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OVER THE COUNTRY.

CLAIRETTE.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 26th.—Verily it threateneth, raineth not.

Charley Salmon is on the sick list this week.

Elder A. P. Koen of Shive called here last Monday.

Mrs. McCarty is off on a weeks visit to relatives in Hamilton county.

"Uncle" Frank Cook of Desdemona came down Sunday, returning today.

Elder Paine's brethren are building him a parsonage on B. F. Thomas's land.

Messrs. Stephens and McCarty went Saturday and Sunday in Hamilton county.

Profs. S. A. Price and J. E. Allen were in Stephenville Saturday on business.

Several traveling Morman preachers are in the neighborhood distributing their literature.

Mrs. W. R. Hardin and Miss Janice Weeks are both failing very fast under their afflictions.

Misses Mary Adkisson and Mamie Richmond took the examination for teachers' certificates last Friday and Saturday.

Elder S. N. Stephens of DeLeon and others will preach here on the 4th Sunday in March, commencing on Friday night before. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Elder J. R. McCarty, a former resident of the Duffau community, now of Oklahoma, was here a short time Monday. He says he is well pleased with the new country.

CLARKSON.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 25th—There is a great deal of sickness in our midst at this time and not only in this community but in Green's creek community also.

Mrs. Haney of near Wilson visited in our neighborhood last week.

Mr. Labaume and some of his family visited his brother Saturday and Sunday.

Some of the young people enjoyed singing at the home of Mr. Carr Sunday night.

J. E. and R. A. Morton attended the prohibition lecture at Dublin Sunday night and report an interesting talk.

Dr. Mulloy seems to be having more than his share of the practice as he is also having to treat the patients of Drs. Ulmer and Goodwin who are both sick.

Rev. K. S. Van Zandt preached at the Green's creek Methodist church Sunday morning and Prof. Stump, president of the Granbury college, lectured on the Holy Land in the evening. It was very interesting to hear him talk about things he saw and did while on his journey through the Holy Land.

HARBIN.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 24th.—Washington's birthday has been moved up from 22nd to 25th by Harbin school. All the exercises announced will be Wednesday night. This will not effect the old date—22nd—in the future as it is only on account of so much sickness among the school children. (Only a local change in the holiday and does not reach even as far as Clarkson.)

The sick are all better so far as the writer can find out.

Several candidates passed through last week, whose smiles left smiles (?).

Gardening is beginning on the small scale, though the farmers are buying seed now to be ready for "Good Friday."

We understand that the commissioners' court refused Harbin a voting box. We learn this will operate against the present commissioner.

John Steele has been to Dallas of late in interest of the Steele & Hickey firm. The firm will build an addition to their house and we expect them to put in a full line of merchandise at any early date.

Following the advice of Point Lookout weather forecast, Marvin Culwell has planted corn and for the past week the weather has been in his favor. Oats are beginning to peep through the ground and wild grass is looking for a chance to get "bitten."

The last cotton of the season here was ginned Saturday. Erath is one of the surest counties in the state for farmers, hardly a season passes without plenty of cotton to gin in January, and sometimes even as late as now a few bales are on hand in the field. This, our farm success, is what gives so much advantage to our towns and the fact gives reason and encouragement to the progressing spirit of the Progress. Keep pushing the cotton mill idea.

We are requested to state that Prof. Jennings will remain at Harbin. After canvassing the Clarkson community, he states that it would not pay him to move there to perform marriage ceremonies. The reason is that during the autumn months Cupid made a dashing raid through that hepless province and bore away captive a whole generation of young people, leaving only here and there a "mamma's keepsake" and what was sadder still, a stray arrow struck the heart of one of these who had escaped in the battle, and so deep was the wound, that she published in the paper last week that she would need the services of a city minister, before Prof. Jennings could be ordained. We suppose, as she said, she wished not to discourage him.

COW CREEK.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 25th.—Hanibal Howell is recovering from a case of smallpox.

Mrs. Crawford is not yet able to be up.

Mr. and Mrs. Carraway and their daughter, Miss Mattie, visited at Purves Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. Cole and family visited relatives on Armstrong Sunday.

Wesley and John Crawford and their families of Mt. Airy visited their father here Sunday.

Judge Frank is to speak at Highland school house tomorrow night.

POINT LOOKOUT.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 24th.—Mrs. Fountin Johnson is sick with la grippe.

A little child of Charles Stephen and lady near Oak Grove died on the 20th.

Mrs. Carbin Pennington has received information from her niece that her father died on the 12th.

Corn planting will commence with this scribe Wednesday and others of this community will plant this week.

Mrs. J. M. R. Stephen returned home Saturday from a visit with her daughter near Pigeon. She reports health good in that section and preparations for the new crop under headway.

Much gardening has already been done and with an early spring, such as we are most likely to have, many people will soon be able to have vegetables. Early planting is the proper idea this year as we can safely count on one of the earliest springs we have seen in many years.

In our rounds we find that the voters as a rule are not going to vote in the primaries of March 8th, especially the populists and many good democrats. The idea is suggested that it is entirely too early to give the voters a chance to know the candidates and be able to make an intelligent choice.

SHELBY.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 25th.—We had another flury last week and some more snow.

George Dougherty will attend court next week.

J. J. Davis of Stephenville preached here last Sunday.

Ed Dougherty was wrapped in a wreath of smiles last Sunday.

Judge L. N. Frank is to lecture the school tomorrow evening.

The people of Harmony had a good singing last Sunday evening.

Miss Estella Ervin is visiting Mrs. Reagan and helping her while she is sick.

Mrs. Emma Reagan is sick; W.M. Knight has the mumps and Mrs. Longley is no better.

Mesdames L. V. McCleskey and S. A. Knight were visiting the sick folks last Saturday.

Will Gardner's arm is doing nicely and it will soon be so he can use it if it keeps on improving.

Wolves are getting plentiful in this neck of the woods. Wonder where all of those wolf dogs are?

Miss Anna Williams, who has been clerking for her uncle at Victor, has returned home to stay for a month or so.

Farmers are in the midst of oat sowing time and some have finished while others will sow this week. Some are talking of planting corn in a few days.

ST. GEORGE.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 6th.—Lots of high and dry winds with cloudy weather, but no rain yet. Oats, though, are coming up very nicely.

Lee Jones lost a fine mare last week, supposed to have been poisoned.

Lee Havis lost a five dollar gold piece last Friday night, supposed to have been lost at a social at the home of Bob Daffern.

The Baptist congregation at Shady Grove are contemplating the building of a new church. They will meet next Saturday to begin the preliminaries.

W. D. Hallum has run a pipe from Mr. Calhoun's tank to his pasture for the purpose of watering his cattle.

Byron Martin is driving his cattle to C. A. Jones' wind mill for water.

THENY

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 26th.—It is still very dry but some few are planting corn this week while others are waiting for rain and warmer weather.

J. D. Nichols has been appointed presiding officer of elections here for the next two years.

Considerable sickness in this neighborhood. J. F. Stokley's little babe still has fever and has been sick twenty-four days.

H. A. Watson, our popular gin man, is now proprietor of the general merchandise store formerly owned by Henry Carpenter, he having bought out that gentleman last week.

Bob Cathcart has a child down with pneumonia. G. E. Feagan's has been sick in bed for several days with a light attack of pneumonia and Mrs. Sallie Van Zandt is sick with fever. Miss Ola Price is also on the sick list this week.

Some of our citizens went to De Leon Tuesday night to hear "Stump" Ashby and "Cyclone" Davis speak for and against prohibition. They were well pleased with the speeches. We will have speaking tonight (Wednesday) at Theny by Rev. L. B. Owen and Prof. Donaldson of De Leon. The election will occur next Saturday. It is thought that the county will go wet as many who voted pro in our precinct election will vote anti in the county election. They say they don't want to get whisky so far away that they can't get it atall.

ROCH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 26th.—The health of this community is very good at this writing.

The literary society will meet next Friday night.

Joe Campbell and family visited W. A. Worsham last Sunday.

J. G. Steele and family were the guests of M. E. Walton Sunday.

Frank Williams and family visited the Mexico community Sunday.

There was singing at the residence of Mr. Green Sunday evening.

Henry Walton left Monday for De Leon to work with a well auger.

C. G. Simmons and wife returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives near Gordon.

J. W. Little and M. E. Walton made a trip to Comanche last Friday on business.

Farming is the go now and everyone appears busy. Many will go to planting corn this week.

A general prohibition election will be held in this (Comanche) county next Saturday.

Rev. Thomas failed to fill his appointment here last Sunday from some cause we have not learned.

John Simmons, who has lived here for some time, but now resides near Gordon, started for California last Tuesday.

We have a good Sunday School and everybody seems to take an interest in it. Preaching every second and fourth Sunday.

Hon. G. H. Goodson of Comanche failed to speak at Proctor Tuesday night on account of court duties at home. He was to speak in favor of prohibition.

Jess Sweeden has bought a half interest in the well auger recently owned by Henry Alexander and H. A. Shelby. It is the property of Sweeden & Shelby now.

The weather looks very threatning at this writing, as though we might have another snow. Some of the farmers are needing rain very badly as the ground is too hard to break.

Henry Walton has returned from Concho county. He had left last week for Tom Green county but got no farther than Concho and turned back. He reports it very dry out there and says stock is beginning to die.

HIGHLAND.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 23rd.—J. M. Garrison visited Dublin today on business.

Dan Kuykendall is working for P. K. Cooper.

Dr. Inzer of De Leon was in our midst Saturday.

Oscar Garrison pulled out a new buggy last week.

The infant babe of S. E. Keith is real sick at present.

J. A. Hickmond of this place visited a friend at Duster Saturday and Sunday.

The literary society of the Jones school house community is in full blast, a great interest being shown.

Your scribe received a letter from Dr. Murray Saturday. He thinks he will be home by the middle of May.

Quite a number of our people visited Lingleville Saturday to attend the entertainment given by the band boys.

Dr. J. J. Mulloy, practice limited to the diseasesof the eye, ear, nose and throat. Office over the Grange Store, Dublin, Texas.

STEPHENVILLE

From the Empire

Feb. 20th.—John Oxford left Tuesday for El Paso county, where he will remain for several days.

Mrs. R. E. Hines returned yesterday from a visit with her mother Mrs. Glenn at Dublin.

Miss Lou Mayfield, daughter of commissioner L. R. Mayfield, spent a few days visiting friends here this week.

We learn that A. L. Mayfield who recently moved from Clairette, to Stamford, will return soon to Erath county.

Buck who is with the surveying corps on the Oklahoma and Texas Southern railroad, wrote his father here last Saturday from Weatherford that the party would move at once on the road toward Stephenville.

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C. C. Nash, Dublin.

District Agent.

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J. D. St. Clair, 1st vice, Alexander.
J. W. Porter, 2nd vice, DeLeon.
R. S. Rich, Secretary and Treasurer, DeLeon.
J. C. Grow, Chaplain, Comanche.

DE LEON

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 26th.—Mrs. Ben Howe left Tuesday for Dallas for a visit to relatives.

Tom Fuller is adding a new room to his residence.

Dr. Rush is having some nice picketing put around his yard.

Our jeweler Mr. Lambert, has just had a well drilled at his residence.

W. C. Streety is off to St. Louis to purchase his spring and summer stock of goods.

The mothers club will have dinner for everybody on election day—next Saturday.

Mesdames J. J. Heath and Jim Whaley are in Dallas this week studying the latest styles in millinery.

Walter Lowe has gone to the eastern markets to purchase the spring stock of goods for Lowe & Troxell.

Hon. Sam Hunter, candidate for associate justice of the supreme court was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alex Farmer, who has been visiting his brother and sisters here for some days past, left for his home in Del Rio Wednesday.

"Cyclone" Davis and "Stump" Ashby lectured Tuesday night at the school house. The former for and the latter against prohibition.

Martin Sexton and Miss Hattie Stewart were married at the home of the bride's brother, Sol Stewart, two miles west of here, Sunday evening, Squire Lanasdon officiating.

Dr. J. W. Sublett of Cottonwood was in our city this week. The doctor wants to locate where there is a good school and we do not think he can do better than to stop here.

Rich Saunders died at his home near town Monday night under peculiar circumstances. He left town late and was under the influence of bad whisky or something else. His wife refused to let him be brought in the house and insisted on his being left in the wagon until he was sober. The next morning he was found dead sitting in the spring seat in the wagon.

TOLAR

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 26th.—Rev. Earl filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

The Misses Ducket of Bluff Dale spent Saturday and Sunday in Tolar.

Mrs. Simmons returned Saturday from a visit to her sister at Brownwood.

Presiding Elder Boone of Dublin and Rev. Walker of Bluff Dale are here today.

Will Blankens hip happened to quite a painful accident Monday evening. He was drilling a well on Tom Perry's place and in drawing some pipe he lost control of the windless, which struck him over the right eye, knocking him senseless for several minutes.

Mr. Atwood of Basset is here with a view of putting in another lumber yard.

The Bluff Dale cornet band gave a concert here Friday to an appreciative house.

Dr. Perkins has been confined to his bed for the past week with catarrhal fever.

Miss Nora Ducket of Fort Worth, who has been visiting her brother here, returned home Sunday.

Various candidates for county and precinct offices spoke at the Presbyterian church Saturday night.

Walter Powell returned from Stephenville Saturday, where he has been attending John Tarleton college.

Iowa seed corn for sale at the ice factory. 40-tf.

Children who are troubled with worms are pale in the face, fretful by spells, restless in sleep, have blue rings around their eyes, bad dreams, variable appetite, and pick the nose. White's Cream Vermifuge will kill and expell these parasites. Price 25c at Clay Drug Company.

THE SIGN OF THE FOUR.

By A. CONAN DOYLE.

CHAPTER XII.

A very patient man was the inspector in the cab, for it was a weary time before I rejoined him. His face clouded over when I showed him the empty box.

"There goes the reward!" said he gloomily. "Where there is no money there is no pay. This night's work would have been worth a tenner each to Sam Brown and me if the treasure had been there."

"Mr. Thaddeus Sholto is a rich man," I said. "He will see that you are rewarded, treasure or no."

The inspector shook his head despondently, however. "It's a bad job," he repeated, "and so Mr. Athelney Jones will think."

His forecast proved to be correct, for the detective looked blank enough when I got to Baker street and showed him the empty box. They had only just arrived, Holmes, the prisoner and he, for they had changed their plans so far as to report themselves at a station upon the way. My companion lounged in his armchair with his usual listless expression, while Small sat stolidly opposite to him with his wooden leg cocked over his sound one. As I exhibited the empty box he leaned back in his chair and laughed aloud.

"This is your doing, Small," said Athelney Jones angrily.

"Yes, I have put it away where you shall never lay hand upon it," he cried exultantly. "It is my treasure, and if I can't have the loot I'll take darned good care that no one else does. I tell you that no living man has any right to it unless it is three men who are in the Andaman convict barracks and myself. I know now that I cannot have the use of it, and I know that they cannot. I have acted all through for them as much as for myself. It's been the sign of four with us always. Well I know that they would have had me do just what I have done and throw the

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In Fact, Everything from a Pin to a Locomotive!

We have not room in this space to mention the bargains we have for you, but come and see us and get our prices and we will treat you right. All goods as represented or money refunded All we ask of you is to come and get our prices.

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260 acre stock farm two miles east of Thurber, land joining T. & P., Coal Co's. land, 90 acres in cultivation, 130 acres tillable, ballance good pasture land, 2 acres in a very fine bearing orchard, 3 good tanks, 3 sets of improvements, one 5 room house with galleries, painted and finished, good cistern in yard, lots, cribs, etc.; one three room and one two room house. All under good 4 wire fence, and close to the best produce market in Erath county. Farm is well adapted to raising fruits and vegetables of all kinds. Price $3200, half cash balance to suit.

400 acre stock farm 6 miles east of Duffau, 50 acres in good state of cultivation, about 200 acres tillable land with fine grass, 3 room box house, galleries. All inclosed with 3 wire cedar post fence, spring water. Located within 1½ miles of two good schools, on public road. Price $3200, $1500 cash.

173 acre farm located 9 miles southeast of Stephenville, 70 acres of valley land in fine state of cultivation, 3 acres of Johnson grass pasture to itself, never allowed to spread and used as calf pasture; improvements consists of an 11 room frame house ceiled and weatherboarded, with one hall, two galleries; good dug well on back gallery bored well with wind mill 30 yards from house outside of lot, one double barn built of logs, also good big barn built of lumber, shed all around with good stalls, good lots. All fenced with 4 wire fence, 2 good orchards, all kinds of fruits except apples. Town of Selden with good gin, two stores, drug store and blacksmith shop located on land—only one lot sold—good school and Baptist church, adjoining good public well in town which belongs to place—one of the best improved and located farms in Erath county; price $3500, ½ cash, balance to suit.

160 acre farm, 150 acres in fine state of cultivation, all but 12 acres tillable, Barton creek runs through place, 25 acres of good timber, two-story box house of 6 rooms, good young orchard, has good barn, all under 4 wire fence. One of the finest farms in Erath county and a rare bargain; price $2500, terms reasonable.

103 acre farm, 40 acres in very fine state of cultivation, good two room house with kitchen extra and separate, has fine well of water, good bearing orchard, some old and some young trees, plenty of timber to run place and good pasture, has good barn. All under 4 wire fence; price $1000, reasonable terms.

100 acre farm 4 miles northeast from Stephenville, 65 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture, all under 4 wire fence, box and log house of 4 rooms, good well of water, two tanks, ½ mile to Smith Springs school, has cribs, seed house, smoke house, good storm house, small orchard some bearing, price $2000, ½ cash balance in 6 equal annual payments.

340 acre stock farm 10 miles northwest from Stephenville located at intersection of Lingleville and Huckabay road and Stephenville and Eastland City road, one mile from Union school house, 110 acre in fine state of cultivation balance pasture and timber land. All fenced with 3 wire fence, one 5 room frame house with galleries, painted and well finished inside, also one and one-half story log house with 3 rooms with kitchen, substantially built and in good repair, good tank of water on place and 3 wells, part of land well suited to apples, located ¾ of a mile from the well-known Stokes apple orchard. This is one of the best stock farms in Erath county and can be bought for $3900. Owner wants $2500 cash, balance reasonable terms.

UNIMPROVED LAND.

462 acres of the C. Shafer survey, located about 20 miles northwest of Stephenville near Eastland county line, all fenced, part of this land is fine valley tillable land; price $4 per acre.

183 acres, a part of the R. Dillard survey located about 11 miles east of Stephenville, ⅔ fine tillable land, no improvements; price $4.50 per acre, reasonable terms.

