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BEN THOMPSON OF TEXAS.

POLITE AND COURTEOUS, YET THE SLAYER OF FORTY ODD MEN.

All over Texas Ben Thompson's note was negotiable paper, and no man who ever presented him with a bill was treated with anything but polite business courtesy.

I was introduced to Thompson at Austin, Tex., and the meeting was not in a saloon, a gambling house, not even a hotel. The place was a quiet, orderly ice cream parlor, and Ben Thompson and his wife were eating strawberry cream at a table near by to a coterie of high school girls, one of them being a daughter of ex-Governor Ireland, of Texas.

Thompson was a small sized man, yet not slender. He was elegantly, yet not showily dressed; his clothes indicated a correct taste, a diamond stud and a thread of gold watch chain comprising all his personal jewelry. He was a handsome man of 45, with small, black mustache and hazel eyes.

Yet this man had a record of having killed thirteen white men and twice that number of Mexicans and Indians. A few months later he was himself killed in San Antonio, along with Kingfisher, in a hand-to-hand conflict with twoother men in the Vaudeville theatre.

He was never known to take an undue advantage of an enemy, a number of his victims having had the first shot at him. Once in a store he ordered a man with whom he was engaged in a lively dispute to go outside and pass around the block to the right; he would pass around to the left, and meet him. They did so, the man hissed away at Thompson with a shotgun loaded with buckshot, missed, went into the air at the crack of Ben's revolver, and fell a corpse.

And this with every one of Thompson's numerous killings, the preliminaries were always flavored with a dash of dramatic education-alism.

As Thompson and his wife passed out of the ice cream bazaar I noticed that she had but one arm. The other had been shattered by a Winchester ball in Denver, when she threw it across Ben's head upon discovering a crouching form drawing a bead on him. At the time of his death Thompson was city marshal of Austin.—*St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

NINETEEN YEARS A PRISONER.

A GERMAN WHO SPENT ALL THIS TIME IN SLAVERY IN AFRICA.

Recently, according to a story translated from the German by the Philadelphia *Times*, Christoph Daniel's family and friends in the village of Geissenstein were in a state of great agitation as well as the most heartfelt joy. They had a son who had been wounded at Gravelotte in the war of 1870. The parents had received a certificate of his death, saying that he had died on the 21st of August. To the great joy of parents and friends, this death notice has proven false. Lately the parents received a letter from their son Henry, in Algiers. This was the very son they thought had died nineteen years before.

Henry Daniels relates in his letter that he had been taken prisoner by the Turks, brought to Africa and given to a plantation owner as a present. There he worked for nineteen years as a slave, and suffered the most cruel treatment. Meat was thrown to him raw, and he had no clothing on his body since 1870. He said that he had made six attempts to escape, having failed every time. Finally, when the plantation owner was dead and buried, his escape was successful. Three days and three nights he was on his flight, until he fell exhausted and tired out.

In the city in which he fell he was cared for and concealed at the time of writing a letter home, by German trades people. This had been the first chance he had of sending any notice to his parents. The son heartily begged his parents to have him set free.

The very evening of the receipt of the letter the father informed the circuit officials as well as the royal council, whereupon dispatches were sent to Berlin to effect the final release of the poor fellow.

Pleasant Anecdote About Disraeli.

There has been a superstition in the world by which rogues have have often profited, but which is now happily dying away—a fancy that a man of genius must always be a Delphic creature; and, if not absolute in words, must at least never lower his dignity by participating in anything unpraised. But the homely practicality of true genius never avoids the little, if a little can be gained. This was well illustrated by an incident during the session of the Berlin Congress, where, by-the-by, Disraeli insisted at the start, though he could speak French readily, that the business should be carried on in English, thereby implying to the assembly of Europe that the English was the master tongue of the world and in the master of the situation. The little incident was this:

At the first diplomatic dinner the Marquis of Salisbury, a rather sharp observer, suggested to Prince Bismarck that it was unwholesome to swallow cherry stones. The Prince took umbrage and denied the charge, whereupon the Marquis insisted with much warmth that Beaconsfield was forced to propose himself as umpire. Bismarck accepted the offer, and Beaconsfield demanded his plate. Very slowly and carefully, though doubtless with an inward smile, Beaconsfield arranged the stones and stems in military order, and lo! there were two stones missing. Here was a demonstration into which personality could not enter. The German Prince extended a hand of apology to the Marquis, and said: "You were right." Then turning to Beaconsfield, he exclaimed: "My lord, you are indeed a great man."—*"O, David's House," in Arena.*

A Strange Theory.

"Traces of arsenic in the stomach after death are by no means certain indications of murder or suicide," said a prominent St. Paul attorney.

"Do you believe innocent parties have been convicted on such evidence?" inquired a reporter.

