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TOOK HER OWN LIFE.

THE SECRET OF MISS PEARL BRYAN'S DEATH.

Miss Lula May Hollingsworth, a Friend of Miss Bryan, Tells a Startling Story which Would Tend to Show that the Young Woman Killed Herself.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 10.—The Fort Thomas murder mystery is now nearer a solution than it has been since the headless body of Pearl Bryan was found.

Miss Lulu May Hollingsworth, one of Pearl Bryan's girl friends, who has been boarding at No. 1 Henry street, knows a deal about the tragedy. Miss Hollingsworth's knowledge of the case was brought to light last night through a letter written to Marshal W. E. Starr of Green Castle. The man who wrote the letter is H. E. Ratcliffe, a traveling salesman from Baltimore. He advised Marshall Starr to investigate the matter and the marshal came here yesterday afternoon. Detective Frank Wilson was detailed to assist the marshal. They called on Miss Hollingsworth. She was not inclined to be communicative at first. They then decided to take her to police headquarters and have her questioned by Superindent Colbert.

Miss Hollingsworth says that on the afternoon of Jan. 28 she was at the union station and met Miss Bryan. She had visited in Green Castle and had become acquainted with Miss Bryan there. After the usual greetings were over Miss Bryan told her she was in deep trouble. She explained its nature and said that Jackson was responsible for her condition. She said it would never do for her people to hear of her disgrace and she was going to Cincinnati to have an abortion performed. She asked Miss Hollingsworth the nature of drugs used in such cases and Miss Hollingsworth told her what she had heard was good.

"I am positive that Pearl was not murdered," she said.

"Well, how do you know?"

"I know," replied the girl, "but I do not propose to tell."

"Why not?"

"Simply because I do not propose to incriminate myself. There was an occurrence between Jackson, Pearl Bryan and myself that were I to tell of would clear up the mystery surrounding her death."

"Why don't you tell it and set the minds of her folks at rest?"

"For this reason: It would incriminate me. However, I do not propose to see those boys hang, and when the last hope is gone I will tell what I know in order to save their necks. They did not kill Pearl."

"How do you know they did not kill her?"

"Because she died by her own hand. I have a theory. Pearl took the medicine herself. She was in Jackson's room at the time. It had a different effect from what she expected and she grew so bad that Jackson saw she was going to die. He knew that it would never do to have her die in the house, so he hired a hack and, assisted by Walling, took her accross the river. She may have died on the way and may have been dead before they got her out of the room, and their object in taking her there was to hide the crime. When near Fort Thomas they cut off her head and disposed of it to avoid identification. See if it don't come out that way."

Later last night Miss Hollingsworth told the police all she knew. She said she bought for Pearl Bryan three kinds of drugs here and instructed her to buy another drug after she reached Cincinnati, but to be careful of it, as it was deadly poison and would kill her if not used correctly.

Miss Hollingsworth says that Pearl Bryan then said to her:

"I will go to Cincinnati and take the stuff, and if it kills me I will be near Jackson and he will have to swing for it."

Miss Hollingsworth further says that Pearl was very bitter toward Jackson, who was responsible for her condition.

Japanese in Hawaii.

Port Townsend dispatch: According to advices received from Honolulu on the bark Matilda, the leaders of the Japanese colony have given notice that they propose next month to demand of the legislature the enactment of a law permitting Japanese merchants to become Hawaiian subjects. They will also demand that the tariff on certain wares manufactured in Japan, and which do not come in competition with American goods, be abolished. Many conservative citizens believe if these concessions are granted, only a short time will elapse before the same people will be demanding the franchise for all Japanese subjects, who are so numerous that they may soon develop sufficient strength to secure a law acceptable to Japanese importers.

Three Lives Lost.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Feb. 10.—The three-masted schooner Alliancia, which left New York last Sunday, went ashore on Plum Island last night and was stove to fragments, four of the crew being saved and three drowned. The schooner had 300 tons of coal for St. John, N. B., and was commanded by Capt. Mellons. She sailed from New York and reached Edgartown, where she rode out Friday and made Cape Cod yesterday afternoon.

Brothers Fight a Duel.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 10.—Carl Dahlke and Herman Dahlke, brothers, fought a duel to the death with knives last night in the rear of 208 Blackhawk street, the home of their sister, Mrs. William Stuy.

There had been a family gathering for the christening of a baby when the brothers quarreled. They adjourned to the back yard to fight. After it was over Herman was picked up, head and face cut into ribbons. He was conveyed to the Alexian Brothers hospital dying. Carl made his escape. Before getting into the yard they had been drinking and quarreling, but had been separated by their wives, who clung frightened to their husbands.

