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LEGISLATIVE LETTER

Austin, Texas, March 31.—

During the past week the Legislative caldron has simmered but never once reached the boiling point. Not a single bill has been sent to the Governor for signature by the special session up to the present time, except the appropriation for contingent expenses which covers the payroll of the House and Senate. The special session has already cost the tax payers of the state \$20,000 and the mill is still grinding at the rate of \$1300 per day. It must be said to the credit of the Legislative branch of the government that they have worked and worked hard, and both the sub-committees and main bodies have blood on their hand and lots of it; they have slain a number of bills outright and outstayed others, but the bill factory is running overtime with the yard full of raw material. There is now over 150 bills to consider an average of ten bills per day is being introduced. Our Legislative plant now has a capacity of less than one bill per day. It will require at least six months to give the bills on hand a separate burial or blow into them the breath of life as the solons may elect.

The voice of the people has

been heard in the Legislative halls, over 50,000 tax payers of the state having petitioned for a cessation of legislation and the press of the state has joined in the chorus "appropriate and vacate." It must be said to the credit of the Legislative branch of state government, however, that they cannot pass the appropriation bill until the Governor submits it. The bill is being held up by the administration and used as a club to force other legislation. The House laughs good naturedly at the "big stick" but the Senate hurls back defiance. The insurgents are thoroughly organized in the House and anything they may lack in number is more than made up in ability and in the Senate, they have always had an overwhelming majority,

The feature of the week in the House was the killing of two pet measures of the administration, the Full Rendition bill which was laid beneath the daisies on a vote of 58 to 55 and the Two Cent Fare bill which met a tragic death in the committee room. The Senate sent the nine Juror bill to the cemetery and spent a considerable portion of the week peppering the state with experimental stations but the House reduced the number

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Roasted Amazon monkey, boa constrictor cutlets and grilled whale blubber were imported items of the menu.

The report states that the boa constrictor cutlets proved to be the favorite delicacy of the evening, especially among the many women guests, and the supply was exhausted before all the guests were served. An announcement to this effect was made by the toastmaster, who said, however, that there was plenty of monkey meat on hand.—Breckenridge Democrat.

Prohibition in Switzerland.
 How easily the Swiss people dispose of public questions. The consumption of absinthe—a powerful intoxicant—had grown to very large proportions in Switzer

land. An appeal to the referendum was made, and a popular vote was recently had on the prohibition of the manufacture, importation or sale of the spirit in republic. The vote was nearly two to one in favor of prohibition, and that settles the matter. There will be no court decisions nor any other interference with the vice of the people, except by the people themselves, if they some time see fit to reverse the decision just made. Switzerland is a true democracy; the people rule, not only theoretically but actually.—Exchange.

Concerning The Railroad
 A meeting of the citizens of Borden county was held at the Court house last Saturday. This meeting was called for the purpose of further discussion and exchange of views as to the proper steps to be taken to secure the Texas Central railroad, which proposes in the near future, to build from Rotan, its

present terminus in a North West course to Roswell N. M. J. D. Brown as Chairman stated the object of the meeting and opened the house to informal discussion. A spirit of harmony prevailed and all present seemed inclined to give substantial encouragement to the road to come to Gail. Those who were appointed on the committees made no report of the amounts pledged, not having yet completed their work. We have received no definite proposition as yet from the Railroad company nor have any preliminary lines been surveyed, but it is generally understood that a route through Snyder and Gail would be the smoothest, most practical and least expensive for the road. One indispensable to a Railroad is a plentiful supply of pure water for engines and that could be easily obtained here. A reservoir affording an inexhaustible supply of rain water could be easily made. We have a depression like a basin, a natural slope from the mountains and a soil that holds water like a jug. This advantage we can hold out to the road in addition to a bonus.

NEWS.

It is our desire to give the readers of the Citizen an interesting, newsy paper. We have some local news correspondents in the country, but for some unaccountable reason they seem to have forgotten us of late and we have only been able to get the Gail news. As the office work requires most of our time many interesting items of news escapes our attention and we must depend principally upon friends of the Citizen for local news. Tell us, write or phone us anything that happens in your neighborhood and we will appreciate your kindness in helping us in our efforts to publish a good and acceptable paper.

SALE.

