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THE NEXT CONGRESS

One of the Most Momentous Sessions in the History of This Country.

WILL GROVER CLEVELAND'S POLICY WIN?

Finance, Tarriff, State Banks, Anti-Option, Pensions and Aliens, Are Among the Many Subjects Demanding Attention.

[Special Washington Correspondence.]

The most momentous work that has confronted Congress since the war of the rebellion is now awaiting the special session. President Cleveland has fully appreciated the work to be done, and has therefore called Congress together in extra session, four months before the time of its usual assembling in December.

The importance of the session is due to the fact that for the first time in thirty years the Democratic party will have control of every branch of the national government, including the Presidency, the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. For this reason there will be no Senate to embarrass or confuse the work of the House or of the President. The policy to be adopted can readily pass through the two legislative bodies, without fear of a Presidential veto, if the leaders of the party can only be reconciled in adopting some uniform and comprehensive policy as to the various great questions to be considered.

At the outset, however, there are prospects of a wide diversity of opinion between the Executive and the leaders of the Senate and the House. To what extent this will affect the solution of the great questions of tariff, finance, banking, foreign affairs, etc., remains to be seen. There is an ominous rumbling, however, which indicates that it will require herculean efforts to bring complete harmony between the House, Senate and President, and thus secure the enactment of the many important policies of the party now in control of the branches of the Federal government.

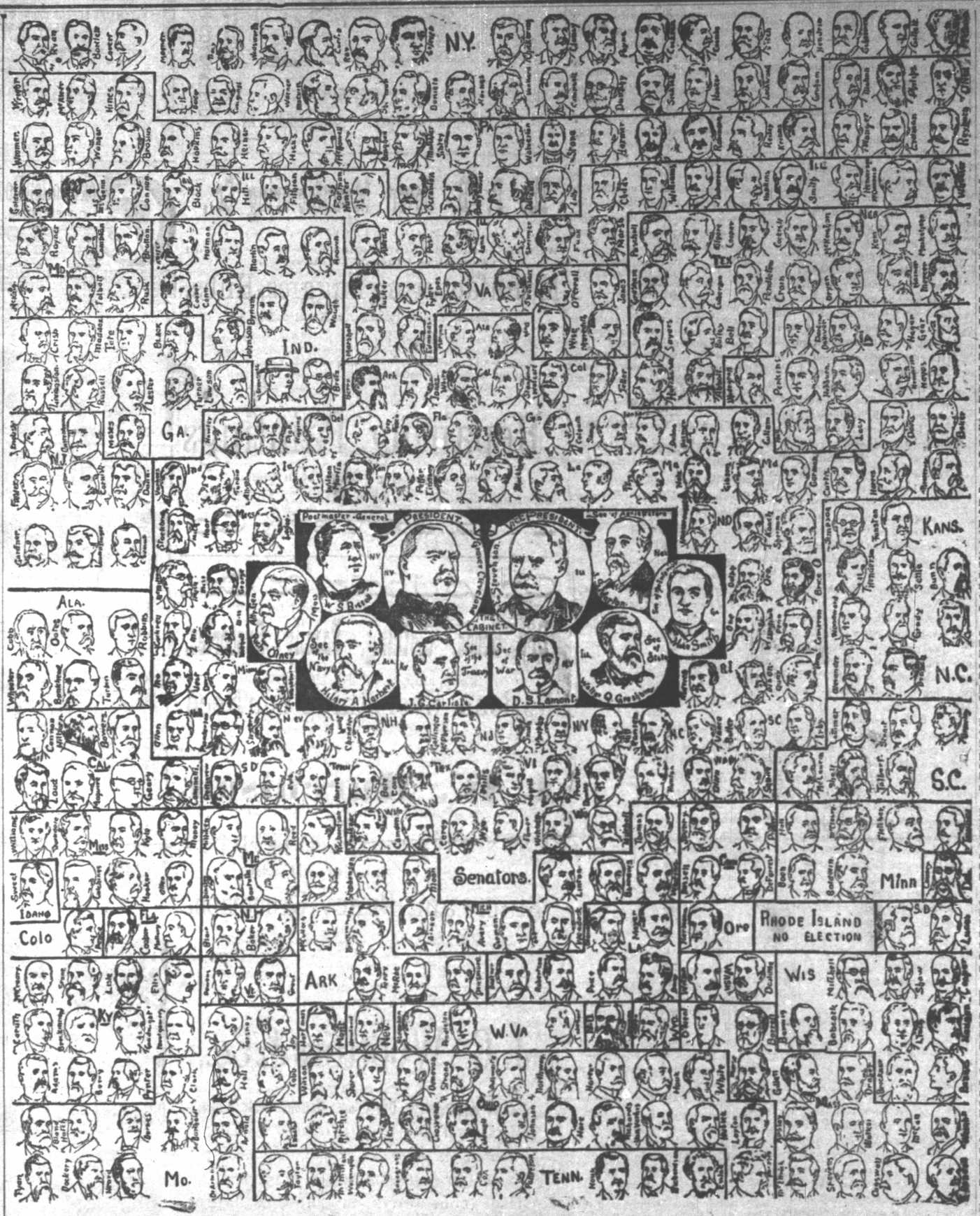
There is every evidence that one of two conditions will control the coming Congress. Either Mr. Cleveland will be absolute master of the situation, and his policy will be carried into effect by the two branches of Congress; or else, if the self-willed leaders of Congress decline to execute Mr. Cleveland's will, there will be a dead-lock between the Executive and the legislative branches which will result in a complete standstill, and a failure to take any effective action on the tariff, finance, or anything else. Mr. Cleveland is certain to have the support both in the Senate and the House of a very large number of Democratic Senators and Representatives, but there is a small body of irreconcilables who are sparsely hostile to him, and who are not counted upon to give him any assistance in a crusade against the McKinley act, or in changing the present silver laws. It is the same element which, led by Samuel J. Randall eight years ago, when Mr. Cleveland was first President, defeated the old Mills bill and gave Mr. Cleveland no end of trouble. Now the leaders of this opposition have changed, but it is as intense in its hostility as ever. Whether the great power of the administration, the influence of patronage, and the dictates of King Caucus, can bring this unruly faction into line, is a serious problem. Mr. Cleveland and his advisers are hopeful, however, of securing a working majority among their friends in both branches of Congress, and in that event the laws which will be passed will be of more consequence to the people of the United States than any legislation since the war.

The session is so near at hand that it is easy to look forward and take a general view of the great measures to be brought before Congress. Foremost of these is the tariff, or, more properly, the repeal of the McKinley act, in whole or in part. Next comes the financial question, which Mr. Cleveland regards as even more pressing than the tariff question. He has stated, officially, that the financial question will receive first attention at the hands of Congress, as he feels that the present panicky condition of business throughout the country, the failure of banks, the excitement among depositors, and the stagnation in many branches of trade, is due largely to the uncertain and unsatisfactory condition of the national finances. After these two main questions, of tariff and finance, come a score or more of lesser questions of much importance. They include the question of restoring to State banks the right to issue money; the repeal of all laws which give a Federal control to elections; the renewal of the fight for anti-option; a crusade against aliens and the alien ownership of land; the annexation of Hawaii and a possible protectorate over the Nicaragua Canal; the purging of the pension rolls of such names as are unworthy of government help; the admission of Territories to new States, and numerous minor measures.

The first work of Congress on its assembling in August will be to select its officers. Vice-President Stevenson will preside over the Senate, by virtue of his election last November. Speaker Crisp's term is at an end, but it is well understood that there will be no speakership fight, usual on the reassembling of Congress, but that Mr. Crisp will again be honored with the office of Speaker. The next work will be the appointment of committees. Usually this takes a month, and is interrupted by the Christmas holidays, but as Mr. Cleveland has had the foresight to assemble Congress in August, there will be no holiday interruption, and the committees will be in working order by the middle or latter part of August.

The tariff question was never so difficult of solution as it is at present. Mr. Cleveland and his party are conscientiously desirous of wiping out the McKinley act. Yet, they recognize that the government is hard pressed for funds, and that the repeal of the McKinley tariff act means the sudden disappearance of those vast sums gathered from customs and internal revenue which carry on the government. When there was a surplus in the Treasury, as there was during the previous Cleveland administration, it was easy enough to reduce the tariff. But now, with the surplus exhausted, and with the United States Treasury actually in need of more revenue to carry on the government, it is extremely difficult to reduce the McKinley act in any part, and apparently out of the question to wipe the McKinley act out of existence. The President and Secretary Carlisle are giving most anxious attention to economies which will carry out the promises of the party to annihilate the McKinley act, and will yet leave the government enough money to carry on business. Many plans are being suggested. One plan is to scale down all duties fixed by the McKinley act, and yet to raise more revenue by restoring part of the duty upon sugar. Another plan is to scale down the duties, and to offset this reduction by increasing the revenue tax on whisky. It is still too early to give any outline of what the tariff legislation will eventually be. But it is easy to foresee that the McKinley act will not be attacked as a whole, but will have to be modified in parts, in order that the revenues of the government may not be reduced below the living point. There will be much division in the majority of the Senate and the House, as it is well known that the old Randall spirit is still there, and that many prominent Democrats have such a leaning toward protection that they will resist all efforts to change the McKinley act.

The financial struggle promises to be an exciting one. President Cleveland has set his heart on the repeal of the purchasing Sherman silver act, by which the government buys 4,500,000 ounces of silver each month and coins it into silver dollars. These silver dollars cannot be circulated, and they remain in the treasury vaults a dead weight on the government and no use to the people. Thus the government is compelled to spend an enormous sum each month for silver, and yet the people of the country receive no added circulation. Mr. Cleveland charges up the present bad condition of the banks and of business to the existing Sherman act. He feels that if the act is repealed, there will be no further hazard to business. It is by no means certain, however, that Mr. Cleveland will be able to secure a majority in both the House and the Senate for the repeal of the Sherman act. The free silver men are very numerous in both branches and they even claim a majority. They are, of course, opposed to any stoppage in the purchase of silver. They want the government to purchase not only [illegible] ounces per month, but all the silver that [illegible] market. The clash be-



President, Vice President, Cabinet and Fifty-third Congress of the United States.

tween the silver and the anti-silver men will be very bitter. Mr. Cleveland will be arrayed with the latter, and it will be an interesting spectacle to see whether the administration will be able to enforce its policy on this vital question and secure the repeal of the Sherman act, with its consequent restoration of ease and security throughout business circles.

