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Ready Made Goods for Easter.

If you have put off buying your Easter Dress until this late hour come to our store and we can give you everything a woman wears, ready to use, and they are new, up-to-date goods.

Ladies ready made Shirt Waist, big assortment of patterns in Percales, and Suiting made in all the latest styles, some open in front and some in back, 50 to 85c sizes 32 44.

Linen colored worsted with medalion trimming, \$1.25 to \$1.75.

White waist. In this line we have a selection of waists that would be a credit to a town twice as large as Santa Anna. We have 'em with short sleeves as well as with long sleeves, with all the fancy buttons and laces, from 90c to \$2.50.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR. This is a new department for Santa Anna, but you can buy your underwear ready made and save the worry of making it or having it made, then the prices are very reasonable.

Ladies Corset Cover 50 to 75c. Underskirts with wide embroidery trimming, cheaper than you can buy the material, 50c.

Ladies underskirts, good quality white muslin and nicely trimmed, \$1.00.

Ladies Drawers, trimmed with good wide embroidery price 50 cents

Ladies Drawers trimmed with Torchon lace and insertion 75 cents.

Ladies Gowns, fair quality of domestic trimmed with embroidery, price 50 cents.

Ladies Gown, good muslin and very elaborate trimming, price \$1.00.

Ready made Skirts. Made from good quality Melton cloth unlined, in Oxford gray, blue, brown and light grey, price \$3.50 to \$4.00.

We have without a doubt the most complete line of Spring goods in Santa Anna and so far the people have given us a fair share of their business. This shows the people appreciate an up-to-date store.

Yours to please,
J. W. Babb & Co.

New lot of Fashion Sheets just come in and they are FREE.

Last Wednesday afternoon an ebony-hued damsel known as "Jumbo Sue" was passing along the street in front of the News office when our "devil," who is taking lessons in the art of "twirling the sphere," suddenly lost control of his arm and a large wad of compressed paper, that he was practicing with, was hurled through space with the velocity of a miniature cyclone striking the aforesaid dusky damsel just above the belt. For full particulars of what followed ask Grover.

Will trade goods or work stock for cattle. Lee Shield.

Don't forget the entertainment at the opera house Friday night, April 17.

R. E. Grabel was billed to deliver a temperance lecture at the Baptist church last night, but was unable to get here. He will fill the appointment tonight.

Dr. McFarland, of Brownwood, will be in Santa Anna Thursday April 16, prepared to do all first class dental work.

Shirts, Suits and suspenders for 1903 at J. W. Babb & Co's.

The Ladies aid of the C. P. church will have strawberries on sale at L. W. Hunter's Saturday.

Big stock of leather at L. L. Shield.

Just arrived at J. B. Babb & Co. the new 4 in 1 Hats.

Last Saturday afternoon a saddle horse hitched to a post near L. L. Shield store became frightened, broke loose and proceeded to give a free for all exhibition of bucking and fast traveling. Pedestrians gave the frightened animal plenty of room and luckily no one was injured. When last seen by a News reporter the animal was headed east through an alley and was making about 2:40 time.

L. L. Shield sells 18 lbs granulated sugar for \$1.00, 8 lbs coffee \$1.00, best patent flour \$2.25 per 100 lbs., 40 cakes of good soap \$1.00, the best molasses 50c per gal. the best prints 6c yard, LL and EE yard wide domestic at 5c All on a credit.

Jim Barton and Walter Hosch, both of this city, were the principals in a fistic encounter last Saturday morning. The latter was pretty badly bruised up. We have heard two or three versions of the cause of the fight but not being in possession of the facts in the case will not attempt to explain the matter. Barton plead guilty to an affray and paid his fine.

Jog your memory and see if you don't owe me on old account. I would like to pay my debts so I can go a fishing. L. W. Hunter.

We doff our coonskin cap and extend our thanks to Bro. Major for supplying our table one day this week with a basket of choice garden truck, consisting of lettuce radishes, mustard and onions, all grown in his garden. Bro. Major is a very successful gardener as well as an earnest, able expounder of gospel truths.

Lee Thomson will trim you the prettiest hat that you ever saw, at Lee Shield.

Pyke VanDalsen left Saturday evening for his old home at Perryville, Ark., where he will remain several months. The News will keep him posted on the happenings in this part of the moral vineyard during his sojourn in his native state.

FOR TRADE:—Some fine Durham heifers of good milk stock, for steers.

H. W. KINGSBERRY.

Mrs. Lohn, of Lohn, McCulloch county, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city.

If you want a second hand buggy or surrey at your own price see Lee Shield.

Go to the new drug store for all kinds of Easter dyes.

PEDIGREE OF MAHLON STACEY.

Mahlon Stacey was sired by Bob Hal, sire of Ella S., 2:20. Bob Hal was out of a daughter of Kittrell's Hal, and was sired by Tom Hal, sire of Hal Pointer, 2:04 1-2; Little Brown Jug, 2:11 3-4; Brown Hal, 2:12 1-2. Tom Hal, by Kittrell's Hal, was out of Julia Johnston, by Adam's Stump, by Stump the Dealer, by Timoleon. The dam of Stump the Dealer was a thoroughbred.

Mahlon Stacey's dam was a daughter of George Washington, sire of Harry Van, 2:26, and was out of a fast-pacing Kentucky-bred mare, a sister to Clipper Brook, sire of Lochinvar, 2:18 3-4. George Washington was by Kramer out of a thoroughbred, and by McMeen's Traveler out of Betsey Baker by Whip; McMeen's Traveler, by Sugg's Stump by Stump the dealer out of a thoroughbred and by Timoleon, George Washington's dam was Black Margaret by Brooks, sire of Bonsetter, 2:19, and out of Margaret by Clipper out of a thoroughbred and by Kittrell's Hal. Margaret's dam was a daughter of Telegraph by Copperbottom.

The above Saddle horse, (Mahlon Stacey) my Draft horse, and Jack, will make the present season, at my ranch, six miles south of Santa Anna, at \$10 \$7.50 and \$10 respectively. Foal insured, paid after April 15.

Syrup is superior to any other cough medicine and will do all that is claimed for it, and it is so pleasant to take. My little girl wants to take it when she has no need for it. Ballards Horehound syrup is the great cure for pulmonary ailments. 25c 50c and \$1.00 at s. H. Phillips. Apr.

H. A. Morse left last night for Dallas, to be present at a meeting of the Texas world's fair commissioners. The purpose of the meeting is to devise some plan whereby the Lone Star state may be properly represented at the worlds fair at St. Louis.

If you want to buy or sell any thing of value see Lee Shield.

It is said that George Williams is bitterly opposed to the use of pepper sauce as a hair tonic.

Don't contract for binder twine until you see my prices. It will be cheap this year. L. L. Shield.

Jap Williams has returned to Santa Anna after several months sojourn at Rogers, Bell Co.

If you want to be up-to-date, buy your Easter shirts and ties from J. W. Babb & Co's.

In a few more weeks the cold drink stands will be doing a "land office" business.

Go this minute and see the new Slippers for men at J. W. Babb & Co's.

One of Welton Winn's registered Herford cows died last week.

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There are in Texas 99 counties totally dry by vote. 16 unorganized and dry. There are 74 partially dry, and 52 totally wet.

Col. Crockett Boone, the veteran newspaper man, has purchased a half interest in the Rockwall Herald. He assumes editorial control of the paper. We wish the new management success.

A farmer near Abilene, Kansas, against whom a woman had obtained a judgement for \$6,500 for breach of promise, settled the account by marrying the plaintiff. One of them will get Revenge, all right—but which?

up two a sub- until you get the money. Such a letter would make any body hot enough to sweat.

A unique plan to raise money for their church is in vogue among the women of a town in Southern Missouri. All the eggs their hens lay on Sunday are put aside and sold for the benefit of the house of worship.

It is said that a couple of girls residing in a neighboring city hired a livery horse to make a drive into the country. The livery man told them the horse would be alright if they kept the rein away from his tail. On their return, they were asked by the liveryman if they had any trouble. "Oh no," said one, "there was one little thunder shower, but we held the umbrella so that not a drop touched the horse's tail."

The Comanche Chief has the following to say about Evangelist Abe Mulkey, who is billed to hold a meeting at this place, beginning May 15. "Pictures of Abe Mulkey with an announcement of his meeting to began here April 29th are to be seen in conspicuous places around the square. The Rev. Abe has few equals as a Gospel marksman. He was here some four years ago and held one of most successful meetings ever held in this section of the state. His wife, "Louisa" did half the preaching and she is about as good as her noted husband."

The whole world depends on the efforts of the farmer. Were our farmer friends to organize themselves into a labor union and for any real of fancied cause decide for the space of one short year to strike and let their vast acres go untilled every branch of trade would be paralyzed long before the year was up—the factories would close down the merchants' goods would lay on their shelves and be moth-eaten for want of purchasers, freight and passenger trains and boats would be tied up because they had no freight or passengers to haul, and even the government would be powerless to interfere. Then should we not look up to the man who tills the soil, when on his labors we all rely? Yea, verily.

and the man who looks down on a farmer for no other reason than that he is a tiller of the soil, has too little sense to run at large.—Union County Tribune.

Vol., No. 1, of the Rising Star Record, published by Geo. T. Barnes and T. B. Staton, has reached this office. The Record is a 6 column eight page paper, and enters the field of journalism with a liberal patronage. The paper would be a credit to any town and if kept up to the standard set for it in the initial number, the people of Rising Star should give it a liberal patronage.

One second hand wagon, 15 cultivators to sell at a bargain. Lee Shield.

TRUST BINDERS.

The prices you have paid for Binder Twine the past season is an indication of what you would pay for Binders but for the companjes who are fighting the Trust. We are opposing the Trust with a better Machine than the Trust makes. Our prices and terms are right. We will carry a large stock of Extras.

It will be to your interest to see what we have to offer before placing an order. If not convenient for you to call on us at Brownwood or Goldthwaite, write us and we will send a man to see you.

Hurlbut Hardware Co.

Brownwood and Goldthwaite.

CAUTION!

This is not a gentle word—but when you think how liable you are not to purchase the only remedy universally known and a remedy that has had the largest sale of any medicine in the world since 1868 for the cure and treatment of Consumption and Throat and Lung troubles without losing its great popularity all these years, you will be thankful we called your attention to Boschee's German Syrup. There are so many ordinary cough remedies made by druggists and others that are cheap and good for light colds perhaps, but for severe Coughs, Bronchitis, Croup—and especially for Consumption, were there is difficult expectoration and coughing during the nights and mornings, there is nothing like German Syrup. The 25 cent size has just been introduced this year. Regular size .75 cents. At all druggists.

HELPFUL

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. much of this is really harmful reading. The aim of THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS is to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

THE FARMERS' DEPARTMENT

It has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up north on conditions that do not fit Texas. It is the actual experiences of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

SPECIAL OFFER If you are not taking THE SANTA ANNA NEWS you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you the Santa Anna News and the Galveston or the Dallas Semi-Weekly News for 12 months. The News stops when your time is out.

Hot baths at Tom Campbell's barber shop

Consumption

The only kind of consumption to fear is "neglected consumption."

People are learning that consumption is a curable disease. It is neglected consumption that is so often incurable.

At the faintest suspicion of consumption get a bottle of Scott's Emulsion and begin regular doses.

The use of Scott's Emulsion at once, has, in thousands of cases, turned the balance in favor of health.

Neglected consumption does not exist where Scott's Emulsion is.