J. T. Patton 80 acres of land to F. C. Ferguson, Consideration \$800.

The writing school of D. A. Parrish closed Friday night. Two prizes were awarded Mr. J. DeShazo won the prize for greatest improvement, and Miss Alma DeShazo for best hand.

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Commissioners

F M Christopher	Prec. No. 1
Francis Abney	" " 2
Walter Bishop	" " 3
C E Reeder	" " 4

Secret Orders
 Masons meet on Saturday night on or preceeding the full moon.
 W. O. W. meets 1st Saturday night after each full moon and on Saturday night two weeks thereafter.

Gail Commercial Club meets 2nd Thursday night of each month.

Churches
 Methodist preaching every 4th Sunday, Rev. J L B Cash, preacher in charge.
 Church of Christ Church meeting every Lords day at 2:30 p. m
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 Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night.

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County Attorney H. R. Debenport was in Gail last Friday and Saturday attending justice court.



The Barrier

BY REX BEACH
Author of *The Spoilers*

A picture of the Klondike, a story of the conflict of passions universal—hatred born of terrible wrong, heart hunger unsatisfied and love that sweeps away every barrier. Poleon, the Great Heart, the character who caught the artist's fancy, will captivate the reader. Such high authority as the Boston Transcript says:

In *The Barrier* Mr. Beach has written a story that is far stronger, far more gripping and powerful than *The Spoilers*.

This is a tale, of Alaska, a bleak land where men and women fight each other and the relentless elements for the precious gold that lurks beneath the icy soil. Here is told a story of wild ambition, of uncontrolled passion, of men who know no law other than that of their own making; a story of a girl whose beauty and purity plunge her into deepest peril; a story of big men, big events, big thoughts and big hopes. Read of Necia, the fascinating heroine, who loves and is loved; of Gale, the man of mystery; of Stark, the killer of men; of Runnion, prince of scoundrels; of "No Creek" Lee, who comes into his own at last; of simple souled, big hearted Poleon Doret; of Lieutenant Burrell, the gallant Kentuckian who carries law and justice into the Yukon wilds and forces desperate men to recognize him as their master.

CHAPTER I. THE LAST FRONTIER.

MANY men were in debt to the trader at Flambeau, and many counted him as a friend. The latter never reasoned why, except that he had done them favors, and in the north that counts for much. Perhaps they built likewise upon the fact that he was ever the same to all and that in days of plenty or in times of famine his store was open to every man, and all received the same measure. Nor did he raise his prices when the boats were late. They recalled one bleak and blustery autumn when the steamer sank at the Lower Ramparts, taking with her all their winter's food, how he eked out his scanty stock, dealing to each and every one his portion month by month. They remembered well the bitter winter that followed, when the specter of famine haunted their cabins and when for endless periods they cinched their belts and cursed and went hungry to sleep, accepting day by day the rations doled out to them by the grim, gray man at the log store. Some of them had money belts weighted low with gold washed from the bars at Forty Mile, and there were others who had wandered in from the Koyukuk with the first frosts, footsore and dragging, the legs of their skin boots eaten to the ankle and the taste of dog meat still in their mouths. Broken and dispirited, these had fared as well through that desperate winter as their brothers from up river and received pound for pound of musty flour, strip for strip of rusty bacon, lump for lump of precious sugar. Moreover, the price of no single thing had risen throughout the famine.

He mixed in no man's business. He took and paid his dues unflinchingly. He spoke in a level voice, and he smiled but rarely. He gazed at a stranger once and weighed him carefully; thereafter his eyes sought the distances again, as if in search of some visitor whom he knew or hoped or feared would come.

This day he stood in the door of his post staring up the sunlit river, absorbing the warmth of the arctic afternoon. The Yukon swept down around the great bend beneath the high, cut banks and past the little town, disappearing behind the wooded point below, which masked the upcoming steamers till one heard the sighing labor of their stacks before he saw their smoke.

The sound of shouting caused him to turn his head. Downstream, a thousand yards away, men were raising a flagstaff made from the trunk of a slender fir, from which the bark had been stripped, heaving on their tackle as they sang in unison. They stood

well out upon the river's bank before a group of well made houses, the peeled timbers of which shone yellow in the sun. He noted the symmetrical arrangement of the buildings, noted the space about them that had been smoothed for a drill ground and from which the stumps had been removed, noted that the men wore suits of blue and noted in particular the figure of an officer commanding them.

