THE CORNERSTONE WAS LAID

Ceremonies at the New School in the Third Ward.

THE AUDIENCE WAS A LARGE ONE

Addresses Were Made by President Charlton and Others—Singing by High School Students.

An ideal day, a large audience, a well-arranged program and everything indicative of a magnificent success in the exercises of the laying of the cornerstone of the new Stephen F. Austin school building for the Third ward were realized yesterday. School children from every white school in the city participated in the well-conducted exercises, and, accompanied by their parents and friends until the numbers reached well up into the hundreds, gathered at the scene, corner St. Emanuel street and McKinney avenue, long before the hour appointed for the exercises to begin. A platform had been erected on the St. Emanuel street front of the building, and around this were gathered the hosts. It was a grand sight to look over the vast crowd, realizing that it was drawn there not only to witness the laying of the cornerstone of a magnificent edifice to be erected to the cause of education and morals, but to pay tribute to the name dear to the heart of every true Texan—Stephen F. Austin—for whom the new building and the school to be held therein is named and to be known.

The audience was called to order by President James Charlton of the board of trustees, after which the children, joined by the mighty voices from the crowd, sang "America." This was followed by a prayer of invocation, offered by Rev. John E. Green, pastor of the McKee Street Methodist Episcopal church, South. President Charlton of the school board then delivered his address.

After the president's address, which was [illegible]

... Panama shareholders are still without explanation of Dr. Silva's telegram.

The Chinese government admits that the new rebellion is a serious matter.

TEXAS.

A strong flow of gas was struck at a depth of 400 feet at Chesterville.

was placed on the southeast corner of the building, while on the north end of the building were placed [illegible] the entire nine [illegible] size of the [illegible].

It was the laying of these [illegible] stones [illegible] of the [illegible] of these stones and [illegible] of the white schools of the city of Houston, and when put in place formed a beautiful group with the High school as the center, as follows:

Hawthorne,	Hamilton,	Longfellow,
Fannin,	High School,	Taylor,
Elysian,	[illegible]	Dow.

A representative pupil of each school held the stone in which the name of the school was chiseled, as follows:

High school—Sadie Goode Winkler.
Hamilton Street school—Belle Long.
Longfellow school—Herbert Autrey.
Fannin school—Frank Williford.
Taylor school—Bessie Mae Moore.
Dow school—Sadie Lake.
Hawthorne school—Cora Hickart.
[illegible] school—Allynn Cline.
Elysian Street school—Joe Green.

As their names were called each of these representatives stepped forward and in a masterful effort for their years delivered a short address and placed the stone held by him or her in its place. Dow school first, then [illegible], Elysian street, High school, Taylor, Fannin, Longfellow, Hamilton and Hawthorne in the order named. It was a most beautiful and impressive ceremony and the results of yesterday will ever live green in the memory of those participating.

After the addresses of the children Mr. H. C. Cooke, the architect of the new building, [illegible] who had a stone to lay with a beautiful little silver trowel. Mr. S. E. Tracy, secretary of the board, in a neat and well worded speech in behalf of Architect Cooke and Contractor Heidenberg, presented President Charlton with a beautiful souvenir in the shape of a solid silver trowel on which was the inscription: "Presented to Mr. James Charlton on the occasion of his laying of the cornerstone of the Stephen F. Austin school building, Houston, Texas, March 1, 1902." Mr. Charlton responded in a very happy and pleasant effort.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Sam R. Hay, pastor of the Shearn Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, South.

The articles to be deposited in the cornerstone before it is laid in cement are copies of the Telegraph and Texas Register, published at Columbia and dated December 30, 1836, containing the history of the death and funeral of Stephen F. Austin, and an act to define the boundaries of the Republic of Texas, hermetically sealed in a tin roll and presented by Miss Mildred A. Kennedy. Copies of the ninth and tenth annual reports of the meetings of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas by Mrs. J. J. McKeever, president of San Jacinto chapter, badge of San Jacinto chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, by Mrs. L. W. Craig, daughter of General Sidney Sherman, members' badge, Daughters of the Republic of Texas by Mrs. C. H. Milby, daughter of Commander John G. Tod, Texas navy. A copy of Aegis, published by the High school and containing pictures of the faculty of the High school. A copy of the Longfellow school library fund souvenir and a crayon drawing of "Pets," two rabbits, by little Alice Charlton, daughter of President Charlton.

The addresses delivered by the pupils followed.

MR. FIELD IN CHARGE.

