

"Up at the XL ranch."

You see when the leader bolted,  
I knew that there'd be a—  
If he got them mavericks started  
Held at the XL.  
So I loped ahead o' the d—  
I knew he follow me here—  
But say, Bill, get me a blanket,  
For I feel mighty queer."

I spoke to him in a minute  
But he didn' answer me,  
So I jes' lifted his head up  
An' rested it on my knee.  
As I took his hat off gently  
I noticed the youngster's hair,  
Closterin' in ringlets  
'Round his forehead fair.

An' I tho't o' my little brother  
In the ol' home far away  
An' wondered if he'd ever  
Out on the plains a-ray—  
A movement o' the head tho'.  
That was pillowed on my knee  
Woke me from dreamin'  
An' broke my reverie.

An' Max asked: "How's the cattle,  
Are they all safe an' soun'?"  
An' then he kinder raised up  
An' saw them grazin' 'roun'.  
We boys was sure astonished  
An' couldn' quite grasp it  
How any tenderfoot could  
Have so blame much grit.

You see he'd led the cattle  
In safety from the flame  
An' saved the grass to feed 'em  
Over on the other plain.  
An' then to cap the climax  
This boy—this here Max Branch  
Had rode on like the dickens  
An' saved the XL ranch.

He went on with the others  
Like 'twas nothin' he had done—  
But we boys all remember  
That wild midnight run.  
O' course we loved the lad now—  
So would most o' you  
If you knowed he saved your life  
An' your bunch o' dogies, too

Well, we went on to Kansas,  
An' you can bet your eyes  
When we got back, a weddin'  
Took place near the Pecos 'rize.  
All o' us loved Susan,  
The daughter o' the boss,  
But her face lit up like a can'te,  
When she saw Max's boss —

In 50 years it has paid in it  
And holds assets of — — —

A TOTAL OF

40,890,055  
16,367,635  
\$68,227,690

Which Exceeds the previous Rec'd by \$5,502,945

### What other business can match this?

During fifty years money has been received, invested and disbursed—Millions of money—yet for the entire expense of doing such a business, not one dollar of premium money has been touched. All expenses paid from interest. Every dollar accounted for and over five millions of dollars added to the total amount received, over nine and one half per cent net gain. You can have no more valuable asset than a policy in the

The MANHATTAN Life, Ed. MAIR, Agt.

Well, pretty soon they married  
An' the cattle seemed to know  
(As they gathered on the rise there  
A lowin' soft an' low.)  
That the boss was kinder pleased  
At his daughter's choosin' Branch  
An' his weddin' present to 'em  
Was the XL ranch.

—MAE MOONEY.

### More Locals.

—Do you need a pocket knife?  
If so Schvab will sell you a good  
one for little money.

—The oil mill is now running  
full time and is prepared to fill all  
orders for hulls and meal.

—Mr. Joe Miller, of San Antonio,  
came in last Monday to attend  
the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Anna  
Klous.

**PRETTY TOUGH TO SCRATCH**  
for a living and relief also. Hunt's  
Cure will cure you of itch, Tetter,  
ringworm, itching piles, Eczema.  
Guaranteed by all dealers.

—Aug. Fannheiser, wife and  
child, of Fayetteville, were in Shiner  
last Monday visiting the family  
of Steve Holchak.

—COMING—The celebrated Peter  
Schuttler wagon. The best  
hand made wagon on the market.  
C. H. FLATO & SON.

—Mr. Gabbage and family left  
last Monday for Schultenburg,  
where they will in the future reside.

—We present our readers this  
week with a second dialect poem  
written by Miss Mae Mooney of  
Dilworth and entitled: "An Old  
Cowboy's Story." Read it. You  
will be well pleased.

The Best Prescription for Malaria  
Chills and Fever is a bottle of  
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is  
simply iron and quinine in a taste-  
less form. No cure—no pay. Price  
50 cents.

—Mr. J. A. Kinsel returned last  
Monday from Panola county where  
he had been attending conference.  
He came back somewhat under the  
weather.

**DONT BECOME DISCOURAGED**  
but use Simmon's Liver Purifier,  
(in box.) Many imitations of the  
original, so be careful and see that  
its "Purifier" and manufactured by  
the A. C. Simmons jr. Medicine  
Co.

—Tax Collector, S. L. Bennett,  
will be in Shiner on Friday and  
Saturday, Oct. 11th and 12th for  
the purpose of collecting taxes for  
the year 1901. Remember the date  
and be prepared to liquidate.

—Bear in mind that the celebra-  
ted Magnolia bear is for sale at Joe  
Macha's, Wm Jaeger's, F. Thoel-  
ke's and Jakob Vaccar's; also at  
A. J. Sinderman's, Dilworth, Tex

Razors and scissors put in order  
good as new, at A. C. Koopka's.

# GRAND FEAST.....

Given for the benefit of the SHINER FIRE DEPARTMENT at Hildebrandt's Park, Shiner, Texas, Sept. 29, 1901.  
Programme.

The entertainment will begin at 9 o'clock a. m. with music by The Shiner Firemen's Band.  
Address of welcome at 11 o'clock a. m. by Prof. E. J. Mair.  
At 2 o'clock p. m. speaking in English, German and Bohemian by prominent speakers  
Concert by Firemen's Band during the day.  
At 4 p. m. a match baseball game.  
Blue Rock shooting, target shooting and amusements for young and old.  
Refreshments and meals served on the grounds.

## Grand Ball at Night.

Admission to Park Free.

ADMISSION TO BALL, GENTS, 50c.

Everybody cordially invited and a good time guaranteed.

The Committee.

### Paint! Paint!

When you need paint don't forget that G. E. Ruhmann & Bro. keep a full line of the celebrated "Eureka" house and buggy paints as well as oils and varnishes.

—Miss Lena Ruhmann, of LeGrange and Miss Agnes Globler, of Ballinger, two charming young ladies, were in the city last week visiting the family of Mr. G. E. Ruhmann.

### LAUGH AND THE WORLD

laughs with you, have chills and you chill alone. Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets cures, gives an appetite and strength. Most convenient chill tonic on earth. Can carry in the vest pocket.

—Druggist Robert Seydler, looking the picture of health, was here Wednesday enroute to Shiner from a business visit to Houston.—Weimar Mercury.

You Know What You are Taking  
When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. 50c.

### Johnson County Dry.

Cleburne, Texas, Sept. 14th.—Chairman Walker, of the prohibitionist executive committee, states that the returns are all in save one box and that Johnson county has gone dry by a majority of 82 votes. It was the hardest fought campaign in the history of the county. Cleburne is an anti town but the county boxes out-voted it.

### To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. Price 25 cents.