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\$1. IN ADVANCE

A SNAKE STORY.

A London Spectator Tells How a Native Killed a Mamba after Using Secret Antidotes.

A road party, comprising of the usual gang of from fifty to sixty Kaffirs, with a white man as superintendent, was employed on the construction of a road in the Tugela valley; Natal, about thirty or more years ago. In the course of their work they came to a high stone which it was necessary to remove, but beneath it was the home of a large black mamba, well known to the neighboring inhabitants as being old, and therefore very venomous.

The mamba is the most deadly of the South African snakes, and the superintendent anticipated some trouble over that rock. He offered a bribe for the snake's skin, and the gang "wow'd!" and sat down to bemgwi" (take snuff.) But a slim youth sauntered forward and, amid the jeers and protestations of the rest, he declared himself equal to the task. He took from his pocket what looked like a bit of shriveled stick, chewed it swallowed some of it, spat out the rest on his hands, and proceeded to rub his glistening brown body and limbs all over.

Then, taking up his stick and chanting a song of defiance, he advanced with great confidence and swagger to the bowlder. There he roused up the mamba, who, in great fury at being disturbed, bit him in the lip. The boy took no notice of the bite, but broke the snake's back with his stick, and, bringing it to the ground, he went back to his work, and the bite of the reptile had no effect on him whatever.

No bribe, not even that of a cow (better than any gold in the eyes of a Kaffir), would induce this native to disclose the secret of his antidote, which, he said, had been handed down in his family for generations. The snake was very long one, and so old that it had a mane. It is a well-known fact that certain of the Zulus have antidotes for the more deadly snake poisons, which they preserve as a secret within their own families.

Joseph Green, formerly of Chicago, now a prosperous ranchman at Encinal, Texas, has demonstrated the feasibility and profit of maturing and fattening young Texas cattle in Illinois. He and his brother have a large farm at Oakland, Ill., which by special arrangement with the Illinois Live Stock Commission, is under special quarantine. This enables them to place a good many of their surplus cattle in Illinois, where they can be fattened and marketed to the best possible advantage. There is no doubt but what Mr. Green's is a happy idea for the cattle can be bred more cheaply in Texas than in Illinois, and can be finished to better advantage, all things considered, in Illinois.—Chicago Drivers Journal.

YELLOW JAUNDICE CURED.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from Yellow Jaundice for over six months, and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters; and after taking two bottles, I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky." Sold by all druggists.

SAYS THE RANGERS DID THE WORK.

The Laredo Times gives quite a different account of the trouble at Laredo recently, than appeared in the Express and other dailies. Instead of giving the soldiers credit for dispersing the mob and clearing the streets, as the Express did, The Times says the rangers had everything quiet before the troops arrived. Following is a correct account of the affair:

Five of Capt. Rodgers Rangers were at the Hamilton Hotel when the alarm was sent up to them that some shooting had taken place in the Eastern portion of the city. They grabbed their pistols and guns and down the street they ran. Down Matamoros street a short ways from the hotel they met the hack which was conveying their wounded captain to the hotel. It stopped and Capt. Rodgers told the boys to act under Sergeant Dubose, who was one of the five who had just arrived, and go down and take charge of the situation, that he was wounded. The sight of their captain covered with blood stirred the boys up and they lit out in a trot as fast as they could. They went direct to the spot where the first fight took place, in which Capt. Rogers was wounded, and Hericera was killed by Ranger A. Y. Old.

When they came in sight on Grant street a large crowd of men were standing around Hericera's body and some one in the crowd fired on them as they were approaching. The rangers then cut loose with shot guns, Winchester and pistols. They were fired on from all directions and a lively fusillade kept up for about ten minutes, until the rangers had succeeded in scattering the mob and became masters of the situation and entire locality. They looked around for more game, but could find no more so returned to the hotel to their captain. In the fight Dubose was shot through the trousers near the knee, but did not touch the flesh. About fifty shots were fired altogether and no less than nine Mexicans wounded. It was right after this that the soldiers reached the spot and found the streets clear as a result of the rangers.

The Cunard Company has lately given an order for a new steamship which will be the largest ever constructed. She is not to be a passenger-boat, and accordingly she will attract less general interest than her smaller sisters, the Lucania and Campania which register only thirteen thousand tons apiece.

The biggest vessel now afloat is the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, of the North German Lloyd. She is six hundred and fifty feet long, and registers more than fourteen thousand tons. She will not long be the leviathan of the Atlantic liners, for in a short time the White Star Company will have the Oceanic on the water, and she, with her seven hundred feet length, will be twenty feet longer than the Great Eastern, the wonder of the last generation.

It is expected that the Oceanic will make the passage between Liverpool and New York in less than five days. Speed such as this is obtained at an enormous expenditure of fuel. The Oceanic will burn more than seven hundred tons of coal a day.

Almost every one is curious to know what an ocean greyhound costs. The expense is vastly greater per ton for a fast passen-

ger-boat than for a freighter. It is supposed that a tramp steamer can be built in Great Britain for something less than fifty dollars a ton. The great "liners" cost almost or quite two hundred dollars a ton. At that rate the Oceanic will cost more than three million dollars. Of course the high Cunard freight-boat will be less expensive than that.—Youth's Companion.

COMPOSITION ON PANTS.

Pants are made for men and not for women. Women are made for men and not for pants. When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man, they are a pair of pants. Such pants don't last. Pants are like molasses—they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold. Men are often mistaken in pants; such mistakes are breeches of promise. There has been much discussion whether pants is singular or plural. Seems to us when men wear pants it is plural, and when they don't wear pants it is singular. Men go on a tear in their pants, and it is all right; when the pants go on a tear it's all wrong. If you want to make the pants last make the coat first.—Selected.

