

THE JOSHIER.

OUR MOTTO:—Avoid the truth and Prohibition whiskey; one is fatal, the other more so.

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The famous "Jack," chief of the Squaw tribe, now on exhibition at Burns & Bell's store.



JOSHERITES.

Everything we say 's in fun,
—This is not an idle pun,
If you do not like our style,
Just keep cool and try to smile
Christmas Gift.

For the editor quit town,
Just before the sun went down
Riding on a west bound freight
—Headed for another state.
Adios.

The last sad word he did say,
Was "tell the guys to not get
gay,
For I'll be back here never-
more
And I'd hate for them to roar,
When I'm gone."

A GRAND AFFAIR.

THE GREATEST PHYSICAL FEAT SINCE
THE FALL OF THE POPULIST
AGGREGATION.

A MAGNIFICENT MISERY PROVOKING
COMEDY IN FIFTEEN ACTS.

GREATLY INCREASED RATES ON ALL
RAILROADS.

In order to display our unprecedented gall, encourage home talent and give the public a show the JOSHIER has arranged for a stupendous Christmas Festivity, the like of which has never been equaled in point of grandeur since the consternation of the Sweetwater & Cape Horn railway. We have secured the use of Gilbert's butcher pens for the purpose, at which place the event will occur Sunday, Dec. 24 A. D., 1899. Gates open at 10 a. m.; performance begins at 10:32½. Admission free. Women, children and men of moral character not permitted within three miles of the ground.

Following is the program which will be hauled off to the letter:

1st. Grand street parade, closely pursued by the police force.

2nd The Great Fire Scene, in which the fire company will give one of their great lurid demon squelching displays. The thrilling feature of this act is that the company will reach the scene of conflagration in time to view the ashen ruins and squirt water on the bystanders. In order for the company to make unusually good time we have borrowed three yoke of gentle oxen.

3rd. Prayer by the chaplain Dr. Ike Gronski.

4th. Highly colored address of welcome by Hon. Richard Cheek, alias "Uncle Dick."

5th. Grand musical tragedy by the Stockman band.

6th Song: "I am the only Peach in the Orchard." by Ourselves.

7th Misery by the Abilene gall band.

8th Lecture: "Be Kind to Poor Dumb Brutes," Hon. Lively Dick, of Snyder.

9th. Dog fight.

10th Another dog fight.

11th Grand talking contest between Prof. Donbiggers and a phono-

graph.

12th. Football game between the Colorado team and a team of mules from Roby.

13th. Grand musical contest between Prof. J. Friday Rix's great Stockman band orchestra and a hand organ grinder. Betting, 199 to 0 in favor of the organ grinder.

14th. Great Livessock show. The editor of THE JOSHIER and a jack-ass from Big Springs are the only entries up to-date.

15th. Decision of the judges.

16th. General dissatisfaction and grand free-for-all cussing contest. Come well armed. Brickbats, crowbars, razors and gattling guns will be accepted and passed by the peace committee.

All parties killed or mortally wounded will be turned over to the committee on funeral arrangements.

It is almost a certainty that Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, Governor Sayers, President Marcus Auroraborealis Hanna McKinley and the Czar of Russia will not attend.

After the stock pen exercises there will be a grand banquet at Colvin's livery stable.

MENU:

Rawhides, Strawberries, Baled hay, Snake Eggs, Speckled Pup, Muchworse (frica-seed) Champagne, Oats, Skunk Liver (raw) Limberger Cheese, Castor Oil, Cranberry Sauce, Mesquite Beans, Vegetables, Burnt Bread, Old Sox Omelette, Scrambled Scandal, Dog Poison, High Life, Roast Rat, Fruit Cake, White Cake, Stomach Ache.

SAD ACCIDENT.

About the only painful accident that has occurred in our city during the holiday season was enacted at a late hour yesterday afternoon. During the great rush at the Town-

end Furniture Company's handsome store a wonderfully pretty little figure of Santa Claus, costing, the manager assures us, the enormous sum of FIVE cents, was knocked off the floor and incontinently trampled to pieces. Mr. Townsend informs us, however, that his forces are all so busy selling handsome and useful Christmas presents, of which they still have a beautiful stock; that the interment of the remains has been indefinitely postponed. A large assortment of fur and Smyrna rugs is the latest addition to their stock.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Count Juan de Ragland, the highly accomplished typographical rates, will entertain his many friends with a cold water stew Christmas Eve.