Carl and Herman Dahlke are middle aged, each having a large family. Carl is a laborer. Herman is a night watchman.

"Get out your knife," cried Herman, "and come into the yard."

Pushing the women away, the two men sprang down the steps to the yard in the rear of the house. Each had a keen-bladed pocketknife in his hand, and with screams of anger jumped at one another like tigers. In a moment they were slashing and cutting in fury. Suddenly Herman gave a scream of agony. Carl's knife had shown under the window light for an instant and then was buried almost to the hilt in Herman's head, entering at the left eye. The unfortunate man fell to the the ground, writhing in agony. In the meantime the whole neighborhood had been aroused by the wailing of the women and the children's cries for fear. Men and women were ranged about the fence, watching the deadly duel between the brothers, but no one had the temerity to attempt to interfere.

Policeman McGonough arrived just too late to catch Carl red-handed with his brother's blood. A child had run to the corner and informed him, but after Herman had fallen Carl jumped over the fence and made his escape.

When Herman was brought to the hospital his face and head were slashed in a dozen different directions, and the left eye hung from its socket. One cut extended from the crown of the head to a point below the left eye, and another cut had torn almost half the scalp off. Up to a late hour the fugitive brother had not been captured.

What Chamberlain says.

London dispatch: A communication from the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, of February 4 to the governor of Cape Colony, Sir Hercules Robinson has been made public. It reviews the history of the events in the Transvaal since 1891 and points out that the mining interests, the mainstay of the country, are mainly in the hands of the Uitlanders, who are debarred by legislation from the rights of citizenship, and states that the whole direction of affairs and the right of taxation remain a monopoly in the hands of a decreasing minority of the population engaged in agriculture, while the majority, who raised the revenue from £75,000 to £2,000,000, are denied any voice in the government of the Transvaal and are unable to obtain redress for the formidable grievances, hampering and injuring them incessantly.

Mr. Chamberlain states the position of Great Britain and her claims toward the Transvaal, saying: "Since the convention of 1884 Great Britain has recognized Transvaal as independent internally, but its external relations are subject to the control of Great Britain. There is no reason to anticipate that a foreign state will dispute our rights, but it is necessary to state clearly that the government intends to maintain them in their integrity. Internally Great Britain is justified in the interest of South Africa as a whole and for the peace and stability of the Transvaal to tender friendly counsel regarding the newcomers, many English subjects."

Going to England.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—President Krueger of Transvaal has accepted the invitation extended to him by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain to come to England, accompanied by some members of the Transvaal executive, to act as commission. Probably a special session of the volksraad will be called to draft a formal sanction and to nominate a commission. Hon. Cecil Rhode's sister sailed for Cape Town from Southampton on Saturday. Mr. Rhodes came from London to bid her farewell. It was reported that Cecil Rhodes had at the last moment engaged a cabin. Great excitement was caused by this announcement, but he was not seen on board the steamship.

Germany and Bimetallism.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, in the reichstag Saturday stated that he saw no means of raising the price of silver except by international agreement, and the government had no present intention of proposing an international conference on the subject.

More Troops for Africa.

ROME, Feb. 10.—It is stated that Gen. Baratieria has asked for the immediate dispatch of twelve battalions of infantry, six mounted batteries and 2500 mules to Erithea. The cabinet discussed the demand and Premier Crispi had a long interview with King Humbert.

THE COMMITTEE'S SAY

THE TWO CONVENTION IDEA PREVAILED.

The Same Delegates Will Attend Both Democratic Conventions, and the Primaries Will Settle the Silver Issue Within the Party.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 7.—The State Democratic executive committee adopted the following resolutions, yesterday and adjourned:

Section 1. The Democratic voters of each county shall also at said primary election and at the same time said question is submitted vote for and elect their delegates to represent their respective counties in the Democratic state convention and when so elected they shall be the delegates from their respective counties to all state conventions held in this state in 1896, except judicial, and delegates shall be considered as instructed by the Democracy of their respective counties for or against the question submitted as the majority vote of the Democracy of their respective counties at said primary election shall determine and provided that the Democracy of any county may also, at said primary election, instruct their delegates for candidates for state officers. The candidate or candidates receiving the largest number of votes at said primary in any county shall be entitled to the instruction from such county.

Adopted by a vote of 18 to 13.

Sec. 2. In holding said primary election all persons shall be permitted to participate who possess the general qualifications of a voter under the constitution and laws of this state who are residents of the county and voting precinct in which they propose to vote, as required by the laws of this state and who are Democrats.

Adopted by a vote of 18 to 13.

Mr. Linn's amendment added to section 2 the words, "and will abide by the result, and support the nominees," was adopted by a vote of 19 to 12.

