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Lellayaville, Rome, &c.	2:30
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Lehigh Valley way mail South	9:15
Closed pouch Elmira, Erie and Northern Central Railroads	10:00
Troy, Burlington, &c.	10:00
Sheshequin, &c.	12:00 M.
Barclay	1:00 P. M.
New Era, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	1:00
Asylum, Monday, Wednesday and Friday	1:00
Lellayaville, Rome, &c.	2:00
Dushore, &c.	2:45
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	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Niagara Falls	2.05	7.20	.....	7.15
Buffalo	2.50	8.25	.....	9.20
Rochester	5.15	10.30	.....	.....
Lyons	6.30	11.30	.....	.....
Geneva	6.54	11.55	.....	.....
Ithaca	8.35	1.18	8.30	.....
Auburn	5.10	9.05	.....	.....
Owego	9.00	10.50	.....	.....
Elmira	9.10	1.45	9.00	3.45
Waverly	9.45	2.10	9.40	4.15
Sayre	10.10	2.30	10.00	4.30
Athens	10.15	2.34	10.05	4.34
Milan	.....	.....	10.15	.....
Clifton	.....	.....	10.25	.....
Towanda	10 46	3.00	10 43	5 05
Wysauking	.....	.....	10.54	5.19
Standing Stone	.....	.....	11.03	.....
Rummerfield	.....	.....	11.10	5.26
Frenchtown	.....	.....	11.17	.....
Wyalusing	.....	3.36	11.30	5.45
Laceyville	.....	11.44	3.54	11.49
Skinner's Eddy	.....	.....	11.53	6.07
Meshoppen	.....	4.10	12.00	6.24
Mehoopany	.....	.....	12.16	6.38
Tunkhannock	.....	12.25	4.35	1.00
Lafayette	.....	.....	1.10	7.20
Falls	.....	.....	1.25	7.35
L V R R Junction	1.05	5.10	1.45	8.05
Wilkes-Barre	1.35	5.35	2.20	8.35
Mauch Chunk	3.45	7.30	4.50	11.00
Allentown	4.44	8.24	5.53	12.00
Bethlehem	5.00	8.35	6.05	12.15
Easton	5.30	9.00	6.40	12.55
Philadelphia	6.55	10.35	8.25	2.20
New York	8.05	.....	9.15	3.35
	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.

WESTWARD.

STATIONS.	8	30	2	12
	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
New York	6.30	....	7.40	3.40
Philadelphia	8.00	....	9.30	4.15
Easton	9.20	....	10.15	5.50
Bethlehem	9.50	....	10.45	6.15
Allentown	10.05	....	10.54	6.34
Mauch Chunk	11.05	....	11.55	7.25
Wilkes-Barre	1.08	6.00	2.03	9.45
L V R Junction	1.35	6.35	2.25	10.10
Falls	....	7.02	....	10.30
Lafayette	....	7.20	....	10.42
Tunkhannock	2.18	7.33	3.03	10.52
Mehoopany	....	7.57	....	11.13
Meshoppen	....	8.04	3.28	11.19
Skinner's Eddy	....	8.19	....	11.33
Laceyville	3.03	8.23	3.46	11.36
Wyalusing	....	8.43	4.03	11.55
Frenchtown	....	8.55	....	12.08
Rummerfield	....	9.01	....	12.17
Standing Stone	....	9.10	....	12.24
Wysauking	....	9.19	....	12.34
Towanda	4.00	9.30	4.43	12.45
Clifton	....	9.43	4.55	12.57
Milan	....	9.52	....	1.06
Athens	4.30	10.00	5.10	1.15
Sayre	4.40	10.10	5.20	1.23
Waverly	4.45	10.20	5.30	1.30
Elmira	5.25	11.10	6.15	2.15
Owego	5.37	....	6.25	....
Auburn	8.30	....	9.35	....
Ithaca	6.10	2.10	6.40	....
Geneva	7.41	5.00	8.14	....
Lyons	8.40	....	8.50	....
Rochester	9.50	7.40	9.40	....
Buffalo	11.40	....	12.05	8.00
Niagara Falls	1.35	....	4.00	9.40
	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.

No. 32 leaves Wysauking at 6:00, A. M., Frenchtown 6.14, Rummerfield 6.22, Standing Stone 6.31, Wysauking 6.40, Towanda 6.53, Ulster 7.06, Milan 7.16, Athens 7:25, Sayre 7.40, Waverly 7:55, arriving at Elmira 8:50.

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.