Another very important question to come before Congress is that as to restoring State banks to their old privileges. Prior to the war all the paper money of the country was issued by State banks. But when the war came the government had to create some market for its bonds, and it accordingly created the national banks. These latter banks were given a monopoly of issuing paper money, in the form of national bank notes, and the State banks were restrained from issuing paper money by a 10 per cent tax on their circulation. This tax was practically prohibitory, for no State bank would pay 10 cents for the privilege of issuing $1.00. The State bank men are now anxious to get back to the old system. They point out that the national banks have fulfilled their mission of buying bonds to carry on the war, and are no longer necessary. On the other hand, the opponents of State banks raise the cry of "wildcat" currency, and say that if the old system were restored there would be no uniformity in the paper money of the country. The State bank men have a very powerful following, and in the last Congress they showed 84 votes in a small house. They have the advantage of an absolute indorsement of state banks in the national Democratic platform, which gave a positive promise that State banks should be restored.

There will be no "Force Bill" cry in the next Congress, as the so-called "Force Bill" has been urged by Republicans when they happened to be in the majority of Congress. There are, however, several laws on the statute books which savor of the "Force Bill," and an effort will be made to wipe them out. One of these laws provides for Federal Election Inspectors at such places as New York, Chicago and other large cities. In New York, Mr. John Davenport has long been the Federal Election Inspector, and has been a target for the Democratic leaders of that State. They will now endeavor to legislate him out of office, and to repeal all the laws which authorize the employment of such Inspectors.

The agricultural element of Congress is a very extensive one, and its leaders will undoubtedly bring forward the anti-option bill which failed to pass last session. This bill seeks to stop all Board of Trade speculation in grain, cotton, etc., by placing a heavy tax on "futures" and "options." The bill attracted more attention in the last Congress than any other measure. It passed the House and nearly passed the Senate. Since then, however, the new Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Morton, has assumed office and has expressed the strongest opposition to the bill. This may prove a fatal discouragment to anti-option.

The crusade against aliens and the alien ownership of lands is likely to be taken up with vigor. There is much dissatisfaction at the large area of farming land in the Far West and in the South owned or controlled by foreigners or foreign syndicates. This has raised a cry of alien landlordism, and several Democratic leaders propose to put a stop to all alien ownership of large tracts. Bills for this purpose have been pending for several years, but they have been put off for one reason or another. Those who have them in charge, however, intend to push the measures before the next Congress.

Several foreign questions of extreme moment will come before the new Congress. The annexation of Hawaii is probably the most important. When the last Congress adjourned Mr. Harrison had just about concluded his policy of annexing the islands, and he even sent to the Senate a formal treaty of annexation. But when the Cleveland Administration took hold of affairs this annexation policy was entirely set aside, for the time at least. Mr. Cleveland withdrew the treaty and sent Mr. Blount to Hawaii as a commissioner to look over the ground and report whether it was really worth while to annex the islands. Mr. Blount has been there all the summer, so that by the time Congress convenes there will be full information from him as to what ought to be done. It is believed that the administration is inclined against annexation, and that it will not urge anything more than a military protectorate over Hawaii. Whatever is done, however, will have to be done at once, as Hawaii is in such a state of uncertainty as to its future that Congress will have to quickly settle the question of admitting it to the Union. Then will come the question as to whether it should be a State or Territory. In either case Congress will be called upon to appropriate funds for equipping the new possessions with forts, military stations, defenses, as well as with custom houses, courts, and all the other federal machinery usual to a part of our country.

Another foreign affair of much consequence is the acquisition or protection of the Nicaragua Canal. This canal is the short cut by water from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans, and is of vast importance to our shipping interests and to commerce. It is now run by private capitalists who have not had the vast means necessary to complete it. Moreover, during the recent revolution in Nicaragua the work already done was threatened with destruction. President Cleveland looks upon this canal as of such importance to the American people that the government should extend it financial assistance. This could be done by subsidizing it, or by the government assuming to complete the work. This subject promises to excite much controversy at the coming session.

The Behring sea question will also come in for a share of attention if the court of arbitration, now in session at Paris, decides against the United States. In that event Congress will have to appropriate large sums of money to indemnify those British vessels which have been seized in Behring sea, and their cargoes of sealskins confiscated.

The revision of the pension laws is sure to bring about a hot contest. The Southern element, which largely predominates in the majorities of House and Senate, favors such changes in the pension laws as will reduce the vast amount now spent for pensions. There will probably be changes restricting those who can apply for pensions, and also some general system by which fraudulent pensioners can be struck from the rolls, and future frauds prevented.

The immigration question will also receive attention. Senator Chandler made a vain effort in the last Congress to put a complete stop to immigration for a definite period. There are many who still believe in this plan, and who will insist upon it to Congress, but it is not likely that any complete barrier to immigration will be passed. The present immigration laws are fairly good in keeping out paupers, anarchists and other undesirable immigrants, but the laws will probably be perfected in numerous details.

The foregoing gives the essential questions which are to come before the next Congress. There are many others, of course, but they affect particular localities, and are of little general interest. The great questions above enumerated show that the Congress has a business before it of vast economic importance, and that it will need the widest and most patriotic statesmanship to guide the national law-makers to conclusions which will be of lasting benefit to the country.

TERRY McD. THOMPSON.

A Clever Invention.

One of the cleverest inventions ever passed on by the patent office is the machine for stick common pins in the papers in wh they are sold. The contrivance s up the pins in rows, draws paper into position, crimps it into two lines, then, at a single push, passes the pins through the paper and sets them in position. The machine almost seems to think as it works, and to examine the paper to see if it is properly folded before pushing the pins into place.

Birthplace of St. Patrick.

The most recent investigators hold that St. Patrick was born in Scotland at what is now Kilpatrick, in Kirkcudbrightshire. The story of his capture by pirates goes better with the history of Western Scotland in the sixth century than with that of Boulogne, in France, at the same time.

NO "OLD MAN" FOR HIM.

A "Captain" With Strong Objections to the Familiar Salutation.

One of the well-known men about New York is J. C. Mealus. He is conspicuous in several clubs and on "The Rialto," where he may be seen almost daily on promenade between the hours of 3 and 5 in the afternoon. Friends call him "Captain," because he was a drummer boy on the confederate side in the late civil war. "Captain" Mealus is proud of his personal appearance, and is sensitive to comment concerning himself. The other day he struck an attitude in front of the Morton house to watch the slowly moving parade of people.

"Hello, old man!" exclaimed an acquaintance, stepping up and slapping him on the back with easy familiarity. "How are you? Haven't seen you for five or six moons. Howdy do, old man?"

"Pretty well," replied the "captain" faintly, with an apprehensive glance at his effusive friend. "But, by the way, colonel, I—"

"What's the matter, old man, you don't—"

"Now, see here, colonel, you know me intimately, and have for years. You know I'm 46, but I'm not old, and I object to being called 'old man,' particularly in the presence of ladies, who might overhear the words."

"But, my dear fellow, don't you know that it's only an affectionate term? Why, it's as common as 'good morning.'"

"Yes, I do know; but for heaven's sake don't call me 'old man.' It makes me shiver 'way down in my shoes."

The Mosquito Would Fix Him.

Bardolph—I'm very full blooded, doctor, and would like to have it reduced somewhat; what would you prescribe?

Doctor — Spend the summer in Jersey.

It Was a Man Who Said This.

"It was a woman who took the prize in the missing word contest."

"I am not surprised at it. A woman is never at a loss for words."

Photographing Hypnotized People.

Photography has been introduced into the clinical laboratory of Dr. Charcot, the Parisian specialist. Instantaneous pictures have been taken of patients. One shows a woman just at the point of being hypnotized. The condition is being produced by a mere look and by the sight of a diamond. Other photographs present patients in various lethargic and cataleptic conditions. One of the most remarkable of these photographs shows hysterical contraction, and in this a strange phenomenon is apparent. One of the middle fingers of the patient reaches far over the wrist. Under hypnotization the patient appears to develop the faculty of lengthening the middle finger abnormally.

A Difference of Opinion.

The nice young man who had applied to the city editor for a place on the reportorial staff was more or less independent, because his folks had money.

"I don't have to work, don't you know," he said rather patronizingly to the city editor.

The city editor looked him over carelessly.

"You bet your life you will, if you expect to keep your job on this paper," he said sharply, and gave the youth an assignment that was kept on hand for the purpose.

A Groundless Rumor.

Lincoln—I hear that Miss Melpomene Gilbertus has become an actress.

Hamilton—Oh, no; that's a mistake.

Lincoln—Why, I was told positively that she had gone on the stage.

Hamilton—Oh, yes; that part of it is true enough, but the story of her being an actress is absurd.

The Chicago Boy.

Teacher—What are you boys fighting about?

Tommy Lakeside—Why, that chump was a-tryin' to make believe that Adam was the first man, when everybody knows 'twas Columbus.

TEXAS CONDENSATIONS

Culled and Carefully Arranged from the Latest Dailies of the State.

A MIRROR OF RECENT OCCURRENCES.

Happenings, Crops, Stock, Improvements, and Items of General Interest Rendered Readable and Entertaining.