Prompt use of Scott's Emulsion checks the disease while it can be checked.

Send for free sample.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists,
400-425 Pearl Street, New York
S. C. and S. F. C. all druggists.

Human love is a curious thing! When the wife of a man's manly brisquet swats him on the jaw and knocks him against a newel post; or when she caresses him on the head with a chair, compelling him to mend the rents in his scalp with postage stamps and court plaster so to hold his cranitory in position, it is passing strange that he should shed copious tears over the loss of those dead days that are no more—but sometimes he does. It is difficult to believe that a swollen jaw or a battered head can be mel- lowed into beauty by the haze of distance—but sometimes it can.—Commercial Appeal.

FRISCO SYSTEM

"METEOR"

a perfectly equipped and up-to-date, wide vestibuled passenger train TO

Saint Louis and Kansas City

Observation Cafe Cars.

Meals served by FRED HARVEY.

Through Sleepers Daily from Ft. Worth and Dallas.

W. A. TULEY,
General Passenger Agent,
FORT WORTH, TEX.

TRACKS USED JOINTLY.

This Arrangement Probably Instead of Santa Fe-Rock Island Merger.

James W. Pickens, formerly of this city, and whose skill as a musician many will remember, mails us a copy of the Kansas City Star from Sioux City, Iowa, containing the following marked article under date of April 1.:

"It is now believed in railroad circles that the 'merger of interests' of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe railroads means not that either system has been bought by the other, but that an arrangement has been made for an interchange of track which will give both lines the easiest route practicable to the California coast, besides giving both lines a short cut between Memphis and San Francisco and a direct line between Galveston and San Francisco. The Rock Island will have the use of the Santa Fe rails from Puerco, 34 miles west of Albuquerque to San Francisco, besides a connecting line between Amarillo, the present western terminus of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf, now a Rock Island property, and the Santa Fe main line. The Santa Fe will connect with the Rock Island main line at Liberal, Kan., by means of a cut-off from Dodge City on the main line of the Santa Fe. The surveys for these lines have been completed and a new trackage with the present proposed connections was outlined to a reporter for the Star this morning.

The new construction involves building from Dodge City, Kan., to Liberal, Kan.; from Santa Rosa, N. M. to Puerco, N. M. by way of Bellen; from Bellen to Ballinger, Texas, by way of Portales, and from Amarillo to Tucumcari. —Banner Bulletin.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

Obedience to law is the cornerstone upon which the liberties of our people rest. Upon the officers and jurors selected by the people, then, depends the moral and material welfare of this country. We cannot too strongly urge upon our citizens the duty they owe to society in the enforcement, without fear or favor, of the laws that have been placed upon our statute books for the protection of the people in their rights and liberties guaranteed under the constitution. It is an unpleasant duty that a man is called upon to perform, that of rendering a verdict against a fellow-being for some crime he has committed, but nevertheless he must do it or be recreant to his duty as a citizen and to the oath he has taken as a juror. Let our people once determine that all offenders against the law, be they rich or be they poor, shall be brought to justice, and our country will have fewer crim-

inals to prosecute and society will be elevated and improved. It is a duty we owe to the rising generation to teach them that obedience to law is the first and foremost duty of every citizen, and that no man is allowed to escape who treats the laws of his country either with contempt or indifference. It is said that failure to enforce the laws is more the fault of juries than of the officers; we believe this is true. Unless people are imbued with a proper appreciation of their obligations as citizens, laws are of no value and society will go unprotected. Let the people demand and see that our laws are enforced. —Hamilton Herald.

A Novel Invention.

M. Lafaure, a Frenchman, is the inventor of a machine which he calls the stenodactyl. He asserts that it will write shorthand at the rate of 210 words a minute. On this point several experts who have tested the machine agree with him.

A board containing ten keys constitutes the principal part of the stenodactyl. These keys when touched leave marks on a strip of paper, which is continually in motion. A simple alphabet is used, the five keys which correspond to one hand representing the consonants and the other five keys, which correspond to the other hand, representing the vowels and diphthongs.

The simultaneous pressure of one or more fingers of each hand produce entire syllables.

Good for Rheumatism.

Last fall I was taken with a very severe attack of muscular rheumatism which caused me great pain and annoyance. After trying several prescriptions and rheumatic cures, I decided to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I had seen advertised in the South Jerseyman. After two applications of this Remedy I was much better, and after using one bottle, was completely cured. —Sallie Harris, Salem, N. J. For sale by O. H. Phillips.

Speaking of the Missouri girl who punched both eyes out of a tramp with a parasol because he tried to hug her, an exchange says: "Missouri girls like all other Americans delight in being humbugged, but they strenuously object when it comes to being bum-hugged."

An exchange says: One smile makes a flirtation, one flirtation makes one kiss, one kiss makes several more, several kisses makes an engagement, one engagement makes two fools, two fools make one marriage, one marriage makes one mother-in-law, one mother-in-law makes a red hot time.

Everything in the country is looking green except the farmers. They are busy and cheerful.

BUSBY LIVED HERE.

A. S. Busby, Many Thousand Dollars Short at Rusk Penitentiary, in Drug Business Here.

A. S. Busby, assistant financial agent of the Rusk penitentiary, is well known here by nearly all Brownwood citizens. He was formerly in the drug business here. He is now a refugee from the law, supposed to be on his way to Central America. A special from Rusk says:

The excitement is unabated and the question upon the lips of every citizen, one meets is "Have you heard anything from Busby?"

Sheriff J. G. Summers of Cherokee is doing everything in his power to apprehend Busby but up to this writing his efforts have been unavailing. The sheriff of Shreveport telephoned that a man answering his description left on the east bound train for Vicksburg, Miss., and that they were using every effort to apprehend him. J. W. Saunders, the cashier of the First National bank of Center says he received a letter from Busby at the Inn hotel, Shreveport, dated Thursday, April 2.

Busby was a very popular man with the public and never held public office. He was appointed as assistant financial agent. He will be remembered as the drug drummer who participated in the "the most popular traveling man's contest" in a Ft. Worth paper several years ago and received the largest number of votes and as a result had a three months' tour to Europe at the expense of the paper. He has a wife and two children and his home is at Gatesville, Texas.

J. L. Wortham, financial agent of the penitentiary, stated tonight that more discrepancies were discovered today and that the shortage may reach fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars and that it would be three months before the investigation would be completed. He said it was one thing to find discrepancies and another to get it in such shape as to make convictions sure; that he believed that the damage to the state by mismanagement in comparison with a management of zealous officials in the defalcations would reach a quarter of a million of dollars. —Banner Bulletin.

"A neighbor ran in with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy when my son was suffering with severe cramps and was given up as beyond hope by my regular physician, who stands high in his profession. After administering three doses of it, my son regained consciousness and recovered entirely within twenty-four hours," says Mrs. Mary Haller, of Mt. Crawford, Va. This Remedy is for sale by O. H. Phillips.

"Pa," said the small boy, "what is the ghost of a smile?"

"A ghost of a smile," pa sadly replied, "is something that is found in empty bottles." —New York Evening Sun.

Pleasant Words Are Helpful.

Sometimes we are asked why we say pleasant things about so many preachers and people in the Advocate. Well, the question is not difficult to answer. In the first place, there are pleasant things that can be said about most people who are trying to live right. For these we are constantly looking, and we always find that for which we earnestly look. We care not how gloomy people may be, or how disagreeable they seem to make themselves, or how repellent they often become, nevertheless there is always another side to them, and if you will look for it there will be no trouble to find it. Since we have had charge of the paper we have studiously tried to close our eyes to the unpleasant and disagreeable things in those who are doing their best to live right and to open them upon those things of which a good and pleasant word can be spoken. Hence, we say nothing in our personal notices of brethren and visitors except that which is commendable. Were we to adopt this rule in private life, how much happier it would make us and those about whom we speak. Unfortunately the bad that is in people is prominent, and to see it and to speak of it is one of the weaknesses of the flesh. The result is that we often do each other a great damage by our unguarded and ungenerous references to the disagreeable things we see in others. A kind word may be said about almost anybody, and it is often an inspiration. It is better then to speak of the good rather than the bad in people. In the second place, we help our brethren and sisters by speaking kindly of them. Kind words never leave any stings behind them, but on the other hand they encourage and awaken gratitude and pleasurable emotions. It is therefore a great deal better to encourage than to disparage, to inspire than to oppress, to leave pleasant memories instead of bitter recriminations. For these reasons we make it a rule to say something good about the people whom we were persistently, quick always to see the good and speak of it rather than to hunt for the bad and magnify it. —Christian Advocate.

When a fellow begins to find out the rut he's in," remarked that young philosopher, Chimmie Fadden, "it's up to him for him to climb out. If he don't get a move on him then, the first thing he knows de rut is so deep he can't climb out, nehov; and dat queers his nerve."

A GIRL TO TRUST.

So Thought President Lincoln When He Handed Her a Pass.

During the civil war Miss N., a high spirited Virginia young lady whose father, a Confederate soldier, had been taken prisoner by the Union forces, was desirous of obtaining a pass which would enable her to visit him. Francis P. Blair agreed to obtain an audience with the president, but warned his young and rather impulsive friend to be prudent and not betray her sympathy for the south. They were ushered into the presence of Mr. Lincoln, and the object for which they had come was stated. The tall, grave man bent down to the little maiden and, looking searchingly into her face, said:

"You are loyal, of course?"

Her bright eyes flashed. She hesitated a moment, and then, with a face eloquent with emotion and honest as his own, she replied:

"Yes, loyal to the heart's core—to Virginia!"

Mr. Lincoln kept his intent gaze upon her for a moment longer and then went to his desk, wrote a line or two and handed her the paper. With a bow the interview terminated. When they had left the room, Mr. Blair began to upbraid his young friend for her impetuosity.

"Now you have done it!" he said. "Didn't I warn you to be very careful? You have only yourself to blame."

Miss N. made no reply, but opened the paper. It contained these words:

Pass Miss N. She is an honest girl and can be trusted.

A. LINCOLN.

Red Jacket's Memory.

Red Jacket, the Indian chief, had more confidence in his own memory than in books and papers of white men. There was a certain time before Tompkins, an early governor of New York, in regard to an ancient treaty. The agent said one thing, but Red Jacket corrected him. "You have forgotten," said the American agent. "We have it written down on paper." "The paper then tells a lie," was the confident answer. "I have it written here," continued the chief, placing his hand with dignity upon his brow. "You Yankees are born with a feather between your fingers, but your paper does not speak the truth. The Indian keeps his knowledge here. This is the book the Great Spirit gave him. It does not lie." A reference was made to the treaty in question, when to the astonishment of all every word that Red Jacket had said was confirmed on the document.

Amused Only the Actors.

In his "Random Recollections" Charles H. E. Brookfield, a highly esteemed actor on the London stage, says: "I remember a piece which we produced at the Comedy theater, written by a popular author and very strongly cast, which amused us all so much that we could hardly rehearse it. Charles Hawtrey used every now and then to warn us: 'Now, don't speak too soon on that. There's certain to be a big laugh, and we don't want them to miss the next line.' We rehearsed for six weeks. On the first night nothing went wrong—but the piece. There was not one laugh nor one round of applause from start to finish. We took off the comedy in ten days, during which we rehearsed as a stop gap a conventional three act farce with no literary pretensions. I think it ran for a year."

Queer About the Eyes.