KIMBERLEY, Geo. W. Office 2nd door south First National Bank, up stairs. 5aug80

HILLIS, E. L. Office over Kirby's Drug Store, Mercur Block. nov 13,'78

SMITH, ELIHANAN. Office over Kirby's Drug Store, Mercur Block. may26'78.

CALIFF, J. N., Office in Wood's Block, south First National Bank, up stairs. June 12,'78

ELSBREE & SON (*N C Elsbree* and *L Elsbree.*) Office in Mercur Block, Park St. may14,'78

PECK & OVERTON (*Benj M Peck* and *D A Overton*). Office over Hill's Market 49-'79

OVERTON & SANDERSON (*E Overton* and *John F Sanderson.*) Office in Adams Block. july5'78

MAXWELL, WM. Office over Dayton's Store april 14,'76

WILT, J. ANDREW. Office in Mean's Block. apr 14,'76

DAVIES, CARNOCHAN & HALL, (*W T Davies, W H Carnochan, L M Hall.*) Office in rear of Ward House. Entrance on Poplar St. (jel2,'75

MERCUR, RODNEY A. Solicitor of Patents. Particular attention paid to business in Orphans' Court and to the settlement of estates. Office in Montanye's Block. 49-79

McPHERSON & YOUNG, (*I. McPherson* and *W. I. Young.*) Office south side of Mercur's Block. feb 1,'78

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JOHNSON, T. B., M.D. Office over Dr. H. C. Porter's Drug Store. feb 12,'78

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LADD, C. K., M.D. Office, last door above old bank building, on Main street. Special attention given to diseases of the throat and lungs. july19,'78

WOODBURN, S. M., M.D. Office and residence, Main street, north of M.E. Church. Medical Examiner for Pension Department. feb 22,'78

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Dear Sir:—This is to certify that your reliable INDIAN BLOOD SYRUP is the best medicine ever used in my family. Hoping the public will be benefited by this great remedy, I take great pleasure in giving my testimony of its value. JOSEPH P. BREAKER.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:—This is to certify that your valuable INDIAN BLOOD SYRUP has cured me of Dyspepsia and Indigestion, which I had been afflicted with for years. GEORGE M. ELLIOT.

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Dear Sir:—I was subject to severe Pains in my Kidneys, Weakness and Painful Sick Headache, for years, and failed to obtain relief, until I was induced to try your reliable INDIAN BLOOD SYRUP, a short trial of which restored me to perfect health. JAMES RILEY.

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'Oh, why did I leave God's country to come to this benighted land?' pathetically exclaimed the Northern bride of a Texan 'cow-man,' as she observed her lord, the morning after their arrival home, rise from his luxurious couch of two black-jack logs, and, stretching his giant frame, remark that he must be riding, as that 'sleeping was too good for the likes of him.'

The night that knows no earthly dawn has long since closed around that bride; but she had uttered a saying that was not born to die, and to this day, and perhaps forever, 'back in the State' will be reverently spoken of by the cow-boys as 'God's country.' The aphorism of the divine scribe that 'all flesh is grass' might be easily converted into the prevalent belief of this State, that 'all grass is flesh.' Certain it is the divinity of the 'golden calf' has never been disputed in Texas, and here his faithful worshippers cluster by the thousand. West of the Brazos river, the social and financial standing of a man is reckoned by the number of cattle which he possesses and the length and breadth of his range, and the first essential of a stockman is his ability to draw his six-shooter sooner than the next man.

The history of stock-raising and stockmen in Texas is interesting, and the desperate efforts by which some of them have forced their way to the top of the ladder would appall the bulls and bears of Wall Street. With scarcely an exception, the successful stockman of Texas were originally penniless adventurers, who floated into the State 'dead broke' and have in a comparatively short time built up fortunes aggregating millions of dollars. Standing head and shoulders above all the rest is Richard King, — the cattle-king of America, and, indeed, of the world—who owns and brands fully four hundred thousand head of stock. King is a type of the successful Texan stock-raiser. Previous to the year 1837 he worked as a long-shore-man in New City. Tired of being a roustabout on the dingy wharves along the East River front, the young Irishman shipped before the mast and came in a vessel to Brazos Santiago, at the mouth of the Rio Grand. For some time he worked on a small boat which plied up and down the river, and he arose to be steward and then captain and part owner. It is said that he also ran an establishment in one of the Mexican river *dueblos* similar to the 'Buckingham' of New York, where the nightly fandangos turned hundreds of Mexican dollars into the pockets of the ex-long-shoreman, on whom Fortune now indeed began to smile. His next venture was to organize and run a line of stages between Brownsville and Corpus Christi, and a line from Corpus to Laredo on the Rio Grand. Although his enterprises prospered, he sold out his boat, and, giving up his dance-house, went with his partner, Captain Kennedy, into the cattle-business. Buying up a lot of cows, he located his range along the Nueces River, and, to use the language of the stock-men, proceeded 'to work his cattle.' Sticking to it night and day with rare and indomitable pluck and perseverance, he has gathered around him more flocks than Laban and Abraham and Job possessed jointly. A bitter and relentless prosecutor of the cattle-thieves who at that time infested the frontiers, following bands of marauding Mexicans and outlaws across the river into Mexico, and invariably hunting them down to a merciless punishment, he became the object of their especial hatred, and his life was in constant peril. Whenever King rode abroad through his pastures, it was always with an escort of thirty or forty of his Mexican *peons* to guard him from danger; and this body-guard still accompanies him whenever his sallow countenance is seen in the streets of Corpus Christi.