Hillsboro was thrown into a state of excitement recently by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reavis swearing out a warrant for the arrest of Will Hearne, charging him with seduction of their daughter, Miss Sue Reavis. Hearne came to Hillsboro a year ago, was a society man and prominent church man, member of the Epworth League and steward in the Methodist church. He became engaged to Miss Reavis last winter and obtained her parents consent. She will soon become a mother. She is 19 years of age, and heretofore above reproach.

At Houston, recently, on a street car two men got into a difficulty with Street Car Conductor W. D. Eddison and another conductor, Pace, came to his rescue, and was cut with a knife in eight places, badly on each side of his mouth, making it larger; four times on the left shoulder behind, just above the knee, and on the hip. The two men escaped. The conductor had asked the ruffians to stop smoking in the and this brought on the trouble.

Cunningham & Miller, who are conducting a large sugar refinery and plantation at Sugarland, Fort Bend county, will build a road from that point to Arcola Junction. The road will be fifteen miles long and will pass wholly through Fort Bend county. A junction will be formed at Arcola with the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe and the International and Great Northern roads and at Sugarland with the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio system.

Recently at La Grange a negro fiend committed a criminal assault on a Bohemian woman named Leamer. The lady went to the stable to feed her cow and he sprang upon her, choked her down and accomplished his foul purpose. When found she was in a state of insensibility. He is at large.

Near Fort Worth, recently, Richard Ryan, working on the Rock Island, was hurt by a dynamite explosion. He cut the fuse too short, and was pulled back by a man named Sheridan or he would have been killed. He lost his right thumb, is badly cut and may lose his sight.

An attempt was made recently at Floresville by an unknown and armed Mexican to outrage the wife of A. Ramos, a Mexican shoemaker. The villain was frightened away. The attempt was not a desperate one, but the intention was as villainous as if it had been.

At Floresville recently a difficulty occurred between Dan McKinzie of Fairview, Wilson county, and C. N. Britti of Atascosa county, in which the latter was cut with a knife three times. The difficulty occurred about stock. McKinzie was arrested and gave bond.

Parties are digging on J. C. Oxley's place near Old Hico, Hamilton county, in the hope of finding an old Mexican gold mine, which they claim to be there according to Mexican charts in their possession. Only human bones have so far been unearthed.

The only wooden bowl manufactory in Texas is located at the mouth of Mineral creek, in Grayson county, and is owned by Mr. Bilford, who finds a ready sale for his goods. The bowls are made of ash and in all sizes.

The Llano Improvement and Furnace company has gone into the hands of a receiver. The liabilities of the company amount to $80,000, assets about $1,000,000. F. J. Semple of Llano has been appointed receiver.

At Tioga, Grayson county, recently, Lillie, the 8-year-old daughter of Josh James, was making a fire in the cooking stove to get supper, using coal oil for kindling. The oil ignited and she was burned to death.

A short time since at Galveston a little son of Joe Robinson ate a box of roach and bug paste. He was soon afterward taken sick and died the same day. The boy was about 4 years old.

The coal mines located six miles west of Bowie will soon be opened. Mining camps have been laid off and tents are being pitched. The coal is said to be of good quality.

At Timpson, Shelby county, Mack Petty and S. D. Spaine became involved in a difficulty. Petty was cut on the neck with a knife, making an ugly wound, but not fatal.

Fruitland switch, five miles northeast of Tyler, claims to be the most important fruit shipping station in Texas; its shipments average about five carloads daily.

Cattle in the vicinity of Sanger, Denton county, are going blind. It is believed to be caused by a weed which gets into the eye while the cattle are grazing.

At Gatesville, recently, Miss Hattie Green, while engaged in household duties, was stung by a centipede, which was concealed in a dishcloth. She will recover.

Otho F. Lane, Will Lane and Felton Lane, brothers and citizens of Gregg county have been arrested charged with robbing their father, William T. Lane of $1200.

Charles Lyman has been convicted at Georgetown of robbing Constable Hardin of Round Rock and his punishment assessed at ten years in the penitentiary.

The county clerk of Wilson county don't like it because the young folks that run away to get married and go to Floresville take their license with them.

The Warren Lumber company of Tyler county has been succeeded by a new corporation, which will be known as the Warren Land and Lumber Company.

At Blossom, Lamar county, recently some one destroyed about 2000 freshly moulded brick belonging to the Blossom Brick Manufacturing company.

ST. LOUIS BANKS.

Cash on Hand Amounting to Over 40 Per Cent of Cash Liabilities.

ST. LOUIS, July 27.—The St. Louis clearing house has prepared a statement showing the exact condition of the twenty-four banks which have membership in it. The statement has been prepared with great care and shows that deposits payable on demand at all these banks amount to $42,383,000. The cash on hand amounts to $18,223,000, or considerably in excess of 40 per cent of the total. Under ordinary conditions 25 per cent is considered a safe margin and it is felt that with nearly 43 per cent on hand almost any kind of a run could be easily met. There has not, however, been a breath of suspicion against any bank, and although a very large number of small depositors are said to have withdrawn and to have placed their money in safe deposit vaults, there is no evidence to prove that this is so, and the fact is not generally credited. The banks have time deposits amounting to nearly $14,000,000; while they have outstanding on demand, and time loans, exclusive of bonds deposited to secure circulation, $62,000,000. The capital stock and surplus funds of these banks total $25,194,000, and experts are of opinion that the figures as returned by them indicate an exceptionally healthy condition and go to prove that there is very little foundation for the doleful forebodings which have appeared in some eastern papers. If the banks of all the large cities are as well equipped as those of St. Louis, there will be very little financial stringency when the fact becomes generally known.

Building continues with great activity in the city. The new Union depot and the new $2,000,000 hotel are both being pushed towards completion as rapidly as possible, and the fourteen-story office building on Olive street, six blocks east of the exposition, will soon be out of the hands of the contractors. The site has also been purchased for another hotel near the Union depot, and there is also much activity in the way of bridge building. Up to within three or four years ago the Eads bridge was practically the only means railroads had of crossing the Mississippi river at this section; now the merchants' bridge is in general use, and bridges which will be of great importance to railroads are being constructed over the Missouri river at Bellfontaine and over the Mississippi at Alton. Both the bridges are within easy driving distance of the city and they will be used by the Burlington and other roads for obtaining access to the city without wasting time at the relay depot in East St. Louis. The distance between St. Louis and Alton will be reduced by these bridges to sixteen miles, shortening the time distance between St. Louis, Chicago and eastern points from thirty to fifty minutes. A new passenger depot will be erected for the convenience of friends using these bridges, which can also obtain access to the Union depot by means of a new belt line.

The first shipment of hay ever made from St. Louis to Europe has just been completed. St. Louis is the center of an immense hay district, but the cost of shipment and the difficulty through a long ocean voyage have kept shipments to Europe back. There being, however, a large shortage in the French hay crop an experimental shipment was made to France the other day and if it proves a success another important export business will be built up. The hay was shipped via New Orleans.

Not Generally Known.

Generally speaking, the slope of rivers flowing into the Mississippi from the east is on an average about three inches per mile; those entering it from the west have an average descent of about six inches per mile. The average descent per mile of the Missouri after it leaves the mountains is reckoned at about a foot; the Des Moines, from its source to its conjunction with the Mississippi, about seven foot and three inches. The entire length of the Ohio shows a fall of even five inches. The Mississippi, from the mouth of the Ohio to the gulf, has a fall of but two and one-half inches.

United States Seal.

When, on July 4, 1776, the Continental congress declared the English-American colonies to be free and independent states they appointed a committee to report a device for a seal—the emblem of sovreignty. That committee and others from time to time presented unsatisfactory devices. Finally, in the spring of 1782, Charles Thompson, the secretary of congress, gave to that body a device largely suggested by John Prestwich, an eminent English antiquary. This suggestion was made the basis of a design adopted by congress June 20, 1782, and which is still the device of the great seal of the republic.

Perpetual Ice.

There is a point near the famous Stoney cave, in the Catskill mountains, where ice may be found on any day in the year. This locality is locally known as the Notch, and is walled in on all sides by steep mountains, some of which are more than 3000 feet high.

Price of Farms.

The value of farming lands in the country is greatest in New Jersey. In 1888 it averaged: New Jersey, $63; Massachusetts, $50; Ohio, $46; New York, $44; Vermont, $36; Maryland, $32; Wisconsin, $28, and in some western states less than $5 per acre.

The Only One.

In the vatican at Rome there is a marble statue with natural eyelashes, the only one, it is generally believed, with this peculiarity in the world. It represents Ariadne sleeping on the island of Naxos at the moment when she was deserted by Theseus.

It Won't Do It.

Vinegar will not split rocks, as Hannibal could not since have done his way through the Alps, if it is of diluted poorness, as that has been Cleopatra drinking pearls won't make vinegar must have been

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THE SILVER FLOOD.

EX-SECRETARY WHITNEY FAVORS SHUTTING IT OFF.

The Distinguished New Yorker Discusses the Financal Situation—Tariff Reform Strongly advocated—Cleveland's Policy Indorsed.

Beverly Farms, Mass., July 26.—William C. Whitney, ex-Secretary of the Navy, talked freely today upon the fiuancial situation and its relation to the approaching session of Congress.

"It is scarcely necessary for me to say," said Mr. Whitney, "that I heartily indorse Mr. Cleveland's policy of urging the repeal of the Sherman law as a preliminary to tariff reform. I do not see how there can reasonably be two sides to that question. However small may be the actual intrinsic effect of the silver purchase upon the currency, there can be no doubt that apprehension of such effects is the first cause of the existing lack of confidence in business circles and the consequent widespread business distress.

"If the country is not being drowned in a silver flood, it is at any rate being scared to death by the fear of such a deluge. Either way the result is disastrous. The first thing to be done is to shut off whatever flood there is, be it big or little and stop the scare. There can be no doubt that the absolute and unqualified repeal of the Sherman silver law would do this. I agree with Mr. Cleveland that simple repeal without amendment will not do. I do no wish to be regarded as considering the repeal of the Sherman law as a permanet cure for our national ills. I look upon repeal as palliative, not a panacea.

