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## TO ALL TAXPAYERS.

### THE NEW LAW ON STATE TAXATION.

Comptroller Finley's Circular to All Tax Collectors is of the First Importance to Every Citizen—Decidedly More Strict than in Former Years.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 9.—The comptroller has issued the following:

Office of Comptroller, Austin, Tex., Dec. 6.—To tax collectors: In view of the fact that the procedure for the seizure and sale of landed property for taxes has been entirely changed by the provisions of chapter 42, laws of the twenty-fourth legislature, you are respectfully advised as follows:

The collection of taxes by levy and sale by tax collectors of personal property for all delinquent taxes due by the owner thereof, is provided for by the following law:

See article 4746, act of 1887, page 128, and brought forward in the revised statutes of 1895 as article 5173, the purpose of which reads as follows:

"If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or her property by law until the first day of January next succeeding the return of the assessment roll of the county to the comptroller, the collector of taxes shall, by virtue of his role, seize and levy upon and sell so much personal property belong to such person as may be sufficient to pay his taxes, together with all costs accruing thereon."

It is therefore the duty of tax collectors to use every reasonable effort to find personal property, and to levy upon and sell the same for all the delinquent taxes, including taxes upon realty, personality and poll, due by the owner thereof, in every case where such taxes are not paid by January 1.

Provided, however, that there shall be no levy on property for collection of taxes where the owner, being a non-resident, has the right to pay at the comptroller's office until a list of the persons who have paid their taxes at said office has been furnished the collector of taxes by the comptroller.

Referring to chapter 42, laws of the twenty-fourth legislature, you are advised that the said act repeals all former laws under which lands were heretofore levied upon and sold by tax collectors for taxes, and provides for the institution of suit in the district court to enforce the payment of all taxes for which realty is liable. Your attention is directed particularly to section 10 of said act, which reads as follows:

"Section 10. The tax collector of each county shall make a list of the lands and lots on the 31st day of March of each year on which the state and county taxes for the preceding year remain unpaid, and shall file a certified copy of said list with the county clerk of his county, and shall send one to the comptroller of public accounts. The county clerk and comptroller shall enter said list in the 'delinquent tax record,' as provided in section 8, immediately upon receipt of same from the tax collector. The commissioners' court shall examine such delinquent list, correct errors in same, if there be any, and cause the corrections to be made upon the 'delinquent tax record' of the clerk's office and notify the comptroller of such corrections made. When the delinquent list is corrected as provided for in this section, then such delinquent list shall be advertised as provided for in section 5 of this act, and after such advertisement suit shall be instituted against delinquents in the district court as above provided, and such list as furnished by the tax collector and corrected by the commissioners' court shall constitute prima facie evidence of the proper assessment of the real estate, and that the amounts charged against said real estate is a true and correct charge. Provided, that the commissioners' court shall have the power in cases where lands delinquent for taxes for any year or years which have been subsequently subdivided and sold by the holder of such tracts of land at the time of delinquency, to prorate the amount of delinquent or back tax among the holders of subdivisions, and on payment of such pro rata by the holder of any subdivision he shall be released from any liability for the remainder of the delinquent tax on the whole tract."

Said section, as far as it relates to the duty of tax collectors, means that the lands and lots to be so reported by you on the 31st day of March to the county clerk and to the comptroller shall be charged by you, on

such lists, with all the taxes assessed against the owner thereof, including all taxes upon his personal property, and poll tax, delinquent for the preceding year, as a basis for the institution of suit. The exception to this rule being that a homestead can not in any case be charged with any taxes other than the taxes assessed against it.

Necessary blanks for such lists will be furnished you by this department in due time. Very respectfully,

R. W. FINLEY,  
Comptroller.

### Corbett Talks Again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—James J. Corbett will issue a statement over his signature in a few days setting forth his position pugilistically. He outlined this statement Saturday:

"My sympathies are heartily with Maher in his match with Fitzsimmons," said Corbett. "I hope he will beat that Australian's brains out. But if he does not I'll make Fitzsimmons fight for any amount of money he pleases or for a shoe string. I'll show that fellow up before I get through with him."

"But in case Fitzsimmons loses, what about Maher?" asked the reporter.

"I intend to let Maher alone unless he makes cracks at me. In that case I'll have to call him, that's all. I do not care to enter the ring again, but I won't allow any one to make any bluffs in my direction."

### Attorney General's Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The annual report of Attorney General Harmon, sent to congress yesterday, shows that there has been an increase in the number of criminal cases pending in the federal courts as well as an increase in the expenses of the courts from \$3,864,898 in 1888 to \$5,628,223 in 1895.

A strong argument is made for the abolition of the fee system. He says that too much of the time of the supreme court is occupied by criminal appeals and suggests that such appeals be disallowed except in capital cases.

### Employees Must Not Organize.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—An important order was issued Saturday by Postmaster General Wilson, directed against the organization of postal employees to secure legislative action. Reports have been current for a comparatively long period that employees of various classes were combining and pooling funds to furnish expenses of committees or other representatives sent to appear before congressional committees and in behalf of legislation. This action is now practically prohibited and a penalty of removal imposed by Saturday's order.

