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New Orleans is receiving the most distinguished attention in England.

Interest falling is being stopped to rapidly as possible by the authorities at Toledo, O.

CANADA expects to furnish homes to a large number of Iceland emigrants this winter.

A CO-OPERATIVE grocery store has been organized by the Knights of Labor at Lima, O.

Only 100,000 of London's 4,000,000 inhabitants will need corporation seats this winter.

Sir ANTHONY SULLIVAN has regained his health, although much weakened by his recent illness.

A MEMBER recently returned to his home at Hazelton, B. C., to collect \$200 due him and was captured.

ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL.

Special to the Gazette. Austin Tex. Jan. 7.—A. W. Buneson a prominent real estate agent, was shot and killed this evening twenty five miles south Austin. One report is that he was out surveying, and that a gun leaning up against a tree fell, being accidentally discharged, killed Buneson. Another report says it was suicide. Last year Buneson jumped from the iron bridge over the Colorado river into that stream, a distance of eighty feet, but was taken out without being seriously hurt. It is thought to be a case of attempted suicide. At the time he was shot two men were seen near the bridge and it is thought they were to kill him, but the bridge tender saw nothing of the assassins. The charge of the gun this evening passed through Buneson's breast, killing him instantly.

LONGVIEW.

Special to the Gazette. Longview Texas Jan. 6.—Yesterday an old man named Lony from Kentucky stopped over here from the Texas and Pacific No. 1 to go south on the International and Great Northern. He discovered he had been falked out of \$30 by the news butcher. It appears that the butcher had two helpers in the scheme, and played the money changing racket on the old man, who is partly deaf and almost blind. One of the men asked him to exchange some of his small bills for larger ones so they might be able to cash some money. The old man gave them \$10.00, for which they returned him five \$1 bills and five silver dollars. This was not discovered by the old man until he got off of the train here. He made

complaint to the sheriff here, who telegraphed to Lincoln, capturing the "butcher," and brought him here to answer the charge to-day, which will undoubtedly result in conviction.

The old man was going to see relatives in Lockhart, Tex.

The City Council has made an other investigation of the school fund, and find the schools will be extended to the 1st of February instead of the 1st of January as reported.

SACRED BOOKS OF THE WORLD.

The three Vedas are the most ancient books of the Hindus.

Moses lived and wrote his Pentateuch fifteen centuries before Christ.

The Eddas of the Scandinavians were first published in the fourteenth century.

The Zendavesta of the persons is the grandest of all sacred books next to the Christian Bible. Zoroaster who says it contains, was born in the twelfth century before Christ.

The Pitakas of the Buddhists contain sublime morals and pure aspirations, but their author died in the sixth century before Christ. There is nothing of excellence in these sacred books not found in the Bible.

The Koran is the most recent of the seven Bibles, and not older than the seventh century of the Christian era. It is a compound of quotations from the Old and New Testaments, the Talmud and the Gospel of St. Matthew.

The sacred writings of the Chinese are called the "Five Kings," being meaning web or cloth, or the warp that keeps the threads in place. These sayings cannot be traced to a period higher than the eleventh century before Christ.

CITATION.

The State of Texas.

In the District court March term, A. D. 1888. To the sheriff county constable of Haskell county greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published,) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summons all persons interested in the estate of Hubert DeFas Ducd, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District

court to be holden in and for the county of Haskell, at the court house thereof in Haskell on the second Monday in March 1888, this number being of then and there to answer the petition of the state of Texas, filed in said court on the 6th day of January A. D. 1888, against the said persons interested in the estate of Hubert DeFas Ducd, and her husband R. H. Hanna and her husband R. H. Hanna and alleging substantially as follows to wit:

State of Texas, County of Haskell,

In the District court of Haskell county, March term A. D. 1888: To the District court of Haskell county. And now comes the state of Texas plaintiff by Oscar Martin, County Attorney and complaining of Mrs. R. H. Hanna and her husband R. H. Hanna defendants, represent that defendants reside in the county of Travis state of Texas. That Hubert DeFas whose residence at the time of his death is to plaintiff unknown, died sometime between the year A. D. 1879 and 1870, the exact date of said demise being to plaintiff unknown, seized in fee simple of the following described real estate, to wit:

Being 840 acres survey No. 67, in the name of Hubert DeFas abstract No. 140, situated in Haskell county on the waters of Paint creek west from Fort Belknap and originally in Cookland District. Beginning at the N. E. corner of survey No. 66 a stake from which a mesquite brs. 8.75, E. 43rs a mesquite brs. 2.67, N. 23 vs.

Thence S. at 1908 vs. a stake S. E. Corner of sur. No. 67, for the S. W. corner of this survey.

Thence East 1909 vs a stake

Thence North 1909 vs a stake from which a mesquite brs. 11.71 W. 112 vs. a mesquite brs. N. 83, W. 16 vs.

Thence west 1909 vs to the beginning.

That said Hubert DeFas was the person last lawfully seized of the said estate and that the said Hubert DeFas died without any devise of said estate and without having heirs of him the said Hubert DeFas deceased, that there are no persons in actual possession of said estate and that the said Mrs. R. V. Hanna and her husband the said R. H. Hanna have set up a claim to seventy acres of said estate and are the only persons known to claim the same or any part thereof or the whole estate aforesaid.