THE TARIFF THE VITAL QUESTION.

"The currency question is not the most vital one with which we have to deal. The poison lies deeper. No temporary anodyne of financial legislation will eradicate it. The silver scare will not be long over before some other scare will begin unless we go to the bottom of the trouble and get the business and industry of the country off the artificial basis upon which it is being conducted and upon solid ground again. The country's prosperity will never be permanently established while an annual tax of three or four hundred millions is laid upon its industries. No matter what disguise it may assume, our present tariff system is essentially a tax upon the producing and industrial classes. The National Government is supported by a tax, not upon property, but upon consumption.

"The tariff is assessed, not upon what men own, but upon what they eat ank drink and wear. It is too largely a per capita tax. Under it it is easily possible thal a poor man with a large family may be compelled to pay more taxes for the support of the National Government than an economical millionaire with only himself to keep An average man in the middle and lower classes, making income a basis of classification, spends say 75 per cent of his income for food and clothing.

"The average rich man cannot spend over 5 per cent of his income for the same purpose. National taxes being levied as they are, the general mass of the people, the producing and industrial classes, and the great body of merchants, tradesmen and professional men pay 15 times as much tax in proportion to their means as the rich man. There lies the secret of national distress.

THE PERMANENT REMEDY.

"The only permanent remedy is in a readjustment of this great burden of taxation and equalizing its pressure upon all alike. There is no reason why the United States cannot. To such a reform the Democratic party is pledged. Upon the strength of that pledge it came into power.

"Four years before the Republican party had promised to revise tariff, and in the faith that revision would be in line of a reduction and an equalization of tax burdens the people elected Mr. Harrison. The Republicans fulfilled their promise by passing the McKinley bill, increasing the tariff and perpetuating its inequalities. The next election practically wiped the Republicans as then constituted out of existence The McKinley bill mistake of the Republicans would be a mere quibble compared with the monumental folly of which the Democratic party would be guilty should it ignore the issue upon which it elected Cleveland.;

When the Democratic sheep take to following Republican sheperds we may expect them to accept Mr, Harrison's advice and acknowledge that their principles are mistaken ones.

CLEVELAND A SAFE LEADER.

"So long as Mr. Cleveland and his present advisors lead the flock there is no danger of such a catastrophe. The silver scare once out of the way there should be no delay about tariff reform. If the regularly elected representatives of a great majority of all the people of this country, chosen after a discussion running through years, cannot be trusted to bring about tariff reform in a conservative, judicious manner, safeguarding to the greatest possible extent established interests where those interests are not inimical to the public welfare, a republican form of government is a failure.—St. Louis Republic.

The Good Times Coming.

O, the good times are comin', no matter, what they say;
You kin hear 'em hummin', for a hundred miles away;
They're a sailin' through the summer, an' a fightin' through the freeze;
A-ridin down the rivers an' a-blowing in the breeze!

Comin.'
A-hummin
Like a regiment a-drummin';
Lane has got a turnin',
Buttermilk's a-churnin',
So keep your lamps a-burnin'.
Till the good times come!

O, the good times are a-comin' you kin see 'em on the run:
A twinklin' in the dew drops, an' a shinin' on the sun!
A-dumpin o'er the daisies an' a-babblin in the brook!
An' lookin' at a feller like his sweetheart uster look!

Comin',
A-hummin'
Like a regiment a drummin':
Lane has got a-turnin',
Buttermilk is a-churnin'
So keep your lamps a-burnin'
Till the good times come!

Free-Coinage Meeting.

A large number of citizens gathered in the court house on Saturday last in response to a call for a mass-meeting to discuss the financial situation. The Third Party element predominated though quite a number of democrats participated. J. C. Wootters was called to the chair. Speeches in advocacy of the free and unlimited coinage of silver and in denunciation of the policy of the present administration were made. Some of those talking were A. M. Rencher, J. H. Beasley, Dr. S. T. Beasly, J. C. Wootters, W. E. Hail and Dr. J. Nelson.

The mass-meeting adopted the following resolutions by a rising vote.

1. That we petition and urge our representatives in congress to oppose the unconditional repeal of the Sherman bill.

2. That we urge them to use their utmost efforts to secure the passage of a law authorizing the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the present ratio.

3. That we believe the demonetization of silver will be fatal to the prosperity of the country at large.

4. That the secret demonetization of silver in 1873 was a crime that can never be expiated except in its complete rehabilitation.

5. That we recommend the secretary of the treasury to pay these silver certificates in silver.

6. That we demand that no more be paid in gold.

An Experiment.

The COURIER for some time has been an advocate of working roads by state convicts. There have always been those who thought the scheme impracticable because of the expense. New York has just begun the experiment and we give below a clipping from the N. Y. Sun on the success of the plan thus far in that state:

We are pleased to get a good account of the experiment of employing a portion of the convicts in the Clinton State prison as road makers. It is only for a short time that they have been thus employed, but the State Engineer is already able to give a report that the system is satisfactory, and he says that the convicts are doing excellent work without giving trouble. There was a good deal of doubt about the result of this experiment when it was first proposed, but we presume that its success with a small body of the convicts will lead to its extension. Of course, all the prisoners are not fitted for road work, and some of them can be more advantageously used in other industries; but if even one-quarter of them are thus employed there will be a great improvement in some of the country roads of the State, at small cost, within a few years. The expense of guarding them while out upon the highways is not so heavy as to render their labor unprofitable.

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LETTER FROM LOVELADY.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK IN THAT BUSY LITTLE CITY.

An Interesting Communication—New Buildings Going up, New Machinery Being Laid—Several Houses Destroyed by Fire.

Rev's. Fowler and Godbey have been holding a series of meetings here this week at the Methodist Church. There has been quite an interest taken in the preaching and it is hoped much good has been done.

We are having our share of summer sickness and the doctors are kept busy day and night. There seems to be a more malignant type of fever here than usual. Our venerable townsman, J. H. Moore, was stricken suddenly down a few days ago, but he is now convalescent. Mrs. C. B. Moore has also been quite sick for the past week. Judge Payne is on our streets again, but seems to have lost about forty pounds of his avoirdupois.

A tenant house on the farm of W. M. Murchison on Nevil's Prairie and occupied by J. S. Reynolds was fired by lightning on the 22nd and was burned up. The family lost everything as no one was at home when the fire occurred. All the cast vessels and some parts of the cook stove were melted. It is supposed the lightning struck the stove pipe. The dwelling and out houses of Jeff Stubblefield, one of our best colored farmers living 12 miles west of here, was also burned on the 24th. The family were all in the field at work. Consequently they lost everything. Jeff thinks the fire originated by carrying out ashes with fire in them in a wood box and setting them down near the smoke house. There is some complaint of the boll worm in the cotton and some say the army worm is in the cotton on Nevil's Prairie.

Our worthy station master, H. A. Ingalls, returned last night from a six weeks trip north, taking in the sights of the World's Fair and other places of note. He is looking well and seems to have had a good time.

D. J. Cater and W. J. Murchison will leave on the north bound train tomorrow for Dallas to be in attendance on the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor, which convenes in that city on Aug. 1st.

Miss Myrtie Mainer after a two months' visit to friends at Meridian and Morgan returned home yesterday, and this morning some of our young men are wearing a more contented smile on their faces.

Our merchants complain of dull trade and really were it not for the festive drummer who continues to arrive on every train, times would be dull indeed but the most of them are loaded with a stock of yarns and they are always disposed to be accomodating and ready to tell them—so with their help we manage to pull through these hot days.

Geo. B. Lunday of Galveston was in town this week; he seems to be worked up pretty well on the financial question.

J. W. Bussell and son are getting up some fine machinery for ginning cotton and grinding corn and sugar cane etc. at their place three miles north of town. We also hear of several other outfits of new machinery going up adjacent to our town for the purpose of ginning cotton. All of this we are glad to see for it shows prosperity in the country. Your correspondent is glad to see the COURIER advocating the cause of more fruit being raised in our county: If we but knew it, we have almost a paradise here when properly developed. Keep this agitation up, Mr. Editor. "Lay on McDuff etc." until we have all sorts of manufacturing industries started in the country. All these factories call for more people and more people call for more of something to eat. One will stimulate the other until we will have more of something to eat and less cotton. Show me a man with plenty of bacon in his smoke house and corn in his crib the year round that he raised on his farm and I will show you a prosperous and happy man. Why not, Mr. Editor, some of our old citizens who toil and sweat to raise five cent cotton start a poultry farm? It takes verry little capital to do this and it surely would be a much more satisfactory way of making a living. Don't be afraid of overstocking the egg market for the egg crop of the world amounts to more money than the cotton crop and yet there is room for more. Why just think of it, Mr. Editor, the hens will scratch for a living and all you have to do is to take your fruit to market and rake in the sheckles.

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After thirty days from and after the passage of this ordinance any dog to be found running loose in the streets of said city without having the tag of the city attached shall be taken up by city marshal and held until said tax it paid and all cost for taking up such dogs. If such tax and costs are not paid within five days from the taking up of such dog the same shall be taken by the city marshal to some secluded place and killed. No more than two dollars cash shall ever be assessed against any dog so taken up.

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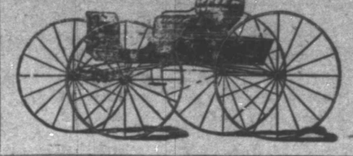

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LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS

For school books go to J. E. Downes.

Mrs. H. F. Moore has been quite sick.

Ice cold keg beer at Lone Star Saloon.

Heavy rains are reported in Central Texas.

For sale—My gin and mill. J. P. Christian.

Make arrangements to plant big orchards this winter.

Smoke Lone Star, best 5ct cigar in town at Lone Star Saloon.

The cotton crop on Nevel's Prairie is said to be very fine.

When you are in need of a straw hat, call on John Murchison & Son.