Prince Troubetsky, the artist, once painted in Paris the portrait of an American who was cross eyed. The painter thought a great deal about the matter and finally made his picture cross eyed, too, so that it should be a faithful likeness.

When it was done, the original

looked at it and said:

"It seems to me—it seems—why, hang it, this picture is cross eyed, isn't it?"

"Why, no more than you are, sir," said Prince Troubetsky.

"Well, perhaps you're right," murmured the American. "It seems to have a queer look about the eyes, though."

Her Fathomless Eyes.

It was the hermit Thoreau, whose mistress was wood and stream, who wrote: "The lover sees in the glance of his beloved the same beauty that in the sunset paints the western skies. It is the same diamond here lurking under a human eyelid and there under the closing eyelids of the day. Here, in small compass, is the ancient and natural beauty of evening and morning. What loving astronomer has ever fathomed the ethereal depths of the eye?"

Cause and Effect.

La Montt—Children are so much worse than they used to be. What do you attribute it to?

La Moyne—Improved ideas in building.

La Montt—What has that to do with it?

La Moyne—Much. Shingles are scarce, and you can't spank a boy with a tin roof.—Philadelphia Record.

Hard Work.

"I suppose you have heard about young Chumley? He is very seriously ill as a result of overwork."

"You don't say so! What has he been doing to bring it about?"

"Trying to collect his thoughts."

Giving Him a Chance.

Master Pickles—I think that if I went out of the room Mr. Spooner would kiss you, Ada.

Miss Pickles—Leave the room this instant, prudent boy!

It is a lot of fun being in love if a man doesn't care if he saves any money or holds his job.—Acheson Globe.

To the notices which we have from time to time published of the favorable posture of trade we may add a gratifying view of our commerce with the United States. Its extent is probably more considerable than our readers would imagine. The exports from Scotland of manufactured goods to various parts of the Union will this year amount to about £2,000,000. The magnitude of the sum will appear more surprising when we consider the restrictions which prohibit us from taking in exchange agricultural produce. A trade so important it behooves us to cherish with all possible care, and it is gratifying to think that customers so valuable are a free people, little likely to impede her prosperity by projects of ambition.—London Globe, 1822.

Welsh Grammar and Spelling.

The following notice is inscribed above the door of a shop in a North Wales village:—"Coblar, daler in Baccod Shag and Pig Bacon and Gigarbred Eggs laid every morning by me, and very good Paradise, in the summer gentlemen and Lady can have good Tae and Crumquets, and Strawberry with a scim milk, because I can't get no cream. N. B. Shuse and Boots medned very well."

What More Could He Want?

"What is your father's objection to me, Millie?" asked the young man.

"He says you have no application, Gerald."

"No application!" he echoed bitterly.

"I wonder if he knows I've been coming to see you twice a week for nearly six years!"—Chicago Tribune.

There is no use in repining that life is short. It is not to be measured by the quantity of its years, but by the quality of its achievements.—Philadelphia

REELFOOT LAKE.

Its Great Sunken Forest and the Game With Which It Abounds.

Mississippi river shooting is varied with trips to the sunken lands, which begin near Hickman, Ky., and extend south several hundred miles on both sides of the river. This territory was covered with a dense forest of large trees before the land was submerged by the earthquake of 1811. On the Tennessee side Reelfoot lake, eighty miles long, was formed. Reelfoot lake is only three miles from the river at Upper Slough Landing and the same distance at Tiptonville, Tenn. The dense forest is still standing. The limbs and bark have rotted and dropped off years ago, leaving the bleached trunks standing like marble columns in water sixty feet deep, so close together that it is difficult to move a skiff among them. Some have rotted off at the water level, and others are hollow, making good blinds. The flight of wild fowl on Reelfoot lake is beyond the comprehension of the average sportsman. There are ducks, geese, cormorants, called water turkeys; cranes, water hens and snipe. They all keep up a chatter which makes the sunken forest ring. From the tops of the trees eagles, hawks and owls contribute piercing screeches to the continuous din.—Outing.

Apprenticed For Life.

"Have you ever encountered the child who in the matter of smart sayings and straight truths is an absolute terror to all with whom he may chance to come into contact?" said an anxious parent recently. "Because if not I should like to introduce you to that boy of mine."

"What has your boy done, then?" inquired his friend.

"What has he done?" said the parent. "Why, he's always at it. Only this morning he came to me and asked what it meant to be apprenticed. I told him that it meant the binding of one person to another by agreement and that one person so bound had to teach the other all he could of his trade or profession, while the other had to watch and learn how things were done and had to make himself useful in every way possible."

"Well, what then?"

"Why, after a few moments the young rascal edged up to me and said, 'Then I suppose you're apprenticed to me, ain't you, dad?'"

The Bagdad Button.

A man recently returned from Turkey in Asia was showing some souvenirs of his trip. "There's one thing I didn't bring back with me, and that's a Bagdad button," he said. "I'm just as well satisfied that I didn't too. A Bagdad button? Well, I'll tell you about it. Every person who goes to Bagdad and stays there for six months is afflicted with a peculiar boil that leaves a scar about the size of a half dollar. It may come on the face or on some part of the body, but it is bound to come if you stay there long enough. I didn't. I got out just as soon as I could. Children who are born in Bagdad always come into the world with this mark, which is known as the Bagdad button."—Philadelphia Record.

Mortifying Advice.

A federal officeholder tells of campaigning in Kentucky with another stump speaker. The latter thought to make a good impression in the famous distillery town of Owensboro, and in his speech there sounded the praises of whisky. "Why, gentlemen," said he, "I have noticed in my reading of history and biography that all great men drank liquor. I tell you, whisky makes men smart."

"What's that?" said an old farmer who was a noted teetotaler.

"Whisky makes men smart," reiterated

ated the orator, "and I challenge denial."

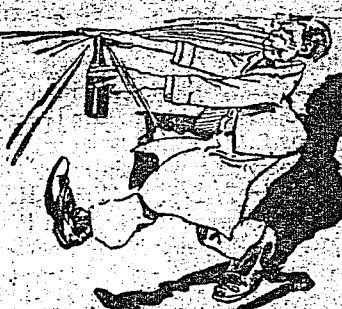
"Then," said the farmer, "you'd better get a couple of barrels and begin on it at once."

Youngun—How much a year does it require for the support of a wife?
Oldun—Anywhere from \$300 to \$3,000.

Youngun—Can't you give me something more definite?

Oldun—Yes; all the husband has—Chicago News.

The New Waiter—



—and how he opened his first bottle of champagne.

THE BOW IN WAR.

How It Was Made and Used by the Asiatic Tribesmen.

The bow as used by Asiatic horsemen assumes a curious shape. They were made of horn, generally buffalo horn, in two pieces, joined by a wooden center, and when unstrung had the form of a capital C, which enabled them to hang over the arm on horseback. When strung, a difficult feat to those used to them, they took the double curve of the antique bow as seen in the representation of Cupid. This was the "warrior's bow," used by the Scythians, Persians and Persians and up to quite recent times in India. It was drawn by the thumb alone, on which the archer wore a broad, thick ring of horn, ivory or cornelian, on whose edge the bowstring rested.

The long bow was also much in use among Indian infantry of the middle ages, but neither they nor any other Asiatics appear to have done such execution as the English archers of the same period. Bernier says, describing a battle between Aurangzeb and his brother Dara: "They draw their arrows with a marvelous swiftness, one man being able to draw six of them before a musketeer can discharge twice; but, to say truth, their arrows do but little execution. More of them are lost in the air or broken on the ground than hit."

The bow, in fact, requires more than any other weapon constant practice from childhood, and strong Englishmen of the present day are quite unable to use the bows of the half human Mitocopes of the Andamans.—Chambers' Journal.

How the Springboks Travel.

The springboks of South Africa migrate in vast herds, moving in a compact body and carrying everything before them. If a flock of sheep be in the line of march, as sometimes happens, it is surrounded, enveloped and becomes, willingly or unwillingly, part of the springbok army. An African hunter tells the strange story of seeing a lion in the midst of the antelopes, forced to join the march. It is supposed that the lion had sprung too far for his prey, that those upon whom he alighted recoiled sufficiently to allow him to reach the ground, and then the pressure from both flanks and the rear prevented him from escaping from his strange captivity.

If the springbok travels in such armies, how can those in the middle and in the rear find food? In this wise: Those in the front ranks, after they have eaten greedily of the pasture, gradually fall out of the ranks to rest and chew the cud, while the hungry ones in the rear come up, and so the columns are all the while changing.

Obtaining Heirs in China.

The practical Chinese have adopted a simple way of obtaining heirs where there are no legal ones—the adoption of children who belong to side branches of the family. In this way the family line is kept intact. In the absence of male descendants in the side branches the family sons of strangers are adopted. The Chinese prefer this method to marrying second wives.

An Unreasonable Caption.

Witticus—I think the caption of this essay is one of the most unreasonable I ever saw.
Witticus—How so?
Witticus—It is "The Decline of the Amateur." As if any one ever knew an amateur to decline.—Baltimore American.

Spoke the Professor.

"Culture," sententiously observed the doctor, "is like charity. It begins at home."
"Yes," said the professor, "but it is usually finished abroad."—Chicago Tribune.

FIXED DATES IN RUSSIA.

They Rule Even in Simple Things With Absolute Tyranny.

Routine is exceedingly strong in Russia. There is a day in June upon which, says tradition, it becomes safe to bathe in the rivers after the winter freeze. No matter how warm the water may be earlier, no matter how cold it may be on that day, then is the time to take the first swim. Other fixed dates are mentioned in "Iran at Home," by Herbert Barry. Of course the statements do not apply to all Russians; but to the average peasant only.

No man dare touch an apple before the 6th of August, however ripe the fruit may really be before that day. He does not believe it is fit to eat.

The village sportsman, although he may have observed the blackcocks fighting among themselves unusually early owing to the warmth of the spring, cannot make up his mind to shoot them until the appointed day has arrived.

No traveler will start on a journey on either a Monday or a Friday.

Although the delay is strongly against his own interests the fisherman will not cast his nets before a certain day, whether the season be late or early.

No lamb is supposed to be able to reach the age of mutton should it have been born before the day named in the peasant's calendar. And so on through all the common events in their daily life does this attachment to fixed dates hedge in a Russian's existence.

Had Enough of Law.

A gentleman who is now general superintendent of a railroad began life by trying to practice law in a Missouri village. One of his first cases was before his father, who was a justice of the peace. After a stormy wrangle between the young attorney and his adversary, the old gentleman decided the case against his son's client. The young man gave vent to some expressions of indignation, gathered up his books and started to leave the room. His father pushed his specs on to his forehead and began mildly to lecture him, saying:

"Young man, do you expect to make your living practicing law?"

The son, who had by this time reached the door, shouted back as he retired from the field:

"Not before such a blamed fool court as this."

He abandoned the law and engaged in railroading with great success.—Green Bag.

Finished the Text.

Apropos of mottoes on houses, a correspondent of the Westminster Gazette relates that a man in Scotland wished to have cut over the door of a new house the text, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." He left the workmen to carry out his wishes during his absence, and on his return his horror was great to find the quotation completed. "But ye have made it a den of thieves." "We had a wee thing mair room, ye see, so we just pit in the end o' the verse," was the explanation given by the Bible loving Scot.

Pipes and Hymns.

Rev. Dr. Parr, when perpetual curate of Hatton, Warwickshire, which living he held from 1783 to 1790, regularly smoked in the vestry while the congregation was singing long hymns, chosen for the purpose, immediately before the sermon. The doctor was wont to exclaim: "My people like long hymns, but I prefer a long pipe."—London Telegraph.