The premises considered the said estate has escheated to the said state of Texas.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendants and all persons interested in said estate be cited to answer this petition, and that if have judgment for said land, cost of suit and an award of a writ of possession, and such other relief as plaintiff may show itself entitled.

For which plaintiff will ever pray;

Oscar Martin County Attorney Haskell County Texas.

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

Witness J. L. Jones, Clerk of the District court of Haskell county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, in Haskell this the 6th day of July, A. D. 1888.

J. L. Jones Clerk Dist. Court Haskell Co, Texas.

(Endorsements on the back.) The State of Texas vs. Mrs. R. H. Hanna et al.

Issued on the 6th day of July, A. D. 1888. J. L. Jones Clerk Dist. Ct. Haskell Co.

A Black Eyed Vitriolouse.

Young Howard Potter who was so horribly burned with vitriol in the parlor of Dr. Frank Rieser by Miss Maggie Lloyd a few days ago was able to give his side of the story of the desperate attempt to kill him. Potter is the son of Gen. Potter, of Palmsville, O., and his mother is a lady of Montreal where Gen. Potter spends most of his time. The vitriol victim is not yet twenty-one years of age, and quite boyish in appearance. Potter was advised by his parents not to marry on account of his youth, and he meant to obey them. He tried to be mainly and straightforward and break off the engagement as gently as possible, but he discovered that Miss Lloyd's vicious temper might cause him trouble later in years, and rather than risk a life of misery he determined not to marry.

He says he went to Miss Lloyd's house on Sunday evening as requested by her note. They calmly sat for nearly an hour talking over their separation.

"I was sitting in an easy chair," he said, "and Miss Lloyd in another. When I finally told her of my decision, she excused herself, saying she would go to her room for a little brandy which she kept there for illness. In a few minutes she returned with a dark liquid which I took to be brandy. She held the glass to me and asked me to take some. I refused, saying I did not need any. 'Take some, just to please me,' she said, and once more held the glass forward. I didn't smell anything, but then for the first time I noticed a wicked glare in her black glowing eyes. Just as I refused for the second time, she quickly drew back her right hand and said, 'Then take it in this way,' and she dashed the vitriol into my face. I had just time sufficient to close my eyes, and I would have received much of the contents in my eyes. It felt as if red-hot coals were clinging to my face and eating into my blood. I clapped my handkerchief on my burning face and ran to the kitchen. In my confusion and agony I tried to wash the stuff off with water. The heat then became more intense, and I hurried out of the house to a near-by restaurant and sent for a doctor. Miss Lloyd did not hold a handkerchief to my eyes, but she did berately dash the vitriol right into my face. A few minutes before that she vowed her eternal love, and said she couldn't live without me. That's the truth; and, reluctant as I am to speak about it, yet the truth might as well be known."

Miss Lloyd has left the city for Pottsville. Before going she looked at the scar on her cheek which had a few drops of the vitriol which fell on her and exclaimed: "I love that scar. I could look at it forever." Later she said: "I have Welch in my blood and am proud of it." Later she was in tears and bewailed her fate, and was sorry that she ever did such an inhuman act. Potter will be terribly disgraced by his dying day. The left side of his face will be black and indented like a cancerous affliction. His many friends deeply sympathize with him. When Miss Lloyd first came to Reading she worked in a spectacle factory at \$3 a week. Later friends procured her a position as cashier in the largest store in the city.

A "Free-For-All" Store.

The latest idea of one of these world revolutionizers, is from a man at Palmyra, N. Y. His idea is to have a store without clerks. "Left open to all, so that anybody can take what he wants, and leave in exchange what he thinks is fair." It was a big head that evolved that idea, and all that is necessary to satisfy the originator of the idea, of the probable success of his scheme, is for him to open such a store, and run it until his goods are gone, and then figure up, and take an account of stock. If all the people were honest, and believed in doing as they would be done by, the scheme might succeed for a day or two, but it is a lamentable fact that we are all dishonest. There is not a man in all the world honest enough to be trusted with such a store. The alleged "noblest work of God" would get in his work on such a fool store keeper, the worst way. Who knows of a man that is so honest that he wouldn't "smuggle" if he went into such a free-for-all store to do his trading. And how the women, honest, sweet, things that they are, how they, who make the lives of merchants a burden, would revel in such a soft soap. Do you suppose one of them would take a hundred dollar seal skin cloak, and leave a hundred dollars in place of it, if nobody was looking? Not much! They couldn't be trusted any more than men. No, a store run on that principle of "take what you want and give what you think is fair," would make highway robbers of men, women and children, and drive the proprietor to the insane asylum or the poor house. There is not much profit in running a store and taking all you can get. To take out what the buyers choose to give would bankrupt Jay Gould in one month. It would be one continued round of "burglary counters" till the counters would be stolen.—*Ford's Sun.*

A Mean Old Man.

"Why, old man, what are you doing on a level?" "It's my only change to get a little from a crowd taking the old lady along with her." "It must be her good brass band that clatters the six and seven on the wheels."—*Chicago News.*

Fashions for males don't change much, still there is always a new wrinkle in coat tails. A messenger boy's diary—"Monday hired; Tuesday, tired; Wednesday, tired."