Lucy Sampson, in Farm & Ranch of A'ch. 2th I believe in love, pure, deep, and true, which springs from the heart, awakened by admiration, and respect for a virtuous

in life. How often we see a bright, attractive girl fall in love with a handsome man, one who dresses well, talks like a book and presents a most alluring manner until the eventful day of marriage is past when the visions of wedded happiness flee, as she finds out he makes his living by his wits, and that they are not sufficient to support both, so "she can help along by giving music lessons, or teaching a few of her friends' children." "Ah, well! for us all, some sweet hope lies deeply buried from human eyes. And in the hereafter, angels may roll the stone from its grave away." Then, dear girl, be sure your lover is worthy of your love before you pour out its sacred stream either to mar or to bless your future life. Will you not remember as you make your choice that it is for life, and "only death parts thee and me."

DISCOVERED BY A WOMAN.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamnick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at any drugstore. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

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Henry M. Wilson, of the United States Geological Survey, spent December and January in Porto Rico, and recently gave an interesting lecture before the Brown Institute on "The Geography and Natural History of Porto Rico." He spoke of the island as teeming with fertility, especially in the northern half, which is copiously watered by the driven in by the trade winds and as being of a temperate climate, the mercury seldom above 90 degrees in summer, rarely falling below 60 in winter. Even the summer heat is moderated and made endurable by trade winds that blow with uniformity. The population of Porto Rico is, said Mr. Wilson, 1,000,000, of which more than 120,000 are of the negro but not of the best Indies type. Throughout the island, from east to west, there is a system of mountains or hills, the general aspect of the country from the sea is mountainous and pleasant, on account of the vegetation. The geographical position is simple and general, uniform throughout. On the coast is an alluvial plain, the sediment from the river mouths forming coral rock. Inside the coast is tertiary white limestone. The mass of the island is occupied by volcanic rock, granite and gneiss, mixed with limestone and minerals.

Gold is found in small quantities. Gold is found east of San Juan in very small quantities. Climatically the island is divided into two parts; the northern humid and the south western semi-humid to arid. Prof. Harrington averaged the annual rainfall at San Juan at 54 inches, yet fifteen miles to the east the average rainfall is 123 inches. This is accounted for by the trade winds that are arrested by the mountains and which deposit their moisture. The island has a wet and a dry season. The soil is very fertile and in the central part the fields are green and large quantities of tobacco are raised. On the south and southwest the sugar cane is the chief product. It grows to 12 and 15 feet in height and is nearly as thick as a man's arm. On the mountains coffee grows above an altitude of a thousand feet, and the higher the elevation, the better is the quality. There are vegetables of all kinds, and all the flowers that are raised in hothouses in America grow wild there. Ferns, mosses, and orchids grow on rocks. There are no wild animals, and domestic animals flourish well, especially cattle. Porto Rico is emphatically the land of the small farmer. There are 21,000 individual holdings, and only 1,600 of them are owned by sugar and tobacco planters.—Scientific American.

After a few minutes absence from our office Wednesday, we returned to find the following bright (and weighty) article set up and ready for the paper. It was evidently composed by some gay young swain who aspires to be a newspaper reporter; probably this is his first, and lies at the door of either James King Benjamin Tomlinson or Sir Charles (IV) Francis Boyd. Presumably the former.

"Out last night lots of fun yes all right half after one nine o'clock felt so sick send for the doctor fetch him quick aching head I thought would spilt oh! good lord what a twitch soon be dead got the gripe Take some of them little early risers at Dr. Williams's"

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South	Passenger Train.	North
10:00 a. m. Lv.	SAN ANTONIO	Ar. 25 p. m.
10:20 a. m. Lv.	Leon	Ar. 12:05 p. m.
10:41 a. m. Lv.	Medina	Ar. 11:57 a. m.
10:51 a. m. Lv.	Lytle	Ar. 11:30 a. m.
1:10 a. m. Lv.	Devino	Ar. 11:10 a. m.
11:35 a. m. Lv.	Moore	Ar. 10:58 a. m.
11:55 a. m. Lv.	Eden	Ar. 10:48 a. m.
12:07 p. m. Lv.	Pearshall	Ar. 10:32 a. m.
12:42 p. m. Lv.	Derby	Ar. 10:18 a. m.
12:58 p. m. Lv.	Dilley	Ar. 9:58 a. m.
1:12 p. m. Lv.	Millett	Ar. 9:44 a. m.
1:35 p. m. Lv.	COTULLA	Ar. 9:22 a. m.
1:53 p. m. Lv.	Tuna	Ar. 9:05 a. m.
2:03 p. m. Lv.	Twohig	Ar. 8:55 a. m.
2:25 p. m. Lv.	Burro	Ar. 8:30 a. m.
2:40 p. m. Lv.	Enchinal	Ar. 8:23 a. m.
3:00 p. m. Lv.	Cactus	Ar. 8:06 a. m.
3:18 p. m. Lv.	Webb	Ar. 7:45 a. m.
3:43 p. m. Lv.	Green	Ar. 7:23 a. m.
3:55 p. m. Lv.	Sanchez	Ar. 7:12 a. m.
4:10 p. m. Ar.	LAREDO	Lv. 7:00 a. m.

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SATURDAY, APR. 1, 1899.

The bridge lacks only a few piling now and it will be opened for travel. The commissioners will doubtless have received it before our next issue as it will take only two days after the piles arrive to place them in position.