Misses Sallie and Ethel Fowler have returned from a protracted visit to Longview.

John Murchison & Son are selling white and colored lawn, mull &c cheaper than any house in town.

You can now go to the World's Fair for one fare for the round trip.

Georgia's watermelon crop will bring more this year than the cotton crop.

Mrs. Geo. P. Holcomb, wife of editor of New Era, visited friends in Palestine last week.

Jno. Harkins is bar tender at the Star Saloon for J. B. Fifer, and will be pleased to wait on you. Call on him when you'r dry.

On and after this date we will sell all our Ladies low quarter shoes and slippers at cost for cash.

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The happiest trio in town are Bill McConnell, Ike Murchison and Forest Fifer. Each has a new boy and just bushels of fine toying and tumbling around with it.

Call on Jones & Douglass at the building formerly occupied by the Daisy Saloon. They have just opened up a new and complete stock of dry goods, groceries, canned goods etc.

Unless we mistake the signs of the times there is going to be, politically speaking, a high rolling time of it next year along about September.

Those going to the World's Fair or anywhere else this summer, will find it to their advantage to call on J. E. Downes' for a nice TRUNK or VALISE, he has his new stock in.

A large number of Confederate veterans, ladies and other gentlemen went down to the re-union at Trinity on Thursday. The number from Crockett alone probably reached one hundred.

We will sell to close out, our $2.75 hand sewed, square toed, patent leather tip oxford ties for $1.90; our $2.00 ones for $1.50; our $1.75 ones for $1.25. This is a wonderful bargain—at Bill McConnell's.

John Humphries, manager of the oil mill, came in on the first to take charge of the company's business here. He impresses one as a first-class rustler and all-round business man in that line.

There are no better lands in the South for fruit, berries and vegetables than are to be found in Houston County. The red and gray soils are specially adopted to fruits and the sandy soils to melons &c. There is a fortune in that sandy soil around Grapeland in watermelons alone. The only trouble will be in rates and with the organization of the fruit and vegetable growers' association, the rate question can be managed.

Cash! Cash! Cash!

SHOES, SHOES, SHOES. Yes, I am strictly in the SHOE MARKET. I do not buy my SHOES from a SMALL retail firm in Crockett, but direct from NET CASH factories. Ladies low cut shoes from 60c to $2.50; Men's shoes from 80c to $4.50. Well yes! I still sell clothing so cheap that my neighbors say I only sell to make a sale. Pants in all colors and styles. 2 cases more of 8 day alarm CLOCKS just received, selling at old PRICE $2.50. Bran at $1.10 per hundred pounds. Halt car best flour and meal—call for prices.

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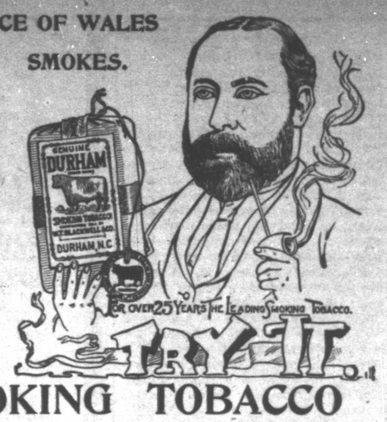

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The colored camp-meeting is going on near Crockett.

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Judge Williams will spend August visiting relatives in Miss. and his family in Little Rock.

We will sell all red slippers Ladies', Misses' and Children's below cost. These goods must go for some price. At Bill McConnell's.

Deeds for sale at this office.

Protracted meeting at the Presbyterian church is in progress this week Rev. Mr Clagget of St. Louis is helping to conduct it.

It is of the greatest importance that people should go to planting fruit trees of every character. The more planted the better for the country.

The call for a meeting to organize a Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association will not appear for a week or so yet, owing to urgency of other matters of importance.

The Crockett Band left early Wednesday morning in vehicles furnished by Nelson's Livery stable for Madisonville. They play at a barbecue at that place.

The prevailing drouth is a very disastrous one. Beside shortening all crops, it is very damaging to all kinds of trees. Fruit and shade trees are dying and fruit drying up on the trees.

Farmers should proceed at once to make arrangements to plant fruit trees and on an extensive scale. A canning factory would open up here next summer if there was a reasonable guarantee of sufficient fruit to keep it going.

The editor by way of explanation would say that the absence of editorial matter from the paper is due to the fact that he has not had time for such work for six weeks or more. The most of his time has been engrossed by committee-work in behalf of the oil-mill.

The writer saw Ike Murchison and a bottle of soothing syrup going home together one evening last week. Ike had an exhausted, worn out, "come-and-get me" look about him. There is another edition of Ike down at Ike's house in the person of a fine boy.

The entries for the democratic nomination for Governor next year so far are Charley Culberson and Charley Stewart. All we have to say is success to the winner and in the language of Horace slightly paraphrased, "Devil take the hindmost."

A canning factory and a pickling, evaporating and drying establishment in connection with it will all go up at Crockett the very moment there is assurance that there will be fruits and vegetables enough produced to keep them running on full time. The first thing for the people to do is to go to planting fruit trees.

Subscribers to the oil-mill stock have put twenty odd thousand dollars into the enterprise. They are risking their money and devoting their energies and time to the establishment of a business that will benefit all sections of the county. It is to the interest of every citizen to help make the enterprise a success. We can't believe any one will fight it or aid in making it a failure.

The principal occupation during these dull, summer days is to study the skies, weather signs and to prophecy. Judean Shepherds never watched the heavens more intently than the people of Crockett and vicinity have been doing for the past six weeks. All signs so far have failed and that Missouri Weather Wizard is voted by every one a monumental humbug W. E. Mayes has enjoyed for quite a while a local reputation for forecasting weather conditions but Buck has busted several times of late. John Shivers so far enjoys the distinction of being the most successful "skyologist."

GRAPELAND.

The weather is still hot and dry. No rain here since five weeks ago. Everything burning up. Yet we have made corn enough for home supply and have mast enough to fatten our meat and with peas, potatoes and goobers in proportion we will be able to pull through, whether the Sherman Bill is repealed or not.

S. P. Benbrook of Palestine has just closed a meeting here of the Christian Church with four additions.

Mr. Gaddy of the Baptist Church at Crockett passed through our town yesterday on his way home. He had been holding a meeting at Daly's.

Mrs. Brimberry went to Elkhart yesterday to visit her son-in-law, Mr. Wm. Totty at the Mineral Wells He has been sick for some time.

Mr. A. N. Hickey of Oakwood was in town last week.

The new hotel is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy on Sep't 1st.

Mr. Jot Wright went to Elkhart and Palestine one day last week and returned right side up.—No cards as yet.

Prof. Davis, Misses Eva and Stella Hollingsworth came down from Elkhart one day last week. They report the Normal School as flourishing.

Mr. W. W. Lively is quite sick but is thought to be greatly on the improve.

Mr. Stephens our new R. R. agent is well liked and giving general satisfaction.

KEYSTONE.

A Sad Death.

Sad office it is, always, to chronicle the death of any one but especially so it is when the person, as in this case, is a young lady in the flower of beautiful and lovely womanhood. A deplorable dispensation is that that removes from the family circle and from the lofty and noble purposes to which the life of a good woman is consecrated, one just entering the dawn of a useful life. Miss Virginia L. Nations came to Texas from Miss. about first of May on a visit to her sisters MrsJohn A McConnell and Mrs Alvis Ellis. She became indisposed about 18th of July and grew better for a few days. Then a turn was taken for the worse which terminated fatally on the 27th. Her remains were interred in city cemetery on 28th July, a large number of friends and acquaintances of the deceased and deceased's relatives attending.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas it has pleased God to take from the number of our pupils, one who though with us only a short time, was much loved and of great value in our Sunday School.

Whereas we recognized in Miss Virginia Nations, lately deceased, a pure, bright and young woman, whose many rare graces gave promise of a harvest of good in God's vineyard.

Whereas it is fitting that we extend to her bereaved parents and relatives some due expression of our sympathy, and at the same time express our appreciation of her faithful work among us.

Therefore be it resolved that we the members of the M. E. Sunday School of Crockett, do sadly deplore her loss and extend to her relatives here and in her distant home our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved that a copy of this memorial be placed upon our Sunday School Record, and that copies be sent to her sisters, Mrs. J. A. McConnell and Mrs. Alvis Ellis of Crockett.

(L. A. COLLINS,
Com. ETHEL FOWLER,
(T. E. SPINKS.

Notice.

After consultation with several of my members I have decided to change the date of Shiloh camp meeting from Friday night before second Sunday in August, to Friday night before second Sunday in Sep't.

ALEX METHVIN, P. C.

Henry Porter Drowned.

Just as we are about to go to press we learn the sad intelligence that Henry Porter son of Mr. J. M. Porter, was drowned in the Trinity River to-day (Wednesday) just below the shoals at the Red House. At this writing particulars are meager but it seems that a party were camping on the river near this point and that a son of Newton Herod's was about to drown and Henry rushed in to save him. In his efforts to save young Herod which he did, he lost his own life. His remains were taken to his home at Porter Springs.

Mr Editor:—Please allow us space in your paper to return our sincere thanks to the young ladies who so kindly assisted us in the entertainment recently given at the Opera House for our benefit Also to Mr. W. E. Mayes for the use of the hall, that he donated to us. We are also under obligations to the orchestra for their assistance. We appreciate their kindness, and will endeavor to show it by making ourselves in the near future a band that they, Crockett and Houston county will be proud of.

M. BROMBERG JR.
JNO. SPENCE.

His Record Good.

In a case which was being tried the other day in a Vienna law court, a cabman who drove a one-horse chariot was called as a witness. To test the trustworthiness of the evidence he was about to give, he was asked by the judge if he had ever been punished for any misdemeanor. Witness—I was only punished once, many years ago, and that was when I was detained by the police for twenty-four hours. The Judge—You have never been sentenced to any term of imprisonment by a judge for any very serious breach of the law? Witness—Certainly not, my lord. The Judge, shaking his head—A cabman! And never been prosecuted? How long have you been a cabman? Witness—Since the day before yesterday. The Judge, smiling—Ah! That will do. Let the case proceed.

