SOCIETY NOTES.

Dallas.

...ciety is evidently becoming ...al and metropolitan, and ...ng divested of that peculiar ...monly known as "shoddy ... The GAZETTE corres... ...d to this conclusion by ... that for a week past a ...yrolean vocalists have ... nightly entertainments ... air public resort, ...al garden where ... wines, cigars, ice cream ...refreshments are dispensed, ...audience, seated at tables ...-tropical shade trees, in ...and beside miniature arti... ...and pretty fountains, were ...gentlemen of the highest so... ...of Dallas. There were ...merchants, real estate bro... ...men, accompanied ... ...presence is rarely ...the most select pri... ...musicale or the most ...entertainments. A ...the peculiar aristo... ...nt among this same ...were substantially, ...vulgar and the "low ...of society would, or ...seen at this very ...It is a hopeful and ...n to observe the sen... ...timent that is ap... ...above observation. ...be too par... ...their social ...there is such a thing ...straight-laced and of ta... ...persons and frowning ...harmless amusements in ...alleged aristocracy. Dallas ...tinue this spirit of advance... ...liberality.

...been but little to chronicle ...affairs the past week. The ...m is making people seek ...stead of the drawing room ...room. Private and select ...ing parties have been the ...mber of which enjoyable ...occurred in various parts

...esting society event is down ...ing week. Mr. W. J. Pat... ...ding Dallas business man, ...Mrs. Anna E. Ragan, of Cor... ...Mr. Newton J. White, of ...nnessee, will lead to the ...Dallas May Gardener, of ...county. This doubling-up ...occur on the evening of ...

...graphers' Brotherhood give ...of a most elegant ...evening entertainment at ...park on Tuesday ...and evening next, in the ...a picnic and ball. If the ...enders make as successful ...the social sphere as they ...at the Western Union they ...every reason to be proud of ...n. The following citizens, ...from the most prominent ...broks of the city, gives ...ance that the event will be ...opriately conducted, and ...liberally patronized: W. L. ...ayor of Dallas, chairman; ...V. Tompkins, W. G. Veal, ...Davis, W. C. Connor, ...W. K. Wheelock, T. L. ...Sam Klein, J. C. Bogel, ...ker, W. H. Fippin, C. A. ...W. C. Howard, E. T. Kelly, ...C. Moore, a most estimable ...y and belle of Independence, ...in the city the past week ...a school vacation with

...heeler and wife of Breckenridge ...been among the visitors to ...past week.

...ook and wife of Corsicana ...ta of the Grand Windsor ...day.

...tt and daughter and Mrs. ...nd son of McKinney were ...shopping expedition Thurs...

...rence Morris of Springfield, ...r several weeks past visiting ...of F. R. Rowley, departed ...Friday. A number of her ...ntlemen friends compli... ...r with a serenade the night ...her departure.

...ollie Leonard has recovered ...ere spell of sickness, and is ...e to mingle with host of

...lie Wright, a charming lit... ...of East Dallas, is absent at ...tding her friend, Mrs. D. M. ...se Miss Annie Barksdale.

Marshall.

...ia Greer is visiting friends ...port.

...rge L. Hill is on a business ...w York.

...W. Hynson is on a trip to ...th.

...eisman is in New York buy...

...ie McFarlin has returned ...

...B. Steadman has returned ...xtended trip to West Vir...

...E. Clemmons, jr., has re... ...m a visit to her old home at ...lle Tennessee.

...ara Zastrevy, of Jefferson, is ...e Misses Lipscomb, of our

...el T. Davis is attending a ...ting near Longview.

...aggie Preston, of Jefferson is ...Minnie Burns.

...Mason and wife, of San An... ...visiting relatives here.

...S. Bass is in the city.

...ie Ford and Mrs. E. A. Con... ...Shreveport, are visiting Mrs. ...rwood.

...ie Field, of Mansfield, La., ...her sister, Mrs. L. J. Wor... ...m city.

...ie Williams has gone to Dal... ...in the employ of the West... ...n Telegraph Company.

...rey, Esq., is on a visit to his ...in Georgia.

...Heard has returned from ...Springs.

...en Lancaster is visiting ...Baker, at Carthage.

...man is on a business trip to ...

...Bradburn, of Gouldsboro, ...

...has gone to Temple and ...in the drug business with ...Smith & Company of that

...enth annual Harrison coun... ...ll be held in this city on the ...ober.

...o Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Knott, ...s, a daughter.

...o Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jen... ...bly 21st, a daughter.

...o Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Heart... ...22d, a son.

Mineola.

Miss Carrie Bruce and Mrs. C. H. Reeves are visiting friends and relatives at Tyler.

Mr. Ed Rosenbaum and lady of Canton, accompanied by little Nora, passed through here on Friday en route to Greenville.

Mrs. W. E. Wigley has returned from Longview.

Miss Clara Trout of Terrell is visiting the family of Dr. Patten.

Miss Montille Bean has returned to Winnsboro.

Miss Beulah Smith of Smith county is the guest of Mrs. Erwin.

Miss Mittie Taylor has returned to Longview.