Today is April 1st., "All Fool's Day." Have you been sent on some impossible errand? or did curiosity induce you to pick up a purse? and say, did you find cotton in your biscuits, or salt in your coffee? Verily, these days are enough to try the patience of a Job.

Public school closed yesterday after a term of seven months duration. We understand the teachers will open a private school next Monday to close the first Friday in May. All who can possibly do so should send their children for the balance of the school year; a few dollars spent on their education now may mean the future welfare of our government.

According to the reports of the daily papers (and that is where we small fry get our news) the soldiers and civil officers at Laredo were given a large share of the praise for the new prov-

en, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the soldiers did not arrive in time to see the fun, and what few civil officers were present—the sheriff and one deputy—deserted, and just naturally "burnt the wind" in trying to get away when the shooting began. There was then only one other species of officers there—Rogers' Rangers—and they show proof positive that they were there. Some seven or eight Mexicans in Laredo could also testify to the fact.

In this matter of electing school trustees, as in all others of public interest, we are guided by the majority of the people interested. We have no wish but for the up-building of the town and county, and made no mention of this election until called upon by the County Judge. We then tried to obtain the sentiment of the people, and while some were in favor of having the trustees appointed as heretofore, the greater number were in favor of holding the election, accordingly we devoted some of our space and attention, to pushing the work along. It now rests with the people—we shall report the results in our next issue and then let it drop.

The Military Court of Inquiry has returned to Washington, where the last witnesses will be heard. Nobody has any authority to say what the report of the Court will be, but the impression is general among those who may have closely followed all the testimony, that it will justify every charge made by Gen. Miles about bad beef being furnished the army, and that it will recommend one or more court-martials of army officers who were responsible for the purchase and acceptance of the beef. Should this impression be correct, Gen. Eagan will surely catch it, for as Commissary General, he is the man who must be held responsible, although the real fault may have belonged to some of his subordinates.

We need a new criterion for qualified voters—if the government is to be by the consent of the governed.—Chaparral.

We are with you there, brother, first, last and always.

The officers appointed for holding the election in this school district are: C. C. Thomas, E. A. Keek and Geo. Copp. They will all doubtless be present to perform the duties thus imposed upon them, if however, they are not; the voters can choose some from among their own number to open the polls, provided they be opened at 10 o'clock, as ordered by law.

According to an official statement made by the United States Treasurer, there is no scarcity of money in this country. On the contrary, he says the per capita circulation was \$25.51 on the first of March, against \$23.83 one year ago. He says the seeming scarcity of money has been brought about by a large increase in the volume of business done, and by a disinclination in banking and commercial circles, except on the Pacific, to push into active circulation the enormous quantity of gold coin that has accumulated in government vaults, and in the hands of bankers.

"Now let's see some earlier possible forerunners. The mob instinct has been most carefully cultured and nursed in these people since it was first said in the land—Lo there is an election: Let us go up and vote."—Laredo Chaparral.

In other words the Chaparral evidently lays the blame of this late trouble at the doors of the different political factions in that city. We said as much last week, but could only base our judgment on the reports that were received. Speaking from the standpoint of an eye witness, one who has or ought to have an in-

terest in the new provision, and one who has doubtless devoted more or less time to studying the situation, the Chaparral should be partly, and we think is wholly correct. We know from past experience in our own town, that the ignorant voters can be lead to almost anything. Our qualifications for a voter should be amended to do away with the ignorant class.

Senor Don Manuel Azpiroz, the new Mexican ambassador to the U. S., has just arrived in Washington. He speaks English and keeps up with the newspapers, as may be judged by his having said, in an interview: "Naturally my main purpose in coming to Washington, is to strengthen the good relations between the U. S., and Mexico in every way possible, and in particular to develop the trade and commerce which two good neighbors should have with each other. I notice that your papers reproduce Mexican press comments on the recent utterances of Cecil Rhodes, prophesying the absorption by the U. S., of Central and South American countries; but this comment is purely unofficial, and in no way reflects the views of the government. Mr. Rhodes is an interesting character and the papers were quick to seize upon his utterance and give it much significance. But it is nothing more than the opinion of any private individual." Of the silly charge made by a paper published in the City of Mexico, that American rule was adding to the depravity of Cuba, the Ambassador said: "That is a Spanish paper, and the views expressed are merely those of the ultra-Spanish element, but not those of the Mexican people. No significance should be attached to the utterances, simply because they were made in Mexico. Only a small number of our people are pro-Spanish by reason of ancestry or relationship. The great bulk of the people treat such matters with indifference, and regard the United States as their nearest and best friend."

LETTER FROM A T. N.

Austin, Texas, March 1, 1899.—There are only five candidates for Congress in the House of Representatives, namely: Wooten, of Dallas, and Prince, of Laredo are candidates for Burke's place. I think Wooten is the ablest man of the two. Smith, of Geron is a candidate for Bailey's place, provided Bailey runs for the Senate. Sherrill, of Hunt and Southerland of Raines, are candidates for De Grafenried's place. It is understood that De Grafenried is not going to run for re-election.

Wooten and Prince are considered the orators of the House; Wooten is one of the most forcible orators I ever heard of; a good lawyer and a deep thinker, and would honor Texas in the lower House of Congress. Smith is one of those fellows that tries his oratory to the advantage; he brings his thoughts to the understanding of the common people. Smith of Geron is no orator, but a good deal of a close thinker and never says anything unless he knows what he is talking about. Sutherland's voice like the whistle of a horse. If his brain is equal to his legs he would be a power in the House. Sherrill is no orator, but if he is no one has found out. He is the Tom Reed of Texas Legislature.