640 acres, a part of the Josiah Bishop survey located 6 miles southeast of Thurber, near Stephenville and Thurber public road, enough good tillable land on this tract to make two good stock farms. Price $3.50 per acre, reasonable terms.

HAMILTON COUNTY LANDS.

128 acres in Hamilton county, joins Carters farm on south, 40 acres in cultivation, 25 acres more tillable, 3 room box house with good rock chimney, small crib shedded on one side, good well of water at house, and well in pasture, good smoke house and storm house, good orchard. ½ mile to good schools and churches; price $1500, ½ cash, easy terms.

140 acre farm located 3½ miles south east of Carlton, 9 miles south of Hico, 90 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture, 25 acres more tillable. All fenced with two and three wire fence, 4 room box house, good rock chimney, good barn shedded on each side, small orchard, 3 good wells of everlasting water—all black prairie, located on Olin and Carlton public roads; price $1600, ½ cash, balance 1-2-3 years.

CROCKET COUNTY LAND.

2560 acres in two surveys of 1280 acres each of land located in Crocket county, 7 miles southeast of old Fort Lancaster, and 1½ miles east of Pecos river; price $1.50 per acre, terms reasonable or will trade for property in Erath county, either town or country. What have you to offer?

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DUBLIN, - - - - - TEXAS.

TEXANETTIES.

Hill county summer normal will be held at Itasca.

Roxton, Lamar county, reports some smallpox cases.

The Lockhart oil well turns out ten barrels per day.

Edward Bray a well-known Lamar county farmer, is dead.

Mrs. E. A. Allen, one of Marshall's oldest residents, is dead.

Democrats of Panola county, hold their primaries July 19.

Mississippi-Texans is the name of a society organized at Dallas.

Commissioners of Frio county have fixed the tax rate at 51¾ cents.

Ten marriages licenses were issued by the Dallas county clerk on the 17th.

Kenneth McCoy suicided at El Paso by stabbing himself in the jugular vein.

First Baptist church of Terrell contributed $200 to the Buckner oprhan home.

Several north Texas parties were discharged in bankruptcy proceedings at Galveston.

The County Teachers' association of Lamar county will hold a normal this summer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tankersley, an early settler of the Concho country, passed away at San Angelo.

At Woodville, Mrs. Nancy Foxworth, 73 years of age committed suicide by taking strychnine.

Ed Hardwick, who was wounded over a month ago in a difficulty at Winkler, died last week.

Moline Plow company contemplates the erection at Dallas of a building 100x200 feet, five stories and basement.

A millman named McCloskey was found dead in bed near Naples, Morris county. Heart failure is supposed cause.

In the case at Dallas of H. M. Sutton vs. A. H. Belo & Co. the jury found for the plaintiff and awarded damages in the sum of 50 cents.

The decomposed remains of Mr. Keogh, an aged man who repaired clocks and watches, were found two and a half miles from Madisonville.

Rev. J. S. Baird, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Brookston, Lamar county, has accepted a call to the church of that faith at Port Arthur.

T. S. Foote, for twelve years foreman of the car department of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway, died at Yoakum. He was 67 years of age.

Oil and gas were struck at a depth of 500 feet twenty miles southeast from Pleasanton in Atascasa county. Water and oil spouted seventy-five feet in the air.

Will Davis, colored, died at Houston on the 19th from a gunshot wound received in a street duel on the 16th. Peter Hall, the other combatant, gave himself up.

The Higgins Oil company of Beaumont has placed an order with the Weaver & Levingston shipyard at Orange for two oil barges with a capacity of 6000 barrels each.

The St. Louis Southwestern Railway company paid last week to the state controller $1448.92 tax on $144,892.14 of passenger earnings for the quarter ending on the 31st of December last.

Messrs. Carney and Cowart, who have been lecturing against the liquor traffic, while en route on a train to the Prohibition convention at Waco, were severely beaten between Mount Calm and Axtell. Arrests were made.

The appropriation to pay special judges this year has been exhausted, and claims from now until Sept. 1 will be registered and presented to the next legislature. The deficiency, it is estimated, will amount to $3000.

It is said that fully $100,000 will be expended at Houston by the International and Great Nortern Railway company in erecting a freight terminus. This will bring that railroad into the very heart of the Bayou City.

The Dundee block at Fort Worth has been sold by Alexander Henderson and Alexander Nicoll of Dundee, Scotland, and John Smith of Alyth, to Edward D. Farmer of Aledo, Tex., a stockman. The amount of the purchase money is $55,000.

Bill Harper, alias Bill Crawford, colored, who was shot by Nancy Moodie at Wolfe City, died of his injuries. The woman was placed in jail. Harper requested that she be not prosecuted, saying that he was to blame for the unfortunate affair.

The Southern Oil company of Corsicana has filed in the county clerk's office at LaGrange oil leases covering about 3000 acres of land in the vicinity of Carmine and Ledbetter. This transaction was done on the 17th inst.

HEARTY WELCOME

Extended to Prince Henry at the National Capital.

IS GREETED BY THE PRESIDENT,

Introduced to a Number of Notables at the White House, Pays a Visit to Congress and Dined.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Rarely in its history has the white house been the scene of a more brilliant spectacle than Monday, when President Roosevelt welcomed to the United States Prince Henry of Prussia.

After the greeting had been extended the president led into the blue parlor and introduced him to Mrs. Roosevelt and his daughter, Miss Alice. After a few words with them the royal visitor was conducted into the green room and introduced to the members of the cabinet and their ladies. After the ceremony the following statement was made by Assistant Secretary Pearce:

"The conversation between the president and the prince was of a purely formal nature and had no political significance further than that contained in the usual general expressions of international amity and good will."

The party then proceeded to the east room, where the members of the prince's suite were introduced to the president. The entire ceremony occupied just thirty minutes. On the party reappearing the Marine band played "Hands Across the Sea," and with a few sharp military commands the drive to the German embassy was begun.

Tremendous cheers from the crowd at 11:30 announced the coming of President Roosevelt to the embassy to return the call of Prince Henry. The president drove in an open landau with Col. Bingham, his naval aid, Commander Cowles, following in a carriage.

As the president stepped out of the carriage the German ambassador met him. Then the president passed up the stairway to the drawing-room, where Prince Henry greeted him most cordially and there was an interchange of amenities. The president and prince remained together for about ten minutes, being left alone at first and later being joined by the ambassador. There was no exchange of formal addresses during the visit, although it gave opportunity for expressions of mutual cordiality and good will between the two nations.

The prince visited both houses of congress.

The dinner at the white house was a most elaborate affair.

Berlin Pleased.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The narratives of the reception of Prince Henry at New York covered one and two pages in Monday's issues of the principal German newspapers. No foreign event has ever been reported in the German press with such detail.

Everybody here is pleased thereat, and court circles are especially gratified by the spontaneous good will manifested as well as by the size of the organized demonstrations.

Representative Ball's bill to create a Federal court at Houston passed house without opposition.

Claims Tampering.

New York, Feb. 25.—Commissioner J. Hampton Dougherty of the department of water supply is of the opinion that the city has been swindled out of hundreds of thousands of dollars the last few years through tampering with water meters, whereby they have been made to register much less than the actual amount of water which passed through them. He is now investigating.

Cut His Own Salary.

New York, Feb. 25.—Rev. Dr. David Gregg, pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Baptist church, Brooklyn, surprised his congregation by announcing that he had reduced his own salary from $10.000 to $8000 yearly. At the annual meeting of the church it was announced that for 1901 there was a deficiency of about $3500. This amount was made up later by the members of the congregation. The clergyman insists on the reduction.

Singular Suicide.

Kokomo, Ind., Feb. 25.—Walter McVey killed himself in the presence of his bride of but a few days. McVey was a member of Company F, Thirty-third regiment, and married Mrs. Hughes, a widow with four children.

He exhibited a revolver to his wife, saying: "There are two loads in this revolver—one for each of us." He snapped the weapon alternately at his wife and himself, the first load falling to his lot. The bullet entered right eye.

DONE IN DIXIE.

Matters of Interest Happening in Some Southern States.

Two-thirds of Woodbury, Tenn., was destroyed by fire. Loss $50,000.

Some portions of Arkansas had an eight-inch snowfall on the night of the 19th.

Jane Daniel, an aged colored woman, was burned to death at Clarksville, Tenn.

The Arkansas grand lodge Knights of Honor held its tenth annual session at Little Rock.

John P. Doyle, wounded in the attack on Turner's quarter house at Middlesboro, Ky., died.

The people in several townships of Sharp county, Arkansas, are badly in need of assistance.

Edward Moon, a Memphis grain dealer, has field a bankruptcy petition showing $60,000 liabilities.

Nine convicts escaped from Shelby farm, Bolivar county, Mississippi, by sawing through the cage.

F. W. Wade was accidentally shot and fatally wounded by a companion in Concordia parish, Louisiana.

Charles Deionon, colored, was run over by three trains near Lake Charles, La., and torn to pieces.

The plant at Louisville, Ky., of the Louisville Bolt and Iron company were destroyed by fire. Loss $100,000.

Mark Ferrill, a young coalminer, cut the throat of Dock Lyons, 18 years old, at Blocton, Ala. Lyons died in a few minutes.

The Nashville and Knoxville Railroad company and its coal properties has passed into the control of the Tennessee Central.

The eleventh annual session of the Tuskegee negro conference was held at Tuskegee, Ala. Booker T. Washington presided.

Will Collins shot and killed Leon Lyman at Dumas, Ark. It is alleged Lyman had failed to keep a promise to marry Collins' sister.

The 3-year-old daughter of G. R. Richards was seriously burned at Lake Charles, La. She lighted paper with matches and her clothes were ignited.

Lee Turner, at whose house the recent fight in Middlesboro, Ky., resulted in several fatalities, has surrendered to officers at Lafollette, Tenn.

Col. Bob Crockett, father of the Arkansas secretary of state, and grandson of the noted Davy Crockett, the hero of the Alamo, died at Stuttgart, Ark.

Meredith Williams was shot and killed by a negro at Winona, Miss. The negro escaped. Another negro, who furnished the murderer with the weapon, was killed.

W. R. Shyle, charged with counterfeiting, was held under bond of $5000 at Birmingham, Ala. He is accused of passing $20 counterfeit bills. He is a Talladega photographer.

In a pistol duel at Lawrenceburg, Ky., President Witherspoon of the First National bank was seriously wounded. Judge Walker, his antagonist, was unhurt.

Mary Ella Butler got a divorce at Birmingham, Ala., from Charles Butler. Judge Coleman, who granted the decree, in a few hours united the woman to Henry Perkins.

J. L. Leland, who escaped from the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., was caught in Smith county, Mississippi. He is charged with stealing $8000 from the sheriff of Newton county, Mississippi. His real name is said to be James Seymour.

An Issue Involved.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Tillman-McLaurin episode has developed into something far more than a slight pugilistic encounter. Even the recall by the president of an invitation to Senator Tillman to dine at the white house is but a minor feature of the trouble. The embarrassing issue which has been raised is a matter between the theoretical dignity of the senate and the sovereign right of a state to equal suffrage on the floor of the senate.

Many Reported Killed.

Cettinje, Montenegro, Feb. 25.—Sixty-four men are reported to have been killed or wounded during fighting which occurred on the Montenegro frontier between Albanians and Turkish regular troops.

The trouble was due to the recent assassination of the Albanian chief, Mulazaka. The latter's clansmen demanded the surrender of the murderer, failing in which they attacked a force of Turkish frontier troops.

Denied by Bryan.

Columbus, O., Feb. 25.—William Jennings Bryan was guest of honor at a luncheon given by Col. Kilbourne. When asked regarding report that he would call on ex-Senator Hill and pledge him his support for the presidetnial nomination in 1904, Mr. Bryan said:

"I never have made any such statement, and what I may say regarding the presidential nomination two years hence I will say in my own way and at a time when I may deem proper."

SENATORS' SETTO.

Tillman and McLaurin of the State of South Carolina

ENGAGE IN EXCITING ENCOUNTER

On the Floor of the Upper House During a Debate and Blows Are Exchanged by the Belligerents.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Washington's birthday was signalized in the United States senate by a fist fight and was the occasion of one of the most sensational scenes ever enacted in the senate chamber. The two senators from South Carolina were the active participants in the fray.

Mr. Tillman, in the course of a speech upon the Philippine tariff bill, made serious reflections upon the honor of his colleague, Mr. McLaurin. In brief, he charged that his vote in support of the ratification of the treaty of Paris had been cast through the exercise of improper influences.

His statement was developed in a colloquy between him and Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin. Mr. Tillman at first declined to mention names, but when the Wisconsin senator reminded him that he owed it to himself, the senators and the country to name the man, Mr. Tillman indicated that he referred to his colleague from South Carolina.

Little imagining that his words were likely to be prophetic, Mr. Spooner remarked:

"I will leave the senator to fight that out with his colleague."

Mr. McLaurin was not in the chamber at the time, being engaged in committee work, but he was sent for and appeared just as Mr. Tillman concluded his speech.

Pale as ashes, Mr. McLaurin rose to address the senate, speaking to a question of personal privilege. He reviewed Mr. Tillman's charges briefly, and then denounced the statement made by his colleague as a willful, malicious and deliberate lie.

Scarcely had the portentous words fallen from his lips when Mr. Tillman, sitting a few seats from him, with Mr. Teller of Colorado between them, sprang at him. Mr. McLaurin, who had half turned toward Mr. Tillman, met him half way, and in an instant the two senators, having swept Mr. Teller aside, were engaged in a rough and tumble fight. Mr. McLaurin received a heavy blow on the forehead, while Mr. Tillman got a bad punch on the nose, which brought blood.

Assistant Sergenat-at-Arms Layton sprang over desks to reach and separate the combatants, and himself received several blows. He got between them finally and by main strength wrenched them apart. Senators Warren of Wyoming and Scott of West Virginia, two of the most powerful men in the senate, leaped to his assistance, pinioned the arms of the belligerent senators and forced them into their seats.

Intense excitement prevailed in the senate and galleries, which were thronged with people. Everybody was on their feet. Not a word was spoken. Senators stood about the chamber for the moment quite helpless and pale to the lips. Finally order was restored partially and amid intense excitement the senate went into executive session.

For two hours the senate discussed the event behind closed doors. When the doors were opened it was made known that both of the South Carolina senators by unanimous vote had been declared to be in contempt of the senate. They were permitted by a vote to make apologies to the senate. These statements were listened to by both the senators and the people in the galleries with breathless interest.

Neither senator can speak nor vote until the senate permits them.

Snake Indians Danced.

Guthrie, Ok., Feb. 24.—A band of Crazy Snake Indians invated Oklahoma Friday night and were dancing near Keokuk Falls in Pottawatomie county. They were apprehended by Sheriff Sidney Schram and a posse, who, after a fight of several minutes, ssucceeded in dispersing the band and capturing two, who were placed in jail at Tecumseh. That the United States will have trouble with this tribe is the opinion of the sheriff.

Fought Fifteen Rounds.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 24.—Terry McGovern defeated Dave Sullivan in the arena of the Southern Athletic club after fifteen rounds of as desperate fighting as were ever seen in any ring. From the first tap of the gong until the end it was slam, bang, hammer and tongs nearly every second, both men working away with all the energy they possessed.

There has seldom been a battle where the issue was more in doubt. Fitzsimmons was referee.

PRINCE HENRY ARRIVES.

He is the Recipient of a Most Enthusiastic Welcome.

New York, Feb. 24.—Prince ... of Prussia, representative of ... brother, the emperor of Germany, ... the launching of the latter's ... built yacht, reached New York ... day and was cordially welcomed ... guest of the nation. The batteries that guard the outer ... sounded the first greeting in a ... derous salute of twenty-one guns ... the rifles of a special naval ... assembling in his honor re-echoed ... sentiment. There were verbal ... ings from the representatives of ... dent Roosevelt, the army and ... and the city of New York, and a ... crowd lined the way into the ... see and cheer the sailor prince of ... many. Admiral Evans was the ... to greet him.

The welcome was a noisy one ... crossing ferryboats sounded their ... tles and the ever increasing ... tugs kept up their noise. The big ... in port were dressed and the ... colors were displayed at several ... along the harbor shores. The ... frequently went to the side and ... saluted or waved his hand in ... knowledgment. To the Am... present he expressed his appre... of the warm welcome extended ...

Prince Henry attended a ... given in his honor by the Deu... Verein at the clubhouse of the ... zation.

EIGHTEEN LIVES LOST.

A Panic, Caused by a Fire in a Ho... Attended With Fatalities.

New York, Feb. 24.—A fire ... morning about 1 o'clock consumed ... armory of the Seventy-first regi... which, with its equipments, cost ... $150,000.

The flames communicated to ... Park Avenue hotel, which was ... aged considerably. There were ... 500 persons in the hotel. Eighteen ... their lives either by jumping or ... suffocated and burned to death. ... were injured. Mrs. Charlotte Be... of Alabama jumped from the ... story. The firemen tried to catch ... but her injuries were fatal. Her ... band was burned to death. Ex-... gressman Robbins of Alabama ... perished. Col. Charles Burdett ... Connecticut fell six stories and ... skull was crushed. Father Smith ... cued Bishop Ludden and ... priests.

Miss Stone Released.

Constantinople, Feb. 24.—Miss ... M. Stone, the American missio... who with Mme. Tsilka was captured ... brigands in the district of Salo... Sept. 3 last, has been released and ... rived at Strumitza, Macedonia, ... day. Nobody was at Strumitza ... meet Miss Stone, as the brigands ... given no indication where they ... posed to release the prisoners. ... Tsilka and her baby were also re... at the same time.

Boers Captured.

London, Feb. 24.—A dispatch ... Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, ... 21, says Col. Park, with 300 mou... national scouts, recently surprised ... Boer force at Nooitgedacht, Transv... Colony, and captured 164 prisoners ... together with a quantity of munitions ... of war and a number of horses ... wagons. There were no British casu... ties.

The prisoners taken include ... Cornets Joubert and Dejates and L... Vilejoen.

Fight With Outlaws.

Guthrie, Ok., Feb. 24.—A fight ... curred between Oklahoma officers ... the band of outlaws who killed Sheriff ... Smith and Beck at Anadarko a month ... ago. As a result one of the outlaws, ... Walter Swofford, is dead and Deputy ... Sheriff W. A. Jones of Asher, Ok., ... seriously wounded. The fight occurred ... near Wewoka, I. T.

Slew Her Husband.