Sec. 3. The Democratic executive committee in each county shall see that judges and election officers are appointed in their respective counties to hold said primary election, and when requested it shall be their duty to see that both sides of the question submitted are fairly represented in the appointment of such judges and election officers.

Adopted by a vote of 19 to 12.

Sec. 4. The vote at said primary election shall be by ballot and each side of the question submitted shall prepare and use a separate ballot. All ballots shall be written or printed on plain white paper of any description without anything thereon except the writing or printing in black ink or black pencil, the following: "For bimetallism, that is for free coinage of both gold and silver into standard money without any discrimination against either metal or charge for mintage upon the same terms and subject to like limitations as to the right of coinage and legal tender qualities at the established ratio of 16 to 1." With the names of persons put up by the bimetallists to be voted for as delegate; or "Against bimetalism and for the single gold standard, that is against the free coinage of silver into money without discrimination against or charge for mintage upon the same terms and subject only to like limitations as to right of coinage and legal tender qualities as is given at the ratio of 16 to 1," with the names of the persons put up by the gold men to be voted for as delegates, provided that if the Democracy of any county shall desire to instruct for candidates for any state or district office the name or names of such candidate may be placed upon said ballots.

Adopted by a vote of 18 to 13.

The remaining sections were adopted by a viva voce vote:

Sec. 5. The returns of said primary election for the respective counties shall be sealed up and delivered by the presiding officer at each box to the chairman of the Democratic executive for such county, and on the Saturday following after said primary election the Democratic executive of each county shall meet at the county seat of their respective counties and open the returns and declare the result of said election, and the chairman or acting chairman shall certify the result and deliver the poll to the delegates elected; provided, that the failure of the Democratic executive committee or its chairman thereof or any judge or any officer of election in any county or precinct to perform his or their duty in the conduct or return of said election, shall not affect the validity thereof if the Democracy of such county or precinct has made a fair expression and the result can be established.

Sec. 6. There shall be held in the city of Fort Worth, on the 18th day of August, 1896, a judicial convention to nominate one supreme judge and judges for the court of civil and criminal appeals, but to be held separate from the state convention.

Sec. 7. There shall be held in the city of Austin on Tuesday, the 23d day of of June, 1896, a Democratic state convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national Democratic convention, which convenes in Chicago on July 7, 1896, and for the election of presidential electors, and there shall be held in the city of Fort Worth on Tuesday, the 18th of August, 1896, a Democratic state convention to nominate candidates for the various state offices.

The basis of representation in all state conventions held in this state in 1896 shall be one vote for every 300 or fraction thereof above 150 votes cast in the county for C. A. Culberson for governor at the last general election, provided that each organized county in this state shall be entitled to at least one vote.

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the members of this committee to see that these resolutions are promulgated in their respective districts and faithfully carried out."

Sec. 10. It is the sense of this committee that the result of the primary election herein provided for shall be regarded and accepted as a conclusive and a final expression of the state Democracy of Texas upon the financial issue until revoked by the expressed edict of a state primary election or convention.

Hill moved to adopt the resolutions as a whole, and after many speeches the motion prevailed by a vote of 17 to 13.

MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE.

Congressman Stallings Thought Bingham Was a Long-Distance Fighter.

From the Washington Post.—Here is a story which Stallings of Alabama tells on himself:

"It happened in the Fifty-second congress, when I was a new man in the house, not so experienced as I am now. Bingham of Pennsylvania was making a bloody-shirt speech on some subject or other. Near me sat old Judge Culberson. He listened awhile and then beckoned to me.

"'Say, Stalling,' said he in his slow and lazy way, 'git up and answer that fellow. The idea of his abusing the southern cavaliers like that! He never smelt gunpowder. He never was in the war. He skulked while we were out fighting Yankees.'

"I didn't know Bingham," continued Stallings. "I felt flattered that Culberson should call on me to speak for our side, and got the floor as soon as I could when Bingham had concluded.

"Well, sir, I lit into Bingham. I threw all the eloquence of my tongue into that effort to annihilate him. I pictured the northern soldier shouldering his musket and kissing his wife and children farewell at the front gate. I pictured the battlefield where he fought and bled for the Union. I pictured the southern soldier departing from his thatched cottage home, where dwelt his loved one, going out to fight for what he believed his right, and his return to find the house in ashes and the dear ones dead or scattered. And then I denounced the skulking stay-at-homes in the north, men like the gentleman who had just preceded me, who had never seen a battlefield, never smelt gunpowder except on the Fourth of July or at a ratification meeting, and who, thirty years after, would get up in congress and denounce the southern men who had gone out to lay down their lives for their cause, right or wrong.

