bah! You do not realize that you are to be shot at sunset. There is only one hope for you. Your life shall be spared upon one condition."

"And that?" asked the brave boy.

"Is that you will be our drummer. Promise to beat the drum for us as well as you have for the Yanks and your life shall be spared."

"Never!" cried the young patriot. "I would rather be shot than be a rebel."

Perhaps the heart of the Confederate was touched by this display of heroism, but not sufficiently for him to mitigate his sentence, and the little prisoner went back to his guarded tent, doomed to be shot as a spy at sunset.

All that livelong day the little drummer under sentence of death heard the incessant bustle of camp life without knowing that some important movement was on foot. And while he wondered what it meant, his thoughts would go back to that other army and that other chieftain, who, by now, must have ceased to look for him. He wondered how his failure to return would be received. And then his thoughts took a longer flight, going back to that old home in the Empire State, and to the loved ones he could not hope to see again. Perhaps the tears glistened in his eyes as he thought of it all; but there was no sign of fear in his deportment when, at the fated hour, he was led forth to die.

"By Jove! he's sure to break down before the signal is given," said the sergeant who had charge of the squad to place him in position for the closing act in the awful drama.

Harry heard the words, and suddenly lifting his head, he said:

"Give me a drum, sir, and I will play a tattoo while you shoot me."

"Did you ever?" exclaimed the officer. "I swear 'tis a pity to shoot him like this. But orders are orders, though you may get him a drum, Sawyer. He will forget while he plays."

By the time Harry was blindfolded a drum was put into his hand, when he instantly struck up the spirited notes which had so often given life and hope to his old regiment of gallant soldiers. No doubt the boy drummer did forget the deadly danger that menaced him as he caught up the beloved strain and sent out to hill and valley the music of which he was master. And if he forgot so did his captors for the moment. The grim phalanx stood silent and motionless while it waited for the stern command that was to end all.

A BODY OF UNION CAVALRY.

Moments are priceless sometimes, and the brief while that Harry Baldwin held his enemies spellbound by his last tattoo saved him his life, for suddenly the clear notes of the drum were drowned by the lusty shouts of men. Then a body of Union cavalry flung itself upon the surprised Confederates. Amazed, bewildered, confident that no small body of troops would throw themselves single-handed upon overwhelming forces, they broke and fled in wild disorder.

The flight was short but decisive, had only a few minutes later the bandage was torn from the drummer boy's eyes by friendly hands, and he was borne in triumph back to the Union army.

An Indignant Mother.

"Look here," said a lodger to his landlady, "your daughter has been using my comb and brush again!"

"I beg your pardon," said the landlady, indignantly. "I never allow my children to meddle with my lodgers' belongings in any way."

"But I am sure she has been using them," said the lodger, "for there are long black hairs on them and she is the only person with black hair in the house."

"Oh, now I remember, she did have them to comb and brush our dear old poodle," said the landlady, "but I am quite sure she did not use them for herself—she's too honest to be guilty of that sort of thing."

Tax for the Widowers.

The English government taxed widowers in 1695, births of children and christenings in 1783, deaths in 1785, marriages in 1695, and 1784, and the latter tax, in the shape of license duty, is still retained.

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William Ahern, while riding down Lenox avenue on his bicycle, in New York, the other day, tried to cross One Hundred and Fortieth street in front of a cable car. His wheel slipped on the track, and before he could regain his balance the car struck him. It knocked him off the bicycle and ran over his machine, breaking the front wheel. Ahern received severe bruises on the right thigh, and was taken to Harlem hospital. Ahern, who is a crack rider, won the twenty-five mile race at Asbury Park. That is all right for Asbury Park, but a crack rider in the city is apt to be cracked wide open if he runs against a cable car.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 24 1895.
 Missouri and Mississippi have declared for free silver.
 Judge Beatty, of California, in a recent decision holds that "playing poker for money is not gambling." The probability is that the learned judge also holds a winning hand himself occasionally.

New York City is tired of going "dry" on Sundays and a vote on Excise Reform has resulted in seven to one in favor of "wet."
 The Houston Post sees nothing dreadful in the bloomer, but regards it only the modest forerunner of that free and easy period when a husband and wife can get up in the morning, put on the first thing they come to and go on about their business.