MINOR MENTION.

The Emerald Isle seems to be taking on a reddish hue in honor of John L. Sullivan. A western editor announces the suspension of his paper under the head "Blowing out the Gas."

Congressman Tracy has rented his residence at Albany to State Senator J. Stot Fassett for the winter.

Scientific tests in Hungary show that corn will produce the largest yield of milk, while sorghum produces milk of the richest quality. Representative John M. Glover authorizes the announcement to be made that he is a candidate for Governor of Missouri on an anti-trading platform.

The Boston Transcript speaks of Governor Foraker of Ohio as "the end of man politics." This is doubtless because he plays on the bones of dead issues.

The Chicago jaller who refused the lamp used by August Spies in Nina Van Zandt doubtless reasoned that the girl had no use for it, being so extremely light-headed as she is.

Dubuque, Ia., has a man who asserts that he is the devil, and there are some who are inclined to believe him; but, as he has no horns and no tail, the police have locked him up as an impostor.

Col. John A. Joyce could not stand the rarefied air of Colorado. He recently went to Leadville to edit a newspaper, but he has returned to Georgetown, D. C., with a severe cold on his lungs.

Quite a curiosity in the shape of a twin orange is on exhibition at Anthony, Fla. It was found in Mr. Stripland's grove. Many old inhabitants say they never saw anything of the kind before.

Little Marshall P. Wilder says that he is constantly mistaken for Josef Hofmann, the musical marvel. He wishes the public to understand that the M. P. in his name does not stand for "Musical Profanity."

Among the candidates for the Mexican mission are Gen. Bragg, of Wisconsin; Gen. P. M. Young, of Georgia, and Judge Tompkins, of Atlanta. They are all proof against the rarefied air of high altitudes.

The wife of President Diaz of Mexico has established in the City of Mexico a large "Friendly Home of the Workingwoman," at which small children will be cared for during the day while their mothers are at work.

The oldest two trees in the world are supposed to be one in Calaveras county, California, which is believed to be 2,535 years old, the express of Somalia, in Lombardy, Italy, which is 1,911 years old, planted B. C. 42.

The big summer hotel Brighton, at Brighton beach, on Long Island, has had its foundations washed out by the ocean sweeping inland, and will have to be removed and built on a new site.

King Kalakaua of the Sandwich Islands, has had his salary reduced, and will have to confine his poker ventures to the harmless game known as "penny ante." Protection to the "infant industry" of kingship is played out at Honolulu.

Herrmann, the president, has been looking for ghosts all his life. He has never found one, and is sceptical as to their existence. He is now on his way to St. Louis, where he owns some property. They say spirits can be found in that city.

Thursday was donation day at the Philadelphia home for aged and infirm colored persons. A colored clergyman who is 117 years of age opened the ceremonies on that day with prayer. His name is John Gibson and he was born in Virginia in February, 1771.

Dorothy Whitney, who was once a personage of national fame, has been somewhat neglected by the press of late. She has not allowed this fact to depress her, however. Monday she reached the mature age of ten months and celebrated the occasion by cutting her teeth.

A man who has just been released from the Nebraska state prison, where he has served a term, has sued the lawyer who defended him in the trial that resulted in his conviction. The ex-convict claims that the conviction was the result of the lawyer's malpractice, and he wants \$34,000 damages.

Two United States revenue officers recently tried to arrest a smuggler who was bringing a load of gun from New Brunswick into Maine. The smuggler ran to the woods, but before he started he pulled a cord which opened the gun cases and nearly all of the liquor ran out before the officers could shut it off.

New England is deeply interested in the rumors about the solvency of some of the western farm mortgage companies. The loan companies of Boston alone hold \$1,000,000 in western farm mortgages on which \$750,000 is outstanding. And the insurance companies of Hartford hold mortgages on western farms to the amount of \$70,000,000.

A large vault with walls of stone and filled with skeletons of human beings has been discovered in an Indian mound which overlooks the Missouri river from a hill near Jefferson City, Mo. The skeletons are thought to be the remains of the ancient mound builders, although the remarkable state of preservation in which they are found would indicate that they are of more recent date.

Aunt Hattie North, who recently died in Troy, Kan., was thought by those who knew her best to be fully 117 years old. She was a colored woman and remembered living in St. Louis when the city was a French trading post with very few houses. She often related incidents that occurred a full century ago, and she never knew how to read it was thought that she spoke from actual experience.

"An Eastern capitalist has been in town this week," remarks a Denver paper, "looking around with the view of putting in some gigantic manufacturing establishments. He did not register at the hotel, and strived to conceal his identity, but was readily recognized by our reporter from the fact that during the first day or two of his stay he clung to the eastern custom of wearing his pants outside his boots.

A half inebriated man stumbled into a church in a Montana town the other day just as the minister, whose name was Gallagher, was asking in thrilling tones: "Dare I tell this people here assembled what is the dreadful penalty of sin? I hesitate to do so." During the momentary rhetorical pause which followed, the drunken man steadied himself in the pew into which he had dropped, and called out with cheerful good nature: "Let 'er go, Gallagher. I'll stand by yer."

