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## A TEXAS VERDICT.

Kansas has always been considered a free state.

But—Kansas, even with Carrie Nation, has never done anything equal to what a Texas jury did a few days ago.

In a south Texas town an old man 78 years old was brought up on a charge of horse theft. He had a hearing before the judge, and by a jury of twelve men he was given a sentence of guilt and his punishment fixed at 1000 years in the penitentiary.

The moral of this story is this: Texas burns negroes at the stake for an implied crime; Texas works a man found riding on a freight train sixty days on the county road, and for killing a man Texas gives a man bond from \$750 to \$5000, but if he is a horse thief he gets the full penalty of the law and is sentenced to 1000 years.

What manner of man can that judge be who will entertain or receive from a jury such a verdict?

To say the least of it, it makes the occupant of the bench a jester at justice, and the authorities comedians in a court where a man charged with a crime expects mercy.

When such things exist can you wonder that the people of Texas have such a contempt for law; that they continue to be worse than barbarians in their treatment of men, even suspected of crime?

Poor old Texas! Indian Territory is better.

## Furious Fighting.

For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harpe's Wash. "I had a bitter battle with chronic stomach and liver trouble but at last I won, and cured my diseases, by the use of Electric Fitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and dont intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, by all druggists, at 50 cents a bottle. Try them today.

## Give us Your Money

WHEN we deliver the goods and we'll give you more groceries than any store in town can give you. Buying for cash and selling for cash makes us able to do this. What other merchants lose in bad debts we give to our customers in in goods. A great many people look to this store for their supplies—they have solved the problem of good groceries and economy. It is now up to you. Good groceries and more for your money than any store in town.

E. G. Howard  
Durant's Busy Grocer.

## AFTER AN ALIBI.

State Attempts to Prove That Felix Powell is Innocent.

San Antonio, Dec. 19.—State in Monk Gibson case rested at 4:20 o'clock Monday afternoon. Three witnesses for the defense were examined.

The feature of the trial Monday was the testimony of Felix Powell. A number of witnesses who have been on the stand during the last four days have testified that Monk Gibson accused Powell of the murder of the Condit family and that he later repented as far as his statement incriminated Powell. Sheriff Tobin of Bexar county testified to this effect Saturday, saying Monk told him that he (Monk) had lied when he accused Powell. Cross examination of Powell was sensational. Purpose of state was to prove an alibi.

The gallery is crowded with negroes and they seem to regard the trial as an amusement. "Look at dat niggah's feet," would be heard, as some big negro used to work in a rice farm stepped onto the stand. "Look at dat niggah tryin' to play lak he sh'n't scared when he can't draw his bref."

## PARKER PROHIBITION.

Went Dry in Election on Monday by Over Five Hundred Majority.

Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 19.—The local option election held in this county resulted in favor of prohibition by a large majority.

Weatherford precinct voted 1,086, giving a majority of 215 for prohibition. All country boxes reported prohibition majorities except Amneta, which gave nineteen anti. The total prohibition majority of the county will be over 500.

## AWFUL SLAUGHTER.

At One Place Three Hundred Persons Were Slain on Street.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Koeningburg, Prussia, says: During the street fighting at Mitau, the capital of Courland, 300 persons were killed. At Linnewarden, in southern Livonia, the revolutionists liberated all the passengers and shot Assistant District Governor Petersen and M. Maximovitch, his secretary, and threw their bodies into the river.

## RIGA BEING SHELLED.

Conductor on a Train Also Says the Place is on Fire.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Eydutunnen says that the conductor of the morning train from St. Petersburg asserts the troops at Riga have joined in the revolt and that the town is being shelled and is burning. Between St. Petersburg and Wirballen, the flames, according to the conductor, could be seen from high places and were often reflected by the sky.

## Protection Asked.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—On account of the situation at Moscow, Ambassador Meyer has requested the authorities to place at the disposal of the American embassy protection for Americans in case of an emergency.

## TRAGIC THREAT.

"I Will Kill Myself if You Whip Me," Said Ralph Hart.

Memphis, Dec. 19.—"I will kill myself if you whip me." With this threat Ralph Hart, a thirteen-year-old school boy, broke from his mother's restraining grasp at the Hart home on Spruce street, and, snatching a revolver, fired a bullet into his head. He died an hour later. Mrs. H. M. Hart, his mother, was attempting to correct the lad's disobedience when the tragedy occurred.

## COTTON STATES LEAGUE.

Salary Limit Fixed and Twelve Men For Each of the Clubs.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 19.—At the annual meeting of the Cotton States League of Baseball Clubs, held in this city, the salary limit was fixed at \$1,100, and each club limited to twelve men. Greenville, winner of last season's pennant, served notice of the surrender of its franchise. Election of officers was postponed to a meeting to be held early in January.

## Surrendered and Fined.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Officials of the so-called "brick trust" of Chicago made a complete surrender to state's attorney Healy in court, and were fined an aggregate of \$18,000. The company and a number of its officials, together with two labor leaders, were indicted for conspiracy to do an illegal act to prevent competition and to restrict the production and sale of brick in the Chicago market.