Tax-Payers Take Notice.

All who owe the city taxes for 1892 and 1893 will please come forward and settle before next issue of this paper. Those not settling by that time I will proceed to advertise the property and sell same according to law.

JOHN LACY.
City Collector of Taxes.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by, and on the premises of Wm. Coleman 11 miles west of Grapeland and estrayed before J. A. Davis, J. P. Prec't No. 5. Houston county, the following described stock viz: One sorrell mare, blazed face, about 14 years old branded circle S on left hip, inverted spur on right hip. Also one dark, bay, mare with colt 2 years old branded 5 on left jaw. Appraised at $70.00. Owners will prove property as the same will be sold as the law directs.

Given under my hand and official seal this July 31st., 1893.

A. J. C. DUNNAM, Co. Cl'k.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Reported by J. S. Newman Co. Commissioner, Prec No. 1, Houston county the following described estray animal viz: One dark bay pony mare with star in face, right hip down, about 5 years old and branded 33 on left hip, is running 4 miles west of Augusta on the premises of Riley Sullivan. Owner will prove property or same will be sold as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office this July 31st., 1893.

A. J. C. DUNNAM,
County Clerk.

Seven bills of goods to arrive this week. If you want any cheap cheap Shoes, Slippers, Pants, Shirts and dress goods come to see us as we have a young car load to sell in the next twenty days. We want to close out all summer goods in order to make room for our large fall stock which will begin to arrive about the middle of August.

Respectfully,
RACKET STORE.

A Request.

MR. C-E-R:

Seeing your article on Entomology in the COURIER, I feel like I would like to know more of the insect world and you say you have articles that would be of use in starting a day in making a collection. I am very much interested in this line and if you would give us those articles through the COURIER many other boys might be accommodated. We could clip them for our scrap book. Yours respectfully,

A BOY.

A Request.

All citizens interested in the Bynum Graveyard near the old camp ground at Shiloh are requested to meet on the ground the first Monday in September for the purpose of cleaning up and fencing in the yard.

E. A. WILLIAMS,
WESLEY HALLMARK,
J. F. CURLER.

ADVICE TO WOMEN

If you would protect yourself from Painful, Profuse, Scanty, Suppressed or Irregular Menstruation you must use

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This will certify that two members of my immediate family, after having suffered for years from Menstrual Irregularity, being treated without benefit by physicians, were at length completely cured by one bottle of Bradfield's Female Regulator. Its effect is truly wonderful. J. W. STRANGE.

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If you are going to buy a wagon this summer or fall, come and see the FLORENCE wagon before you buy. We have just received a car load of these wagons. They are made by a Southern Factory specially for the southern trade. It has no superior in material, workmanship and finish and is lower in price than you have been accustomed to paying for a first-class wagon. We sell them on easy terms. Also Buggies, Carts, Hacks etc. Our line of Saddles and Harness is complete. If you want anything come to see us. If you can't come write us and we will come to see you.

SATTERWHITE & NICHOLS.
At "Saddle and Harness Factory.

Shoes! Shoes!

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There is probably no item of family expenditure that causes more annoyance and vexation than the selection of shoes. Everybody knows how vexatious it is to buy a shoe, apparently good in every respect, and to find it to be a complete fraud.

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To avoid disappointment buy your shoes from merchants who take a pride in giving you what you ask for, and who can explain to you the difference between the genuine and the imitation.

We have devoted 20 years to the study of Shoes, and if people will be guided by us in buying, we will insure them against disappointment.

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Bill McConnell Says:

Have you ever been disappointed in a circus after seeing their flaming advertisement sticking around for months telling of their unparalleled feats and lightning like metamorphoses? Well just so are the people disappointed in response to some of the brilliant mercantile advertisement. They go, but behold! the "golden calf" has been taken and the mammoth stock becomes invisible. I do wish all who advertise would advertise just what they have and not quadruple their stock on paper for it is becoming obnoxiously burdensome for one to listen to the tale of disappointment forty times a day.

Since the great reduction in our summer goods to force a clearing sale, so busy are we that one would think the November trade already upon us.

Special—So busy are we in our clearing sale that some might think us preparing to fail.

For Sale.

One Winship Steam Press in good order, one 2nd hand saw mill and fifty inch SAW in good order.

W. B. WALL.

Hacks and Buggies.

If you want a new buggy or hack, I have them now in stock and at low prices. J. R. FOSTER, Agt.

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The FISH BRAND SLICKER is warranted waterproof, and will keep you dry in the hardest storm. The new POMMEL SLICKER is a perfect riding coat, and covers the entire saddle. Beware of imitations. Don't buy a coat if the "Fish Brand" is not on it. Illustrated Catalogue free. A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.

OH RATS! Why did'nt you go to Arledge & Kennedy's like I told you, and then you would have brought home the worth of your money? They keep the best line of Groceries and give more for the money than anyone else.

Now I'll give you a pointer—Always go to Arledge & Kennedy's store, because for your money you can buy so much more. Remember Arledge & Kennedy are leaders in Groceries

When you come to Crockett be sure and call at the Saddle Shop and get my prices on Buggies, Road Carts, Saddle and Harness before you buy. We are here not only to compete but to undersell all competitors in Leather Goods. Look for the sign: SADDLE SHOP.

W. M. NICHOLS.

Dots From the Fashion Bazar.

It requires no prophet, even now to say that thousands of people, have come to the conclusion that to buy their goods from Beasley & Long, gives comfort, joy and happiness to themselves and families, as the money so hard to get a hold of is always well invested, when they spend it in the above named store, Every day people come and tell us, that our goods are all and, more than what we claim them to be. Now in order to make room for our fall stock which will be larger than ever, we will sell out our summer goods at very low prices. Come and see us, when you come to town.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

Mrs. Hamilton, Cambridge, Ills., says: I had the rheumatism so bad I could not raise my hand to my head. Ballard's Snow Liniment has entirely cured me. I take pleasure in informing my neighbors and friends what it has done for me. Chas. Handley, clerk for Lay and Lyman, Kewanee, Ill., advises us Snow Liniment cured him of Rheumatism. Why not try it? It will surely do you good. It cures all Inflamation, Wounds, Sores, Cuts, Sprains, etc. Sold by J. G. Haring.

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No. 4694.

Report of the condition of The First National Bank at Crockett, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, July 12th., 1893.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 80,106.48
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,224.80
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Due from approved reserve agents	5,828.20
Due from other National Banks	1,667.25
Due from State Banks and bankers	4,985.76
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	3,519.69
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,735.63
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,850.00
Checks and other cash items	547.20
Bills of other banks	470.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	265.09
Specie	6,008.60
Legal-tender notes	3,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	562.50
Total - - - -	129,986.04

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits	5,126.41
National Bank notes outstanding	11,250.00
Individual deposits subject to check	59,927.94
Demand certificates of deposit	2,682.39
Due to other National Banks	194.41
Total - - - -	129,986.04

STATE OF TEXAS, Houston Co. } I, H. F. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. MOORE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 1893.

E. WINFREE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: J. C. WOOTTERS, JNO. B. SMITH, W. E. MAYES, } Directors.

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"August Flower"

I had been troubled five months with Dyspepsia. I had a fullness after eating, and a heavy load in the pit of my stomach. Sometimes a deathly sickness would overtake me. I was working for Thomas McHenry, Druggist, Allegheny City, Pa., in whose employ I had been for seven years. I used August Flower for two weeks. I was relieved of all trouble. I can now eat things I dared not touch before. I have gained twenty pounds since my recovery. J. D. Cox, Allegheny, Pa. ◎

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THE COMMON LOT.

Ah, yes! I know this life is but a breath;
I know the common end of all is death
I've seen dear friends so often pass away
That death seems no more strange than does the day;
And yet I cannot think, howe'er hard I try,
That which we call the dead can e'er be I.
And yet I know full well the time must come
When I, like it shall lie as still and dumb:
When I—so I love will look on me with dread,
And friend to friend will whisper: "He is dead."
Some few will grieve, and then the eyes will dry,
Then smile, then laugh—although the dead be I.
—Boston Transcript.

THE PRICE OF A SOUL.

"I suppose," said the old man, wearily, as he swept a stray lock of the sparse gray hair back which had fallen over his wrinkled temples, "that you think Simon Lester a mean, money-grubbing old villain, intent upon one object and forever dead to any sense of sentiment or even decency."

The old man looked over his hooked nose through his copper-rimmed spectacles out of his bleared blue eyes at the young man who was sitting opposite to him, and, getting no answer for a minute, burst out into a short, chuckling laugh which had such a dry, hollow sound that it seemed to be but an echo of something which had once existed.

"If you have made up your mind that I shall never have Juliet, why do you not say so? It is no use to tantalize me as you have been doing every time I come to you."

"That is not spoken like yourself, my polite little monsieur. You should restrain your wrath. Anger is ever an unprofitable thing. It may become the grand seigneur to get upon his dignity when he is trying to badger money out of an old usurer, but it is a boomerang, always a boomerang—always recoiling upon the one who discharges it. But come, Arthur Drayton, I never said that you should not have Juliet. Juliet must marry, and the old miser, the old Jew, does not want to barter her as do the rich Gentiles their children for fortune. Juliet will be rich enough for two, so it is not riches that I want in a husband, but I must have other qualifications in the one that she takes for a mate or she shall never leave the roof which has sheltered her since her birth."

"What are those qualifications, Mr. Lester?" answered the young man, briefly.

"In the first place," replied the old man, speaking with a shyer manner and measuring his words out deliberately, "he must love my daughter—not for her riches, but for herself. In the second place, he must be able to protect her wealth from the robbers who will seek to wheedle it away from her as soon as I am in my coffin."