In the valleys of California grows a tall, slender stemmed lilaceous plant with purple and white flowers which played an important part in the economy of the Spanish population and is still more or less used by the country people. It is the well known amole or soap plant. It rises from a subterranean bulb which is egg-shaped in form, two or three inches in diameter, and enveloped in a thick coating of black, matted, hairlike fibers. This bulb has the detergent properties of soap, cleaning the hands or clothing quite as well and at the same time more delicately than the coarser kinds of soap.

STATE NEWS.

MALAKOFF, Jan. 3.—The pottery and brick works are on a boom. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Malakoff Saturday by business men following was the gist of resolutions which were offered and passed. That citizens donate a sufficient amount of land to any company to erect a pottery, brick or tile works. The supply of clay is inexhaustible, being from twelve to fifteen feet thick and easy of access, being surrounded by all necessary conveniences and an abundance of cheap fuel.

WICHITA FALLS, Jan. 3.—Chas. Duane, an orphan boy, who came from Leitchville, while intoxicated and trying to ride a bronco was thrown and very badly hurt perhaps fatally. He died, and was sometimes in recovering. The doctor thinks his spine is injured.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 3.—The Pope's jubilee celebration passed off Sunday in a fine shape. The day being extraordinarily beautiful and pleasant, some 500 persons were in the street procession. A row occurred about 5 o'clock Sunday morning at a local variety house during which the large mirror in the bar was smashed with a glass, and at the barkeeper's head, and the city marshal was knocked down with a brickbat, by a member of the theater band. A masquerade ball was going on at the time. The officers succeeded in catching and punishing the aggressors.

WALNUT, Jan. 3.—The dwelling of Mr. Lundy was destroyed by fire Friday night, with all his furniture. The house was worth about \$1,000 and was partially insured.

HENTSVILLE, Jan. 3.—Fire was discovered on the roof of the court-house at 6 a. m. The furniture of the county files was saved, and it is hoped the records. The court is entirely burned. Cause of the fire is unknown.

RIVERSIDE, Jan. 3.—Friday evening about 5 o'clock Angelo Gazetti, an Italian, while firing some blasts in a brick quarry was blown about thirty feet up into the air and instantly killed. It appears that he thought one of his blasts had gone out and went to see what was the matter. Just as he got to the place and was right over the hole it went off, sending him up thirty feet in the air. A Mexican standing near was blown thirty feet away, vomiting in a pantfully but not seriously.

WHITEWRIGHT, Jan. 3.—Work is progressing rapidly on the new Presbyterian Church on North Main street, and when completed it will be one of the handsomest structures in the city. The wheat crop in this section is in a very bad condition. A great many farmers say they are going to plow it up and plant the ground in something else. Corn wood is in great demand here, and is selling at \$3.50 per cord. There are six or seven new brick business houses to be erected soon.

EL PASO, Jan. 3.—After ten days of intense suffering Edwin Biggs, aged 13 years, died Friday night a victim of a mad dog's fangs. Last June Edwin picked up a 3-months old puppy on the streets and brought it home. It soon exhibited queer symptoms and was finally killed on that account. Shortly before it was killed it bit the boy, but the wound was a mere scratch of the puppy's teeth, and it was forgotten till a week ago last Thursday when the boy was taken sick. Dr. Charles T. Rice was called and at once asked if the boy had not been bitten by a dog. The puppy's bite was remembered, and it was also recalled that the boy's father, Jas. H. Biggs, and a little girl were bitten by the puppy about the same time. Neither Mr. Biggs nor the little girl has yet shown symptoms of rabies. The boy's malady began with difficulty in swallowing, followed by extreme nervousness and trembling. Dr. Rice says the symptoms were progressive in violence during the first five days, the patient eating nothing and getting no sleep at night. From the sixth day on, under treatment with chloral, the convulsions were lessened and the patient got some sleep and took a little food. He was cross, fretful and had occasional outbursts of violence. Friday afternoon he began to sink, and died of exhaustion, with mild symptoms of sulcaton. It was a strictly characteristic case of hydrophobia. The boy complained of pain in the hand that was bitten, but the physicians could find no scar to show where the wound had been.

DECATUR, Jan. 3.—Friday night about 7:30 o'clock Conductor E. Johnston, of the Fort Worth & Denver railway company, met with a serious, if not fatal accident. Mr. Johnston at the time had charge of local train No. 4, which was coming down a heavy grade one mile north of this city when Mr. Johnston, in getting out of the caboose to assist to hold up the train, his hold broke or the caboose and he dropped to the ground on a large mass of rocks, a distance of twenty-five feet, receiving a long cut across his forehead, slightly injuring the skull, both legs bruised, one ankle sprained, one rib fractured and a slight injury

internally. A physician attended him caring for his hurts, and he was sent to Fort Worth on the evening train Saturday morning.

PECOS CITY, Jan. 3.—Col. Frank B. Chilton arrived home from Dallas Sunday morning. He states that he has reason to believe that a bank will be started here in sixty days; also, that a journalist will be here soon to prepare to start a newspaper at once. Our people realize that our section will command the primary attention of the immigrant, and propose to be prepared to meet them; consequently an immigrants' home will be erected immediately to accommodate fully 100 fam lies. Reeves county will instantly effect a permanent county organization and proceed to judicious advertising of its advantages.