Kickapoo, Ill., Feb. 24.—A Mrs. ... kins, becoming suddenly insane ... Sunday at her home here, secured ... ax and brained her husband who was ... asleep on the bed, after which she ... seized a pistol and blew her own brains ... out. The woman had been acting ... queerly of late and is supposed to have ... become suddenly deranged. The ... small children witnessed the tragedy, ... but of course could do nothing to pre... vent it.

Birthday Banquet.

Manila, Feb. 24.—The ... club at this city on Saturday night ... brated Washington's birthday with a ... reception and banquet. Acting Civil ... Gov. Wright, Gen. Chaffee and ... Charles A. Woodruff, head of the ... sistence department at Manila, made ... speeches, in which it was advocated ... that all Americans work together for ... the future good of the Philippine ... lands. Twelve hundred Americans attended the reception.

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"This is a very serious matter, S... the detective. "If you had ... instead of thwarting it ... you would have had a better ... trial."

"Justice!" snarled the ex-convic... justice! Whose loot is this ... Where is the justice that I ... it up to those who have never ... Look how I have earned it! ... years in that fever ridden swa... at work under the mangrove tr... chained up in the filthy convic... by mosquitoes, racked with ... by every cursed black faced ... who loved to take it out of ...

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"I am a Worcestershire man m... hear Pershore. I dare say y... a heap of Smalls living there ... were to look. I have often tho... ing a look round there, but th... that I was never much of a credi... ity, and I doubt if they would ... glad to see me. They were all ... going folk, small farmers ... and respected over the ... while I was always a bit of a ... last, however, when I was abou... them no more trouble, for I g... over a girl and could only ... again by taking the queen's ... joining the Third Buffs, wh... starting for India.

"I wasn't destined to do much ... however. I had just got p... one step and learned how to ha... ket, when I was fool enough ... swimming in the Ganges. Luckily ... company sergeant, John Hol... the water at the same time, and ... of the finest swimmers in the ... crocodile took me, just as I w... my across, and nipped off my rig... as a surgeon could have don... above the knee. What with the sh... loss of blood, I fainted and sho... drowned if Holder had not ... me and paddled for the b... twelve months in hospital over ... at last I was able to limp ... this timber toe strapped to m... found myself invalided out of ... and unfitted for any active occup... "I was, as you can imagine, pre... my luck at this time, for I w... cripple, though not yet in m... 45th year. However, my misfort... proved to be a blessing in disg... man named Abelwhite, who had ... as an indigo planter, w... chosen to look after his coolies ... grew up to their work. He ha... a friend of our colonel's, who l... interest in me since the acci... asks a long story short, the co... recommended me strongly for the ... the work was mostly to be ... setback my leg was no great ... I had enough knee left to ke... up on the saddle. What I had ... ride over the plantation to k... the men as they worked and ... idlers. The pay was fair, l... suitable quarters, and altogeth... intent to spend the remainder ... indigo planting. Mr. Abelw... kind man, and he would often ... my little shanty and smoke a... for white folk out there ... hearts warm to each other as ... here at home.

"Well, I was never in luck's ... early, without a note of wa... great mutiny broke upon us. ... India lay as still and peaceful ... Clarence, as Surrey or Kent. ... were 200,000 black devils ... and the country was a perfect ... course you know all about it, ge... a deal more than I do, very ... reading is not in my line. I ... what I saw with my own eyes. ... I was at a place called M... the border of the northwest ... that after night the whole sky ... with the burning bungalows ... day we had small compani... passing through our ... their wives and children, on t... where were the nearest ... Mr. Abelwhite was an obst... had it in his head that the ... exaggerated, and that it ... as suddenly as it had ... there he sat on his veranda ... whisky pegs and smoking che... country was in a blaze abo... course we stuck by him, I a... who, with his wife, used to d... work and the managing. W... the crash came. I had bee... plantation and was ri... home in the evening, when ... upon something all huddled ... the bottom of a steep nullah. ... to see what it was, and the ... through my heart when I fo...

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"I am a Worcestershire man myself—born near Pershore. I dare say you will find a heap of Smalls living there now if you were to look. I have often thought of taking a look round there, but the truth is that I was never much of a credit to the family, and I doubt if they would be so very glad to see me. They were all steady, well-doing folk, small farmers, well known and respected over the country side, while I was always a bit of a rover. At last, however, when I was about 18, I got them no more trouble, for I got into a mess over a girl and could only get out of it again by taking the queen's shilling and joining the Third Buffs, which was just starting for India.

"I wasn't destined to do much soldiering, however. I had just got past the goose step and learned how to handle my rifle, when I was fool enough to go swimming in the Ganges. Luckily for me my company sergeant, John Holder, was in the water at the same time, and he was one of the finest swimmers in the service. A crocodile took me, just as I was half way across, and nipped off my right leg as clean as a surgeon could have done it, just above the knee. What with the shock and the loss of blood, I fainted and should have been drowned if Holder had not caught hold of me and paddled for the bank. I was five months in hospital over it, and it was at last I was able to limp out of it with this timber toe strapped to my stump and found myself invalided out of the army as unfitted for any active occupation.

"I was, as you can imagine, pretty down on my luck at this time, for I was a useless cripple, though not yet in my twentieth year. However, my misfortune soon proved to be a blessing in disguise. A man named Abelwhite, who had come out there as an indigo planter, wanted an overseer to look after his coolies and keep them up to their work. He happened to be a friend of our colonel's, who had taken an interest in me since the accident. To make a long story short, the colonel recommended me strongly for the post, and as the work was mostly to be done on horseback my leg was no great obstacle, so I had enough knee left to keep a good grip on the saddle. What I had to do was to ride over the plantation to keep an eye on the men as they worked and to report the idlers. The pay was fair, I had comfortable quarters, and altogether I was quite content to spend the remainder of my life in indigo planting. Mr. Abelwhite was a good man, and he would often drop into my little shanty and smoke a pipe with me, for white folk out there feel their hearts warm to each other as they never do here at home.

"Well, I was never in luck's way. Suddenly, without a note of warning, the great mutiny broke upon us. One month India lay as still and peaceful, to all appearance, as Surrey or Kent. The next there were 200,000 black devils let loose, and the country was a perfect hell. Of course you know all about it, gentlemen—a deal more than I do, very like, since fighting is not in my line. I only know what I saw with my own eyes. Our plantation was at a place called Muttra, near the border of the northwest provinces. Night after night the whole sky was alight with the burning bungalows, and day after day we had small companies of Europeans passing through our estate, with their wives and children, on their way to where there were the nearest troops.

"Mr. Abelwhite was an obstinate man. He had it in his head that the affair had been exaggerated, and that it would blow over as suddenly as it had sprung up. There he sat on his veranda, drinking whisky pegs and smoking cheroots, while the country was in a blaze about him. Of course we stuck by him, I and Dawson, who, with his wife, used to do the book work and the managing. Well, one fine day the crash came. I had been away on a distant plantation and was riding slowly home in the evening, when my eye fell upon something all huddled together at the bottom of a steep nullah. I rode down to see what it was, and the cold struck through my heart when I found it was Dawson's wife, all cut into ribbons and half eaten by jackals and native dogs. A little farther up the road Dawson himself was lying on his face, quite dead, with an empty revolver in his hand and four sepoys lying across each other in front of him. I reined up my horse wondering which way I should turn, but at that moment I saw thick smoke curling up from Abelwhite's bungalow and the flames beginning to burst through the roof. I knew then that I could do my employer no good, but would only throw my own life away if I meddled in the matter. From where I stood I could see hundreds of the black fiends, with their red coats still on their backs, dancing and howling round the burning house. Some of them pointed at me, and a couple of bullets sang past my head, so I broke away across the paddy fields and found myself late at night safe within the walls of Agra.

"As it proved, however, there was no great safety there either. The whole country was up like a swarm of bees. Wherever the English could collect in little bands they held just the ground that their guns commanded. Everywhere else they were helpless fugitives. It was a fight of the millions against the hundreds, and the cruelest part of it was that these men that we fought against, foot, horse and gunners, were our own picked troops, whom we had taught and trained, handling our own weapons and blowing our own bugle calls. At Agra there were the Third Bengal Fusiliers, some Sikhs, two troops of horse and a battery of artillery. A volunteer corps of clerks and merchants had been formed, and this I joined, wooden leg and all. We went out to meet the rebels at Shahgunge early in July, and we beat them back for a time, but our powder gave out, and we had to fall back upon the city. Nothing but the worse news came to us from every side, which is not to be wondered at, for if you look at the map you will see that we were right in the heart of it. Lucknow is rather better than 100 miles to the east and Cawnpur about as far to the south. From every point on the compass there was nothing but torture and murder and outrage.

"The city of Agra is a great place, swarming with fanatics and fierce devil worshipers of all sorts. Our handful of men were lost among the narrow, winding streets. Our leader moved across the river therefore and took up his position in the old fort of Agra. I don't know if any of you gentlemen have ever read or heard anything of that old fort. It is a very queer place—the queerest that ever I was in, and I have been in some rum corners too. First of all, it is enormous in size. I should think that the inclosure must be acres and acres. There is a modern part, which took all our garrison, women, children, stores and everything else, with plenty of room over. But the modern part is nothing like the size of the old quarter, where nobody goes and which is given over to the scorpions and the centipeds. It is all full of great deserted halls and winding passages and long corridors, twisting in and out, so that it is easy enough for folks to get lost in it. For this reason it was seldom that any one went into it, though now and again a party with torches might go exploring.

"The river washes along the front of the old fort, and so protects it, but on the sides and behind there are many doors, and these had to be guarded, of course, in the old quarter as well as in that which was actually held by our troops. We were short handed, with hardly men enough to man the angles of the building and to serve the guns. It was impossible for us, therefore, to station a strong guard at every one of the innumerable gates. What we did was to organize a central guardhouse in the middle of the fort and to leave each gate under the charge of one white man and two or three natives. I was selected to take charge during certain hours of the night of a small isolated door upon the southwest side of the building. Two Sikh troopers were placed under my command, and I was instructed if anything went wrong to fire my musket, when I might rely upon help coming at once from the central guard. As the guard was a good 200 paces away, however, and as the space between was cut up into a labyrinth of passages and corridors, I had great doubts as to whether they could arrive in time to be of any use in case of an actual attack.

"Well, I was pretty proud at having this small command given me, since I was a raw recruit, and a game legged one at that. For two nights I kept the watch with my Punjabees. They were tall, fierce looking chaps, Mohammed Singh and Abdullah Khan by name, both old fighting men who had borne arms against us at Chilianwallah. They could talk English pretty well, but I could get little out of them. They preferred to stand together and jabber all night in their queer Sikh lingo. For myself, I used to stand outside the gateway, looking down on the broad, winding river and on the twinkling lights of the great city. The beating of drums, the rattle of tomtoms and the yells and howls of the rebels, drunk with opium and with bang, were enough to remind us all night of our dangerous neighbors across the stream. Every two hours the officers of the night used to come round to all the posts to make sure that all was well.

"The third night of my watch was dark and dirty, with a small, driving rain. It was dreary work standing in the gateway hour after hour in such weather. I tried again and again to make my Sikhs talk, but without much success. At 2 in the morning the rounds passed and broke for a moment the weariness of the night. Finding that my companions would not be led into conversation, I took out my pipe and laid down my musket to strike a match. In an instant the two Sikhs were upon me. One of them snatched my firelock up and leveled it at my head, while the other held a great knife to my throat and swore between his teeth that he would plunge it into me if I moved a step.

"My first thought was that these fellows were in league with the rebels, and that this was the beginning of an assault. If our door were in the hands of the sepoys, the place must fall and the women and children be treated as they were in Cawnpur. Maybe you gentlemen think that I am just making out a case for myself, but I give you my word that when I thought of that, though I felt the point of the knife at my throat, I opened my mouth with the intention of giving a scream, if it was my last one, which might alarm the main guard. The man who held me seemed to know my thoughts, for even as I braced myself to it he whispered: 'Don't make a noise. The fort is safe enough. There are no rebel dogs on this side of the river.' There was the ring of truth in what he said, and I knew that if I raised my voice I was a dead man. I could read it in the fellow's brown eyes. I waited, therefore, in silence to see what it was that they wanted from me.

"'Listen to me, sahib,' said the taller and fiercer of the pair, the one whom they called Abdullah Khan. 'You must either be with us now, or you must be silenced forever. The thing is too great a one for us to hesitate. Either your heart and soul with us on your oath on the cross of the Christians, or your body this night shall be thrown into the ditch, and we shall pass over to our brothers in the rebel army. There is no middle way. Which is it to be, death or life? We can only give you three minutes to decide, for the time is passing, and all must be done before the rounds come again.'

"'How can I decide?' said I. 'You have not told me what you want of me. But I tell you now that if it is anything against the safety of the fort I will have no truck with it, so you can drive home your knife and welcome.'

"'It is nothing against the fort,' said he. 'We only ask you to do that which your countrymen come to this land for. We ask you to be rich. If you will be one of us this night, we will swear to you upon the naked knife and by the threefold oath, which no Sikh was ever known to break, that you shall have your fair share of the loot. A quarter of the treasure shall be yours. We can say no fairer.'

"'But what is the treasure, then?' I asked. 'I am as ready to be rich as you can be, if you will but show me how it can be done.'

"'You swear, then,' said he, 'by the bones of your father, by the honor of your mother, by the cross of your faith, to raise no hand and speak no word against us, either now or afterward?'

"'I will swear it,' I answered, 'provided that the fort is not endangered.'

"'Then my comrade and I shall swear that you shall have a quarter of the treasure, which shall be equally divided among the four of us.'

"'There are but three,' said I.

"'No; Dost Akbar must have his share. We can tell the tale to you while we await them. Do you stand at the gate, Mohammed Singh, and give notice of their coming. The thing stands thus, sahib, and I tell it to you because I know that an oath is binding upon a Feringhee, and that we may trust you. Had you been a lying Hindoo, though you had sworn by all the gods in their false temples, your blood would have been upon the knife, and your body in the water, but the Sikh knows the Englishman, and the Englishman knows the Sikh. Hearken, then, to what I have to say:

"'There is a rajah in the northern provinces who has much wealth, though his lands are small. Much has come to him from his father, and more still he has set by himself, for he is of a low nature and hoards his gold rather than spend it. When the troubles broke out, he would be friends both with the lion and the tiger, with the sepoy and with the company's raj. Soon, however, it seemed to him that the white men's day was come, for through all the land he could hear of nothing but of their death and their overthrow. Yet being a careful man he made such plans that, come what might, half at least of his treasure should be left to him. That which was in gold and silver he kept by him in the vaults of his palace, but the most precious stones and the choicest pearls that he had he put in an iron box and sent it by a trusty servant who, under the guise of a merchant, should take it to the fort at Agra, there to lie until the land is at peace. Thus, if the rebels won, he would have his money, but if the company conquered his jewels would be saved to him. Having thus divided his hoard he threw himself into the cause of the sepoys, since they were strong upon his borders. By his doing this, mark you, sahib, his property becomes the due of those who have been true to their salt.

"'This pretended merchant, who travels under the name of Achmet, is now in the city of Agra and desires to gain his way into the fort. He has with him as traveling companion my foster brother Dost Akbar, who knows his secret. Dost Akbar has promised this night to lead him to a side postern of the fort and has chosen this one for his purpose. Here he will come presently, and here he will find Mohammed Singh and myself awaiting him. The place is lonely, and none shall know of his coming. The world shall know of the merchant Achmet no more, but the great treasure of the rajah will be divided among us. What say you to it, sahib?'

"In Worcestershire the life of a man seems a great and a sacred thing, but it is very different when there is fire and blood all round you and you have been used to meeting death at every turn. Whether Achmet the merchant lived or died was a thing as light as air to me, but at the talk about the treasure my heart turned to it, and I thought of what I might do in the old country with it, and how my folk would stare when they saw their ne'er do well coming back with his pockets full of gold moldores. I had, therefore, already made up my mind. Abdullah Khan, however, thinking that I hesitated, pressed the matter more closely.

"'Consider, sahib,' said he, 'that if this man is taken by the commandant he will be hung or shot, and his jewels taken by the government, so that no man will be a rupee the better for them. Now, since we do the taking of him, why should we not do the rest as well? The jewels will be as well with us as in the company's coffers. There will be enough to make every one of us rich men and great chiefs. No one can know about the matter, for here we are cut off from all men. What could be better for the purpose? Say again, sahib, whether you are with us, or if we must look upon you as an enemy.'

"'I am with you heart and soul,' said I.

"'It is well,' he answered, handing me back my firelock. 'You see that we trust you, for your word, like ours, is not to be broken. We have now only to wait for my brother and the merchant.'

"'Does your brother know, then, of what you will do?' I asked.

"'The plan is his. He has devised it. We will go to the gate and share the watch with Mohammed Singh.'

"The rain was still falling steadily, for it was just the beginning of the wet season. Brown, heavy clouds were drifting across the sky, and it was hard to see more than a stone cast. A deep moat lay in front of our door, but the water was in places nearly dried up, and it could easily be crossed. It was strange to me to be standing there with those two wild Punjabees waiting for the man who was coming to his death.

"Suddenly my eye caught the glint of a shaded lantern at the other side of the moat. It vanished among the mound heaps, and then appeared again coming slowly in our direction.

"'Here they are!' I exclaimed.

"'You will challenge him, sahib, as usual,' whispered Abdullah. 'Give him no cause for fear. Send us in with him, and we shall do the rest while you stay here on guard. Have the lantern ready to uncover, that we may be sure that it is indeed the man.'

"The light had flickered onward, now stopping and now advancing, until I could see two dark figures upon the other side of the moat. I let them scramble down the sloping bank, splash through the mire and climb half way up to the gate before I challenged them.

"'Who goes there?' said I in a subdued voice.

"'Friends,' came the answer. I uncovered my lantern and threw a flood of light upon them. The first was an enormous Sikh, with a black beard which swept nearly down to his cummerbund. Outside of a show I have never seen so tall a man. The other was a little, fat, round fellow, with a great yellow turban and a bundle in his hand, done up in a shawl. He seemed to be all in a quiver with fear, for his hands twitched as if he had the ague, and his head kept turning to left and right, with two bright little twinkling eyes, like a mouse when he ventures out from his hole. It gave me the chills to think of killing him, but I thought of the treasure, and my heart set as hard as a flint within me. When he saw my white face, he gave a little chirrup of joy and came running up toward me.

"'Your protection, sahib,' he panted, 'your protection for the unhappy merchant Achmet. I have traveled across Rajpootana that I might seek the shelter of the fort at Agra. I have been robbed and beaten and abused because I have been the friend of the company. It is a blessed night this when I am once more in safety. I and my poor possessions.'