Unselfish.

"Widowhood makes a woman unselfish."

"Why so?"

"Because she ceases to look out for No. 1 and begins to look out for No. 2."—Town and Country.

The Fragrant Heliotrope.

You may give a heliotrope, and not a very large plant, as much water as you give a geranium and think you are giving all that is required. Your plant will fail to make a vigorous and healthy growth because it is not moist enough at the roots. Examine it, and you will find that the tiny roots have extracted the moisture almost wholly. If not given more water at once, some of the young and delicate roots are injured, and the plant takes on a diseased condition, from which it often never recovers. Do not get the idea that the soil in which heliotropes are grown ought to be kept wet. Not at all. But because it requires more moisture than many plants, because it extracts more rapidly from the soil, water should be given oftener to keep the soil in the proper condition.

The Final Straw.

A story is told of a rustic who, after imbibing too freely, fell asleep by the wayside.

The day was hot, and a swarm of flies settled on his face and proceeded to make his sleep anything but pleasant. In a little while a few mosquitoes came along to add their torture to that of the flies. Of course the man woke up after repeated attacks by the combined forces and vainly tried to brush them away. Finally along came a big wasp and stung him on the nose. "Now, for that you can all get off," he said.

The Discovery of the Fork.

Some believe that the fork was in use all over Europe as early as the year 500 A. D., but if they were their use and the fork itself were lost sight of up to about the beginning of the seventeenth century, when it was either discovered or rediscovered and popularized. Walton, Weems and other antiquarians hold to the earlier date, because a stone vessel containing coins of the middle ages and some iron forks was found at Sevington, England, in the year 1834.

Really a Professor.

"I beg your pardon, doctor," said the toastmaster after the dinner was over, "for introducing you inadvertently as 'professor.'"

"That's all right," replied the principal speaker of the occasion. "The title fits me better than 'doctor' does. I profess to be a doctor, but I get mighty little practice."—Chicago Tribune.

Positively Brutal.

"Let me see," mused the young wife as she picked up the cookbook. "I have mixed the batter for the angel cake. Now what do I do next?"

"Telephone for the doctor," answered the heartless husband, who happened along in time to overhear her musings.

As She Remembered Him.

Mr. Skimmerhorn (as the participants in the debate became personal)—I was a thundering fool when I asked you to marry me!

Mrs. Skimmerhorn—Well, you looked it, dear.—Exchange.

Impossible.

Caller—What will you do, doctor, when all your patients get well?

Physician—All my patients will never get well, madam.—Baltimore American.

His Hard Remark.

Young Wife—That horrid tramp said my biscuits were like cement, and yet he ate them.

Young Husband—Cement, eh? Well, perhaps he wanted to make himself solid.—Philadelphia Record.

Harrah For Pa!

Little Willie (proudly)—My pa knows a few things.

Little Bob (contemptuously)—Ho, my pa knows fewer things than your pa.—

STATE.

Iowa editorial party is in Ft. Worth.

Boy was drowned near McKinney.

Child was burned to death at Greenville.

Board of managers of epileptic colony met at Abilene.

Young man was killed at Big Eddy Lake, near Athens.

Cattle were destroyed and residence burned in prairie fire at Mobeetie.

Ben H. Thompson of Commerce, Hunt county, was shot to death at Sherman.

Senate concluded to retain all employes and house reduced force of clerks and pages.

Senate may take up general appropriation bill Friday. The Senate bill carries \$6,700,000.

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"I have not the slightest hesitancy in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to all who are suffering from coughs or colds," says Chas. M. Cramer, Esq., a well known watch maker, of Colombo, Ceylon. "It has been some two years since the City Dispensary first called my attention to this valuable medicine, and I have repeatedly used it and it has always been beneficial. It has cured me quickly of all chest colds. It is especially effective for children and seldom takes more than one bottle to cure them of hoarseness. I have persuaded many to try this valuable medicine, and they are all as well pleased as myself over the results."—For sale by O. H. Phillips.

"As my time has been up two years," wrote an Oklahoma subscriber to the Spur Dew Drop man, "please stop my paper and perspire until you get the money." Such a letter would make anybody hot enough to sweat.—Santa Anna News.

KEEP A'GOIN'.

If you strike a thorn or rose

Keep a goin',

If it rains or if it snows,

Keep a goin'.

'Taint no use to sit and whine,

When the fish aint on the line,

Bait the hook and keep a tryin'

Keep a goin'.

When the weather kills your crop,

Keep a goin',

When you tumble from the top

Keep a goin'.

S'posin' your out o' every dime,

Gittin' broke ain't any crime,

Tell the world you're feelin' fine,

Keep a goin'.

When it looks like all is up,

Keep a goin'.

Drain the sweetness from the cup,

Keep a goin'.

See the wild bird on the wing,

Hear the bells that sweetly ring,

When you feel like cryin', sing,

Keep a goin'.

—Ex.

Paid In His Own Coin.

Once in a way Archbishop Temple of Canterbury would get paid back in his own coin. A delightful instance of this is recorded. The church people of a certain parish are said to have strongly urged the bishop to find another sphere for their parson, whom they wished to get rid of. Dr. Temple summoned the obnoxious clergyman to his study and suggested a change of benefice. What was it, the parson wanted to know, that his people had to find fault with? "Well," said the bishop in the peculiarly harsh, strident voice that so sadly marred his preaching, "if you insist on knowing, it's your voice they complain of; they don't like your voice." "How curious!" said the clergyman. "A friend was with me at the cathedral the other day, when your lordship was preaching, and as he went out he said, 'What a fine sermon, but what an unfortunate voice!'"

An Accommodating Witness.

The witness on the stand had been bullied by the lawyer until his patience was exhausted.

"Now," said the attorney, "you say you saw the prisoner draw his pistol?"

"Yes."

"Remember you are on your oath."

"I'm not forgetting it."

"You are sure you are telling the truth?"

"Sure."

"No mistake about it?"

"None."

"You couldn't be persuaded into any other statement?"

Here the judge interposed.

"Oh, let him go on, your honor," pleaded the witness. "He's a lawyer, and he doesn't know the truth when he sees it, and I'm only too glad to show him how so far as I can."

The Monument Was a Mistake.

A stately granite shaft had been erected in the cemetery of a Massachusetts town in memory of a man whose life had been anything but praiseworthy. None the less the monument was one of the sights to be shown to a stranger, and one day a former resident of the town who had been away for many years returned and was taken to see the granite obelisk. He was no stranger to the faults and failings of the man whom it eulogized with its gilded inscription, and, after silent contemplation of the shaft on all sides, he said, "Well, if it's for goodness, it's too big, and if it's for badness it's not big enough."—New Haven Chronicle.

Trained Chrysanthemums.

Chrysanthemums in Japan are trained into numerous quaint shapes, like the old English yew trees, in the forms of peacocks, etc. In Tokyo there are gardens filled with life sized figures made entirely of the flowers and leaves, the faces being masks, and these chrysanthemum figures accurately represent court ladies, warriors, children and animals, one of the favorite characters being a young lady with a fox's tail peeping from under her dress and a mask which by the touch of a string turns into reynard's head.

Down With Impertinent Neighbors.

Mr. Mulhooly—Phwat fur are yez makin' such a noise on thot pianny? Y'r drivin' me distracted wid y'r racket an' me head achin' loike it wud' split in two pices.

Daughter—Them new neighbors next door has been complainin' of my playin'.

Mr. Mulhooly—Begorra, hammer harder.—New York Weekly.

"No, sir," said the cowboy. "Cactus Cal ain't got an enemy in the world."

"I should think a man like him would be continually making enemies."

"Sure, but as soon as he makes one he gits his gun inter play an' unmakes him."—Exchange.

Useful In the Business.

The reasons which lead men to choose a certain trade or profession are often perhaps no more sensible than the reason the boy in the following story from a New York paper gave for wanting a place in a bank. The president of a bank told the story at his club.

"I don't think I ever told you of our redheaded office boy, Brickbat," remarked the bank president after the rest had each told a story.

"Never did," was the answer.

"Well," continued the speaker, "he came to me with recommendations from his father, who was a schoolmate of mine up in Steuben county. After I read the note from the father I told the boy to take off his hat, sit down in a chair and tell me why he wanted to be a banker. His answer was:

"'Cause I'm good at multiplying."

"Well," said I, "can't you subtract and divide oo?"

"Oh, ye," he said, "but because a banker wants to make all he can I thought you wanted a boy who could multiply."

"I hired him on the strength of that."

Old Time "Simples."

In the family Bible of a Roxborough man there are a number of medical rules, written over seventy years ago by the great-grandmother of the Bible's present owner. Among the rules are the following:

"A stick of brimstone worn in the pocket is good for them as has cramps."

"A loadstone put in the place where the pane is is beautiful for the Rheumatiz."

"A basin of water, gruel, with half a quart of old rum in it, with lots of brown sugar, is good for Cold in Hed."

"If you have brucps, pinch one of your wrists wile you count sixty, or get somebody to skare you and make you jumpe."

"The earache—Put onion in ear af'er it is well roasted."

"The consumption—Bee as many penuts as possible before going to bed."—Philadelphia Record.

Here is the proper way to pop corn: Put the regular quantity—that is, a very small quantity—into the popper and hold it under the cold water faucet long enough to thoroughly saturate the kernels. Shake the popper and place it on the back of the range to allow the corn to dry. Then pop. The kernels will be very large, and there will be no hard center. The red popcorn is thought to be the best.

The Evil Eye.

One of the remarkable things about the superstition of the "evil eye" is that it is often attributed to whole peoples by others who dislike or hate them. In ancient times the Thebans, the Illyrians and the Thracian women were so regarded. In these latter days the Christians of Asia Minor have the same feeling about the Turks and the Turks about the Christians.

The Real People of "Adam Bede."

On my mother's and grandmother's side I am a direct descendant of George and Mary Evans, and it is among the Evans' household we must look for several of the characters mentioned in George Elliot's story of "Adam Bede." Thus George and Mary Evans may be taken as typical of Thias and Lisbeth Bede. Robert Evans is undoubtedly the original who suggested Adam Bede. Samuel Evans, the youngest son, was certainly the prototype of Seth Bede. George Elliot (Mary Ann Evans) was the daughter of Adam Bede and the granddaughter of Thias and Lisbeth. It will thus occur to the reader that in portraying Adam Bede our author was thinking of her own father and had the very best reasons for the statement concerning her hero that he had a dash of Celtic blood in his veins.—W. Mottram in Leisure Hour.

A RESOURCEFUL LAWYER.

An Inspiration That Won a Case He Considered Hopeless.

A Philadelphia lawyer tells the story that a picture of Fanny Davenport once won a case for him. His client was suing the Pennsylvania Railroad company, of which Wayne MacVeagh was counsel, for \$7,500 damages for the death of her husband. "Just a few days before the case was to have come up she happened into my office and announced that she had married again. 'Good Lord, madam, I gasped, 'why couldn't you have waited until your case came up? It's next to impossible for me to get damages for you now.' She said she didn't care very much, and went out, seeming very happy. Well, it just happened that I had a photograph of Fanny Davenport on my desk, and when the next day Wayne MacVeagh happened into my office to discuss quite another matter he picked up the photo and admired it. 'Who's your friend?' he asked. I had a sudden inspiration, and I said: 'Why, that's the lady who is suing your company for \$7,500.' 'The deuce you say,' said he. 'Handsome woman, isn't she?' 'She is, indeed,' I replied. 'H'm!' he exclaimed, looking at the picture closely. 'A deuced handsome woman, I should say. A deuced handsome woman.' There was a slight pause. 'What'll you take to settle this case?' he asked. I thought of my client's second marriage, and I fixed the figure at \$5,000. The deal was consummated and the case never came to court."

