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HE PAID THE PENALTY

JOHN WILKINS DIES ON THE SCAFFOLD.

A Great Concourse of People See Him Meet Death Without a Tremor—A Brief History of the Crime, Which Was a Cold Blooded Murder.

Cleburne, Tex., June 27.—John Wilkins was hanged yesterday in the presence of a large concourse of spectators, estimated all the way from 10,000 to 15,000. They came from all parts of Johnson county, and also from the adjacent counties of Ellis, Dallas, Hill, Bosque, Somervell, Erath, Hood, Tarrant, Palo Pinto, Brown and other counties.

The crowd began pouring in early Thursday morning. By noon all the wagon yards were fairly well filled with horses, wagons and other vehicles, and by night they were full to overflowing. Fully 1,000 people camped Thursday night on the Nolan river, four miles southwest of town, and a gentleman coming in from Tarrant county said he passed not less than 100 wagons between Mansfield and Cleburne. All day yesterday the streets were filled with a mass of men, women and children, moved by the morbid impulse of seeing a fellow man's passing out of the flesh by a violent death.

At 1:10 p. m. the prisoner was escorted from the jail by Sheriff Stewart and a number of special deputies and guards, composed largely of peace officers from other counties. He was clean shaven and attired in a neat suit of navy blue and patent leather pumps. A white rose was pinned to the left lappel of his coat. His step was firm and steady, and his manner evinced remarkable composure. Indeed he did not look as pale as the sheriff, whose unpleasant duty it was to execute the extreme penalty of the law. The prisoner was placed in a carriage in which were Deputy Sheriffs Joe Churchwell and Wylie Pollard as guards and Revs. A. R. Shaw and F. E. Leach as spiritual comforters and friends.

At 1:15 the carriage and its coterie of guards, newspaper reporters, physicians, attorneys, etc., filed into the barbed wire inclosure around the gallows. Two minutes later the condemned man had ascended the dozen steps of the scaffold with a step as firm as if he walking up to a feast instead of a fatal fall. He took a seat in a chair upon the death trap, where he sat with perfect composure while the noose was being adjusted.

Rev. F. E. Leach, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, then offered a short, earnest prayer of two minutes length. During the prayer Wilkins sat with bowed head, and apparent earnest attention.

He then arose, and in a clear, but not very loud voice, stated to the spectators that he had nothing in particular to say, further than to tell them all good-bye. He said that his lawyers had his last statement, and he did not care to say anything more, except to thank the officers for their kind treatment during his incarceration. "I have nothing agin nobody," he added, and resumed his seat.

Rev. A. R. Shaw, pastor of the Main Street Presbyterian church, then prayed earnestly for the prisoner some minutes. Turning his head, Wilkins saw Mr. W. H. Bledsoe, one of his attorneys, in the crowd and shouted:

"Good-bye, Will!"

"Good-bye, John," was answered back in a kind, sorrowful tone.

The black cap was adjusted at 1:31, and a half minute later the trap fell. The fall was only six and a half feet, and Wilkins' neck was not broken. He writhed in apparent agony for some four minutes, when the body became motionless. Drs. Rucker, Hapell and Osborn pronounced him dead in eighteen minutes, and at 1:50 the remains were cut down and placed in a plain black coffin and removed by the undertaker to the cemetery.

As soon as the body was cut down, at 1:50, the hemp rope by which Wilkins was hanged was cut up into small bits and distributed among the eager, relic-seeking crowd, who then dispersed in good order.

Wilkins chatted cheerfully with his guards in the fore part of Thursday night, and slept well the latter part. He ate a light breakfast and a very hearty dinner, and when the death warrant was read to him in his cell by Sheriff Stewart, at 11:45 yesterday morning he never changed color or showed the least emotion. When the reading was finished he quietly resumed his cigar and entered into a cheerful conversation with Mr. William H. Bledsoe, one of his lawyers.

A brief history of the crime is as follows:

On Thursday night, Oct. 31, 1895, old man Price Taylor was murdered at his home, eight miles northeast of Grand View, this county, but the crime was not known till Saturday morning, when a tenant of his found his dead body, soaked with blood, lying near a dining table, on which was his frugal meal of bread and honey yet untouched. The deceased was a well-to-do bachelor and lived the life of a hermit. He was well liked, but mixed little with the world. Possibly far back in the past a wound deeper and equally as cruel as the one received on this fatal night had been inflicted which exiled him from his fellowman. When found his body lay in a pool of blood and the windows were blanketed. Beds had been overturned and trunks emptied in search of money.

Three bullet wounds were found—one in the temple, one in the throat and one behind the left ear. The testimony showed that John Wilkins had hired to work for deceased on Wednesday before the murder and had stayed at his house on that night and was not seen during Thursday morning. Friday morning Wilkins road into the Alliance wagon yard about 6 o'clock and soon afterward sold the horse he was riding at a very low figure. He was arrested on suspicion of having stolen the horse, but before arriving at the jail tried to escape. Sheriff Stewart was just recovering from a spell of sickness and could not overtake him on foot. Jumping on a horse he overtook him about half a mile from the square, when Wilkins opened fire. The sheriff saw how things were, and dismounting, began shooting some himself. Finally Wilkins' pistol was emptied and he surrendered and was carried to jail.