Mrs. John and Miss May Freeman left on Monday to visit friends in Smith county.

Miss Helen Mims left for Tyler on Saturday.

Miss Virgie Giles gave a gay party on Thursday evening.

On the same night Prof. George's dancing school closed, after a flatteringly successful season.

Miss May Scoble, of Fort Worth, is visiting Mrs. J. G. Harris.

On Friday last Mrs. S. H. Hart returned from a protracted visit to friends at Gilmer.

Mr. J. H. Newsom and lady have returned from Mineral Wells. Mr. Newsom says that Mineral Wells is on a general boom and backs up his assertion by narrating how one young man caused a flutter in the ice cream market by "setting 'em up" to a crowd of about one hundred, chiefly of widows and young ladies.

Mrs. Thomas Green has gone to Mineral Wells to spend the hot months there.

We had the pleasure last week of seeing the GAZETTE'S "nice young man," Mr. E. G. Senter.

TAYLOR COUNTY.

A Colored Exodus to Kansas—Grading Wool for Shipment—Social and Personal Chat at Abilene.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

Abilene, July 28.—Army prisoners, all colored, under the charge of Lieutenant Woodbury, sixteenth infantry for the Fort Leavenworth, Kas., military prison. Thirteen are from Fort Davis and five from Fort Concho. They are a hard looking set of niggers.

Messrs Wright & Seay, prominent wool buyers here, have struck upon the right thing at last. They are at Wenifer and Breckenridge with competent men grading wool that they bought here from Bob Wiley and others, and will have 500 bales of 550 560 pounds each which has been carefully graded and pressed in a new patent wool press ready for the factory. Each grade is marked and stamped "graded A 1; A 2; B 1; B 2; C 1; C 2. We hope it will prove a successful experiment of theirs. This firm want it thoroughly to be understood by the wool-growers that tying wool with the old large twine is a detriment to the sale of fine wool. For coarse wool it makes no difference.

There was a big time last night at Kemp's store. The Abilene cornet band gave a grand entertainment and ball. Mr. P. S. Kauffman, late of Mexia, is the leader of the band. This band is one of the best west of Fort Worth. The entertainment was for the benefit of the band to buy uniforms, etc. A very pleasant dance concluded the entertainment, and every one was satisfied.

The passenger train is so crowded between Fort Worth and Abilene every day that we suggest investigation into the matter, and the advisability of the company to put an extra car on the road. Complaint come in that every train is full and no seats for the men.

There will be a circus here Monday quite a new thing for the far West. The advance agent is here, and has a fine display of advertisements in the town

We were entertained yesterday at F. C. Murray's house. He has a model farm near Abilene, and it pays him. This gentleman came to Texas a few years ago from Kentucky and settled in Taylor county before there was such a place as Abilene. He has a fine rock house and 160 acres in cultivation, and what is more he does it well. That is more than can be said of the majority of Texas farmers. He can raise anything that is good to eat on this farm, and will always be pleased to show it to anyone. He is one of our county commissioners and believes in education. He has two very accomplished and highly educated daughters, who are well thought of by the young gentlemen of Abilene. His son we are satisfied will be trained in some of our high schools when old enough.

PARKER COUNTY.

A Residence Burned—Personal and Social—A Farmer's Suggestion.

Correspondence to the Gazette.

Weatherford, July 28.—Last night about ten o'clock the residence of Mr. Ira B. Taylor, on Lee avenue, caught fire and was entirely consumed, with a considerable portion of furniture and household goods. Loss about $1,600; insurance $1,200.

A picnic and tournament is going on in the southeastern part of town as I write; also a shooting match. A good deal of gay bunting is displayed and the folks seem to be having a good time.

Mrs. Susan D. Loving returned from a protracted visit to her children at Fort Worth, yesterday. She was accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Geo. B. Loving, and her little son, master Roy.

Miss Lucy Ford is on a visit to the family of her uncle, Mr. J. C. Loving at Lost Valley, Jack county.

Mr. B. R. Willett, after spending two or three days in Weatherford, left for his home in Lost Valley, last Monday.

Two nephews of our townsman, Judge J. M. Richards, are on a visit to their uncle. Their names, unfortunately, have eluded me.

After diligent inquiry, I find one man who has discovered the approach of the boll worm. He thinks close observation will discover them in most cotton fields and strongly recommends a preparation of three parts molasses and one part vinegar, to be placed in open vessels, elevated above the cotton, say three or four to ten acres, as being better than lamps to destroy them. He argues that the light attracts the moth from the surrounding country and thus counteracts the good it does.

This gentleman is Mr. W. D. Hatt, a very intelligent farmer of this county whose opinions are worth considering.

Texas Ahead on Big Stories.

(New York Herald.)