The elite colored population will give a grand razor panorama for the benefit of the undertaker Christmas day.

There will be a grand bawl at the residence of senor Patricio del Diaz, near the railroad bridge, during the holidays. His twins are doing well.

The many friends and acquaintances of Professor Cactus McBurnit, the great Krokonole exponent, will be gratified to know that he has presented himself with a carload of bouquets.

Hon. Jes amine Blooming Flower Wiggington, commonly known as J. Benj F., or "Wig," will entertain his "Dear" friend Captain Patterson and his general combination ex-friend Tubb E. Mudlins with a brickbat sociable in the near future.

L. Highflyer Lane, First Duke of Colorado, is contemplating departing for the Transvaal where he will offer himself for the cause of humanity in exchange for a plug of Battle Ax. His many friends are making frantic efforts to dissuade him, as they think the Boers are being bored enough.

The JOSHIE wishes to apologize to Dr. Fill Petit for referring to him as the "great electrical wizzard." The item should have read: "the great petrified lizzard."

COMING!

Prof. D. Mac Lioz's Immense Menegeric Monstrosity.

The World's Congress of wonders in one gigantic conglomeration.

Man Eating Tom Cats, Terrible Lizzards, Prehistoric Re ics, Prairie Dogs, Reptiles, and Wharf Rats.

Will be here December 25, 1899.

Don't forget the date and price of admission.

Positively its Last Appearance on Earth.

See the great act introducing Prof. Pertubby Mullin in the latest skirt dance, hoochy-coochy, and panoramic display of last summer's hosiery.

See Doc Dulaney, the greatest dog trainer this side of the land of Goshen and Canine. One touch of high life and the festive pup vanishes from view.

See George Major in his great double three act tragedy: "High Lifting the Town Cow."

See J. Harold Ragland and his troop of trained ponies in the grand free street parade.

SEE THE SIDE SHOW.

WATCH FOR THE SHERIFF.

See the great elephant Delling, 3,000 pounds heavier than Jumbo.

In fact see everything except the grand back alley sneak of the drought sufferers.

P. S.—The side show will be pulled off a little this side of Schneider.



Snapshot of Benk Enneddy just as he tumbled to a "McCarthy Mishap" joke.

able clothing. See See's elegant dress overcoats.

If the gentleman who sent us a dog collar guaranteed to last sixteen centuries will call at this office he learn something so his sorrow.

The latest: Howard Mufflers at See's.

"What I don't know about Krokonole" by the illustrated president of the Koleramorbus Kr konole Klub, is a highly interesting Scientific work. There are ten volumes of 4000 pages each.

Give your gentlemen friends a nice Harvard Muffler from See's.

Professor Emmett Jeffries, Dictator General of the great Bryan football University, is spending Christmas with his friends in military disguise.

Make your friend happy with a nice Stetson hat from See's.

The JOSHIE is prepared to prove by the sworn statement of its circulation editor, John Person, that it is the greatest circulation of any publication on earth.

An Elegant line of Sterling Bracelets for babies and misses at See's.

Sir William Fortner, the silver tongued cowpuncher, had the misfortune to loose nearly \$300,000,000 in photographs lately. Sir William has been nearly 80 years making this collection and his loss is irreparable.

If you contemplate attacking the editor of THE JOSHIE have your life insured with Gus Bertner.

MADAM DE FRAUDE: We, the undersigned have used your nerve tonic and complexion powders for nearly 40 years and can recommend them as the greatest remedies on earth. We now possess a set of nerves that even the music of the Stockman band can't shake and our complexion is actually improving.

SIG OHNES,
HARREY HALL.
TOM STONEWROOD.

ASSOCIATION.