John Wilkins was born Oct. 8, 1874, near Neosho, Newton county, Missouri. His mother, two brothers and two sisters survive him, his father having died when he was but 5 years old.

He claimed to have shot his victim in self-defense.

A Charming Maiden.

El Paso, Tex., June 27.—The wonderful Mexican maiden, Santa Teresa, is still the center of attraction in El Paso. Yesterday morning ex-Gov. Lauro Cortilo of Chihuahua, but now a Mexican senator, arrived in the city from Mexico's capital, the bearer of a message from President Diaz to Teresa.

The senator, in company with Francisco Mallen, Mexican consul at El Paso, the Federal judge and prefect of police, from Juarez, Mexico, called on Santa Teresa and had a long chat with her.

From those near the maiden it is learned that the purport of the message Senator Cortilo brought from Diaz was that President Diaz, realizing the great power and popularity of Teresa with the masses of Mexico, and fearing that the lower classes might hatch up a revolution through the impression that Teresa is expatriated by the authorities, extends a cordial invitation to Teresa and her father to come to Mexico, under a guarantee of full personal liberty and the protection of the government.

After hearing the president's message through the banished maiden replied courteously that she would never again enter Mexico while President Diaz was in power.

Not less than 2000 people visited Santa Teresa yesterday. Mexicans residing miles up and down the river on both sides are bringing in their afflicted to be healed by the wonderful girl, and there is no denying that she has effected some wonderful cures. Inquiries are pouring in from afflicted persons in California, Louisiana, New Mexico and Colorado on Capt. Isaiah Weston, who, it is reported, had been cured of paralysis by Teresa.

A Flattering Report.

Kaufman, Tex., June 27.—Tax Assessor Jason Sowell has just completed his roll on statistics of agriculture, horticulture and stock raising for Kaufman county for the year 1895. There were 43,938 acres planted in cotton and 20,266 bales of cotton gathered, which sold for $709,280, and 9,839 tons of cotton seed, which sold for $78,112. Some 43,967 acres in corn raised 1,223,385 bushels, valued at $305,916. In oats there were 6,775 acres, and 172,416 bushels were raised, worth $34,178. There were 300 acres in potatoes, and 28,354 bushels were gathered, worth $11,316. Prairie hay, 14,312 tons, which sold for $85,872. The gardens of the county are valued at $22,872. Other items are: Butter, 133,125 pounds, worth $16,646; eggs, 315,713 dozen, worth $22,001; chickens, 114,754, worth $14,661; lard 206,823 pounds, valued at $16,803; pork raised, 1,415,385 pounds, valued at $55,274. There are 2,153 farms in the county and 1,669 renters. Of cattle there are 23,141 head, worth $154,987; horses, 10,527, valued at $315,810; hogs, 14,612, worth $29,224; mules, 2,727, worth $95,445. Farming implements are worth $56,510. The total value of various statistics of agriculture, horticulture stock, etc., in Kaufman county last year amounted to $2,051,265.

Mrs. Rowan, an actress of San Francisco, has challenged Champion Corbett to meet her in a scientific sparring contest.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

A MINE CAVES IN THE WILKESBARRE REGION.

Ninety Miners Entombed, and it is Believed Were Crushbd to Death by the Roof Falling In—Wives and Mothers Wild With Grief—Matters in Mexico.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 29, — While ninety miners were working in the vein of the Win shaft at Pittston about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, the roof caved in and it is believed all of the men perished. About forty of the imprisoned men were English-speaking miners, the others foreigners.

More than two-thirds of the victims were married men and leave families. Among them were Acting Mayor Langan, who was inside superintendent of the mine, and J. P. Lynott, a ward councilman.

About two weeks ago the surveyors reported to General Superintendent Law that the mine was "squeezing" and that unless steps were immediately taken to timber a cave in or a fall might be looked for. Superintendent Law lost no time but at once put a number of men at work to brace the falling roof. The "squeeze" continued, however, and Saturday the situation became alarming. In the afternoon a slight fall occurred and the men who were at work had to retreat before it. A consultation of mine officials was then held and it was decided that heroic measures would have to be resorted to to prevent heavy damage to the mine. Inside Superintendent Langan gave instructions that the most experienced miners should be secured, and that the party would go down in the mine at 7 A. M. Expert timber men put in an appearance at that hour and were soon lowered into the workings. They made their way to Red Ash Vein, 1,500 feet down the slope. The work of propping proceeded rapidly until 11 o'clock Saturday night, when another fall occurred. It made a low rumblingnoise and the flying coal and debris drove the men back. Then the "squeeze" ceased again and the men thought it was safe to resume work.

They labored until 3 o'clock yesterday when, so it is presumed, the roof fell in without warning, making a tremendous crash. It is supposed, however, that the men were not all together, but some near the slope, and these probably ran up the incline when the fall occurred. If the men received any warning they had time to run up the slope, but not to any great distance, falling rock and coal filled up the slope and the adjoining gangways, completely shutting off all avenues of escape.

It was supposed that the men might have escaped being caught in the fall and they were imprisoned behind the debris, but the finding of the two bodies disproves this.

