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THE INDEX.

ATLANTA - NEW MEXICO.

To meet the great demand for new runs the royal mill factory of Woolwich, England, is being enlarged.

A war balloon, such as is used at the present operations, can be inflated and floated in not more than twenty minutes.

Owing to the stubborn resistance of the Sultan the cities of the west coast of Morocco are still without telegraphic connection.

A special service for the detection of gambling has been organized by the police of Vienna, Austria. The police seek for offenders not only in cafes, but also in clubs and private apartments.

Reports just received from the White-House-Harrison expedition to Abyssinia, which safely returned to Mombasa, on the east coast of Africa, on June 10, shows that the explorers found the districts around Lake Rudolf and Stephanie deserted, and that the inhabitants had either died or left the country. It is added that the skulls were discovered to be full of skeletons.

Scientists are much perplexed over the finding of a curious chain in the ruins of a house at Pompeii, and none of the wise men has as yet been able to give any idea as to the uses of the article. Further research may show that the Roman nations were accustomed to chain their husbands to the wall when the Gracchian League of Advanced Femininity held its weekly meetings.

The first place at which one of the census-takers in the District of Columbia called on the morning of June 1 was the executive mansion. The president's secretary was prepared to tell him Mr. McKinley's age at his last birthday, his color, occupation, and whether he could write and speak English. The president is one man in the country whose census questions a great many other people could answer for him with reasonable accuracy.

Nine out of ten travelers would tell inquirers that the roughest piece of water is that cruel stretch in the English channel, and nine out of ten travelers would say that was not true. In reality the "wickedest bit of sea" is not in the Dover straits; it is in yachting, for example, from St. Jean de Lups up to Pauillac; or across the Mediterranean race from Cadix to Tangiers. Nor is it in rounding Cape Horn, where there is what sailors call a "true" sea. The "wickedest sea" is encountered in rounding the Cape of Good Hope for the eastern ports of Cape Colony.

According to the annual report of the British comptroller-general of patents, a number of new acts have been passed in Japan to amend the law of patents, designs and trade marks. Under these acts the duration of a patent is fixed at fifteen years, and of the copyright of a design ten years, subject to the payment of annual fees. The term of protection obtained by registration of a trade mark is fixed at twenty years, except in the case of trade marks previously registered abroad, where the term is the same as that for which the original registration is valid.

M. Leuret, the French manufacturer of artificial pearls from fish scales, says that he will come to the United States and erect works as soon as he hears of a locality where the right kind of scales can be had in large quantities. It is suggested that a suitable place might be found on the St. Lawrence river, among the Thousand Islands. The scales should be small and have a silver sheen. The brighter they are the higher price they will command. The scales should be removed while the fish are alive if possible. Twenty-five thousand pounds of these scales can be used a year. It is anticipated that twice that quantity may be used in a few years.

A timely warning is sounded against any wholesale rush of fortune-seekers to South Africa. The ending of the war and the absorption of the Boer states into the British Empire will doubtless stimulate migration to those regions and will also increase the opportunities of profitable settlement there. But it will not be prudent for any one to go thither without some capital, or at least sufficient resources to maintain him for some time in independence of anything he may or may not do there. It is an expensive country to live in, and the gold mines and other sources of profit can be worked only at considerable expense. It is a country in which capital will find profitable investment, but not one in which the penniless adventurer is likely to pick up a fortune.

If village improvement societies, to make a town more beautiful, why not public progress boards to make it more busy? Such a society has just been organized in Castine, Maine, and its present purpose is to induce some ship-building firm to locate its plant in that pretty town, which in a great deal more likely to get its wish than it would be if it sat down and waited to be discovered. Many a decaying place would be prosperous today if it had sent its advantages to market instead of expecting some capitalist to come after them with his own wagon.

Mexico in the last nine years has doubled its resources, doubled its exports, doubled the number of its factories, and multiplied by three its banking capital, and the continuance of this great prosperity is now as pronounced as ever during the decade.