The lines about the trader's mouth deepened, and his heavy brows contracted.

"That means the law," he murmured half aloud.

He stood so, meditating somberly, till the fragment of a song hummed lightly by a girl fell pleasantly on his ears, whereupon the shadows vanished from his face, and he turned expectantly, the edges of his teeth showing beneath his mustache, the corners of his eyes wrinkling with pleasure.

The sight was good to him, for the girl approaching down the trail was like some wood sprite, light footed, slender and dark, with twin braids of hair to her waist framing an oval face colored by the wind and sun. She was very beautiful, and a great fever surged up through the old man's veins till he gripped the boards at his side

and bit sharply at the pipe between his teeth.

"The salmon berries are ripe," she announced, "and the hills back of the village are pink with them. I took Constantine's squaw with me, and we picked quarts and quarts. I ate them all!"

Her laughter was like the tinkle of silver bells. Every move of her graceful body was unrestrained and flowing, with a hint of Indian freedom about it. Beaded and trimmed like a native princess, her garments mani-



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festated an ornament that spoke of savagery, yet they were neatly cut and held to the pattern of the whites.

"Constantine was drunk again last night, and I had to give him a talking to when we came back. Oh, but I laid him out! He's frightened to death of me when I'm angry."

She furrowed her brow in a scowl—the daintiest, most ridiculous pucker of a brow that ever man saw—and drew her red lips into an angry pout as she recounted her temperance talk till the trader broke in, his voice very soft, his gray blue eyes as tender as those of a woman.

"It's good to have you home again, Necla. The old sun don't shine as bright when you're away, and when it rains it seems like the moss and the grass and the little trees was crying for you. I reckon everything weeps when you're gone, girl, everything except your old dad, and sometimes he feels like he'd have to bust out and join the rest of them."

"I missed you dreadfully, daddy," she said. "It seemed as if those days at the mission would never end. Father Barnum and the others were very kind, and I studied hard, but there wasn't any fun in things without you."

"I reckon you know as much as a priest now, don't you?"

"Oh, lots more," she said gravely. "You see, I am a woman."

He nodded reflectively. "So you are! I keep forgetting that."

Their faces were set toward the west, where the low sun hung over a ragged range of hills topped with everlasting white. Beyond were other ranges thrust skyward in a magnificent confusion, while still to the farther side lay the purple valley of the Koyukuk, a valley that called insistently to restless men, welcoming them in the spring and sending them back in the late summer tired and haggard with the hunger of the north.

"When will Poleon get back, do you suppose?"

"Most any day now, unless the Dawson dance halls are too much for him. It won't take him long to sell our skins if what I hear is true."

"What is that?"

"About these Cheechakos. They say there are thousands of tenderfeet up there and more coming in every day."

Gale turned his eyes downstream to the barracks and noted that the long flagstaff had at last been erected. Even as he looked he saw a bundle mounting toward its tip and then he held the stars and stripes flutter out in the air, while the men below cheered noisily. It was some time before he answered.

"Poleon Doret is like the rest of us men up here in the north. We have taken care of ourselves so far, and I guess we're able to keep it up without the help of a smooth faced Yankee kid for guardian."

"Lieutenant Burrell isn't a Yankee," said Necla. "He is a Blue Grass man. He comes from Kentucky."

Her father grunted contemptuously. "I might have known it. A regular male man with any ginger in him would shed his coat and go to work."

Instead of wearing his clothes buttoned up all day. It don't take much 'savvy' to run a handful of thirteen dollar a month soldiers." Necla stirred a bit restlessly, and the trader continued: "It ain't man's work; it's—loading. If he tries to boss us he'll get quite a surprise."

"He won't try to boss you. He has been sent here to build a military post and to protect the miners in their own self government. He won't take any part in their affairs as long as they are conducted peaceably."

The man grunted again, with added contempt, while his daughter continued:

"This rush to the upper country has brought in all sorts of people, good, bad—and worse, and the soldiers have been sent to prevent trouble and to hold things steady till the law can be established. The Canadian mounted police are sending all their worst characters down river, and our soldiers have been scattered among the American camps for our protection. I think it's fine."

"Where did you learn all this?"