"I do, most assuredly. I am by no means posing as a medical expert, but I have a theory, founded more upon many practical illustrations than upon science, that every human body contains a certain amount of arsenic, which immediately after death concentrates or crystallizes in the stomach. This theory is buttressed by the fact that, so far, I have never known a body exhumed and dissected for the purpose of satisfying inquiry into the question of the cause of death in which a certain amount of arsenic was not found.

"I remember a case in which a man was arrested and accused of having poisoned another man with strychnine, in which all the evidence upon which the prisoner was held to trial was based on the purchase by him of strychnine, and results of a post mortem examination revealed only traces of arsenical poisoning. Were I a juryman in a murder trial of this kind I would attach but little weight to the fact of arsenic being found in the victim's stomach. I believe it exists in certain varying quantities in the stomach of every adult corpse."—*St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

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PARALYZED BY A SCRATCH.

A SOLDIER'S GRAPHIC STORY OF A HALF HOUR'S AGONY ON A BATTLEFIELD.

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"It was at the battle of Chantilly in the early part of the fight. We had approached a low rambling fence—a Virginia fence, as they were called, and I had my gun through it and was doing what service I could. I saw the splinters fly from a piece of that fence under the impaled of a ball from the enemy.

"In the lightning flash of the flying wood I seemed to find time to dodge, and then there was a quick pain like the searing of a hot iron and the splinter was through my hat band and along my scalp, penetrating it, but not injuring the skull.

"The blow was severe and stunned me, and I remember with my hat look at the scene—the fighting troops, the smoke, the battle and the trampling men.

"I fell back, my legs half doubled up beneath me, and in a moment my strength was gone and I was powerless. I saw everything. Men fell upon me. Men trampled upon me. Horses reared around me. The battle was on all sides.

"My wits were clear, my brain unclouded, but there was I, dying a death momentarily, alive, yet dead and suffering more tortures than I thought life could have. I lay there perhaps half an hour—every moment a year of agony—when I felt some one's hand on my collar, and I was dragged out and turned on my face, where I lay for a moment as some one rifled my cartridge box.

"The motion saved me. My pulse seemed to stir, my heart beat, my will to re-exert itself, and in a few minutes I was myself. The wound was so small that I stanched it with my handkerchief and in half an hour I was as well as ever.

"If the hand had not found my coat collar I should have been bleaching my bones on Chantilly at this moment instead of here talking to you, and it would have been tough to have passed in on such a scratch."—*Lewiston Journal.*

Iceberg Dust.

One of the most interesting contributions of Professor Nordenskjold to popular science is his examination—when about 80 degree north latitude, before reaching Parry's Island, to the northward of Spitzbergen—of the snow which covered the ice bergs and which had come from still higher altitudes. He found it strewed with a multitude of minute black particles, spread over the surface or situated at the bottom of little pits, a great number of which were to be seen on the outer layer of snow; many of such particles were also lodged in the lower strata.

The dust, which became gray on drying, the professor found to contain a large proportion of metallic particles attracted by the magnet and capable of decomposing sulphate of copper. An observation made a little later upon other icebergs proved the presence of similar dust in a layer of granular crystalline snow situated beneath a stratum of light fresh snow and another at hardened snow. Upon analysis Professor Nordenskjold found this matter to be composed in varying proportions of metallic iron, phosphorus, cobalt and fragments of diatomaceae.—*New York Telegraph.*

A Pantry "Emergency Shelf."

In my pantry there is a space set apart, and always alluded to as "the emergency shelf." On it are to be found a can each of salmon, lobster, potted ham and corned beef; a box of sardines, a jar of pickled peaches and one of canned pears, several glasses of jelly and a package of self raising flour. As soon as one article is taken from the shelf its place is filled by another of its kind, so there is always material at hand for immediate use, should the day have been a specially busy one, or unexpected guests arrive about tea time.—*Good Housekeeping.*

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ACTING PRESIDENT.—Geo. O. Pitkin.

Cache County, Utah.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Benson	Alma Harris
Clarkston	John Jardine
Coveville	J. C. Larson
Card (Cornish)	John A. Woolf
Hyrum	S. M. Molen
Hyde Park	Robert Daines
Lewiston	W. H. Lewis
Logan, 1st Ward	R. M. Lewis
Logan, 2nd Ward	Henry Ballard
Logan, 3rd Ward	Robert Davidson
Logan, 4th Ward	Thomas X. Smith
Logan, 5th Ward	Wm. Hyde
Logan, 6th Ward	A. L. Schinkey
Logan, 7th Ward	Isaac Smith
Mendon	Henry Hughes
Millville	George O. Pitkin
Newton	Hans Funk
Paradise	Samuel Oldham
Providence	Niels Hansen
Richmond	W. L. Skidmore
Smithfield	G. L. Farrell
Trenton	J. B. Jardine
Wellsville	Wm. H. Maughan

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Cassia County, Idaho.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Oakley	John L. Smith, Jr.
Marion	Adam G. Smith
Spring Basin	Enoch R. Dayley, Sen.
Albion	Wm. T. Harper
Elba	Thomas Taylor
Inon	Thomas O. King

EMERY STAKE.

