

Waco Evening News.

THE NEWS COMPANY.

J. H. HURWOOD, Business Manager.

SUBSCRIPTION FIFTY CENTS A MONTH.

WACO, TEXAS, - - - JULY 21, 1888.

There seems to be slight epidemic among the young people in Texas leading to elopement. Happily, all so far reported, have ended in marriage.

Col Cameron has returned from San Antonio. He goes back on Monday to consummate arrangements with the Aransas Pass Company, so that the fate of the Brazos Valley road is still uncertain but the road is highly probable.

"Let her go Gallagher" is new English and it was used for the first time yesterday as the last words of a dying man. Jack Allen was hung for murder at Monticello, N. Y. He walked the scaffold with a firm tread, sang and prayed in a loud clear voice and shouting "Let her go Gallagher" was launched into the great beyond.

Account of a terrible accident comes over the wires to-day from West Point, Indiana, a tug boat ascending the Wabash river exploded her steam pipe at 1:40 this morning killing seven men sleeping in their berths. One man died with his wife's name on his lips.

According to the morning dispatches the meeting of the Emperor of Germany and Russia has taken place at Cronstadt. The meeting was a touching one. When the two mighty potentates met on the gangway of the Czar's yacht they fell into each other arms and kissed each other fervently and passionately and handkerchiefs were in demand in the audience, except on an American vessel near by.

One of the most important pieces of news which came over the wires last night is an account of a terrific storm or cloud-burst over Wheeling, W. Va. and vicinity, producing floods in the streams, which rendered hundreds of people homeless, destroying hundreds of thousands in property, and drowned large numbers of people, probably not less than a hundred, and, invading a cemetery, washed the dead from their graves.

A little cloud no larger than a man's hand a few days ago threatens to rain in blood over a part of the Indian Territory. The forcible removal of cattle from the Territory authorities by armed stockmen and cowboys at Ardmore has aroused the governor to maintain the dignity of the Indian law. He is marching with the militia on the camp of the stockmen and a bloody battle over the possession of the cattle is not improbable to-day or to-morrow.

The rapid progress which the female sex is making toward a social, financial and political equality with the male, must be gratifying to the woman's rights theorist. But it seems that a woman when she sets out in a naughty direction is pretty near able to hold her own. Jim Brown, of Detroit, who is charged with marrying twenty three wives, is the boss male bigamist, but the police of New York are now on search of a Miss Lavinia Hunt, who has married thirteen men in cold blood.

An Austrian vessel, the Dub, arrived at Aberdeen from Alexandria laden with bones for manure. These bones consist mainly of giraffes, buffaloes and camels, but when put on board many complete human skeletons were found among them. The captain at once refused to take them, and upon inquiring where they were procured, was informed that it was a native custom to visit a battle-field and dig in the trenches for the remains of the white men. Notwithstanding all precautions taken the captain feared that many human bones were mixed up with the others in loading.

Baron Hirsch is said to have deposited \$10,000,000 in the Bank of London for the education of the poor Jews in Russia. This is the largest benevolent gift in the world's history.

A Critical Time.

With the increasing heat of a summer's tropical sun, pouring on an earth saturated with superabundant moisture, the germs of disease begin to breed in every spot where foul and stagnant water stands, or filth has accumulated. Every cess pool is a charnel house. Every pile of rubbish is a nest of pollution. While the more thoughtful in a city like Waco may realize the absolute necessity of perfect cleanliness, and be guarding against disease by the most scrupulous care of their yards and outhouses, a single family, by carelessness or thoughtlessness, may infect the whole city. It is well known to the medical profession and to well informed people, that all bacterial diseases are spread with great rapidity, that the germs of such diseases multiply with prodigious rapidity. A single sink or festering pool may become a nidus from which may emanate the spores, which, fructifying a hundred fold, may spread among a population of a hundred thousand and infect a great city. In such months as this, with such conditions as this water-soaked earth and blazing fiery sun, the health officer of a city becomes its most important official. On his knowledge, unceasing vigilance and executive ability depends the health, and perhaps the lives of thousands. He holds a city in his hands. The vigilant exercise of his duty saves human health and life; a neglect of his duty is virtual if not legal murder. The health officer of Waco seems to be a very efficient officer, and this article is written, not only to stimulate him to extra exertion, but also to endeavor to spur others to active co-operation. The city officials should hold the health officer to strict account, and the people themselves require of city officials extra precautions, while themselves observing and watching all offensive places, and reporting them promptly to the health officer. All are in the same boat, the interests of one is the interest of all, and in this case those interests are a matter of life and death. If one thing more than another has been proven in the empirical science of hygiene, it is that in zymotic diseases the time to fight them is before they have begun.