"To my surprise," said Stallings, "Bingham took it in the best of humor. He even laughed. Some of the Republicans smiled and looked in an amused way at Bingham and then at me. And next thing I knew some on our side were smiling, and when I turned about there was old Culberson doubled up in his seat, laughing to himself as though he had a fit. It began to dawn on me about this time that Culberson had just put up a job on me. I wasn't through with my remarks, but I cut off short and sat down.

"Presently Bingham walked over to me, holding out his hand in a pleasant sort of way, and said:

"'This is Mr. Stallings, I believe? I'm sure you have been made the victim of a practical joke. I was in the Union army and was wounded at Gettysburg, Spottsylvania and Farmville, and was mustered out as a brigadier general. It's all right; only I hate to see a young man like you imposed upon.'"

Pulp Business in Maine.

Few people realize the extent of the pulp business in Penobscot county, Maine. Some little idea may be formed from the fact that the mills of Great works, Howland and Montague furnish a train load of pulp a day. This consists of from seventeen to twenty cars. Penobscot county also has mills at Orono, Brewer, Basin Mills and Lincoln, in addition to the three included in sending the amount of pulp mentioned. Still there are croakers who instead of counting how many are helped by this enterprise, sigh: "That cuts off just so many large logs in the future."

Hogs at the South.

Farmers all over the south are busy hog killing now and there is strong competition for the honor of having raised the biggest pig. A Kentucky farmer of Scottville seems to have the record so far, with a hog weighing 800 pounds and measuring 6 feet 6 inches from nose to tail, 3 feet in height and 2 feet across the shoulders. Hogs weighing from 600 to almost 800 pounds are not at all uncommon this year.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

MARK BESSARD, A DALLAS BUSINESS MAN, SUICIDES.

He Went from His Place of Business to His Home, Walked Into His Room, Closed the Door and Sent a Bullet Crashing Through His Brain.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 6.—Mark Bessard, a bachelor 45 years of age, shot himself at his residence No. 225 Cantagrel street, a few minutes before noon yesterday. The affair came in the way of a very painful and a very unexpected surprise to all who knew him. Save an intimation to his brother, Adolph Bessard, a few days ago that his personal matters were not doing to suit him, there had been nothing to indicate that he had more than his share of man's troubles.

He was a member of the firm of Madden & Bessard, proprietors of the Dallas corn mills, corner Worth street and Pacific avenue, and was rated as a well to do business man, one who knew his calling thoroughly and could be depended upon to attend strictly to his duties.

He arose at his usual hour yesterday morning and after breakfasting went to his mill, where he spent an hour or two attending to the routine work of the office. His associates and the employes about the mill noticed nothing unusual in his appearance. He was always a trifle melancholy, but this air did not seem exaggerated in the least to those around him. Before 11 o'clock he left the mills, and returning to his residence, went directly to his room. His housekeeper paid little attention to his actions, and suspected nothing till she heard the muffled report of a revolver. He had gone into his room and closed the door. People in the immediate neighborhood heard the shot, and in a very few minutes a crowd had collected.

Constable Cornwell, who lives near, was in Cantragel street at the time the fatal shot was fired, and was one of the first to reach the room. He said: "When I reached the room he was still alive, though unconscious. He was partially undressed, and was lying back upon the bed. A 38-calliber Smith & Wesson revolver was grasped in his right hand. The body had not been touched, and lay as it fell after the lead had plowed its way through his brain."

Mr. Bessard's housekeeper and her husband have but lately moved from France and could tell very little of what they knew about the affair. His brother, Adolph Bessard, was seen, but did not care to discuss his brother's death. It was a great shock to all his friends. Adolph Bessard said: "I suppose it was a fit of despondency that prompted the rash act. I know of no other motive."

N. W. Cuney Robbed.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 6.—Chief of Police Hall and Officer T. O. Bales, on being informed by N. Wright Cuney that he had been robbed, went to work on the case and recovered the papers and $500 of the money. It apperrs that the thief, after taking out between $200 and $300, threw the pocket book away. It was found by the officers. The papers related to Cuney's plan of campaign, and he was glad to get them. It was a lot of Allison documents and would have been a rich political find for the enemy. A $500 bill was folded in one compartment, and this the thief overlooked. Chief of Police Hall thinks all the money will be recovered and arrests made.

Fruit Palace.

Tyler dispatch: Beautifying the fruit palace grounds has begun. An experienced landscape artist has been engaged to supervise the work. The palace is free of debt and it is proposed to make a grand success of it this year. The secretary is in correspondence with the best bands of the country with the view of securing music.

Sunday School Institute.

Grapevine dispatch: The Sunday school institute conducted by Rev. T. C. Boykin at the Baptist church for three days, has closed with remarkable interest and attendance considering the weather, as it rained the whole time. Rev. Boykin has been in the Sunday school work for the last twenty-five years.

