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Neighbor- hood Notes

TEXAS.

COMING TO EL PASO.

A dispatch from Austin to the Houston Post says: "Rev. H. M. Whaling, for the past three years pastor of the Tenth street Methodist church, preached his last sermon in Austin tonight to a church filled to overflowing with friends. He goes from here to Rockdale to attend the conference and from there he will be sent to El Paso to take charge of the Trinity Methodist church. Dr. Whaling came here from Baltimore and leaves many friends in Austin."

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

"Papa, you are killing me!" That was the first intimation that John Schlunger, of Dallas, had that his little 9-year-old boy was tangled in a rear wheel of the vehicle he was driving. Looking around he was horrified to see that his boy, who had been hanging on the rear of the vehicle had got one of his legs caught in the wheel and it was being torn from his body. The leg was amputated at the hip joint and the lad was not expected to live through the night.

STRANGE IF TRUE.

A dispatch from Austin says that at a recent meeting of the county commissioners in that city County Judge Calhoun appeared before the body and requested a reduction of his salary from \$1,800 to \$1,200. The commissioners agreed that his salary should be decreased but a decrease of \$600 a year was not enough for them. One of them requested that the judge's salary be cut down one half and make it \$900 per year. This led to a discussion and the question not being easy to settle it was postponed subject to call.

MAY HAVE BEEN HUNG.

There is still considerable mystery about the death of Thomas Skidmore, a citizen of Lamar county who was found hanging to a tree just across the line in Red River county below Hillsboro. It was at first thought that he had been mobbed and lynched, but afterward when a note was found in his pocket the conclusion that he had committed suicide by hanging was formed. Now the suicide theory is doubted by many of his friends. A place near the tree where it is evident a struggle took place has been discovered and it is believed he was murdered and then hung to avoid suspicion. The note could be a clever scheme to help cover the crime. The sheriff is investigating the case.

THE BRICK FLIRTATION.

The Enterprise of Lewisville, Denton county, says that a young lady of that place asked the paper to furnish her with a new flirtation. She said she knew the fan, handkerchief and

parasol flirtations but they were growing old and she wanted a new one. The Enterprise gives her the following:—Brick flirtation.—Picking up a brick from the street—I am watching you. Carrying brick in right hand—I am waiting for you. Biting off a corner of the brick—I love you. Rubbing brick on nose—Write to me. Scratching left ear with brick—Don't speak to me. Balancing brick on end of nose—We are watched. Laying the brick down and jumping over it backwards—I am married. Throwing brick at stranger's head—I want your attention. This flirtation is guaranteed by the Enterprise to attract the attention of any one upon whom you wish to make an impression.

A CONDUCTOR'S DILEMMA.

G. V. Henry, formerly a conductor on the M. K. & T. railroad, who is plaintiff in a \$50,000 damage suit against that company in the district court at Ft. Worth, has other troubles besides being permanently disabled by falling from his train. At the trial the railroad's counsel confronted him with two lawfully wedded wives. They are put on the stand to prove that his injuries were not caused by the railroad accident but resulted from other causes. It developed that one of his wives, who is blind, was deserted by him several years ago and until she was pronounced in court the second wife never suspected that he had been married before. When the two women met in the court room there was a sensational scene. His blind wife is now making her home in Kansas City and had lost track of her husband until a claim agent of the Katy railroad traced her up and located her.

A DASTARDLY CRIME.

The Culppepper ranch, eight miles east of Beeville, is the scene of one of the most dastardly crimes ever committed. A very old Mexican, who was never known by any other name than Jose, and who was harmless and well respected, was found dead in a thicket on the ranch with his head crushed and his body burned to a crisp. He was engaged in chopping wood on the ranch and was brutally murdered, wrapped in his bed clothing and burned. He had been camping near the thicket and the murderer evidently thought he would leave the impression that the old man's bed clothing had become ignited accidentally while he slept. His brains were knocked out and part of them were cooked in his mouth. A Mexican nearby was suspected because he was known to have heard the old man say he had lots of money and he was arrested. The ax with which Jose had been cutting wood was found at the suspect's house and he could not give satisfactory reasons for it being there. He was jailed at Beeville to await developments.

ARIZONA.

A YARN CONTEST.

A contest is on between papers of Yavapai and Yuma counties to see which can tell the biggest deer hunting story. A Yavapai county paper says that a citizen of that county killed an entire bunch of four deer at one stand.

A Yuma county paper gives that the horse laugh and says that a citizen of that county killed six out of a bunch of eight at one stand, or rather at one run, as almost all of them were killed on the run, two of them being shot at very long range. His cartridges gave out or, he says, he could have killed the whole bunch. The hunter gained a point of slight eminence, overlooking a valley, in which the deer were feeding, and he had two of them killed before they knew what had happened. Then the others ran in the direction to his best advantage and lined out so that he had an unobstructed view of them and he could kill them as far as his gun would shoot.

EVERYTHING AGAINST HIM.