Before the trouble in Laredo and Columbus there were some dangerous oppositions to the appropriation for the school, but the work they did in the two places convinced the Texas representatives that the people of West Texas need such appropriations. In fact East Texas will need rangers if they hang on hanging negroes. The appropriation will come from the House March 1st.

MORE ANON,
FRANK LANE.

Citation by Publication.

Hugh Morrison } In the
No. 756 vs } District
Mrs. S. L. Morrison } Court of
La Salle County, Texas.

The State of Texas to the Sheriff or any Constable of La Salle County--GREETING:

You are HEREBY COMMANDED, that, by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of La Salle once in each week for four consecutive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, you summon Mrs. S. L. Morrison, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear at the next regular term of the Dist. Court of La Salle Co., to be begun and holden at the Court House thereof, in Cotulla the 22 day of May 1899, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 9th day of March 1899, in a suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court, No. 756 wherein Hugh Morrison is Plaintiff, and Mrs. S. L. Morrison is Defendant, wherein Plaintiff alleges as follows, to wit: His marriage to defendant and her voluntary absence for over three years form his bed and board with intention of permanent abandonment. Plaintiff prays judgment for divorce, costs and general and special relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court on the said first day of next term thereof this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness, G. H. Knaggs, Clerk of the District Court of La Salle County.

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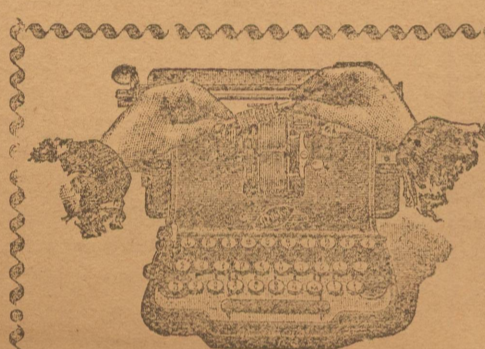
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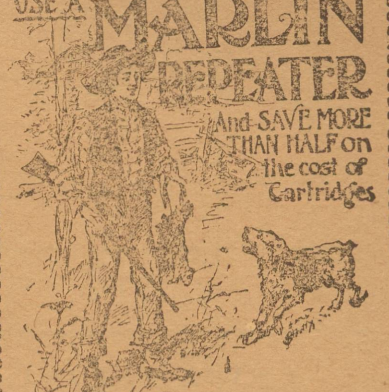
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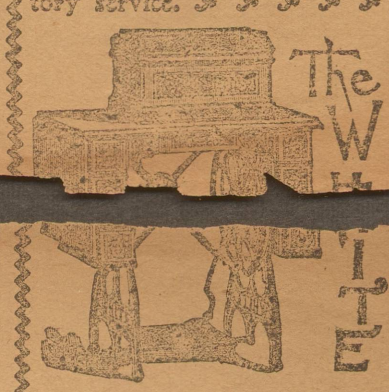
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LOCAL PERSONAL.

Today is all fools day. Old papers for sale at this office. News is scarce this week, as usual. School Trustees are to be elected today. A new lot of stationery at J. M. Williams. W. F. Jay was seen on our streets Thursday. T. Y. Sullivan's, for a first-class shave. Tailor-made clothes, at Landrum & Co's. S. Elliott was a visitor to Cotulla yesterday. Shoes repaired cheap at Geo. Krichbaum's. Considerable transfers in real estate Wednesday. A fine selection of Tablets at J. M. Williams. Visiting Cards neatly printed at the RECORD office. Orange, Blackberry and Grape ciders at S. Cotulla's. A new stock of fancy candies, at J. M. Williams. D. W. McKey was down from his ranch Tuesday. T. H. Gardner was down from the Puddin Thursday. For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's. Mr. M. J. Barlow returned Monday morning from Saltillo. Stoves, Stoves, Stoves, Buck's Cook Stoves at Keck Bros. Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing. Mr. E. E. Neal left Thursday morning for San Antonio. Apples, Oranges and Bananas at Simon Cotulla & Co's. I. & G. N. Special Inspection Car made a Cotulla turn Wednesday.

Studebaker wagons give satisfaction. See Keck Bros., for prices. The sand storms still prevail, and the much needed rain refuses to fall. For the latest patterns in Tailor made clothes see Landrum & Co's samples. The North-bound passenger train was about 3 1-2 hours late yesterday. H. R. Trammel was down from his ranch in Dimmit county one day this week. F. M. Shaw and family of Encinal, were registered at the Burke Wednesday. Rev. M. T. Allen went down to Encinal Wednesday evening and preached there that night. Fix up your old Bath Tub with Enamel Paint. It will stand hot water. For sale by Keck Bros. Misses Nettie Neal and Imogene Peterson were pleasant callers at our office Monday morning. Watkins Bros., will leave after next week. Don't fail to get those pictures made at once. Ira C. Jennings was among the prominent stockmen down from San Antonio first part of the week. Miss Florence Chiles returned Saturday last from a visit to her uncle's ranch, in Frio county. You will be hard to please if you don't find what you want in writing tablets at J. M. Williams. Mr. R. A. Gilmer, of Encinal, now wears a broad smile on his countenance,—it's a ten pound boy. Ben Yowell, after a couple of weeks sojourn in our city took Sunday morning's train for Moore. T. A. Coleman, one of the largest stockmen in this country, came down Thursday from San Antonio to make arrangements to begin shipping to the Territory.