The Lone Star State still maintains the large story championship that she won a few months ago by the tale of an aerolite an acre square falling upon Worth county. The latest is of a carriage load of skeletons under a scarred tree, the inference being that all were killed by a stroke of lightning. All the skeletons were sitting "bolt upright," which shows that electricity as a stiffener of the spinal column has never been sufficiently valued. It is to be regretted that the writer of the story did not specify in what position the skeletons of the horses were found. Texas journalists should avoid all appearance of carelessness when they have an interesting subject in hand. The strangest thing about the tale, however, is that five people who could afford to go carriage riding in Texas have never been missed by their friends or advertised for. But perhaps some sole and wicked relative, who wanted to put them out of the way, was the driver of the vehicle and went out in search of that very tree and the fatal flash of lightning, intending to escape in time. The man who started the story should be sent back to finish it.

A Joke on Dr. Smoot.

(Austin Statesman.)

A reporter for the *Statesman* had an interview with Dr. Smoot yesterday, and he tells a good joke gotten off by the robber when he was interviewing the doctor. When Dr. Smoot told him his watch was engraved he said to him, in a tone indicative of doubt: "Pass it over please, and let me see for myself." The doctor handed it over, and the robber with his left hand opened the cases and passed his thumb over the inside of them feeling the engraving. Then he replied:

"Yes, it is all cut to pieces and of no use to me—you did tell the TRUTH for ONCE in your life," putting a very peculiar emphasis on the words "truth" and "once." The doctor says it caused him to smile notwithstanding the situation was a very embarrassing one, for he had just before informed him he was a preacher.

Killing a Bullock Against Time.

Cleveland, July 26.—Three thousand people went to Rocky River, a resort near this city, this afternoon, to witness a novel contest. It was extensively advertised that two champion butchers, John Smith of Boston and Charles Smith of Chicago, would kill and dress two large bullocks for $1,000 a side and the championship of the United States. Bets were about even, both men having records of less than six minutes. At the appointed hour Mitchell, the Boston man, failed to show up, having cut three of his fingers. He forfeited his money. Smith, of Chicago, then killed and dressed a bullock weighing 1200 pounds in just seven minutes and three seconds. Another match will be made at some future time.

Yearling Kentucky whisky, by doctoring, is as precocious as the ten year-old brands were in old fogy times. The plentiful use of ice renders beer cool enough to be swallowed on the same day of manufacture. And yet customers grumble because they sometimes have to wait a long two minutes for a "fresh tap."

Dr. Daniel Asbury, of North Carolina, is plumbing his pinions for a public aerial ascension and sail. The two canvas wings of his flying machine stretch thirty feet broad from tip to tip, and all that the man-bird has to do to regulate his flight is to work a pedal like that on a sewing machine.

M. A. Dauphin vs. Postmaster-General Gresham is the style of a suit lately instituted in the federal court at Washington, based upon a claim for damages in the sum of $100,000, because of the decision recently made by the postmaster-general in the matter of transmitting money to the Louisiana state lottery.

A poisonous gas hole among the stalactite caves in the Yosemite is called Stygian Cave. Birds drop dead flying over its mouth, and small animals entering perish at once. It is filled with crystalline pendants of deep emerald hue.

Lee Childe, a nephew of Gen. Robert E. Lee, has fallen heir to the estate of the late Baroness de Triquety, whose neice he married a few years ago. Mr. Childe has been living in Paris for several years.

There are two rules to follow in skimming milk. If the cream is to be sold skim deep; if the milk is to sold, skim deep. Never fail to skim deep.

Mrs. Annie Besant is coming over from England on missionary work. Her hobby is that there are already more than enough people in the world.

An inactive condition of the blood and liver, is the source of nearly all diseases; they are made pure, active and healthy, by using Brown's Sarsaparilla, and Dandelion with Iodide of Potassium; it speedily cures: Boils, Pimples, Kidney Diseases, Ulcers, Scrofula, Erysipelas, Dyspepsia, Rheumatism. Try this Great Blood Purifyer, Brown's Sarsaparilla, ask your druggist to show you the formula printed on every bottle. All druggists sell Brown's Sarsaparilla.

To Capitalists.

$25,000 city property, paying 25 per cent in rents, will be sold on easy terms. Texas Investment Co.

This Month.

Summer coats from 25c up at the People's Clothing House, 13 Main street.

Sleepless nights made miserable by that terrible cough. Shiloh's cure is the remedy for you. Sold by L. N. Brunswig & Co.

Coal! Coal!! Coal!!!

I am now prepared to furnish "Indian Nation" in car lots at very low rates, and would recommend consumers to buy their supply before cold weather. Call or telephone elevator office for prices, which will astonish you. N. C. BROOKS.

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Terrell *Times*: Down at the Elmo there is in first-class condition the recently invented and thoroughly tested compress. This giant machine is said to be immeasurable in its power and will, it is believed, take the place of the heavier and costlier compress. It can be put up for less than a thousand dollars including the engine. Propositions have been made to the people of Wills Point in regard to erecting one of these compresses in that city. Terrell is to entertain a similar proposition, and Forney will also be invited to consider its advantages. The Texas and Pacific railroad has agreed, we understand, to take cotton reduced in size by this new method at fifty cents per bale less than the original charges for freight.

The New York *Times* says Bartholdi's statue of liberty is now completed and set up, all but the head, and that several persons have visited the interior of the goddess, which is roomy and not at all dark. The natural inference is that her lights are in good order.