

## Waco Evening News

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The steel rail manufacturers of England, France, Germany and Belgium have formed a trust.

The unseasonable winter weather makes some difference in the coal business. Every warm day means 100,000 tons of coal less consumed.

A young physician of Fall River, Mass., is laid up with a disease of the tongue, attributed to excessive cigarette smoking.

Mrs. William Astor, at a recent reception the other day, had her house profusely decorated with Magna Charta roses which cost \$2 each, and Japanese apple blossoms, for which the florist taxed her \$10 a spray.

Fort Worth citizens have subscribed \$37,000 of the \$40,000 asked as a bonus to build the Northwestern railroad. Several gentlemen who did not own real estate in the city subscribed as much as \$500 each. Fort Worth always "gets there."

C. P. Huntington declares that the Chinese exclusion bill has killed our trade with China, and as a consequence the line of steamers running between San Francisco and China will be discontinued as soon as their charter expires.

Bella Ann Lockwood has become very subdued in manner since election and acts as though she had lost her ambition. She spends a great deal of time reading novels and knitting socks—symptoms that are "viewed with alarm" by her friends.

The railroad from Chattanooga to the summit of Lookout Mountain was completed on Saturday. This will make a trip to the scene of the battle in the clouds one of real pleasure, and will be the means of attracting thousands to Chattanooga, the most prosperous and progressive manufacturing center of the south—Memphis Appeal.

Mrs. Cleveland has taken to wearing the Hading veil, but she is added to that article a few clever improvements of her own. The heavy cloud of gauze which hangs around her face is gathered in around the top of her hat and under her chin. The thick screen thus made is an effectual protection against the impudent gaze of curious eyes.

Capt. J. M. Johnson, city editor of the Lancaster (Pa.) Intelligencer, who died in Carlisle on Saturday, was a compositor when a young man, and put in type Poe's "Raven" from the original manuscript. This manuscript he kept and held it in sacred possession until a few years ago, when he sold it for a large sum to George W. Childs of the Philadelphia Ledger.

Anniston, Ala., continues to grow rapidly. Within the past year buildings costing \$1,485,000 were erected, including handsome resident and business houses and a number of factories. The population doubled during the year, and the outlook for the present year is quite as encouraging. All the manufacturing enterprises are in a flourishing condition.

Henry M. Strohm, the sixteen-year-old son of Abram Strohm of New Paris, Ind., who was last year captured and held prisoner by cannibals on the island of Gau, one of the South sea group, whence he finally made his escape, has been heard from. He is now on his way to London in an Australian ship, and hopes to reach home in the spring, when he will circumnavigate the globe.

The annual report of the tomato pack of the United States and Canada, compiled by the American grocer, shows that there were put up last season 3,319,487 cases, of two dozen tin cans each, or a total of 79,666,488 cans, costing at the point of production about \$6,000,000, and reaching the consumers at a total expense of \$8,000,000. This is an increase of about 500,000 cases over the product of 1887. The canning industry has grown rapidly in the Western and Southern states, indicating that in the near future each section of the country will be able to supply its wants from home canneries.

The Baron Von Zedlitz, who will marry Miss Roosevelt, a young American heiress, has become so much annoyed at the assertion that he was after his prospective bride's dollars that he has had measures taken to have her property secured so that it will always be vested in her. According to the standpoint taken by the average titled foreigner who seeks a rich American bride Zedlitz is unworthy of the name of Baron.

According to a German scientific journal they are using electricity in India to prevent snakes going into dwellings. Before all the doors and around the house two wires are laid, insulated from one another and connected with an induction apparatus. When the snake attempts to enter the house or go under it he completes the circuit as he crawls over the two wires, and if the shock he gets doesn't kill him it is likely to frighten him so that he goes away from there as soon as he can.

Regarding the ice question, the Worcester Spy has this: "A veteran cutter between here and Boston is reported as saying that the cold cycles change every five or seven years. The prediction or opinion has been more than verified within the past thirty years. That is to say, in 1859 ice was not fit for cutting till the latter part of February, and the season lasted into March; then came the year 1863, five years intervening; then 1870, seven years intervening; then 1874, four years intervening; then 1881, seven years intervening; and now we have the seven years from 1881 to 1888.