It is still possible that living men may be behind the fall. Even if they escaped being crushed by the falling roof the possibility of their being alive for any length of time in a gaseous mine is remote. The alarm was first given by Water Carrier John Sheridan, who, with William Reichard and Thomas Gill, were the only ones to escape of the whole number who entered the mine saturday night. He was on his way up the slope to get some water for the men, and when about 100 feet from the foot of the shaft was knocked down by the concussion. He was badly cut and bruised by flying coal and rock. He lay unconscious for ten minutes and then came up the shaft.

The concussion was so great that it was heard for miles around. The foundations of nearly every building in Pittston were shaken and windows and doors rattled as in a tornado. In the houses nearer to the mines persons were thrown from their beds.

The first thought was that a great earthquake had occurred and the inhabitants rushed pell mell from their houses. The ringing of the fire bells and the shrieking of the big mine whistle told the story. Crowds of people gathered about the mouth of the shaft and numbered thousands by daybreak.

Shawnt men stood appalled and frantic women who had husbands or sons in the doomed mine wailed in despair. One mother cried out that she had two sons below. Another was the wife or widow of some unfortunate and had nine helpless children at home. Many knelt on the ground and in voices broken with sobs implored divine providence to restore their loved ones alive.

When it was given out that there was little or no hope of rescuing the men alive, women and girls fainted and were borne away senseless. The work of rescu was prompt and efficient. The best miners who ramained on the surface joined voluntarily in the hazardous task—for hazardous it certainly was.

There was the menace of another fall or explosion of gas damp. Special efforts were made to keep the air fan in good order, so that if by chance the men were alive they should have fresh air to breathe.

The blocked slope and gangways held out little hope of the air reaching them. The rescuers were divided into three relays of forty men, each under the direction of Mine Foreman Alex McMullin. The men were worked as they never worked before, clearing away the debris in the slope with the energy that only springs of the knowledge of dear lives behind it. They made good headway, considering the difficulty they had to contend with, and at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon had cleared the slope a distance of 600 feet.

At 2 it became necessary to swear in extra police to control the crowd around the mouth of the shaft. It had increased to fully 7000. Ropes were stretched around the shaft and only mine officials were allowed to enter the enclosure. At 12:25 o'clock yesterday there was another fall in the slope. It drove the rescuers back. The 200 feet of ground they had gained yesterday was thereby lost. At midnight last night the crowd at the mouth of the shaft had dwindled to about 800.

Matters in Mexico.

Mexico City, June 29.—The preliminary Federal election occurred yesterday all over the Republic, and 16,000 electors were chosen in various electoral districts. The electors will meet in various districts next Sunday and vote for president, magistrates and members of congress. There is no doubt of the triumphant election of Gen. Diaz, whose candidacy has been welcomed in all parts of the Republic.

The polling booths were opened all over the City of Mexico and the election officers were busy. The lower classes abstained generally from voting.

A letter published from Hon. Matias Romero, Mexican minister at Washington, resigning his post on account of an article published in an official journal during the pendency of the Guatemalan question, and which Minister Romero felt to be severe in its judgment of his views regarding the proper settlement of that question.

Minister Romero reviews his patriotic labors in behalf of the country, often at great personal loss and inconvenience, and he adds: "I have continued in my post, believing that my long residence in the United States, my knowledge of its public men and above all, the kind welcome I have fortunately been given by all classes in that country would enable me to lend effective services to Mexico, but if the incident referred to, or any other, has caused me to lose the confidence of my government, I shall not remain a single day longer in that post, and I shall regard it as an especial favor that I be relieved of so burdensome an employment, in which it is necessary above all, to have the confidence and the decided support of my government."

A Kentucky Cyclone.

Owensboro, Ky., June 29.—A cyclone struck West Louisville, near this city, at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, and did considerable damage. The house of C. L. Clark was completely wrecked and Miss Pearl Hicks, who was visiting there, was instantly killed. Mr. Clark was seriously hurt and it is thought he will die.

A number of others are suffering from severe cuts and bruises. St. Alphonsius church at St. Joseph was destroyed.

The residences of A. T. Williams and Neil Thomas were almost completely destroyed and outbuildings were demolished.

The stable of Dr. J. N. Alvey was blown away.

The residence and outbuildings of J. F. Horrell were destroyed and two horses were killed.

The residence of Dr. Hardin Osborne at St. Joseph was badly damaged.

The residence of G. W. Morgan, two miles from West Louisville, was completely wrecked, but no one was hurt.

John Heard's residence was unroofed.

The farm houses at St. Joseph's academy were destroyed.

Six Lives Lost.

Shawano, Wis., June 29. — Word has reached here of the drowning of six persons at Shawano lake during a gale at 6:50 yesterday evening. A party consisting of O. A. Risum and wife, Herman Drackrey and wife, Louis Gokey, wife and child of Pulcifer, Miss Emma Garbrecht of Shawano and Miss Margaret Crowe of St. Nazaianz, Manitowoc county, started from Cecil about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in O. A. Risum's yacht en route for a few days' outing on the north shore of the lake. When about three miles from shore the boat was capsized by a sudden squall and the party precipitated into the water. Mr. Risum and Mr. Drackrey clung to the capsized yacht for several hours, the latter holding his wife in his arms, when they were rescued by parties from Cecil, who were attracted by their cries for help. The bodies of the other six have not b[illegible]

THE FULL PLATFORM.