Around his hacienda, which is situated on an elevated hill overlooking the greater portion of his pasture, are planted batteries of cannon that are used in defending his residence and warehouses from the attacks of raiding Mexicans and the bands of horse-thieves. In his warehouses are stored the supplies for his small army of herders. This ranch, the Santa Gertrudes, alone stretches the enormous distance of seventy-five miles long and from ten to twenty miles wide, while all over its surface are sunken wells or tanks which furnish the cattle with water during the summer drought. Besides the Santa Gertrudes, which lies in the counties of Nueces and Cameron, King owns several other huge pastures, or fenced lands, near Brownsville, on the Rio Grande. More than three hundred herders are employed working his cattle, the majority of them being the *peons*, or lowest class of Mexicans. King annually brands forty thousand calves, and last year drove to Kansas thirty-five thousand beeves. He owns thousands of horses, sheep, goats, and asses besides, and offered once to sell the government four thousand horses, of four different colors,—one thousand black, one thousand whites, one thousand paints, and one thousand bays; but the tough little mustangs could not come up to regulation size. King still runs the stages between Corpus Christi, Brownsville, and Laredo. A stout-built man, dark, with sallow complexion, he moves with a sort of twisted motion, from having had his leg broken once and not properly set. The Mexicans look up to him with more veneration than to their own President. He bears the reputation of being stingy and close-fisted, even with his great wealth, except when in his cups, when he is liberal enough to give away a whole ranch and all its stock at one time,—always when sober keeping the promise made when drunk.

Next to King, the largest individual stock raiser in Texas is R. E. Stafford, whose cattle to the number of one hundred and twenty-five thousand graze on the ranges along the Brazos, Colorado, and Navidad River. At the close of the war, Stafford, who came to Texas from Florida, lived in a log cabin on Pin Oak Creek, a tributary of the Colorado River, and was estimated to be worth one thousand dollars. Shrewdly working his stock, his policy was to put all his earthly possessions into 'she-cattle,' and this year he brands twenty thousand calves.

'Dang his soul,' said an old herder to the writer, speaking of Stafford, 'he is buying many a cow;' which seemed to express the secret of his success exactly.

The big stock men crowd out the smaller ones, and much bitter feeling and some bloodshed are engendered by their persistent efforts to assert the right of the strongest. A bitter feud sprung up between Stafford and a small stock-raiser named Townsend, and each, backed by his own party, would fight wherever they met. Stafford, while gradually absorbing the smaller brands on the prairies, in his rise to wealth found Townsend in his path. He sent word to him that they could not work the prairie together, and that he (Stafford) was not ready to leave. Townsend refused to sell out and move away, and the two parties, meeting in the streets of Columbus, fought a pitched battle, in which the Staffords were victorious, several being killed and wounded on both sides. The Townsends were ultimately crowded out of the way, and Stafford reigned supreme over the Colorado ranges. This is a fair illustration of the manner of man a stock-raiser must be.

Captain Kennedy, King's old partner, whose ranch is located on the headwaters of the Nueces, annually brands fifteen thousand calves. Colonel Eugene Millet, in his pastures on the Upper Brazos, owns forty thousand head and brands ten thousand calves a year. James F. Ellyson, of San Marcos, William B. Mines, of Tres Palacios, in Matagorda county, D. R. Fant, whose cattle water in the San Antonio River, and perhaps a dozen more throughout the State, brand annually from five to ten thousand calves. Many of the pastures of these cow-men are larger than the State of Rhode Island. In South-western Texas the stock firm of Coleman, Mathis & Fulton have enclosed nearly the three entire counties of Bee, Arkansas, and San Patricio, and graze more than two hundred thousand head of stock. This firm sold this year one hundred and fifty thousand acres of fenced pasture-land to one man (William Wright) for fifty cents an acre, Wright paying besides at the rate of five hundred dollars a mile for the fence that surrounds it. The fence is almost entirely of barbed wire. According to the cow-man's arithmetic, there is a calf to every four head of cattle. Failure after you are once started in the stock business they consider impossible if a man adheres strictly to his cows, although several years ago a stock-firm, Allen & Poole, were rated as worth two million of dollars, and now they have broken and their names as stockmen are things of the past. But their faildre was attributed in a large measure to having made bad investments in landed property.

