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The Labor Advocate is the title of a new paper recently started at Dallas.

The comptroller at Austin rules that the cotton buyers' tax is a personal tax and must be paid by each buyer.

Now comes the report that Pictel for the murder of whom Holmes was given a death sentence, is still alive.

Add-Ran College will be moved from Thorp's Springs to Waco on the first of January; Waco put up \$30,000 in cash to get the College. Waco is to be congratulated on securing so excellent an institution as Add-Ran, and especially is the Christian church to be congratulated, that college being of Christian denomination.

The semi-centennial of Texas statehood will be celebrated in Dallas next year. The celebration will be given in Texas style and will be the greatest ever held in the south-west.

The Ram's Horn butts the subject squarely in the blaze when it says "The Gospel is preached by a man on a salary of \$5000 per year is altogether different from what he would preach on \$500 a year."

It appears that the Corbett-Fitzsimons fight will yet be pulled off. Dan Stewart has been at El Paso and says the fight will come off near El Paso, sure, but just when or where is not yet definitely settled.

A Saloonkeeper speaking in regard to his politics declared that he was for liquor first and a republican afterward and declared that he would vote for no man who is not in favor of his business.

One of Holmes' attorneys in his recent trial has been arrested charged with paying a witness \$20 to swear falsely in behalf of his client. The attorney is under a \$15,000 bond.

Now comes the story of a Missouri girl who was, that a Miss who was married in three days after her husband and in three days later the young lady waved a flat iron at her husband, and the next evening came home waving a divorce. What are the wild waves saying?

The Fort Worth Gazette has recently inaugurated a crusade against the court of criminal appeals and against the cruelties of the criminal law generally. The immediate cause of the Gazette's displeasure was the reversal of the case of L. E. Williams, of Dallas, convicted of the murder of his wife and sentenced to hang. The case was reversed for the sole reason that after the evidence was all in and the argument was over the court permitted the County Attorney to prove the name of the murdered woman. He had forgotten to do so up to that time.

The court of criminal appeals following an express statute decided that it was error and reversed the case and in this they were only obeying the demands of the law as it is written.

The Gazette's criticisms should have been leveled at the incompetent prosecutor whose fault it was that the state had to undergo a double expense; or perhaps better still if it would devote more time and attention to the administration of criminal law in Tarrant county where it has its hands full. It is a matter of notoriety all over the state that they don't even get a death sentence for murder in Tarrant county, (instance the Frank Ware case,) unless the murderer is a negro, (instance Jim Toots,) or else has slain a very prominent citizen, (instance the slayer of B. C. Evans,) these are the only two persons ever given the death sentence in Tarrant.

The failure of justice is more often the fault of local officers and jurors than it is of the appellate courts or of the criminal law.

Cotton is lower since the Republican victory. Is there any connection between the price of cotton and the Republican victory.—Paris Advocate.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
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Our Consolation.
 Memphis Commercial-Appal.
 An exchange growsomefully observes: The democratic party was so fearfully dealt with in the recent elections that it cannot boast of a single thing. Like an orphan, it stands apart helplessly grieving over its drubbing, unable to point to anything in the way of achievement and deeming glory a thing that was."

We admit that we are not in a condition at present to extend condolence to the brethren. Such a task seems almost as hopeless as extracting opiates from the cucumber and narcotics from the baseless fabric of a dream. We, as others are endeavoring to straighten our limbs, pull the splinters and debris from our hair and convince ourselves that we are not the victims upon whom Pompeii fell with its weight of lava in ye olden time. We had been hopeful, believing in the assurance that all good things come to them that wait. Skeptical in mind now to some extent, and smashed physically beyond recognition almost, we are essentially gloomy. But the information seems reliable that the calamity howlers of Ohio are about to disband on account of the little encouragement they received, and that their success in Kansas and other strongholds was not marked. Under these circumstances we would console our contemporary with the thought—the brightest we have at present—that we beat the populists, anyhow! This will be more comforting at least than was the last reflection of the deacon who, after surviving all sorts of disasters and calamities, at last was butted to death by a festive billygoat.

The editor of a local newspaper is the most thoroughly criticised individual of a community, says the Press and Printer. To escape criticism he would have to be a member of all churches and none; a prohibitionist and a drunkard at once; a married man and a single man at once; a philanthropist and a miser at once; saint and a sinner, a genius and a fool; a hypocrite, a back-biter, a liar, a rascal, and the opposite of each.—Ex.

"There," said a neighbor, pointing to a village carpenter, "there is a man who has done more good, I really believe than any other man in this town." "Oh, my dear boy," said the man who ever lived in it. He can not talk very much in public and he does not try. He is not worth two thousand dollars, and it is very little he can put down on subscription papers. But a new family never moves into the village that he does not find it out and give them a neighborly welcome and offer them some service. He is on the lookout to give strangers a seat in his pew at church. He is always ready to watch with a sick neighbor and to look after his affairs for him. He finds time for a pleasant word to every child he meets, and you will see the children climbing into his wagon when he has no other load. He has a genius for helping folks and it does me good to meet him on the street.—Ex.

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MEXICO'S CAPITAL.