EL PASO, Jan. 3.—A prize fight was advertised to take place here in a bear garden in the heart of the city. The sports confidently expected the mill to come off without interference from the police, but Mayor Lightbody ordered the city marshal to prevent the fight. An effort was made to hold the fight in the bull-ring in Paso del Norte, Mexico, and permission was obtained from the Mayor of Paso del Norte, but before the arrangements were completed the hour for the bull fights had nearly arrived, so the prize fight was postponed. The regular Sunday bull fights took place in Paso del Norte Sunday afternoon and were witnessed by a goodly number of the 300 excursionists from the East who are stopping over on their way to California.

MIDLOTHIAN, Jan. 3.—The storehouse of U. V. White was broken into Saturday night and robbed. A brakeman on the south bound freight Saturday night, while climbing the ladder, fell, and the train pulled out and left him. He was badly hurt, but succeeded in crawling to a farm-house, where he was cared for till morning, when he was taken to the hospital at Dallas. The pair of kids who thought home a cage and concluded to explore the mysteries of the wide, wide world were overhauled at Dallas by City Marshal Arnold, and are now at home repenting at leisure. The large number of beef cattle being fed in this vicinity are reported in fine condition, in spite of the bad weather.

HILLSBORO, Jan. 3.—The Hillsboro compress was again put in motion Friday, and a good number of bales were compressed. This press is the first one of the kind ever put up. The patent was granted in the early part of 1887 to G. W. Taylor, who was at that time a music teacher of Ennis, Texas. Owing to the bad weather nothing has been done toward building the depot on the Cotton Belt yet, except to haul the lumber for same. The people here seem to be well pleased with the work of the immigration committee, and Hill county will certainly do her part.

TERRELL, Jan. 3.—Several real estate men have been paddling around over the county in the mud hunting for land to rent, which is a rather fruitless errand at this time. The cotton seed supply is scarce, and cattlemen are shipping the cotton seed oil cake from other points for stock feed. Chicken fighting is sure enough rousing business in Terrell just now. Business is living up and the streets are crowded with wagons and people. The rain fell most of Thursday night, saturating the ground again, but a norther sprang up, and the mud is drying nicely.

WICHITA FALLS, Jan. 3.—The weather has been extremely cold during the past week and the clouds hang low and heavy and snow is expected. "This is hard on jail birds who happen to fall into the Wichita county jail," said the sheriff. "I have one man in jail now for petit theft, and it is a wonder to me how he stands the cold without fire in a little old box house, and he will have to remain there until February. It is to be deplored that we can have no better place to take care of prisoners."

HIMMSTEAD, Jan. 3.—An election was held Friday in precinct No. 1, which includes this city, to decide the hog question whether hogs should be allowed to run at large or not. The result was five-sixths of the voters were in favor of free range for the swine.

BLOSSOM PRAIRIE, Jan. 3.—Another new brick store is being built, which will, when completed, make eight good brick buildings here, and while there has never been an effort to boom the town, it has surely and steadily grown. Farmers and merchants generally seem bent on strict economy for the new year.

KAUFMAN, Jan. 3.—The District Court is grinding on as usual. Jim Fisher was given a life time sentence for killing a negro preacher at Forney. The weather continues disagreeable. It is now raining. The roads are in such a bad condition that they are almost impassable.

Nine times out of ten the man who talks a piously about the vices of gambling has a lottery ticket in his pocket.

BY TELEGRAPH.

GALVESTON, Dec. 31.—Another large consignment of Louisiana sugars arrived Wednesday on the barges Alice and George from New Orleans. The sugar syndicate are well satisfied with their experiment in making Galveston an important sugar depot. Their trade meets with good and continuous demand, extending to all parts of Texas.

HOUSTON, Dec. 31.—Thursday morning Juste Rally was summoned to hold an inquest on the body of Eliza Livingston, at the residence of Martin Ryan, 421 Commerce street, second ward, where she had been fatally burned, her clothing having by some means or other caught fire. Those who viewed the body after death say the sight was terrible. The left hand was entirely burned off, and the skin on the back of the neck and head was crisp from the effects of the flames. The skin on the left foot and leg was burned entirely from the flesh, leaving a most ghastly sight. The deceased was a colored woman aged about 19 years. Wednesday evening the correspondent discovered a man lying with his face downward on a strip of grass. As he stooped over him the man partially looked up, exposing an aged and haggard face and eyes that appeared weak and dazed. Believing that he was helpless from illness, the reporter telephoned to Day Clerk Fitzgerald and Chief of Police what he had discovered. They replied that they would look after him at once. In a few minutes the old man was placed in the hallway of the station house and made as comfortable as possible. Thursday forenoon at 10:30 he died. Justice Breeding held an inquest on the remains.

WEATHERFORD, Dec. 31.—Thursday in the District Court, Steve Akers, convicted of theft of cattle, was given a new trial by Judge McCall. The jury had given him a term of two years. H. S. Sisk, sheriff of this county, has returned from Dallas with Abe Lewis, wanted in this county, charged with theft of property under the value of \$20. Lewis readily gave bond for his appearance at the county court, which meets January 9. Bunch Houghton, the little boy who was burned by the explosion of fireworks Dec. 24, has died. The little fellow suffered terribly before death came to relieve him. A very cold norther has been blowing here for the last fourteen hours.