On Trial.

Sherman dispatch: The case of the state of Texas vs. H. L. Pettigrew, charged with embezzling funds of the Cotton Belt railway to the amount of $2200 while he was agent in this city, is on trial in the criminal district court. Several officials, including Vice President Edison, have been on the stand. Quite a crowd have been in attendance.

Semi-Centenial.

Dallas dispatch: The special committee on transportation appointed by the Commercial club to confer with the railroads regarding rates for the semi-centennial convention have made the rounds with gratifying results. This committee is composed of Mayor Holland and Messrs. Zang and Phillip Sanger.

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Dan Stuart seems to be in the middle of a bad fix. But we will wait and see what we will see.

Dancing is a practice that has come stay until something better is offered in its place. Abusing it will never do any good.

Congressman W. H. Crain, of the 11th congressional district, died in Washingnon City on the 10th intst.

We say to lef every man who wants to run for an office announce and run the race to a finish, Let us have swe p stake races. Primaries are no good unless all the political parties would hold them

The voters of Scurry county are about as free and independent American citizens as live; so don't stand back, but come on and place your name before the people and let them know what you want

There are many good, honest men in our county who would fill an office as well as any one, and have just as good a right to come out as any one. Don't be afraid of a primary, for there are very few voters in the county who believe in them.

It is reported that about 400 men have gone from Vermont to Cuba to assist the beligerents against Spain. The patriotic blood of the Green Mountain boys must still run in the vains of the Vermontonian.

The Lime-kiln club of Snyder sends an invitation to Dan Stuart that in the event he fails to have the big fistic carnival come off at El Paso, to move to the boundry line of Kent and Scurry counties that being the only available place left, and divide the proceeds between the two counties.

It is well understood that the NEWS is not out for its health, but prefers to avoid anything that is unhealthful, and we know that it is productive of financial failures, fatal disease and disagreeful burial to dabble with anything that is rotten and filthy, therefore: we will let political disputes alone, that is, we will not enter into an argument upon the right or wrong of any of the parties.

We learn from the Fort Worth Mail-Telegram, that Mr. A. J Thompson, of Canada, will make a business of buying Texas beeves and ship them to Liverpool, England. He having already bought 400 near Alvarado which he will ship immediately. It is said he pays Chicago prices. If he makes good money on the investment it will be quite an incentive to the feeding of cattle for that market.

Patronize the man who advertises. You do not visit your neighbor unless asked to, and do not attend a wedding or party without an invitation; then why should you intrude on the privacy of a storekeeper without an invitation? Buy of the live, go-head business man who not only invites you to come and see him every day, but educates and keeps you posted on what is popular in his line of goods.—Thornton Topic.

If the people of Snyder and Scurry county were to fall in line with the above, and they ought to do it, some of the business men of this town would soon have to shut up shop.

Fitzimmons-Maher Fistic Carnival.

Romero, Mexican minister at Washington, assures the United States, that the Maher-Fitzimmons prize fight will not take place in Mexico. The lines are closely drawn around the puglists on both sides of the Rio Grande, and developments decidedly unpleasant to the sporting men may occur at any moment. Tomorrow (the 14,) is the day set for the "fistic carnival" as it is called in high-sounding phrase. Senor Romero states the authorities of Chihuahua are in earnest in their determination to stop the fight, and that if the sports get across the line into old Mexico they will be promptly arrested. Under Mexican law, upon being convinced that there is a deliberate intent to break such law, the officers of the state of Chihuahua are at liberty to arrest every member of the party, including even the wouit-be spectators, just as soon as they cross the line.

As for the United States, a stringent anti-prize fight bill passed both houses of congress last Friday, the 7th inst, and was on that day signed by President Cleveland. The governor of New Mexico was at once infoamed by wire of the passage and approval of the bill; also that if the authorities of that Territory were unequal to the task of preventing the fight, Gen. Wheaton, Department Commander would promptly furnish all necessary federal troops to co-operate with the executive of that Territory.

As for Texas, her young governor is taking a lively interest in doing his part and upholding the dignity of the Lone Star state. Texas rangers are now on the ground.

Later.—"Stuart smiles and says the carnival is going to go through without a hitch or a flutter."

We clip the tollowing paragraph from the Texas Baptist Standard of the 23, ultimo:

"W. B. Miller left his family at Wolfe City, and about November 1, wrote from Abilene to his wife that he was on his way to San Antonio and would write again from there, but that is the last she has ever heard of him. He was traveling alone in a wagon. Had four mules and some money with him. His mother-in-law, Mrs. B. B. Thomas, of Wolfe City, writes us that they are greatly distressed about him and fear that he has been murdered. He formerly lived in Scurry county. Any information concerning him will be greatly appreciated by his family and friends."