Refined cleanliness prevails in the public schools of Copenhagen. Three times a week the pupils have to bathe at the school, and while they are disrobing themselves in the swimming baths their clothes are purified in steam ovens.

OFFICIAL INTRIGUE.

WHY ALL THIS FOSS OVER IN CHINA.

England's Chestnuts Simply Being Hacked Out of the Fire by Uncle Sam's Soldiers—Missions Are Far Away from the Seat of War.

(Washington Letter.)

The Republican platform lamely excuses the refusal of the administration and the Republican party to express sympathy for the Boer republics struggling to maintain their liberty, by claiming that it has been the unbroken policy of this country not to intervene in European controversies. It was the first time in American history that a republic struggling to maintain its liberty or any people struggling for independence against despotic power has failed to receive the official assurance of American sympathy. But how does it compare with the administration's interference in China? The weak excuse is put forth that American troops and ships are being sent there to protect the lives of American citizens and to protect American interests. But the cold fact is that the lives of American missionaries have been more endangered by the attempt of foreign troops to force their way to Peking than by the Boers themselves. Practically all of the American missionaries took timely warning and escaped to the coast. Nine-tenths of the American missions are far remote from the points where the troops are operating. It is recognized that it is the duty of this government to protect the lives of American citizens abroad, but there are over two hundred claims of American citizens against foreign governments for injury to person, for loss of life and for destruction of property. These claims are sleeping on the dusty shelves of the state department.

The fact is that this excuse of protecting American interests and American lives is the veriest mask of hypocrisy. McKinley has gone into China to help save Great Britain's waning prestige. Outside of her naval forces, Great Britain hasn't a regiment of white troops in China.

Her forces are practically all troops from India, and even these are limited owing to the imminent danger of a tremendous racial revolution against British rule in that unhappy plague and famine-stricken country. Every paper in Europe points out that the American forces in China are acting under orders from London rather than from Washington. The force that was entrusted to the leadership of Admiral Seymour to go to the relief of the legations at Peking met the usual fate of British generalship, and blundered into an ambush of Boers. It was finally forced to retreat on Tsin-Tsin.

As it was, the foresight of the American commander, Capt. McClellan, saved the whole brigade from annihilation. He insisted on taking two weeks' supplies for his forces, while the rest had but five days' provisions. These supplies were all that enabled the troops to withstand the fifteen days of marching and fighting to which they were subjected.

It is apparent that every effort is being made, especially by Great Britain, to keep the actual facts from the public, and to furnish garbled, distorted and colored reports. The cables are all under British control, and the same game is being played over the Chinese situation that has been played for the last twelve months in South Africa.

All the viceroys of China have united with the imperial government in pointing out the danger of this foreign invasion, yet the protest is treated with contempt, and Secretary Hay ordered the English by storming at Minister Wu, the most intelligent and cultivated Chinaman ever accredited to the United States, and has threatened to send him his passports.

There are Chinese ministers at every European court, but no European power has made such a threat to them. Why all this turbulence? It is necessary to save McKinley's face, and to play politics by distracting public attention from the troubles in the Philippines, in Cuba, in Porto Rico and at home.

McKinley has gone to Canton and Hanna announces that the active Republican campaign will not begin before August. There is a reason for this. In the first place, he wants to try a lot of fat, and he wants to have the political situation clear up. Prosperity is the principal card in the Republican program, and prosperity is waning with great rapidity for everybody except the trusts.

The iron market, which is always the best indication of commercial and industrial activity, has slumped to the bottom. Pig iron has dropped from \$28 a ton to \$17, and a correspondingly sharp decline has been made at the bottom figure. Over thirty furnaces have gone out of blast, and twice as many more will shut down in July.

Wheat has gone up because the crop in the three states of Minnesota and North and South Dakota has practically been destroyed.

Cotton has gone up because the tremendous floods and rains of southern Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi have reduced the crop prospects a million bales. The shoe business is the best possible barometer of individual prosperity, and it is in worse condition than any time in ten years. It is estimated that over one-third of the shoe shops in the United States are now closed down.

It is a well-known fact that international industrial and trade disturbances always react on the party in power. The country has all three, and it is a bad year for McKinley.