"Lieutenant Burrell told me," she replied, at which her father regarded her keenly. She could not see the curious look in his eyes, nor did she turn when, a moment later, he re-

To be continued.

The Appalling Deficit.

Samuel Walker McCall, Republican, who has represented for several terms in congress the eighth district of Massachusetts, in a recent lecture to the students of Harvard University, said:

"We have been passing through a wild orgy of extravagance, in which very much has been consumed in fireworks and fustian, and great burdens of expense have been unnecessarily fastened upon the country. Now, as a result of it all, we are to have taxation of a sort such as the country has usually known only as a result of war, and the people will have an opportunity of paying the bills.

"Our national expenditure doubled in a decade, and the expense of government during that period has increased more than four times as fast as the population. We have been accustomed to point to the Wilson tariff act as standing for a great deficit in national finance and yet the aggregate of deficits during the whole 35 months of the life of that act was \$105,000,000, as compared with more than \$140,000,000 of deficiency during the last 16 months of the administration which has just ended."

The above language, from the lips of a Democratic statesman, would be regarded with little favor on the part of many who persist in voting the Republican national ticket. But, uttered by a Republican eminent in the counsels of his party, the words ought to be listened to with serious attention by all patriotic citizens, irrespective of party. Observe that Mr. McCall declares that, "we have been accustomed to point to the Wilson tariff act (adopted by a Democratic congress) as standing for a great deficit in national finance," and yet the entire deficits during the whole life of the Wilson tariff of 35 months was \$105,000,000, while during the last 16 months of the administration which has just ended there is a deficiency of more than \$145,000,000—three times as much per month as was run behind during the existence of the Wilson tariff. Observe further that the existence of the government during a decade has doubled by an increase more than four times as fast as

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the increase of population. Are not these figures appalling? Is it to be wondered that the great bread lines—dead lines—continue in the large cities. And yet herculean efforts are now being made to continue the Dingley tariff. The contest now between the trusts and the consumers of the country is over a substantial reduction of the oppressive tariff duties.

The First Message.

If the length of President Taft's first message to congress is to be taken as a precedent establishing the basis of measurement of future messages during his term, there is much to be thankful for. The message was a model of brevity and, while lacking in the picturesque language and the fire and brimstone of the public documents of his predecessor, we do not see that Mr. Taft's production suffers by comparison with the more lengthy and lurid works of Citizen Roosevelt. It stated the facts concisely—notably that the nation is rapidly approaching bankruptcy and that business is stagnant—and put the matter of relief squarely up to congress, with the admonition (not especially complimentary either to congress or to the activities of Mr. Taft's predecessor) that "the less time given to other subjects of legislation (than the tariff) in this session, the better for the country."

"Why, after years of watching the process of nature, I can no more doubt the existence of an Intelligence that is running things than I do of the existence of myself. Take, for example the substance water that forms the crystals known as ice. Now there are hundreds of combinations that form crystals, and every one of them save that of ice sinks in water. Ice, I say, doesn't. And it is rather lucky for us mortals, for if it had done so we would all be dead. Why? Simply because if ice sank to the bottom of rivers, lakes and oceans as fast as it froze those places would be frozen up and there would be no water left. That is only one example out of thousands that to prove me beyond the possibility of a doubt that some vast intelligence is governing this and other planets."

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Gall, Texas, Apr. 7 1909.

I notice the representatives of the liquor interests are issuing lengthy communications through the press which contain many harsh things about ministers of the Gospel and the Anti-Saloon League. I do not deem it necessary for me to say anything in defense of either the ministers or the Anti-Saloon League, as the work of each is well known to the people. No class of men on Earth stand closer to the people than the ministers of the Gospel, and I am prepared to say that no class of men make such sacrifices as they. I know of men in the ministry who receive small salaries, scarcely enough to support themselves and those dependant upon them, who have the ability to engage in other pursuits and earn many thousands of dollars annually.

Many years ago the ministers recognized the fact that the saloon was the greatest evil in the land and was retarding the work expected of them more than all else. For this reason they have actively assisted in the work of putting the saloon out of business, hence the abuse of preachers by the liquor interests

During the year 1908, the Anti-Saloon League was instrumental in driving ten thousand saloons, from business, in the United States, and have the number set at twenty thousand, this year. There is little the liquor interests can do, except to abuse the preachers and the

Anti-Saloon League, for they cannot stand before an intelligent people and defend the saloon. Their tactics remind one of the practices in which some lawyers are accused of indulging, when the law and evidence in the case on trial are against them. They go before the jury and abuse the witnesses upon the opposite side of the case, instead of defending their cause.