GAINESVILLE, Dec. 31.—About ten days ago Deputy United States Marshal Lum Johnson received a telegram from a resident of the Indian Territory saying that his daughter had left home and he feared she was going to marry a negro, and asking Johnson to see if he could not get her to come home. She was then in Gainesville, and the officer, with considerable trouble, persuaded her to allow him to take her home. She remained at home but a few days, however, when she returned to this city. A careful watch was kept on her by Mr. Johnson, who was at the same time laying for the negro. In response to a telegram sent Wednesday, the father arrived in this city Wednesday night, but before he could see his daughter Thursday morning, she left on the train for Whitesboro, where it seems she was to meet her copper-colored lover. A message was sent to the city marshal at Whitesboro describing the negro and asking him to keep a watch out and arrest him, if found, on the charge of carrying whisky into the Indian Territory. Thursday evening a message was received saying that a negro had arrived and was arrested and thrown into jail, where he would be held to wait Mr. Johnson. The girl is about seventeen years old, of good size, well developed and handsome. Her parents are well-to-do people, of some education and refinement, and have six children besides this daughter. The whole family is much mortified over this and the father, who seems heartbroken, will do all he can to save his daughter from the awful disgrace into which she seems determined to plunge herself. The negro in question is a bright mulatto. Marshal Johnson has been wanting him for some time.

CLARKSBURG, Dec. 31.—A demented woman who gave her name as Kate Curry, was taken up by the officers Tuesday evening and lodged in the insane cell at the jail. She was brought here Tuesday night and lodged at the Kentucky House by an unknown man, whose name it is thought she adopted. Wednesday night she went with him to the railroad boarding house, where they stopped for the night together. Thursday morning he went away, it is thought, to Fort Worth. The woman was well dressed and appeared to be a lady, and had other nice clothes besides those she wore. She has been going about all day in a very bad condition mentally, suffering with the delusion that some one was pursuing her to harm her. She was seen on many of the side streets and on the square by different

parties, all of whom agree as to her insane condition. When taken in custody her dress was wet and torn, and she was in a condition to excite the sympathy of every person who had one spark of compassion.

EL PASO, Dec. 31.—John Conner, resides in El Paso, but keeps a saloon in Paso del Norte. Thursday he was arrested, charged with beating his wife. Mrs. Conners has been cruelly and shockingly beaten by some one. Her injuries embrace two broken ribs, one of which punctured the right lung, the right arm broken in two places, the nose broken, the left hand cut in warding off a blow with a knife, the breast bone broken and about twenty distinct minor cuts about the face, head and hands and the body bruised and blackened from head to foot. She is said to have been thus unmercifully maltreated with a chair, and her husband, Conners, who came over to this city from Paso del Norte was arrested, charged with having done it. It is said that the beating took place Christmas day in the cellar of their home, where Mrs. Conners seeing her husband in a rage, as it is alleged, hid from him.

BELLS, Dec. 31.—Wednesday evening about 4 o'clock a thief broke into a bridge car and stole nearly all of the men's clothing. A brakeman Wednesday while switching in the yard, was standing on a ladder, when, running by some cars on the side-track, was knocked off by one of the cars that projected out too far, and was fatally wounded. Mr. James C. Lea, a respectable citizen of this place, while opening a bottle of beer, let the bottle slip out of his hand and, in making a grab for it, he severed an artery, which the doctors think will prove fatal.

HILLSBORO, Dec. 31.—Alderman G. W. Hill of Fort Worth was before the City Council Wednesday night and submitted a proposition to put in waterworks at this place. A part of the consideration required of the city is that it is to furnish three acres of land on Hackberry Creek for the engine and pump-house and a piece of land 50x100 or near the square for the stand-pipe and that the city should take twenty five plugs at a rental of \$100 each per annum. The matter will be acted on at the January meeting of the Council. The aldermen of the city have up to this date received no pay for their services, but on and after April 1 they will be allowed \$2 each for every regular meeting and \$1.50 each for every call meeting.

COBISSA, Dec. 31.—Late Wednesday evening C. L. Adamson, hailing from Mexia, came to the city and proceeded to the jewelry store of J. F. Hartwell, where he bought a diamond ring for \$70, giving in payment a check on the Mexia National bank, signing thereto the name of A. M. Kennedy, editor of the Mexia Democrat. At Burnett's jewelry store he traded watches and gave a similar check for \$10. The facts were wired Mr. Kennedy, who answered that the checks were signed without his authority. The police arrested Adamson at once. He had pawned the ring for \$50. He endeavored to excuse his act on the ground that he was drunk, but he was taken to jail. He is the same party convicted at Waco a short time since forging the name of G. P. Miller, editor of the Corsicana Observer, to two checks, but who was pardoned by the governor. Adamson was taken before Judge Walton where he waived preliminary examination in two cases—one for swindling, the other for forgery. His bond was fixed at \$400 in each case. Failing to make bond he was returned to jail. Adamson is a printer by trade, a gentleman in appearance and an intelligent man—in fact, his friends claim that his wrongful acts are the results of a mania and not a disposition to do wrong.

