

COL. ROBT. G. INGERSOLL, the world renowned agnostic and orator, has been lecturing in Texas the past week against religion. His present lecture, which is entitled "Liberty of Man, Woman and Child," is designated as the "grand climax of the famous agnostic's many assaults upon orthodoxy. And so he has at last reached a climax in his efforts to rob men of their faith and leave them stranded on the shoals of materialism. Then since Col. Ingersoll has at last reached his climax, he should be expected to desist in future, for who would attempt to excel his acknowledged best. And what a pitiful "best" his has been! Endowed with greater powers of oratory than perhaps any other man, and with a genius fully matching it, to what use has he consecrated his wonderful gift? To the breaking down of men's faith in their God, to proving to minds less capable than his that Moses lied, that the gospel is only a myth, and that there is nothing to prompt men to lead a higher life, except because they ought to. This magnetic iconoclast has blasted the simple faith of many souls, and put into the mouths of echoing fools arguments to prove that infidelity is a mark of superior wisdom—and for what? Is it for the price which he gains from the audiences who flock to hear him—many because of his wonderful eloquence—that the great Ingersoll goes about the country sowing the seeds of infidelity whose harvest may bring forth deepest sorrow and fearful wickedness? Surely not for that. A man of his genius and prestige need not resort to the lecture platform for wealth. Nor can it be merely for the gratification of an ambition to be known far and wide as the most eloquent of men. That ambition he has long since attained, and other subjects would serve the purpose as well. Why then does this man strive to make infidels of his fellow men? What can it profit Robert G. Ingersoll if he succeed in converting a few or many from their faith in the Bible to infidelity? He substitutes no other faith for that he would destroy. It is surely matter for wonder that a man of so many talents should bend every effort to rob men of a belief which, even if it be false, can do none any harm, and if it be true, is of greater worth to man than meat and raiment, than friends and gold, all combined, and of these latter things Robert G. Ingersoll would be the last to deprive anyone. It cannot be denied that Col. Ingersoll has a perfect right to his own belief or non-belief, but he has no right to woo others with his glowing rhetoric from the faith which may mean so much to them. The man who merely does roys what others have built and put nothing in place of the blackened ruins he has made is an enemy of man.

#### FIGHT SET FOR FRIDAY.

A Little Unpleasantness Between the Pugilists.

Special to THE HERALD.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 17.—At a conference late this afternoon a compromise was effected and the fight is now positively set for Friday next. Connelly posted \$1,000 guarantee to insure Maher's appearance in the ring on that day. The conference was a red hot affair. Fitzsimmons who was present turned to Connelly and said "You are all a pack of bloody curs; you are afraid to fight and your man has not been able to condition himself because he has been afraid all along." Then waving his hands he yelled to the crowd of newspapers men and spectators. Then gentlemen the whole thing is off. I refuse to fight Maher unless I am paid my forfeit money. I am willing to fight Maher, Corbett or any man in the world." His statement was greeted with cheers and Fitz again dubbed Maher and his friends a pack of curs. Connelly lost his temper and returned the compliment with each phrase. Order was finally restored. Julian then made a proposition that Connelly name arbitrators and he, Julian would accept the decision. The proposition was greeted with yells of approval by the crowd and Connelly accepted it. The committee named by Connelly decided that the articles of agreement of December were abrogated and that under the circumstances Fitz could claim forfeit. The committee consisted of Dan Stuart, George Siler, Lou Houseman, W. Naughton, Tom O. Bourke and Fitzgerald.

#### PRISONERS BEING SHOT.

Special to THE HERALD.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 16.—One hundred and forty passengers arrived on the steamer Olivette tonight. They say that the rumor prevails in Havana that the prisoners in Moro castle are being shot, as the firing can be heard in the city. Gomez has notified Gen. Weyler that should he attempt to repeat his atrocities of the forge revolution he would be shot by Cuban assassins. A Spanish secret service detective, named Garcia will arrive on the next steamer commanded to remain here to spy upon the expeditions.

#### CUBAN NEWS.

Special to THE HERALD.

Panama, Feb. 17.—It is now reported that Maceo had succeeded in crossing the military line drawn across the island to prevent his escape from the province of Pinar del Rio that he passed between Mephyuiana and Waterloo on the South coast and has entered the province of Havana.

