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Presidential timber will soon be ready to cut.

Mollycoddle has nothing to do with mollycottontail.

Handshaking is all the go these days—of politicians.

"Brain storms" will be fashionable this summer in high society.

The late Legislature appropriated funds with which to establish an infirmary for consumptives.

The last Legislature did one good thing—the removal of the old arsenal from Capitol Square.

The extension of the city limits will make the wards larger. It has already made property more valuable.

Wm. J. Bryan and J. P. Morgan are very close together on the Government ownership of railroads. The former wants the Government to own them and the latter wants the Government to control them,—that is, to keep off the legislation on railroads.

THE THAW TRIAL.

The trial of Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White has created more interest than any trial in a generation. The whole world scans every word that is sent over the wires. The Atlantic cable, and telegraph lines the world over have been laden daily with the doings of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in her relations with White and Thaw. The public has been regaled with the "Room of Mirrors," the "Dead Rat" restaurant, of Paris, France, and all the nauseating details of the wreck of virtue of young Evelyn and other girls by Standfard White, whose millions put it in his power to form a harem of youthful girls from the stage and other sources. It seems that instead of being the architect of building up edifices he was the destroyer of female virtue. He made it a business to seek out young girls and throw a glamour of wealth around them and dazzle their brain with the lav-

ishness of his purse. He kept rooms burdened with mirrors, which reflected his evil doings, and enticed unsuspecting young girls whose mothers' eyes were not on them, in

his gilded palace, fed them with midnight suppers and champagne in order to accomplish their ruin. Once the fatal step was taken all semblance of virtue was swept aside and the young victim became imbued with the purlieus of degradation, and was lost to society.

There are too many opportunities given by mothers to their daughters to visit places of amusement, etc., with men whose characters are not known to the parents; men with whom the young ladies become acquainted by being introduced by the ladies' escorts.

The promise of marriage plea of scoundrels who ruin the lives of women which they cannot accomplish by other means; the long buggy rides without chaperones.

No woman should allow a man to take the first privilege, and no other would be taken. It is the first rebuff that puts the quietus on the evil-designing scoundrel. Parents cannot be too particular in regard to the company their daughters keep.

The Strother tragedy was a case of "promise of marriage," the confidence of the pure girl being gained and then her ruin. But while he married his victim at the point of a pistol, he attempted to leave his wife, was shot and killed by the girl's brothers, who were recently set free by a court of law, on the "unwritten law."

No young girl should receive a young man's company until she attains the age of woman's estate. No school girl should get in love while receiving an education, as education and love do not run parallel. When love is in, education is out.

Despoiler of His Home Was Laid Low.

Goldfield, Nev., March 22.-After tracing him seven thousand miles during the last two years, J. C. Hines shot and killed Count Constantine Podhsky last night. The affair was intensely dramatic. The Count, with a pretty female companion, was seated in the dining-room of the Ajax Restaurant, the "Rat Morte" of Goldfield. At least one hundred diners were at the tables and the wine was flowing freely. Without warning a little man strode in, and walking directly to the Count's table, drew a revolver and fired five shots, every one of which took effect. Then he walked to the bar and waited for the police. Hines alleges that Count Podhsky ruined his home two years ago.

Kidnapped Girl is Found at Last.

Lexington, Ky., March 25.—Kidnapped from her home at New Lexington, Ohio, several months ago, Marie McClelland, six-years-old, has been located by her uncle at the home of a mountaineer at Lee City. She had been given up as dead.

"We advertised for her in all the papers, and had given her up until recently, when I saw a letter signed by Dr. W. P. Wise of Lee City, Ky., to the mayor of Columbus, Ohio, in one of the papers, describing a child which he said he believed had been stolen," said her uncle. "We investigated and found her."

The gospel of forgiveness and reconciliation is all contained in the name Jesus. Court is in Session—It is a Two Weeks' Term and is for the Trial of Criminal Cases Only.

Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge E. B. Jones presiding. It is a criminal term, and court will be in session for two weeks unless the docket is cleared in a short time, which will very probably be the case.

The following were chosen as members of the grand jury:

A. M. Powell, foreman; W. H. Richardson, J. F. Jones, James Sanderford, R. A. Clover, R. J. Lacy, R. H. Griffin, J. M. Herndon, J. S. King, H. C. Page, W. N. Rausheart, L. E. McNeill, Charlie Finch, W. A. Taylor, H. W. Kelly, M. C. King, D. G. Mangum and James Weathers.