EDITOR NEWS:—

You will find my text in the second bush and first hollow of Afra. This about the language:

In these days we see J. D. Boon, the son of toil, coming into the city of Afra riding a colt where on man never sat before, saying; repent ye and roise mules ah, for Pat Murphree says ponies will balk ah. And then there is weeping and cursing and gritting the teeth ah.

And brother in the third bush we find where Baily slew starvation with the back-bone of an old sow and cast the pigs into the guber patch ah. On the next hill we find Deshazo being a chosen vessel to the farm and maketh the old gray horse eat of the fruits of the yellow corn, and saying in those days, there shall not be one clod left above another ah.

Down a little further we find brother Akers entering his closet in humble submission and casting out his devil, and it entered into a swine and ran violently into the shinnery and was seen no more ah. And still a little farther we find sister Guinn saying that the badger that devoureth the old blue hens' brood shall be beaten with many licks and cast over the fence.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Borden County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Borden, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day thereof, you summon the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of S. A. Johnson deceased, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. County Court, at the regular term thereof, to be holden in the county of Borden at the court house thereof, in the town of Gail on the first Monday in May, same being the 6th day of May A. D. 1896. File number being No 2, then and there to answer and contest the petition and application of T. T. Folk (should they desire to so,) filed in said court, on the 20 day of January A. D 1896, against the said heirs of, and all persons interested in the estate of S. A. Johnson, deceased, and praying for the Probate of a nuncupative will and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit: "T. T. Polk, your petitioner, avers that he resides in said Borden county. That on the 10th day of January A. D. 1896 S. A Johnson, who at and before his death, had his domicile in the county of Borden aforesaid, that the deceased died in Colorado, Mitchell county, Texas, to which place he had gone temporarily for medical aid on the 10th day of January 1896. That at the time of his death the said S. A. Johnson was seized and possessed of personal property of the probable value of three thousand dollars. That on or about the first day of January the said S. A. Johnson, at his usual habitation in said Borden county, then being about forty-five years of age and of sound mind, but languishing under a dangerous illness, made his will and testament in the manner and form of a nuncupative will, and by uttering certain testamentory words in the presence of witnesses then in attendance, did bequeath his said estate as follows: "I want T. T. Polk to have all my property and I know that I am likely and liable to come to my death by reason of my present feelings and physical condition, and I want you to tell Tom Polk that I want him to have all I have. That I will be gone to Colorado about a week, and if I get killed or die while I am gone, tell Tom Polk I want him to take and have all I have got." That at and before, the time of uttering the said testamentory words the said testator called upon L. E. Skinner, Charles Brown, W. S. Turner and S. L. Jones, then present, to take notice and bear testimony that what he was about to say was his will and said testator did then and there in the presence of said L. E. Skinner, Charles Brown, W. S. Turner and S. L. Jones, who reside in said county of Borden, and to others, the very testamentory words, in substance as the above cited; that afterwards, same words were written and reduced to writing by said L. E. Skinner, Charles Brown, W. S. Turner and S. L. Jones as the very testamentory words spoken by the deceased; that during his last illness, on the 10th day of January 1896 said testator died without revoking, altering, or in the least changing or modifying said nuncupative will; that if said testator has, or had, at the date of his death, any heirs at law, their names and residence are not known to your petitioner. Wherefore your petioner prays that citation issue to all persons interested in said estate that said will be admitted to probate and that each other and further orders be made as the court may seem proper.

Herein fail not, but have then and there before said court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Gail this 20th day of January A. D. 1896

Attest: W. D. NEVELS,
Clerk county court Borden co., Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons interested in the Persons and estate of Marcus L., Una A. and Leila Richards, Minors, Notice is hereby given that W. Q. Richards Guardian of said Minors has filed in the County Court of Scurry county a final account with said estate of said Minors together with an application for leave to resign his guardianship of said Minors Marcus L., Una A. and Leila Richards, which will be heard by said court on the 2nd day of March 1896 at the Court House in the town of Snyder at which time all persons interested in said Minors may appear and contest said account, if they see proper.

Herein, fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this writ make due return.

Issued the 21 day of January 1896.

ATTEST, H. B. Patterson Clerk of said Court and the [seal] thereof, at office, in the town of Snyder the 21st day of January 1896.

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PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

A communication from Wheat, but too late for today's paper.

We will allow fifteen cents per bushel for cotton seed on subscirptions to the NEWS.

Miss Fannie Patterson and Miss Pearl Clark, were pleasant callers at the NEWS office last Saturday.