ADOPTED BY THE REGULAR DEMOCRACY AT AUSTIN.

It Reaffirms the Traditional Principles, and Teachings of the Party and Favors Free Coinage of Silver and Gold and at 16 to 1—The Corner Stone Laid.

Austin, Tex., June 26.—The following is the full text of the platform adopted by the State Democratic convention on the 24th instant:

1. The Democracy of Texas in convention assembled reaffirms its traditional principles, in favor of a strict construction of the Federal constitution and the preservation of the rights of the state and the liberties of the people, the political equality of our citizens, freedom of conscience, the separation of church and state and the freedom of the press as among the fundamental doctrines embodied in the declaration of independence and the constitution of the United States, and at all times adhered to by the Democracy of the union.

2. We are opposed to all monopolies and trusts and all class legislation and demand equal rights to all and exclusive privileges to none, and we insist that all of the great corporations, while protected in all rights, should be held subordinate to law and held subject to all legal restraint and control.

3. We favor a tariff for revenue only, but in a sufficient amount supplemented by other taxation to meet the expenses of the government economically administered, so as to render it unnecessary to increase the public debt in any manner whatever. And we believe that the present tariff law which lets into this country raw materials free of duty and levies heavy duties on manufactured products, thus subjecting our agricultural and pastoral classes to competition with the world, while it enables the rich manufacturers by means of combinations and trusts to extort their own prices for their products from the people, violates the Federal constitution as well as the fundamental principles of the Democratic party that taxes duty should be levied and collected for the purpose of revenue only.

4. We favor an economical administration of the government. And we view with alarm the increased expenditures caused by the session of congress just adjourned, which has appropriated $515,759,820.49. We condemn this excessive appropriation of the people's money and insist on a large reduction of the public expenditures, and we believe that there has been an unnecessary increase in the number of officers and employes of the Federal government, and that the number should be greatly and speedily reduced.

5. We demand the submission to the constitutional amendment to the States which will authorize congress to pass an income tax law, to the end that the wealth of the nation may be compelled to bear its just share of the expenses of the government.

6. The Democratic party is unalterably opposed to the issuance of interest-bearing bonds by the Federal government in times of peace, and we demand that the Federal debt should be diminished rather than increased until it shall be fully paid off and discharged.

7. We favor the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver into standard money, without discrimination against either, and at the ratio of 16 to 1, independently of the action of other nations, which standard money shall be legal tender for all debts, public and private and we further demand that the money of the country shall consist of gold and silver and paper convertible into coin on demand of the holder, and in this connection we demand that the practice of the treasury department in refusing to exercise its option to pay coin notes in silver the same as in gold shall be discontinued, because the same is an unwarranted use of power which results in making the federal treasury not a brokerage office for speculation in gold.

8. We demand that a law shall be enacted by the federal congress making gold and silver coined at the ratio heretofore mentioned, and the paper convertible into such coin on demand of the holder of such notes, legal tender for all debts, public and private, thereafter contracted, without reference to any contract or agreement that the debts shall be paid in some particular kind of money, reserving alone to the federal government the right to designate the kind of money in which customs dues may be paid.

9. We are opposed to the cancellation and retirement of the legal tender notes of the government, which serve all the purposes o money to the government and the people, at the least expense at which currency can be supplied.

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BACHELORS MEET.

At an accidental meeting of the Bachelors of Scurry county last Monday. The following parties were present W. J. Lowrance J. R. Manry, G. Eppley, G. R. Dodson, and E. T. Pruitt. The house was called to order by J. R. Manery who stated the object of the meeting, as follows: Disconsolate, and very unfortunate brethren, in ripped breeches ragged shirts, dirty drawers, and stinking socks, we have assembled ourselves together for the purpose of consulting each other as to the best method of securing to each of us a help eat. It is a ceeded fact that no meeting, hower important can be conducted with profit to its constituents without organization, I nominate Bill Lowrance as chairman. All in favor of Bro. Lowrance acting as our chairman will let it be known by raising the left foot very high. All left feet went up high except George Dodson, whose pants had been ripped by kicking a mule a few days since, but the motion was unanimously carried and Bill takes the chair and addresses the assembly as follows:

"Fellow sympathizers, of nuter gender, I feel grateful for the dishonor this organization has seen proper to confer upon me, but gentlemen, I have faced the Indians in many a battle, I have defended hundreds of women and children against the depredations of the red skins. I have been surrounded by them, (not the women) the Indians I mean, I have fought them until the perspiration would burst from every pore I have stood by this our Lone Star State in her darkest hours, when war clouds gathered so thick that they shut off every ray that attempted to penetrate the settlers home. I have defended the frontier from my boy-hood down to the present, assisted to clear every impediment that stood in the way of civilization's settling any where from the morning to the evening land of this the grandest state of the union. But brethren, never in the annalies of our time, do I remember of an occasion of any more importance than this, and now gentleman trusting that you will keep good order without reproof I am ready for the investigation any business of importance that may come before the body."

Geo. Epply then said: "Mr. Chairman, believing it in order to the perpetuity of our organization I move that no man be allowed citation in this body unless he be married, and any habitual tobacco and also that he furnish this both chewing and smoking tobacco for one meeting." The motion was carried by all raising the left foot high, except George Dodson, Who agreed to vote on all occasions at the next meeting.