Old Incidents and Street Scenes in the City of Mexico.
 By day the towers of Mexico present a very unique appearance, for from whatever point of view chosen the avenues are shut in by serrated mountains surrounding the whole valley. The straight wide streets running in parallel lines from north to south and from east to west, make it look modern enough, but for all that, the old whitewashed houses, the only architectural beauties of which are the numerous windows with projecting balconies, give the whole place a superannuated appearance. These houses are also built in four blocks, with one or two patios or spacious courtyards. On two sides of this patio there is generally a narrow veranda or some projecting balcony, which serves as a protection from the rain; and enables the occupant to reach dry-shod the wide staircase with high steps leading up to the upper rooms. These rooms, which are mostly paved with tiles instead of planks, open on to a gallery running around the court, with a balustrade at the convenient height for leaning against, which balustrade is decked with numerous pots of flowers and shrubs. The first story alone is used to live in, the ground floor being occupied by shops, magazines or stables. The better houses are built of freestone, while the poorer tenements consist of a material known as amalgamoid, which is a variety of porous trap or basaltic rock of a reddish color, the blocks being bound together with cement, and some buildings have walls of great thickness, three feet or more, says Harper's.

The foundations of most of the houses being laid in water, or in marshy flats, they have no cellars, and are really great cubes of masonry kept in place by the weight of the packages, jostle each other in the roadway. Water carriers, or aguadors, completely clad in leather, and wearing a kind of jockey cap, also of leather, besiege the public fountains, carrying two huge amphorae, kept in place by straps, which cross with the head over the palm-leaf cap, with leather visor.

Indian men and women pass to and fro, screaming out in ear-splitting tones the names of what they have to sell, fruits, vegetables, chickens, etc., carrying everything on their backs in wicker work baskets fastened on to their shoulders like soldiers' knapsacks, but supported by a leather strap, passed across the forehead, beneath the broad-brimmed straw sombreros, or worn just under the arm across the chest.

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EVERYBODY HAS gone out of town this season. Mrs. Townsend suddenly remarked at the breakfast table, one morning, "The frumpy 'fashions' for Lake George yesterday, the Tennants are to spend the summer at Retsoy and even the Statons have managed to rig themselves out, and have gone on a jaunt. One might as well be out of the world as out of fashion."

"Now see here, John," said Mrs. Townsend, sitting bolt upright in her chair and emphasizing her remarks with a pudgy forefinger, "but I simply can't stand the airs of those Statons. It need not cost very much—we might go into the country."

"I'll see," said Mrs. Townsend, non-committal as usual. The month of July went out with a sudden rise of the thermometer, and a general exodus of townpeople took place. Mrs. Townsend, after a careful perusal of alluring advertisements, settled on "Silver Creek" as the place most likely to meet her expectations.

Not entirely sanguine, yet hopeful, withal, Mrs. Townsend pocketed her baggage check and stepped aboard the train that was to bear her to her summer home. After a long journey, with the usual miseries attendant upon a trip with the thermometer at 90 degrees, she found herself "sidetracked" in a neat field—to use her own expression—an object of great interest to a tow-headed youth and a raw-boned colt horse.

"Sure to. I've been here two weeks, and they've only shipped two mornings." It was even so; salt pork seemed to be a staple article at Squire Tucker's, and as for berries, fresh vegetables, etc., they were only to be obtained at the "corners" and were frequently the reverse of fresh.

"Why don't you have a garden?" asked Mrs. Townsend. "I thought all farmers raised small fruits and vegetables," he proudly added. "Well, I ain't much of a hand to putter with a garden," the Squire made reply. There ain't a farm nigh that yields better crops of grain 'n mine, though," he proudly added.

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"In what respect?" "In my choice of a wife."—New York Press.

"They're makin' a new hog pen today." "But why should Mr. Tucker advertise fishing when the season is over?" queried Mrs. Townsend. "Oh, that that advertisement," Marm, was one that Squire copied out on an old newspaper. I heard him say as how it read purty well, an' he thought 'twould do."

"Fishing and boating made easy," murmured Mrs. Townsend, with a grimace. "No danger of drowning there," "Fishing did you see, Marm? There's plenty of fish to be got out of that creek in the spring 'n' year. Wouldn't think it, would you?"

But used as she was to a well appointed, modern dwelling the sparsely furnished rooms seemed to Mrs. Townsend uncomfortable and cheerless. At the table Mrs. Townsend was informed that "other lady boarder had a headache," and would not be down that evening.

BOSTON.

The Old and the New—It Has Changed Much. The original Boston, as founded by Governor John Winthrop in 1630, was established on a rocky three-hilled peninsula, in whose thickets wolves and bears were yet harbored, and which was known variously as Shawmut and Trimountain.

It has a population of about 500,000—the census of 1890 showing 448,477 inhabitants. By that census it was the sixth in population among American cities, being preceded by New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and St. Louis. In 1880 it ranked fifth, St. Louis having since overtaken it. In 1870 it was only seventh, both St. Louis and Baltimore then preceding it.

But the transformation in other ways has been more astonishing than the growth. Of the original three hills, one only is now noticeable by the stranger. I myself can remember Boston in my college days, as a pear-shaped peninsula, two miles by one, hung to the mainland by a neck, a mile long and only a few yards wide, sometimes actually covered by the meeting of the tide-waters from both sides.

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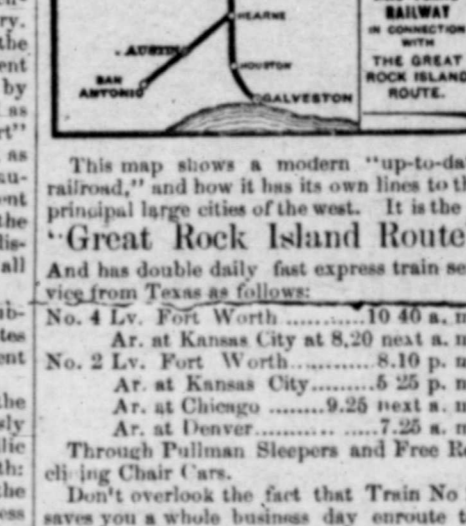
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