Mrs. A. C. Wilmeth, of McKinney, came in last Sunday on avisit to her sister Mrs. B. Blankenship

Elder Wm. Lagow, Primitive Baptist, filled his regular appointment here last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Will Fickas, the mail carrier to Wheat, reports everybody sick with LaGrip in his community.

There is a great deal of sickness reported in and around town at this time. All caused from La-Grip.

Our town was full of people last Saturday. The Snyder mill ground 100 bushels corn and 50 bushels maize.

A Few more Can Goods at cost.
F. CRIST.

Prof. F. M. German, who is teaching the Jumbo school, reports everything moving along nicely and smoothly in that community.

Rev. N. M. Leslie, a former resident of this county, but for the past two years of Kentucky, is expected to return to this county this week.

Cash paid for approved school vouchers. Call on the NEWS.

Old Newspapers 25 cents per hundred at this office.

Rev. W. W. Werner, of the C. P. church, preached a logical and pathetic discourse from the third chapter of St. John, at the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

Miss Fannie Patterson left last Monday for a visit to her sister Miss Mattie Patterson, who has charge of a school at Santa Lucia, near Pecos City.

The News and the Texas Farm and Stock Journal one year for $1.50

Mr. Clint Nation, of the Wheat community, was here last Monday and called on us and paid his subscription to the News. He says the wheat crop in his community is looking fine.

The fire that got out last Monday some six or eight miles southeast of Snyder, burned the grass from several sections of land

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We received a communication last week, which came to late for publication, from Mr. S. R. Fickas, who was then on a visit to his father in Mo., but as Mr. Fickas promises to give us a write-up of his trip on his return home, we defer publishing it.

The Epworth League on last Sunday was very instructive and it is to be hoped beneficial to all who attended. The subject being The Way to Bring Sinners to Christ, was discussed by the members. The most impressive question was: What are you doing to Bring Sinners to Christ? It seemed so personal.

On returning to our office from dinner last Saturday we found a perfectly developed and beautiful specimen of a long crooked necked pumpkin for which we offer to the unknown doner many thanks, expecting, however, under the "earnest solicitation of his many friends" to have his name ere long in our announcement column

Misses Fannie Wellborn and Nora McNeil, who were appointed by the Baptist Sunday School to solicit money to pay for the construction of the belfry on the Baptist church, collected something over $13 in a very short time. This shows the efficient work done by the young ladies and the liberality of the people of Snyder.

Thanks to Mr. Fred B. Mussey, of Colorado, for complimentary tickets and kind invitation to be present last Thursday and Friday nights and again witness the performance of the Colorado Dramatic club, upon their two instructive and pathetic plays, "In Old Virginia," and "The Conviet." We regret that we could not attend.

Mr. Green Igo, of the Z--L ranch, came up from Colorado last Tuesday on his return from his "old Kentucky home," where he has spent the past six weeks. Mr. Igo brought back a carload of good Kentucky jacks. He had seven of these on the streets of Snyder Wednesday morning. They were large, and good-looking—for jacks. After trying a few weeks of Kentucky winter, and having the "grippe" while there, Green says there's no place for health like West Texas.

The attendance on our school has been curtailed considerably during the past few weeks, by reason of the almost universal prevalence of severe colds among the students. We are pleased to report however, that the attendance is very good this week, and school work is again moving on with its quondam even and symmetrical development, and to the entire satisfaction of the efficient management.

The County Commissioners were in session two days this week. They did but little except to pass on the reports made by the different officers of the county and make some appointments. The following gentleman were appointed election managers for the ensuing two years: Snyder, B. F. Wilks; Sulphur, J. F. W. McFarland, Browning, W. T. Morris; Camp Springs, R. E. Richards; Cottonwood, J. T. J. Jones; Conroe, G. S. Conroe; Bison, A. L. Sloan; Canyon, W. M. Robertson; Green's, J. D. Graham; Bookout, M. W. Scrivner.

Miss Irene Scarborough is successfully teaching her first school at Riverdale, southeast portion of Kent county. Miss Irene's patrons are well pleased with her manner of conducting her school, and the trustees propose to extend the school, if possible, two months longer than the term contracted for (four months.) The NEWS feels a just pride in this young teacher's success in this first launch of her bark. Snyder's girls always "do themselves proud."

Pick Me Up Quick.

The offer of the NEWS to send The Fort Worth Weekly Gazette for one year as a premium to every who pays it right away for a year's subscription to The NEWS.

Political Meeting.

The Republicans of Scurry county are respectfully invited to meet at the Court House in Snyder on Saturday February, 29.

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Jack Middleton, from Cotton wood, was in town Tuesday. He reports the outlook in his community as being favorable.