PRESIDENT.—C. G. Larson, Castle Dale.
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Emery County, Utah.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Castle Dale	Hensling Olsen
Ferron	F. Olsen
Huntington	C. Palmgren
Molen	L. S. Beach
Emery	C. Christensen
Orangeville	Jasper Robertson
Price	Geo. Frandsen
Cleveland	Samuel N. Alger, P. E.
Lawrence	Calvin W. Moore
Spring Glen	Heber J. Stowell
Castle Gate	William Laugh, P. E.
Upper Price	F. Ewell, P. E.
Wellington	Jefferson Tidwell, P. E.
Wilmarville	Sylvester Wilson, P. E.

JUAB STAKE.

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Juab County, Utah.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Eureka	Robert Gillespie, P.E.
Levan	Niels Aagard
Mona	John Kienke
Nephi, 1st Ward	William H. Warner
Nephi, 2nd Ward	David Udall
Wallington	Thomas Orgill P. E

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Kane County, Utah.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Factory	John Covington, P. E.
Glendale	R. J. Cutler
Johnson	W. D. Johnson, P.E.
Kanab	L. C. Mariger
Lee's Ferry	W. M. Johnson, P. E.
Moccasin	C. Heaton, P. E.
Mt. Carmel	H. B. M. Jolly
Orderville	H. W. Esplin
Pahreah	
Graham (Ranch P. O.)	G. D. McDonald
Fredonia	

MARICOPA STAKE.

PRESIDENT.—Chas. I. Robson, Mesa.
COUNSELORS.—Henry C. Rogers, Collins B. Hakes, Lehi.

Maricopa County, Arizona.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Alma (Mesa P. O.)	O. M. Stewart
Lehi	T. E. Jones
Mesa	E. Pomeroy
Papago (Lehi P. O.)	Daniel P. Jones
Sophi (Mesa P.O.)	Samuel Openshaw

MILLARD STAKE.

PRESIDENT.—Ira N. Hinckley, Fillmore.
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Millard County, Utah.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Deseret	Joseph S. Black
Fillmore	Thomas C. Callister
Holden	David R. Stevens
Kanosh	J. Hopkinson
Leamington	Lars N. Christenson
Meadow	Hiram B. Bennett
Oak Creek	Peter Anderson
Scipio	Thomas Yates

MALAD STAKE.

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Box Elder County, Utah.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
Plymouth	Myron J. Richards
Portage	Enoch Harris
Waikakie	

Oneida County, Idaho.

Cherry Creek	Thomas A. Davis
Malad City	Geo. Stuart
Neeleyville (Ass. Falls)	Wm. Neeley
Rockland	Isaac Thorn
Samaria	Joseph Evans
St. John	James P. Harrison

SALT LAKE STAKE.

PRESIDENT.—Angus M. Cannon, Salt Lake City.
COUNSELORS.—Joseph E. Taylor, Charles W. Penrose, Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake City, Wards.

WARDS.	BISHOPS.
First Ward	Joseph Warburton
Second Ward	Leonard G. Hardy
Third Ward	Jacob Weiler
Fourth Ward	Harrison Sperry
Fifth Ward	Samuel M. T. Seddon
Sixth Ward	James C. Watson
Seventh Ward	William Thorn
Eighth Ward	Elijah F. Sheets
Ninth Ward	Samuel A. Woolley
Tenth Ward	Adam Spelts
Eleventh Ward	Alexander Mellan
Twelfth Ward	Hiram B. Clawson
Thirteenth Ward	Milen Atwood
Fourteenth Ward	George H. Taylor
Fifteenth Ward	Edas Morris
Sixteenth Ward	Frederick Kesler
Seventeenth Ward	John Tingey
Eighteenth Ward	Orson F. Whitney
Nineteenth Ward	Isaac Barton
Twentieth Ward	George Bonney
Twenty-first Ward	William L. S. Allen
Twenty-second Ward	Alfred Solomon

Country Wards.

Big Cottonwood (Brinton)	D. B. Brinton
Bluff Dale (Mossley)	Lewis H Mossley
Brighton	Frederick W. Schoenfeld

care E. Schoenfeld, Z.C.M.I., S.L. City

Draper	Wm. C. Allen
East Mill Creek (Neff)	John Neff
Farmers (S.L.City)	Henry F. Burton
Granite (Butler)	Alvin Butler
Granger (Taylorsville)	Daniel McRae
Herriman	Robert Daniels
Hunter (S. L. City)