Mr. B. Vesper, a stock-farmer of Dimmit county returned Sunday from a short visit to the Alamo City. Sheriff Burwell spent Tuesday in San Antonio visiting Captain Rogers. Reports him getting a long nicely. Mrs. A. Burks, accompanied by her niece, Miss Willie Baylor, returned on Tuesday's train from San Antonio. Sergt. Henry W. Locke, after spending a couple of weeks here visiting his mother, left Tuesday for San Antonio. Keck Bros., are still at the old stand, ready to take your order for Wind mills, Pump Jacks etc. Prices reduced. Ben Tomlinson went over to Twohig Sunday. He didn't tell us what for, but we have an idea,—and so do others. Ranger Jas. Evetts, of Co. F, stationed at Hebronville, in company with his wife are in the city visiting relatives. Mr. J. E. Hill has moved his family to Cotulla and will occupy the brick Swift residence in the western part of town. Mrs. M. J. Leavett, German-town, Texas, and Percy Steele, Cotulla, were added to our list of subscribers Thursday. For good harness, strong harness, hand-made harness, saddles, bridles, etc. call on Claunch, the Saddler; he will treat you right. Miss Florence Archer of Karnes City is here visiting her niece, Mrs. W. M. Burwell. She will probably make this her future home. Miss Lillie Edmiston has been spending the week in town as the guest of Mrs. Chas. Sullivan. She contemplates attending the Summer Normal. The Ranger Boys returned Sunday morning.

...worse for wear, excepting a few bullet holes through their clothes. Don't scratch your life away, but use Dr. Sawyer's Witch Hazel and Arnica Salve for eczema, piles, hives, burns and cuts. J. M. Williams. Attorney Chas. H. Mayfield returned Saturday from Karnes City, where he has been for the past three weeks, visiting his family and attending District court. Pictures in platinio finish, (steel engraving effect) are up-to-date in every respect, nothing better, made artistic in finish, thoroughly permanent. You make no mistake when you order platinos. WATKINS BROS. Messrs. Homer and Ed James, of Oakville, passed through here Friday enroute to Carrizo Springs. They report Live Oak and McMullen counties as being entirely destitute of grass, and stock doing badly. J. W. Buckow stepped around to see us the other day while in town from the Buckow Settlement. He reports that portion of the country in great need of rain but thinks he can pull through if the drouth don't last too long. Send your Job Work to us; we have a complete assortment of new type and can give you good work at low figures. The following orders were filled during the week: Matthews & Gilmer, Encinal, 1,000 Note Heads, 1,000 Bill Heads. S. Sanchez, 100 Dodgers, Mrs. G. H. Knaggs, 25 visiting cards. L. B. Alford, Twohig, 25 Check Books. We forgot to mention in last week's issue that F. Boyd, jr. made a trip to Tilden with a load of corn for Mr. W. H. Platt, returning Sunday. Tuesday he did some 'artistic' (?) painting in our office. Wednesday he went to Twohig and Millett; hauled bones Thursday and Friday. He hasn't 'showed up' this morning, so we suppose he is at home studying his Sunday School lesson.

WILL ELECT TRUSTEES TODAY.

POLLS OPEN AT 10 A. M. AND CLOSE AT 4 P. M.

After speaking with as many of our leading citizens as possible in regard to the election for school trustees today, and using their suggestions as a basis on which to proceed, we were requested to name the following three gentlemen as candidates for trustees: T. R. Keck, C. Philipe and G. H. Knaggs. Several others were spoken of, but not by a sufficient number to justify a nomination; we have been guided by a majority of the people who have a vital interest at stake, and we have succeeded in securing the names of three men who will use their best efforts to upbuild the school and give diligent attention to all matters pertaining to the welfare of the educational interests in our town. Mr. Keck has served the past two years in this capacity and is well qualified by experience, to assume the duties for another year; he has given almost universal satisfaction. While Mr. Philipe has no children now attending our public school, he is deeply interested in matters of that kind and will faithfully uphold his teachers in the performance of their duty; he has had several years experience in this work and is thoroughly conversant with the needs of the school. Mr. Knaggs has no experience as a trustee to offer, but is interested in the education of his children and therefore will do his utmost for the school. He is a member of the present school board. We talked with Judge (County Superintendent) and he claims to be satisfied with this selection, in fact, including them when asked to name who he thought would make good trustees. According to a notice posted in the Post Office by Judge Dowe the polls will be opened at 10 o'clock this morning and will close at 4 o'clock in the afternoon giving ample time for all who are interested, to vote. All are given a chance to voice their sentiments in this most important matter, and a failure to vote on this occasion will prove our indifference to the school interests. "Little colds" neglected costs thousands of deaths yearly. People who have used Dr. Sawyer's Wild Cherry and Tar, recommend it even for consumption. J. M. Williams. I. & G. N. EXCURSIONS. Annual Convention B. Y. P. U. Waco, April 11-13. On sale April 10-11, limit 14th. State Lumbermen's Convention San Antonio, April 11-13. On sale April 10th and for trains arriving San Antonio a. m., 11th; limit 14th. Grand Commandry Knights Templar and A. A. O. N. M. S. Ft. Worth, April 12-14. On sale April 11th, limited 15th. United Benevolent Ass'n., Ft. Worth, April 13-20. On sale April 11th, limited 15th. K. of P. Grand Lodge, Dallas, April 13-20. On sale April 18th and for trains reaching Ft. Worth a. m. of 19th; limit 22nd. Grand Lodge Sons of Hermann Austin. On sale April 26th and for trains arriving Austin a. m., 37th; on April 30th and for trains arriving Austin a. m. May 1st; all limited to May 5th. Very low rates for all occasions. Inquire of nearest I. & G. N. Ticket Agent, for all particulars, or address, D. J. PRICE, G. P. & T. A. Palestine, Texas.