George Dodson: Mr. chairman I move that a plank be incorporated into our resolutions binding each and every member to marry the very first opportunity he has, be the woman good or bad, ugly or pretty, old or young, with or without teeth, black-headed, white-headed, re-headed or——

Tom Pruitt: "Mr. chairman excuse me for interrupting the speaker, but I can not, I will not consent to marry a red-headed woman. I'll sever my connection with this institution. I'd commit suicide before I'd marry a red-headed woman, for soon the cry would be, in the language of our orator, Patrick Henry, which was uttered before our forefathers, who by their blood painted red the borders that fring the oriental land of America. I repeat it. In a short time the cry would be in the language of Henry, "Give me liberty or give me hell." At this point Riley Manry cried hold on. "He has that quotation wrong, but with an amendment to the resolution to cast out red headed, I will second the move. The amendment was accepted, but unanimously by George Dodson who still retained kind feelings for a redheaded widow.

It was ordered that the secretary, Riley Manry, draft the proceedings of the meeting including an invitation to a number of other bachelors well-known to possess proper qualifications and whose marriage grace is desired to meet with them at the house July 6, 1896.

Rev. W. H. Harris accompanied by his wife, left yesterday for Big Springs to be gone for a few days. He will not fill his appointment here Sunday. He begins his protrated meeting at this place the first Sunday in August and expects the assistance of Dr. J. W. Lowery, of Chatfield.

Mrs. M. M. Vernon, of Dallas, who is visiting her son, E. K. Smith, of this place, came here about four weeks since very much bothered with asthma, with which she has been afflicted for nearly fifty years, but since coming here she says she feels herself entirely relieved from anything like suffocating.

Thos. McMillan is back from his trip to Amorilla where he had been with Mr. Crowley who carried cattle up there for sale. Tom says he is not sunburned but that he had to stand guard so much of a night that the black just settled on him. He don't want the girls to miss-treat him till he sheds off and gets white again.

Mr. R. H. Hurst, of Brown county, is here this week. He has sold his farm in Brown and is so well pleased with Scurry that he has filed on a section on Bull Creek. He sold his land in Brown for $12.50 and says he would rather have the section he has taken up than the farm that he sold. Others can do just as well as Mr. Hurst if they will come.

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Attorney—W W Beall
Clerk—H B Patterson

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Judge—R J Stayhorn
Attorney—B J Word
Clerk—H B Patterson
Sheriff—H P Wellborn
Treasurer—T D McMillan
Assessor—T H Crowder
Surveyor—F M German

COMMISSIONERS.

District No. 1. Joe Autry
" " 2, J A Stavely
" " 3, S M Tow
" " 4, J D Harrington

COURTS.

District courts are held 7 Mondays after the first Monday in February and August of each year.

County courts are held on the first Monday in March, June, September and November.

Commissioners' courts are held on the 2d Mondays in February, May, August and November of each year.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Baptist, 3rd Sunday and Saturday nigh before, and 4th Sunday and day before in each month. Prayermeeting every Thursday night. Sunday School 9:30. N M. Leslie, Pastor.

Methodist, first Sunday and 3rd at nigh. Prayermeeting ever Wednesday night. Sunday School at 9:30. W. H. Harris, Pastor.

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To the Public.

The County Clerk, H. B. Patterson, will wait on any person desiring information in the Surveyor's office in my absence.

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Judge Plemons, of Amarilla, was here last week in the interest of his candidacy for congress.

Dont forget the Big Barbecue at the mouth of Bluff Creek next Saturday. Its a fourth of July time.

Jim Ellis says the mesquite bean crop is good in his part of the county.

We are continually receiving reports from over the county like this. Good rain, heavy rain.

Miss Bessie Ellis was in town, last week, visiting her many friends.

Carbon to kill prairiedogs, for sale at Grayum's.

J. F. Cunningham, of Abilene, was in Snyder last Saturday in the interest of H. A. Tillet, who is a candidate for the state senate.

H C. Bibbee visited Colorado yesterday, accompaning his sister-in-law, Miss Kearse, there to take the train.

Messrs. Grant & Stokely are in the Jumbo neighborhood threshing, will get through in a few days if the rain lets up.

I. H. Nelson has changed the appearance of the west side with a new coat of paint on his business house.

F. J. Frayum returned last Sunday from his trip to San Antonio where he had been to attend the State Baptist Sunday School convention.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Lively, with their children, after spending a week with friends in this place returned to their home in Colorado City last Sunday.

Miss Nellie Kearse, who has spent the past five weeks visiting with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Bibbee, left yesterday morning for her home in Ellis county.

Mr. J. W. Shaw, his wife two daughters, Misses Ola and Bessie and son T. J., left Monday for McLennan county, where they expect to spend some five or six weeks.

Herbert Martin and W. G. Harmaning, of Jack county have been in our county prospecting this week, are well pleased and are making their calculations to come back and settle this fall.

Come and examine our Large Stock of Clothing and Shoes. We have bought them Cheap and Marked them down so they will Sell in time to make room for our Fall and Winter Stock.

DODSON BROS.