A Bluff That Worked.

Peter Newell, the artist, was camping out in Colorado at one time, living in a tent. News came of a nocturnal murder in the neighborhood, and considerable uneasiness was manifested by some members of the family. Mr. Newell thereupon cut out some silhouettes representing men of the roughest western type, all with pistols in their belts and in the attitude of men intensely interested in a game of poker. The silhouettes Mr. Newell fastened to the inner canvas of the tent. At night the family, stepping outside into the darkness to view the result, were entranced with its success. The shadows thrown from the silhouettes in the lighted interior indicated a tent filled with poker playing, pistol shooting desperadoes. Thenceforth the Newell family slept in pastoral peace.

What Is in a Name?

Once upon a time there was a creditor to a large amount whose debtor constantly refused payment. The creditor became impatient and after investigation found that the debtor lived in a better house than he did, dressed better, clothed his wife in silks, satins and laces and spent dollars where he, the creditor, spent cents. Then he was wroth.

"I will sue the wealthy debtor," he said, "and collect what is owing me."

He brought suit and disclosed a large amount of valuable property; but, alas, it was all in the name of the debtor's wife, and he got not a single cent.

Moral.—There is often a great deal in a name.—New York Herald.

Not the Usual Result.

"How can you afford to give away these salt pickles with your meals?" asked the man who dined cheaply at the little German restaurant around the corner.

"Ah, but you forget they make the awful thirst," said the proprietor. "The awful thirst makes trade for the bar. Is it not the clever idea?"

"They certainly do make one thirsty," said the man at the table. "I feel those I've eaten already. Bring me!"

The proprietor's face was a study in expectancy.

"Bring me another glass of water!"—New York Tribune.

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A LOST DOLLAR.

There is the experience of a farmer near Brenham, related to us second-hand, but affording an experience that can be easily verified by any one. Ten years ago he put an X mark on a silver dollar and came to town and spent it with a merchant. Before the year was out he got the dollar back for farm produce and spent it again with a Brenham merchant; four times in six years that dollar came home to him for produce, and three times he heard of it in the pockets of his neighbors. The last time he got it in change, nearly four years ago. He sent it to a big Chicago mail order house that has amassed a hundred million dollars by selling third rate goods at second rate prices. He has not seen the marked dollar since and never will till the crack of doom. The dollar will never pay any more school or road tax for him, never help to build up the town or county, never bless and brighten the homes of his neighbors. He sent it entirely out of the circuit of its usefulness to him.—Brenham Banner.

A disordered stomach may cause no end of trouble. When the stomach fails to perform its functions the bowels become deranged, the liver and kidneys congested, causing numerous diseases, the most fatal of which are painless and therefore the more to be dreaded. The important thing is to restore the stomach and liver to a healthy condition, and for this purpose no better preparation can be used than Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by O. H. Phillips.

SUBLIME.

Larry—They do say, me bye, thot th' people on Mars hov grane hair.

Denny—Is thot so? Bedade, phwat a grand soight ut wud be to see some of them ladin' a St. Patrick's Day parade.—Chicago News.

WOULDN'T STAND FOR IT.

Mrs. Uppson—Your grandfather is an octogenarian, is he not?

Mrs. Neurich—Indeed he isn't of the sort. He's the most truthful man I ever bumped up against.—Chicago News.

The Lady—Don't you never get tired doing nothing?

Wiley William—Lady, believe me, I git so tired doing nothing dat I can't do nottin' else!

ABOUT KING SOLOMON.

An Illinois boy was asked to write an essay on Masonry and this is what he wrote: "King Solomon was a man who lived many years ago, and the people in the country where he lived thought he was the whole push. He was an awful wise man and one day two women come to him each holding to the leg of a baby, nearly pulling it in two, and each claiming it. And King Solomon wasn't feeling right good and said: "Why couldn't that brat have been born twins and stop all this bother?" And he called for his machete and was going to Weyerize the poor, innocent little baby when the real mother of the baby said: "Let the old hag have it. If I can't have the whole baby I wont have any." Then Solomon told her to take the baby, for he knew it was her's, and go home and wash its face. He told the other woman to go chase herself. King Solomon built Solomon's temple and was the father of all Masons. He had seven hundred wives and three hundred lady friends, and that's the reason there are so many Masons. Papa says King Solomon was a warm member and I think he was the hot stuff myself. That is all I know about King Solomon."

Good for Rheumatism.

Last fall I was taken with a very severe attack of muscular rheumatism which caused me great pain and annoyance. After trying several prescriptions and rheumatic cures, I decided to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I had seen advertised in the South Jerseyman. After two applications of this Remedy I was much better, and after using one bottle, was completely cured.—Sallie Harris, Salem, N. J. For sale by O. H. Phillips.

ARDENT LOVER.

Tess—Yes, he actually got down on his knees to propose to me.

Jess—The idea! should think that he would have been afraid to have spoiled his trousers.

Tess—O, first he asked me to lend him my handkerchief and he spread that on the floor.—Philadelphia Press.

Andrew Carnegie, the millionaire, has offered Brownwood \$10,000 for a public library, with a proviso attached that Brownwood guarantee \$1000 per annum to defray all expenses and keep it going.—Lampasas Leader.

A New York girl had her sweetheart's portrait indelibly printed on her breast; and now he is going with another girl. Darn his picture!—Houston Post.

A number of Coleman fellows report seeing the immense meteor, mention of which was made in this paper last week.—Democrat.

STUFFED BLACK BEARS.

The Reason They Are Used as Signs by the Furriers.

The man who comes to New York only once in ten years said he could not understand why the bears in Central park seemed so much more stuck up than the rest of the animals, but after he had traveled about town for several days he saw through it. It was because 99 per cent of the furriers in town have chosen a big black bear for an advertising sign. Why the other animals in the zoo should be so discriminated against puzzled the man not a little. One day he asked a furrier about it.

"It is because the bears last longer than anything else," said the furrier. "Of all the animals in New York I don't know of any that have a harder time than those that stand outside furriers' stores winter and summer and try to drum up trade for their employers. It doesn't make any difference what kind of weather comes along, whether it blows hot or cold, those fellows have to stand at their post and sweater or freeze, as the case may be. Naturally all those changes are pretty hard on their hide, and none but bears can stand the strain. Some furriers have tried the fox, the lynx and other animals now and then at a venture, but they have mostly come back to the bear as the most satisfactory of the lot. They cost more too. A good stuffed bear comes as high as \$75, but if he is treated well he will last for twenty-five years, so that brings him down to a comparatively low price after all."—New York Press.

Charles A. Dana's Logic.

They tell a good story of Charles A. Dana—how Dana once summoned a boy reporter and said, "Tomorrow you write up the yacht race."

"But," said the lad, "I don't know how; I'm a Nebraskan. I only came here last night, sir, and I haven't so much as seen New York harbor yet. As for yachts—why, I never saw a yacht in my life!"

"Just the reason I sent for you, my boy! You'll write a story that people can read; you'll picture the thing; you'll write with enthusiasm because it's all new to you."

Sane logic! The poetry of the sea has always been written by landsmen; it always will be. The barrack room ballads are best sung by a gentle civilian. The inside of anything is clearest seen by an erstwhile outsider. Mr. Bryce, not Mr. Lodge, writes "The American Commonwealth." Emerson, not Carlyle, writes "English Traits."—Rollin Lynde Hartt in Atlantic.

Why He Should Learn Spanish.

One of the most brilliant series of the Gobelins tapestries represents the surprising adventures of Don Quixote. Louis XV. had a great affection for the doughty chevalier. One day he said to a great gentleman of his court:

"Do you know Spanish?"

"No, sire," said the other.

"Ah, it is a great pity."

The seigneur, thinking, at the least, the king was going to offer him the ambassadorship at Madrid, put himself with extraordinary zeal to the mastery of Spanish. In a few weeks he came back to his royal master and, with a conqueror's air, said:

"Your majesty, I have learned Spanish."

"My compliments," said Louis. "Read 'Don Quixote' in Spanish. It is much sner than in French."

Mercenary.

Sue—So you are going to marry Cholly Sportboy. On what grounds do you base your belief that he really loves you?

Nan—On what grounds? On his real ~~love~~ ~~of course~~.—Baltimore Herald.

U. S. IS SUSTAINED.

Position of Government in Northern Securities Case Upheld by Court.

The position of the United States government in the suit brought against the Northern Securities Company, the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railways and individual officials and directors of those companies was sustained in the decision handed down in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Paul, Minn., Thursday.

The case was originally brought in the United States District Court there, but under a special act of congress was taken at once to the Court of Appeals, which court was to expedite the hearing and decision of the case in every manner possible. The taking of testimony in St. Paul, Minn., and in New York lasted for several weeks and the arguments in St. Louis before Circuit Judges Caldwell, Sanborn, Thayer and Vandeventer took several days. The decision of the court was written by Judge Thayer, and was filed in St. Paul, where the original action was instituted. An appeal to the United States Supreme Court will be taken immediately. All four of the judges concurred in the conclusion of the court.

Note of Warning on New County Move.

Below is an extract from a letter written by W. R. McClellan, former representative of this district, to the Coleman Democrat about the attempt to form a new county to be called Ross:

"Now I desire to say that if the people in this territory do not want this new county created they will have to get a better action on themselves than ever before. If the people once are brought to fully understand the facts as regards the increased taxation they will be called on to meet and the people of our county at least fully consider the disadvantages as regards roads leading to the new county seat as compared with those leading to Coleman, etc., that they will wake up to the importance of being ready to meet further attempts to cut off our territory in a new county. In plain English, if you don't want to go into a new county you had better get a move on you. I want to assure you that the main projectors of this new county are not indulging in child's play. They are in cold earnest and are spending money to accomplish their purpose."

Cyclone swept over White and Cleburne counties, Ark., leaving death and destruction in its wake.

HELD BACK BY LOVE.

Mrs. Swift, Wife of a Famous Packer, Is Suing for Divorce.

Love for the gayeties of society and ambition to shine in the world of art and music are by no means the deepest passions that have absorbed Mrs. Lutie Swift, the young society woman who on Saturday instituted divorce proceedings against her husband, Charles H. Swift.

Far greater than her fondness for social life was the love the young wife bore her father-in-law, the deceased millionaire packer. It was because Mrs. Swift feared that the publicity growing out of her act might hasten the end of the elder Swift, who had been ailing for several years, that she delayed the institution of legal proceedings until now.

For a long time Mrs. Swift has been aware of the fact that she and her husband were ill-mated owing to the vast difference in their states.

Mrs. Swift was social, brilliant, talented and craved the sort of existence that appealed to and fostered these qualities in her nature. Charles H. Swift on the contrary was quiet, domestic and cared absolutely nothing for society.

Mrs. Swift went abroad last November. Few of her Chicago friends have heard of her since, but those that met her in Berlin during the winter bring back reports of innumerable social conquests made in the German capital by the former popular Chicago girl.

Mrs. Swift, as Miss Lutie Murray, was considered one of the most beautiful girls of the South Side smart set. She is the daughter of Mrs. A. Murray.