The real issue is:—shall the saloons remain in Texas? If the liquor interests believe the saloon is a good institution and should remain in Texas, let them stand up like men and say so, and the Anti-Saloon League will meet them upon that issue. This is no personal fight, and we have not a word to say about those personally, who oppose us. But let us stick to the text. It is the Saloon we are after.

As to democracy, we who favor Submission are standing squarely upon the democratic platform, and those who oppose Submission are upon the republican platform. I refer to the platform of the two parties to bear me out in this statement. As the submissionist occupy the democratic position they intend to go before the democracy of Texas upon the issue of People's Rule against saloon rule, and ask that men be elected to office who will stand by the people.

Our Slogan will be;—"Shall the Saloons rule," and we will not be driven from this position. The democracy of Texas will have to make the choice, and as the Democratic party is the party of the people we have no fear as to the results.

Very respectfully,
STERLING P. STRONG
State Superintendent

Mineral Wells won the next convention of the woodmen of the World by a vote of nearly four to one. Beaumont was the only contestant, Texarkana withdrawing. The convention opposed establishing an orphan's home, favoring a sanitarium.

Dublin has reorganized its commercial club and proposes to raise \$400 a month for its support. When towns like Dublin

get active its high time all others should get busy.—Brownwood Bulletin.

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Local and Personal

N. H. Graham near Post City was in Gail last Monday and Tuesday.

Jim Cathey left Gail last Tuesday on his way to Abilene where he expects to stay sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Abney were in Gail last Sunday shaking hands with friends.

John S. Fritz was in town last Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Benton spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Berry.

Mssrs W N. Ross and J. Y. Everett and J. K. Mitchell were in Gail from their ranches last Saturday.

J. I. Wilbourn was in Gail last Friday and Saturday on business

Prof. E. A. Bills visited his sister Mrs. W. A. Clark last Saturday and Sunday

Walter Turner was in from his ranch last Saturday.

Geo. W. Foster was in town shaking hands with the Gailites last Saturday?

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Miller were in Gail visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rector last Saturday.

F. W. Park of Julia was in Gail on business last Friday.

Mssrs. Rodway Keen and Jack Rodgers were in Gail last Saturday.

Bert Belcher visited Gail Saturday.

Election of school Trustees Saturday April 3rd.

Eli Whitaker was in Gail last Tuesday, buying supplies.

W. S. McClung who has been to see relatives at Calvert returned to Gail Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sanford visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hale in Gail last Sunday.

Horace Hale was down from the plains last Monday.

Mesdames. Sam and Robt.

Whitaker were Shopping in Gail Tuesday.

J. H. Cotten from Morris was in Gail last Tuesday.

Writing By Telephone.

The Buffalo Times says that if all the London Mail claims and has made public is true. writing by telephone will soon be as ordinary an incident as calling up the telephone. The new and wonderful piece of mechanism is known as the telewriter and can easily be attached to any telephone, so that on ringing up another person similarly equipped he can transmit a written message or draw a sketch or write figures which speaking, his writing being instantaneously reproduced by an electric pen at the other end.

It has come to a popular belief that wonders will never cease, and to that category must be added this latest, which is so far advanced that London already has its first exchange with a list of over 200 subscribers. Describing its peculiar and delicate workings, the Mail continues: "If the subscriber who is rung up happens to be out or unable to answer the call a message can be written automatically on his telewriter pad by writing it with special pen on the pad of the instrument by which it is made; telephone attendants will thus be unnecessary."

It cannot be long before this instrument will have made its appearance and demonstrated its usefulness on this side of the ocean, and when it does it will soon be in the same demand as the other electrical contrivances we have come to regard as actual necessities.—El Paso Times.

Bought and Paid For.