The answer seemed to please the young man, for his earnest, mobile face grew brighter as he listened, and when the old man had finished speaking he replied:

"As for my love, Mr. Lester, no one could doubt it. I adore Juliet and shall never be happy without her. So far as protecting her fortune goes, no one can accuse me of ever having been a spendthrift. On the contrary, I have saved money—a little, it is true—but enough to enable me to go into business as soon as I feel disposed."

The young man's eye followed the expressions which appeared on the old man's face whilst he was speaking with an intent curiosity, and the old man laughed again, not quite such a barren laugh as before, but a laugh tinged with a scornful unbelief that jarred cruelly on a sensitive nature.

"You are a child—a mere child yet," pursued the old man. "A chit—a mere chit. What you say is honest and fair enough. You believe that you love Juliet. She, little goose, believes the same thing. But did you ever read the records of the divorce courts; did you ever see the end of those pretty love matches which they say are made in heaven, and, worse still, did you ever take notice of the family jars, not the preserve jars," and the old man chuckled at his small joke, "the miserable, hypocritical, loveless, desolate lives of the thousands who have bound themselves together, each a millstone round the neck of the other, because, just because, they were in love, those same two individuals, madly in love with one another before they took the irrevocable step? Ah, it is a great lottery, this marriage. One should have the power of looking into the future far before such a tremendous risk is taken in hand—the happiness or misery of two lives—life blessed or blasted—probably the latter—think of it!" and the old man's tones again became excited and vehement.

"Then the money, the money—ah, that is the principal part of it," continued the old man, calming himself as if the question of finance could admit of no excitement. "What do you know of human nature? Where have you studied it? Why I would undertake, if I gave you half what I am worth, to have it all back again inside of a year. You protect a fortune! No. A good, honest heart may be a very nice thing to possess, but what becomes of the good, honest-hearted people in this world? They starve, boy, literally starve. The money-grabbers are too much for them. It is the law of nature—attraction of gravity. "No," and the old man shook his head despondingly, as if something he had desired to be had proved impossible. "There is but one way. It is said that a great passion will inspire to otherwise impossible things. There would have to be a terrible exhibition of will, an iron-bound determination to conquer, and by that means your disposition might be changed. Do you understand, young man? Your whole nature must be changed before Juliet Lester can become your wife. You must become an outgrowth, a second self of Simon Lester. The thirst for possession and retention must be inoculated into you. You must gain in a year or less the experience which Simon Lester has only gained in a lifetime. I do not know what prompts me to make this compromise with you—partly on account of yourself and partly on that of Julie, for her heart is set upon you and it has never been set upon a man before. I could find a hundred to-morrow, ready-made to my hand who would require no teaching to fit them for the guardianship of a fortune, but then there comes in the waywardness of woman—they might not suit Juliet!

"Now, young man, hear me. To-morrow you come here to my office. You must serve an apprenticeship as did Jacob for Rebecca. Upon yourself will depend the results. If you are a diligent scholar the sooner will you have Julie. But if I do not see that the iron has entered your soul—that you are capable of tearing away the worthless sympathies at a subduing the innate whims which most men allow to dominate their reason—I shall tell you frankly that you are no husband for Juliet. Are you willing to accept the conditions? To become the associate of Simon the miser, the apt apprentice of the usurer, the leech, the extortioner? Ah, you hesitate. It is too much of a test for your love."

It was true the young man's face had blanched a little as he listened to the detestible suggestion of the miser, but he answered with a resolute voice:

"Mr. Lester, I am willing to submit to any test to win your daughter, so long as it is honorable."

"Stop!" cried the old man, stirred by the words of the young man. "If men will be fools enough to squander their patrimony, is it unjust that others should take what they throw away. That those who save should grow rich on those who waste. What driveling sentiment, to be sure! Did I ever go to any one to rob them? Do not all my clients come to me? If I treat them unjustly, why do they come? No. First they get into difficulty and are hard pressed. They immediately think of Simon. They come and implore me as a friend to come to their assistance, vowing eternal gratitude. I, well knowing that they will curse me for their own follies before they are out of the woods, yet constrained to help them. Do I charge them for my help? Certainly. Do they not charge others for their services? Tut. It is the spendthrifts make the usurers, not the usurers the spendthrifts. Let them mind their ways and they would have no need to complain of the usurers."

"So be it then," answered Arthur Drayton. "To-morrow I will begin my study of human nature. I hope that I will prove an intelligent pupil."

"You know what depends upon your aptness," replied the old miser; "and now begone. I have two hours' work yet before me and Juliet will be waiting dinner."

The young man took his hat up and put it on, saluting the usurer with his most courteous manner and, swinging the dirty, ill-fitting door of the miserable den behind him, plunged downwards through a labyrinth of stairs into Park row.

"Arthur Drayton a money-lender's clerk," he soliloquized as he descended the steps carefully to avoid falling down the ill-lit passage, and a bitterness was in the unspoken words. "But," he followed, "Juliet Lester is the reward and she is worth the price of a soul."

There are those who argue that inherent traits cannot be overcome. They would have marveled to see the change which came over young Drayton soon after his acceptance of Lester's terms.

From a well-dressed, fine-mannered young man seeking pleasure and refinement as the summum bonum of mortal happiness he changed almost by magic into a money-making automaton.

Simon Lester himself marveled at the transformation, although he was delighted at the way in which Drayton performed his tasks.

Night after night he spent going over the stock list or making calculations by means of which the wealth of the old miser could with safety be augmented. The two men became almost inseparable.

Juliet saw much less of her lover now that he was her accepted suitor than she had done when their interviews were stolen, but she was aware of the strange compact that her lover had made with her father and knew that his devotion to business was evidence of the mighty love that he bore her.

In twelve months' time Arthur Drayton was a monomaniac on the question of making money.

He was known in Wall street circles as one of the shrewdest financial men of the day, but it was supposed that much of his inspiration was drawn from old Simon Lester's experience. The preparations for the wedding were made, so absolutely satisfactory did everything seem to the old money-grabber.

On the eve of the betrothal, which should take place according to the Jewish custom some short time before the marriage ceremony, Arthur Drayton was observed to be unusually excited. Some thought from his manner that he had been drinking, others attributed it to the happiness over the occasion about to be.

Suddenly the young lover was discovered to be missing and Simon Lester himself went in search of him. He had not far to go, for, as he surmised, Drayton had gone to the office, where, as Lester entered, he found him sitting at his desk evidently busied with some momentous calculations.

For a moment or two Lester stood looking at the young man with an admiring gaze.

"To think," muttered the old financier, "that even upon his betrothal eve he does not forget the supreme purpose."

The thoughts had barely shaped themselves before Drayton looked up and caught sight of the intruder.

Quick as a flash his hand grasped the revolver which lay on his desk for purposes of protection, and whether he took Simon Lester to be a burglar or whether the fire of madness had already seized his brain was never known.

He fired and Simon Lester fell dead.

Twenty minutes afterwards he was taken by the police from the office to a cell, where a straitjacket was put on him.

Every day a carriage stops in front of the principal entrance to Bloomingdale and a tall, slender girl, garbed in deep mourning, enters with flowers and other trifles.

It is Juliet Lester going to visit her mad lover and her father's murderer.—N. Y. Mercury.

The Story of Bluebeard.

The story of "Bluebeard" was written during the reign of Louis XIV. by a Frenchman named Perrault, and is supposed to have been suggested by the deeds of Giles de Laval, better known as Marshal de Retz. He was born in 1396, and subsequently served under the duke of Bretagne and Charles VII. with distinction and was one of the trusted captains of Joan d'Arc. In 1432 he was reported to be the richest man in France, but quickly squandered his fortune. It is said that soon after that event, through the influence of an alchemist named Prelati, he pledged all but his soul to the devil in exchange for wealth equal to the one he had spent. His career from that time became that of a demon. Children and young women were inveigled into his house and killed. It is related that the children were dangled at ropes' ends, pricked with needles and otherwise tortured until dead, and their heads were afterwards used as ornaments for his mantels and bed posts. After he had carried on this career of crime for about eight years he was arrested, confessed and burned at the stake about December 22, 1440.

SHEEP RAISING.

An Industry Which Promises a Solution of an Important Problem.

One of the pronounced recent departures in the agricultural industry in the Northwest is a change from the exclusive grain growing to a mixed industry in which live stock and dairying are prominent features. In Minnesota special attention thus far has been given to horses, cattle and hogs; but in Montana and the Dakotas sheep are arousing the most notable interest.

In Montana the sheep flocks have multiplied tenfold in ten years, and in 1891 numbered over 2,800,000, animals. The sheep industry of Montana represents a capital of $20,000,000, and brings in a revenue of nearly $2,500,000 from wool alone. Montana wool has, in a brief period, attained a national reputation.

North Dakota is a recent convert to the sheep industry, but already has more sheep than all other domestic animals combined, and the industry is rapidly growing in popular favor as in profitableness. The Tribune is informed by North Dakota farmers that sheep bid fair to be the solution of the crop problem, in paving the way to diversification of products.

Experienced authorities insist that there is more money in North Dakota sheep than in grain, and that sheep-raising is likely to be the great industry of that state before many years. With only a few season's start the sheep industry of North Dakota has grown to embrace a capital of over $5,000,000 and a flock of 900,000. The average cost of keeping is estimated at $1 per head for the state, and the average fleece about eight pounds. Consequently, the wool alone more than pays the cost of maintaining the flock, leaving a natural yearly increase in flock a net profit. Abundant cheap lands, the low cost of hay, grain and pasturage, and the healthfulness of the climate make the Dakotas a natural sheep region. The new industry is a solution of the single crop problem.