## Waylaid and Killed.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Hermosillo advices state that a band of Yaqui Indians waylaid Fernando Maytorena, one of the wealthiest merchants in Sonora, Mex., on the outskirts of the village of Maytorena and killed him and his driver.

## BRIEFLY NOTED.

Quasah Parker is ill. The Enterprise is a new daily paper at Okemaha City.

Flu-blight-Telephone company is doing business at Terrell, Tex.

Sixteen persons were injured in a railway wreck at Conant, N. M.

A bald eagle measuring eight feet from tip to tip was killed in the Pecos country.

Ed Turner, a brakeman, fell across track near Carrollton, Dallas county, and his right arm was cut off.

Marcus Bettlice, an Indian, was badly knifed. He is in a hospital at South McAlester. Tom Wright is in custody.

Funeral of late Father Barbin at Texarkana was largely attended. About twenty-five priests were present and nearly every local Protestant clergyman.

## CONSUMPTION'S WARNING



Visible facts soon become evident in outside symptoms.—Dr. F. G. German.

The aim of scientific inventiveness is not needed to determine whether your lungs are affected. The first symptoms can be readily noted by anyone of average intelligence.

There is no disease known that gives so many plain warnings of its approach as consumption, and no serious disease that can be so quickly reached and checked, if the medicine used is Dr. Roschke's German Syrup, which is made to cure consumption.

It is in the early stages that German Syrup should be taken, when warnings are given in the cough that won't quit, the congestion of the bronchial tubes and the gradual weakening of the lungs, accompanied by frequent expectoration.

But no matter how deep-seated your cough, even if dread consumption has already attacked your lungs, German Syrup will surely effect a cure, as it has done before in thousands of apparently hopeless cases of lung trouble.

New trial bottles, 25c. Regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

## THE ELECTION LAST SATURDAY

But Very Little Interest Shown in Result—Didn't Care Much.

Saturday all day long the people of Durant were trying to muster up courage sufficient to go to the polls and vote for or against the street car franchise, and to cast a ballot for school trustees.

But little interest was felt and less shown. The voters, either not understanding the proposition thoroughly, or caring but little about it, failed to come out and express their sentiments for or against the proposition, and in their failure to do this they failed to express their will as to their choice of school trustees.

All over town a very light vote was polled, and by wards the returns show the following results:

First Ward—For franchise, 9; against, 31. School trustees: Crudup, 31; Haynes, 2; Lewis, 38.

Second Ward—For franchise, 28; against, 35. Trustees: Crudup, 54; Haynes, 16; Lewis, 45.

Third Ward—For franchise, 28; against, 22. School trustees, Crudup, 41; Haynes, 31; Lewis, 25.

Fourth Ward—For franchise, 22; against, 11. Trustees vote not counted.

Fifth Ward In this ward only votes counted are for trustees, as follows: Lewis, 50; Crudup, 42; Haynes, 7.

## Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church, of Harpersville, N. Y., will interest you. He says: "I suffered agonies, because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies, with out relief, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds; which entirely cured my cough, and saved me from consumption." A grand cure for diseased conditions of the Throat and Lungs. At all druggists, price 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

## A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at all druggists.

## Where Others Failed.

"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of Eczema which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed by, but the trouble has not returned."

Mrs. ate Howard, Little Rock, Ark.

Two thousand acres of pasture land for rent seven miles north of Coalgate. For information see or write to Valentine Newman Durant, I. T. 98-2nd w3.

## IMPROVEMENT CLUBS

EASILY ORGANIZED AND A POWER IN TOWN BETTERMENT.

America's First Association of This Kind and What It Has Accomplished—The Society's Work Increases Value of Property.

Every town should and could have a village improvement society. When properly handled, they are productive of excellent results. The good that a wide awake and thoroughly in earnest village improvement society can accomplish can only be appreciated where it exists.

It is an exceedingly simple matter to organize one of these societies. The officers usually consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and executive committee. The meetings are usually held monthly, with an annual meeting held in the spring. Special meetings may be called at any time by the president, and the annual dues vary from \$1 to \$5.

The first incorporated village improvement society in the United States is said to be the Laurel Hill association of Stockbridge, Mass. It was organized by a Stockbridge woman, and her untiring efforts to rouse the people resulted in a public meeting where the subject was discussed and a society was organized. As a result the Stockbridge of today stands out in marked contrast with the Stockbridge of the past. The main street, irregularly laid out and unevenly graded, with deep pools of standing water, with few trees and fewer sidewalks, the "green" without trees or any semblance of ornament, loaded wagons making deep ruts almost to the church door, the cemetery with broken down wooden fences and full of brambles and weeds—these were the conditions in 1853.

Today streets are graded and lined with shade trees. At the first annual meeting the treasurer reported that the amount paid in in labor or cash was \$1,306. The number of trees planted the first year was 423. At this meeting Cyrus W. Field and E. W. Pomeroy together gave \$250 to be used for prizes. Fifty cents was given for every thirty tree planted of kinds specified; \$1.00 or a silver cup of equal value to the planter of the best fifteen trees; to the second best, \$0.50; to the third best, \$0.25. All the trees were to be planted within certain specified limits.