Hammocks at Henrichson & Co's. Mr. James Edmiston, who has been in business in San Antonio for the past few months, passed through on yesterday's south-bound train for home. A nice line of Bay's straw hats at G. W. Henrichson & Co's. Mrs. Miller arrived on yesterday's train and left immediately with her son, Louis who met her at the train, for the Miller ranch in Dimmitt county. Henrichson & Co., carries the finest line of straw hats in town. We publish a letter from our correspondent in Austin this week, and will doubtless make arrangements for regular letters from our Capital City hereafter. They will be read with interest as the writer is well and favorably known to our people. Mr. J. F. Tobin, our popular deputy sheriff, dropped in Thursday evening and proceeded to show us how to set type in the latest approved fashion. He was the founder of the Karnes City Kicker, and says his was the first business house in that renowned little city, and that at that time there was no news to tell about except pear and coyotes.

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Messrs. L. Trice, A. L. Bowers and Thos. Hume, three of the I. & G. N. railroad officials from Palestine, stepped off here yesterday to make arrangements for water in the stockpens during the shipping season. They now think they will build a spur from the main track, above the stockpens and haul water from San Antonio and Medina in sufficient quantities for the stockmen's use.

'Tis said by some of the boys who were there; that Ranger A. Y. Old (who is, by the way, one of the special devils on the RECORD staff) after having avenged the wound of his captain, and effectually clearing the street from all armed resistance; decided his presence was no longer needed in that portion of the city, and begun a triumphal march toward the main body of his brother rangers. His triumph was short lived, however, owing to the fact that the female population congregated on the street corners and back alleys, begun a lively fusillade with old cans, stones, brick bats, sticks etc. The boys say when they met him he was ducking, dodging, running and plunging, exactly like a scared horse. He faced danger and death at the muzzle of the winchester but ignominiously failed when assaulted by the charms (?) of the fair sex. We can't find it in our hearts to condemn him; being somewhat susceptible ourselves.

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Dear Children:—

About two miles from the town of Leander you will find one who loves you, and would like very much to be with you again. It has been over two long weeks since we separated, and you to remain in the school room and I to go to the bedside of my sister. Not a day has passed that I have not thought of you. Perhaps some word or action of some one called you to mind and I would think of the happy hours I spent with you. I did not realize how much I thought of you until we were separated; ask the other teachers if that is not their experience.

This part of Texas is very different from your part of the state. Looking out of the car windows I could see nothing but mesquite and pear until after I passed San Antonio, then the black land farms began to come in view. That made me feel like I was near home. Since I am here I wish you all could spend a day on the farm with me. You don't hardly know what the word farm, means unless you have lived elsewhere than in Southwest Texas. The farmers are planting corn, and the wheat and oats are beginning to look like great, green meadows. We children use to have lots of fun playing "hide and seek" in the wheat field. The wheat is not tall enough for that yet, but we could go into the woods and hunt wild flowers.

On last Tuesday morning two of my sisters and myself started out to hunt wild flowers, but we happened to see a squirrel's nest and as several of the neighbors' children had little squirrels for pets, I thought I would get me one. What do you think was the first thing we did? The nest was in a cedar tree, so we looked around to see if any of the bark had been pulled off. Why did we do this? To find out whether it was a last year's nest, or a new one. No bark was missing so we decided it was an old nest, shook the tree, and passed on. After that my eyes just would not look toward the ground for flowers, they searched the tops of cedar trees. I found four nests in all. Two of them were new, and two were old. There wasn't any use of looking in the old ones, but I found out there were no wee squirrels in the new nests, and how do you suppose I did it? I won't tell. Guess?

Three of my little pupils have remembered me, and have written me nice little letters. You don't know how much I appreciate your letters nor how much I enjoy answering them. All of those letters were from girls. Why don't some of the little boys write? I like boys (?) and believe I could write you a "jolly letter." We have two smart little pug dogs and I could tell you some of their tricks. We have a pet lamb named Peggy, and I could tell you how much fun we have feeding her. There are so many things about farm life that are interesting, that it is a pity the boys can't spend a part of their time on the farm. We haven't any big river like the Nueces, you know Brother Allen says it is big, for you to go swimming in, but there are plenty of other things to amuse you. You must let me hear from you some time. I am glad to get letters.

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FLASH FROM A HEART

Barry was an importer, and one of the heaviest buyers on the market.

Barry was a bachelor, and the gossip that once had blown about his stern and portly self had long since expired. Those around him knew him only in a business way. Of his private affairs he said nothing, and no one dared batter at the barracks of his stern reserve long enough to find anything out. In business dealings he was honorable, but sharp, stern and to the point. He talked but little, and when he did he was quick about it.

For a year or so Barry had been letting much of the responsibility of his business gradually slip from his own shoulders to those of his chief clerk. McVane was a shrewd young fellow who, though he had come up from the ranks, was fine in grain and ability, and the experienced Mr. Barry had reposed more confidence in him than is usually allotted to a young man of 23. In fact his presence at the office was a recognized necessity.

One morning he was pacing about in a state of unaccounted excitement. It was 11 o'clock, and Barry had not yet appeared. Word had repeatedly been sent to him that his presence was absolutely necessary to the closing of a big deal, but he had failed to appear. Finally McVane determined to go after him himself.

James Barry lived in the old homestead. The family plate, the furniture, and even the servants, some of them, had not moved from the old house in 53 years. It was a magnificent old place, this bachelor's home, and he enjoyed it, because everything went his way.