### Reported Killing of Cowboys.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 9.—News reached here from Fort Thomas that three cowboys have been killed by Indians at Hampton's ranch, near the scene of battle between cowboys and Indians, Lieut. Bullock left Fort Thomas for Hampton's ranch Saturday morning. Hampton's ranch is on Eagle creek, about fifty miles from Fort Thomas. The troops have been ordered to search for Sheriff Wright and posse, who have not been heard from since leaving Solomonville Wednesday morning in pursuit of the murderers of Merrill and his daughter.

### Another Defaulter.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 9.—A special from Frankfort says: State Inspector and Examiner Gardner made a report to Gov. Brown Saturday of an investigation of the office of the registrar of the land office, which shows a shortage of \$952.72 in the accounts of Hon. Green B. Swango (Dem.), the present registrar. The shortage, while comparatively small, runs back through the entire four years of his incumbency, a part of the fees due the state being withheld on each statement, which under the law are made every six months.

### International.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Paris says that the French bimetallic league has convened an international conference, which is to meet on December 10, continuing until December 12, to agree upon the terms of an appeal to the representative governments to renew negotiations for an international agreement to renew the use of both gold and silver as money metals. Representatives of England, Belgium and Germany will attend.

Daniel Pearce, a farmer, was arrested and placed in jail at Jefferson City, Mo., on the 6th inst., on the double charge of strangling his wife to death and committing an assault on an idiotic woman.

### A Fatal Wreck.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Three men were killed and two more were injured in a railroad wreck yesterday on the New York and New Haven railway in Harlem. The killed are: Thomas Fitzgerald, engineer, 38 years old; Frederick K. Naples, brakeman, 30 years old; Thomas C. McNally, brakeman, 40 years old. The injured are: Thomas Bannon, conductor, scalded; Thomas McKeon, fireman, scalded.

All the killed were residents of this city. The accident occurred between One Hundred and Twenty-second and One Hundred and Twenty-third streets. The engine No. 16, of the company's equipment was used as a switch engine and was bound west to Van Vest station with its crew of men. The accident occurred at a short curve and no explanation of who was responsible for the trouble could be ascertained. Everything was in its proper shape and the engine and tender were gliding along at the usual speed, when, without warning, the engine left the track and went bumping along over the ties.

Bannon, the conductor, and McKeon, the fireman, leaped for their lives at the minute the engine toppled over at the west bound track before the others of the crew were able to save themselves from being crushed beneath the weight of the boiler. Police and fire alarms were at once turned in. The firemen went to work with axes and cut away all the wood work of the cab, and in that way were able to take out the bodies of Fitzgerald and Naples, both of whom were pinned down by the cab. The body of McNally, however, was under the boiler and the firemen were not able to release it.

A wrecking crew was sent for from the company's yard and the work of lifting up the engine, which lay on its side, was begun. After many hours of labor, the engine was jacked up and the body of McNally was taken out. All of the bodies were crushed and scalded, death evidently having been instantaneous. Fitzgerald's head protruded through the window of the engine cab and he was sitting on his seat at his duty when the accident happened.

### An Old Goose and Gander.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 7.—John Cowling, aged 75, and Martha Cowling, aged 74, were married Thursday night by the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson. The couple were divorced several years ago and Cowling was a few years after married again. His second wife died four months ago. He and his first wife met, the old love was rekindled between the aged couple and they were secretly married.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: It is reported that the Chinese government has asked the government of Russia if in event of being requested to do so it would send an army corps to suppress the rebellion of the Dzungars. The rebels are reported to have captured Lan Chufu, 2000 men, thirty guns and large quantities of stores and ammunition.

Prince Graham, Jason Black and William Frazier were hanged at Hampton, S. C., on the 6th instant, for the murder of E. R. Mears, committed for the purpose of robbery.

Gorham Abbott, of Winsted, Conn., has surprised his friends by beginning to talk after being dumb for thirty years. He was made deaf and dumb by an attack of scarlet fever in his youth.

Mrs. Arthur Davis of Washington, has received permission to take up the graduate course at Johns Hopkins university, with a view of taking the degree of Ph. D. She will be the second woman to enjoy this privilege.

Miss Flesia Mundeisohn, who holds a medical diploma from a Paris university, and who established herself at Cairo, was recently called upon to attend the mother of the khedive. She has since been appointed doctor at the palace.

The editor of a Georgia paper makes this announcement to delinquent subscribers: "We have bought a handsome new office. Next week we are going to buy a repeating shot-gun and start out collecting, so we can make use of the safe."

Marvin Hightitt, who controls the vast Chicago and Northwestern railway system with its 10,000 miles of tracks, began his career by carrying water to construction hands on an Iowa line. He was then a boy of 14, and at 16 he was station agent with a salary of \$33 a month. President Roberts of the Pennsylvania road began service as a chain carrier in a surveying corps.