Assumed Duties of Secretary and Treasurer of the H. and T. C. Yesterday.

The board of directors of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass met Friday afternoon in San Antonio and adopted the following resolutions upon the retirement from that company's service of Mr. W. H. Field who, on the same afternoon, was elected secretary and treasurer of the Houston and Texas Central road, with headquarters in this city:

Be it resolved, That the board of directors of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway company accept with regret the resignation of Mr. W. H. Field, who has been so efficient and faithful in the service of this company, that he has won for himself the universal approbation of all those who have been connected with him both socially and in business.

Resolved, That he carries with him in his new employment our most earnest and best wishes for his prosperity and happiness, and we congratulate him upon his advancement and hope for him from the new friends whom he will surely win the same [illegible] and confidence which has been extended to him while with us.

Resolved further, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the meeting and a copy thereof be furnished Mr. Field.

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Mr. Field left San Antonio Friday night and reached Houston early yesterday morning, reporting to Vice President [illegible] at [illegible]. Mr. Field was introduced to Major [illegible], the retiring secretary and treasurer of the Central and the office was formally turned over to the custody of the new official. During the day the officials and heads of departments called and paid their respects.

THE NEW RATES.

The Date When They Go into Effect Is Postponed.

Freight Traffic Manager Jones of the [illegible] received notice yesterday from the southwestern Tariff bureau that the new rates between Texas common points and New York and the seaboard would not go into effect on March 5 [illegible] announced. This announcement was made for the reason that the committee has not yet had time to issue the new tariff. The advance in class B and fourth class rates previously announced as effective March 3 holds good.

Rates for Live Stock Convention.

The Santa Fe, Houston and Texas Central and Katy have announced a rate of $9 to Fort Worth and return, on account of the live stock convention to be held on March 11. The Santa Fe tickets are good for three days, the Houston and Texas Central two days and the Katy five days. Mr. Sam B. Potins, who secured the rate, is very much pleased at the action of the roads.

The Velasco Extension.

Steps have been taken providing for the early extension of the Velasco, Brazos and Northern railroad from its present terminus at Anchor, with Fort Worth as the objective northern terminal point. The road will cross the International and Great Northern at Anchor and the Houston and Texas Central at Hempstead. Twenty-two miles of the road are already in operation between Velasco and Anchor.

BEAUMONT BUDGET.

New Yorker Will Probably Be Buried in Texas.

Beaumont, Texas, March 1.—The body of George Lown, the New York man who lies dead at the city hospital, will probably be buried here, as no word has been received from his relatives.

Under a scale of wages made with the contractors in January and becoming effective today the bricklayers of Beaumont get 70 cents an hour, or at the rate of $5.60 for an eight-hour day.

The Young Men's Christian Association has purchased as a site for its new building the Dr. Gilder property on Orleans street. The property is in the heart of the city, and is diagonally across from the Episcopal church. The price paid is $17,000.

Pedrio Lopez, a Mexican girl who came to Beaumont from Houston four months ago, and who took up her residence in the reservation, committed suicide last midnight by taking morphine.

The deed which records the sale of the Port Arthur Channel and Dock company's property to the Port Arthur Dock and Channel company, made by United States Commissioner H. H. Haines, has been recorded here. The sale was made on January 1, on the order of Judge Bryant of the United States court.

Norman Martin, the young man who was found unconscious and badly injured at the Reliance planer mill yesterday, is improving gradually, although he has not yet been able to give any connected description of the accident. The physicians think that he will recover completely, although they admit that it will be quite a while before they can say that he is really out of danger.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

Discharges In Bankruptcy Asked.

Austin, Texas, March 1.—Petitions for discharges in bankruptcy were filed today in the Federal court by Henry F. Kuesel of Austin, Willis D. Holman and Albert W. Cleveland of Hutto, David K. Lea of Mendoza, Caldwell county, and Otto L. Quandt of Austin.

FOURTEEN KNOWN TO BE DEAD.

The Death Roll May Run as High as Twenty-five.

Telluride, Colo., March 1.—The number of lives lost in the four avalanches that swept down the sides of Smuggler mountain yesterday is now estimated at from twenty to twenty-five. Fourteen men are known to have been killed and an unknown number are buried under the snow and twelve badly injured are in the hospital, while several other hurt men are at their homes. It is believed that few, if any more, bodies can be recovered until the snow melts.

MURDER, ROBBERY, INCENDIARISM.

Georgia Merchant and His Clerk the Victims of Thieves.