"'What have you in the bundle?' I asked.

"'An iron box,' he answered, 'which contains one or two little family matters which are of no value to others, but which I should be sorry to lose. Yet I am not a beggar, and I shall reward you, young sahib, and your governor also, if he will give me the shelter I ask.'

"I could not trust myself to speak longer with the man. The more I looked at his fat, frightened face the harder did it seem that we should slay him in cold blood. It was best to get it over.

"'Take him to the main guard,' said I. The two Sikhs closed in upon him on each side, and the giant walked behind, while they marched in through the dark gateway. Never was a man so compassed round with death. I remained in the gateway with the lantern.

"I could hear the measured tramp of their footsteps sounding through the lonely corridors. Suddenly it ceased, and I heard voices and a scuffle, with the sound of blows. A moment later there came, to my horror, a rush of footsteps coming in my direction, with the loud breathing of a running man. I turned my lantern down the long, straight passage, and there was the fat man, running like the wind, with a smear of blood across his face, and close to his heels, bounding like a tiger, the great black bearded Sikh, with a knife flashing in his hand. I have never seen a man run so fast as that little merchant. He was gaining on the Sikh, and I could see that if he once passed me and got to the open air he would save himself yet. My heart softened to him, but again the thought of his treasure turned me hard and bitter. I cast my firelock between his legs as he raced past, and he rolled twice over like a shot rabbit. Ere he could stagger to his feet the Sikh was upon him and buried his knife twice in his side. The man never uttered moan nor moved muscle, but lay where he had fallen. I think myself that he may have broken his neck with the fall. You see, gentlemen, that I am keeping my promise. I am telling you every word of the business just exactly as it happened, whether it is in my favor or not."

He stopped and held out his manacled hands for the whisky and water which Holmes had brewed for him. For myself, I confess that I had now conceived the utmost horror of the man, not only for this cold blooded business in which he had been concerned, but even more for the somewhat flippant and careless way in which he narrated it. Whatever punishment was in store for him, I felt that he might expect no sympathy from me. Sherlock Holmes and Jones sat with their hands upon their knees, deeply interested in the story, but with the same disgust written upon their faces. He may have observed it, for there was a touch of defiance in his voice and manner as he proceeded.

"It was all very bad no doubt," said he. "I should like to know how many fellows in my shoes would have refused a share of this loot when they knew that they would have their throats cut for their pains. Besides it was my life or his when once he was in the fort. If he had got out, the whole business would have come to light, and I should have been court martialed and shot as likely as not, for people were not very lenient at a time like that."

"Go on with your story," said Holmes shortly.

"Well, we carried him in, Abdullah, Akbar and I. A fine weight he was, too, for all that he was so short. Mohammed Singh was left to guard the door. We took him to a place which the Sikhs had already prepared. It was some distance off, where a winding passage leads to a great empty hall, the brick walls of which were all crumbling to pieces. The earth floor had sunk in at one place, making a natural grave, so we left Achmet the merchant there, having first covered him over with loose bricks. This done, we all went back to the treasure.

"It lay where he had dropped it when he was first attacked. The box was the same which now lies open upon your table. A key was hung by a silken cord to that carved handle upon the top. We opened it, and the light of the lantern gleamed upon a collection of gems such as I have read of and thought about when I was a little lad at Pershore. It was blinding to look upon them. When we had feasted our eyes, we took them all out and made a list of them. There were 143 diamonds of the first water, including one which has been called, I believe, 'The Great Mogul' and is said to be the second largest stone in existence. Then there were 97 very fine emeralds and 170 rubies, some of which, however, were small. There were 40 carbuncles, 210 sapphires, 61 agates and a great quantity of beryls, onyxes, catseyes, turquoises and other stones, the very names of which I did not know at the time, though I have become more familiar with them since. Besides this there were nearly 800 very fine pearls, 12 of which were set in a gold coronet. By the way, these last had been taken out of the chest and were not there when I recovered it.

"After we had counted our treasures we put them back into the chest and carried them to the gateway to show them to Mohammed Singh. Then we solemnly renewed our oath to stand by each other and be true to our secret. We agreed to conceal our loot in a safe place until the country should be at peace again, and then to divide it equally among ourselves. There was no use of dividing it at present, for if gems of such value were found upon us it would cause suspicion, and there was no privacy in the fort nor any place where we could keep them. We carried the box, therefore, into the same hall where we had buried the body, and there, under certain bricks in the best preserved wall, we made a hollow and put our treasure. We made careful note of the place, and next day I drew four plans, one for each of us, and put the sign of the four of us at the bottom, for we had sworn that we should each always act for all, so that none might take advantage. That is an oath that I can put my hand to my heart and swear that I have never broken.

"Well, there's no use my telling you, gentlemen, what came of the Indian mutiny. After Wilson took Delhi and Sir Colin relieved Lucknow, the back of the business was broken. Fresh troops came pouring in, and Nana Sahib made himself scarce over the frontier. A flying column under Colonel Greathed came round to Agra and cleared the Pandies away from it. Peace seemed to be settling upon the country, and we four were beginning to hope that the time was at hand when we might safely go off with our shares of the plunder. In a moment, however, our hopes were shattered by our being arrested as the murderers of Achmet.

"It came about in this way. When the rajah put his jewels into the hands of Achmet, he did it because he knew that he was a trusty man. They are suspicious folk in the east, however, so what does this rajah do but take a second even more trusty servant and set him to play the spy upon the first. This second man was ordered never to let Achmet out of his sight, and he followed him like his shadow. He went after him that night and saw him pass through the doorway. Of course he thought he had taken refuge in the fort and applied for admisston there himself next day, but could find no trace of Achmet. This seemed to him so strange that he spoke about it to a sergeant of guides, who brought it to the ears of the commandant. A thorough search was quickly made, and the body was discovered. Thus at the very moment that we thought that all was safe we were all four seized and brought to trial on a charge of murder, three of us because we had held the gate that night and the fourth because he was known to have been in company of the murdered man. Not a word about the jewels came out at the trial, for the rajah had been deposed and driven out of India, so no one had any particular interest in them. The murder, however, was clearly made out, and it was certain that we must all have been concerned in it. The three Sikhs got penal servitude for life, and I was condemned to death, though my sentence was afterward commuted into the same as the others.

"It was rather a queer position that we found ourselves in then. There we were all four tied by the leg and with precious little chance of ever getting out again, while we each held a secret which might have put each of us in a palace if we could only have made use of it. It was enough to make a man eat his heart out to have to stand the kick and the cuff of every petty jack in office, to have rice to eat and water to drink, when that gorgeous fortune was ready for him outside, just waiting to be picked up. It might have driven me mad, but I was always a pretty stubborn one, so I just held on and bided my time.

"At last it seemed to me to have come. I was changed from Agra to Madras, and from there to Blair island, in the Andamans. There are very few white convicts at this settlement, and as I had behaved well from the first I soon found myself a sort of privileged person. I was given a hut in Hope Town, which is a small place on the slopes of Mount Harriet, and I was left pretty much to myself. It is a dreary, fever stricken place, and all beyond our little clearings was infested with wild cannibal natives, who were ready enough to blow a poisoned dart at us if they saw a chance. There was digging and ditching and yam planting and a dozen other things to be done, so we were busy enough all day, though in the evening we had a little time to ourselves. Among other things, I learned to dispense drugs for the surgeon and picked up a smattering of his knowledge. All the time I was on the lookout for a chance of escape, but it is hundreds of miles from any other land, and there is little or no wind in those seas, so it was a terribly difficult job to get away.

"The surgeon, Dr. Somerton, was a fast sporting young chap, and the other young officers would meet in his room of an evening and play cards. The surgery, where I used to make up my drugs, was next to his sitting room, with a small window between us. Often, if I felt lonesome, I used to turn out the lamp in the surgery, and then, standing there, I could hear their talk and watch their play. I am fond of a hand at cards myself, and it was almost as good as having one to watch the others. There was Major Sholto, Captain Morstan and Lieutenant Bromley Brown, who were in command of the native troops, and there was the surgeon himself and two or three prison officials—crafty old hands—who played a nice, sly, safe game. A very snug little party they used to make.

"Well, there was one thing which very soon struck me, and that was that soldiers used always to lose and the civilians to win. Mind, I don't say that there was anything unfair, but so it was. These prison chaps had done little else than play cards ever since they had been at the Andamans, and they knew each other's game to a point, while the others just played to pass the time and threw their cards down anyhow. Night after night the soldiers got up poorer men, and the poorer they got the more keen they were to play. Major Sholto was the hardest hit. He used to pay in notes and gold at first, but soon it came to notes of hand and for big sums. He sometimes would win for a few deals, just to give him heart, and then the luck would set in against him worse than ever. All day he would wander about as black as thunder, and he took to drinking a deal more than was good for him.

"One night he lost even more heavily than usual. I was sitting in my hut when he and Captain Morstan came stumbling along on their way to their quarters. They were bosom friends, those two, and never far apart. The major was raving about his losses.

"'It's all up, Morstan,' he was saying as they passed my hut. 'I shall have to send in my papers. I am a ruined man.'

"'Nonsense, old chap,' said the other, slapping him upon the shoulder. 'I've had a nasty facer myself, but'— That was all I could hear, but it was enough to set me thinking.

"A couple of days later Major Sholto was strolling on the beach, so I took the chance of speaking to him.

"'I wish to have your advice, major,' said I.

"'Well, Small, what is it?' he said, taking his cheroot from his lips.

"'I wanted to ask you, sir,' said I, 'who is the proper person to whom hidden treasure should be handed over. I know where half a million worth lies, and as I cannot use it myself I thought perhaps the best thing that I could do would be to hand it over to the proper authorities, and then perhaps they would get my sentence shortened for me.'

"'Half a million, Small!' he gasped, looking hard at me to see if I was in earnest.

"'Quite that, sir—in jewels and pearls. It lies there ready for any one, and the queer thing about it is that the real owner is outlawed and cannot hold property, so that it belongs to the first comer.'

"'To government, Small,' he stammered, 'to government.' But he said it in a halting fashion, and I knew in my heart that I had got him.

"'You think, then, sir, that I should give the information to the governor general?' said I quietly.

"'Well, well, you must not do anything rash or that you might repent. Let me hear all about it, Small. Give me the facts.'

"I told him the whole story, with small changes, so that he could not identify the places. When I had finished, he stood stock still and full of thought. I could see by the twitch of his lip that there was a struggle going on within him.

"'This is a very important matter, Small,' he said at last. 'You must not say a word to any one about it, and I shall see you again soon.'

"Two nights later he and his friend Captain Morstan came to my hut in the dead of the night with a lantern.

"'I want you just to let Captain Morstan hear that story from your own lips, Small,' said he.

"I repeated it as I had told it before.

"'It rings true eh?' said he. 'It's good enough to act upon.'

"Captain Morstan nodded.

"'Look here, Small,' said the major. 'We have been talking it over, my friend and I, and we have come to the conclusion that this secret of yours is hardly a government matter, after all, but is a private concern of your own, which, of course, you have the power of disposing of as you think best. Now, the question is, What price would you ask for it? We might be inclined to take it up, and at least look into it if we could agree as to terms.' He tried to speak in a cool, careless way, but his eyes were shining with excitement and greed.

"'Why, as to that, gentlemen,' I answered, trying also to be cool, but feeling as excited as he did, 'there is only one bargain which a man in my position can make. I shall want you to help me to my freedom and to help my three companions to theirs. We shall then take you into partnership and give you a fifth share to divide between you.'

"'Hum,' said he, 'a fifth share! That is not very tempting.'

"'It would come to £50,000 apiece,' said I.

"'But how can we gain your freedom? You know very well that you ask an impossibility.'

"'Nothing of the sort,' I answered. 'I have thought it all out to the last detail. The only bar to our escape is that we can get no boat fit for the voyage and no provisions to last us for so long a time. There are plenty of little yachts and yawls at Calcutta or Madras which would serve our turn well. Do you bring one over. We shall engage to get aboard her by night, and if you will drop us on any part of the Indian coast you will have done your part of the bargain.'

"'If there were only one,' he said.

"'None or all,' I answered. 'We have sworn it. The four of us must always act together.'

"'You see, Morstan,' said he, 'Small is a man of his word. He does not flinch from his friends. I think we may very well trust him.'

"'It's a dirty business,' the other answered. 'Yet, as you say, the money would save our commissions handsomely.'

"'Well, Small,' said the major, 'we must, I suppose, try to meet you. We must first, of course, test the truth of your story. Tell me where the box is hid, and I shall get leave of absence and go back to India in the monthly relief boat to inquire into the affair.'

"'Not so fast,' said I, growing colder as he got hot. 'I must have the consent of my three comrades. I tell you that it is four or none with us.'

"'Nonsense,' he broke in. 'What have three black fellows to do with our agreement?'

"'Black or blue,' said I, 'they are in with me, and we all go together.'

"Well, the matter ended by a second meeting, at which Mohammed Singh, Abdullah Khan and Dost Akbar were all present. We talked the matter over again, and at last we came to an arrangement. We were to provide both the officers with charts of the part of the Agra fort and mark the place in the wall where the treasure was hid. Major Sholto was to go to India to test our story. If he found the box, he was to leave it there, to send out a small yacht provisioned for a voyage, which was to lie off Rutland Island and to which we were to make our way, and finally to return to his duties. Captain Morstan was then to apply for leave of absence, to meet us at Agra, and there we were to have a final division of the treasure, he taking the major's share as well as his own. All this we sealed by the most solemn oaths that the mind could think or the lips utter. I sat up all night with paper and ink, and by the morning I had the two charts all ready, signed with the sign of the four—that is, of Abdullah, Akbar, Mohammed and myself.

"Well, gentlemen, I weary you with my long story, and I know that my friend Mr. Jones is impatient to get me safely stowed in chokey. I'll make it as short as I can. The villain Sholto went off to India, but he never came back again. Captain Morstan showed me his name among a list of passengers in one of the mailboats very shortly afterward. His uncle had died, leaving him a fortune, and he had left the army, yet he could stoop to treat five men as he had treated us. Morstan went over to Agra shortly afterward and found, as we expected, that the treasure was indeed gone. The scoundrel had stolen it all without carrying out one of the conditions on which we had sold him the secret. From that day I lived only for vengeance. I thought of it by day, and I nursed it by night. It became an overpowering, absorbing passion with me. I cared nothing for the law, nothing for the gallows. To escape, to track down Sholto, to have my hand upon his throat—that was my one thought. Even the Agra treasure had come to be a smaller thing in my mind than the slaying of Sholto.

"Well, I have set my mind on many things in this life and never one which I did not carry out, but it was weary years before my time came. I have told you that I had picked up something of medicine. One day when Dr. Somerton was down with a fever a little Andaman islander was picked up by a convict gang in the woods. He was sick to death and had gone to a lonely place to die. I took him in hand, though he was as venomous as a young snake, and after a couple of months I got him all right and able to walk. He took a kind of fancy to me then and would hardly go back to his woods, but was always hanging about my hut. I learned a little of his lingo from him, and this made him all the fonder of me.

"Tonga—for that was his name—was a fine boatman and owned a big, roomy canoe of his own. When I found that he

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Rotation in office is a popular theme providing its the other fellows time to rotate.

The purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States government has added still farther strength to the American position as a world power.

The Brooklyn minister who voluntarily reduced his own salary from ten to eight thousand dollars a year must have been made of a special grade of clay.

The postmaster general has issued an order by authority of congress to increase the pay of rural free delivery mail carriers one hundred dollars each per annum.

The release of Miss Stone from the hands of the Bulgarian brigands is now followed by the suspicion that the husband of her companion in captivity was implicated in the abduction.

The populists of Parker county have called a mass meeting to assemble at Weatherford on the first of March for the purpose of placing a complete county ticket in the field to contest with the democrats.

The law under which primary elections are held is as strict regarding punishment for fraud as the general election statutes. Article 192 provides that no one may vote in the primary who will not be a legal voter at that box at the ensuing general election and also provides a penalty for voting in the same election more than one time. The same restrictions are placed upon the judges as to making untrue returns, revealing how any one votes or receiving bribes. In fact practically the same law covers the primary election as covers the general election.

President Roosevelt's decision upholding the verdict of the majority in the Schley court of inquiry will go a long way toward decreasing the popularity with which the president has been favored. His masterful and concise outline of the facts submitted and the opinions to be deducted from them will to a great extent recover for him the good will that a decision without this accompanying statement would have lost. Even though the president's review of the evidence seems to a great extent to justify his decision, the American people will never feel satisfied with the result of the court martial and the rank injustice they believe has been done to Admiral Schley. Right or wrong the present generation will continue to hold accountable for a wrong each person whose position has made it necessary to act in the matter and who have acted against the hero of Santiago. They will never believe justice was done him.

South Carolina senators will get for their state as great a record for feuds as Kentucky has heretofore been able to maintain if they do not soon bury the hatchet. In the United States senate chamber last Saturday, Washington's birthday, the two senators from South Carolina, Tillman and McClaurin engaged in a rough and tumble fist fight after the latter had given the lie to Teller. Proceedings for contempt of the senate has been brought before that body and their names were dropped from the roll and they were suspended from all senatorial duties. President Roosevelt had previously invited Tillman, as ranking democratic member of the naval affairs committee, to dine at the White House on the occasion of Prince Henry's reception there Monday, but when these proceedings were had the president suggested to Mr. Tillman that he decline the invitation which he had already accepted. He refused to do this and the president sent him a brief note withdrawing the invitation on the grounds that under the circumstances his presence would be disrespectful to the senate and to the visiting Prince. The names of the two senators have since been returned to the roll of membership, but the end of the affair has not arrived.

For Stomach Troubles.

"I have taken a great many different medicines for stomach trouble and constipation," says Mrs. S. Geiger of Dunkerton, Iowa, "but never had as good results from any as from Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablet's. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

It is said that many people from Texas and Louisiana who drew land in the newly opened Indian country north of us are now abandoning their claims because the protracted dry weather has made it impossible to live there. Practically no rain has falllen in some parts of the territory since early in last November.

Ernest Pollan and bride from Huntsville, Ala., arrived in the city last Saturday. Ernest has accepted a position as general manager of the extensive music business of E. E. Forbs of Montgomery, Ala. Before entering upon his new duties he concluded to spend a few days with friends in Dublin and the "old folks at home."

A collision occurred between a freight and passenger train on the T. & P. railroad near Thurber junction Tuesday night. The fireman on the passenger train and a lady passenger, said to live near Abilene, were seriously injured. The wreck was cleared up in a few hours.