THE CUBAN GARRISON.

These are nearly 12,000 federal troops in Cuba, and it is somewhat difficult, now that the municipal elections in the island are over, to find employment for this large body of soldiers—infantry, cavalry and artillerymen. The newly chosen local authorities and the courts of justice are quite capable of maintaining order, and the Federal regiments and squadrons only represent the real ruling power in the island, with no duties to perform. It costs the government between \$16,000,000 and \$17,000,000 a year to keep this large garrison in Cuba.

NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM.

"To ten millions of the human race was given a new birth of freedom" and to the American people a new and noble responsibility. Sounds well, doesn't it? It's out of the Republican platform. But is it true? Has a new birth of freedom been given ten millions of the human race? If there has, and Mr. McKinley did it, he deserves re-election. He did it. To begin with Porto Rico. That island was peaceful. It was accorded representation in the Spanish cortes. It had municipal home rule and a home government of the provinces. It enjoyed free trade with Spain, and the country was prosperous. When Miles landed he was welcomed by the populace. He promised them American liberty under the American flag. Gen. Miles was conscientious and is not to be blamed for the outcome. But what have we given them? We have quartered our troops on them without their consent. We maintained our military satrapy, which has taken place of their provincial government. We have denied them representation in our American congress. We refuse them a territorial government, and, as a crowning infamy in the chapter of tyrannies, have impoverished their people by a discriminating protective tariff. What crimes have been committed in liberty's name! If this is the freedom which the Republican party claims to have extended to ten million people we don't wonder they cry out against it and sigh for the days of Spanish oppression once more. Our treatment of this unfortunate island people is no whit better than that of George III's of the American colonies. It is no wonder the added ten millions don't appreciate the "liberty" we are giving them, and that our army of 65,000 men is needed to keep them in possession of this "liberty." In Cuba, we have not yet kept our promise of independence, and in the Philippines government by force has taken the place of government by consent. But even when peace is thoroughly re-established, who could hope for a better state of affairs than has come about near at home, where the people were passive and accepted our rule? In view of these facts the boast of giving liberty to ten millions will certainly be received by the country as falsehood and hypocrisy. The Democrats should demand that the liberty be actually given both in letter and in spirit and it will not only save the honor of our country, but prevent any recurrence of such criminal procedure.—Knoxville Sentinel.

SCANDALS GROWING.

The Cuban scandal grows. The secretary of war's official statement to congress of the public receipts and expenditures of the island during last year shows that out of the total revenue of \$14,000,000 over \$4,000,000 was disbursed for salaries, and \$1,377,000 more on the "labor pay roll." This enormous disbursement of more than \$5,377,000 was entirely for civilian employes and laborers, and does not cover the pay of the army officers in Cuba. And it is to be remembered that our government in Cuba has been in theory at least a military government. A mass of items footing up a total of nearly \$600,000 are charged as "extraordinary expenses ordered by the military government," but just what they were incurred for is not stated.

Behind these figures many secrets are concealed. Among them are Estes J. Rathbone's gorgeous life in one of Havana's finest mansions, conducted on a scale of \$20,000 a year; Charles W. Nye's sudden rise from poverty in Indiana to affluence and grandeur in Cuba, and, more splendid still, the career of the North American Trust company, the government's "fiscal agent for Cuba," with Fletcher S. Heath, brother of First Assistant Postmaster General Heath, as one of its directors.

No wonder senators at Washington are amazed at the size and plain significance of these figures. No wonder there is a demand for a thorough and rigid investigation.

The looting of Cuba is the scandalous climax of an administration that has been most prolific in scandals.—New York World.

The Way Hanna Does It: Chairman Mark Hanna of the Republican national committee is not forgetting the postmaster's mile.

By a scheme centered in this city each postmaster throughout the United States is being asked to see that \$5 is sent to the National Commercial and Industrial league, with offices in the Bowling Green building, this city.