Savannah, Ga., March 1.—Michael Schreck and Jacob Carter, a merchant and his clerk, were murdered last night in Schrenck's store, sixteen miles in the country, and the store burned over their bodies. Schrenck's body was found in the embers near the safe, which had been blown open with dynamite or gunpowder and evidently rifled. The store was situated in what is known as the Black Ankle district, the Ohghee river. Schrenck's place was called "Whisky Hill."

When the fire was discovered nothing could be done to save the light frame building. When the quick fire had burned itself out Schrenck's charred body was discovered in a crouching position near the safe. Carter's body was found lying prone near his bed. He had evidently been shot in bed and asleep. There were several evidences of murder, robbery and incendiarism, no clue to the perpetrators. Heavy rains have probably obliterated the trail so dogs can not trace it.

THE GERM AND THE BACTERIUM

A Modern Fable Teaching the Importance of Union.

Once upon a Time, in the Infancy of the Twentieth Century, an Atom of Disease Matter Pirouetted gayly through Atmosphere, met another Atom and Stopped to Speak.

"Haven't I seen you before?" quoth the first.

"Likely," replied the other. "I'm a Germ."

"I'm a Bacterium. It's Up to me; what's yours?"

"Do as you do, Old Boy," replied the Germ; "I'm feeling So-so, Queer and Out of Sorts. I just Met one of those Particles of Disinfectant, and as I Told him he Gives me a Pain!"

"Well, what do you Know? How is Things anyhow?" inquired the Germ.

"They're Looking Up," replied the Bacterium. "Tell you what, Deah Boy, it takes the Good old Family of Bacteria to Work Overtime."

"What's that About a Good old Family?" inquired the Germ, Disrespectfully. "You've got Moss on your Heads, It's True, but if it comes to Family, Bacteria ain't in It with Germs."

"You're Suffering from Swelled Head," retorted the Bacterium, Hotly. "Germ, indeed! I'm four Syllables to One better'n you!"

"Huh!" sneered the Germ. "You think you're the Whole Spelling Match, don't ye? You Think you're Doing It All?"

"You're not the only Currant in the Fruit Cake, lemme Tell you!" retorted the Bacterium. "Smarty!"

"See here!" exclaimed the Germ. "You Quit! You're Thicker'n Mud, you are! I'm a [illegible]. In the Language of Pathologists, I'm a Specific, Living, Micro-Organism!"

"You'd Better not Get too Gay!" snickered the Bacterium. "The last new Up-to-Date, Revised, Improved, Speculative and Infallible Encyclopedia Defined me as a Schizomycetous Fungi!"

"Oh, Chase yourself!" Politely answered the Germ. "You weren't Officially Recognized until the Eighteenth Century. The Germ theory was Propounded over Two Thousand Years ago, when the Entire Population of the World was Kept Busy Admiring Cleopatra and Dodging Caesar. I'm a Roman Belle!"

"Has-been!" hissed the Bacterium, Malevolently.

"Schizo—Schizowhiskeyfoust!" hiccoughed the Germ.

"You're Talking through your Hat," said the Bacterium.

"You Talk like a Tomato Can on a Dump!" shouted the Germ.

Both having a Partial Jag on, they Called Names some time Longer, and were About to Pulmonel each other when the Germ said:

"See here, Old Man, don't get Mad."

"Who's Mad?" asked the Bacterium, who had Forgotten the Subject of Discussion.

"Never Never Mind," Murmured the Germ, Persuasively. "Just Think what a Hot old Time we can Have if we Stih-Stthick together!"

"Thush it!" ejaculated the Bacterium, Enthusiastically. "Lesh [illegible] do. Other Fellows up, 'stead of Doin' each other Up!"

They Fell into each other's Arms, and Within Half an Hour had Given Typhoid-Pneumonia to a Man who Would Otherwise have only Caught Typhoid or Pneumonia Separately.

Moral: While Scrapping over Trifles, Remember that Union is Strength.

TURKO-RUSSIAN BATHS.

The Antiseptic Gymnastic Bathing Department of the Rice Hotel.

The vast number of valuable improvements completed and in progress of completion at the Rice Hotel, now under the management of Captain James Lawlor, are daily adding in every department the inviting appearance of a metropolitan hostelry absolutely peerless as to general excellence, service and cleanliness from cellar and lobby to culinary, dining, sleeping, tonsorial and bathing departments. These completions have been mentioned as they were developed into permanency, and now another important improvement and extension has been completed—that is, the Turko-Russian Antiseptic Gymnastic Bathrooms, replete in every detail for prompt and superb service from plain baths to the Turko-Russian Shampoo, rubbing, Massage, vapor, steam, shower and needle baths in the latest improved style. A visit to the enlarged and handsomely decorated and comfortably furnished emporium of cleanliness reminds one of the ancient baths described in history.