Both Herbert and Charles Swift paid the young woman devoted attention, and it was thought that the beautiful Miss Murray would choose the former. When her engagement to Charles Swift was announced her friends manifested much astonishment.

The suit for divorce involving as it does a claim for separate maintenance, is timely, as the partition of the Swift estate will actively proceed in the probate court.

"A neighbor ran in with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy when my son was suffering with severe cramps and was given up as beyond hope by my regular physician, who stands high in his profession. After administering three doses of it, my son regained consciousness and recovered entirely within twenty-four hours," says Mrs. Mary Haller, of Mt. Crawford, Va. This Remedy is for sale by O. H. Phillips.

ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

Obedience to law is the cornerstone upon which the liberties of our people rest. Upon the officers and jurors selected by the people, then, depends the moral and material welfare of this country. We cannot too strongly urge upon our citizens the duty they owe to society in the enforcement, without fear or favor, of the laws that have been placed upon our statute books for the protection of the people in their rights and liberties guaranteed under the constitution. It is an unpleasant duty that a man is called upon to perform, that of rendering a verdict against a fellow-being for some crime he has committed, but nevertheless he must do it or be recreant to his duty as a citizen and to the oath he has taken as a juror. Let our people once determine that all offenders against the law, be they rich or be they poor, shall be brought to justice, and our country will have fewer criminals to prosecute and society will be elevated and improved. It is a duty we owe to the rising generation to teach them that obedience to law is the first and foremost duty of every citizen, and that no man is allowed to escape who treats the laws of his country either with contempt or indifference. It is said that failure to enforce the laws is more the fault of juries than of the officers; we believe this is true. Unless people are imbued with a proper appreciation of their obligations as citizens, laws are of no value and society will go unprotected. Let the people demand and see that our laws are enforced.—Hamilton Herald.

DWARFS MADE TO ORDER.

Some interest is being aroused in Madras at present by the exhibition of two dwarfs who are alleged to be over fifty years of age, and are brother and sister. These beings are not only small but distorted. It is believed that dwarfs are "manufactured" in India. There is a practice extant in the Punjab of elongating infants' heads so as to render them out of all proportion to the body.

The effect of compression on the brain renders the victims idiotic. They are then sent around to beg, and in their peregrinations visit the Madras and Bombay presidencies. An instinct akin to that of an animal, however, still lives in the distorted beings, and invariably brings them back to their masters. They are known as "Shah Shuja's mice," from the name of the temple where they are manufactured. The children, it is stated, are vowed to the temple by fanatical women.

SEND BY ENCLOSED GIRL.

An East Side druggist is preparing a unique scrap book. It contains the written orders of some customers of foreign birth, and these orders are both curious and amusing. Here are some that are copied from the originals:

"I have a cute pain in my child's diaphragm. Please give my son something to release it."

"Dear Docther, ples gif bearer five sense worse of Auntie Toxyn for garle baby's throat and obleage."

"My little baby has eat up its father's porish plaster. Send an anecdote quick as possible by enclosed girl."

"This child is my little girl. I send you five cents to buy two sitless powders for a groan up adult who is sike."

"You will please give the little boi five cents' wooth of epeca for to throw up in a five months old babe. N. B.—The babe has a sore stummick."

"I haf a hot time in my insides and wich I wood like it to be extinguish. Wthat is good for to extinguish it? The enclosed money is the price of the extinguisher. Hurry pleas."—New York Press.

EASY IF YOU KNOW HOW.

"Do you know," said the cheerful idiot, "that it is the easiest thing in the world to tell whether a man is going out on a journey or returning by the way he carries his valise?"

"I never thought of that," said the youngest boarder. "What is the difference?"

The cheerful idiot settled himself a little firmer in his chair and gloated a moment before answering.

"It is just this way," he went on. "When a man is going away he carries his valise toward the railroad station and when he is coming back he carries it in the other direction."—Indianapolis Journal.

DYING IN NEW YORK.

Skye Temple, one of General Robert E. Lee's most famous scouts, is sick and penniless in New York. He was wounded half a score of times in the civil war and never fully recovered from his injuries. His pains are so great that he has to sleep on a pallet on the floor, the movement of a spring bed racking him too severely when he attempts to turn from one side to the other. Temple is a member of a Confederate Veterans camp in New York City, two members of which are doing what they can for him.

WIRELESS SYSTEM.

Fort Worth is to be the first city in Texas to have a wireless telegraph station, arrangements for the same having already been made with President Abraham White, of the American De-Forest Wireless Telegraph Company, New York.

Work on the system is to be commenced soon, and it is the intention to have it in operation not to exceed sixty days. Connections are to be made with Dallas, New Orleans, Kansas City, Chicago and St. Louis, according to information received by F. G. McPeak. The system is to be used in sending stock quotations. The intention is to eventually have the system extended to all the leading cities in Texas.

An exchange presents the following problem in finance: "A banker, sauntering home, saw a \$5 note on the curbstone. Of course he picked it up and took the number in order to find the owner. While at home his wife remarked that the butcher had sent in a bill for meat amounting to \$5. The only money he had with him was the money he had found, which he gave her, and she paid the butcher. The butcher paid it to a farmer for a calf, and the farmer paid it to a merchant, who in turn paid it to the washwoman, and she owing the banker a note of \$5, went to the bank and paid the note. The banker recognized the note as the one he had found and which up to that time had settle \$25 worth of debt. On a more careful consideration he found the note was counterfeit. Who was the loser?"

LEAD SIMPLE LIVES.

Greed for gold is a conspicuous evil of our time and country. We want money to burn; wealth to squander. It appears as if some men, and women as well, vie with each other in thinking out original and striking ways in which to make their wealth conspicuous. They imagine that they thus aggrandize themselves. It is something to be grateful for, that there is a growing sentiment in favor of saner living. There is a strong influence at work for greater simplicity and more genuine lives. There is gain in respect for the "plainer living and higher thinking" manner of life. By the truest standards, parade of wealth is deemed vulgar. To dress, to act, to order our households, to live our lives by how it looks, by the opinions of others and to make an impression, betrays a shallow mind and a weak character.—Ex.

The best physic: Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by O. H. Phillips.

BROWN COUNTY WILL VOTE ON PROHIBITION

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Anti Saloon League at the Court House this (Saturday) afternoon an election to vote on prohibition was decided on, the same to be held the latter part of August or the first of September.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one. The attendance of the members of the executive committee was the best ever secured. After a thorough discussion A. J. Conklin moved that an election be ordered to take place last of August or first of September. After general discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Judge Jenkins moved that the

W. C. T. U. be requested to circulate petitions. Motion carried.

Moved that a mass meeting be called at Brownwood Aug. 8, at 9 a. m., same to be a picnic. Same was carried and a committee was appointed composed of Messrs. I. J. Rice, Jesse Scott and Hoskins.

The county commissioners will be in session Aug. 10, at which time petitions will be presented.

So Brownwood will have an election. The prohibition forces have been quietly at work for some time and have struck out at last. Some interesting times are ahead.—Bulletin.

TEXAS ZEPHYRS.

From the Midland (Tex) Courier:

One of our exchanges says: "In preparing for the approaching holidays, the ladies of the town are all life and bustle. Now, what do you think of that?"

An emerald shoe firm in quoting the ancient proverb, declares that the "proof of the pudding is the chewing of the rag." The proof they furnish is indisputable.

An east Texas paper makes room to say: There is a great deal of the vis medicatrix nature left in the pine clad hills and dales of old Angelina yet. Catch it, brother; but for the Lord's sake, man, don't get it headed out this way.

The Mertens Herald threw up the sponge last week. The business men of a town who starve out a paper by not patronizing it show themselves to be of the same caliber as the fellow that chopped off the limb on which he stood, between himself and the tree.

The Courier notes with regret the passing of that beautiful old custom that subscribers observed of gratefully showing their appreciation of the country editor's labors, by bringing to his table the toothsome products of the farm. Such visions of juicy hams and festoons of linked sausage, what heaps of yams and loads of pumpkins; what prodigality of honey, popcorn for the children, nice warm socks of wool, with an occasional suit! But, alas, we have fallen upon untoward and degenerate times; the editor of this great torchlight of liberty must do the best he can while he pulls down his last summer's coat to hide the 8x10 patch on the bosom of his pants and listens at night to the music of the empty

frying pan as it flapped against the kitchen wall by the festive wind.

TEXAS' OLD NAME.

Probably the fact is not generally known that Texas was at one time called the New Philippines. The first settlement in what is now Texas was made by French emigrants in 1685. During the next twenty-five years there was an intermittent struggle between the French and Spanish for supremacy, resulting in favor of the latter and in 1814 the name of the New Philippines was given to the country. This was its official name in Spanish records for years and until the name of Texas, from a tribe of Indians, gradually came into vogue.—Indianapolis Journal.

MODERN SCRIPTURE.

And it came to pass that after he had advertised his goods there came great multitudes from the country round about and did buy of him. And when his competitors saw it they marvelled among themselves, saying, how be it that this man is kept busy while we lounge about our doors? And he spake unto them saying, verily, I say unto you that in this fast age of push and hustle, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a man to flourish without advertising.—Ex

HIS EXCUSE.

"No," said a citizen when asked if he would contribute anything to the relief of the flood sufferers; "I don't think I will."
"Can't afford it, eh?"
"It isn't that, but the last time I gave something for charity one of the papers spelled my name wrong."

TRAIN FALLS 2000 FT.

All of it Cannot Be Found. Trainmen Killed.

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald from Canon City, Col., says:

"Three engines and twenty cars of a freight train jumped the Denver and Rio Grande track in the Royal gorge and plunged into the Arkansas river, a fall of 2000 feet. The engines have not been found. Ten freight cars are missing. The river is very deep and high and the current runs at a terrific speed.

Three engineers, a fireman and a brakeman disappeared in the wreck.

The accident took place near the hanging bridge in the Royal gorge, about six miles east of Canon City. It is the most picturesque railroad spot in the west. The gorge is only fifty feet wide, but the rocks rise perpendicularly from the Arkansas river to the height of more than a third of a mile.

The freight train was bound east. Two of the engines were 'dead,' being drawn along with the cars. Without warning, the locomotive that was furnishing the power, jumped the track, bumped along on the ties for a few feet and then plunged into the abyss, dragging the other engines and ten of the cars along with it.

Two of the firemen jumped. The engineers refused to leave their posts and fell to certain death in the torrent 2000 feet below. A brakeman was thrown into the gorge where the cars ran off the track. The breaking of the coupling saved the ten rear cars from falling into the river.

READ IT BOTH WAYS.

The London Express prints this poem with a double reading. Read it as it seems, and woman is highly flattered, but read alternate lines (one and three, two and four of each verse), and the sentiment is very much the reverse:

Happy a man may pass his life
If he's directed by a wife.
If free from matrimonial chains,
He's sure to suffer for his pains.

No tongue is able to unfold
The virtues in woman you behold
The falsehoods that in woman dwell
Are almost imperceptible.

In woman's heart you'll see appear
Truth, darling of a heart sincere
Hypocrisy, deceit and pride,
In woman never can abide.

Destruction take the men, I say
Who no regard to women pay;
Who makes the women their delight,
Keep always reason in their sight.

Of the "incurable drunkards" of London—those who have been up more than ten times—\$900 are women, and 4300 are men. What a shocking fact!

King Peter, new king of Servia, celebrated his birthday.

Passing of Another Pioneer.