"Dublin as it is and as it ought to be," will be discussed at the Methodist church next Sunday evening by the pastor. Respects will be paid to certain characters in "business" here and attention given to some records of the courts. Citizens and officers cordially invited.—H. A. Boaz, Pastor.

W. B. Paddock, who several years ago spent some months in Dublin closing up the business of the old First National Bank here, was one of the candidates for county judge at the primary election held in Ft. Worth last Saturday. He was defeated by R. F. Milam by a vote of 6034 to 2474. O. S. Lattimore was nominated for county attorney by a majority of 714 votes.

A meeting was held at the office of J. H. Latham last Monday evening by a number of prohibition citizens who there organized for the campaign now on by electing an executive committee, of which J. H. Latham was made chairman, B. M. Utterback, vice and C. H. Strong, secretary. Other committees were also appointed for special duties.

Gulf & Brazos Valley Road.

A communication dated at Montague, Texas, Feb. 13th and published in the daily edition of the Dallas News of last Saturday says:

An article published in The Dallas News from Mineral Wells, concerning the sale of the Gulf and Brazos Valley railroad to C. E. Moss of New York City is misleading. I wish to give you the folfowing facts:

The gentleman who is reported as making this sale of the railroad property to C. E. Moss of New York City does not now, nor never has owned this railroad. This railroad property is now in litigation in the district court of Parker county at Weatherford, and when the suits pending in the district court of Parker county are tried and the property restored to the proper owners, the road will be immediately extended northeast to Bellevue, Clay county, and on to Montague, where it will intersect the Oklahoma and Texas Southern railway, soon to commence building from Spanish Fort on Red River to Nocona, Montague, Sunset and on to Weatherford, and thence southwest to Stephenville, Texas, where it connects with the Frisco system.

The capital has already been secured at Pittsburg, Pa., to extend the Gulf and Brazos Valley road from Mineral Wells to Montague via Jacksboro and Bellevue.

At the last annual meeting of the stockholders, on Dec. 3rd 1901, at the company's general offices at Peck City, Texas, the following gentlemen were duly elected directors and officers to serve for the ensuing year: D. H. Bates, president, Colton, S. D.; E. E. Churchill, first vice president, Fort Worth, Texas; W. R. McClellan, second vice president, Stephenville, Texas; T. F. Berner, third vice president, Henrietta, Texas; F. E. Squires, secretary and treasurer, Henrietta, Tex.; James Collins, auditor, Stephenville, Texas; McKewn Johnson, chief engineer, Stephenville, Texas; R. E. Taylor, general solicitor and attorney, Henrietta, Texas; Dr. J. R. Howes, financial agent, Pittsburg, Pa. Directors—D. H. Bates, T. E. Berner, W. R. McClellan, James Collins, E. E. Churchill, W. A. Squires, Dr. J. R. Howes, R. E. Taylor and L. H. Squires.

W. A. SQUIRES,

Ex-president and promoter and builder of the Gulf and Brazos Valley Railroad.

The election held at Comanche Tuesday to decide whether or not city bonds to the amount of $10,000 should be issued to put in a system of water works carried for the bonds by a practically unanimous vote, the result being 253 for and 6 against.

Services at the Methodist church next Sunday as usual. Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., followed by communion service; Junior Epworth League 4 p. m.; Senior Epworth League 6:30 p. m.; Preaching 7:30 p. m.—Theme: "Dublin as it is and as it ought to be." All invited.—H. A. Boaz, Pastor.

FRESH AND STRONG.

Food That Sends One Along.

"I found a food at last that I could work on and that would keep me fresh and strong. I have been a school teacher for eleven years, and every year toward the last have felt more or less worn out, and have been bothered particularly with my stomach and serious constipation.

"Last year I used Grape-Nuts regularly at both morning and evening meals and the result was really wonderful. I have been entirely cured of the troubles spoken of, and don't know what it is to take a dose of physic any more. The old nervousness and sleeplessness have gone. No more do I lie awake nights until my brain is in a whirl. Now I sleep all night long like a healthy child.

"I was the only teacher out of fourteen, in our public school, who did not miss a day on account of sickness during the last session. I have been able to do more hard studying than ever before, and took up the teachers' state reading work, completed the course and passed a successful examination at the last institute.

"Grape-Nuts in my case has proved the truth of the assertion that it is a brain and nerve builder. I would especially recommend it for tired, over-worked school teachers, or any other brain worker." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

It is far wiser to build up health and strength naturally with food than to crutch along on some kind of medicine and let the disease finally do its work.

The recent session of commissioners' court made an allowance of eight dollars a month to D. W. L. Cathey of Dublin, five dollars to D. C. Steel and eight to R. C. Wier.

For sale—A few fine full blooded Durham male yearlings and a few fine cows and calves. Also a few young Norman horses, broke to ride and work.—Dr. T. Y. Lewis. 41tf

The directors of the first National Bank of Stephenville recently met and voted to double the capitalization of the bank, making it $100,000. This is now the largest bank in the county.

Don't irritate your lungs with a stubborn cough when a pleasant and effective remedy may be found in Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Price 25c and 50c at Clay Drug Co.

W. S. Hembry, the clever advertising representative for H. E. Bucklen & Co. at Chicago, was a pleasant caller on the Progress last Saturday and closed a contract for a year's advertising with us.

The most extensive line of canned goods we have ever had has lately been received by us. A variety of everything good for the table.—Brock & Bishop. 29-tf

The large number of new resident buildings erected recently and now in course of erection in every quarter of Dublin indicates a steady growth of the town so far as population goes.

Considering the time of year last Saturday was an exceptionally fine day for trade. There were a large number of the prosperous farmers of this territory in town that day to lay in supplies.

Increase of federal pension to make a total of $12 a month was this week granted to James Brown Stephen of Proctor. A notice appears in this issue of the Progress of his recent demise.

You know what you are taking when you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay, 50c.

J. J. Kinnebrew was here Tuesday en route to his new home at Eastland from a trip to his old home at Carlton. He has recently bought out a gin at Eastland and expects to handle this years crop there.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises. For use in such cases Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. Price 25c and 50c at Clay Drug Co.

Iowa seed corn for sale at the ice factory. 40-tf.

Many suits are being filed at the local land office in Lawton, Oklahoma, for forfeiture of claims drawn by parties whom it is alleged have deserted their holdings or failed to comply with the law by becoming bona fide settlers.

For a period of twenty-three years T. A. Dunn has been postmaster at Corn Hill in Williamson county. He was appointed under the Hays administration and has served continuously since until resigning this month.

Last week it was stated in a recount of the city officials to be elected in April that a vote upon mayor was to be had. This is a mistake, as the time for which Mayor Spencer was elected will not expire until April of next year.

J. B. (Brown) Stephen an old and respected citizen of near Proctor died some days ago at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a veteran of the Mexican war and durnig the civil struggle was a Texas ranger under Vandorn.

Hon. James T. Montgomery of Wichita Falls was here the first of the week in the interest of his candidacy for associate justice of the court of civil appeals for the second district. One of his opponents is Hon. Ocie Speers of Bowie.

Dr. W. B. Goodner, who has been seriously ill for the past fifteen days at his home in Harbin with nervous postration, is somewhat improved though still confined to his bed. It will likely be some weeks before he is able to attend to his professional duties.

M. C. Gillett left with his family the first of the present week for Dallas, where he expects to locate for headquarters as a representative of the Guarantee Loan & Banking Co. of Dallas. He had formerly expected to locate at El Paso for this business but decided differently.

Sam Zettlemeyer, a prosperous ranchman of Menard county was held up at his ranch last Friday by two robbers, who forced him at the point of a pistol to give them a check for $40 on a merchant at Menardville. He followed them to town and had them arrested while they were waiting to get the money.

Prohibition Speaking.

The following named gentlemen will speak in the interest of prohibition at the places and times below stated:

Purves, Sunday, March 2nd, 3 p. m., Rev. H. A. Boaz, C. H. Strong.

Capell School House Sunday, March 2nd, 3 p. m., W. J. Clay and J. J. Ray.

Harbin, Sunday, March 2nd, 3 p. m., Dr. J. C. Wingo, J. H. Latham.

Cow Creek, Sunday, March 2nd, 3 p. m., John Thomas Owens, J. B. Crutcher.

Tackett School House, Monday night, March 3rd, Rev. H. A. Boaz, R. B. Spencer.

Mt. Airy, Tuesday night, March 4th, C. C. Goodner, J. H. Latham.

St. George, Tuesday night, March 4th, Rev. Shaw, C. H. Strong.

Shady Grove, Tuesday night, March 4th, Dr. J. C. Wingo, J. B. Crutcher.

Iowa seed corn for sale at the ice factory. 40-tf.

Epworth League Program.

Sunday, March 2nd.

Leader—Miss Gertrude Andruss.

Subject—The joy of service.

Song and prayer.

Scripture lesson—Ps. 126:5-6, Matt. 25:19-23.

Service to God or Satan, (Luke 16:13)—James Mayes.

Our reasonable service, (Rom. 12: 1-11)—Maud Harber.

Commanding and obeying, (Luke 7:1-10)—James Ewton.

Duet—Misses Lillie Maben and Shirley Boone.

Every talent needed, (Matt. 25: 19:23)—Miss May Boone.

The necessity of service, (Matt. 25:24-30)—John Ray.

Opportunities for service—Mrs. Boaz.

Every service has its reward—Mr. Strong.

Brock & Bishop have lately received a most extensive line of canned goods of every description. You are requested to call or phone when you want any. 29-tf

Texas Central Excursions.

State convention Travelers Protective association at Waco April 3rd to 5th. Tickets sold April 2nd and 3rd, limited to April 6th for return at $3.45.

State Dental Association at Waco May 13th to 16th, round trip rate $4.20 on the certificate plan.

Reunion Scottish Rite Masons at Galveston March 24th to 27th. Tickets on sale March 22nd and 23rd, limited to March 29th for return at $11.10.

Texas Bankers Association at Galveston March 19th to 23rd. Round trip rates $13.45, on sale March 18th, limited to March 24th for return.

Annual conference Northwest M. E. church south Sunday School at Waco, April 7th to 9th, round trip rates one and one-third fare On sale April 6th and 7th, limited to April 10th for return.

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City Tax Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will shortly call upon all persons, partnerships or co-operations, for a full and complete inventory of all the property possessed or controlled by him, her or them within the corporate limits of the city of Dublin, not exempt from taxation on the first day of January of the present year. Every person is requested to be prepared to furnish an inventory of the property owned or controlled by them without unnecessary delay. J. F. ROBINSON.

Assessor and Collector.

Dublin, Tex., Jan. 22, 1902. 36-8t.

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If the people of Dublin and Erath and Comanche counties would leave off talking prohibition and anti-prohibition and talk and do cotton mill or some other such valuable enterprize they will soon find themselves much better off in a financial as well as a moral way.

Mr. Wheeler Got Rid of His Rheumatism.

"During the winter of 1899 I was so lame in my joints, in fact all over my body, that I could hardly hobble around, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. From the first application I began to get well, and was cured and have worked steadily all the year.—R. Wheeler, Northwood, N. Y. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

Messrs. M. O. Cumbie, J. R. Bell, W. I. Cumbie, J. W. Jones and others of the old Fields' community were here yesterday after lumber to erect a Missionary Baptist church at little Greens creek, nine miles southeast of Dublin.

When you lack energy, do not relish your food, feel dull and stupid, after eating, all you need is a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will make you feel like a new man and give you an appetite like a bear. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

We were yesterday pl... meet Judge Sam J. Hunter of ... rant county, our present ... justice on the Ft. Worth ... appeals court. It is a little ... to see the venerable and ... appelate court judges hust... votes, but such is the present ... of things that they have to ... their fences or be displaced ... who make a scramble for the ... Judge Hunter is not a novice ... ever at hand shaking, having ... his way up to his present ... position by being the ... friend as well as being a ... every sense fitted for the ... He has the reputation of ren... decisions both fair to corpo... and the people alike and ... sound principles of law. He ... well for those who know him ... his friends. He is kind ... clear headed and fair to all ... guards as zealously the rights ... poorest individual in his distri... he would the most ... corporation. His decisions ... never been attacked by his ... ents but it is asserted there ... a single one of them open to ... cism. Judge Hunter is now ... ning for his second term and ... cording to democratic usage ... feels that he is entitled to that ... he has done nothing to deserve ... feat but has served the ... both ably and fair.

The postmaster at Lingle ... notifies us that J. E. Tunnell ... H. P. Powers have left the county. Their new address is not ... Each of these gentlemen have ... the Progress for several years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Election Tuesday, November 4, ...

Democratic Primaries Saturday March ... 1902, to which the following announcements aresubject:

For Flotorial Representative ... District, comprising Erath, Somervell and Hood Counties.
LEE YOUNG, of Stephenville.

For Representetive Erath Co. 78th Dist.
J. J. BENNETT.

For County Judge,
L. N. FRANK, re-election.
W. T. CARLTON.

For Sheriff,
MACK CRESWELL.
S. N. (Sol) JACKSON.
R. T. HUME, re-election.

For County Attorney,
B. E. COOK.
D. P. McADAMS.
WILL PANNILL.

For County Clerk,
JOHN W. FREY, re-election.

For Tax Collector,
A. E. (Bud) OATES.
R. T. (Riggs) ROBERTS.
W. E. BOWER.
HUNTER S. WATSON.
MARION M. MOORE.

For Assessor,
M. L. ASHWORTH, (re-election.)

For County Treasurer,
J. T. STARR, re-election.

For District Clerk,
C. C. MAYFIELD.
J. N. RUPE.
JOE K. TERRETT, (re-election.)
JOHN W. GRAY.
T. E. (Ed) COLLIER.

For Commissioner Prec. No. 2,
L. R. MAYFIELD, (re-election.)
J. L. NEWTON.

Justice of the Peace, Prec. No. 2.
F. C. OLDHAM, re-election.

For Constable Prec. No. 8.
S. C. MAHONY.

For Constable Precinct No. 2.
G. W. HICKEY.
Subject to the vote of the people.

For Justice of the Peace, Prec. No. 1
J. W. (WIBS) SMITH.
Subject to the votes of the people.

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Election Tuesday, April 1st, 1902.

For Assessor and Collector,
J. F. ROBINSON, re-election.

For City Attorney,
J. G. CONNER.

For City Recorder,
D. H. HURD.

For City Treasurer,
ELVIS C. EDMONDS, (re-election.)

For Alderman Third Ward,
JNO. D. HAY.

MORPHINE

Opium, Cocaine and Whiskey

Habits cured at home. The Wilson Chemical Co., of Dublin, Texas, incorporated capital $500, guarantees to cure anyone the above habits. No suffering, safe harmless. Builds up the entire nervous system and restores youthful vigor. May be taken at home or elsewhere without knowledge of any one. No loss from business or work. No cure, no pay. Private Letters strictly confidential. Book of particulars, testimonials, reference, etc. free. We also manufacture

TOBACCOLINE,

A certain and permanent cure for chewing, dipping, cigarette smoking. Price $1. Cure guaranteed. Agents wanted. Sample Tobaccoline.

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ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM

Deep seated Coughs · Croup · Bronchitis · LARGE BOTTLES ... MEDIUM 50c · TRIAL SIZE ...

Barnum's Monkeys

"All well—all happy—lots of fun". That is the regular report from the monkey cage of Barnum's Circus ever since the keepers began dosing the monkeys with Scott's Emulsion. Consumption was carrying off two thirds of them every year and the circus had to buy new ones.

One day a keeper accidentally broke a bottle of Scott's Emulsion near the monkey cage and the monkeys eagerly lapped it up from the floor. This suggested the idea that it might do them good. Since then the monkeys have received regular doses and the keepers report very few deaths from consumption. Of course it's cheaper to buy Scott's Emulsion than new monkeys—and that suits the circus men.

Consumption in monkeys and in man is the same disease. If you have it or are threatened with it can you take the hint?



This picture represents the Trade Mark of Scott's Emulsion and is on the wrapper of every bottle.

Send for free sample.

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A reporter visited the new public school building last Wednesday morning to observe the progress of the work. He was much surprised at the headway of the work toward completion and the excellent workmanship apparent in every item of construction. When it is finished the building will be the finest, best and most imposing public school building in west Texas and it is hoped that it may be ready for occupancy within the coming sixty days if nothing occurs to delay the work. As soon as the building is finished and occupied Superintendent Hall informs us that he then intends to invite the citizens to call and see the progress of the school. At the present time the crowded condition of the various schools scattered about town is such as to preclude a possibility of the best results and the superintendent expressed himself as being very anxious to get moved into the new structure at the very earliest moment.

Adam Sligar, one of the successful farmers of Comanche county, was here Thursday of last week to attend the Bob Taylor lecture and incidentally brought a load of wheat to exchange for flour. He has lived on his home place, seven miles southeast of Comanche for twenty-five years and his methods of farming, coupled with his indefatigable energy has made him a record as a prosperous planter. He said to a Progress reporter that with all short crops last year he had raised plenty of corn, wheat and oats for his own use and remarked that he has not had to buy a bushel of corn or a pound of bacon since he first settled the place on which he resides. This year he has in one hundred and thirty acres of wheat which is looking fine.

To secure new trade and hold it or to retain the trade already favorably inclined to Dublin it is essential to be constantly watchful and exhibit an energy that will show its presence by accomplishing something towards an inducement for the trade to come this way. There are many roads leading to Dublin, but all roads do not lead here and many of them that are supposed to lead here end in a mud hole during the crop season before they get here. The time to fix these bad places and open up and gravel more roads is when it can be done and we all know if we wait until next fall it can't be done. The Progress offers this suggestion for what it may be worth.

S. N. Jackson returned Tuesday from a trip to Thurber in the interest of his candidacy for sheriff. He had only a few days before recovered from a severe spell of sickness extending over two weeks and which for that time prevented his getting out among the people. He reports a considerable fire having occurred at Thurber early Tuesday morning, which destroyed the general store of the company containing their large stock of dry goods and groceries. The fire is supposed to have originated from defective electric light wiring and the loss is thought to be about $50,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Bob Taylor lecture Thursday night of last week was well attended, not only by Dublin citizens but by many people of literary taste from Comanche, Stephenville, Hico and De Leon. Without any doubt it was the best entertainment ever given in the opera house here and the manager of the house deserves credit for his efforts in securing such a high class entertainment. The ease and grace and eloquence of Gov. Taylor is a trio of gifts rarely found in one personality but in his case they most attractively combined to please his hearers.