The room in which he spent most of his spare time was very long and broad. At one side of it was one of the fascinating old fireplaces, where great logs were wont to crackle and snoulder, and fade away in dreams. A pretty fire it was for ambience to the closing of a big deal, but he had failed to appear. Finally McVane determined to go after him himself.

No other sign of life was in the room, save a dowry mass of white stretched out upon the hearth. It was a magnificent Angora cat. A humble little living thing, but the only creature in life for whom vibrated the heart of the great, strong man. A puffed little mistress she was, whose every whim was gratified. She dined everywhere and whenever she pleased, and if her fancy led her to sip straight from the cream pitcher beside his coffee cup, not a servant in the house dared to check her whim.

He remembered when her dowry little self was first put into his surprised and helpless hands. He remembered the laughing eyes and the rippling little voice that had bewitched him so honestly beseeched him to care for it. He remembered, too, that the laughing eyes were closed and the merry voice was stilled, for the hand of fate had torn away the veil of her little life. Barry was a bachelor, you know.

The servant handed him a card. "Tell him to come to my room," said he, and a moment later, McVane, his chief clerk, entered.

"Good morning, Mr. Barry. Not sick, I hope," said the young man, speaking hurriedly.

"Oh, no, not at all," said Barry, leisurely. McVane stopped suddenly—he had been so anxiously about the room. He turned toward his employer in half puzzled anger.

"I have been expecting you at the office for three hours," said he. "We should have closed that deal with the firm of F. & Co. an hour ago, you know, but I could do nothing without seeing you."

"I know it," repeated Barry, "and I have tried a dozen times to-day to get away from this house, but I couldn't do it!"

McVane looked surprised. "Come here," continued Barry, and a look of almost childish delight came over his face as he beckoned the younger man to one corner of the room.

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"Three of 'em!" went on Barry, excitedly. "It was almost human, you know. I was awakened this morning just at the gray of dawn. Thought I heard Downy crying. It is so unusual for Downy to complain, that I wakened instantly. But my eyes were no sooner open than she began to purr violently, and looking right down beside me, I saw Downy and the littlest kitten you ever saw! Why, I tell you, it was almost human! You see, the very first thing she had brought it there to show me! Well, I picked it up and put it on the cushion over there, and when I woke up again, there were three of 'em!"

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VICTIMS OF FRIENDS. HE WHO HESITATES.

Written for This Paper.

Of the four women in the room two were many kinds of being, and the bride and the other well, we are not particularly interested in the other. The bride to be was much concerned for fear of the pranks her friends had been planning to play upon her at the time of the wedding.

"I really can't see why they think it necessary to do such outlandish things just because a person is to be married," said the bride.

"It seems strange to me that you could not have thought that way when you were married," replied one of her married friends. "If I remember rightly you had planned all sorts of tricks on me, but I outwitted all but one of you, and she kept the secret so well that I do not believe any of you ever heard of it."

"Do tell what it was," cried the three in one voice. "We thought you had outwitted everybody, and escaped without a trick of any kind being played upon you."

"I thought so myself, and what is more, continued to think so until just a few days ago, but as soon as the girl who played the trick on me told how she did it I saw the whole thing in a minute, and it also explained several things which I had failed to understand before. Jenny Beecher was the perpetrator of the trick, and she did it so well that, while I was proceeding to the public notice of the bride, I never knew it until she told me. While John and I were in Washington on our wedding trip, I noticed about our room a quantity of rice scattered all over the floor. At first I thought some one had been told of our marriage and had put it there. Then I saw it in the hall, and in the dining-room. Others noticed it and they would look at the rice, then follow it along the floor, and finally look at me, and I thought it strange that those little streams of rice followed me everywhere. Neither John nor I could find any solution for the problem, and finally the rice disappeared, but not before everybody in that hotel knew that we were a bride and groom."

About a month ago I got the street dress, and I had worn when on my wedding trip, and began cutting it up. Jenny was there at the time, and when I found sewed in the bottom of the skirt underneath one of the flounces a number of little bags, I wondered how they got there. I showed them to Jenny, and when I did so I thought she would kill herself laughing. Finally she forced me to confession, and I solved the problem of the rice.

"The day before I was married she had gotten hold of that skirt and sewed little bags all around under that flounce. These she filled with rice, leaving a hole in the corner of each, out of which the rice could run very slowly. She had done the work so neatly, and distributed the rice so evenly, that I never suspected it, and I never knew how she knew the rice that I saw in Washington came from her skirt until confessed."

"That was nicely done," said the other married lady. "But I think I should rather have had experience than the one we had when Larry and I were married. We were very careful to prevent any of our usual tricks being played on us, and by listing the services of some of our friends we succeeded in getting out of our friends here in Chicago on our wedding trip."

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Barry had been so interested in his own secret that he had scarcely noticed the attitude of his chief clerk.

McVane's lip curled slightly. He could not restrain his angry emotions. He began to pace the room in wild excitement. Suddenly he blurted out vehemently: "Two thousand dollars lost! and all on account of a litter of cats!"

Barry stood as though electrified. He had never before unshooked his heart to the sight of a living man, and now, when it had been gladdened by unholly eyes, when he was embarrassed, chagrined and insulted. He drew up in all the majesty of his bearing, and cast a scornful, angry look upon the young man that made him almost gasp.

HE WHO HESITATES.