Judge Jones did not lay special stress upon any offense in his charge, but it was of a general character, and left the members of the grand jury in no doubt as to what course they should pursue.

Immediately after the charge to the grand jury the docket was gone over and purged of those cases that for one reason or another were not to be tried at this term. Quite a number of cases were quickly disposed of Monday morning, among the lot being those in which the defendants were charged with having failed to list their poll tax. Judgment was suspended in all of the cases—fourteen—upon payment of the costs and tax. Part of the negroes were able to pay out and others will have to work out both costs and tax.

Frank carpenter plead guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost. Another concealed weapon case was taken up a short time before the noon recess on Monday, the defendant being a man by the name of Hobby.

Opinions Filed by-the Supreme Court.

The following opinions were handed down Wednesday afternoon by the Supreme Court:

Blake vs. Williams, docketed and dismissed under Rule 17.

Reynols vs. Taylor, from Nash, new trial.

Trogden vs. Williams, from Onslow, affirmed.

Herring vs. Railroad, from Samp-

son, affirmed.

In re Parker, from Duplin, af-

firmed
Walker vs. Taylor, from Wake, af-

Mathis vs. Railroad, from Wayne, affirmed.

firmed.

Blackmore vs. Winders, from Duplin, modified. Costs of this court divided between plaintiffs and defendant Winders.

Withers vs. Lane, from Harnett, new trial.

Newsome vs. Telegraph Company, from Sampson, new trial.

Scull vs. Railroad, from New Hanover, new trial. Appeals from the Eighth District

Appeals from the Eighth District were called Tuesday, March 26th, and are as follows:

Medlin vs. Simpson.
Main vs. Fields.
Morgan vs. Stewart.
Immigration Company vs. Rosey.
Hamilton vs. Highlands.

Union Label Backed by Secretary of State.

McIver vs. Hardware Company.

Albany, N. Y., March 26.—Secretary of State Whalen has ordered that all printing done for his office shall bear the union label. Hereafter the Secretary's office will not accept a sheet of paper that does not bear the trade union stamp.

Vienna, March 24.—The present uprising in Moldavia continues unchecked. To date, eighty-five persons have been killed, 400 farms have been devastated, 8,000 fugitives have fled into Austria and 10,000 Jews are homeless.

OPINIONS IN A NUTSHELL.

Now the disgruntled Hondurans may tell it to the marines.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Gentle spring is expected to grow gentler, week by week, from now on.

—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The President has signified to Mr. Seligman his willingness to meet the railroads half way. He will walk.—New York Mail.

No Jefferson dinners at \$1 this year. People with only that sum to spend need it for quick lunch.—Philadelphia Ledger.

When a small boy doesn't like to read dime novels you can never trust him to tell the truth.—New York Press.

Josiah Flynt, or whoever coined the word "graft," probably never dreamed that it would get to the San Francisco degree.—New York Mail.

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"'Next,' calls President Roosevelt to the railroad presidents," says the Baltimore Sun. Then another goes in and gets trimmed.—Washington Herald.

Congress Campbell, of Kansas, wants a law to prohibit stock-gambling. This, indeed, is a war on vested rights.—Philadelphia North American.

Any Senator who goes to the White House now is under suspicion of a design to look it over with a view to occupancy.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The temperature in Oklahoma is reported to be 102 in the shade. Even though the Constitutional Convention has adjourned.—New York Tribune.

In due time, perhaps Mr. Roosevelt will demonstrate that "the advice and consent of the Senate" cuts no ice in the selection of his successor.

—Washington Post.

There is no truth in the report that the Right Hon. James Bryce, mountain climber, is going to keep the score at the White Lot matches in the Tennis Cabinet.—New York Sun.

The Liberal Government will be in a nice situation when the very jail in England is full of suffragettes, who refuse to be released and kick because they are not treated properly.—New York Sun.

What matters it what the molly-coddles among the American Rhodes scholars at Oxford are doing in scholarship? The winning of the high and broad jumps and the hammer-throwing event by American students is the main thing.—New York World.

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Admiral Schley says that he will under no circumstances accept second place on the next Democratic national ticket. In deciding to leave the field entirely free to other aspirants the Admiral combines laudable generosity with hard-headed practical judgment.—New York Tribune.

The entire South seems a little inclined to grow a little hysterical over former Senator Carmack. If Mr. Carmack is not very careful he may find himself the possessor of a lusty and well-defined Vice Presidential boom some fine day.—Washington Herald.

I believe this century will witness the greatest extension of Christ's kingdom on earth the world has seen. —Rev. J. Scott Lidgett.