Railroads are using high pressure electric currents to destroy weeds along their tracks and the experiment is said to be entirely successful. Now this gives a ray of hope to the farmer whose lands are being captured by Johnson grass and coco. These pests are practically indestructible by any ordinary process and much valuable land is becoming comparatively valueless by being overgrown with these persistent perennials. If some inventive genius learned in the subtle fluid, will give to the world a means of sending a current of say 20,000 volts, through the stems and roots of Johnson grass and the coco, he can thereby earn much money fame and gratitude.—Texas Farm Rancher.

A Split Inevitable.
 Hon. J. H. Reagan, in a conversation with Hon. Cullen F. Thomas, after the late silver convention at Ft. Worth is quoted as saying that a split in the democratic party is inevitable upon the silver question.
 Judge Reagan remarked substantially: I will indulge a prophecy. When the next convention meets it will result in a split and two separate tickets. I don't see how it is possible to do otherwise. The gold advocates are determined and will not abide by the result if they are beaten. In fact both sections of the are so decided and firm in their views and convictions that the result cannot be anything but a split.
 Mr. Thomas, a delegate to the silver convention, said he feared this and worked hard to secure the adoption of the resolution pledging the free silver democrats to stand by the party in the event of the defeat in the convention but to no avail. Abilene Reporter.

The problem of aerial navigation has been partly solved by a New York aviator who received

the financial help of that great newspaper, the New York World. The air ship, if such it can be called, consists of an egg shaped gas bag pointed at both ends. Suspended to this are the propeller sails worked by means of a bicycle-like treadle, and the aeroplanes which permit the operator to lower or elevate the ship at will without opening the gas valve or casting of ballast. The ship bears the name of its patron "The World" and the first public test of it was made from Brooklyn to a point a few miles beyond New York City the operator being a World reporter. The trip was a successful one and demonstrated the possibilities of aerial navigation.—Enterprise.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 19.— To night at 11 o'clock John Wesley Hardin, the terror of the border was shot and killed in the Aeme Saloon, this city, by Constable John Sellman. Sellman's son on the police force arrested a female friend of Hardin's a few nights ago and this afternoon Hardin threatened to run Sellman out of town.

At 11 o'clock to-night Sellman walked into the Aeme with a friend and Hardin was standing at the bar shaking dice with some friends, when he saw Sellman he whirled around and threw his hand to his pocket. In an instant Sellman's gun was out and a ball went crashing through Hardin's brain, and while he was falling Sellman pumped two more balls from his 44 into the man's body and then walked out and surrendered himself.

Hardin had in his lifetime killed nine men and served eight years in prison for one of his murders. While in prison at Huntsville he studied law and was admitted to the bar on his release from prison nearly two years ago several months ago he held up a faro game in this city Sellman, the slayer of Hardin is the officer who killed the noted Bass outlaw in this city a year ago.

Corbett Can't Marry Again.
 New York, Aug. 2.—Judge Gildersleeve today approved the referee's finding in the Corbett divorce case. This gives Mrs. Corbett an absolute decree with the right to assume her maiden name, Ollie Lake. She is to receive \$2500 a year alimony, payable semi-annually. She may marry again, but Corbett is forbidden to

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 Colorado Times
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"Mr. Editor: As you seem to be able to answer almost any question, at least you proposed to do so, and the time is coming for planting turnips, tell us the method of raising this kind of vegetables.
 Sure. You catch hold of the tops and give a good strong pull. This is not original, but you may depend on it as the best method of bringing them up.

There is a war in Illinois, up in Spring Valley, between the negroes and Italians. At this distance from the scene of carnage we know but little of the merits of the case, but the negroes are natives of this country and speak our language—the great vehicle of patriotic thought; the Italians know little, and care less for our institutions, and conspire in deteriorated Latin to substitute the reign of the Mafia for law and order. Therefore our sympathy is with the colored man and brother.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

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Prof. Jones Writing school closed Wednesday and all who attended are well pleased with their prospects. Miss Lena Hasey was awarded the prize as making the greatest advancement.

Prof. Havins will take up a vocal music school of eight days length in Robert Lee to begin on Monday the 26th.

This week being County Court with us several Lawyers from a broad are in town in attendance to court.

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The Great Texas State Fair.

That the management of the State Fair is striving this year to outstrip all previous records in the way of giving a grand and successful entertainment, is evidenced by the announcements they are making of the many new features that the Fair Exposition of 1895 will cover. Successful negotiations have been closed to have a Mexican exhibit—one complete in every respect—and the Fair management is congratulating itself that they will have in this display something new and specially attractive to visitors.

