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School Examiners. THE Board of School Examiners of Hillsboro county give notice that examinations of Applicants for Certificates will take place in the Hillsboro Main street school building on the first Saturday of every month, and on the first Saturday of January, February, March, April, August and September. The examination fee prescribed by law is 50 cents. By order of the Board HENRY G. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

AT TWENTY-ONE. Behold! My boy, a mystic well Haunts just within thy reach. What lies beyond its lustrous folds, What weal or woe that future holds, What snowy peak thy crown upholds, With jeweled flash thy heart emboids— But Time alone may teach, And Fortune point the golden trail. But hark! The wondrous hour doth wait: Fate holds her breath to seal; Look back! Youth's pleasures seemed fair— Hast tasted all thy sweetened share? Too late to call them back, for there Time steps between and points to where The draperies reveal The splendor of thy man's estate. Ah! but thy smile grows e'en more bright: Deep thills thy glance with pride; Thou dost not exchange yon fruitful field For childhood's fragrant, flowing yield? How swells thy strength, its power to wield 'Mid virtues whose wealth's but half concealed. And in the hours of purest light. Press on, my boy, straight to the goal, No wander off in doubt; Some other path may seem more fair, Some other burden free from care— Stand not, with questioning, idle stare, Let conscience all thy works compare. Away! with joyful shout, And faithful honor guard thy soul. —George E. Bowen, in Later Ocean.

A ROMANCE OF HISTORY.

An Incident of Mexican Cruelty on the Texas Border.

A little restaurant overlooking the San Antonio river. Two men with chairs tilted back and feet against the projecting rail of the balcony, were smoking their evening cigarettes. The dusk lay above them like a bat's wing, ready to fall swiftly and suddenly, as it does in southern latitudes. Both were young and of goodly presence. Western suns and winds had tanned their cheeks and burned in the red of youth to a rich tropic hue. Across the brow of one—a brow whose boyish contour moved when with mother instincts to sudden longing to caress—lay loose waves of soft yellow hair. Beneath looked out eyes of dark gray, heavy with the long thoughts of those early, desperate days—days when a republic worked out in blood her long probation. The other had a fairer countenance, more lightsome and full of happy promise. No dark prophecy brooded in the sunny shadows of the bright blue eyes, and laughter sprang as lightly to the lip as the blush to the cheek of a maid. Superadded to-night to his native exuberance was some foreign element of joyousness, which seemed to master spirit and muscles alike. He was full of movement. Tossing away a half-finished cigarette, he clasped his hands back of his curly head and broke the silence with sudden speech. "Ned, I am too happy to smoke; I am the happiest man in all this border land. Nellie Herndon has promised to be my wife. It's a secret yet, but I couldn't keep it from you any more than I could keep my love from her. There is not another woman like her, north, east, south or west. Did you ever notice the gold of her hair? It is like sunshine spun into threads. Whenever I look at her I think of some quaint old words my mother used to read out of a book long years ago when I was a boy back in my old Georgia home. They went this way: 'Whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.' I suppose the preachers would call that irreverent, but God will bear me witness there's no irreverence in my heart when I think of her."

At Harvey Armstrong's first words the color was washed out of Ned Foster's face as with a sponge, his very eyes seemed to pale. Bringing the chair to the ground, concealing his face with his hands, he leaned over the railing and looked down into the sluggish waters of the river flowing a few feet below. How old and wise they looked, those waters, in their calm, unfretted flow. "Good for you, old fellow," he said, as he extended his hand. "May you have centuries of happiness. If any man deserves her it is you, Harvey."

This was in the summer of 1841. In the autumn of 1842, when President Houston ordered out Gen. Somervell to the Rio Grande to organize troops and avenge the insulting raids of Vasquez and Woll, Ned Foster was among the first to respond to the call for volunteers.

About one hundred and eighty miles south of Saltillo, on the road to the City of Mexico, is an old fort, known in history as the Hacienda Salado. To this place, on the 29th of March, 1843, were brought the recaptured remnant of the unfortunate Mier expedition, that gallant band of three hundred and sixty men, the flower of western militia, who went forth to do battle for the honor of the young republic and were so treacherously dealt with by the followers of Santa Ana, to whom they surrendered as prisoners of war. All readers of Texas history know how the terms of the treaty were broken and the betrayed men shown no mercy but marched into the interior, subjected to incredible hardships, and finally imprisoned miles away from home and friends.