BONHAM, Dec. 31.—At Tank Town, a negro settlement, Wednesday night about 11 o'clock a bloody encounter occurred between Ed Dodd and Dan Jones, both colored, in which Ed Dodd was shot in the mouth, upon which Dodd clinched Jones and literally whittled him to pieces, it is alleged, with his pocket knife. The fight lasted until both parties were exhausted from the loss of blood. Both combatants were seriously wounded, but was having the best attention from the county jail physician, and it is thought both will recover.

MALAKOFF, Dec. 31.—Christmas passed off joyfully, and much taste was displayed here in the get up and management of the public Christmas trees which gladdened the hearts of the little ones. There have been quite a number of visitors from abroad who are spending the holidays with relatives and old time friends. The fourth carload of coal was shipped this week to Corsicana. There is a grand effort being made here to establish a pottery and the manufacture of fire-proof bricks. Several geologists have declared that clay found here in great quantities is of a superior quality for these purposes. Immigration is coming in at a lively rate.

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Messrs. T. A. Lemons and J. A. Tucker have returned from their ranch in Lamb county.

Our friend Mr. T. F. Tucker who went with a train of cattle to Chicago some time since, has returned home.

He visited the University of Lebanon Ohio with an intention of attending the same, but he found he would be very closely associated, with a few full-blooded negroes, so he just took the direct route from his feet, and returned to a country where the people preserve the social distinction God has put between the different races of men.

Jan. 13 1888.

To THE PUBLIC.

All persons knowing of any persons indebted to the firm of Taylor and Baldwin on account of the 27th of May the 27th 1886 are requested to pay the same at 40% discount before the 1st of June 1888.

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ABILENE TEXAS. June 25

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For the return of one red spotted STAN on the side and a dog named S about length ways of the head and two large spotted spots marked together with a black and white band on the side and the other marked with a black and white band on the hip. A reward of ten dollars will be paid for their delivery to W. S. Calloway.

ESTRAY NOTICE

Taken up by B. M. Kegans and retained by John Norris and W. L. Anthony at forty dollars and returned before R. C. Lomax J. P. No. 1, Haskell county Tex. One half blood bay horse about 16 hands, 4 years old, one black eye, both hind feet white, and hooked and branded with a black band on left shoulder.

To all of which I certify.

J. L. Jones,
Ch. Co. Ct. Haskell Co. Tex

NOTICE!

All parties are hereby notified from and after this date, not to trespass on the tract of land in Haskell county known as the Sarah Smith Bugg survey abstract 377 surveyed by virtue of certificate No 3408-3569. On and after this date parties trespassing on said land will be dealt with according to law.

Haskell, Dec. 15, 1887.

W. G. Canon.

Rev. J. B. Bowin of Richmond Ky. came among us this week, and began a series of sermons, that are having a telling effect upon the people.

Mr. Bowin is very practical in his views, and his discourses are delivered in an easy and forcible manner, that secures the attention of his hearers at once. Then he is so benevolent at heart, that he readily gains the respect and confidence of his hearers.

His appeals, like those of Christ, are neither made to the prejudices, passions or emotional and sentimental nature of his hearers, but is made directly to their reason.

His hearers are not shocked with a rehearsal of the horrible scenes of the death bed of some dear relatives, but they hear beautiful exposition of the virtues of Christ and his gospel, a knowledge of what will excite love and admiration in the hearts of the vilest sinners.

As compared with most ministers we have heard, he explains with remarkable simplicity, the

advantage of the Christian religion, and the few conditions to be complied with by the poor sinner. He says first if we do not already believe, we must first believe, "Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God," Second, we must repent, which we understand to mean, desert sin and turn away from it, and be engaged at all times through life against it, thirdly, and be baptized.

The people are all inclined to do what they can to assist Mr. Bowin and great results are expected from his efforts.

MINUTES OF THE IMMIGRATION CONVENTION.

The citizens of Haskell county Texas assembled in mass-meeting for the purpose of organizing an immigration committee, to act in concert with state immigration committee.

On motion Mr. H. G. McConnell was elected temporary chairman and H. R. Jones temporary secretary. Mr. F. P. Morgan stated the object of the meeting. After having heard the object of the meeting Mr. R. C. Lomax offered the following resolutions.

RESOLVED: That a committee of three be appointed by this convention to correspond with the secretary of the state immigration committee and members of the state committee, to ascertain if, and on what terms Haskell county can become a part of the state organization, said committee to report to this convention on the 20th day of Jan. 1888; which was adopted, and the following named gentlemen were appointed:

E. J. Hamner, } Committee
R. C. Lomax, }
H. Johnson, }

On motion of Mr. Hamner all land agents were requested to correspond with their respective agents and ascertain how much they will contribute toward defraying the expense of this organization. Mr. R. C. Lomax offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

RESOLVED: That a committee of five be appointed by the chairman to draft resolutions, by-laws etc. as a basis for permanent organization of the Haskell immigration society. Said committee to report to this convention on the 20th day January 1888.

The following named gentlemen were by the chair appointed.
John Norris, } Committee
Oscar Martin, }
Ed. J. Hamner, }
R. C. Lomax, }
S. H. Johnson, }

On motion Mr. H. G. McConnell chairman was added to said committee.

On motion the Dallas News, Ft. Worth Gazette, Abilene Reporter, Abilene News and Haskell city Free Press are to be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of this meeting with request to publish the same.