Mr. W. A. Anderson who has been traveling over the western and southern portion of the county reports every body contented and happy, especially since the rain.

Uncle Fred Williamson, his wife and son Luther, left Friday for Roswell, N. M. They are visiting a daughter of Mr. Williamson, Mrs. Bently, who lives at that place. They will be gone for some time.

Miss Maud Culberson takes the Camp-Springs school again. Miss Maud is an excelent teacher very highly spoken of as a teacher by the patrons of her school she will doubtless give general satisfaction again.

Elder N. M. Leslie filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church here last Saturday and Sunday. At his next appointment which will be the 3rd Sunday, the services will be protracted for several days and every body is invited to attend.

Mr. G. C. Buchanan says not blow the county up any for there will be to many immigrants to come in if they find that there is good homes, free homes, or any amount of School land to be taken up on 40 years time and with only 3 per cent.

P. M. Wellborn and wife have returned from their visit to Brown county and received a hearty welcome by their many friends at this place. We will give a full account of their trip next week.

J. M. Wood writes us this week from wagner, Texas. He has traveled over several counties in North Texas, and reports great failure in crops, especially wheat, oats and corn. Cotton is making the best promise there. Many well improved farms have been abandoned on account of drouth, but partial rains are falling there now, and it is hoped this fertile Red River country may yet yield an abundant harvest.

One Hundred New Suits of Clothing just received at Dodson Bros. and more to come. Fifty Dozen pairs Boots and Shoes just arrived and more coming. Men's Suits running from $5.00 up. Ladie's Shoes. We have a Ladie's Dongola Button Shoe for $1.00.

Democratic Mass Meeting.

Democrats of Scurry county are requested to meet at the court house in Snyder at 2 p. m., on Saturday the 11th day of July, 1896. Object of meeting is the selection of delegates to our various democratic conventions. The above is asked by the following democrats:

B. J. WORD, R. J. STAYHORN,
O. P. WOLF. I. W. WASSON,
R. R. MARABLE, L. J. NICHOLS,
J. D. ISAACS, W. A. JOHNSON,
A. O. SCARBOROUGH, J. H. NUNN,
C. C. JOHNSON, B. L. CRUMP,
J. E. DODSON.

Attention Republican.

By authority vested in me as Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Scurry county, I hereby call a meeting of the republicans of Scurry county to assemble at the court house in Snyder on July 25, 1896, at o'clock p m, for the purpose of putting out a county ticket and instructing for a state ticket, and to transact such other business as may come before the body.

J. O. NELSON.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

I will be in Snyder until the 10 inst. All who want work in my line will do well to call before that time.

H. V. WILLIAMS.

Reduced Rates.

Commencing with today and including the 6th inst, we will reduce our hack fare as follows: From Snyder to Colorado and return $1.50. From Snyder to Clairemont and return, $3.00.

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ABILENE, Tex., June 28, '96.

ED. NEWS:—

I am at home from my very pleasant trip to your county in the interest of my friend Tillet for State Senate. I had not been with your people before for some two years and felt quite gratified to meet so many of my old friends with a smile running all over their faces on account of the glorious rain that has drenched every nook and corner of Scurry county, one the best in the state.

It may be of interest to your people to know the cause of this great rain. It is this: Dick Lively, the very modest gentleman who once lived with you, recently went to Kent county in the interest of his friend Hart for congress. Kent county, it appears was for Hart for first choice, but the presence of Judge Plemons and Judge Calhoun, hoodood the modest Richard, until he lost his gall, and only asked for second choice for Hart. This loss of gall on the part of modest Richard was such an unnatural freak of nature, that it rent the heavens in twain and caused it rain on the republicans and populist as well as democrats of the entire county.

We read in the Bible of the Lord turning water into wine, but I never knew before that he could turn gall into water. All people will ever bless the Lord for this modern miracle.

Your prosperous and happy town and people have much to rejoice for. We got some rain also, but not so much as you. Wishing you all success and thanking your people for whatever support you may give my friend in his race for the senate, I remain

Yours very truly,
J. F. CUNNINGHAM.

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ALL WOOL Cashmere, 36 inches wide, in the spring shades, was 50c. Special Saturday and Monday only,

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OVER THE COUNTY.

M. D. Fuller, of Bethel, says that cotton is growing nicely, maize and cane doing well and that late corn is decidedly good. This is the conclusion since the rain.

J. V. Riley, of Bookout, says the drouth is broken up, the ground is soaked with water which insures us a good crop and plenty of grass.

G. A. Autry, who reported corn no good two weeks ago, came in town Saturday purposely to take it back, mind you, this is after the rain. He says he would not give a man a nickle to insure him a good crop now.

Sulpher reports a good rain, a big crop expected now. Farmers rather buy than sell land.

Browning reports every body so mad they cant cry for laughing, the good rain has put them away above par.

Jumbo reports the yoke has turned and so has the prairie which was so brown now presents an extensive panorama of verdancy.

Afra reports every man tending to his own business and letting that of his neighbor alone, and doing what the old Texans generally do when it rains: just let it rain.

Ice Cream Made by a New Process.