Feeling keenly the indignity of their treatment, and fearing worse at the hands of such perfidious foes, they overpowered the guard and escaped, to be retaken ten days later and returned to the same inclosure whence they had fled. All this is history; but we have no written record of that interval between the escape and the recapture, when the little company wandered, lost and helpless, among the fastness of unfamiliar mountains; no record of those ten days and nights when the sun rose and set but to mark another and darker experience in the calendar of human pain. Ned Foster and Harvey Armstrong were among the number. Stronger than the multiplied threads of the cable had grown the bond of friendship between these two men in the awful reality of danger and suffering.

For four days the weary and footsore had traveled down a deep canyon whose steep sides narrowed and narrowed until they closed and barred them in. Then the retracing of those same steps. A few, sorely weakened, gave up the struggle and dropped out of the ranks. Some became deranged and, wandering off, slipped down the rocky ravines and were killed. On the evening of the tenth day they were met by a body of Mexican cavalry and bidden to halt and give up their arms. After three days' rest, in which their half-spent lives were restored by those arts of healing the Mexicans know so well, they were carried, handcuffed in pairs, into Saltillo and thence to Salado. The hoary walls of the old hacienda looked down in sinister strength as the thinned ranks filed in. Eight Mexicans were outside digging a trench. Ned exchanged a look with Harvey, his companion in irons, and whispered: "That means death." He was not wrong. At two o'clock of the same day the prisoners were ordered out and ranged in double line against one of the walls. The officer in command then read the written decree of Santa Ana, president of Mexico, a decree which pronounced for these men a fate so ingenious in its torture to mind and body that it might have been conceived in the subtle brain of a Herod. Every tenth man was to be killed, the decision to be made by lottery. Into a jar were to be dropped one hundred and seventy beans—one hundred and fifty-three white and seventeen black. Each man was to take out a bean. Those drawing the black ones were to be shot before the sun went down; the rest spared death, but retained as prisoners. It was a dark and cloudy day, this 26th of March, with high winds that whipped the sand into great waves and blew it across the plains. Beyond the door of the courtyard nothing could be seen but the flying sand. Over all spread the dusky canopy of the heavens. A Mexican soldier mounted a stool and held aloft the fatal pitcher. The roll was called. As each hand was slowly lifted and poised for one single instant above the mouth of the jar life and death must have met and made salute. The game was for souls, and the die was a Mexican bean! Foster's name was called near the last and he carelessly dropped in his left hand, with perchance a reminiscence of childish days when he had done such things "for luck," and found he had picked up a white bean. As he returned to his place Harvey passed him, and Ned saw in the white, drawn face of his friend no sign of fear, but the mental anguish of Gethsemane. What was it he had said last night in one of the pauses of that long march? That perhaps, even now, a baby voice was waking faint echoes in his little home, and that the anxiety he was bearing for another was sharper with pain than any physical torture he had experienced. Ned looked at the smooth white oval of the vegetable seed in his hand and made a resolve. When he looked up Harvey was just raising his hand. Ned noticed how it trembled. When the fingers were withdrawn there was something black outlined against their bloodless tips. The change in his face was that of death. With a quick movement toward his friend, Foster made a sudden thrust and gesture, and—how it was no one could ever explain—but after the slight confusion and peremptory orders to fall in line Harvey was seen standing in his old place staring with bewildered gaze at a white object in his open palm, and Ned, erect and calm, with brow of more than mortal beauty, awaiting the signal of death. As soon as Harvey regained control of his confused faculties he made frantic, pitiable efforts to communicate with his friend, but was silenced at the point of a musket and compelled to throw himself face downward with the rest, while the seventeen doomed men were led forth, bound together with cords, their eyes bandaged, and shot repeatedly until life was extinct. They asked the privilege of being shot from the front, but were refused, and made to sit upon a log near the wall with their backs to the executioners. Six were taken out first, then six more and then five. Darkness fell like a great funeral pall as the last shots were fired, and stars shed their holy candle rays above the dead; the dishonored dead, lying in one great heap, body piled atop of body.—Nora C. Perry, in Omaha Bee.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL EXAMINERS.

List of Questions Propounded on Saturday, March 4.

ARITHMETIC. The Mutual Fire Insurance Co. insured a building and its stock for 2/3 of its value, charging 1 1/2 per cent. The Union Insurance Co. relieved them of 1/3 of the risk at 1/2 per cent. The building and stock being destroyed by fire, the Union lost \$40,000 less than the Mutual. What amount of money did the owners of the building and stock lose? Find the fortunes of A, B, C, D, E and F, by knowing that A is worth \$400, which is 1/3 as much as B and C are worth, and that C is worth 1/2 as much as A and B; and also that if 38 times the sum of A's, B's and C's fortunes were divided in proportion of 3/4, 1/2 and 1/5, it would respectively give 3 of D's, 4 of E's and 5 of F's fortune.