The national committee expects to realize half a million dollars by this plan from fourth-class postmasters alone. To each fourth-class postmaster is sent ten tickets for membership in the league with instructions to dispose of them for fifty cents each and remit the proceeds to Mr. Corey. The plan was conceived to get around the law which prohibits assessment of government employes for political purposes.

Subsequently the high salaried postmasters will be made to contribute and it is estimated they will bring in three times as much as the little fish, or two twice dollars in all.

Fleety of Material: From the Pittsburgh Post: The Democrats will find all the campaign ammunition they need in the action and nonaction of the late session of congress in its assertion of unconstitutional powers, its extravagance and waste, its green goods anti-trust amendment and its refusal to reduce oppressive and needless taxation—needless for any other purpose than to create a treasury surplus for jobbing purposes.

AS THE WORLD MOVES AROUND.

The final volume of the biggest literary work ever undertaken and executed in the world, dealing with the American civil war, the greatest conflict of arms in all history, has just been completed at the government printing office in Washington. The title of the work is "War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies." It consists of 128 huge royal octavo volumes of 1,000 pages each, and in addition a gigantic atlas in thirty-five parts. The publication was begun twenty-six years ago and has proceeded uninterruptedly since. The distribution of the volumes as public documents has gone on for eighteen years. Many of the persons to whom they were furnished at first have died.

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and many of the libraries originally designated to receive them have disbanded, leaving a great quantity of old volumes still undistributed. So now, to utilize these, and give to the public an opportunity to procure sets of the work, the secretary of war is authorized by a provision in the Sunday Civil act passed at the recent session of congress to complete and furnish to each senator and representative of congress two full sets for free distribution among their constituents.

PUBLIC OPINIONS.

A permanent increase of the regular army to 100,000 men, if not a higher number, now seems to be the inevitable result of the policy of "imperial expansion" to which we have been committed. The fact must be faced before long, and it is better that it should be faced and clearly understood before the country has drifted into a situation where intelligent consideration and deliberate judgment in the matter is no longer possible.—Cleveland Plain Dealer, Dem.

The issues which the McKinley administration has forced on the people go to the very foundations of our government. They require a decision whether all that has made the United States what it is shall be thrown away. The patriotic gold man is saying that he prefers a bimetallic republic to a gold empire. The patriotic bimetallic man is saying that he prefers a gold republic to a bimetallic empire.

William Waldorf Astor's recent paragraph in his paper, the Pall Mall Gazette, saying that Sir Berkeley Milne of the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, formerly commander of the royal yacht Osborne and a well-known clubman, attended a concert at his home without an invitation, is making a great commotion in London society, and threatens to seriously affect Mr. Astor's position. It seems that Captain Milne was dining at the house of a well known woman, who asked him to go with her party to the Astor concert. This is daily done in London, and Sir Berkeley Milne unhesitatingly accepted. On arriving, Mr. Astor, instead of shaking hands with the captain, asked the latter his name. Milne told him and said that Lady Astor brought him with her party. Mr. Astor replied that he had not the pleasure of his acquaintance, requested him to leave and added that he would immediately send a notice in the confusion and from the Naval and Military club the same night sent Mr. Astor a letter of apology and expressed the hope that he would allow the matter to drop. In spite of this Mr. Astor, in his paper the next afternoon inserted, as cabled to New York at the time, the following paragraph: "We are desired to make known that the presence of Captain Sir Berkeley Milne of the Naval and Military club, Piccadilly, at Mr. Astor's concert last Thursday evening was uninvited."

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There are now thirteen cable lines across the Atlantic in successful operation, yet the charge for sending messages remains what it has been for twenty years or more—25 cents a word for commercial messages and 10 cents a word for press dispatches. In that period the land telegraph rates have been lowered, as have also the postal rates and railway charges for freight and passengers. Ocean cable rates alone remain as high as they were nearly a quarter of a century ago, in spite of the fact that the number of messages is now at least five times as great as when the rates were established.