The hypocaust is located in the culinary wing of the main building and connected by steam pipes with the bathing department, the area of which is 40x30 feet and contains the apodyterium, the disrobing division furnished with ten dressing rooms, closets and racks for clothing, mirrors, toilet articles, brushes and brooms.

The frigidarium for cold water baths is furnished with porcelain tubs and useful necessities.

The tepidarium is furnished with facilities for steam moisture from tepidity to the unbearable hotness, with chairs whereon to rest and content thyself.

The caladarium, or hot air or vapor room, furnished with marble seats and reclines, is a genuine sudatio for opening the pores preparatory to entering the shampoo scrubbing rooms, of which there are two, over which the magnetic activity of Jesse and Reuben of old officiate.

Passing the sudatio into the unctuarium or massage department you find the furnishings, reclining tables, cots for cooling repose surrounded with rich drapery. This room is in the center of the spheristerium for gymnastic physical exercise, furnished with the best machine, swinging clubs, dumb bells, etc. Hereto are attached about ten private rooms for cooling purposes and undisturbed repose in private.

The patronage of bathrooms of the Turko-Russian style has grown year by year until Captain Lawlor conceived the determination to establish one in connection with the hostelry that is incomparable in the State or entire South. The department will be under the personal supervision and management of Professor James Graham, manager of the tonsorial department.

The capacity of the pool has been increased more than double its former size. The shampoo scrubbing tables have been furnished with rubber mattresses and head rests and the two rooms contain hot and cold shower baths.

The needle bath, of the latest improved style, is located in the pool room.

A cold water shower bath is located in the vapor room. All of these are specialties as to location.

Coming from the final magnetic massage, the bather feels so light he does not appreciate his weight on his feet, and imagines he is really born again. At this time the coffee urn, lunch and beverage facilities are present and generally quite acceptable to the bather, who feels and moves like a new man who could fly if he had wings.

She Knew Him.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

There is a certain young man in the old city hall who never nowadays allows his temper to get ruffled while at the telephone.

A few days ago he could not get the number he desired.

"See here, central, I'll report you," he shouted.

"You don't know whom I am," was the composed reply.

"Well, I'll find out, and that blamed quick, too."

"I know you, though," came in soft, easy tones. "I've seen your picture. You're at the old city hall."

The young man plunged headlong into the trap.

"You have?" he exclaimed delightedly, "where, in the newspapers?"

"No," was the merry reply, "on a lobster can."

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—Returns from the democratic primary election in this country today indicate that William McGuigan, the well known former turfman, was nominated for the legislature.

REGARDED AS AN AFFRONT

It Is Difficult to Understand the Colombian Telegram.

SO FAR WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION

It Is Not Believed that Colombia Will Oppose the Sale to the United States Government.

Washington, March 1.—Dr. Silva, the retiring minister from Colombia at Washington, today authorized the following statement:

"The Panama Canal company, through M. Lampre, its secretary general and others, was informed some time ago that it could close no deal involving the transfer of its rights to any nation without first obtaining the assent of the Colombian government, the grantor of its concession. This matter was made very clear. The Colombian government gave the company the right to initiate negotiations looking to a transfer of its rights to a nation, but never to finally close such a deal.

"I can not comprehend why a situation which has been made so clear to the company should have had caused such a flurry of excitement among its shareholders when presented to them in the form of a cablegram unless they had construed the notification to mean that the Colombian government was not satisfied with its terms of transfer to the government of the United States."

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It is gathered from [illegible] here, addressed to persons familiar with the singular negotiations that have been in progress between the United States government, the government of Colombia and representatives of the Panama Canal company, that the government of Colombia holds the key to the situation and is therefore responsible for the snag in the negotiations. Colombia is now believed to have determined to make the effort to secure much more favorable terms and vastly greater pecuniary consideration in return for what she is asked to give than the protocol as prepared by Minister Silva, who is now retiring, [illegible]. If this additional compensation can not be secured from the United States then the plan is to have recourse to the Panama Canal company and in some manner to obtain a portion of the sum of $40,000,000 which the United States government is to pay for the works and franchise, if it insists upon the Panama route. The United States government has refused and will absolutely refuse to enter into any agreement in the protocol with Colombia which even indirectly sanctions the spoliation of the stockholders of the company.