On motion the convention adjourned to meet again Jan. 29th at 1 o'clock p. m.
H. R. Jones, Secy.

SPORTING.

Special to the Gazette. SAN ANTONIO, Tex, Jan. 7.—Juan Guerra, a wealthy citizen of Eagle Pass, who is now in San Antonio, state that Richard K. Fox of the Police Gazette has been arranging a fight between Kilrain and Sullivan to occur at Piedras Negras, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass. One prominent gentleman of Eagle Pass has already guaranteed \$10,000 and several promised substantial financial support in the event of the scheme being looked on favorably by Mr. Fox and definite arrangements being made. It is proposed that the fight shall take place in the amphitheater, where the annual bull fights are held.

This has a seating capacity of 3000 and a suggestion that \$5 admission fee should be charged has been made in the preliminary letter to Kilrain's backer. Another in-

document offered is that the written consent of the Governor of the state of Coahuilla to allow the fight to take place could be obtained. While the climate is mild and dry it would offer good training facilities.

STRANGE SUPERSTITIONS.

The belief in witchcraft in southern Indiana sixty years ago.

About sixty years ago, says T. T. Feary (Jack) Reynolds, many of the people residing in the neighborhood of East Enterprise were possessed of a delusion that witches were a reality, and that a number of their neighbors were full fledged witches, possessed of remarkable powers, even to saddling and bidding a man and with sharp spurs riding him over the worst roads, distorted mind could imagine. The next morning the poor man would be so tired and sore that he could hardly move. At other times the horse would charge half a day and not get a particle of lumber. The only remedy was to take an old horseshoe that had been worn on the left foot of a bald-faced horse and heat it hot and drop it into the churn, which was pretty certain to expel the terrible witch.

One who tried the experiment said: "When I dropped the red-hot shoe into the churn I heard something rattle on the roof of the house, and I sat there just as sure as you are born, and in a moment I had a chill nearly killed me. The next day I saw the woman that I believe had bewitched the burner, and her hair was matted on one side in the very shape of a horseshoe."

If the above remedy failed, the next thing to do was to draw a life-size picture of the supposed witch and nail it up on a tree, and then run a silver bullet out of a silver dollar and shoot the image. The last act was considered a complete cure. One of the ardent believers in witches, a man in the prime of life, possessed of fair sense in other matters, told in our hearing what a trying ordeal he had passed through a few evenings before. He had been to visit the sick, and was returning about 10 o'clock, through the fields, often climbing high fences. Finally, as he got upon a high ten-rail fence, with one leg thrown over the top rail, he saw standing on the other side one whom he knew to be a "witch." She said nothing, but put a spell on him that riveted him to the spot, and he said he was as speechless as Lot's wife when she turned into salt. When daylight came the witch had vanished, and he got over the fence and went home. He said the top rail was a very sharp one, and he didn't get over his soreness for a month.

When the hens failed to hatch their eggs, it was said on the witches. The witch always did their worst work on Friday. If the rail fences fell down when they were covered with sleet and ice the witches were blamed for it. A calf got choked on apples or potatoes the witches were responsible. It is a fact not to be wondered at that every one of these believers in witches believed the "world to be flat." Many of them would hang the supposed witches, as their ignorant forefathers did in the early days, if they had been possessed of the power. Two of the men would sit at a table for a month or so and if a woman sat at the feet of those terrible witches.

An anxious inquirer.

A correspondent in Kansas, who signs himself "An anxious inquirer," asks what we think of a reporter, fact or fancy? As this is a matter of more than national importance not only to our correspondent, but to the nation at large, we proceed to give the impudent criss by the following timely remarks:

Fact is masculine, and man. Fancy is soft colored, and the dawn from the thistle bed. Fact has rather too much of an unbecoming flavor. We prefer the solid consistence of a genuine mince pie to the gummy festivities of the nightmare, which is sure to follow. The one is solid fact, the other purely ideal and fancifully colored.

Now, Mr. anxious inquirer, if a young lady particularly struck your fancy and hit your hand, don't you think you would prefer to have a five-minute chat with her, for a fact, than go through the long weary ways of life feeding on substantial vagaries of a dream, and imagining all sorts of impossibilities about her? Seems to us you should. A dollar in your pocket, for a fact is worth the sum total of Aladdin's dream. That's another fact, Mr. Inquirer.

Fancy is feminine. Fact, masculine. Fancy is too much like warm taffy—more blessed to give than to receive. Fact sets before a man a square meal. Fancy feeds him on moloches of things that have been, and hope of things that are to be. Fact always has a clear head; the brain of fancy has the inflammatory rheumatism. Fact builds a railroad. Fancy deludes to a mind diseased. Fact marries a man and sets him up in business. Fancy makes him love sick and melancholy as an invalid monkey in the branches of a dead coconut tree. Fact is a business man and thrives on beefsteak. Fancy is a poor peck, and does not thrive on gin and sugar, and this poor country is flooded with 'em. It is, for a fact.

But we fancy that we have devoted about enough space to you. We are not at all chary about communicating standard advice and valuable rose-tinted information to a suffering public; but it is the space that it takes up that annoys and exasperates. However, several other important questions will probably be answered next week including "Have Women Souls?" and "Will Lager Beer Intoxicate?"—Texas Sittings.

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