Mr. O. Snowden, from just beyond the north line of Scurry, was here this week. He says hog killing time is not over with him as he ten good porks on hand to slay. Bring us down a backbone bud.

J. M. Wood, our esteemed fellow-townsman, the rustling commercial traveller for Bettman, Bloom & Co., clothing, Cincinnati, returned home on yesterday from his winter trip. Bro. Wood reports a satisfactory business tour. The NEWS is pleased to see him at home again among his many friends.

Mr. J. H. Nunn, of this place, received the sad intelligence yesterday of the death of his brother-in-law, Rev. W. J. Bowers, which occurred at his home near Brenham, in Washington county. Mr. Bowers will be remembered by the citizens of Snyder, as he preached several sermons in a meeting here a few years ago.

The bell for the Baptist church at this place, arrived last week. It weighs five-hundred pounds, and cost about sixty dollars. It is pronounced a good bell. Mr. B. C. Varley, our well-known mechanic, is engaged at present in making a belfry for this useful church ornament. The NEWS anticipates for itself and the community, the pleasure of seeing the bell suspended in an ornate belfry by Sunday week, and of hearing the solemn "music of the bell."

Prof. Buchanan reports the institute at Browning last Saturday as follows:

A very large crowd, an interesting and profitable meeting, clever people and dinner enough for the whole county, but only ten teachers present Prof. Morris one and another who is taught teaching this year, make ten.

We are sorry that cirmcumstances were such that we could not attend. Prof. Tyler had a sore throat and severe cold, which rendered it imprudent for him to venture out so far from home. As to self. Friday evening was such an inviting time to kill a hog that we could not resist the temptation, so Saturday was sausage grinding, lard rendering, and meat salting day, which was too much for our better two-thirds to do. Some one may say why didn't he put off hog killing till some other time? Out of meat, out of money out of credit, and still worse, out of friends from whom to borrow, and talk about putting it off, the question has no meaning.

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H. B. PATTERSON.

To the Public.

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

F. M. GERMAN,
County Surveyor.

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The owner of said property is requested to come forward prove propety, pay charges and take said property away, or the same will be dealt with as the law directs.

Attest H B. Patterson Clerk of the County Court of Scurry county.

Given under my hand and [seal] of office this 10th day of February A. D. 1896.

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" " 4, J D Harrington

COURTS.

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" 3rd.	"	Night	
Prayer-meeting	Wed.	"	
Bookout	2nd. Sun.	11 A. M.	
Jumbo	" "	3.30. P.M.	
Camp-Springs	3rd. Sun.	11 A.M.	
Browning,	4th Sun.	3.30. P.M.	

W. H. Harris P. C.

Snyder	2nd.	Sun.	11 A. M.
Jumbo	3rd.	"	11 A. M.
Bookout	"	"	4 P. M.

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"TRILBY" WAKES UP JOHN BULL

He Has Just Discovered That Jonathan's Literary Judgment Was Correct.

Our British cousins did not take very strongly to "Trilby" when that novel was first put upon the market, says the New York World. The English critics, who are a very clever and high salaried lot of gentlemen, instantly announced with a suddenness of perception and immobility of conviction peculiar to the British isle that there was really nothing in the book, and the British public, which has been waiting with strained ears to catch the manifesto of the critics, at once came to the same conclusion. Shortly afterward the work became extremely popular in America, and when they heard this the British critics and the British public threw their hats up in the air and exclaimed aloud in a frenzy of joy and self-congratulation:

"Did not we say long ago that there was nothing in 'Trilby?'" And "Is it not now proved that we were right? The great American public has approved of 'Trilby.' The great American public never approves of anything that is worthy of approval; therefore, oh, it is so plain, 'Trilby' is trashy."

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If the British public keep up this hustling there is every possibility that they will adopt the sleeping car in time.

She Left.

She was very pretty and very well dressed. When she boarded the train at 14th street she began to make inquiries of the guard. A gray-haired old gentleman on the opposite side of the car courteously begged leave to tell her where to go. A young man next to him begged his leave to differ and to suggest that the lady had better follow another route. A laboring man corrected him and there was a lively squabble by the time the train reached 8th street. The lady had blushed and begged pardon through it all, but the men had each contended that his was the only proper method of reaching the point. The train rolled out of 8th street and the old gentleman remarked pompously, with a wave of his hand:

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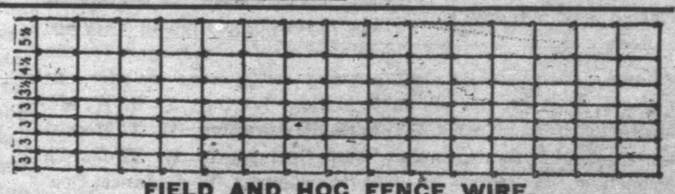

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