M. Lampre, the secretary general of the new Panama Canal company, referring to yesterday's cablegram from Paris on the action of the Colombian government, today said to a representative of the Associated Press: "There is no cause for the Panama Canal company to be disturbed by the news you refer to. I understand the Colombian government only wishes to remind the company that its negotiations with the United States should not be closed until the two governments of the United States and Colombia have finally agreed on the lines of the treaty which is at the present time being prepared.

"Our company has been acting on the authority given it by the Colombian minister in this city, almost a year ago, and there is no reason to believe that the Panama company will not come to a satisfactory understanding with the Colombian government. As a matter of fact, the board of directors in Paris already has taken steps to that effect through the company's representative in Bogota."

M. Lampre said he has received a cablegram from his company in complete harmony with his views as expressed above.

Paris, March 1.—The officials of the Panama Canal company are still without any explanation of the dispatch from the government of Colombia announcing that the company would not be allowed to transfer its concession to another nation without the assent of Colombia to a modification of the stipulation of articles 21 and 22 of the company's agreement with Colombia, and a cable message will be sent to Colombia today asking for an elucidation of the matter. The hope is expressed that the difficulty will be arranged and meanwhile the company will maintain its offer to sell its property to the United States and will continue the negotiations on the subject. It is not considered probable, however, that Colombia will oppose the sale of the canal property to the United States after giving its assent at the opening of negotiations and confirmation of its approval of the negotiations have been received in a letter from Senor Silva, the Colombian minister at Washington, to Admiral Walker, January 11. In view of this letter it is considered Colombia is offering an affront to the United States by now opposing the transfer.

A LONG DISTANCE RACE.

Texans Are to Ride from Orange to Lake Charles, La.

Orange, Texas, March 1.—A novel race was arranged here this afternoon by Abe Sokolski and Tom Giles, two well known young men. Each of them placed $100 in the hands of a stakeholder, the race to be on horseback, the course to be from Orange to Lake Charles. The distance between the two places by the road they will have to traverse is fifty-five miles. They left here together this afternoon and the one reaching Lake Charles first is to receive the money from the stakeholder. Each of the contestants has a fine, thoroughbred animal, and though the roads are very rough and it will be necessary to ferry across the Sabine river, they expected to reach Lake Charles by midnight tonight. The outcome of the race is being awaited with much interest.

University Banquet at Dallas.

Dallas, Texas, March 1.—The Dallas County Association of ex-Students of the University of Texas gave their annual banquet tonight in honor of the sixty-sixth anniversary of the birth of Texas Independence. President William L. Prather of the university was the guest of honor. He delivered a scholarly and appropriate address. Other speeches were made.

Smallpox at Lake Charles.

Lake Charles, La., March 1.—A little smallpox scare was created here by the discovery today that Robert McManus had the disease. He was at his place of business yesterday and came in contact with many people. Several cases of smallpox have occurred within a few weeks among negroes, but the whites until today have escaped infection.

THE ALLEGHENY'S FLOOD.

Probable that a New High Water Mark Will Be Made.

FIFTY THOUSAND MEN ARE NOW IDLE

Lack of Fatalities Is Due to the Timely Warnings Given by the Government Weather Bureau.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 1.—At 9 o'clock tonight the Allegheny river marks show 32.6 and still rising. The flood mark of 34.33 will in all likelihood be passed and thirty-five feet, the highest point ever reached by the waters here (in 1832) may be equalled. It is certain that the great damage done by the 1884 flood will be exceeded by many thousands of dollars and many more interests will be affected. Already 50,000 men have been made temporarily idle by the forced closing down of mills, factories and other industries, and the number is likely to be considerably increased by Monday. To the timely warnings given by the government weather bureau officials to all interested, may be credited the lack of fatalities. Tonight Allegheny is a modern Venice. Every street [illegible] lying district of the city from Herrs Island to the Western penitentiary has more or less water in it. In some places it is from two to four feet deep, forcing the householders either to abandon their homes or move to the upper floors. All the railroad tracks except the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago, are submerged, and many factories have been closed.

The Western penitentiary is in particularly bad shape. The water has flooded the underground portion of the institution, ruining much fine machinery.