Saw His Own Gravestone.

West Chester (Del.) Gravestone. A few days ago a marble dealer, whom we will not locate far from West Chester, received an order to erect a monument to the memory of one of our deceased citizens and ordered the care-taker at the cemetery to prepare a base. It so happened that a gentleman of the same name as the deceased owns a lot in the same burying ground, and there the base was laid and the marble man erected a stone setting forth the virtues of a living man. The owner of the lot in which it was erected passed the way on Sunday morning and was much surprised to learn that he had been deceased for some months and a stone erected to his memory in his lot. He summoned the marble man and had it removed at once, stating that when he needed a stone one would be erected. The mistake was caused by the care-taker erecting the base on the wrong lot, it being the intention to remove the remains of the deceased to a new lot in a short time and the man supposed the one he performed the work on was the right one.

A Terrible Bedfellow.

Gettysburg (Pa.) Compiler. Mrs. T. J. Eby lives with her husband on a farm near Mahantango, Juniata county. They have a three-months-old baby, and the youngster had a terrible experience the other night. Mrs. Eby had been in the habit of putting the babe in its carriage and placing it under a tree in the yard. The child also slept in the coach at night. A night or two ago Mrs. Eby heard her baby uttering a half-suppressed cry. It was soon still however, but later in the night the mother was again awakened. This time the child continued to cry, and Mrs. Eby took it to bed with her. The next morning the woman was about to put the baby in the carriage again, when she was surprised to find a large black snake coiled among the blankets. She killed and burned the reptile. The child's neck was marked with red streaks, which indicated that the snake had coiled around the child's throat. Mrs. Eby thinks that the reptile tried to suck the milk out of the child's throat. The little one has nearly recovered, but was very sick for a few days.

An Open Letter.

The Waco Water Co., through Mr. C. W. White, publishes the following open letter to the city council in the morning Day. It presents the attitude of the Waco Water Co. towards a new contract in a straightforward light.

OFFICE OF THE WACO WATER CO.,
Waco, July 20, 1888.

To the Citizens of Waco:

Thirty days ago a written communication was addressed to your Honorable Board of Aldermen, calling attention to the fact that the contract heretofore existing between the city of Waco and the Water Company would expire on the 20th day of July, and expressing a readiness to submit or to receive a proposition looking to a temporary or permanent arrangement to furnish a water supply. This company has received no official reply and is ignorant of what disposition was made of our communication save through the published report of the council meeting, which says that it was tabled. Since that date nothing has passed between the council and this company, and after the tabling of our letter we have not deemed it expedient nor consistent with self-respect to address any further communications to the honorable body.

Appreciating the situation and having a keen sense of the position occupied by the Water Company in the premises, we have thought it proper to address an open letter to the citizens of Waco, so that in the event misfortune should befall our beautiful city, the responsibility will be placed where it rightfully belongs. The company has made every overture consistent with honor and fair dealing to bring about negotiations, hoping that an amicable and satisfactory arrangement could be effected. The council has ignored us and have refused to discuss our letter upon its merits, and in the meeting of last night pre-empted the water question, although it was well known that the contract would expire to-day. Your city to-night is without water protection except by the courtesy of the Water Company.

Your cisterns are incomplete, and when finished and filled to their capacity will not afford adequate protection, even in the business portion of the city, and all residences a little removed will be at the mercy of the fire fiend.