But what would astonish the peaceful, law abiding citizens of the East is the immense amount of thieving which is done on the border. The facility with which this nefarious practice can be carried on has been greatly lessened within the past year. Prior to that, the only punishment meted out to the cattle thieves was by the citizens taking the law into their own hands and hanging and shooting them whenever found. In the fall of 1876, a regular organized band of desperate white men and low down Mexicans infested the country around Goliad and stole large bodies of cattle, driving them across the river into Mexico. This band was under the leadership of two white men, Ada Mildy and Bill Brooking. Issuing from the dense portions of Guadalupe and San Antonio the Brooking's band would round up a bunch of cattle on the prairie, and corralling them, would proceed to brand, counder brand, and deface the marks upon them until the cattle were beyond recognition. If anybody rode up, they would stop work, and, putting their hands in their pockets, hang listlessly around the pen until the stranger went off. The stock-men of the neighborhood organized a vigilance committee, which, after much hard riding and fighting, broke up the band, killing most of them, and drove the rest into Mexico. It was a long time, however, before they caught the leaders. Young Mildy was only twenty-one years old, the son of a respectable old German, a carpenter of Goliad, but was known as one of the boldest and most successful thieves that roamed the prairies. He could easily have escaped into Mexico; but from the recess of the river chapparal the vigilants were unable to drag him, until, venturing one day in broad daylight into the town of Goliad to hold an interview with his sweetheart, to whom he was soon to be married, he was surprised and surrounded by the stock-men in the Case Hotel. Fear was a stranger to the young thief, and he never quailed at his perilous position. Standing at the top of the staircase, with a six-shooter in each hand, while his sweetheart stood near him with a cocked Winchester rifle, he swore they should have only his dead body. Fair promises induced him to come down on the street, where, boldly facing the score or more of mounted men before him, he asked them what they wanted of him.

'Where is Bill Brooking?' asked Captain Tom Sullivan, the leader of the party.

'I don't know; and if I did, I would see you in h—l before I would tell you,' was the cool reply. But his courage availed him nothing, for at a sign from Sullivan, he was lassoed and his arms bound tightly to his body, while two of the horsemen dismounted, and, seizing the young thief, strapped him, not without a desperate resistence, to the back of a led horse. Riding out of town, the party stopped on the banks of the Perdido or Lost Creek, and held a consultation as to the best method of disposing of their prisoner. During the whole time Ada Mildy's round, red face never paled, nor did he pay any attention to what was being said. His coolness was so extraordinary that a few of them wanted him turned loose under a promise to quit the country; but when the proposition was made to him he refused to accept it. A few days afterward Ada Mildy's mangled carcass was fished out of the San Antonio river and sent to his aged father.—Bill Brooking shared the same fate, being shot while cooking his supper, and his body left to the tender mercies of the prairie wolves.

These vigilantes existed all through Texas two years ago; but the energetic services of General Ord, assisted by a body of State Rangers under Captain Lee Hale, has rendered thieving a more precarious method of earning a livelihood than most men are willing to accept. At one time the negroes resorted to skinning and stealing cattle on the ranges along the Colorado and Guadalupe rivers; but armed squads of white men would ride through the timber in the river-bottoms where the negroes' cabins are all located, and, taking the blacks from their homes, would conduct them into the woods a little way, and, tying them to a tree, would go to work on them with their six-shooters. Sometimes twenty or thirty would meet their doom in this manner in a single night. In this country the life of one white man is considered equal in value to four Mexicans or twelve negroes, and punishment for the crime of murder is rated accordingly. During the winter the cold northers that sweep over the prairies kill the cattle by the thousands, and it is a greater temptation to skin these dead animals, although strictly illegal—their hides being worth from one to two dollars each—and it is scarcely to be wondered at that the negro or poor white, seeing fortunes lying around him, should slip out of the timber after dark and stealthily skin a dozen or so of the brutes. Yet if he is caught at it his life is certain to pay the forfeit.

In the spring months the great cattle-drive to Kansas takes place. Formerly, before the war, Texas cattle were driven to some point on the Mississippi river and shipped to Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and other Eastern