The regular 3,000,583.900 meeting of the Order of Ancient and Unaccepted Bachelors was held in their spacious club room over the Tu Sin Laundry Wednesday night. The meeting, which was unusually well attended, something over 2000 members being present, was called to order by the president, Thomascoska Jerusalemah Dancelher, who proceeded to make what he termed the saddest announcement it had ever been his painful duty to make, which was, "only a few short weeks ago this club elected its full quota of officers, among them being a treasurer. To this position we elected a man in whose honor, veracity and fixedness of purpose every member had the greatest of confidence. But, alas! the brother has gone wrong, and has brought down upon this club the contempt of the universe. He has absconded. Gone! Bamosed! Not with the funds of the order. It is worse than that. It is awful. He went east some days since and I now have in my pocket an invitation to attend his wedding." It would be utterly impossible to depict the awful effect produced by this announcement. That grand old man and patriarch, Frankvaugan, was so overcome by the shock that he swooned away, and but for the timely arrival of the fire department with their pinto and a half water squirter he would doubtless still be in the same faint. That old, true and tried friend of the order, Brook Spell, gave a deep groan, something like the heartbroken sigh of a chained Rhinoceros, and fell over his chair into the coal bin. The incident was closed by a pathetic resolution offered by Colonelbush to the effect that the club mourn for the brother as a part of the lost cause.

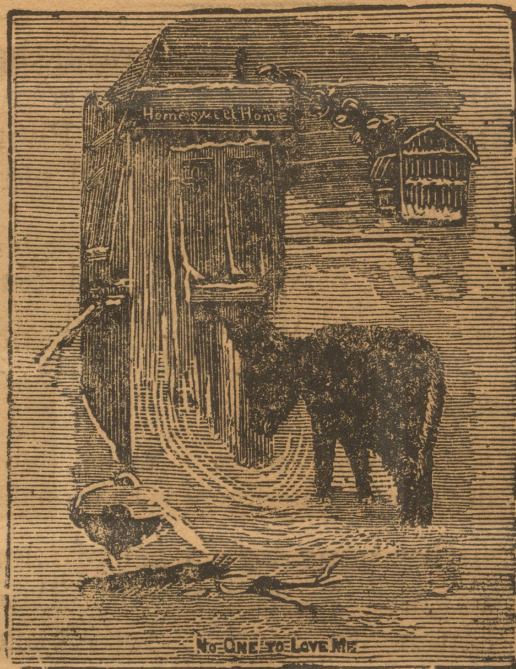
The secretary then read a circular letter from a Chicago firm which has just placed on the market a patcher and rip mending machine. The secretary was instructed to order 2000 machines at once.

The committee for the Prevention of Misery then submitted its report, showing that misery is due to a discontented mental condition, superinduced by sorrow. The report further showed beyond a doubt that

misery is the great grandmother of sorrow.

After transacting much other important business the club quire sang that soul stirring song "All Hail the Man Who Invented the Bachelor Button," and adjourned.

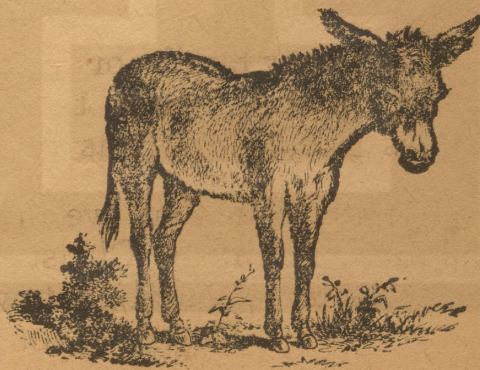
Finest line of whiskies and cigars at the Senate Saloon.



A beautiful home Christmas scene in Colorado.

A neat line of useful goods such as chinaware, glassware, tinware, and light hardware. Fine guns, ammunition, etc. J. R. GRAVES.

One of the finest dinners ever served in the west at the St. James Hotel Monday.



Photograph of the man who doesn't like our style of journalism.

The Star Saloon will serve all the popular holiday drinks. The finest quality of goods and no other.

Jake Maurer will serve unusually fine Christmas dinner. Jake has served the people of Colorado with over fifteen Christmas feasts, and no man in the west has more brilliant record in this line. Ladies are especially invited on this occasion. Family orders filled.

A fellow was arrested up in New Mexico a few days ago for stealing a load of bones, and the local paper should refer to him as a regular bone felon.

Get your whiskey for every day in the year at the St. James Bar.

A shave that gives comfort, a hair cut that adds attraction and a bath that cleanses can be had at the St. James Barber-shop.