On the tenth of July, 1903, about noon, the death angel visited the home of our friend and pioneer neighbor, and citizen of Clear Creek, J. F. Lillienthal, who was born in Germany 61 years ago. When quite young he came to our country settling in the state of Illinois, where he married and lived on one place until he came to Clear Creek, Brown county, Texas, and bought their present home, 27 years ago.

He assisted in building our present school house, lumber being hauled from Ft. Worth, served as our school trustee and was always ready to give a helping hand for the advancement and good of our community, being a consistent member of the Lutheran church. He and his estimable wife raised four bright, merry, intelligent girls of whom not only their parents were proud but our community. Miss Lizzie was called by the angels just as she reached womanhood, the other three are now married. Mrs. Anna Wren of San Angelo, Mrs. Emma Guyer of Clear Creek, Mrs. Bertha Wooten of Brady, all good Christians and devoted children.

Mrs. Guyer is one of our most successful Sabbath School teachers. She was the only child present when death came to the precious father, who raising up, called for a drink of water, and after drinking it asked if she had written to the girls. She said: "Yes, Sir," and he closed his eyes and quietly passed away. However the girls did not get there until evening—they will remain several weeks with their mother.

Mr. Lillienthal has been a model citizen, the neatest farm and home in our county stands as a monument to his industry. His devoted wife, who as a neat housekeeper and hospitable lady is the pride of all, as a token of her esteem for his labor to make home pleasant had two beautiful wreaths made of vines laden with fruit that he had planted, laid on the casket; then the lovely wreaths and flowers of friends covered all. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Lanford and several sweet, appropriate songs sung and led by Mr. Curry, and then the form of our friend and benefactor was laid to rest in our beautiful cemetery, where sleeps many of our pioneer precious dead. Not only will he be missed by loving daughters and wife but there are eight precious little tots that will feel so sad to miss grandpa. Our heart goes out to the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Lillienthal desires me to thank their friends who have been so kind and attentive to them.

"ESMAUD."

WENT TOO FAR.

An unsuccessful lover was asked by what means he had lost the object of his affections.

"Alas," he said, "I flattered her till she got too proud to speak to me."

Fast mail train on Missouri Pacific dashed into rear coach of excursion train with some fatalities and long list of injured.

STATE NEWS.

Another oil gusher was brought in at Sour Lake.

Renewed attention has been called to oil field in Clay county.

Very small proportion of wheat in North Texas will suffer from recent rains.

Madstone at Paris adhered to a woman's leg where bitten by a rabid dog.

Mrs. Nicholson of Paris gave her young son carbolic acid instead of pepsin.

There will be a joint debate at Houston between candidates for congress, Mayor Thad Holt and Percy K. Ewing.

Cass county Monument association will erect a shaft commemorative of the Cass county heroes in the war between the states.

GENERAL NEWS.

Gang of counterfeiters has turned up near Gadsden, Ala.

Two Americans ascended the Matterhorn, the first of the season.

It has been announced that President Roosevelt will speak at Syracuse, New York, on Labor day.

Proposition mooted to change place for annual army maneuvers from Fort Riley to Fort Sill.

Pope's condition is such as to encourage hopes for his temporary recovery.

Sheriff of Bossier parish, Louisiana, is reported short in his accounts \$20,000, though not personally culpable.

Opposition has developed to the re-election of Senator Bate of Tennessee to the United States senate. Bob Taylor and Benton McMillin are opposing candidates.

Pretty young woman jumped from Chicago bridge at three o'clock in the morning and drowned—the man escaped.

Turks and Bulgarians have begun to fight on the frontier.

William Ernest Henley, poet and critic, is dead in England.

Child was ground to death beneath the wheels of an electric car in Chicago.

Pennsylvania democratic leaders agree to present the name of the ex-governor to the national democratic convention for the presidential nomination.

Senor Velez of the Columbia congress, now in Washington, says his people strongly oppose cession of sovereignty over territory zone for the canal.

KIND, BUT FIRM.

An English bishop owned a portable bath tub which he failed on one occasion to take with him on a pastoral visitation. When he returned he found that the housemaid had used the beloved tub. Calling her into his study he said kindly: "Mary, I do not so much mind your using my tub, what I object to is that you should go behind my back what you would not do before my face."—Lippincott's.

SHOOTING STICKS.

(From Houston Chronicle.)

There appears to be a pretty general agreement among Ohio demomarts that Tom Johnson ought to take the licking again this year as the party candidate for governor and up to this time he is advancing no objections worth mentioning. —Philadelphia Press.

A London correspondent suggests that Uncle Sam should "call Russia's bluff in Manchuria." A Peking correspondent reports that Russia has 50 warships in the gulf of Pechilli, which looks as if she might not be bluffing altogether. —Philadelphia Inquirer.

The talk of 11 cents as a permanent price for cotton will probably subside when the late reports from Texas comes in. The state has wonderful recuperative powers when it comes to making up a shortage in the cotton crop. —Indianapolis Journal.

Royalty beams approvingly on the reintroduction into London society of the high-step to rag-time music. It seems almost certain that we shall yet be called upon to recognize an official cakewalker to R. H. M. King Edward. —New York World.

The race issue has grown more and more marked in Hawaii and the next insular elections will turn upon it. Whenever our people come in contact with colored people a race issue seems to arise. —Springfield Republican.

One hundred and twenty seven years ago today Duty and Destiny had not annexed the Philippines, so the fathers did not know they were signing a mass of "glittering generalities." —Detroit Free Press July 4.

With a nominee for governor who favors tariff reform and a platform which is opposed to it, the Iowa republicans expect to catch the condensing voter coming and going. —Kansas City Times.

And now there is talk of a weather bureau scandal. Is it possible there is anything more scandalous about the weather bureau than its forecasts? —Kansas City Journal.

MILES OF ADVERTISING.

Secretary J. M. Page of the National Editorial association has recently been in Omaha to perfect the arrangements for the convention which will meet in that city from July 8 to 11. Secretary Page said it has been estimated that the advertising Omaha will receive will amount to a single column a mile and a half wide, the cost of which at regular rates would be \$1,500,000.

About 600 editors will attend the convention, together with their wives and friends, which will swell the total well towards the thousand mark. Two train loads will go from Omaha to the Black Hills and four car loads to Yellowstone Park.

A convict on Steiner Valley convict farm took a mule and rode it to death, escaping thus.

ETIQUETTE IN MEXICO.

Ladies do not attend funerals. Children kiss the hands of their parents.

The hostess is served first at a Mexican table.

The bridegroom purchases the bride's trousseau.

Female friends kiss on both cheeks when greeting or taking leave.

Gentlemen speak first when passing lady acquaintances on the streets.

The sofa is the seat of honor, and a guest waits to be invited to occupy it.

Men and women in the same social circle call each other by their first names.

When a Mexican speaks to you of his home he refers to it "as your house."

When you move into a new location it is your duty to make the first neighborhood calls.

When friends pass each other on the street without stopping they say adios (good-by).

Cards are sent out to friends upon the anniversary of their saint's day and New Year's Day.

Even the younger children of the family are dressed in mourning upon the death of a relative.

Young ladies never receive calls from young men and are not escorted to entertainments by them.

Daily inquiry is made for a sick friend, and cards are left or the name written in a book with the porter.

Dinner calls are not customary, but upon rising from the table the guest thanks his host for the entertainment.

Mexican gentlemen remove their hats as scrupulously upon entering a business office as in a private residence.

After a dance the gentleman returns his partner to her seat beside her parents or chaperon, and at once leaves her side. —Ex.

CHOPPERS WANTED.

Cotton choppers are in great demand at Hillshoro. Dozens of wagons were there from the country after them and farmers are paying \$1.25 a day and board. This demand has practically depopulated Freetown. If it does not rain this week the cotton will all be chopped out and cleaned.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

A grass widow who lived in Eau Claire, Tried a new fangled bleach on her hair, And in just one night, Her hair got so light, That her head next morning was bare. —Chicago News.

WOMAN'S WAY.

She—Time will heal the wound I've made in your heart.
He—Yes; but you'll be mad at me if it does. —Ex.

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Feller's a fool to worry over spilt milk. Jest kick the blamed cow and go to milking again.

A keefer study of pigs'll add a great deal to one's understanding of human nature. And of pig nature too.

What red bugs is to the flesh, life's little cares and worries is to the spirit. A little kereosene ile of philosophy is the only remedy.—H. R. Greer in Pittsburg Gazette.

HE WAS A LIAR.

Live grasshoppers will eat dead grasshoppers. A Missouri farmer mixed Paris green and bran together and let a grasshopper eat it. He died. Twenty ate him up. They died. Four hundred ate these twenty, and they died. A hundred and sixty thousand ate those eight thousand, and died and the farmer was troubled no more. The man who did the counting is not dead, but he was a champion liar. —Ex.

R. J. W. McFARLAND,
DENTIST,
Over Camp & Shropshire,
Brownwood, - - - Texas.
Will visit Santa Anna once a month.

Local and Personal.

L. L. Shield made a business trip to Brownwood Monday.

Fred W. Turner made a business trip to the county capitol Monday.

Dellinger's soda fountain is the place to get all kinds of cold drinks.

The largest and finest stock of ladies dress goods in town at L. L. Shield.

Prof. J. E. Hickman and wife of Coleman, are in the city visiting relatives.

Tom Campbell transacted business in the capitol of Brown county Monday.

The time of year is at hand to break land. Get a Moline Disc plow from Lee Shield.

The News scribe spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at San Angelo.

Will Ashley and wife, of Brownwood visited relatives here Sunday and Monday.

Santa Anna ginmen are getting their machinery in shape to gin the 1903 crop of cotton.

T. J. Mills and wife left Saturday evening for their home at Oscar, Texas, after spending several days here visiting relatives.

To close out straw hats, slippers, summer dress goods, in fact everything in summer goods. L. L. Shield.

Dr. T. M. Hays returned home last Saturday morning from Amity, Ark, where he has been to attend the funeral of his sister.

Leon Shield, Dick Dellinger and Sam Walters attended a series of ball games at Brownwood this week.

J. W. Babb and Jas. Scott made a seven mile run in a horseless carriage last Monday. Ask them to relate their experience on the trip.

A grand sale day at Lee Shield to last from Aug. 1st to Jan. 1st. Everyday a sale day; every person get goods at the same price.

S. Byrd, wife and little daughter, after spending several months in the mountain city left Monday evening for their home at New Orleans La.

Profs. Jas. Gardner and Harry Thomson, returned home last Saturday morning from Austin, where they had been several weeks attending the State University.

Lee Shield will give you the same exchange in flour for wheat that you can get at the mill and give you Brownwood prices for wheat.

Junior League

Subject—The Junior League.
Leader—Grace Cordell.
Purpose of the Junior League—Lila Burk.
Who are true Junior Leaguers?—Will Pearce.
Bible Story—Connie Erwin.
How can the Junior League help us?—Gussie Hale.
Select Reading—Theo Hunter.
Rec.—Farrar Denning.
How is the Junior League beneficial to the church?—Effie Campbell.
Rec.—Hemmings Aldridge.
What should be the aim of every Junior Leaguer?—Gertrude Major.
Select Reading—Roy Stockard.
Rec.—Tom Hays.
Rec.—John Collier.
Rec.—Vivian Scott.
Rec.—Myrtle Parsons.
Select Reading—John Moore.
Rec.—Willie Thornton.
Rec.—Ethel Boone.
Rec.—Oscar Briggs.

