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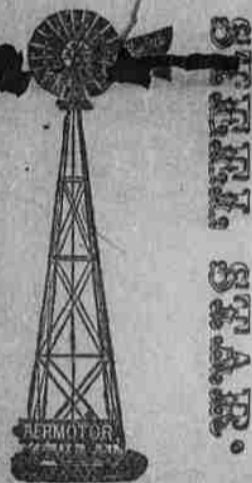
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New fixtures and new stock of liquors all around. Call and you will receive a cordial welcome.

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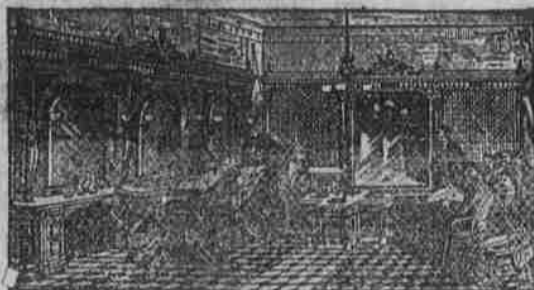
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Satisfaction guaranteed.



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Good work and polite attention.

Hair cutting 25c, Shave 15c, Shampoo 25c, Seafoam 10c.

SHINER— — — — — TEXAS

Jonathan Lane Talks.

Austin, Texas, April 16.—Hon Jonathan Lane, the democratic wheel horse of Fayette county, is in the city. Mr Lane is a man who always says what he thinks, and it is never any trouble to find where he stands on any political issue. In speaking of the congressional situation in his district Mr Lane said to The Express correspondent to-day that it would be a hard matter just now to tell who would be the democratic nominee.

"Gresham is 'a candidate," he continued, "and while there are two or three others that are likely to be in the race so far they have not publicly announced. Burgess will be a candidate, and Senators Shelburne and Simpson have also been spoken of."

"Of those mentioned, who stands the best show?" asked the correspondent.

"I think George Burgess stands the best show of capturing the nomination," replied Mr Lane. "Gresham can never get it, for he has less strength in his district now than he has ever had. Burgess is a sound money man, is sound on all public questions and is extremely popular with the people. He is the man the others will have to beat, and they will have to do some tall rustling to beat him, too."

LOST

Saturday, April 18, on the road from P D Smith's farm to Shiner, a gray coat. There was a note in the inside pocket belonging to P D Smith, also a letter from Mr Smith to Wm Heider. A suitable reward will be paid for the delivery of the coat and note to this office.

This town has more two faced people in it than any other town of its size on earth.—Karnes City reformer.

You ought to catch a few of them, Mc, and sell them to a dime museum man. They ought to bring big money.

HE LEFT TOWN IN A RUSH.

One night last week some mischievous boys tied a rosined string to the window of the old Star saloon building, occupied by Wau Kee, the Chinaman. They then retired to the top of some freight cars near the depot and began operation. For some time there were no result, then all at once the door opened and Wau Kee rushed out and shouted: "Who there?" No answer forthcoming, he began throwing stove wood on top of the house. The noise continuing, he got a long pole and thrashed around under the house. Still the noise kept up. Wau Kee then came to the conclusion that it was the work of a devil and falling on his knees in the door he offered up a prayer to his Joss. The Joss failed to respond, however, and Wau Kee rushed into the house and barred the doors, and nothing the boys could do would bring him out any more. The next morning Wau Kee waited on J M Kruegar, agent for the house. The Chinaman looked wild and all broken up. When Mr Kruegar wanted to know what was the matter, he threw up his hands and exclaimed: "Me wanta leava. Fifa hundred devils in datta house. Me no staya in datta house anoder nighta for hunderd dolla. Devils, dey go 'O-a, O-a' arounda hausa allee nighta. Me leava," and he did. Now we have no washee washee.

NOTICE

I have open up a night school class in Bohemian in Shiner. Any one wishing to join same may apply at Grave's drug store for particulars.
A. W. JANSZEN.

Trautwein & Wolters will begin work at once on removing their old gin to the southwest part of town, near the oil mill site. They will also sink an artesian well there. The gin will be built over of iron, and will be convenient to all roads

Belton, Texas, April 19.
Mr Chas Welhausen,
Shiner, Texas.

Dear Sir:—Your very kind and complimentary letter of 12th inst was received a few days ago, but I have been so busy since its receipt that I could not reply and thank you for it before today

I have received several letters from different parts of the state somewhat in the same line as yours and I feel very much gratified to know that this subject, the grand and petit jury system, is receiving thought and attention from thinking and observing men. Now, that the subject has been brought to the attention of the public, I hope that you and others who favor the views I have advocated, will contribute something on the subject to the News. I am more than willing to contribute my share in the discussion of this subject, but I could not hope to accomplish much without the aid of those who believe in, and consequently ought to advocate the same reforms

I have been fighting the grand jury system for 15 or 20 years, because, disgusted with it 20 odd years ago, when I was first with the grand jury as State's attorney. I have been with grand juries a few times since then as State's attorney I always made them investigate both sides as far as possible, and consequently reduced the number of bills found. One grand jury I was with found quite a number of bills against my advice, and at the proper time I dismissed them all. In this I was sustained by my own conscience, and later on by the public. No one who has never been with grand juries can form any idea of the amount of meanness that is unloaded on them

I have attacked the grand juries of this county so often, through our local press, for their foolish, silly and unauthorized reports, that they have about quit making them

Including bailiffs, witnesses, etc, the grand jury of this county costs about \$4,500 annually. This money and a great deal more might be saved by abolishing it

When it comes to petit juries, thinking and conservative men have for years recognized their inefficiency. The trouble is that people are wedded to the grand and petit jury systems on account of their age, when in fact they have nothing but their age to recommend them. It will take several years to educate the people above the jury system, but if men like yourself, will lend a helping hand, it can be done. Then will civil and criminal cases be tried and decided on their merits and justice be done.

Again thanking you for your complimentary letter, I am,

Yours truly,
L. K. TARVER