Efforts in the past have been made to have Mexico represented at the State Fair, but they proved unsuccessful, and having finally succeeded now in closing definite arrangements for the coming Fair the Directors naturally feel somewhat jubilant over the result. This exhibit from Mexico will doubtless prove of much interest to visitors, and in connection with it a garden will be arranged covering specimens of the many varieties of tropical and plants for which the Republic is so well noted. The coffee tree, the Indigo plant the vanilla bean, banana tree, and numerous other plants and trees will be seen at the Fair in their natural state.

Our fellow townsman, Mr. J. T. Hamilton has been in Ballinger several days this week under the treatment of Drs. Marberry & Butler.

Messrs. Alec Ferguson and James Dillard, of Sterling City, came to Robert Lee Thursday late in the afternoon and report fine runs in Sterling county recently.

W. P. Walling was in our little town Thursday and reports his horse in fine condition for the race next Tuesday.

Mr. House who has been staying at the Lee Hotel for a week or 10 days thinks his little sorrel will take "it all out of Pres."

Our townsman W. S. Billups, who has been visiting relatives on Galveston Bay returned on Monday and reports a considerable boom on the coast country of Texas.

LIVERY STABLE

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About Valley View.

DEAR RUSTLER: On my return from a short visit to the country on last Thursday, I fully intended to give the readers of your excellent paper in last week issue a short sketch of my trip over in the Valley View settlement of this county, but other pressing business prevented me.

Now that I am at leisure I will proceed to write a few lines for you, and tell how it happened that I left our little town for a short while, I had been promising Mr. W. L. Lowe and family for some time I would pay them a visit to their new country home. So I went out to see them last Wednesday, spent the night and remained until late in the afternoon on Thursday. I found the good lady and children in the enjoyment of good health with wagon loads of watermelons and all sorts of garden vegetables to eat. I took a stroll out in the farm in company with Mr. Lowe and really I think he has grown as fine crop of corn this year as I ever saw in West Texas. He told me he planted his whole crop without first breaking his land. His cotton is fine with some appearance of hole worms sorghum and milo maize he has raised in abundant to tell the truth I saw several farms while out there and I think the Valley View section of Coke County will not be excelled in the way of good crops by any part of the West.

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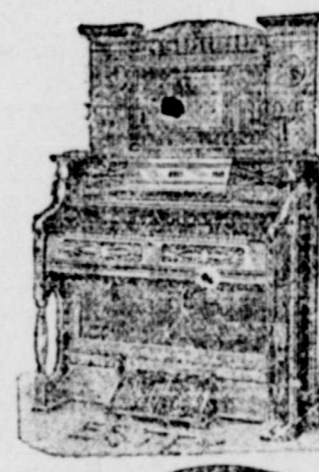
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A FAD IN NEW YORK.

MARBLE BUSTS FOR FASHIONABLE WOMEN.

The Cause of the Latest Craze Attributed to the Fact That Mrs. Cleveland's Bust Carved in Marble Graces the White House.

(New York Correspondence.)

THE recent portrait exhibition conclusively proved the fact that the pretty women of America are not averse to having their charms perpetuated on canvas for the delight of future generations. The beautiful faces that look down from heavy gold frames represent the flower of American womanhood, and the art of the greatest foreign painters had been utilized to depict in color the leading society women and belles of New York. And besides these portraits, there were those done by American artists, and the work was redolent of the feeling that a great painter puts in his work when he pictures with his brush the beautiful women of his own land.

But not only are our American women painted upon canvas by great foreign and native artists, but of late a new fad has arisen, and my lady longs to have her head and neck and shoulders molded in marble. This is the very newest craze. Perhaps it first started when the news that Mrs. Cleveland's marble bust had been placed in the White House was given out a few seasons ago. Until then there were few marble busts of society women to be seen in fashionable boudoirs, but now it is the correct thing, just as a year or two ago it became a fad to have one's hand and arm photographed. In fact, I know of more than one pretty woman who visited a swell photographer for the purpose of having her dainty foot, unshod and unstocked,



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portrayed on an elegantly finished "imperial" card.