**The Electoral College.**  
Fr. Worth Gazette.

The failure of the Texas electoral college to prepare its returns in accordance with the law might have caused serious complications if the Democrats had elected a president in November by a majority of less than thirteen electoral votes. As it is, the probabilities are that the vote of the state will not be included in the presidential count. The messenger, who was entrusted with the returns left Washington with them Monday, to have them corrected at Austin by the reassembled college. Should he fail to reach Washington next Monday morning, before congress completes the count, the returns will not be received. The incident is of trifling importance, but it serves to call attention to the necessity for a change in the method of ascertaining the choice of the people for their president. The mere possibility of a reversal of their decision because of the mistake or negligence of a single individual is in itself sufficient reason for amending the electoral system.

**The Mississippi Doctor's Error.**

Two agents for a new kind of churn came to the house of Dr. L., of Panola county, Miss., in the evening, and were invited to spend the night. While one was caring for the horses the doctor, conversing with the other, found the men were from a place where he had practiced medicine in his youth. Inquiring about different persons, he at length asked: "And the Misses Brown, where are they? They were without doubt the most ugly women I ever saw."

"Yes," said the agent.  
"What became of them?"  
"One is my wife."  
There was silence.

The doctor presently left the room. Going to the stable he saw the other agent and made a confidant of him, winding up with: "Well, they were uncommonly ugly women. Did you ever see them?"

"Yes."  
And he married the other.

Dr. L.—claims that this is the only break he ever made in entertaining strangers.—Detroit Free Press.

**A Clear Conscience.**

Editor Cheap Monthly—I tell you it makes a man feel good to do a noble action. I'll sleep well to-night.

Admiring Wife—Have you rescued some children from cruelty or saved a life, my dear?

"Well, no, not exactly; but today a young woman who has been furnishing us with beautiful poetry for three years without charge, came into the office and I gave her fifty cents."—Philadelphia Record

**Why Philadelphia Is Slow.**

Chicago Man (in Philadelphia)—Well, I don't wonder Philadelphia is called a slow old town. It would be impossible to do business here.

Philadelphia Host—Eh! Impossible to do business! Why?

"Why, the streets are so narrow you can't dodge creditors."—Philadelphia Record.

**Suffering.**

"No man can ever tell, unless he has passed through a similar experience, what I suffered during my life in Arizona," said Mr. Timberlake. "What?" exclaimed the listener, "were you tortured by the Indians?" "Tortured by the Indians" with supreme contempt. "Naw! I bought a farm on monthly payments."—Burdette in Brooklyn Eagle.

**The Slang User's Fearful End.**

Mother—Johnnie, I do wish you would quit using slang.

"Why?"

"It's as bad as profanity. What do you think will become of the profane and slangy man when he dies?"

"He'll be in the soup."—Nebraska State Journal.

**A Natural Mistake.**

"Mr. Brown," said the milkman, "you sent me the wrong check. This is drawn to the order of the board of water commissioners."

"Why, so it is," replied Mr. Brown, and then he added, "Natural mistake, though, Mr. Pump—very."—Harper's Bazar.

## CURIOUS THINGS OF LIFE.

The town of Springer, Oklahoma, has grown from 50 inhabitants to 5,000 in sixteen days.

A shingle nail was found in a perfectly fresh egg recently by a farmer near Niles, Mich.

A Scotch grave digger once said: "Trade's very dull the noo. I haen a buried a leevin' cratur for three weeks."

A Cedar Rapids, Ia., clergyman recently took this for a text: "Can a man with a family work for \$30 a month and be a Christian?"

"Che Mah," the Chinese dwarf, the smallest lilliputian on earth, aged 50 years, is so small that you can cover him with an ordinary plug hat.

All the money Capt. Kidd ever buried on the shores of the United States did not amount to \$30,000, while hundreds of thousands have been expended in searches.

One of the Caroline islands is owned by an American sailor named Benjamin, who has sixteen wives, about fifty children, and has nothing to do but smoke his pipe and boss the ranch. He publishes a letter in a California paper advising other sailors to do likewise.

Capt. Seth B. McClellan, of Portland, Me., dreamed a few nights ago that his mother's house had been entered by burglars, and the next morning visited the place and went down the cellar. His vision was realized by a burglar, who knocked him senseless with a club.

When Jules Verne wrote his celebrated "Around the World in Eighty Days," it was supposed that he had reached the limit of imagination. But an English postal card actually performed the journey in seventy-five days, thus beating Verne's best time by almost a week.