The Frisco people now announce that they will inaugurate a through train service from Brownwood via Dublin to St. Louis on March 23rd. Several times heretofore the management have announced that at a given time ahead they would establish this service, but the large amount of work necessary to get the through track complete and the bad weather preventing its accomplishment has delayed the matter to a degree, but they now claim that they are sure to be ready to begin the through service on the date named.

Tax Collector N. N. Johnson informs the Progress that he has this week finished transcribing the roll of delinquent tax payers for the year 1901 and, according to law, has placed the list in the hands of collectors. This action places against each unpaid tax in addition to the ten per cent. penalty, a collection fee of one dollar.

A call meeting of the city council was held last Saturday night for the purpose of authorizing the publication of the delinquent tax list. At the meeting the proposed new city and fire hall was also discussed but no action taken.

TEXAS CENTRAL EXTENSION.

The Road Contemplates Large Expenditures the Present Year.

A special from Austin dated Feb. 24th, says the railroad commission is in receipt of information from the Texas Central Railway Co. to the effect that it is to extend its own rails from Ross to Waco, a distance of eleven miles, and the commission has furnished form blanks for making application for bond issue to cover the proposed extension. The company has for several years been using the track of the M. K. & T. railroad from Ross into Waco.

Another telegram dated at Waco Tuesday, Feb. 25th says:

"The Texas Central railroad company, which is now building eleven miles of new track from Ross to Waco, after reaching this city with its own rails, will begin building toward the Louisiana boundary, first securing a right of way. It is very likely that the extension eastward will go almost on an air line to Beaumont.

Col. Chas. Hamilton, the vice president and general manager, has been for several years planning to extend the road into the pine and cypress lands of Texas and Louisiana, and a preliminary step arranged to build from Ross into Waco, which is now about to be consummated. The extension from Waco to Beaumont was agreed upon several years ago by the owners of the road and will no doubt be carried into effect as soon as the proper concessions can be secured.

Wednesday we received notice from our correspondent at Duffau that the Progress of last week had never reached that office. The Duffau package was mailed on the east bound train last Friday and should have reached Duffau Saturday but as it did not reach there at all we managed to get up enough extra papers to send another package of that date to-day. We hope our patrons will all do us the favor to notify us promptly when their paper does not reach them and at the proper time.

It is sincerily to be hoped that the local option campaign now on in this county will not disturb the spirit of public enterprise and mutual good feeling which is only now beginning to assume the old time vigor in Dublin. Whatever way anyone desires to cast their ballot they should feel perfectly free to do so and accord their neighbor the same right without challenging his good motive in exercising his own rights and opinions.

Faults of digestion cause disorders of the liver, and the whole system becomes deranged. Herbine perfects the process of digestion and assimilation and thus makes pure blood. Price 50c at Clay Drug Co.

The stock holders of the rapid transit company at San Angelo has increased their capital stock to ten thousand dollars and have ordered several automobiles to be used for passenger service over the city.

IF DAD HAD PLENTY O' MONEY.

If daddy had plenty of money, my dear,
My, what a good daddy he'd be.
He'd buy ev'rything in the worl' purty near
An' give it to Murry and me.
He'd git us the creek fer to wade in by jings,
An' down by the ford where it ripples and sings
He'd strain out the sunshine an' song an' make things
To play with fer Murry an' me,
My! what a good daddy he'd be,
An' he'd buy us the trees
If Murry would tease—
If daddy had plenty of money.

If daddy had plenty of money I bet
He'd be the best daddy on earth.
They wouldn't be anything we couldn't get,
No matter how much it was worth.
To play circus with, he'd git us the sky—
To make beads for Murry the stars upon high—
To have pillow fights with the clouds that blow by—
No matter how much they was worth
He'd be the best daddy on earth.
Why, he'd buy us the moon
Fer a souvenir spoon—
If daddy had plenty of money.

If daddy hain't got any money, I guess
He wouldn't sell Murry an' me.
We're tow-headed skeesickses—that's what he says,
An' scalawags, that's what we be.
An' n'en when Riddles ride by in their rig
'Ithout any children, ol' daddy feels big,
An' tells ma he won't fer a farm an' a pig
Swap off sister Murry an' me
We're skeesickses, that's what we be
But Murry an' me
Are his his fortune, says he—
If daddy hain't got any money.

—Kansas City Star.

MUST BE SHOWN.

Coffee Drinkers Require Proof.

When persons insist on taking some kind of food or drink that causes disease it is not fair to blame a doctor for not curing them.

Coffee keeps thousands of people sick in spite of all the doctor can do to cure them. There is but one way to get them. That is to quit coffee absolutely; a great help will be to shift over to Postum Food Coffee.

A case of this kind is illustrated by Mrs. E. Kelley, 233—8th Ave., Newark, N. J., who says, "I have been ailing for about eight years with bilious trouble and indigestion. Every doctor told me to give up coffee. I laughed at the idea of coffee hurting me, until about three years ago I was taken very bad and had to have a doctor attend me regularly.

"The doctor refused to let me have coffee, but prescribed Postum Food Coffee. I soon got to making it so well that I could not tell the difference in taste between Postum and the common coffee.

"I began to improve right away and have never had a billious spell since giving up coffee and taking on Postum. When I started I weighed 109 pounds, now I weigh 130. My friends ask what has made the change and of course, I tell them it was leaving off coffee and taking up Postum.

"I know my husband will never go back to the old fashioned coffee again. You can use my name if you print this letter for I am not ashamed to have the public know just what I have to say about Postum and what it has done for me.

Mistrot Bros. & Co. of Stephenville have issued the first number of what they purpose to be a small monthly publication primarily designed to advertise their business at that point, but which will also carry considerable notice of current events and advertisements of other Stephenville stores. The name adopted for it is the "Erath County Crackerjack" and it is in all respects what one would imply from the name.

The fourteenth annual session of the Erath and Comanche ex-confederate association will assemble in Dublin early in August this year. It is not now too early to begin preliminary arrangements for making the meeting in every way a great success. Many matters for the comfort and pleasure of the veterans and others attending may be made with little outlay if the matter is taken up in time.

It is thought very probable at this time that an independent ticket for county offices will be placed in the field in Erath county. We have been informed that so soon as the democratic primaries are over this matter will be thoroughly discussed and some decision arrived at by a general mass meeting of citizens, regardless of party affiliation.

Dr. Albert Carr, a prominent young physician of Lingleville, died last Monday evening at his home at Lingleville from a sudden attack of pneumonia contracted about ten days before.

It is suggested by one of our exchanges as one way of keeping the bole wevil out of cotton is to see that the seed which is planted is perfectly clear of the pests. It is stated that very often the germs are found in the seed.

SHOT FROM AN AMBUSH.

Attempted Killing near Gustine Results in Painful Wounding of Three Persons.

Last Tuesday morning on the farm of Darling Boyd of near Gustine, Boyd was waylaid and shot in the left arm by Allen Alsup, also a farmer citizen of the community and by marriage a brother-in-law to him, the two having married half sisters.

Boyd was plowing in his field at about 9:30 in the morning when suddenly upon arriving at the end of the row on the bank of the Leon a gun shot rang out, the bullet from a winchester struck him just below the elbow on the right arm, ranging down the arm and coming out on the inside near the hand, crushing the bones of the arm in a horrible manner. He looked in the direction of the sound and saw his assailant just in time to avoid the aim of the second shot which whizzed past his head and the attacking party, after apparent preparations for a third shot, disappeared down the bank of the river. In the meantime Boyd's team ran away and he hurried towards his house a quarter of a mile away but fell from exhauston while crossing the road fifty yards from his house, where he was picked up by W. W. Wilson and another party of that neighborhood who happened to be passing in a wagon on their way to Dublin, and from whom most of our information was learned. They helped him to his home and as soon as the alarm could be given a posse of determined citizens was organized to try to find and arrest Allsup.

He was tracked into a heavy thicket and sentinels were posted at different points to prevent his escape, one of the sentinels being Henry M. Culp, well known here, with another gentlemen. Allsup saw them as he was trying to pass out of the thicket up a ravine and shot Culp, the ball striking him about the first suspender button on the left side and coming out a little back of the last button. This occurrence did not turn the two guard, but they took after the criminal firing as they had opportunity and he returning the fire as he fled. One of them finally shot him in the hip and arriving at the home of Alex Neill he sent Neill out to inform them he would give up.

The prisoner was lodged in the Comanche jail about 8:30 o'clock that night and we are now informed that all the wounded parties are getting along nicely.

There was much fear of lynching if the prisoner had fallen into the hands of the neighbors, as both Boyd and Culp were good citizens of the community and Allsup had about twenty years ago served a term of five years in the penitentiary for rape, besides being very unpopular in his community.

The grievance against Boyd was on account of a disputed land line.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

There are folks running before the democratic primaries in Erath connty who have a great deal to say of railroad passes being used by officials but who themselves use passes always and besides have always had their hands stuck out behind to receive whatever may be dropped. We use the plural in making this statement only as a matter of courtesy.

Maybe you can find a chance to improve the Buckskin Breeches. Just because they are the best pants made doesn't preclude a possibility of improvement. We don't know how to make them any better—don't know how to get any more goodness into them. If you can tell us we'll do it. Nothing too small for consideration if it means improvement.

Hon. Ben Palmer has withdrawn from the race for the democratic nomination for county judge and in a published card thanks his friends for their assurance of support. Mr. Palmer intends to retire to private life for the present and pursue his profession at the bar.

Are you restless at night, and harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. Price 25 cents and 50c at Clay Drug Co.

While several workmen were engaged at Brownwood last Friday in excavating a drainage sewer being constructed there the upper crush suddenly gave way and buried five of the workmen under the earth. They were quickly rescued by their comrades however and none were serious hurt.

Advice to the Aged.

Age brings infirmities, such as sluggish bowels, weak kidneys and bladder and TORPID LIVER.

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In addition to the regular levy of state taxes for this year the commissioner's court of Erath county has levied a road and bridge tax of fifteen cents on the hundred dollars valuation and twenty cents for court house bonds.



Breaks and Brakes

Is our topic just now. If your Bicycle is defective because of a break or the lock of a brake trundle it around to my Bicycle Repair Shop and it will be put in a ridable condition on short order. Coaster Brake put on my bicycle for a moderate charge.

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and muscles sore from cold or rheumatism, when you slip and sprain a joint, strain your side or bruise yourself, Perry Davis' Painkiller will take out the soreness and fix you right in a jiffy. Always have it with you, and use it freely. USE

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CZAR IS CHECKED.

United States Will Support Open-Door Policy in China.

SECRETARY HAY SENDS A NOTE.

The Document Closely Follows the Lines of the Treaty Agreed Upon by Great Britain and Japan.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—The Tribune prints the following cablegram from Pekin, China, under date of Feb. 19:

A sensation was caused in diplomatic circles here when it became known that the United States, through Secretary of State John Hay, had sent a note to the Russian and Chinese governments following closely along the lines of the Anglo-Japanese treaty of Jan. 30.

The note is a distinct warning to both China and Russia that the United States will not permit the integrity of the empire to be molested in favor of one nation to the detriment of the other.

The note, which practically indorses the English treaty with Japan, says:

"Washington, Feb. 1.—An agreement whereby China gives any corporation or company the exclusive right or privilege of opening mines, establishing railroads or in any other way industrially developing Manchuria can but be viewed with the gravest concern by the government of the United States.

"It constitutes a monopoly which is a distinct breach of the stipulations of the treaties concluded between China and foreign powers, and thereby seriously affects the rights of American citizens.

"It restricts the rightful trade, exposing it to be discriminated against, interfered with or otherwise jeopardized, and strongly tends to permanently impair China's sovereign rights in this part of the empire, while it seriously interferes with her ability to meet her international obligations.

"Furthermore, such a concession on China's part would undoubtedly be followed by demands from other powers for similar equally extensive advantages elsewhere in the Chinese empire, and the inevitable result must be the complete wreck of the policy of absolute equality of treatment to all nations respecting the trade, navigation and commerce within the empire confines.

"On the other hand, the attainment by one power of such exclusive privileges for the commercial organizations of its nationality conflicts with the assurances repeatedly conveyed to this government by the imperial Russian government's minister of foreign affairs of the government's intention to follow the policy of the open door as advocated by the United States government and accepted by all the treaty powers having commercial interests in the empire.

"It is for these reasons that the government of the United States now, as formerly, animated by the sincerest desire of insuring to the whole world the benefits of full and fair intercourse between China and the nations on a footing of equal rights and advantages to all, submits the above to the earnest consideration of the imperial governments of China and Russia, confident that they will give due weight to its importance and that they will adopt such measures as will relieve the just and natural anxiety of the United States."

Rioting at Barcelona.

Barcelona, Feb. 21.—The strikers murdered three workmen who wished to resume work. The proprietor of a bakers who raised the price of bread was also killed.

It is becoming more apparent that anarchists are the prime movers in the revolution. The markets are without provisions, and strikers prevent the slaughter of animals.

Additional reinforcements of troops are arriving here.

Fresh Fighting.

Barcelona, Feb. 21.—Fresh fighting between the troops and rioters has occurred at Tarrasa and Sabadell. Most of the ships in this harbor have been forced to leave without discharging their cargoes.

Act Approved.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 21.—Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department has approved the act of the Creek council appropriating money for the Creek commissioners to go to Washington to negotiate a supplementary treaty. The secretary at first refused to approve the act, but Chief Porter went to Washington and laid the matter before the department. The chief was powerless without the Creek commissioners.

RICE'S END.

Tragic Narrative that a Self-Confessed Criminal Told.

New York, Feb. 21.—A very dramatic point in the trial of Lawyer Albert T. Patrick for alleged murder of William M. Rice was reached Thursday. Jones told of Rice's death as follows:

Rice's quick death, he said, was decided upon at a conference between Patrick and himself held Saturday night. Jones had told the lawyer of the arrival of a draft for $25,000. Patrick told him it was time to apply the chloroform, now that the draft had come, and Capt. Baker was coming, or they would lose all. Jones agreed.

Jones here told his story of the actual killing. He made a cone of a towel, in the small end of which was a chloroformed sponge. Creeping into the room where Mr. Rice lay sleeping, he quickly covered the sleeper's face with the large end of the cone. Jones rushed out of the room. In half an hour he came back. He removed the cone. Mr. Rice was dead.

Jones swore he telephoned Patrick the words: "Mr. Rice is very ill," the agreed signal between the two of the death. Jones' story of the end was concluded by the statement that Patrick came to the house and removed all of Mr. Rice's papers.

SCOTS GRAYS ROUTED.

The Crack British Dragoon Regiment is Cut to Pieces.

London, Feb. 21.—A detachment of the Scots Grays (Second dragoons), one of Great Britain's crack dragoon regiments, has been cut up by the Boers at Klipdam. Maj. C. W. M. Fielden and Capt. E. Usher were severely wounded. Two men were killed, six wounded and forty-six captured.

The news was received Thursday from Lord Kitchener in a dispatch dated Pretoria, Feb. 19.

The Scots Grays formed a part of Gen. Gilbert-Hamilton's column. The latter, while moving on Nigel, Feb. 18, engaged a force of Boers at Klipdam. The Scots Grays became detached, were surrounded and cut off. Gen. Hamilton was unable to dislodge the Boers from their position, so he continued his march toward Nigel.

The Boers released the Scots Grays who had been made prisoners.

SPANKING SUIT.

Indiana Woman Institutes Proceedings Against a Farmer.

Columbia City, Ind., Feb. 21.—An unusual case is being heard here in the Whitley county circuit court, in which Josephine Whetzel demands $2000 damages because of a spanking she received at the hands of Chauncey Waterhouse. The latter is a wealthy farmer of DeKalb county.

Last summer Waterhouse and his son called at the place rented by Whetzels, and went to the potato patch to get some tubers. Mrs. Whetzels followed Waterhouse, carrying a goodly-sized board. She and the man passed some words, and when the latter stooped over to pull a potato vine, she could not resist bringing the board down upon him with a resounding whack. The action so angered the old man and his son that the latter seized the woman and held her, while the father spanked her with the board. Because of the humiliation and injuries then inflicted, the woman now seeks damages.

Serious Condition.

Celebre, Spain, Feb. 21.—Serious fighting is proceeding in all parts of Barcelona. A number of persons have already been killed or wounded. Troops are arriving rapidly at Barcelona from all other districts.

The outbreak Thursday between the strikers and troops began at Paraldo, Asalto and Rambla streets, where many shots were exchanged. A general panic prevails at Barcelona.

Rather Costly.

New York, Feb. 21.—Because City Judge Bennett of Mount Vernon refused to pay a gas bill of $1.65, which he contended he had never contracted, the gas company turned off his supply three years ago. He brought suit and the gas company carried the case to appellate division of supreme court, which has just handed down a decision affirming judgment for $4300 in favor of Judge Bennett for the inconvenience resulting.

The Merger.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Officers of the administration, including Attorney General Knox, are making only perfunctory comment on the announcement made public that proceedings will be brought as soon as it is practicable to test the legality of the merger of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railway systems through the instrumentality of of the Northern Securities company.

MEETS AT DALLAS.

Democratic Executive Committee Convenes in that City.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—Hon. J. B. Wells, state chairman, issued the following call:

Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—To the Members of the State Democratic Executive Committee: Deeming it advisable in the interest of the Democratic party of this state that the State Democratic executive committee should meet at an early date, by authority vested in me as chairman of said committee, I hereby call upon all of the members of the committee to assemble in the parlors of the Oriental hotel in the city of Dallas at the hour of 12 m. on Thursday, the 27th of February, 1902, for the consideration of all such business as may properly come before it; and to the end that the views and wishes of the Democrats of every part of our state may be known and receive careful consideration, I most earnestly request the personal attendance of every member of the committee.

JAMES B. WELLS,
Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

POURING IN.

Hundreds of Homeseekers Coming Into Texas' Imperial Domain.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 21.—H. Fleischauser, land and immigration agent for Texas Central, headquarters at Waco, said:

"I went to Parsons, Kan., to come down with excursionists. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas was strictly in it, for the day will certainly not soon forgotten by Katy officials. More than 2500 passengers boarded the Katy train at Parsons. It was one of the longest and heaviest passenger trains ever pulled over the line and was a double-header. There were twenty coaches and chair cars, all crowded to their fullest capacity. Some had to stand.

"About 1000 of these homeseekers got off the train at South McAlester and went up into the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache country. Hundreds had tickets for Holliday, Tex., a new colony of 52,000 acres.

"Considerably over 1000 of the excursionists crossed Red river into Texas with tickets for new northern colonies recently opened in the state.

"Several hundred of the homeseekers went to El Berta, a new settlement on the Texas Southern. There are 60,000 acres in and about El Berta, around Mineola and Marshall. This country will prove of especial interest to fruit growers. The homeseekers are going there to engage in fruit raising.