List your Ranch, Farm or town property with A. J. Brown.

"We have met the enemy and we are theirs," was about the way the home boys announced the result of the ball game played here last Saturday morning between the Home Creek "Blue Darters" and the "Mountain Boomers." The boys did some very good playing considering the fact that it was the first game either team had played this season, however they will have to lower the score made on that day before they are eligible to membership in the state league. The players on each side conducted themselves in a very gentlemanly manner and good feeling prevailed throughout the game. Though many errors were made, the game was very interesting from start to finish. Lack of space prevents giving the line up and a report of the game by innings. The score was 8 to 11 in favor of the Home Creek team.

WANTED:—A first class blacksmith. Good job for the right man. Apply to S. S. Bray, Santa Anna, Texas. 7-10-31.

Flower Pots

We have just received a handsome shipment of Flower Pots, ranging in size from 4 1-2 to 8 1-2 inches, and in price from 5 to 20 cts. Your inspection is invited. Money spent on flowers is never wasted but daily pays a dividend of fragrance and beauty to the owner. And not to him alone but also to him that passes by

THE RACKET STORE.

Epworth League.

Subject Aug. 2, How we may overcome our hindrance. 2 Cor. 12: 7-10.
Leader—Miss Bula Shield.
The Hindrance of Timidity—May Blue.
The Hindrance of Pride—Sallie Hollingsworth.
The Hindrance of Bad associates—Walter Collier.
The benefits of opposition B. B. Hall.

I will carry in stock this fall the largest stock of Millinery goods ever shown in Coleman county. An up-to-date stock of goods and an up-to-date I at trimmer w ll command the up-to-date trade. L. L. Shield.

Robt. Moore and Miss Vertie Weaver, both well known and highly esteemed residents of the mountain city were married at Coleman last Friday afternoon. The News joins a host of friends of these worthy young people in extending them congratulations and wishing them a happy and prosperous married life.

A crowd composed of M. L. Bowers, W. T. Verner, J. W. Collier, Will Tate, of Giddings, Texas, Lee Wood's, G. W. Teagle, Tom Bowers, Grover Denning, Albert Bowers and D. G. Boone enjoyed a pleasant outing on Home Creek last Friday. By faithful and patient work the crowd succeeded in landing enough fish for dinner. In the afternoon fishing poles were laid aside and several hours time was devoted to bathing, boat riding and having a good time generally. About five o'clock in the afternoon the boys turned their faces homeward well satisfied with the days outing.

Save your peach seeds. I will buy all you have of clean sound dry seeds at 50c per bushel.

31 MILES WOFFORD.

To The Public.

We will run our corn Mill on Saturday August 8th. After our gin starts we will grind and chop to suit convenience of the public.

SIMPSON & STOCKARD.

New goods at Lee Shields.

IF YOU WANT

Up-to-date Hair Cuts, smooth, clean shaves call on us. We also solicit your laundry work. Basket leaves Tuesday and returns Friday evening. Your patronage will be appreciated.

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Church Directory.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH—Rev. M. H. Major, Pastor. Service: First and Third Sunday morning and evening. Sunday School every Sunday morning. Epworth League at 4 o'clock p. m. every Sunday.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. A. R. Watson, Pastor. First and Second Sunday morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday morning. B. Y. P. U. services every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Rev. W. M. Stanley, Pastor. Second Sunday morning and Evening. Sunday school every Sunday morning.

C. P. CHURCH—Rev. R. W. Oakes, Pastor. Fourth Sunday morning and evening.

A bovine with eight well developed feet and sixteen hoofs attracted considerable attention at the stockpens last Tuesday. The animal was shipped to San Angelo Wednesday.

Mr. J. S. Scott and wife, after spending several days in the city visiting their son, Jas. Scott left Tuesday for their home at Rice, Texas.

The Santa Anna and Liberty boys played a game of baseball here last Saturday afternoon. The game was declared off before the nine innings were played and the score stood 9 and 9.

Mrs. D. Burnham, of Jackson, Miss., is in the city visiting her parents, Capt. Polk and wife.

Dr. Jno Standley left yesterday evening for Edgewood, Texas.

Mrs. J. A. Wainscott is visiting relatives at Brownwood.

Mrs. R. H. Laird is visiting relatives at Brownwood.

"He Won't Die"

Of consumption is a remark often made of a fleshy man. The remark expresses the popular recognition of the fact that the sign of consumption is emaciation, loss of flesh. On the other hand, a gain in flesh is a sure sign that wasting diseases are being cured.

Emaciated people with obstinate coughs, bleeding lungs, night-sweats and weakness, have been perfectly cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The several steps of the cure were recorded in ounces and pounds of increasing weight. When there is gain in flesh the wasting disease is being surely cured.

Mr. Will H. Whitmire, of Arleton, Rockingham Co., Va., writes: "Our son contracted a deep cold about the first of July, 1899, and had a terrible cough. We called a doctor and he pronounced it irritation of the bronchial tubes, with asthmatic trouble, and he informed me that my son was liable to die at any time. He told me that if we could keep the bronchial tubes open, he might cure him; but after treating him several weeks and my son growing worse all the time, I concluded to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pleasant Pellets.' I had seen several almost miraculous cures brought about by the use of these medicines, and of course I had wonderful faith in them. He used three bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' at home and one vial of the 'Pellets,' and was then well enough to go to West Virginia, taking a supply with him. I am just in receipt of a letter from him from which I quote: 'I am well and hearty and getting very fleshy.'"

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ing his brother L. E. Bell.

4 man Scott and family are now visiting at Glen Cove.

Gusta Nabors is sniping this month.

Miss Ruby Grady has returned home from Austin where she has been attending the Normal.

Misses Annie and Myrtle Wilkerson of Cleveland attended the services Sunday night.

Several of the Bangs, Mukewater and Cleveland people attended the services Sunday and Sunday night.

Herbert Loyd and family accompanied by Miss Dora Byrd left last Wednesday for Waco.

Mrs. M. Jones and sons of Brownwood were visiting homefolks last week and returned to their home Sunday evening.

"Brer' Rabbit" had been making deprecations on peoples watermelon and potato patches and our friend Joe Hinds decided he would try the scare-crow on them accordingly he made one like a man with hat and coat and placed it in his potato patch but he reports 's no good, he says he went into his patch the other day and discovered "Brer' Rabbit" sitting in the shade of the scare-crow with a potato in his hand eating contentedly as if it was placed there for that purpose.

PORTIA.

Working Night And Day

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. Kings New Life Pills. These pills change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by S. H. Phillips. July

Madge Dots

This section was visited by a good shower Sunday afternoon. We hope to get a good rain soon.

Elder Lowe is sight seeing in Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Robt. Lowe was the guest of Mrs. Enoch Hunter Sunday.

Miss Alma Lowe called on the Misses Graham Tuesday.

The thresher is at work here now most of our boys are working at it.

Miss Norma Scott is at home from Brownwood for a few weeks visit.

Mrs. Sullivan and Miss Laura were shopping in Coleman Saturday.

B. F. Sullivan and Frank were hauling wood from Brownwood first of the week.

B. F. Sullivan, Misses Pauline and Eula and Master Frank visited Mr. Wm. Hunters Sunday.

The debate closed last Friday most of the adventist are attending a meeting in Waco.

B. Wallis and family of Camp Colorado spent Sunday at the Sullivan--Paulk home.

A FINE SHOWER

Has gladdened our hearts and now is the time to prepare for the busy time that is sure to come.

FIRST--Let us fit you up with a GOOD WAGON.

SECOND--A Disc Plow or Harrow or any kind of a breaking plow.

THEN we have everything else you need to fit you up, at prices that suit.

Our Mr. Kelley leaves in a few days for St. Louis to get the **GOODS** for you and you know what that means. Come to see us and save money.

W. R. Kelley & Co.

Our meeting will begin at Eureka Friday night, we hope to see a large attendance and much good done.

Mrs. J. C. Coker of Silver Valley is visiting her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Lowe. They are visiting Mrs. McIlvain at Rockwood for a few days.

JUANITA MARIE.

Safeguard the Children

Notwithstanding all that is done by boards of health and charitable inclined persons, the death rate among small children is very high during the hot weather of the summer months in the large cities. There is not probably one case of bowel complaint in a hundred, however, that could not be cured by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by S. H. Phillips. July

The United States mints are now turning out coins quite different from the usual run. The new coinage consists of \$75,000,000 worth of pesos for the Philippine Islands, the making of the regular American dollars being intermitted for a time. The pesos are pouring out at the rate of many thousand a day.

A Puzzle Worth Having,

Dr. G. G. Green, of Woodbury, New Jersey, whose advertisement appears in our paper regularly, will mail to any one sending a two cent stamp to pay postage, one of his new German Syrup and August Flower Puzzle, made of wood and glass. It amuses and perplexes young and old. Although very difficult, it can be mastered. Mention this paper.

The last prophetic egg has been found at Van Alstyne, in Grayson county, and has written on it in raised letters the following sentence; "All other eggs are durn liars. The world is not coming to an end."--Grand Saline Sun.

Intelligence and perseverance are a powerful combination. Against their united force, "bad luck" can do very little. People who do not get ahead like to imagine that there is a mysterious combination of circumstances against them, or that lack of success is due to the opposition of some envious acquaintance. The truth is that there are comparatively few in the world who have time to devote to throwing obstacles in the way of others. In nine cases out of ten, the bad luck of which you complain is caused by some weakness in yourself. It may be lack of force, an unstable ambition, or an unprepossessing manner; but, whatever it is, find it out, and set yourself to conquer it.

Chamberlain's Colic cholera and Diarrhea Remedy

This remedy is certainly to be needed in almost every home before the summer's over. It can always be depended upon even in the most severe and dangerous cases. It is especially valuable for summer disorders in children. It is pleasant to take and never fails to give prompt relief. Why not buy it now? It may save life. For sale by S. H. Phillips. July

A Minnesota sheriff was to "spirit" a negro rapist and derer away from a mob the day, in order to prevent a lynching. We feel quite sure that a more intimate acquaintance on the part of our Northern friends with the vagabond class of ignorant negroes will greatly improve the confidence in and esteem for what they have hitherto been pleased to call "Southern prejudice."

"Strength and vigor come of food duly digested. 'Force,' a ready-to-serve wheat and barley food, adds no burden, but sustains, nourishes, invigorates."

Cleveland News.

A good rain visited our community Monday.

J. D. Nabors and Alex Phillips are visiting in Angelo.

J. D. Wilkinson and family attended the debate at Madge.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones attended church at Liberty Sunday night.

Ed Baxter from Santa Anna was in our country Tuesday.

Mr. Carr from Brook Lee was in our community Sunday.

Mrs. Brown of Rising Star was here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Lucas.

John Campbell went to Santa Anna Sunday to meet his Father-in-law, Mr. Beal, from Burnet Co.

Ernest Fletcher returned home last Sunday from Commanche where he has been attending the Normal.

Misses Anice and Agnes Jennings and brother, Vascoe, are here from Tom Green county visiting at the home of G. W. Jennings.

The people of the Christian church at this place will decide next Sunday on what day next week they will meet to make preparations for the meeting, in the way of building an arbor and clearing up the ground.

VALEDA AND OZELLE.

Liberty Dots.

We have had a few nice little showers of rain this week, but not enough to do much good.

J. M. Byrd and daughter, Eva, of Mayo attended preaching Sunday.

Tom Bell of Mo. is not visit-