The late break in the ranks of the Democratic congressmen was

bought and paid for. The beer and whiskey trusts, the sugar trust, the cotton trust and other trusts put up the money which carried the elections last fall, and Mr. Roosevelt, the actual leader of the Republican campaign last year, knew that such was a fact. The Democratic national platform declared unequivocally in favor of reducing tariff rates. The trusts believed that the Democrats as a party meant precisely what they said. The twenty-two members of the house calling themselves Democrats, who on Monday last broke from the party to which they profess to belong, were dominated by trust influence, and they are rewarded for their treachery by the gift to them of desirable positions on house committees. These rewards are openly bestowed. What secret compensations are made of course are not known. There must have been a special

deal made with the beer and whisky men, because in the revenue budget, which the Ways and Means committee reported, the tax on beer and whiskey was not disturbed. The chuckle of glee indulged in by the New York Tribune is not in the best taste. The business of the country is telling a story of retribution. The deficits in the treasury with a hundred mouths, are crying guilty!! Guilty!

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The Bank Deposit Guarantee bill is perhaps the most important piece of legislation now on the docket and will be taken up this week. It will have a rocky road to travel in the House but it is in the hands of experienced pilots. In the Senate the bill has few friends and if it survives the multitude of amendments which are lying in wait for it in the upper branch of the Legislature, it will deserve a position on our statute books.

Our efficient Sheriff Jno. R. Williams of Borden county received on last Saturday eve a circular notice from the sheriff of Taylor county to arrest one Jess Johnson, that he was wanted in Taylor county for an atrocious crime. Mr. Williams took up the investigation for Johnson at once and on Wednesday made the arrest and lodged him in the Borden coun-

ty jail, subject to the order of the Taylor county sheriff. Johnson was found on the C — ranch in Borden county. Borden county ought to feel proud of one of the most wide awake peace officers in Texas.

While "Uncle Joe" Cannon escaped walking the plank in the initial test of strength between the Republican reactionaries and the progressive Republican and Democratic allies, in the house of representatives, the insurgents and Democrats won a signal victory in the matter of the revision of rules. Under the new rules, although they are not all that could be desired, a measure of freedom is restored to the house and the speaker is shorn of some of the Czarlike attributes he has previously possessed.

J. L. DeSazo went to the plains Monday and remained till Wednesday.

AN EASTER SONG

The golden sun climes up the sky,
The shadows flee away,
Oh! weary heart, forget to sigh:
God sends the Easter Day!
Long was that night, chill was the air,
And grief o'er brooded long,
Yet is the new world white and fair,
Uplift thine Easter song!

The cross that bowed thee with weight
By strength of prayer is stirred,
Till it shall bear thee soon or late,
As wings upbear the bird.
The life that thrills from star to star,
And beats in leaf and stem,
Is wider than the heavens are,
And blesses thee from them.

Wert thou cast down, wert thou dismayed,
Dear Child of One above,
Behold the earth in light arrayed;
The light of deathless love.
Oh! listen to the word that wakes
In every budding flower,
And take the bread the Master breaks,
In His triumphant hour,

For those who hear, and hearing yearn.
The King hath secrets sweet;
Their hearts within them thrill and burn,
They wait His coming feet.
Then swift the sun climbs up the sky!
The shadows flee away!
Oh! weary heart, forget to sigh,
God sends the Easter Day!

J. C. Howe came down from the plains Wednesday to spend a day or to with his family.

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The Western Hotel in the Alderman Building next door to Arnold, McCamant Drug store, when in Big Springs.

Fine Stock.

Until now Borden county has boasted of no fine horses of high pedigree, but only of her fine Hereford cattle. This is no longer the case, a company has been formed in Gail and a magnificent English Hackney purchased for \$3300. Schiffer as he is called is a registered horse and a veritable picture, faultless in form and style. He will fill a long felt want with all lovers of fine horses.

A Lesson From Cuba.

The United States government might well go to the infant republic, Cuba, for a lesson in

economical administration. The report of the treasurer of the new Cuban government shows that in February receipts exceeded expenditures by \$225,196, while in February, 1908, expenditures exceeded receipts by \$506,996. In the last named year the Cuban treasury was in the hands of representatives of the United States government. This showing indicates that Cuba, with its government in its own hands, is starting out well in its fiscal affairs—much better than it fared when, in our tender solicitude for the best interests of the little republic, we had representatives in charge of the island, who used its revenues so extravagantly that the benighted Cubans are able to show an improvement in over \$730,000 in the balance sheet for a single month under their own administration.