Find the L. C. M. of 123, 134, 145, 156, 167, 178, and divide it by the G. C. D. of 149, 546, 7 and 3,160. What per cent. in advance of the cost must a merchant mark his goods, so that after allowing 5 per cent. of his sales for bad debts, an average credit of 6 months, and 7 per cent. of the cost of the goods for expenses, he may make a clear gain of 12 1/2 per cent. on the first cost of the goods, money being worth 6 per cent. If 300 cats kill 300 rats in 300 minutes, how many cats can kill 100 rats in 100 minutes? How much copper, specific gravity 7 1/2, with silver, specific gravity 10 1/2, will make one pound Troy of specific gravity 8 3/5? A market boy receives 570 oranges to sell on commission; he was to receive 1 1/2 cents for each orange he sold, and was to pay 1/3 cents for each orange he ate; he received \$6.85; how many oranges did he sell? An agent purchased, according to order, 10,400 bushels of wheat; his commission at 1 1/2 per cent. was \$156, and charges for storage, shipping and freight \$527.10. What did he pay a bushel? What was the whole cost? Add ten thousand and one millionths; four hundred-thousandths; ninety-six hundredths; forty-seven million, sixty thousand and eight billionths.

GEOGRAPHY. Name five lakes that have no outlet. Why do the days and nights vary less in length at the Equator than at the Tropics? When does the sun and clock agree? Why? Name and locate 7 mountain chains of Asia. What and where are the following: London, Valladolid, Do-pot, Astrakhan, Bucharest. Give the classes of volcanoes and describe each. What is the meaning of the word Canada? Who first discovered Canada? Who sailed up the St. Lawrence River and gave it its name? When and how did it become a British Province? Into how many counties is it divided? What is its capital? What is the cause for exclusive occurrence of volcanoes near the ocean? Name the principal manufacturing cities of England, and state for what principally noted. What ages does Palaeozoic Time include? HISTORY. What was the plan of the Federal campaign at opening of 1862? How much of this was accomplished? Define Sun-Breastry Bill, Specie Circular, McKinley Bill, Specie Resumption Act. What was the area of the U. S. in 1789? What is it now, including Alaska? What was the population by the census of 1790? What by the eleventh census? What great questions did the Civil War settle? What was reconstruction? How was it done? When was it completed? What is the Constitution of the United States? How may it be amended? The last three are concerning what subjects? Where did General Grant die? What was the cause of his death? Where did Garfield die? What ex-Presidents are living? Who was the last one to die? How many charters had Virginia? What forms of colonial government had Virginia? When did it assume each form? Why did people of so many different nationalities become homogeneous in interest and action during the colonial period? What was Washington's Fabian Policy? Was he ever wounded in battle? Was he ever defeated in battle? How may the publication of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" be considered as one cause of the Civil War? How the invention of the cotton gin? PHYSIOLOGY. What are the vegetative functions? Why so called? Name the systems of organs in the order in which they should be taught. Describe the brain as to size, weight, structure, shape, parts, functions and development. Name the divisions of the large intestine; of the small intestine. Name all the digestive juices and tell the special function of each. Explain absorption and the complete circulation of the digested food till it becomes tissue. Define trichina, spiralis, cysticercus, cellulosa, vocal cords, chordae tendinae, mesenterics, nitrogenous foods, albumenoids, appendix vermiciformis. NARCOTICS. What are the several stages of the effects of alcoholics? Explain each stage. What are the first symptoms of a narcotic poison? Give the origin of the words "tobacco" and "nicotine." What are the physical properties of alcohol? From what is methyl alcohol made? Amylic alcohol? What per cent. strong is the alcohol of commerce? How pure can alcohol be made? What is vascular enlargement? How is it caused? Explain accurately. Name six scientific uses of alcohol. Explain why it is thus used. GRAMMAR. Why is our language composite? What advantage does this give our language and other languages? State three theories for the origin of language. Which do you accept? What is the difference between language and grammar? When do you have your pupils begin the study of grammar? Do you give them any language work before they begin the study of a text book on grammar? If so, what kind?

