

A Plucky Conductor.
The boldest attempt at train robbery that ever occurred in Texas took place near Breckenridge. The affair resulted in the killing of F. H. Martin, fireman, and the capture of one of the robbers, who gives his name as J. D. May, a cowboy. At Breckenridge the train stopped to take water, and as she pulled out Robber May climbed up on the tender and with a pistol in each hand ordered the engineer and fireman to throw up their hands. Engineer Tierney obeyed but Martin made a movement as though he was about to secure a pistol, and was shot dead. The other two robbers when they saw the dead body fall out of the cab, made for the brush. Robber May jumped into the cab and ordered Engineer Tierney to run the train across the Indian river bridge. Instead of complying he put on the air brakes and the train came to a standstill. With a parting shot at the engineer the robber jumped from the engine and started up the track on a hard run. Conductor Steele rushed into the engine and cutting loose from the train started with the messenger and Engineer Tierney in pursuit. Finding he could not escape over the bridge the robber took to the brush. Conductor Steele started single-handed and chased him, firing as he went. The three robbers at the bridge commenced firing and volleys were returned by the engineer and messenger. Conductor Steele overhauled May and disarmed him of two pistols.

Killed by a Boy.
James McQuire, an old pioneer soldier residing at Jacksonville, was killed by a boy who had been annoying him last Monday night. Being aged and decrepit McQuire was irritable and erratic, and was easily aggravated into violent outbursts of temper. He was a miner, and on Monday evening some boys were around his place and gave him a fancied or real grievance at some of their acts. Procuring his gun he ran after the boys, and chased one of them into the barn threatening to kill him. The young fellow turned upon him and shot him, the ball entering the groin. He was taken to the hospital and expired soon afterward. George Caldwell, who did the shooting, is a son of Cris Caldwell, who killed a man in a dance-house on the Siskiyou mountains during the construction of the railroad over the mountain, for which he is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary. Jimmy McQuire was a Mexican war veteran and had served with distinction during the Rogue river Indian wars. He fought bravely at the battle of Hungry Hill, and distinguished himself by going with General Phil Sheridan to remove the wounded soldiers from the battle field under a heavy fire from the Indians. In the civil war he enlisted in the First regiment of Oregon volunteers, under Colonel R. F. Maury. He has been in the United States service ten years and five months during his lifetime.

Girls Beware.
The Harrington (Wash.) Leader is in receipt of the following with a request to publish it, for it may be even in the far west, of benefit to the unguarded:
To THE EDITOR:—It has been definitely ascertained that there is an organized company operating through our country who have taken contracts to furnish the brothels and hell-holes of the city of Chicago for the season with 25,000 fresh girls from the country. The greatest deluge must be practiced by parents and the greatest caution by our girls, for these vampires will come to them with soft speech and winning manners, and often wearing the livery of some benevolent organization. Very often they will appear in the sombre hues of mourning and open the indefatigable by appeals for sympathy in their pretended affliction. They will not hesitate to use force if there is any chance for it. They will advertise extensively. There will be seen "GIRLS WANTED" in many of our papers. "Good pay and light work." Girls, beware! Yes, you are wanted; 25,000 of you. Fathers look out. Your daughters are at a premium. No man wants his own girl made a moral wreck. Most men have still honor enough left not to see their own flesh and blood degraded, even though they have not honor enough to keep from degrading other peoples flesh and blood. Drugs will be extensively resorted to. Let no girl take a "drink" even of soda water or lemonade with strangers, or answer in person an advertisement that has not been thoroughly investigated by some personal friend whom you know to be trustworthy.

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A Mother.
Gladstone's Way of Saying "No".
The verbiage of Mr. Gladstone is proverbial, but it has never been more markedly put in evidence than when, wanting to answer a querist with a negative, he used these words: "I must reply with that brief and simple monosyllable—No."

Stanford's Will.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 29.—The will of the late Senator Leland Stanford was filed for probate at San Francisco Saturday afternoon. His wife, Jane Stanford, is named as the sole executrix, and she petitions for a probate of the will. Her petition states that the value of the estate is unknown, but that it consists of stocks, bonds and real estate in the state. The will is a very lengthy document. Stanford leaves two and a half million dollars to the trustees of the Leland Stanford Jr., university at Palo Alto, three hundred thousand dollars to his brother, T. W. Stanford, one hundred thousand dollars each to his other two brothers, John and A. P. Stanford. His residence and the furniture therein in this city he left to his wife, and he set apart one hundred thousand dollars for the erection of a tomb for the remains of himself, his wife and his son. Each of his nephews and nieces, of whom there are several, receive a hundred thousand dollars. His wife is made residuary legatee. The instrument was originally dated November 29, 1886, but a number of codicils have been added since.

The Favored Classes.
It appears that in England as well as in the United States the government takes into account the accident of rank in estimating the commercial value of a nation's gratitude, and hence the following in relation to the loss of the battleship Victoria:
Widows of married seamen who perished will, it is expected, receive a full year's pay. Widows of officers will receive an annual pension, and children of the higher grades of officers, allowances. A patriotic fund will probably supplement the payment of seamen's widows.
Six feet of earth or a watery grave may make us all of one size, but those who remain on top of the earth or water appear to be remembered by a grateful nation on the old bible principle. "To him that hath shall be given." The same principle is followed in pension system, and those who suffered the least are being rewarded the most.

Grain Bags at Walla Walla.
The price fixed by the board of directors of the penitentiary for grain bags this year is 61 cents per bag, in any quantity at the penitentiary. The demand, if the present crop is realized, will be unprecedented. On the 1st day of June there were 807,825 bags on hand at the mill, and it is expected by the directors to have over 1,000,000 on hand by the beginning of harvest. There are now fifty looms at work in the mill, which will be increased by the addition of twenty looms, which have been ordered in England by the directors. This will increase the capacity from 4000 to 6000 bags per day. The terms of payment of grain bags is invariably cash on delivery, fixed by law. The law requires that bags must be sold to actual consumers who are residents of the state, thus barring sales to the wheat growers of Umatilla county, Or., only ten miles away from the mill. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor punishable by fine and removal from office.

We Want Items.
Don't forget the editor when you have an item. If your wife whips you, let us know and we will set you right before the public. If you have company, tell us, if you're not ashamed of your visitors. If a youngster arrives at your house and demands food and raiment, come around, and if you're a cash subscriber we will furnish a name for him or her as circumstances warrant. If you have a social gathering of a few friends, bring a round a big cake, six or seven pies and a ham—not necessarily to eat, but a guarantee of good faith. You need not bother to invite us, as it may be a little too cool for our wardrobe. We mention these things because we want the news.

The New York News observes:
The recent speech of Senator Daves on the growth of the United States was necessarily interesting. In his active political career the venerable statesman has witnessed nearly half a century of his country's advancement. One feature upon which he dwelt is worthy of special mention. It is the fact that in the westward movement of the center of population, the line almost exactly follows the old division between the free and the slave States. Starting at a point twenty-three miles eastward of Baltimore in 1800, it has traveled westward at an average of almost exactly five miles a year. It has so closely followed the thirty-ninth parallel of latitude that the extreme variation it is only twenty-three miles. And now after having traveled 500 miles to a point near Columbus, Ind. it is six miles south of the starting point. The salient fact here developed is the steadiness with which the South has maintained its share of population in spite of the fact that the great bulk of immigration has been absorbed by the North-western States.

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