All the Roswell prisoners broke jail and escaped a few ago. It is said that they crawled through a very small opening in the wall. A very narrow escape, as it were.

J. D. Stoneham's coal and wood is guaranteed to prevent cold feet, pneumonia, and poverty when used according to directions.

Free Egg-nogg at the Arc Light Saloon Christmas day.

Lost:—An overcoat. Pockets contain a large assortment of old junk and three whisky chips. Finder will please keep quiet. He may also keep the coat and old junk if he will only return the whisky chips to the editor of THE JOSHER.

Haley's barbershop is the only place in west Texas where you can get a rain water bath.

Old shoes and second hand pants taken on subscription at THE JOSHER office.

The Favorite Saloon is the place to get the best goods. We strive to please in every way for we want your patronage.



"Helo dear," by Capt. Patterson.

TRANSVAAL WAR NEWS

By Wireless Telegraphy

Liarsburg, South Africa Dec, 21—A special fr. m Fakeburg says that a force of 18,000,000 Boers, under General Jawbuster, attacked a section gang with intent to swipe a hand car. The Boers were repulsed with a terrible loss of 15 minutes. Owing to the heroism of the section gang the railroad company has announced that they would not be "docked" for loss of time.

Ananiasburg, S. A., Dec. 21—A courier from Duntookus announces that a large force of Boers under General Jumponus attacked Duntookus yesterday. To avoid capturing the enemy the Brithish under General Tearout are now retiring in great confusion. From the tone of the dispatch the war office thinks General Tearout is now on his way to join the Angels.

Mixupthings, S. A., Dec. 21.—Conditions in Mixupthings, are as satisfactory as could be expected. It has been expected all the time that the Boers would take the place, and they did.

Come in and see our line of toys before you make your final purchases. Cheapest and best.
Fields Bros.

People who trade at the Colorado Meat Market never "beef," for they always meat their wants. They say nothing but saw meat, which for quality can't be beat.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

You should be very careful how you tell the truth. Truth told the wrong way produceth much trouble, sometimes.

Speak not evil of a man when you know he can wollop a whole cavayard of your sort.

Speak only kind words of those you know and let strangers alone.

George Major, grain, hay and feed, W. H. Snyder corner next door to post office. Phone 80. Free delivery to all parts of the city.

Don't forget Fred and Sam Lasky for fresh fish and oysters. Meals at all hours 25 cents.

Weather forecast: Storms, blows and local disturbances very probable.

Get your wife a set of those elegant Napkins and Table Linen to match, for Xmas, from See's.

Gentlemen; see See's line of nice woolen underwear.

Rain water baths at Haley's barber shop.

Wanted:—Three hundred desperate characters to act as a body guard for the editor of this paper.

Dolls repaired, reheaded, rewiggged, retailed and wholesaled at Cheatham's Drug Store.

Take your family or friends to the great dinner at the St. James Hotel Christmas day.

It's no josh that we have the swellest line of Christmas presents to be found in town.
FIELDS BROS.

Nice Xmas present, have your home insured. Thos. Q. Mullin Co.

Go to Doss Bros. for your jewelry. Guaranteed to be the best made on the earth.



"I'm gwine ter be an Angel Bye an' Bye" words and music as.

rendered by Prof. Dick Hoeman.

THAT'S NO JOSH.

If any one asks for the best stock paper in Texas tell him it is the West Texas Stockman, Colorado, Texas. Daily, 4 pages, 60 cents per month; Weekly, 12 pages, \$1.50 per annum.

The Stockman Job Office prints the finest and best stationery and commercial work in the west, and that's no Josh. Mr. Josher,

Go to the St. James barber-shop for the very best tonsorial work.

Ladies, see the Lavoliers at See's.

District attorney Ellis Doubt it, spent several days here this week.

A nice tie for your friends at See's.

Buy a nice home. Thos. Q. Mullin Co.

Persons having small children should not let them play with canon, gattling guns, or dynamite during the holidays, as it is dangerous. Buy the little fellows a nice keg of powder and a box of matches, if you really want them to be little angels.

If you want to make HER a nice present, you can yet get it at Fields Bros.

Rent a home from Thos. Q. Mullin Co.