"The Texas Central got a good share of the homeseekers, many being en route to the Stamford colony, on the new extension from Albany to Stamford."

Board of Regents.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—The governor appointed the following as members of the board of regents of the Texas Industrial Institute and College for the education of white girls in the arts and sciences: A. P. Wooldridge of Travis county, Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard of Tarrant county, Clarence N. Ousley of Galveston county, Mrs. Birdie Robertson Johnson of Smith county, V. W. Grubbs of Hunt county, Miss M. Eleanor Brackenridge of Bexar county, John A. Hann of Denton county.

By virtue of the authority vested in him under Sec. 4 of the act creating and establishing said institute and college, the governor has called a meeting of the board of regents to be held at Denton on Wednesday, the second day of April next.

Colquitt Brings Suit.

Gainesville, Tex., Feb. 21.—Hon. O. B. Colquitt of Terrell has filed suit in the district court in this city for $7500 damages against the Evening Messenger, published here. Mr. Colquitt alleges libelous utterances in an editorial published in the Messenger while he was here last week canvassing the county for railroad commissioner.

New Trial.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 21.—Count de Lucenay, it is announced, will get a new trial on the charge of bigamy, for which the jury gave him four years last Saturday night. The indictment on which he was tried was defective, according to the lawyers, because it failed to mention the name of the count's first wife. The count has been reindicted by the grand jury.

Writ of Error.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 21.—The supreme court of Texas on Thursday granted a writ of error in the case of the Railroad Commission of Texas vs. Weld & Neville et al., from Travis. This is the "round bale" case, wherein the third court of civil appeals dismissed the appeal of the commission, or state, and taxed the costs against it, holding that the judgment of the lower court was not conclusive and that from it an appeal was not justified.

TEXAS TOPICS.

Brief Mention of a Number of Interesting Items.

Washington's birthday was duly observed.

Mrs. A. A. Walker, 71 years of age, a Paris pioneer, is dead.

Three rural mail delivery routes will soon be established out of Denison.

Three Mexicans, alleged to be counterfeiters, were arrested at El Paso.

Postal cars on the Houston and Texas Central railway are to be enlarged.

The 1-year-old child of Jasper Edwards was burned to death at Georgetown.

A vein of coal thirty-two inches thick has been found at a depth of twenty-eight feet at Bowie.

Owing to private business interests elsewhere Mayor Knaur of Denison has resigned.

In the recent burglary at Alvord $547.81 in stamps and $6.30 in silver were stolen.

Jesse Camp was seriously cut at Oak Hill, Hill county. Ed Johnson was held to await the action of the grand jury.

In a difficulty at Campbell between a man named Horton and Lee McMillan, the former was shot in the jaw and leg.

Charles Gilliland, who sued the Texas Midland railway at Kaufman for the loss of a leg, was awarded a verdict of $15,000.

The fishing schooner, Contest, was wrecked near Campeache banks. Her crew escaped, and the members taken to Sabine.

Citizens of Cisco will, on March 10, vote on a proposition to determine whether that city will issue $23,000 waterworks bonds.

William Rae, a seaman on the steamer Oriel, died just before that vessel reached Galveston. He was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland.

While hunting in Grimes county, Charles Gillett was shot and killed by his cousin, Fred Gillett. Both are colored. It was an accident.

J. J. Miller, a prominent business man of Dallas, and one of the organizers of Camp Sterling Price, died in this city after a brief illness.

Ex-Sheriff Scott of Grimes county was arrested at El Paso on capiases from Grimes county, charged with murder and complicity to murder.

The Johnson County Teachers' institute was held at Cleburne. The normal will be held at Venus, and Prof. Berry of Cleburne elected conductor.

The programme committee of the Texas Press association met at Dallas and arranged the programme for the next meeting of the convention, to be held at Gainesville.

T. A. Dunn, who was appointed postmaster at Corn Hill, Williamson county during Hayes's administration and serving continuously since, has resigned.

A burglar entered the house of John Phillips at Tyler and forced Mrs. Phillips to give him $30. The husband, who is a Cotton Belt engineer, was on a run at the time.

The Texas and Pacific Railway company has purchased from the American Car and Foundry company 2500 box cars. The purchase price is $1,851,234, and deliverey is to be made on or before June 1.

The Red Men had a grand time at El Paso on the 22nd. The capture of the city hall and the parade, over a mile long, were witnessed by thousands. At night there was a fireworks exhibit, and in the afternoon a bull fight.

Shaw President.

Waco, Tex., Feb. 24.—The twenty-first annual reunion of the Tom Green brigade, United Confederate Veterans, closed after lasting two days, bringing together over half of the surviving members of the body of soldiers commanded by Gen. Green from the commencement of hostilities to the death of the general in 1864. Discussion of monuments to Gens. Green and Hardeman was held. Gen. Green's grave is in the old cemetery at Austin. Funds will be raised for monuments.

Officers were elected as follows: W. A. Shaw of Dallas, president; W. H. Browning of Lampasas, J. F. Riebe of Cedar Hill, Chas. Wilson of Taylor and J. C. J. King of Waco, first, second, third and fourth vice-presidents, in the order named. B. B. Saunders of Austin, chaplain and T. G. Young of Lewisville, color-bearer.

Weimar holds the next meeting.

Rain in Some Sections.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 24.—Reports received by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company here indicate that the drouth which has prevailed in Texas for so long will soon be broken. There was precipitation, more or less heavy, in northern, eastern and southern Texas Sunday, and in the northeastern section it was raining pretty hard when the bulletins were sent in.

Beaumont, Galveston and Houston had fine showers.

LEVY UNJUST TAXES.

OUR ACTS IN THE PHILIPPINES ON A PAR WITH ENGLAND'S.

Vital Principle of "Taxation Without Representation" Is Involved—This Same Injustice Drove the American Colonies to Revolt.

The Outlook of Dec. 7 seems to find cause for congratulation in the fact that the Philippine tariff bill provides that the money collected on goods imported from the Philippines to the United States "shall be held as a separate fund and paid into the treasury of the Philippine Islands to be used and expended for the government and benefit of said islands." The editor of the Outlook reminds his readers that his paper insisted upon this provision in a previous issue, and he rejoices that the demand was complied with.

Before our esteemed contemporary jubilates too much over this provision it would be well for him to read the protest against English rule written by John Jay and approved by the colonial congress, Oct. 21, 1774. As this protest is reproduced in the World's Best Orations as well as in many other publications, the editor of the Outlook will have no difficulty in finding it. His attention is called especially to the following words, which appeared in that protest:

"These, and many other impositions, were laid upon us, most unjustly and unconstitutionally, for the express purpose of raising a revenue. In order to silence complaint, it was indeed provided that this revenue should be expended in America for its protection and defense. These exactions, however, can receive no justification from a pretended necessity of protecting and defending us. They are lavishly squandered on court favorites and ministerial dependents, generally avowed enemies to America, and employing themselves by partial representations to traduce and embroil the colonies."

Here is an English precedent for the provision inserted by a Republican congress and gleefully indorsed by a great religious periodical. It is not strange that a colonial policy such as England enforced against the American colonies, should, when adopted here, bring with it all the hypocrisy and false pretense that characterized its administration against our forefathers, but nevertheless it is humiliating that our nation should be doing to-day exactly the same things against which earnest and effective protest was made a century and a quarter ago.

"To silence complaint" now, as then, the revenues are to be turned over to the colonies, but what of the principle of taxation without representation? What of the theory of government without the consent of the governed? The revolutionary patriots were not willing to surrender the right of self-government merely because the English turned over to them the proceeds of unconstitutional taxation.

There is another parallel between Jay's protest and present conditions in the Philippines. It was complained that the revenues collected without authority and then turned back to the colonists "to silence complaint" were "lavishly squandered on court favorites and ministerial dependents." While we have no court favorites as yet, we have ministerial dependents, men appointed by the President, who have fixed for themselves larger salaries than are paid for the same kind of work in this country. Complaint was made that the salaried officials appointed by England were "avowed enemies to America" and employed themselves in "traducing and embroiling the colonies." If any one will read the official reports that come from the Philippine Islands he will be convinced that the Filipinos are being governed by "avowed enemies" of their principles, however they may profess friendship for the Filipinos themselves.

Step by step the doctrine of imperialism is advancing, and unless the American people are prepared to adopt the European idea of government there must be a protest that will rescue the Republican party from its present tendencies or drive it from power.—The Commoner.

Western Intolerance.

Thinking men of to-day, confronted, for example, with the problems of China, South Africa (the settlement problem, not the war problem), are determined, says R. Brimley Johnson in the Atlantic, that the claims of imperialism shall not involve a reckless destruction of patriotism, or a foolish process of remolding nations on Birmingham patterns. Without precisely declaring that western civilization has reached its climax, they are firmly convinced that as itself an all-sufficient motive power its influence is on the wane. In other words, it is now recognized to be valuable only as a means, and it behooves us to consider the end it may legitimately encourage. For the moment, however, the pressing necessity is to check popular enthusiasm from mistaking it for an end; to convince the body politic that the consciences and ideals of other people are at least as permanent and as valuable as our own; that their ways are not our ways, nor our ways theirs. Nations make poor lecturers, and the arena of diplomacy is an unsteady pulpit. Civilizations are not one, but many, and of to-day's survivals few are barbarous. The danger of forgetting this truth is both theoretic and practical. The call to arms in Christ's name denies the doctrine we are professing to inculcate; the habit of interfering provokes interference. Our grandchildren will hardly thank us for teaching the Chinese to fight, and ... ous promotion of civilization ... ently implies the daily ... barbarities.

What Are the Facts?

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Harriman as a Humorist.

Mr. Harriman really ... in his explanation to the ... commerce commission of the ... of the Northern Pacific ... In reply to a suggestion that ... enable the company to ... he said that the complaint ... made that rates were too ... "we may be able to stop the ... mation in rates of one shipper ... another." Considering the ... timony before the commission, ... that complete control by railroad ... cials would eliminate discrimination ... rates is quite humorous. But ... riman has a humorous vein. ... riously argued to the commission ... competition could not cause a ... manent reduction in rates.

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There is something so foolish ... alleged government order that ... dians shall cut their long hair ... painting their faces that doubt ... the authenticity of the report ... first be expressed. "An Indian ... much right to wear his hair ... the Harvard man has to part ... in the middle. And an Indian ... much right to paint his face as ... woman has to paint hers. ... ranny of this sort might ... the remaining Indian bands ... warpath. The thing to do is ... the Indian and then the Indian ... take care of his dress without ... ment assistance.

Deep Hostility of the Filipinos.

We suppose that the general ... sus of opinion in this country ... agreed that the roseate reports ... pino regard for us and desire ... love with out authorities and ... stitutions in the islands are ... foundation. The reports of ... tary commanders are now being ... their long succession of ... that the Filipinos must be ... disarmed and ruled for years ... by military force. We are ... to believe that the natives ... the oath of allegiance and ... salaries as officials are for the ... part in active communication ... natives who are openly ... against us.

Why Not Subsidize Locomotives?

We do not ourselves believe that ... shipyards could not compete to ... tage with all foreigners any more ... we believe that our locomotive ... need a subsidy. Ships are made ... turers of steel and we have been ... ing the markets of the great ship-... ufacturing countries with our ... for a number of years past. The ... rings with the groans of our unsuccessful rivals. It is not common sense to infer that an industry so powerful and triumphant in one branch is helpless and dependent in another branch.

Hope for the Filipinos.

The people are not quite ... believe that the Filipinos are the ... treacherous rebels they have ... been represented to be, that the ... are seething with rebellion and ... reconcentrado methods must be ... voked. If such were the case it ... be singular to find 842 teachers ... islands at 450 different places ... 200 of these places wholly unprotected by United States troops. The ... is not hostile to teachers and to ... ing. Who will say that there is ... hope for him?

Pay High for Our Army.

We are paying $1,000,000 a ... run our army. Leaving pensions ... of the account, it costs us ... maintain one soldier a year, ... over fivy times what it costs to ... tain a soldier in the most expensive equipped army of Europe. ... high for our army, and if all the money went for the comfort of the soldier body would complain. It goes ... money generally goes in this ... aried country, nor does it always where it will do the most good.

What Is the Object?

J. J. Hill with a sober face ... commission that competition ... railroads raised the rates and ... nopoly was what reduced them. ... simple proposition is correct ... the world are the railroad ... trying to get the law so amended ... they can pool instead of compete ... it because they want to raise ... incomes?

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SPANISH RIOTING.

The Strikers Make an Attack on the Barcelona Jail.

FORTY PERSONS WERE KILLED

In that City During the Tumultuous Events of the Past Week—The Necessities of Life Are Scarce.

Barcelona, Feb. 22.—The predominance of bayonets here has had due effect and the most turbulent spirits have been driven off the streets. Outwardly the city is resuming an aspect of comparative quiet. The leading citizens are joining the military and civil authorities in restoring order.

The captain general has ordered the newspapers to resume publication and has instructed the owners of public vehicles to again engage in their regular work. If the printers refuse to work their names and residences are to be handed to the captain general, who will deal with them. All drivers declining to take out vehicles will be deprived of their licenses.

The premier, Senor Segasta, announced that the chamber will not be prorogued unless the opposition obstructs the government's action by continually raising debates on the present labor troubles in Spain.

Ten anarchists have been arrested here and others are under surveillance. The working people of Madrid remain quiet.

Forty persons have been killed since the disturbances broke out here. The strikers Friday attacked the jail, in an attempt to rescue their imprisoned comrades, but they were repulsed by the troops after a number of rioters had been killed or wounded.

The ordinary necessaries of life are failing and the distress is becoming accentuated. The strikers are said to be receiving large sums of money from London.

In the neighboring towns the disturbance is spreading and is increasing in gravity.

Fathers Fired.

Saragossa, Spain, Feb. 22.—A number of rioters atatcked the Jesuit college here. The fathers fired on the mob, believing their assailants to be thieves.

Legislators Fight.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 22.—A personal encounter between Delegates Isaac Lobe Strauss of Baltimore city and F. Lynen Painter of Baltimore county occurred on the floor of the house of delegates Friday.

Strauss approached Painter and after a colloquy Painter struck him in the face. Strauss defended himself with an umbrella and struck Painter with it, but a number of delegates separated them.

Young Roosevelt at White House.

Groton, Mass., Feb. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who has been ill with pneumonia for two weeks in the Groton school infirmary, has gone to Washington. Bound to his eyes with blankets, he was taken in a covered sleigh to the special train which had been in readiness at the Groton station for several days.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and Dr. P. M. Rixey, while in another conveyance was Miss Roosevelt.

Long Will Retire.

Washington, Feb. 22.—After cabinet meeting Friday Secretary Long stated that the report that he intended leaving the cabinet was quite true.

He said he had fixed upon no specific date for his leaving, and he had not yet formally sent his resignation to the president and might not do so for some time. The president, however, was fully aware of his purpose, which was formed many months ago.

Cook Killed.

City of Mexico, Feb. 22.—The baggage and dining car of the Pennsylvania excursion train were derailed seventy miles north of this city and the second cook, a colored man, killed. Two others of the kitchen crew were badly scalded and several slightly injured. The cause of the accident was seven ties burned, allowing the rails to spread. The cars occupied by the excursionists did not leave the track. One of the passengers was slightly injured.

Seriously Ill.

Oklahoma City, Ok., Feb. 22.—Wm. Peoples, who killed Eugene McLaughlin, is seriously ill from heart trouble at the county jail. His attorneys tried for his release on a writ of habeas corpus, but Judge Burwell denied it.

Loeb & Heine's dry goods store burned at Logansport, Ind. Loss, $200,000.

A young lady was killed while coasting near Pittsburg, Pa.

CONFEDERATE HOME.

A Report on that Institution Has Been Submitted by Mr. Boyd.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 22.—The legislative investigating committee has given out another batch of subcommittee reports.

In his report on the Confederate home, Representative Boyd sets forth the history of the institution and quotes the laws concerning the same. Continuing, he says:

"I find, after having gone through the accounts of the home from 1892, that for the first three or four years the books were carelessly kept, and there is not one voucher in five that accompanies the accounts presented to the controller for payment. After that time the books and accounts have been more carefully kept, and under the present administration each demand upon the state is accompanied by a voucher properly certified."

The report shows the amounts appropriated by each legislature for the support of the home, and the amounts expended.

The report further says:

"A considerable amount of testimony has been taken in regard to the treatment of the Confederate veterans by the officers and employes of the home, and while there is probably some cause for complaint, more on the ground of omission than commission, the general trend of the testimony is that there is no just cause of complaint against the officers and employes of the home. Nearly all of the witnesses before us complained of the kind of beef they got to eat, and this complaint seems to be peretty well established. There is also some complaint that the cook's time is taken up by cooking for the officers instead of the old soldiers, but the cook himself states that he has plenty of time with his assistants to prepare food for the soldiers, and he could cook for forty or fifty more without any additional help.

The testimony taken with regard to the laundry shows that the officers and employes have their washing done at the home, and that prior to the present administration the officers and their families had their washing done elsewhere.

"I have carefully followed up every suggestion made by the witnesses that proof could be made by others in regard to irregularities of the officers and employes, but the testimony of these witnesses when taken did not elicit any such irregularities as indicated.

"I find that there are four or five extra horses that do not belong to the home that are fed at the expense of the state.

"I made no estimate of the cost per capita per month except for the following years, which I found to be: For 1891 $14.36 per month, 1893 $15.50 per month, 1896 $12.50 per month, 1899 $15.40 per month."

Credit Men.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 22.—The call for a meeting of the credit men of Texas for the purpose of forming an association, which was issued by Paul Waples, was responded to by a large number of the larger Texas firms.

Mr. Waples stated the call had been issued to devise means by which the wholesale dealers could protect themselves and improve the credit conditions in the state. Permanent organization was effected. Another meeting will soon be held.

Mrs. Belle McDonald was burned to death near Tigertown, Lamar county.

Green's Brigade.

Waco, Tex., Feb. 22.—In Maccabee hall, where the colors of the Southern Confederacy drape the walls and ceiling, Green's Texas Brigade held its twenty-first annual reunion with over 200 of the gallant old soldiers in attendance.

The brigade included distinguished professional men, planters, livestock men, bankers, manufacturers, sheriffs, ex-sheriffs, county and district judges; in fact, all representative classes of citizens and officials from farmers, retailers and constables to the chief executive.

The reunion began with an address of welcome by Comrade J. D. Shaw of Pat Cleburne camp, to which Gov. Sayers responded on the part of the brigade. Both speeches were greeted with wild cheers.