#### GOLD MINE AT LLANO.

Special to THE HERALD.

Llano, Tex., Feb. 15.—Great excitement prevails in this county over the discovery of gold near here. Expert miners say this metal exists in great quantities. Several parties have been washing \$2.50 and \$3 a day. They are in hopes of striking the main lead in the near future.

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#### THE VENEZUELAN MATTER

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London, Feb. 17.—The Daily News in an editorial regrets that such a grave subject as the Venezuelan question has not been raised by a more influential man than L. Atherly Jones, the radical member who moved an amendment expressing the regret of the house at the absence from the Queen's of an assurance that the Venezuelan boundary dispute be submitted to arbitration. No liberal wishes to pick a quarrel with Lord Salisbury over Venezuela. The Daily News continues: "Therefore it is impossible that the house of commons should adopt the Jones amendment. It would be a virtual vote to insure which would be in the present case unpatriotic and absurd. The whole country would we hope wring from Mr. Balfour an announcement of a general arbitration."

London, Feb. 16.—An editorial in the Times this morning continues more interesting and important suggestions on the subject of Venezuela. The Times suggests that the English appoint a strong and independent commission to investigate Venezuela dispute for the enlightenment of parliament and the public as early as the Washington commission shall report. It adds that there will be no difficulty in finding eminent men whose conclusions would be unhesitatingly accepted. The Times also suggests that the explanation of Lord Salisbury's phrase, "A combination of negotiation and arbitration," used by him in his speech in reply to Lord Roseberry's speech in the house of Lords is that negotiations be employed to settle the limits of the questions which shall be admitted to arbitration.

#### MRS. NANSEN HAS NO NEWS.

Special to THE HERALD.

New York, Feb. 17.—The copyrighted correspondence of the Associated Press from Christiania, Norway, says:

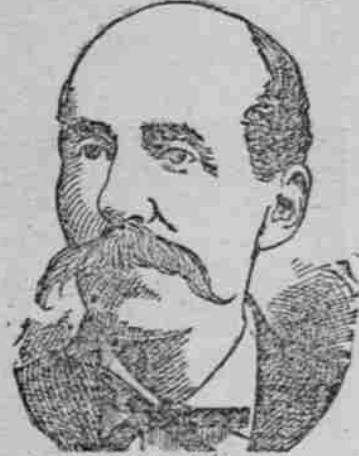
Having in mind that the first news of himself that Nansen, the explorer, could by any possibility transmit would possibly be to his wife, a representative of the Associated Press has called upon Mrs. Nansen. She has received no word from her husband directly but she is profoundly hopeful that the news which came from Jatusk and has since been corroborated from other sources is authentic and that Dr. Nansen has in fact, solved the secret of the north pole and is now safely returning from the frozen regions. It must be added, however, that there is a reservation of doubt in Mrs. Nansen's mind, despite the hopefulness that buoy's her up. The absence of direct news to her self leaves the room for this doubt. She will not allow herself to take assurance of her husband's good fortune, until she hears it from himself. She fears the possible fall from this high point of happiness, should there be subsequent disappointment.

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THE Arkansas Pass Herald is now issued daily and is a very creditable journal, containing a page of press dispatches, and other fresh and interesting matter besides. It is fully awake to the advantages of a prospective deep water pass within reach of its people, and is doing all in its power to let the world know it.

SOME prominent geographers seem inclined to doubt the truth of the reported discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Nansen. The great explorer will have to bring a chip off the pole itself in order to convince there doubting Thomases.

SOME folks think they do you a great favor when they pay what they owe you. What those think who owe and don't pay is more than we can tell.

AND now the sound money democrats have had their say.

#### THE WOMAN OF WASHINGTON'S HEART.

Mrs. Burton Harrison has written for the March Ladies' Home Journal an authoritative sketch of Sally Cary, to whom George Washington, in his private letters, clearly points as the passion of his life. Mrs. Harrison, who was Miss Constance Cary before her marriage, is a direct descendant of Sally Cary, as well as, on her mother's side, of the Fairfax family, into which the Southern beauty of Washington's day finally married.

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