Miss Augusta Cottlow, the young pianist who made such a favorable impression before a large and fashionable London audience the other night, began her musical career in Chicago. Not many years ago Miss Cottlow, who is still young in years, made considerable of a stir in musical circles in that city. Since that time strenuous study has indicated all the early predictions that were made for her future. Miss Cottlow is a native of Shelbyville. She was born in 1873, and made her first public appearance when only six years old. Here early musical education was gained under the instruction of her mother, Mrs. Morris Cottlow. Miss Cottlow went to Chicago in 1890 when she was eight years old, and she soon gained a more than local reputation as a musical prodigy. Miss Cottlow left this country in 1892 to continue her studies abroad.

German Emperor, fore seen by the world, I send you to eradicate the dishonor done to the fatherland by barbarians. I shall not rest until the German colors fly from the Peking wall.

The Princess of Wales is accused of having taken to herself credit for writing several lines of poetry that were composed by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

These efforts have been attended by a most satisfactory measure of success, but the participation of the French government in, and the exceptionally cordial tone of the French press towards the Washington and Fourth of July fests have given an unmistakable stamp to the direction of France's foreign policy. Horace Porter, our ambassador to France, is a measure responsible for the present happy state of affairs.

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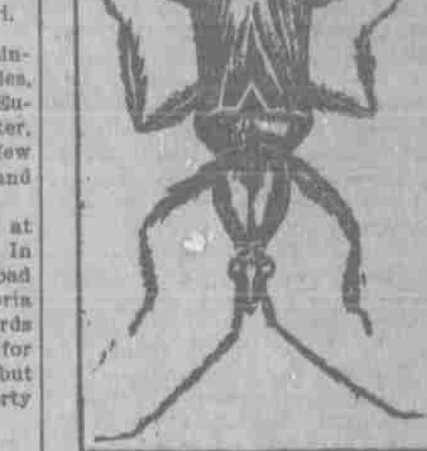
Miss Augusta Cottlow.

Rising Bug Alarm.

Three cases of bites by kissing bugs have just been reported in New York city. They are the first that have been reported in the hospital. The victims were attacked near Marsh Lane. Emily Zeigler was attended by a doctor in the Long Island Hospital. Mary Tassard was bitten at Richmond Hill. She did not report the fact until her mouth was swollen to twice its natural size. She was treated in the Bellevue Hospital. The third case was that of a young woman who was bitten near Rockaway, and was attended in the Long Island Hospital. In all the cases the result was the same. The lips were attacked and the victims at first thought they had been bitten by mosquitoes. The bite was painful, and in a few minutes the lips began to swell, and continued swelling until

A Famous Midget.

Mrs. Gen. Tom Thumb, who has just arrived in New York from Europe, is the most famous midget in the world and has been such for forty years, if the single exception of her late husband be allowed. She is now the Countess Magri, and is accompanied by her second husband, whose stature is about the same as that of his celebrated spouse. The countess was a Miss Bump of Middleborough, Mass. She met Charles S. Stratton (Gen. Tom Thumb) at the house of F. T. Barnum in 1858, and married him in 1861. This little pair traveled over all the world, and were received everywhere. They met Abraham Lincoln, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Emperor Napoleon, the Empress Eugenie, Gen. Sherman, Admiral Porter, Gen. Grant, John Wilkes Booth, a few presidents of the United States, and several Oriental princes.



Mrs. Thumb was first exhibited at Barnum's Museum in New York. In 1865 she and the general went abroad and were received by Queen Victoria at Windsor. They were afterwards engaged by companies of lilliputians for the stage. The countess is now 60, but as youthful in spirit as she was forty years ago.

Rear Admiral Kempff.

Rear Admiral Kempff has just been relieved of command of the American fleet in Chinese waters. Just previous to the combined assault of Europe's warships on the Taku forts, the admiral held a council for the purpose of deciding what course to take. Admiral Kempff on behalf of the United States argued against an attack, saying that it would result in the massacre of every missionary in China. Admiral Kempff.

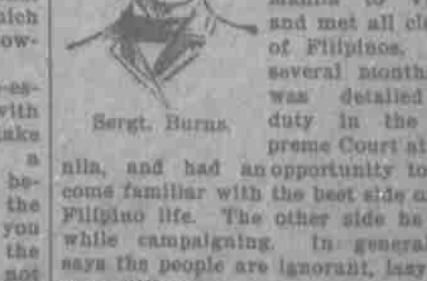
Grand Old Li.