Another prize of \$10 was offered for the largest number and the best trees planted along any public roads of the town. A prize of \$10 was given to the person who made the longest and best sidewalk and another \$10 to the person who made the greatest improvement in the grounds around his dwelling anywhere in the town. A reward of \$10 was offered for evidence which should lead to the conviction of any one injuring the trees and footbridges under the care of the association.

When \$2,000 was given for a free town library by a single benefactor this amount was nearly doubled by individual contributions. The library building, a fine stone edifice, with reading room and lecture hall, costing \$25,000, was the gift of the late J. Z. Goodrich. Mr. Cyrus W. Field gave \$10,000 for a park, and David Dudley Field in the last year of his life gave to Stockbridge fifty-eight acres of land, including the romantic Ice Glen, for a mountain park, together with \$5,000 for its improvement.

The Laurel Hill association, with an offer to pay one-half the expense, induced the railroad company to add an acre and a half to the grounds about its station and to erect an elegant building. This association has beautifully adorned these grounds.

## A Comprehensive Improvement Plan.

"The climate, the soil, the topography and the general conditions existing in California are such that its towns could be and should be made the most beautiful in the world." With the above extract from an interview with Daniel H. Burnham, the well known architect, the Riverside (Cal.) Enterprise urges the beautifying of California towns as a financial investment by the removal of unsightly objects—poles, billboards, weeds, fences and other structures; the beautifying of streets—the street plan, tree planting, parkways, other adornments; parks, playgrounds and other streets—for small streets, for large towns, the cultivation of vacant lots; structures—building regulations with a view to stimulating art, public buildings, private buildings; administration—the desirability of improvement clubs, tree planting and park commissions, the office of town forester, the value of expert aid, the cost; how can additional revenue be secured; consideration of a proposed law providing a method for beautifying towns.

## Factors in Town Prosperity.

Some of the finest roads in all the west are to be found in the country tributary to Julian, Neb., and the credit for this condition belongs largely to one man, C. L. Mesnet, cashier of the Bank of Julian, says the Auto Advocate and Country Roads. All the highways leading into the town are in the finest possible condition. They are constantly dragged with a road scraper, which is attached to a traction engine. The roads are crowned so that the water drains off nicely, and the ditches on both sides of the roads are so constructed that they carry off the water easily. The roads are as hard and smooth as if they were macadamized or asphalted, and vehicles run over them with the ease and lightness of a sulky on a race track. The funds for the work are collected by public subscription, and in making these collections Mr. Mesnet has been the leader. The result has been to make Julian the most prosperous town of its size in Nebraska.

## Christmas Is Nearly Here

Get a Useful Present for Your Family

My stock of Caps and Tobogans is comple. Get one of those Nice Rugs. A good pair of Shoes with double toe makes a good present. Don't wait, but come now. Initial Handkerchiefs. Everything at Lowest Prices

SEE OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

## J. D. HAYNES

## ... R. R. HALLSELL ...

Will open a private school in the West half of the Opera House September 1. This school will be operated in connection with the Durant Practical Business College, thereby affording an opportunity to complete the business and literary education at the same time.

Hours of study from 8 to 4. One night each week devoted to review and Saturday night to debate.

## ... R. R. HALLSELL ...

## To The Farmers

We are after you with a long pole on the end of which are bargains and values unmatchable. We have just received our fall line of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, Etc.,—everything in wearing apparel for men, women, children and babies. This store was never so chock full before—all new and up-to-date. We bought early and bought cheap and we are selling them the same way. We want your trade. We will not be undersold. Come and let us show you and price you.

## Townsend & Company

Durant, Ind. Ter.

## TO AILING WOMEN.

A Little Sound Advice Will Help Many a Sufferer.

No woman can be healthy and well if the kidneys are sick. Poisons that pass off in the urine when the kidneys are well are retained in the body when the kidneys are sick. Kidneys and bladder get inflamed and swollen, crowding the delicate female organs nearby and sometimes displacing them. This is the true cause of many bearing-own pains, lameness, backache, sideache, etc. Uric poisoning, also causes headache, dizzy spells, languor, nervousness and rheumatic pain. When suffering so, try Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that cures sick kidneys. You will get better as the kidneys get better, and health will return when the kidneys are well.

Mrs. E. Ra-h, residing at 266 West Second street, Oklahoma City, Okla., says: "I suffered very much from my kidneys failing to perform their functions properly. My back was very lame and at times I was laid up with it for days. I was weighed down with languor and depression and suffered from annoying irregularities of the kidney secretions. Doan's Kidney Pills were brought to my notice

and I procured them. They soon relieved the aching and lameness in my back and rendered the secretions normal. I have every confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills. I cheerfully give them my indorsement."

For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

No Opium in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

There is not the least danger in giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to small children as it contains no opium or other harmful drug. It has an established reputation of more than thirty years as the most successful medicine in use for colds, croup and weeping cough. It always cures and is pleasant to take. Children like it. Sold by all druggists.

## In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in mad chase after health, from one extreme of faddism to another, when, if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would all pass away. Prompt relief and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble. 25c at all drug stores; guaranteed.