I visited one of our most prominent sculptors, J. Q. A. Ward, in his studio one day last week, and questioned him as to the new craze for marble busts, and he said:

"I believe such a craze has sprung up within the last season or two, but I have never made a bust or bas-relief of a woman. There are few women whose heads or features will lend themselves to a graceful reproduction in marble. Any defect which in a photograph or painting might not show will stand out glaringly in a bust. There are, of course, some heads and faces which seem especially adapted for this sort of reproduction. Of this type are the models from which a sculptor molds the heads and figures in historical and allegorical figures. But the average pretty woman does not appear to advantage when modeled in marble. It is a custom that to me seems more suited to those who are dead. It certainly has a suggestion of a mortuary memorial; but still I know that within the last few seasons it has become the fashion to have it done."

W. Clarke Noble, who has his studio in a stable in West Eighteenth street, which he has converted into a dream of artistic beauty, has made several



MRS. JENNINGS.

busts in the round and in relief of women and children. One of his most famous is the bust of Mrs. Frederick Neillson, sister of Mr. Frederick Gebhardt. He has also made an exquisite relief of Mrs. Luhrman of Philadelphia, and another of Mrs. Randolph, the wife of Major Randolph of the United States army. Mr. Noble's beautiful bust of Mrs. Gouverneur Morris is one of the most admired of his masterpieces, and he has made a charming medallion of the children of Mrs. Woodbine of Cambridge. Mr. Noble is now at work on a splendid relief of a well known society woman of this city. She is represented as descending

a stairway, and the figure is full of life and poetic feeling.

Augustus St. Gaudens has made but two busts, one a relief in marble of Mrs. Violet Sargent, now Mrs. d'Ormont of Paris, and several seasons ago he made a bas-relief of Miss Sallie Lee of this city.

One of the finest bas-reliefs in bronze was made by F. W. R. Rieckstahl. It was designed as a wedding present for the bridegroom of Miss Susan Barbour of Indianapolis, Ind., and was ordered by the young woman's mother. It represents a side view of the face, as though reflected in a mirror. It is entwined with a half wreath of orange blossoms, and the bridal veil is modeled as draped across the base of the glass. The head is only a quarter of an inch in relief. It is very rarely that a sculptor succeeds in making a relief look so round and bold, with so little depth.

Another effective piece of work by this sculptor is a bust of Mrs. Phil Overstolz, now Mrs. Stewart, a beautiful St. Louis woman. This bust was exhibited at the Paris Salon.

J. S. Hartley, whose studio is in West Fifty-ninth street, has recently made a



ADAH REHAN AS KATHARINA.

splendid marble bust of Miss Susie Crimmins, now Mrs. Albert Jennings of Brooklyn. The bust was completed a week before the wedding and was presented to Mrs. Jennings.

Harry Le Grand Cannon, whose studio is in his handsome residence at Fifth avenue and Twelfth street, has made a relief in bronze of his wife, May Elizabeth Cannon. It was exhibited at the World's Fair and won universal admiration. It shows a side face, life size, and is in a round frame, supported on either side by an ideal figure. Mr. Cannon has reproduced this work in marble also.

Mr. Herbert Adams has made a fine bas-relief in bronze of Miss Mary Shepard, which was exhibited at the Portrait Exhibition.

Mr. French, the sculptor, has made a marble bust of his sister, now the Hon. Mrs. Eaton of London. The bust is of Carrara marble and is life size.

KATE MASTERSON.

STORY OF STOREY.

How the Famous Chicago Editor Was Provided with a Daily Scapegoat.

(Chicago Correspondence.)

Wilbur F. Storey, though a great editor, never had fame for good humor; and as he grew old he grew irritable. Little things worried him; small matters made him furious. If some mistake shone forth in any fashion of ragged, bad work in the Chicago Times, Storey was liable to inquire the criminal out and deal with him. There came a time in his life when his dismissals from the service of his paper averaged four a week; good men, too. James B. Runnion, now editor-in-chief of the Kansas City Star, was then managing editor of Wilbur Storey's Times. To preserve his force from the devastating swoops of Storey's irritability, something had to be done. Runnion studied the situation long and hard. He noticed that after Storey had discharged a man he appeared to experience great relief, and would get along in peace and comparative quietude for a time. The record showed that Storey never fired more than one man in a day. If Runnion could only provide the right sort of victim every day all would be well. A bright idea struck Runnion. He had a splendid, competent boy in the elevator. He removed this valuable youth to another field and hired a boy; the worst that he could find. The boy knew nothing of an elevator and did everything wrong. The first time Storey got into the elevator with the worthless boy he started the machine too soon and almost caught the great editor in the door frame. Had he succeeded it would have ended Storey's career. Upon arrival at the top floor Storey ordered the dangerous youth discharged. It was done and the old elevator boy was sent back until a fresh victim could be brought on. The next morning a new and clumsy elevator boy was discovered by Storey and promptly told to go. The morning following Runnion fed the great editor another. Now and then a boy would last two days; but the rule was five a week. Storey would inmolate a quintet of elevator boys each week, and with that he would rest content. It was a good thing and kept him off the regular force, and restored tranquility among the hired men. But it was a bit rough on the boys.