I have an Ice cream Freezer that will freeze cream instantly. The cream is put into the freezer and comes out instantly, smooth and perfectly frozen. This astonishes people and a crowd will gather to see the freezer in operation and they will all want to try the cream. You can sell cream as fast as it can be made and sell freezers to many of them who would not buy an old style freezer. It is really a curiosity and you can sell from $5 $8 worth of cream and six to twelve freezers every day. This makes a good profit these hard times and is a pleasant employment. J. F. Casey & Co., 1143 St. Charles St., St. Louis, Mo., will send full particulars and information regard to this new invention on ion and will employ good on salary. KATIE M.

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Switzerland's Army.

Switzerland manages to keep up an effective army of nearly 140,000 men at a very slight cost of money and time. The Swiss schoolboys are trained in gymnastics, in the manual of arms, and in the elements of company drill. The state encourages target shooting societies, of which there were 2,077, with a membership of 133,000, by a subvention of nearly $700,000 a year, the result being that almost every Swiss can handle a rifle. The soldiers serve ten years, between the ages of 22 and 32, being called out for drill on forty-five days in the first year and sixteen days in every subsequent year. Each man keeps his uniform, rifle and knapsack at home, and is responsible for their being kept in good order, a strict inspection being held in each district yearly. Consequently each soldier costs Switzerland $36 a year; instead of the $320 which it is paid by England, the $225 by France and Germany and the $110 by Austria. The Swiss Landwehr, the men between 32 and 44 years, first organized in 1876, numbers 80,000 men. The Landsturm, the final reserve of able-bodied men capable of bearing arms, is 70,000.

Pin and Pin Money.

All left feet were the same when a woman and the new woman met, for, practically was illustrated a few days ago, in a police court in Jersey City. Mrs. Ida Kuhn, a young woman, had her husband unanimously carted to the charge of abusing her. The chair and Mrs. Kuhn, who is a collar-button assembly as follows that she had supported her husband fourteen years. The complainant, "Fellow symptoms, had in the meantime grown gender, I feel looking, looked after the children, and performed the duties. He wanted a dishonor this of proper to cut his own hair, however, to be gentlemanly on Saturday night. It was in the heat of argument over his right to a little pin money that the fight occurred for which his wife had him arrested. Mrs. Kuhn said she could get a child for $1.25 a week to do the work of the husband did, and that she wasn't round to stand any foolishness. The judge fined Kuhn $1 and costs, and, as his stony-hearted wife would not pay his fine, he had to go to jail in default. Thus does history repeat itself. The family drudge is the only person on earth expected to work for board and clothes. The new woman is evidently going to be no more liberal in her idea about pin money than the old woman was.

Decidedly Thin.

Purses are growing more ornamental and elaborate; and some of them are growing thinner.—New Orleans Picayune.

The mouth of the demagogue is certainly a noisy hole.

A man pursues bad luck oftener than bad luck pursues a man.

It is as difficult to transplant people as it is to transplant trees.

The greatest men learn the most by the fewest experiences.

There is probably no greater handicap than vanity.

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it is probably essential is it that you should be provided with some reliable family medicine. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is the best of its class, remedying thoroughly as it does such common ailments as indigestion, constipation and biliousness, and affording safe and speedy help in malarial cases, rheumatism and inactivity of the kidneys.

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On account of the above mentioned attraction the Iron Mountain Route will sell tickets from all points on the line to St. Louis for one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale July 19th, 20th and 21st., with final limit for return July 27th, 1896. Write or call on Representatives of the Company for full information. J. C. Lewis, Traveling Passenger Agent, Austin, Texas.

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Is a constitutional cure. Price, 75c.

It takes money to keep one cool all summer.

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Naughty Married Men and Women Who Steal Wives or Husbands.

Whenever his satanic majesty really means to "make a day of it" the first thing he usually does is to replace the toasted cheese in his man traps by that most seductive of all baits the forbidden fruit, says the New York Mercury. We are all Adams and Eves in our way; and although the scene has been shifted from Eden to a world which is anything but an earthly paradise we need only take a peep round the nearest corner to see old Mephisto on the warpath. To-day we are going to shoulder our way through the tedious category of white liars, elegant swindlers and a thousand other samples of the same ilk, and only pull up for a moment at the door of that peculiar and stiff-necked people called society poachers and poacheresses. By this uncomplimentary designation is meant those married men and women who play the part of human spiders and seek to entangle in their toils those poor foolish flies who have not yet had their wings scorched by matrimony and are unwise and unkind enough to indulge in a naughty little flutter at the expense of some one else's husband or wife. Unfortunately this is a kind of pastime too much in vogue nowadays, and, moreover, one for which both sexes are equally responsible and, therefore, equally to blame. It is the old story of "the dog in the manger," with the magical charm of the forbidden fruit thrown in by way of appendix. Leaving altogether untouched the graver bearings of the question it is surely an unworthy action on the part of any true sportsman to poach, however slightly, within the preserves which are distinctly those of a friend and neighbor. If game is to be hunted down and bagged let it be done openly and in the legitimate field, but not in the spirit of the common poacher, who comes like a thief in the night just to seek and carry off whatsoever happens to flatter his fancy of the moment. Inordinate vanity and a feverish thirst for notoriety are the prime movers in this most undignified epidemic and as a rule its real victims are poor unmarried girls, who have to sit by and see their proper place in society usurped by unscrupulous matrons. These are not content with having had their own day, and a jolly good one too, but are still bent on holding the game exclusively in their own hands and keeping their spinster sisters out of the running. Granted that these flirtations are as harmless as milk and pure as snow, they are always food for gossip, if not scandal. It is true that in some cases, from sheer heartache, a man will cease to reason with his wife and out of very desperation end by going and "doing likewise" himself; but this is a miserable relaxation, which only degrades the offended to the same level as the aggressor. A decisive rally among men is what is really wanted to strike at the root of the evil, and although this would provoke unlimited spark-flying on the part of the matrons and bachelors the world would feel all the brighter for the eruption and soon shake itself down into newer and safer hobbies.