Mr. Chessman, a wealthy resident of Etna, Pa., who is afflicted with bronchial trouble, is compelled to sing, asleep or awake, to keep from sneezing. His voice can be heard in the stillness of the night floating out on the air in musical cadences which have a weird effect in the quiet village.

Eugene Cramson, a New Haven carpenter, while at work in a building, felt a distance of thirty feet, passing between the floor timbers of the first and second stories, which were only sixteen inches apart, and landed head down on a brick in the cellar. Picked up for dead, he was found to have only sustained scalp wounds.

A peculiarly novel letter has just been sent by an inhabitant of Bath, England, to a friend at Trowbridge. It was written in shorthand on the back of a postage stamp, the address being in ordinary writing. The missive was dropped into the letter box at the general postoffice, and was duly delivered at its destination.

The barkeeper of one of the large New York hotels has decided the interesting question of the value of New Year "swear offs." He says that he has noticed that immediately after the first of the year the receipts for drinks fall off on an average 35 per cent., but as the month advances they gain steadily, and by Feb. 1 they are back to the starting point. A "swear off," therefore, will generally last about thirty days.

## PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The house in which Lord Byron was born is about to be demolished so as to enlarge a draper's shop.

"Let me eat the mince pies of a nation and I care not who sings its songs or makes its laws," says Ben Butler.

M. Jules Simon recently declared French to be the most difficult language in which to talk nonsense. Yet it has been the diplomatic language of Europe.

Scandal has not agreed with M. Daniel Wilson. It is reported that he looks almost as old as his father-in-law, M. Grevy, and is completely broken down in spirits.

Mrs. Gladstone is quoted as saying that her husband considers it one of his most sacred duties to do his utmost to check the flood of infidelity that is sweeping over England.

A Sioux chief named Lame Wolf says that Bill Cody is the biggest coward of a white man who ever rode over the plains, and William says he will have the blood of that Lame Wolf before the violets bloom again.

Mr. Barker, the champion American checker player, made \$1,000 by his recent victory over Smith, the Englishman. Mr. Barker should feel proud of the fact that he is expert enough to change checkers into drafts.

It is curious what an attraction the guillotine has for the French people. At the execution of Prado, the murderer, such men as Henri Rochefort and Alphonse Daudet were noticed in the throng which witnessed the execution.

Ignatius Donnelly is quoted as saying that he doesn't care a cent what anybody says about his book or himself. He says: "I am right, and time will justify me; nine-tenths of the graves of the world are filled with unadulterated fools."

King Milan, of Serbia, is one of the few monarchs of Europe who are entirely satisfied with themselves. He has made a speech declaring the constitution which he lately adopted a model one, and has instituted a festival to celebrate the success of his great work.

Though he has reached his three-score years and ten, Flirt, the painter, very naturally complains of the highly anticipatory action of the South Kensington Museum authorities in labeling one of his pictures with his name, the date of his birth and a blank for that of his death.

Guy de Maupassant, who is at present in Algiers putting the finishing touches to a new novel entitled "Strong as Death," is about to make an excursion to Central Africa, together with his valet. Both are going to don the garb of the natives, and, wrapped in the black burnouse of the Arab, visit the home of the Chaambals and of the Tourangs, an undertaking which is not without personal danger.

## MAXIMS FOR HOUSEKEEPERS.

Every bee's honey is sweet.

The house showeth the owner.

Be that is at ease seeks dulcinea.

Anger at a feast betrays the boor.

In a good house all is quickly ready.

Everything is of use to a housekeeper.

As the year is so must your pot seethe.

Many a good dish is spoiled by an ill sauce.

The biggest calf makes not the sweetest veal.

Never haggle about the basket if you get the fruit.

He that saveth his dinner will have the more supper.

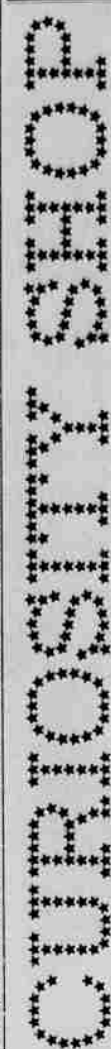
There is winter enough for the snipe and woodcock too.

Squeeze not the orange too hard, lest you have a bitter juice.

When the stomach chimes the dinner hour don't wait for the clock.

They who have little butter must be content to spread thin their bread.—Table Talk

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