In Minnesota the sheep industry has not yet attained the prominence given to several other branches of stock-raising. Indeed, the state has more dogs than sheep. Yet the government report for 1891 credits the state with 400,000 sheep and an average wool clip of seven pounds per sheep. The principal aim of sheep-raising in this state is mutton. The government "special report on the sheep industry," 1892, states in the chapter on Minnesota: "Sheep now pay the farmer better than any other class of stock, and in the prairie country those who are now engaged in raising a few sheep find it the most profitable branch of mixed industry."

The average annual increase in flock is placed at 95 per cent., and the average cost of keeping at $1 or less per head. The government department enumerates numerous advantages—exceptionally favorable climate, the best of feed and water, freedom from disease, and a first-class local market—which Minnesota possesses over all Eastern States. Sheep brought to this state from Ohio and other Eastern sheep regions show a marked gain in weight of fleece and carcass. The government department entertains enthusiastic sentiments regarding the future of Minnesota's sheep industry.

TOO MANY MONKEYS.

A Sleeping Man Was Bothered With a Cloud of Gambolling Visitors.

T. Gassar, a civil engineer, of Vienna, Austria, who for two or three years has been traveling constantly, relates the following to the San Francisco Examiner.

"A most singular thing befell me near Paradena, Ceylon," he said. "I had gone with a friend into the great botanical garden there. This is probably the finest botanical garden in the world. You hear many compliments about one or two other gardens, but I believe none of them is so large or so entirely unique as this. In this great garden, oddly enough, there were many wild animals. As a rule they are not supposed to be savage, however.

"Well, one day it was extremely warm—hot, you may say, even for Ceylon. I at length became tired and stretched myself on the ground under some Indian rubber trees. My friend meantime left me, and I gazed for a time up through the leaves of the trees, catching a glint once in a while of the sun, till a relaxed and lazy feeling overcame me, and I fell asleep. I must have slept an hour, when suddenly I was awakened by a queer, uncanny feeling and opened my eyes.

"Judge of my surprise when I saw perched upon my feet, body, and even upon my shoulders, a lot of little monkeys, while all about me and beaming down upon me from the trees were monkeys of all sizes and ages. It seemed to me there were myriads of them. I was frightened, for I knew these monkeys were wild, and in their wild state I did not know what so many of them might do.

"I gave one leg a twitch, however, and then the other, and bounded to my feet, throwing off all that were gamboling over and about me. In a second the monkeys vanished, and only peering from the tops of tall bamboo and rubber trees could I see any at all. Even these did not remain long. In a few minutes they were all gone. I was much alarmed, for the appearance of so many of them was entirely unexpected. It was a week before I got over my fright.

"It appears, however, that the queer animals had meant no harm to me. The congress had been called, and their examination of me as I lay upon the ground was merely out of curiosity to divine what kind of object I was. I suppose if I had been addicted to intoxicants I might have received such a shock from the cloud of monkeys that I might never have recovered from it.

"As it was, I voted my self in luck, and vowed never to go to sleep again in a wild tropical forest, even if it were called a botanical garden."

Few Men Should Go to Law.

An old lawyer used to say a man's requirements for going to law were ten in number, and he summed them up as follows: Firstly, plenty of money; secondly, plenty of patience; thirdly, a good case; fourthly, a good solicitor; fifthly, plenty of money; sixthly, a good counsel; seventhly, a good witness; eighthly a good jury; ninthly, a good judge; tenthly, plenty of money.

More Washington Relics.

More relics of George Washington have turned up. This time the articles are two army pistols that were presented by the funeral to Kosciusko, his Polish aid. The pistols are in the possession of Dr. Edward Thomas of Vienna.

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THE LENGTH OF ENGAGEMENT

A Year Is Not Too Long Under Any Circumstances.

The fashion which announces an engagement one week and issues invitations for the wedding the next is not always the safest and best plan after all, even though it has been recognized by the leaders in the gay world and is therefore followed by the hosts of imitators ever ready to follow in the footsteps of the favorites of fortune.

It may be old-fashioned to argue in favor of at least a twelve-months' engagement, yet it is far more practical than the short time that is now considered to be the correct thing. How can a couple understand each other's tastes and temper in a fortnight or a month? What time have they to study themselves and discover before it is too late that they are not suited to each other, and if the engagement were to end in marriage dire unhappiness would be the result?

How can a woman accumulate all the hundred and one little pretty things that do so much toward making home lovely and which need hours of hard work to prepare if she steps from the school-room to the altar with only a long enough interval between to get her trousseau ready?

The short engagement is not to be commended, neither is its opposite, the long, weary years of waiting, one whit better, but the happy mean, the year of acquaintanceship, is certainly little enough time for that blissful period of happiness that is never again duplicated.

HE WAS SCARED.

A Banana Dealer Finds a Box in a Big Bunch of Fruit.

A curiosity in the line of a snake is to be seen at a Minneapolis news stand. It is a boa constrictor, and came from South America with a cargo of bananas. The snake is three feet long and about four inches in greatest circumference. On its long journey it was kept comatose in a refrigerator, but hardly had it been unloaded when Minnesota's sun began to thaw it out. A fruit vender of the city was marching out of the store with the bunch of bananas hung over his shoulder, when a bystander called out to him. The man turned about and saw the snake on a level with his eyes, looking at him as though wondering what next was to be expected. The bananas were dropped, and the vender's optics fairly bulged out of his head. He might possibly have heard of finding tarantulas in a bunch of bananas, but a boa constrictor was too much. The snake was fed that day for the first time after his five weeks' fast. A mouse was dropped into his box. He wound himself about his victim and squeezed the life out of it, and then swallowed it whole.

A Siamese Custom.

Among the Siamese the curious custom obtains of reversing the elbow joint of the left arm as a sign of superiority. The children of both sexes are trained to reverse their elbow in this graceless and painful position at an early age, if their parents be persons of high grades.

A queer story comes from Montgomery county, Ga. Henry Randolph caught a mud turtle, took it home, cut its head off, had it dressed, cooked, and served for dinner. On the fourth day, in the evening, after the head was cut off, a noise under the house caused an investigation, when it was found that the turtle's head had caught a chicken. The head had the chicken by the bill, and held it so tight that its mouth had to be forced open to get it loose. The chicken's bill was broken so that it could not eat, and it died.

Roosters vs. Weasel.

A weasel sneaked out of his lair near Stroudsburg, Penn., and gobbled up one of Mrs. Joseph Frymire's little chickens. Two bantam roosters were near by, and they set upon the thieving beast with such vigor that both his eyes were picked out, and he died soon afterward.

The Short Story.

"The short story seems to be quite the fad nowadays," said one club man to another. "I should say so. It seems to me that nearly every man I meet stops to tell me how short he is."

Which Was the More Sincere Mourner?

When a Philadelphia man was killed by accident the other day two women appeared, each claiming to be his widow. After some consultation they came to an amicable agreement, whereby one took possession of the body of the dead and the other of his life insurance of $300. Persons fond of sociological studies can temporarily abandon such problems as "The Lady or the Tiger?" while they decide which of the so-called widows was the more sincere mourner.

Wholesale Poisoning.

In the year 331 B. C. there was a frightful mortality among the husbands of young and good-looking women at Rome. A general panic prevailed among husbands and a secret investigation began. It was discovered that a ladies' society existed for the purpose of ridding wives of undesirable husbands. They met in small parties at the house of an old woman, made pretense of celebrating religious rites, but really to procure poison and arrange among themselves whose husband should be next put to death, so that suspicion might not be excited by too many deaths at the same time. A female slave was induced by the promise of protection and large rewards to denounce the women who had put their husbands out of the way; 170 were informed against, convicted and put to death. These were the first known cases of poisoning in Rome.

Measurements.

The "foot" is named from the length of that member in a full-grown man. Some say that it was so called from the length of a foot of a certain English king, but it is believed to have been a standard of measurement among the ancient Egyptians. The cubit is from the Latin cubitus, an elbow, and is the distance from the elbow to the end of the middle finger. Fathom is from the Aryan fat, to extend, and denotes the distance from tip to tip of the fingers when the arms of an average-sized man are fully extended.

The Highest Bridge.

One of the highest bridge structures in America is the Kinzau creek viaduct, situated on a branch of the New York and Lake Erie railroad, which runs through the Bradford oil regions into the Elk county coalfields. It is 301 feet high, from the top of the rail to the bottom of the stream, 2052 feet long, is single tracked and contains exactly 3,500,000 pounds of ironwork. The roadbed of the viaduct is 2,065 feet above sea level. It was built in 1882 and cost the company $275,000.

Peculiar Fish.

The shellfish known as limpets form a very interesting group, of which there are many species having a world wide distribution. Through their ability to cling closely to the surface of rocks by suction, they are well protected from their enemies. The species which live on the leaves of marine grasses, as many of them do, have their sides parallel, and in this way fit exactly to the leaves.

An Old Tree.

The age of the late dragon tree of Orotava is estimated at 6000 years. On the lowest estimate it surpassed not only Domesday oaks and Soma cypresses, but the Herdsor yew, with its 3300 years, and Alphonse Karr's baobabs of Senegal. Balfour gives the ages, as ascertained by De Candolle, of the cypress as 350 years, the oak 1500, the yew 2820 and the baobab as probably the same as the yew.

A Tremendous Shaking Up.

This is what every system afflicted with chills and fever, bilious remittent, or any other form of malarial disease, undergoes periodically. Not only is malaria terrible in itself—it is the breeder of an infinity of bodily ailments. Specifics used for its prevention and removal prove, in the vast majority of cases, useless for every other purpose than to mitigate the disease and stave off its attacks. They are sure with the average treatment, to return after a while. The sufferer may change his location to a healthier one, but the complaint, which is in his blood, is not thus lightly got rid of, and returns after the wonted interval. Organic affections of the nerves, heart trouble, general debility of the system are the offspring of malaria. Cure the originating cause and avert future physical injury with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, efficacious also in liver complaint, inactivity of the kidneys, rheumatism and indigestion.

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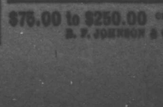

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