Realizing the danger that imperils our city by the non-action of your honorable board of aldermen, the Water Company will not further jeopardize the property of her people by cutting off the water supply without their formal notice. The Water Company therefore announces to the public and to the city council that the water supply shall remain as heretofore for the period of five or ten days and that such time will be given that honorable body to accept the proposition already submitted by the company, and to make a proposition to said company—and further, if the council and the Water Company cannot agree on the specific terms of a contract, this company is willing to place the matter in the hands of a committee of arbitration, composed of citizens, to be selected and appointed as hereafter may be determined. The desire of the company is to be just to itself as well as to the city, and to render good service for living pay.

THE WACO WATER CO.

A young woman dressed as a boy asked to be arrested in St. Louis on Wednesday, and told a peculiar story. She said that her maiden name was Minnie Day, and that she was born on a farm near Lexington, Ky. At the age of fifteen, her parents being dead, she went to Sherman, Texas, as a servant in the home of a Mr. Johnson, a wealthy dry goods merchant. There she married Eldo Smith, a young machinist, and they moved to a small town near Birmingham, Ala. Last February her husband left in search of work and did not return. She then dressed herself in a suit of boy's clothes so as to beat her way on the freight trains, and institute a search for her missing husband. She traveled to Cincinnati, Nashville, Memphis and Little Rock. In Terre Haute, Ind., she was arrested as a run away boy, and when she told them she was a girl they released her, and she went to St. Louis. She was placed in charge of the police matron.

R. H. Gray,

—DEALER IN—

STAPLE AND FANCY

Groceries,

Hay, Corn, Oats, Bran, Etc.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.

Lewine Bros. Lewine Bros.

—O:O—

FIRST WEEK

—OF OUR—

Great

Clearing Sale!

We have put the knife in prices and will sell our summer stock at a loss, rather than carry any over. We offer in our

Ready Made

Department.

Ladies' Calico Wrappers worth \$1.00 to \$1.25, for only 50c.

Ladies' Mother Hubbards and Indigoes worth \$1.50, for 75c and \$1.00.

White Lawn Wrappers and White dresses at half regular price.

MUSLIN

Underwear.

We are offering special inducements in Muslin Underwear this week. Ladies should price these goods, and they will find them cheap.

CORSETS.

We are showing the best Corset that was ever introduced in Texas for 40c, worth 75c.

LADIES' LOW QUAR-

TER SHOES.

We are offering special bargains in Ladies' Fine Goods.

We will sell Bennett & Barnett's celebrated Opera Toe Slippers, all sizes, for \$1.50 per pair.

Oxford Ties worth \$2.00, for \$1.50.

Old ladies' Kid Oxfords for \$1.00.

Big bargains in house Slippers.

GENT'S LOW QUAR-

TER SHOES.

Extraordinary reduction in GENT'S FINE SHOES.

Calf Ties worth \$3.50, for \$2.25.

Calf Prince Alberts \$2.25.

Kangaroo Oxfords \$2.75.

Hand-Sewed Oxfords \$3.50.

You will save money by pricing our shoes.

Children's Slippers

And Low-Cut Shoes are cut way down.

We only handle the best makes, and we guarantee a saving of 25 per cent on the lowest offers you get.

LEWINE BROS.

Corner Austin and Sixth.



Clothing

FOR GENTS.

—O:O—

If you want a thin Sicilian or Drap d'Ete Coat and Vest, or a pair of Cassimere Pants to help you through the season, come and see our prices, and you will get fitted out for very little money.

Notions

—AND—

SMALL WARE.

—O:O—

We are offering Special Bargains in Ladies' Fancy Colored Hose.

Hose that were \$1.25, for 75c.

Hose that were \$1.50, for \$1.00.

Full finished colored Balbriggans for 25c.

Trunks

—O:O—

Those who contemplate a trip and need a Trunk will find our stock of large traveling Trunks complete, and to sell them down we will offer special prices.

LEWINE BROS.

Corner Austin and Sixth.