Still Want to Come In.

President Dole, in his address at the special session of the first legislature of the Hawaiian republic, declared that annexation to the United States is the policy of the government. Special attention is to be paid to securing desirable American immigration.—Once a Week.

Shower of Toads.

A heavy shower of diminutive toads little larger than potato bugs fell at Farmington, Me., a few days ago, during what the people there call a "cloud-burst." Thousands of the creatures fell in the town and the neighboring fields

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.



BELOW WE GIVE an article from the pen of S. C. Gordon in the Ohio Farmer. It is of great importance, as scientists have asserted that moles live only on animal food. If this man be right, the mole is a public enemy. The article is as follows:

I read the article of Mr. Cranz, in regard to moles. In a late issue of The Ohio Farmer and am pretty certain that any farmer who has been growing corn, potatoes or sweet potatoes for a number of years cannot agree with him. From my own experience (and that of other farmers with whom I have conversed on the subject), I have found that where a mole-run is found in a sweet potato ridge, or in a potato hill, the potatoes have departed. Sometimes I have found them partly eaten, the surface still fresh.

In regard to corn, it is considered to be of little use to plant where it has been taken by moles, unless cultivation can commence immediately, and farmers frequently commence cultivation when they find the moles at work, before the corn is up, cultivating deep.

Some sixteen or seventeen years ago I had a field of corn badly injured by moles, in places nearly all gone, and in other places a pretty good stand. I knew it was of no use to put corn in the same places as I could not then commence plowing, and if I waited much longer the replant would do little good, so I got a boy to drop two grains of corn on each of the missing hills, and a couple of men and myself covered it by drawing dirt over the hill with a hoe; the result was a good field of corn. I did not see the moles take the corn, but wherever the run went through the hill the corn was missing and where there was no mole run the corn grew all right.

I once read in an agricultural paper of a man in New York, I believe, buying moles at five cents apiece to put into his ground to loosen the earth and I presume to catch grubs. I never heard the result of his experience—his theory was the same as that of Mr. Cranz. I expect when he undertook to put his theory into practice he changed his mind.

Some years ago I was hauling in corn from the shock; there was over a foot of snow with a hard crust on it; I took a hoe to loosen the butts of corn stalks; in the center of the last shock I found some half dozen cobs, still in the husks with no corn on them; I thought a rat had been at work, but the earth had not been worked up among the stalks, so I concluded it had been a rabbit. As I was cutting the tie stalk I saw what I took to be a rat among the blades, although it moved rather too slowly for one. I gave it a clip with the hoe, when, lo, and behold, it was a mole. That settled the matter, not only with the mole, but with me, that moles do eat corn. I went to the barn, unloaded my corn and put my team away, thinking about the New York man whose moles never bothered vegetation, and who bought up all he could, and thought that in the spring when the insectivorous mole was circulating in the agricultural papers I would give my experience.

But hold on—the fact isn't proven. You don't know that the mole did eat the corn; it's only circumstantial evidence. A rat might eat the corn and the mole just happened in after the mischief was done and it was getting late in the day, and turning much colder, and it was quite a distance from the barn, a deep snow with a heavy crust to tramp through, I was satisfied myself, but that didn't prove it. I sharpened my knife and waded back, cut the mole open and found its stomach filled with finely ground corn.

A neighbor told me that he had made a strong decoction of Mayapple root and soaked corn in it and put in their runs in the cornfield and thus killed them. He said the year before a man who had corn on his farm complained about a mole taking the corn in one particular place, that he tried the remedy at his suggestion and the next day or so after putting the corn in the run, he plowed out the dead mole. I have never tried it myself, however.