David Care, a miner who owns some good claims up in the edge of the Bradshaw mountains, went into Phoenix to buy some clothing and tell a rare hard luck story about himself. A spring near his camp from which he had been getting his water, went dry and he took his two canteens two miles up into the mountains to fill them at another spring. On the way back he dropped one of them and it went tumbling over a precipice 200 feet high. He found it badly shattered and made a waste of flour and water to mend it. That night the rats ate the paste and he gave up mending his canteen, managing to plug along with one. Then he went up to the spring to wash his clothes. He hung them out to dry and went back to camp. He went back the next day to get them and found that some hungry range cattle had eaten them up. He says he will not go back until the grass gets better so that the cows will not have to depend on his clothing for sustenance.

PLUNGED TO DEATH.

David Perea, a 19-year-old citizen of St. Johns, while carrying the mail to that place from Springville, met a horrible death. It was his first trip and he did not know the road. It was a dark and rainy night and he could not see the way, so he let the horse take its own course. The horse left the road and wandered towards the canyon of the Little Colorado. It is supposed that when the horse reached the brink of the canyon he stopped and Perea got out to see what the trouble was. Not knowing of the nearness of the canyon he stepped off the edge of a sixty foot precipice and plunged to his death. His body was found in a sitting posture between two rocks, one arm, one leg and his neck being broken. A searching party went out from St. Johns the next day and Perea's brother was the first to find the body. He leaves five brothers, four sisters and an aged mother. He was considered a good boy and his loss is mourned extensively in the territory where he was known.

NEW MEXICO.

MICA MINES LEASED.

At a meeting of the Santa Fe Mica company in the office of Gov. Otero, a lease on the company's prospects near Nambé, in the Santa Fe county, was given to O. H. Howarth, of London,

England, who was present at the meeting. Mr. Howarth agrees to begin work on the prospects at once and to spend at least \$10,000 in opening the mica deposits. He will pay royalty on all the mica taken out.

HIDDEN TREASURES FOUND.

On the road to Pellman's well, about eight miles from Tularosa, two prospectors uncovered some tools, provisions and treasures that were buried there many years ago. The find consists of the following: Mining implements, including gads, drills, picks, shovels, saws, hammer and axe, coffee mill, coffee and tobacco, 100 pounds of rich gold bearing rock, fifty Mexican dollars and 190 smaller coins. The handles of the tools were decayed which indicates that they were buried several years. The articles were probably hidden by some one who intended to return to the spot and get them. It is supposed that they were hidden by prospectors who either lost their bearings and could not locate the spot again or were killed by the Indians. The gold panned out \$31.40.

EVIDENTLY MURDERED.

At Galisteo a Santa Fe passenger train struck the body of a man that was lying on the track. It was at first supposed that the engine killed the man and he was taken to Santa Fe and delivered to an undertaker, who found a bullet hole in his breast. This prompted the theory that he was killed for his money and placed on the track. Papers on the person gave the information that his name was J. H. Larson and that he was a boiler maker from Holly Springs, Miss. He wore an Odd Fellows' badge and was well dressed. He had been in Las Vegas the day before and was known to have some money in a pocketbook and both the money and pocketbook were missing from the body. There was a man with him in Las Vegas and it is thought they left together on a freight train, but the companion could not be found. The Odd Fellow lodge at Holly Springs has ordered the body shipped there at its expense.

MEXICO.

GOOD WORD FOR US.

Our neighbor on the frontier is making elaborate preparations for the grand carnival which will be held there next month. El Paso is not as large as some cities, but it contains a large proportion of push and energy in its make-up.—Chihuahua Enterprise.

OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUR ELECTION.

The Enterprise says that Chihuahua has already begun to feel the effects of the American election and in the years to come when the "oldest inhabitant" speaks of the history of Chihuahua he will have much to say of the tremendous boom which struck the town just after the re-election of "El Presidente McKinley."

CHIHUAHUA EXHIBIT WON.

The Chihuahua exhibit at the Coyoacan fair won many honors. The grand prize, a handsome clock, award-

ed to the best general head of stock, was won by the Chihuahua Hereford cattle. Six other prizes and various diplomas were also carried off by Chihuahua. A Kansas City man who was there says that one of the greatest honors won by the Chihuahua exhibit was the attention given it by President Diaz, it being plain that he took a greater interest in it than any other.

GOING TO MEXICO.

A party of prominent citizens of Buffalo, N. Y., are on their way to the City of Mexico on a pleasure trip and incidentally for the purpose of booming the Pan-American Exposition to be held in their city in 1902. The party is traveling in the private car of F. H. Goodyear, president of the Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad. They stopped a day at St. Louis and left that city over the Iron Mountain road Sunday night. Their next stopping place is San Antonio, from where they will enter Mexico over the Mexican International. In addition to Mr. Goodyear, there are in the party, Edmund Hayes, engineer and capitalist; Roswell Park and Charles Carey, physicians; Ainsley Wilcox, attorney; S. M. Clement, bank president; these are from Buffalo and E. J. Barney, the millionaire car manufacturer of Dayton, Ohio. They will spend about two weeks in the city and probably return by way of the Mexican Central and El Paso.

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