Li Hung Chang has been called a great statesman, but Henry Norman, English correspondent, declares that he is an arch humbug, and there is a large range for speculation between these two extremes of opinion. Still, we know more about this old viceroy than we do about any other Chinese. The people of the United States have a kindly regard for the old viceroy. He has even been the warm friend of this country. A few days ago he said to an American correspondent: "Whatever the outcome of this war it will not mar the friendly relations between my country and yours. Ad-

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LARGELY LOCAL.

Democratic County Committee.

A meeting of the Democratic county central committee of San Juan county is hereby called, to be held at Aztec, New Mexico, on Monday, the 3d day of September, 1900, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of issuing a call for the county convention, the filling of any vacancies and transacting of such other business as may come before the committee.

W. J. Wason, Chairman.
L. C. Grove, Secretary.

A few light showers lately.
Fruit boxes, Stubbs & Jakway.

A. Banta was in town from Bayfield this week.

Mrs. W. H. Williams is on the sick list this week.

The Rio Grande Shoe store, Durango, will sell you shoes right.

Ted Waring has been under the weather for several days.

Mrs. M. A. Sullivan of Bloomfield was an Astec visitor Tuesday.

It is said that the Farmington Times will appear again this week.

Buy clothing of the Nathan Shoe & Clothing company, Durango.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hubbard, in Astec, Saturday, August 15, a girl.

For genuine Portland cement, lime and storage, see G. H. Clark, Durango.

A boy was born in the family of Frank Murr, near Astec, Monday, August 20th.

Shoes that will satisfy and please you at the Rio Grande Shoe store, Durango.

Miss Morgan, of Durango, is visiting the family of J. A. McCoy, at Flora Vista.

Mrs. Low Miller of Farmington visited relatives in Astec several days this week.

Mrs. L. M. Jarvis suffered a slight attack of malaria a few days ago, but has recovered.

Elder Henry will preach at Astec next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and at Center Point at 4 p. m.

Burr Knickerbocker is ill again, this time it is typhoid fever that has him in its clutch.

George Bathjes and family came down from the Florida this week, to remain in Astec during the winter.

Mrs. F. D. Akers has been visiting friends near Astec during the last few days.

If you're hungry and want to eat right away, drop in at Ed Fay's Durango chop house.

E. E. Whitehead, R. C. Prewitt and D. J. Craig were in the county seat Saturday from Farmington.

The best clothing and gent's furnishing goods are carried by the Nathan Shoe and Clothing company, Durango.

Friday evening, August 23, a dance and supper will be given in Astec, the dance to be in Lobato's hall. All are invited.

Frighteners know a good thing at first sight. Ed Fay's Durango chop house is a good thing. Meals at all hours and all prices.

Chester B. Dooley has been ill for some time with typhoid malaria. His mother arrived from Durango this week to assist in caring for him.

Those farmers who figure on buying a dairy separator should see George Von Bockers of Flora Vista. He can save you twenty to thirty per cent.

At the Nathan Shoe and Clothing company's in Durango you will find those clothing bargains you are looking for. Correct in price and quality.

Two Chicago commission firms now have buyers operating in San Juan county. Apples are now said to be worth forty cents a box, in the orchard.

C. S. Camaron has bought forty acres of the Colorado State Bank land near Astec, adjoining that recently purchased by A. Villman. Consideration, \$800.

Dr. E. G. Condit and family returned Monday from their trip to Silverton, accompanied by the doctor's mother and sister, who will visit here some time.

The distillery at Astec has commenced business. It will be some days before the product will be ready for use. All the better when it is ready, though, they say.

D. P. Reynolds, formerly a resident of San Juan county, died at Colton, Calif., July 24th, according to a letter from his sister recently received by Probate Clerk Shaffner.

When in Durango take your meals at the Durango chop house. They give the best meal on earth for the money. It's the only restaurant on or off the earth.