In Pittsburg proper from up to Ninth street and as far back as Penn avenue everything is flooded. Few Pittsburgers have ever before seen the water so deep on these streets. The hotel Lincoln has ten feet of water in its basement, while the Victoria and Boyer's hotels are in almost as bad shape. Water surrounds the Anderson, but no particular damage has been done. The Duquesne and the Alvin theaters were forced to abandon their performances tonight and business in all the districts named has been suspended since noon. Every mill along the Allegheny river as far as Thirty-third street is closed down. From Twenty-first street to the Allegheny Valley railroad tracks is submerged and every cellar in the district has water in it.

On the South Side most of the mills have shut down. The Pittsburg and Lake Erie tracks are under water and the Panhandle tracks are being used to get trains in and out of the city. The Monongahela Water company supplies this section of the city and this evening the Monongahela river took possession of the company's plant, putting out the fires under the boilers and forcing a shutdown.

TEXAS TELEGRAPHERS WON.

McClinton Took Code Prize and Bruckner Straight Morse.

Dallas, Texas, March 1.—Dispatches received late tonight state that F. M. McClintoc of the Associated Press force at Dallas won the world's championship prize for fast sending by code at the international telegraphers' tournament promoted by Andrew Carnegie and others, which took place at Atlanta, Ga., today. The second contest, straight Morse sending, was close between Mr. McClintoc and Mr. E. E. Bruckner of the Postal telegraph office at Dallas, but the latter one.

The Atlanta Journal gold medal for the cleanest copy on a typewriter of code sent news matter was won by F. M. McClintic.

The subject matter used in the Carnegie diamond medal contest was sent to the receiving operator by the Phillips' automatic telegraph at a speed which was gradually increased until a maximum of sixty-five words per minute was attained. The copy of the receiving matter was then passed on by the judges and its degree of perfection determined the eligibility of those entered to send in the final heat for the trophy. The man showing the best average of both receiving and sending was declared the winner.

Entries for all events were numerous and the tournament was not concluded until a late hour tonight.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED.

Crushed Under Falling Floors, Which Were Overburdened.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 1.—The fourth floor of the Cleveland Baking company's plant on Central avenue fell beneath the weight of a large number of barrels of flour today, crashing through the three under floors into the basement. There are five persons missing, four girls and a man. They are buried beneath the mass of debris in the basement and are undoubtedly dead. Their names:

MAY KELLY.
MOLLIE ROEMER.
FLORENCE M'GRATH.
MAGGIE HEISER.
JASPER WOEKER.

Besides the missing several were injured.

CONVENTIONS AT WACO.

Funeral Directors, Firemen and Dentists Are to Meet There in May.

Waco, Texas, March 1.—The date for the State Funeral Directors and Embalmers' association, which holds its next meeting in this city, has been fixed for May 14, 15 and 16, which will be at the same time of the State firemen's convention, which will meet in this city also. This date was fixed by the executive committee, which met in the city yesterday. The State Dental association will meet here on the same date. Elaborate preparations are being made for these conventions.

Texans in New York.

(Special to The Post.)

New York, March 1.—The following Texans are in New York:

Houston—W. D. Baker and wife, Normandie.
Galveston—W. R. Sealis, Albert.
Dallas—W. H. Morey, Broadway-Central.
Texas—J. F. Sutton, A. B. Gibson, Morton.
San Antonio—M. Galesburg, Everett.

Stranger Is Well Cared For.

Hearne, Texas, March 1.—The stranger who was found at the International and Great Northern tank, one mile west of Hearne recently, with a bad case of pneumonia, is very low at the Exchange hotel. He is being cared for by the officers, as his relatives have not come to his rescue. He had lain at the water tank two days without food when found.

FOREIGN BRIEFS.

BRUSSELS.—At today's sitting of the international sugar conference it was decided to sign early next week the convention heretofore agreed upon.

LONDON.—Lord Kitchener reports that the Boer casualties during the recent operations amounted to 800 men killed or captured. General Dewet's son, who is among the prisoners, was his father's secretary.

LONDON.—The officials of the British Chartered South African company deny the report of the death of Cecil Rhodes.

MEXICO CITY.—President Diaz will go to Vera Cruz on the 5th instant to inaugurate the great port works constructed by Sir Weetman Pearson. A distinguished party will accompany him.

Lockhart Won the Main.

San Antonio, Texas, March 1.—In the big cocking main between San Antonio and Lockhart, which closed tonight, Lockhart won by a score of seven fights in favor of Lockhart to four fights in favor of San Antonio.

If You Need Help
Let Me Know It.

Tell Me of Some Sick One, and Let Me Send My Book.

No Money Is Wanted.

If you are not well, please tell me the trouble—tell me which book you need.

