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 District court commences on the first Monday in the months of Feb. and September.

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 County court meets for civil criminal and probate business on the first Monday in March, June, September and December.

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SCHEDULE.

OF DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS OF MAILS.

DEPARTURE.

For Alice, Texas, daily at... 7 a. m.
 " Rio Grande City, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at... 6 a. m.
 For Point Isabel, daily at... 9 a. m.
 " Matamoros, Mexico, except Sunday, at 9:30 a. m.

ARRIVALS.

From Alice, Texas, daily at 10 p. m.
 " Rio Grande, Tri-Weekly at 7 a. m.
 " Point Isabel, daily at... 6 p. m.
 " Matamoros Mexico, at 9:30 a. m.

THOSE OUTSIDE CORSETS.

The Latest Fad Shocks Some Passengers on a Bridge Train.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The summer girl is out with a new wrinkle. It discounts the suspenders by about 100 per cent, although the shoulder straps are pressed into service in conjunction with it. The new idea is nothing more or less than a pair of corsets worn outside the blouse.

A reporter encountered the new wrinkle yesterday on a bridge train and sustained quite a severe shock. A pretty little girl entered the car carrying a violin case. She was dressed in cool summer attire, consisting of a plain skirt and blazer of the same material.

Between the open edges of the blazer front a bit of the same material could be seen, which looked very much like a wide belt. The observer would never have known whether it was a belt or what it was had not the fair wearer been heated and removed her blazer, throwing it over her arm in true man fashion.

Then it was seen that the girl had on a pair of corsets, outside of her blouse. They were made of the same material as the rest of the costume, of regulation height, and were separated in front, being laced together with a silken cord.

The removal of the blazer created a sensation in the car. A couple of young men snickered; an elderly man who wore flowing whiskers, and looked like a Jerseyman, glanced at the girl over his spectacles, and then, turning very red, fixed his eyes on the floor.

A matronly old lady started to speak to the summer girl, but was refrained by her daughter, who said:

"Oh, no, ma; there's no mistake

She wears them that way purposefully."

"Law sakes!" commented the old lady, and looked both puzzled and disgusted.

The strangeness of the costume was increased by having a pair of blue silk suspenders, buckles and all, fastened to top of the corsets, both front and back. It was a question whether the suspenders sustained the corsets or vice versa.

A Bear Fight Without Bloodshed.

Alexander Wallace, who looks after the camp out on Boone's mountain, which is kept up for the convenience and comfort of hunting and fishing parties, had an exciting experience with a bear a few days ago. He started out with an ax on his shoulder to find a bear tree, and when about a mile from camp, while in a dense laurel thicket, through which his course led him, he ran onto a couple of bear cubs. They immediately set up a howl of distress and a moment later the old mother bear came running to their rescue with her mouth wide open.

Wallace raised his ax to strike, but it caught in the laurel bushes with which he was thickly surrounded, and the blow which the bear received was only sufficient to aggravate her. She opened her mouth a foot or two wider, so that Wallace said he could see clear into her stomach, and tried to get Wallace between her jaws. But he kept striking at her with the ax in his cramped position until one of the cubs, which in the meantime had run away, began to whine in a pitiful way, when the old bear turned around and ran off, apparently thinking its offspring had gotten into new danger. Thus the fight ended without bloodshed on either side. Wallace was very willing to quit, and straightway proceeded to make himself scarce in that quarter.—Punksutawney Spirit.

A Libel on a Fair Town.

Down at Stonington, Conn., an enterprising justice of the peace has had himself appointed also "dog officer," which in Connecticut legal terminology means the officer whose duty it is to collect the dog tax. The penalty for failing to pay the tax is seven dollars or thirty days in jail, or both. The Stonington officer has adopted a peculiar method to facilitate justice. Every morning a carriage starts out; it is the courtroom on wheels. There are in it the grand juror, the constable and the dog officer and justice of the peace. A call is made upon one of the unfortunates. He is summoned to appear at the carriage; the writ is served and the case is tried. Result—the defendant is fined seven dollars and costs, amounting to about fifteen dollars. Of this amount the grand juror receives three dollars, the constable two dollars and the dog officer three dollars. In addition to this, each man collects ten cents per mile for traveling expenses. If the defendant makes a vigorous protest he is bound over to a future session of the court; but the result is invariably the same.—Buffalo Courier.