Richard Hotaling was in the depths of perplexity at his status in the affections of a certain, or, more properly speaking, a very uncertain, young woman whom he much adored. He had been so deeply in love for more than a year that he had had eyes and thoughts for none other than pretty, fascinating Miss Dorner. Yet, so skillfully had he been managed (whether consciously to herself or not, he knew not), that no word of hers could have been construed to give evidence of more than a friendly feeling.

There were others in his predicament, and misadventure always loves company. At the same time he felt there must be an end to all things, and had resolved to bring matters to a state of certainty without further delay, knowing full well that he had made a similar decision a score of times before. She had a way of turning the conversation at most interesting stages without giving offense, and with a slow but tact worthy a weightier cause. He could recall any number of times when he was on the eve of making a full avowal, and thought her particularly sympathetic, when a turn of her head or a glance of her clear gray eyes would throw him back into the old state of dejection and he would leave with the words unsaid. Again, interruptions had come when he was at the point of going serious, and there had been much in the way of declaring his love.

She must have read it in his eyes, in his every act, yet there were several other fellows who wore their hearts on their sleeves in a much more amazing manner than did he, and who were treated with the same calm impartiality.

They were all good fellows, too, as Hotaling admitted to himself, as he thought of each of them. There was only one of them whom any girl would not have considered a good catch.

There was Hilton, a member of every club in town, and possessed of such an income as is never an objection in the affair of the heart. There was Kessler, the captain of his college eleven, adored by all the girls, adoring Miss Dorner only. There were Mallard, Hoilister and Smith, all rattling good fellows, to say nothing of one Boylston, a sort of literary man with long hair, ready made ties and original poems. No man feared him as a rival, however, for he made his love as common as postage stamps by talking of her to everyone he knew. Moreover, he was the kind of fellow to make a hit with old ladies at afternoon teas, and the men frequently considered him more of an asset than any one of their acquaintances, but actually gazed him to his face. Among themselves they jestingly accused him of imperfect cerebration. But in spite of these facts, and that he enjoyed a fair share of Miss Dorner's favor, they liked him because he was kindly-natured and altogether harmless.

As Hotaling chewed the end of his pen, he frequently considered these things; particularly Hilton's ten thousand a year, and wondered if the latter consideration would weigh with Miss Dorner. He believed it would not, and wrote her a note accordingly. He asked for an engagement during the week, adding that he had under consideration an offer to go abroad as foreign correspondent for a daily paper, and that in case of accepting he would sail the next Saturday. He would leave it to her to decide whether he should go or not. It was his last resource, and he felt he was bringing things to a crisis. If she would consent, he would marry her, and if not, he would never see her again.

Such a delirium of thoughts as this would he destroyed the massive and resolved he would see her that evening and set his mind at rest.

There is a popular fallacy that vanity is the prerogative of woman exclusively. Many hold that the soul of a man is above such petty considerations as dress and personal adornment. Go to! Vanity hath no limitations of sex. As Mr. Richard Hotaling carefully accomplished his toilet that evening with frequent suggestions from his valet and more frequently appreciated his good looks, and resolutely strove to make the most of them, in order to look well in the eyes of her loved.

After donning his dress suit, which he loathed, as most men do, it occurred to him that he would feel easier and consequently appear to better advantage in his Tuxedo. At length, attired to his satisfaction, he felt that he was not so bad a figure of a man as he had feared, and he went to bed.

But, of course, no one ever really knows what a fellow thinks under such circumstances, and all things considered, it was with a feeling akin to hope that he closed the street door and went into the night.

He was ushered into the music-room, where he found her playing a dreamy melody of Chopin's "Sis" waltzes, and very lovely in soft turquoise erpe, which brought out the ruddy gold of her hair and the fairness of her skin to exquisite perfection. She heard him, and turned quickly, with a bright smile, saying:

"How good of you to come to-night! Mother and the boys have gone to the opera, and I am alone for the evening."

"I did not dream of being so fortunate," he murmured, as he took her hand.

In some way it did not sound exactly right, but he was fast losing courage, and hardly knew what he said. She sank on a low divan, and as he took the place at her side he observed that she was tantalizingly near to him. Of course, he would have given worlds to take her in his arms at once and tell her all that was in his heart, and have done with suspense.

He felt it would be a trifle irregular, however, and dismissed the thought as he became more at ease under the influence of her smiling eyes. He endeavored repeatedly to lead up to the point in question, but in vain, for she was altogether oblivious to the trend of his thoughts. At length she spoke of the opera the night before.

"To my mind," she said, "there is nothing more exquisite than 'Roméo and Juliet.' The music is heavenly, and the story beautiful—mournfully beautiful."

"Every story of love is beautiful," he said, quickly.

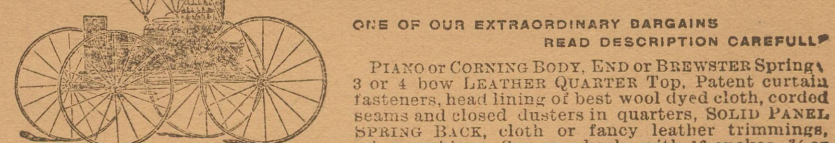
"Yes, love is best of all. It is perfect," she returned, with a far-away look in her eyes.

"I have a chance to go to Vienna as foreign correspondent," he began, precipitately. "But before I decide there is a story I want to tell you."

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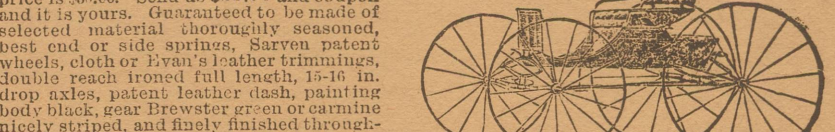
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