That is all I ask—just a postal card, with the name of some one who needs help.

I have spent a lifetime in learning how to cure these troubles. Year after year I have perfected the treatment until it is almost sure. I want you to know about it.

You may take the treatment at my risk, if you will. You will not have a penny to pay if it fails.

With the book, I will send an order on your nearest druggist for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Restorative. I will authorize your druggist to let you take it a month at my risk. If it succeeds, the cost is $5.50. If it fails, I will pay your druggist myself.

I will leave the decision to you.

Don't think that this is impossible, for I do just as I say. I have done it in over half a million cases already.

It is true that I can not always succeed. Sometimes a cause, like cancer, makes a cure impossible. But those cases are rare, and I am willing to take the risk.

It is also true that not all people are honest. But the cost is only $5.50, and experience has proved that very few of the cured will avoid it.

My records for five years show that 39 out of each 40 who accept those six bottles pay, and pay gladly. I am satisfied with that.

Please note what that record means.

They are all difficult cases where six bottles are taken. In simple cases the patient gets a bottle or two from his druggist. Yet 39 in each 40 of those difficult conditions are cured.

That is a remarkable record, which has never been approached in the history of medicine. There is no other remedy which any physician would dare to offer on such a plan as mine.

There are 39 chances in 40 that I can cure you, no matter how severe your case, no matter what else has failed.

My success comes from knowing how to strengthen the inside nerves.

Every vital organ in the body gets its power from these nerves. When some organ grows weak and fails in its duty its nerve power is weak. It is just like an engine that needs more steam.

My Restorative brings back that nerve power. It removes the cause of the trouble. And most of the conditions I treat can never be cured in any other way. Some of you know this already.

My book will make the matter clear.

If you are sick, or a friend is sick, please don't fail to write me.

You have everything to gain and nothing to lose by it. Your future is at stake. If I take the risk, won't you take the remedy?

Won't you at least write for my book?

Simply state which book you want, and address Dr. Shoop, Box 690, Racine, Wis.

Book No. 1 on Dyspepsia.
Book No. 2 on the Heart.
Book No. 3 on the Kidneys.
Book No. 4 for Women.
Book No. 5 for Men (sealed).
Book No. 6 on Rheumatism.

Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. At Capitol Pharmacy, 517 Main street; Abbott Cockrell, 602 Main street; A. E. Kiesling, 502 Main street; Special Agents.

OLD FURNITURE LIKE NEW.

Decorated With Spatter Work, Becomes Beautiful and Valuable.

Kansas City Star.

Spatter work is rather a trick than an art, but yet is artistic enough to require the exercise of taste and judgment.

If you have any old kitchen dresser or table considered utterly worthless and only fit for firewood, a skillful hand at spatter work can make it an attractive piece of furniture which will fill its place for fifty years longer and be admired by all who behold it. An old round walnut table, scratched, defaced and apparently ruined, was thoroughly cleaned with sand paper and then spattered with a wreath of maple leaves. It had a branch in the center and the claws were spattered to match. It is now the most ornamental object in a handsome drawing room. A similar table in a still more dilapidated condition was made so beautiful by spatter work that it sold for $13 and was thought cheap at the price.

The following are some simple directions for a beginner:

First, gather the loveliest ferns and leaves you can get, a plentiful supply if you are going to ornament a large piece of furniture. Take a big book with heavy covers and press your specimens at once, keeping them as perfect in shape as possible. From old magazines cut out with great precision designs of birds, beasts and flowers. Buy a common kitchen nail brush, like a little scrubbing brush, two or three hard tooth brushes, also a few good brushes, such as painters use for putting on varnish; get a fine timothy sieve, such as is used by farmers for sifting timothy grass seed. If you can not find this, a piece of very fine wire cloth will do, stretched on a frame. Get a few pens, coarse and fine, both.

Buy five cents' worth of burnt umber, in the powder, and a quart of malt vinegar. Secure some bits of new board for the first trial and do not attempt a piece of furniture till you have had some practice, for the hand being in has much to do with success in this, as in other handicrafts. Buy some fine white varnish (sometimes called Demar), at least a quart.

Have all your materials at hand, lay your picture design first of all face down on the wood, then arrange your ferns and leaves, and fasten this under layer very firmly with pins; the upper ones may be thrown on more carelessly. Cover the wood well and thickly in the second layer.