Why He Doubted.

"Stranger," he said to the traveler who had stopped at his unpretentious home for a night's lodging, "have ye ever heern tell ez how ef ye see a red-headed girl, ye're bound ter see a white hoss?"

"Of course. That's an old idea."

"I hearn it some time ago myself."

"It has some bases of fact, too. You see, the case simply is that there are more white horses in existence than there are red-headed girls. So their appearing at the same time is a more than likely coincidence."

"Well, sir," replied the householder, in a tone that defied controversy, "yer kin call it a cerincidence er what ye please. I call it a durn lie. See thet gal over there?"

"Yes."

"Her hair's red, ain't it?"

"It's—it's quite auburn."

"It's red, that's a dead-sure thing, an' I ain't ashamed of it. She's my wife. The day before I married her I had one of the purtiest white horses ye ever laid yer eyes onter. Hoss thief came along while the preacher was a-pernouncin' the ceremany. I've got the red-headed girl, But I ain't seen no white hoss sence. An' what's more, I don't expect ter see none."—Washington Star.

Eggs as an Indulgence.

The Easter egg commemorates a rale of indulgencies, doubtless in the middle ages profitable enough. Devout catholics purchased the privilege of eating eggs during Lent, hence the custom first of making presents of farm house eggs on Easter Sunday and afterward of imitations in chocolate or sugar. Another indulgence of the same kind has probably been noticed by English tourists at Rouen. The magnificent tower of the cathedral called the Tour de Beurre, or Butter tower, owes its origin to epicureanism on the one hand and priestly ingenuity on the other. The Butter tower, like the Easter egg, commemorates a dispensation, having been built by the sums paid for the privilege of eating butter in Lent.—London Daily News.

Character is what a man is—the sum total of himself. Backbone is essential to the standing power of the human body, and the standing power of character is its essential element. Nobility always gets its standing place without compromise of principle; that would be quicksand or a floating seaweed, instead of the solid rock of right.—Rev. Cortland Myers.

ESCAPED FROM CHILI.

THE DANGEROUS ADVENTURE OF DETECTIVE W. M. LUGG.

Compelled to Cross the Mountains on Mu'eback — Taken Sick During the Journey.

From the San Francisco Examiner.

Four years ago, at the time of the trouble between the United States and Chili, as a result of the killing of the sailors of the United States Steamship Baltimore, in the streets of a Chilian city, many Americans were obliged to leave the country for safety. Among them was W. M. Lugg, the private detective and collector, whose office is in the Crocker building, San Francisco, Cal. When Mr. Lugg left Chili he went across the mountains into Argentine, traveling on muleback.

Mr. Lugg says that the trip is a delightful one in point of beautiful scenery and perfect weather, but many people dislike to undertake it on account of the unhealthful stagnant water which they are compelled to drink along the way.

"I fell a victim to the injurious qualities of the water," said Mr. Lugg. "It affected my kidneys to an alarming degree. When I got over into Argentine I thought the trouble would gradually leave me, but instead of that it grew more aggravated, and I suffered terribly from pains in the region of my kidneys. I was en route to Chicago, and I was determined to reach my destination before the complaint should grow so serious as to confine me to my bed. Upon reaching Chicago I at once consulted a physician, who told me my kidneys had been affected by drinking polluted water. He treated me for some time for that complaint, but I grew steadily worse, and new ailments were added to my already serious condition. I began to have neuralgic pains in my head, my spine was affected with shooting pains and I had no control over the urinary organs. It was next to impossible for me to get any sleep. I lay awake many a night suffering the most intense pains, and the physician unable to relieve them.

"But relief came at last. One day one of my friends came to my room and handed me a box of Williams' Pink Pills. Of course I laughed at him for daring to think that any patent medicine could aid me when my physician had failed. I took the pills, however, to oblige my friend more than for any faith I had in them, and I was treated to the most joyous surprise of my life when I realized that I was being relieved of my pains. First the peculiar pains along my spine ceased, and then my neuralgic trouble began to grow less, and finally left me entirely. It took a good while to improve the condition of my kidneys, but after I had taken a number of boxes of the pills I knew that they had done their work successfully, for then I had regained control of the urinary organs and the action of my kidneys was strong and steady.

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Not So Modest.

When a summer girl is invited out to dinner, she pays a delicate compliment to the hostess by letting out her belt two holes, in getting ready for the occasion.—Atchison Globe.

She Wasn't Sure.

Mrs. Yerger—"In making that cake this morning I hope you were careful not to put any bad eggs in it."

Matilda Snowball—"I don't know, mum; I hasn't tasted it yit."—Texas Sifter.

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