Bold Jackals.

The residents of Howrah have been finding lately that jackals are animals of anything but an attractive temper. In some cases they have come right up to the bungalows in search of prey. A little girl, aged about five years, was playing in a veranda when a jackal suddenly rushed on her and was dragging her away when she was rescued. She was severely bitten. Three natives, while walking along the Kooroot road, were attacked by a jackal, which was only driven off after a stubborn fight, and a tale is told of two women, while standing near a tank, being attacked and bitten. So serious has the state of matters become that the public propose to submit a memorial to the district magistrate praying for the adoption of measures for the destruction of these pests.—Pioneer Mail.

An Adventure with Turtles.

A boy at Newark, N. J., found two snapping turtles on Sunday morning and started to carry them home. In crossing a garden he was met by the owner, who poured out a volley of broken English upon the lad. The boy stood his ground bravely and returned vigorous language, but in doing so forgot all about the turtles and held one of them close to his bare leg. The turtle seized the lad by the left calf and held on with the tenacity of a bulldog. In writhing around the boy brought the other turtle in contact with his right leg, and he, too, took hold. The gardener forgot his anger and with the aid of his pruning knife managed to liberate the turtles from their hold. The muscles of both calves were badly lacerated.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Hydraulic Testing.

A plant for hydraulic testing purposes is to be installed near the town of Santhia, Italy. The proposed establishment is intended for the determination of many points at present more or less obscure in the flow of water through large sluices. It is to be located between the

Cavour and the Cighiano canals, where the requisite volume of water for such experiments can be easily obtained, the Cigliano canal being elevated about 88½ feet above the Cavour canal. The preliminary plans provide for the construction of a large and small sluice, measuring basins and weirs, and accommodation for the testing of all kinds of hydraulic apparatus.—New York Telegram.

Better Not Eat in Hot Weather.

We all eat too much in the summer time. The man who begins a hot summer day with a cup of hot coffee, a big slice of beefsteak fried in grease, a cupful of boiled eggs and two or three hot soggy rolls fresh from the oven is simply firing up for the day. A glass of water, a few sips of coffee, a little fruit, a cracker and a glass of milk constitute all the breakfast that is needed for summer time in this climate, and during the intensely hot weather if a man eats meat once a day that is generally once too often.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A traveler's pipe is one of the latest unique inventions. Attached to the bowl is a hook, which may be fastened in a button hole of the vest or coat, while a flexible tube communicates with the mouthpiece. The smoker can use this pipe while both hands are free to be otherwise occupied.

Fifty thousand rare trees have been ordered by the empress of Austria to be planted around the statue of Heine, to be erected on her property at Corfu.

The Failure of the Peach Crop.

The newspapers come filled with reports of the failure of the eastern fruit crops. The Maryland and Delaware peach crop, which is the heaviest competitor we have for our California product, is reckoned at less than one-sixth of an average yield. The heavy rains have caused a dropping of fruit in the peach country. The loss is over \$2,000,000 to the eastern peach growers.—Pomona (Cal.) Progress.

Dates for Teachers' Examinations.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, May 18, '92.

The regular Teachers' Examinations will be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday in February, April, June, August, September, and November.

Special examinations may be held on the third Friday and the following Saturday of any other month, except July, provided notice is given the State Superintendent at least two weeks before the day the said examination is to begin.

No questions for these special examinations will be sent to any county, except at the request of the county superintendent or county judge.

Most respectfully,

J. M. CARLISLE.

State Superintendent Public Instruction

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