A full length portrait of Gen. Green was in the hall.

Shot Through Body.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 22.—Mrs. L. Hays is lying at Santa Rosa hospital shot through the body. The wound was inflicted at her home by her own hand, but whether it was an accident or an attempt at suicide is not positively known, as the lady has made not statement. She had been suffering from neuralgia, and had called a physician, and while he was in the house she went into the kitchen, and while there the pistol was fired.

PECULIAR WILL.

The One Left by a Collin County Man is Out of the Ordinary.

McKinney, Tex., Feb. 25.—C. B. Moore, who died at his home six miles north of McKinney Nov. 25, left a remarkable will, which has just been probated here. Following is a copy:

Advalorem, Six Miles North of McKinney, Collin Collin County, Texas, Sept. 30, 1901, 4 a. m., Mercury 66 Degrees.—I, Charles Bingley Moore, now 79 years old and near the age at which my father and three of my grandparents died, and being worn out, so far as labor is concerned, can expect to live but a short time. And wishing to avoid trouble and expense in winding up my estate, I hereby give my present circumstances and state my will and wish for the future.

Years ago I wrote my will and had it witnessed, sealed and deposited with J. M. Pearson of McKinney, but having lived longer than I expected, I now hereby purpose executing in part and abrogating the rest of that will.

My family now consists of myself, my wife, Mary Ann Moore, now 59 years old, and Linnet Moore, an only child, now 21 years old.

Years ago we gave Linnet near one hundred acres of land. She sold twenty-five acres to A. L. Priest and with the proceeds built a house and opened a farm now rented to Tom Derick. We now give her one hundred acres off the east end of my 350-acre tract joining her farm and $300, and a filly known as Trixy. Having full confidence in Mary's financial ability, I hereby direct that at my death she shall take full charge of our estate, land, stock, tools, money and notes, and absolutely own and control it as I do now, and dispose of it at her will and pleasure. Birdie McGee, our niece, now lives with us, and I hereby commend her to Mary's liberality. It is my wish and desire that Hary, my wife, act as my executrix, and that no bond whatever be required of her as such executrix, and when my will is probated and an inventory and appraisement of my estate is filed, that no further action be taken by the county court in the further administration of my estate.

Being heterodox in most everything not believing in Revelation, God or devil, I wish to be buried as my father, mother, brothers and sisters were buried, without religious ceremonies.

C. B. MOORE, 79.

Body Found in a Tree.

Bonham, Tex., Feb. 25.—A foul murder is reported from Mulberry, north of here on Red river. Hunters found the dead body of a young girl in a hollow tree near the river bank. The dead girl was Lena Pendergrass, 17 years old, a Mexican, who had been making her home with a Mexican farmer named Thurman. She has been missing from the community for several days. An examination of the body showed that she had been dead for some time. The skull was badly crushed. Thurman is in jail here.

Could Not Find Jones.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 25.—Capt. J. T. Brooks of the State Rangers is here from an unsuccessful trip to Mexico in search of Dr. I. J. Jones, formerly of the quarantine department, now under indictment for forgery and embezzlement, growing out of the irregularities of that office. Capt. Brooks visited several places where Dr. Jones had preceded him. He went as far south as Coatszacoalcos on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, where Dr. Jones had been.

Storm in Grimes County.

Navasota, Tex., Feb. 25.—Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock the heaviest rain since the Galveston tornado fell. It was very general and very badly needed. It poured down in torrents without intermission for two hours. Later in the afternoon a heavy cornucopia-shaped cloud appeared in the west. This cloud divided about where the Brazos and Navasota rivers connect. One-half went down the Brazos and the other half traveled east and finally disappeared. There was much uneasiness here for fear of a cyclone.

People from the Brazos bottom say a terrible storm accompanied by much hail followed the Brazos river for miles, tearing up the trees by the roots and dislodging many tenant houses and barns. There is said to be quite a loss in young cattle and sheep by drowning.

A $4,000,000 office building is to be erected at New York.

Hanged Himself.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 25.—A. A. Woeler hanged himself, and though he was cut down before life was extinct, he could not be saved. He with his wife and children were stopping at 707 McKinney street. He stood upon a chair, tied one end of a rope around the transom crosspiece, the other around his neck and stepped off the chair. No one was in the room. He was discovered by his wife and was cut down, but was so far gone that resuscitation was impossible.

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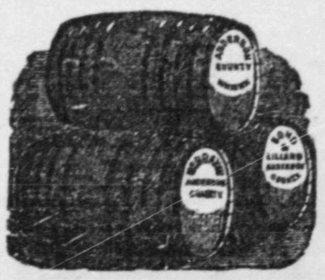
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DUFFAU.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 26th.—Corn planting has now begun in earnest and some planted last week.

Zeal Taylor expects to leave in a few days for Kent county, where he has a brother.

F. M. Holland is still improving and we hope to see him able to be out before long.

There are quite a number of cases of mumps and chickenpox throughout this section.

Dr. Cooper is all smiles now because his wife has returned home from a weeks' visit.

The local option election is all the talk here now. Rev. Clemons will give a temperance lecture next Thursday night.

Rev. A. M. Wilson is preaching to the good people on Paluxy this week and his son John is running the shop for all there is in it.

From the Recorder.

Feb. 22nd.—Messrs. Fretwell, Herring and Newton went to Waco this week.

Bob Vinson of Granbury has been spending the week here.

An eleven pound boy has arrived at the home of Mr. Burnett and lady.

Mesdames Hamilton and W. C. Johnson are on the sick list this week.

Mr. Gresham and lady of Stephenville have been visiting relatives here this week.

A little child of Will Slater's happened to a painful accident on the 13th by falling from a box and breaking it's arm.

STEPHENVILLE.

From the Tribune.

Feb. 21st.—A camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans was organized at the court house Tuesday night with L. H. Perry, commandant; John Groesbeck, first lieutenant; Lambert Henry, second lieutenant; Davis K. Doyle, adjutant; Dr. M. Day, surgeon; M. J. Thompson, quartermaster; John Cage, treasurer; W. A. Hyatt, color sergeant; Upshur Vincent, historian.

Miss May Toliver returned Friday from Dublin.

Mrs. J. B. Coleman and child went to Dublin Friday.

Major Baldwin is preparing to enlarge his electric light machinery to four times its present capacity.

Will Young returned Wednesday from Dallas county and will reside with his brother Judge Lee Young.

Judge T. B. King writes that he has opened a real estate and loan agency at Amarillo, at which place he will in future reside.

Lawyer M. F. Martin says that the statement published in the Stephenville Empire last week that he had pronounced the petition for a local option election in Erath county, outside of Thurber, as a legal petition, was not a fact.

COMANCHE.

From the Exponent.

Feb. 27th.—The recent smallpox epidemic cost the county $910.80,

Rev. Huckabee is holding a holiness revival meeting in the hall over Clark & Co.'s store.

The foot ball team will go to Stephenville Saturday to play the Tarleton college team.

It is rumored that our station agent, O. Hasse, will be transferred to the general freight office of the road at Ft. Worth.

The democratic county executive committee has been called by Chairman Pressler to meet here at 1 p. m. on Saturday, March 8th.

Mrs. J. M. McCamey, aged fifty-one years, died at her home here Wednesday night. The remains were taken to Proctor for interment.

Ed Skinner, formerly of Comanche, was burned to death in his home at Clarendon Tuesday night. His wife and baby escaped from the fire.

G. H. Goodson and Mrs. F. M. Browne have been appointed as an auxiliary board to represent this county on the Texas world's fair commission, which is taking steps to have a Texas exhibit at the St. Louis world's fair next year.

The county judge asks that any one knowing of the death of an ex-confederate pensioner within the past six months will please notify him, as the apportionment to each of the survivors is much less on account of these deaths not being reported.

Henry Mitchell was arrested last week and lodged in jail on a charge of having burglarized the store of Baxter Bros. Saturday night of the week before. He is also charged with having deserted the United States army last year. When arrested on his person was found three pistols, two dirks, a pair of brass knucks, a deck of cards, two dice and some cartridges. He is the son of one of our best families and his downward career was caused by reading trashy literature of the "Diamond Dick" and "Nick Carter" variety. A petition has been circulated asking the dealers to stop selling this stuff.

COMANCHE DISTRICT COURT.

Mrs. Emma White, murder of her husband, two years in penitentiary.

Price Farrar, attempt to murder, fined $50.

A. F. Hardin, perjury, jury out.

Buck Coker, perjury, on trial.

The grand jury adjourned Saturday after finding one hundred and eleven bills. Court will close next Saturday.

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CHALK MOUNTAIN.

Regular Correspondence.

Feb. 15th.—The weather is still dry but some few farmers are planting corn.

Arthur Roden, who has been sick for some time is still very sick.

Dr. Hickey of this place is on a visit to his father, who lives in Hill county.

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Personal Mention.

Mac Blair was over from Stephenville Tuesday.

Deputy Sheriff Harve Keith was here last Saturday.

Eli Oxford of Stephenville was here Wednesday on business.

Zack Eakins spent a couple of days at Waco the first of this week.

W. F. Wilson and lady of Stephenville visited last week with Lee Pipes and lady.

Mrs. W. T. Hunt spent a couple of days this week visiting relatives at Cisco, returning Tuesday.

T. J. Jordan returned Tuesday from market, where he had gone to buy a spring and summer stock.

J. D. St. Clair and lady of Alexander came in Wednesday from a visit with relatives at Comanche.

Mrs. Enloe, wife of the manager of Baxter Bros. Dublin store, left Tuesday for the northern markets.

Editor Eugene Moore of Stephenville was in town Monday morning in the interest of his candidacy for state senator.

J. J. Mistrot was over from Brownwood several days during this week arranging the affairs of his company's business here for record breaking sales this year.

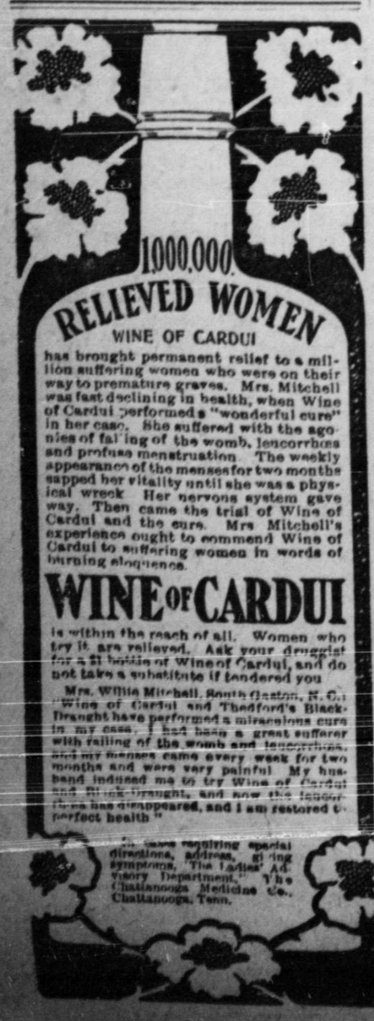
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THE SIGN OF THE FOUR.

(Continued from Page 3.)

was devoted to me and would do anything to serve me, I saw my chance of escape. I talked it over with him. He was to bring his boat round on a certain night to an old wharf which was never guarded, and there he was to pick me up. I gave him directions to have several gourds of water and a lot of yams, cocoanuts and sweet potatoes.

"He was stanch and true, was little Tonga. No man ever had a more faithful mate. At the night named he had his boat at the wharf. As it chanced, however, there was one of the convict guard down there—a vile Pathan, who had never missed a chance of insulting and injuring me. I had always vowed vengeance, and now I had my chance. It was as if fate had placed him in my way that I might pay my debt before I left the island. He stood on the bank with his back to me and his carbine on his shoulder. I looked about for a stone to beat out his brains with, but none could I see.

"Then a queer thought came into my head and showed me where I could lay my hand on a weapon. I sat down in the darkness and unstrapped my wooden leg. With three long hops I was on him. He put his carbine to his shoulder, but I struck him full and knocked the whole front of his skull in. You can see the split in the wood now where I hit him. We both went down together, for I could not keep my balance, but when I got up I found him still lying quiet enough. I made for the boat, and in an hour we were well out at sea. Tonga had brought all his earthly possessions with him, his arms and his gods. Among other things he had a long bamboo spear and some Andaman cocoanut matting, with which I made a sort of a sail. For ten days we were beating about, trusting to luck, and on the eleventh we were picked up by a trader which was going from Singapore to Jiddah with a cargo of Malay pilgrims. They were a rum crowd, and Tonga and I soon managed to settle down among them. They had one very good quality—they let you alone and asked no questions.

"Well, if I were to tell you all the adventures that my little chum and I went through, you would not thank me, for I would have you here until the sun was shining. Here and there we drifted about the world, something always turning up to keep us from London. All the time, however, I never lost sight of my purpose. I would dream of Sholto at night. A hundred times I have killed him in my sleep. At last, however, some three or four years ago, we found ourselves in England. I had no great difficulty in finding where Sholto lived, and I set to work to discover whether he had realized the treasure or if he still had it. I made friends with some one who could help me—I name no names, for I don't want to get any one else in a hole—and I soon found that he still had the jewels. Then I tried to get at him in many ways, but he was pretty sly and had always two prizefighters, besides his sons and his khitmutgar, on guard over him.

"One day, however, I got word that he was dying. I hurried at once to the garden, mad that he should slip out of my clutches like that, and looking through the window I saw him lying in his bed, with his sons on each side of him. I'd have come through and taken my chance with the three of them, only even as I looked at him his jaw dropped, and I knew that he was gone. I got into his room that same night, though, and I searched his papers to see if there was any record of where he had hidden our jewels. There was not a line, however, so I came away, bitter and savage as a man could be. Before I left I bethought me that if I ever met my Sikh friends again it would be a satisfaction to know that I had left some mark of our hatred, so I scrawled down the sign of the four of us, as it had been on the chart, and I pinned it on his bosom. It was too much that he should be taken to the grave without some token from the men whom he had robbed and befooled.

"We earned a living at this time by my exhibiting poor Tonga at fairs and other such places as the black cannibal. He would eat raw meat and dance his war dance, so we always had a hatful of pennies after a day's work. I still heard all the news from Pondicherry Lodge, and for some years there was no news to hear, except that they were hunting for the treasure. At last, however, came what we had waited for so long. The treasure had been found. It was up at the top of the house, in Mr. Bartholomew Sholto's chemical laboratory. I came at once and had a look at the place, but I could not see how, with my wooden leg, I was to make my way up to it. I learned, however, about a trap-door in the roof, and also about Mr. Sholto's supper hour. It seemed to me that I could manage the thing easily through Tonga. I brought him out with me with a long rope round his waist. He could climb like a cat, and he soon made his way through the roof; but, as ill luck would have it, Bartholomew Sholto was still in the room, to his cost.

"Tonga thought he had done something very clever in killing him, for when I came up by the rope I found him strutting about as proud as a peacock. Very much surprised was he when I made at him with the rope's end and cursed him for a little bloodthirsty imp. I took the treasure box and let it down and then slid down myself, having first left the sign of the four upon the table, to show that the jewels had come back at last to those who had most right to them. Tonga then pulled up the rope, closed the window and made off the way that he had come.

"I don't know that I have anything else to tell you. I had heard a waterman speak of the speed of Smith's launch, the Aurora, so I thought she would be a handy craft for our escape. I engaged with old Smith and was to give him a big sum if he got us safe to our ship. He knew, no doubt, that there was some screw loose, but he was not in our secrets. All this is the truth, and if I tell it to you, gentlemen, it is not to amuse you—for you have not done me a very good turn—but it is because I believe the best defense I can make is just to hold back nothing, but let all the world know how badly I have myself been served by Major Sholto and how innocent I am of the death of his son."

"A very remarkable account," said Sherlock Holmes. "A fitting windup to an extremely interesting case. There is nothing at all new to me in the latter part of your narrative, except that you brought your own rope. That I did not know. By the way, I had hoped that Tonga had lost all his darts. Yet he managed to shoot one at us in the boat."

"He had lost them all, sir, except the one which was in his blowpipe at the time."

"Ah, of course," said Holmes. "I had not thought of that."

"Is there any other point which you would like to ask about?" asked the convict affably.

"I think not, thank you," my companion answered.

"Well, Holmes," said Athelney Jones, "you are a man to be humored, and we all know that you are a connoisseur of crime, but duty is duty, and I have gone rather far in doing what you and your friend asked me. I shall feel more at ease when we have our story teller here safe under lock and key. The cab still waits, and there are two inspectors down stairs. I am much obliged to you both for your assistance. Of course you will be wanted at the trial. Good night to you!"

"Good night, gentlemen both!" said Jonathan Small.

"You first, Small," remarked the wary Jones as they left the room. "I'll take particular care that you don't club me with your wooden leg, whatever you may have done to the gentleman at the Andaman isles."

"Well, and there is the end of our little drama," I remarked after we had sat some time smoking in silence. "I fear that it may be the last investigation in which I shall have the chance of studying your methods. Miss Morstan has done me the honor to accept me as a husband in prospective."

He gave a most dismal groan. "I feared as much," said he. "I really cannot congratulate you."

I was a little hurt. "Have you any reason to be dissatisfied with my choice?" I asked.

"Not at all. I think she is one of the most charming young ladies I ever met and might have been most useful in such work as we have been doing. She had a decided genius that way. Witness the way in which she preserved that Agra plan from all the other papers of her father. But love is an emotional thing, and whatever is emotional is opposed to that true cold reason which I place above all things. I should never marry myself, lest I bias my judgment."

"I trust," said I, laughing, "that my judgment may survive the ordeal. But you look weary."

"Yes, the reaction is already upon me. I shall be as limp as a rag for a week."

"Strange," said I, "how terms of what in another man I should call laziness alternate with fits of splendid energy and vigor."

"Yes," he answered, "there are in me the makings of a very fine loafer and also of a pretty spry sort of fellow. I often think of those lines of old Goethe:

"Schade, dass die Natur nur einen Menschen aus Dir schuf,
Denn zum wuerdigen Mann war und zum Schelmen der Stoff

"By the way, apropos of this Norwood business, you see that they had, as I surmised, a confederate in the house, who could be none other than Lal Rao, the butler. So Jones actually has the undivided honor of having caught one fish in his great haul."

"The division seems rather unfair," I remarked. "You have done all the work in this business. I get a wife out of it, Jones gets the credit. Pray what remains for you?"

"For me," said Sherlock Holmes, "there still remains the cocaine bottle." And he stretched his long white hand up for it.

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