Give the rules for the use of shall and will. What other words have a similar use? What is a Figure of Speech? A Figure of Etymology? A Figure of Syntax? A Figure of Rhetoric? Name the Figures of Syntax. Diagram: "Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there, wondering, fearing, Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before; But the silence was unbroken, and the stillness gave no token; And the only word that spoken was the whispered word 'Lenore.' Who is the author of the above lines? What word in above lines is a cognate object? THEORY AND PRACTICE. What is teaching? What is psychology? Which do you regard as the more important service rendered by the study of psychology to the teacher—increasing his power of thought, or his knowledge of the conditions under which the mind acts? Who was Comenius? When did he live? What did Comenius say for the reason our pupils do not learn? Who is Fitch? What book on education did he write? Who was Pestalozzi, and when was he born? What reform did he work in education? What was Harvey born, and what did he do? Descartes is called the father of modern philosophy; what does that mean? What three things are necessary to success in any difficult undertaking? What is the relation between the introspective and inferential methods? State and illustrate the difficulties of the two methods. Are you a member of the H. O. T. I.? Of the H. O. T. A.? If not, why not? When will be the next meeting of each? Where? Is it your intention to be present? Name the benefits you derived from reading your last educational periodical? SPELLING. Agate, nonpareil, brevier, bourgeois, skewer, homogeneous, betelgeuse, bellatrix, castor, pollux. "The Blood is the Life," Runs the old saying, and everything that ever makes part of any organ of the body must reach its place therein through the blood. Therefore, if the blood is purified and kept in good condition by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, it necessarily follows that the benefit of the medicine is imparted to every organ of the body. Can anything be simpler than the method by which this excellent medicine gives good health to all who will try it fairly and patiently? The largest piece of copper ever taken out of a Michigan mine was brought to the surface from the Quiney mine the other day. It weighed about nine tons and will be exhibited at the World's fair. Naturally it was a very difficult job to get this large chunk to the surface. CANT SLEEP NIGHTS Is the complaint of thousands suffering from Asthma, Consumption, Coughs, etc. Did you ever try Dr. Acker's English Remedy? It is the best preparation known for all Lung Troubles. Sold on a positive guarantee at 25 and 50 cents. One of the greatest curiosities in the Mississippi valley is a natural ice cave in the bluffs of the Iowa river within less than a mile of Decorah. This unique curiosity is a natural icehouse—a cavern in which great icicles may be found at any season of the year, being especially fine in summer. I Am Proud To say from personal experience that Sulphur Bitters, which advertisement will be seen in another column, is the best spring and blood medicine to be found. It is prepared by an honest firm, who scorn to use cheap and worthless medicines, but use the best that money can buy.—Editor. Judge S. C. Hastings, of San Francisco, who died the other day at the age of seventy nine, left an estate of about \$3,000,000. He was the State's first chief justice, and afterward attorney general. Among his gifts during his life was one of \$100,000 to the University of California for a law school. The burglar at midnight may be feared by the timid; but he is not so much to be dreaded as an insidious cough, which stealthily enters the system, and undermines the constitution. When the cough first appears use Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup, the effectual remedy for all such troubles. Rev. Howard MacQueary, recently subject of a heresy trial in Ohio and pastor of the First Universalist Church at Saginaw, Mich., accepted a call to Dubuque, Ia., but after a meeting of trustees he has decided to stay at Saginaw. IS LIFE WORTH LIVING? Not if you go through the world a dyspeptic. Dr. Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets are a positive cure for the worst forms of Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Flatulency and Constipation. Guaranteed and sold by Garrett Bros. After an existence of twenty-four years Mr. Blackmore's "Lorna Doone" has been republished in London in the original three-volume form. This event is said to be entirely unprecedented in the history of novels in England. Coughing Leads to Consumption. Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Fort Scott will soon have the largest paper mill of any kind in the State of Kansas, and the only one that converts cane pulp into paper. Hood's Sarsaparilla positively cures even when all others fail. It has a record of successes unequalled by any other medicine.

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1 Broadway, New York. Cincinnati Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio. To Our subscribers. The special announcement which appeared in our columns some time since, announcing a special arrangement with Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., of Emsbury Falls, Vt., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," whereby our subscribers were enabled to obtain a copy of that valuable work free by sending their address to B. J. Kendall Co. (and enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) is renewed for a limited period. We trust all will avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining this valuable work. To every lover of the horse it is indispensable, as it treats in a simple manner all the diseases which afflict this noble animal. Its phenomenal sale throughout the United States and Canada make it standard authority. Mention this paper when sending for "Treatise."

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