The McFarlin mare, Farmington's eye, has gone to Durango and Mr. McFarlin has sold it to Durango. It is his particular friend or bludgeon-thrower.

It is rumored that J. W. Springer, formerly of Silverton, has purchased the Capt. Hart ranch north of Astec. The ranch contains 60 acres and the price stated is \$50 per acre.

J. M. Kingsley, Porter Brothers' buyer, came down from Durango Monday. He is arranging for packing and shipping, and will probably buy several thousand more boxes of apples.

The Baker boys have returned to Silverton. J. M. Baker and family continuing on to their home at Rocky Ford, Colorado. Mrs. Frank Baker will remain in Astec some time to visit her relatives.

Note the call for the meeting of the Democratic county committee, printed in this issue. Members of the committee should make every effort to be present, as business of importance will be transacted.

John W. Wingsis, president of the San Juan Bottling works and a prominent citizen of the Smelter City, was in Astec Wednesday on business, and will visit Farmington and other valley points on the trip.

W. S. Weightman, of M. A. Brachvogel & Co., Durango's leading commission firm, is interviewing the orchardists throughout the county. He declares the present year's fruit crop is the greatest San Juan county has ever produced.

F. W. Hall, deputy United States marshal, came in from Albuquerque Monday with a bunch of subpoenas from the United States district court which assets in Santa Fe in September. Several witnesses in the Martin case were also subpoenaed.

Uncle Jimmy Jarvis was one hundred years old Wednesday, August 16, and he celebrated the occasion with as much enthusiasm, activity and energy as many younger men could muster. Uncle Jimmy is a centenarian but he refuses to be classed as a back-number.

E. N. Beach, the Flora Vista merchant, took carbolic acid by mistake Monday night, thinking it was a medicine he had been using for the nerves. We are glad to be able to state that he is coming around all right, though he still feels the effects of the poison.

Mrs. Rosa S. Howe, a lady who has had considerable experience as a director of sanitariums and in the care of invalids suffering from pulmonary troubles, is in Astec investigating the possibilities and advantages for the location of such an institution here.

A steady stream of freight wagons from lower valley points pass Astec on the road to Durango these days. Flora Vista sends her quota daily—in fact, Flora Vista this year has bigger crops of all kinds than at any previous time. The freighting season is fairly on.

The voting for the "Queen of the Fair" is developing quite a pretty contest. First one is ahead, then another, and the friends of each of the three contestants appear to be confident and determined that their candidate is to be the Fair Queen. Cut out the coupons and vote!

Mitt Green's seven-year-old son, Eddie, was thrown by a horse and had his right arm broken, Saturday. The little fellow was brought from his home at Bloomfield to Astec, and Dr. West treated the injured member, and the boy is reported to be progressing as well as could be expected.

Ellsworth Wise returned home from the mountains yesterday. Harry Dunning arrived last week and that leaves Jesse Bell as the only absent member of the delegation which left Astec in July to "circulate the San Juan." Jesse is located near Telluride, where he will probably remain until cold weather.

The suggestion made by Frank V. Williams in *The Index* last week for the holding of a colt show of San Juan county horses, by means of which the best colts of the county would be brought together at the Farmington Fair, was a good one and has evoked some favorable comment. Such a show would be not the least of the attractions of the Fair.

F. B. Allen of Farmington, accompanied by Mrs. Allen, was in town Monday en route to Durango, and left this office a nice order for stationery. By an addition placed to his former residence, Mr. Allen has constructed a model building for hotel purposes and is catering to the wants of the traveling public in a way which contributes to his own advantage and to that of the town of Farmington. Frank is a hustler, really and truly.

A. D. Whitson of the Whitson Music company of Albuquerque, who had been in Astec and Farmington several days, returned home this week. He has traversed every nook and corner of the territory, and was not slow in expressing the opinion that as far as natural advantages are concerned, San Juan is the best county in New Mexico. That's the verdict, over-the-hill as it is, of all who travel and observe things in the area.

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Republican Call.
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