Now mix a large earthen saucer full of umber and vinegar; a tin vessel will not do. Stir till quite smooth, a thin liquid. Select your brush, take your sieve, be careful to put a very little liquid on the brush and rub away rapidly on the sieve above the design. The color should fall through the sieve like fine rain. When the ferns are quite wet, carefully remove some of the upper ones. Spatter again, then gently pull out some of the under ferns, just over the ground design; this requires a light hand. Finally, after spattering a little more, take off all but the ground design fastened on with the pins, which is left till quite dry.

If you have never before seen such work you will be delighted with the result, for it is a perfect reproduction of nature in ferns and leaves.

Suppose your picture design is a field mouse; of course, it is only in outline. Dip your pen in brown India ink and mark in the eyes and whiskers; in a word, complete the sketch. Your mouse will now appear as if peeping from under the ferns. When perfectly dry varnish with great care the whole work. The varnish will take a day or two to dry. Any kind of wood looks well spattered, but holly and box are the best for minute designs.

A nursery paneled with spatter work would be charming for little children—the story of "Red Riding Hood," "Babes in the Wood," or "Cock Robin" on the walls among the ferns and leaves.

TEXAS DEATH ROLL.

BELVEN.—Pearsall, Texas, Februar[illegible] Dr. John Oliver Belven died at th[illegible] of lung trouble Thursday morning. Belven came here about one year a[illegible] his health.

RICKS.—Center, Texas, February [illegible] Mrs. Kate Ricks of Center died of [illegible] at 12 o'clock last night and w[illegible] buried at the new cemetery at 3:30 [illegible] this afternoon. Mrs. Ricks is the fir[illegible] to be laid to rest in the new cemetery.

The Ill Bred Stare.

Washington Times.

There is no such thing as a "we[illegible] stare."

Not that it isn't true that the we[illegible] stare; but they are not well bred [illegible] they do it—to indulge in a bit of [illegible] dox.

Nothing is well bred that makes [illegible] low creature uncomfortable. The[illegible] the woman—and there are too ma[illegible] her in this impolite world that cal[illegible] polite—that visibly takes an inve[illegible] when she meets you, of every de[illegible] your appearance, to your own secr[illegible] confusion, entirely "forgets her rai[illegible]"

The ordeal at all times disagr[illegible] amounts to cruelty when the scru[illegible] is conscious of sartorial shortcomings, [illegible] when is even the best dressed an[illegible] confident of every detail. Are seams [illegible] reproachable in their strength or hook[illegible] eyes warranted to be true?

But, oh, the agony when your glov[illegible] frankly shabby and your coat has [illegible] fore last's sleeves cut down!

She advances toward you with he[illegible] upon your hat. Next your veil is [illegible] ed. You wonder nervously if your [illegible] boring through a possible weak spot [illegible] middle of it. She extends her hand [illegible] a survey of your neck arrangement [illegible] makes you squirm in guilty conscio[illegible] of that white pin you stuck into a [illegible] ribbon in a place where it would [illegible] show.

Before the greeting is achieved—an[illegible] cordial and gracious she can be!—her [illegible] taking gaze has meandered down to [illegible] uttermost extremities, and you feel [illegible] all your little toilet subterfuges are [illegible] book to her. Not that it is so nece[illegible] The starer often stares mechanically, [illegible] out taking mental note. But the [illegible] effect upon the victim is just the sa[illegible]

Stare not at all. Give your neig[illegible] frank, sympathetic regard in the mid[illegible] his eyes, and scan no further. He sh[illegible] to clothes—or, rather, produce the ef[illegible] utter oblivion if you have any tact [illegible] If you must size up the outer man, [illegible] are plenty of ways to see without [illegible] to see.

Sponsor for Second Brigade.

San Antonio, Texas, March 1.—At a [illegible] ing of Albert Sidney Johnston cam[illegible] C. V., tonight Miss Mamie Wilson [illegible] Antonio was appointed sponsor for th[illegible] ond brigade Texas division and Miss [illegible] Ives, also of San Antonio, chief ma[illegible] honor.

Child Fatally Burned.

San Antonio, Texas, March 1.—Alm[illegible] 9 year old daughter of Mr. L. W. [illegible] while playing with other children [illegible] fire in the open air this morning, su[illegible] burns by her clothing catching fire [illegible] is feared will result fatally.

Yeoman Has Sailed.

Norfolk, Va., March 1—The British [illegible] er Yeoman, Captain Lang, from Gal[illegible] to Liverpool with cotton, which [illegible] aground on Cape Henry Point for [illegible] hours yesterday, sailed today for Liv[illegible] the captain having decided that his [illegible] was not injured by her mishap.

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