Growing Cranberries

Last week we had something to say about cranberries and the soil on which they could be best grown. The soil best adapted to the growing of this fruit is a mixture of sand and muck. One way to obtain this desired soil is to haul onto the ground designed for cranberries large quantities of muck. After this has decomposed cover it with fine sand from the beach. In a few years the two will become incorporated, making a fine, black, sandy soil. On ground pre-eminently fitted for the growing of cranberries the soil rarely becomes dry except on the surface. Stagnant water is to be avoided, as it usually proves fatal. Running brooks in such a meadow are of value, but they must be under full control. The ground must be in such shape that it can be drained from one to two feet below the surface. The streams are to be used for winter flooding and summer irrigation. Some people advise planting vines upon uplands, but such locations are not advisable. True, the vines will sometimes live and bear,

but it is an unusual state of affairs and should not be encouraged; for instance, writers on cranberry growing say that vines upon dry lands are short-lived, blossoms are blasted, and the fruit is dwarfed or badly worm eaten, the ravages of the fruit worm being greatest upon dry soils.

According to the opinions of some growers, soil heavily impregnated with oxide of iron should not be selected. Nearly all of our readers will readily recognize such soil by the "iron rust" that collects in the little stagnant pools. The main objection to such soil is that it freezes in a different manner from most other soils, the ice and frozen earth forming long crystals, and these latter have a tendency to throw out of the ground the little roots of the cranberry. It is true that such lands can be used, but they will need to be kept flooded in winter, and if by any reason the water becomes drawn off, a disaster may follow.

The same objection is urged against pure muck, as it will weave out the vines during the freezing and thawing process, if not covered by water or sand. One or two inches of sand over the muck will prevent this. Coarse or flakey mucks are also to be avoided, as they neither retain moisture, nor act as a capillary sponge to draw up water in dry seasons. Such soil can be used only with irrigation.

Preparing a Swamp. First dig a draining ditch about two feet deep lengthwise of the swamp and wide enough to take all the storm water that comes. The next move is to remove the turf, which may be sometimes more easily done by first burning off the dry grass. After the turf has been removed, the branch drains may be dug. The distance apart of these drains will depend much upon the condition of the soil, but some place them at two rods apart. After this comes the plowing and sanding. As to the depth of sand everything will depend on the conditions. The depth must vary according to the depth of the muck and condition of the bottom, most sand being required on those meadows that have the deepest muck, for the reason that a layer of one or two inches of sand on a bed of deep, soft muck would settle down and be lost in the black mass underneath. Where the muck is six or eight feet deep the sand may be put on to the depth of five or six inches, but when only a foot or two in depth, two or three inches of sand will be sufficient. Summer, when the swamps are dry, is the proper season for preparing cranberry swamps. More on this subject will appear in a subsequent issue.

Raising Turnips

The turnip is a native growth of Asia, growing in a wild and uncultivated state in the woods. But centuries ago it attracted the attention of the farmer, and was appropriated, improved and cultivated, and used for food for both man and beast, and today it bears but slight resemblance to the original stock. In many parts of the world, and in both cold and temperate climates, it is extensively cultivated and used for feeding sheep and cattle, and also for the table, and I am thoroughly convinced that if farmers would give it more attention, and grow it more extensively than heretofore, it would prove to be quite a valuable crop.

When the soil and season are favorable the yield per acre is immense. From 300 to 500 bushels have been grown on a single acre, and at 20 or even 15 cents per bushel, they pay better than corn, wheat or tobacco.

The Swedish or rutabagas are considered the best for stock. To insure a crop for the approaching fall or winter the soil should be partially prepared in March or April. The soil should be fresh and rich as possible, and thoroughly broken and harrowed both ways and left until the season for sowing the seed. From the 1st to the 15th of July is the best time to sow. Then the soil should be broken the second time, and harrowed, and seed sown, provided there is sufficient moisture to bring them up. Last season I sowed on the 15th of July, and for three successive weeks the weather was extremely hot and droughty, and the crop a complete failure. The better way is to wait for moisture, even if it delays the sowing, for the seed are very tender and easily affected by drought. The quicker and more rapid the growth the more brittle and highly flavored the turnip, so much depends on the soil and season.

Drills are sometimes used for sowing, but I have generally sown broadcast by hand, and if they come too thick, which they often do, I thin out with the hoe. If early turnips are desired for marketing they should be sown in March or April, and in the garden, where they can be cultivated, which insures a quick growth.

There is another advantage in raising turnips that is generally overlooked by farmers; they are an excellent exterminator of the weeds and leave the soil in excellent condition for any other crop. Heavy, tough soils are not adapted to their growth. They are but little trouble to keep during the winter, as they are not seriously injured by a slight frost.—Journal of Agriculture.

The Christian Register prints the saying of a little girl whose doll's arm had come off, exposing the sawdust stuffing.

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