### ALL OVER THE STATE.

#### Interesting Cullings on Various Subjects Taken from the Daily Press.

Col. L. A. Ellis, who has been cultivating his sugar plantation at Sartartie, Fort Bend county, with convict labor, has made arrangements to employ free labor hereafter and to that end is figuring with the railroads to bring from 100 to 125 negro families from Georgia. He tried first to get the negroes who went down to Mexico and came back to accept employment on his plantation, but was not successful. Then he tried to secure a sufficient number of laborers from the colored population in Texas and failed again. So he has had agents in the southeast with the effect of securing a large number of negro families to come to Texas the first of the year and go to work for him. He has put up 124 neat new cottages and will give them homes and employment as long as they are worthy.

Something of a sensation was created in Fort Worth the other night, when it became known that Deputy United States Marshall J. B. Hamilton had arrested W. R. Harbeck on a warrant issued out of the United States court at Dallas, charging him with having on or about January 16 last forged a bond for the erection of a federal building at Camden, Ark. Harbeck is a well known contractor of Fort Worth, having recently constructed a number of buildings there. He was for a long time in the employ of the Papst Construction company during the building of Tarrant county's new courthouse. He has resided there some ten years, during which time he has made many friends, who feel that some mistake has been made.

Gov. Culberson and State Superintendent Carlisle are expected at Stephenville in a few weeks. They are two of the trustees of the fund of about \$90,000 left by the late John Farleton to establish a college at that place for the free education of poor children. A large part of the fund will come into the hands of Executor J. C. George during December, and County Judge King will at once call a meeting of the trustees to receive the same, select a site for the college and make the other necessary arrangements necessary to beginning the construction of proper buildings, etc. It is expected that the school will be ready to open in September next.

The special train containing President Huntington and party was sidetracked the other night at the sand pit in the southwestern part of Liberty. At 7 o'clock the next morning the coach "Texas" of that train caught fire from the explosion of a gasoline stove. The car was at once run up to the tank near the depot and the fire extinguished. The burned car was left there and the balance of the train containing the distinguished party proceeded east. Fireman Serat was made quite sick for awhile from the inhalation of smoke.

The railroad commission in approval of joint application of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway and the International and Great Northern railway, submitted under No. 39 of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway have granted authority to apply on blacksmithing coal between points on the International and Great Northern railroad and between points on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway the rates prescribed in commodity tariff No. 4 for transportation of soft coal.

At Terrell, recently, George W. Mathews, a saloonkeeper, was arrested, charged with shooting Will Bracy, colored, on the street in front of his saloon. The first shot entered Bracy's body a little below the left nipple, passing near the heart, through the left lung and lodging in the back, and the second shot entered his back below the left shoulder and came out at his left side. Bracy is in a precarious condition. Mathews was released upon a bond of \$500 for his appearance.

Two robbers held up and robbed two farmers who were leaving Fort Worth the other night in a wagon for their home. The robbers got \$34.60.

City Marshal Bevin Durham of Palestine shot a Mr. Kersh the other night. The ball passed into the left side high up, going down into the stomach, and has not yet been extracted. Kersh can hardly recover.

The schooner Mary drifted into Sabine Pass, waterlogged and with no one on board, recently, she having evidently been in a storm and deserted by her crew. Captain Peter Brandt, bar pilot, boarded the vessel and anchored her, the sea being too rough for him to tow her in.

## The Results of Bilious Fever.

### DERANGEMENT OF THE STOMACH AND A SHATTERED NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Deathly, Sallow Color of the Patient, Who Was Also at Times Subject to Fits.

(From the Herald, Hamilton Texas.)

CARLTON, TEXAS, June 8, 1895. With an earnest desire for the relief of suffering I make the following statement: I live near the head of Honey Creek in Hamilton County, Texas, where I have been for the last twelve years or more, about seven miles west of the town of Hico. My son George was a stout, healthy child, now a young man of sixteen years of age. In 1882, when about three years of age, he had a severe spell of bilious fever by which he was confined to his bed two or three months. The abatement of the fever left his stomach and bowels in bad condition and his nervous system very much deranged. I consulted several physicians, but none of them could benefit him any to speak of. He had a good appetite and would eat heartily, but would take a sudden sickness at the stomach while eating and throw up the contents of his stomach, then would eat again vigorously as before. He was not confined to his bed, but grew thin and was nervous and excitable, with occasional looseness of the bowels. He was hardly able to go about for several years, but by degrees grew a little stronger, but with his increase of strength came increased nervousness with a deathly, sallow color, all of which finally culminated in spasms, or, as they are usually designated, "fits." These came on after a spell of over exertion or excessive eating, which were frequent, as he had a ravenous appetite. After these spells he would be ill-natured and disagreeable for several days. This state of things continued till about two years ago, causing me and my family great uneasiness. At this time I happened to see the advertisement of Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and determined to try them on my son. The effect was at once apparent in various ways. As long as he would take the remedies according to directions his bowels would be regular in their action, and what was still better, from the time he took the first dose he has never had a spasm. They have ceased entirely, and there has not been a recurrence of them in the two years that he has been taking the Pink Pills. Notwithstanding this great benefit, he is not yet, and may never be, entirely well, though this, I take it, is not the fault of the medicine. He is a boy of bright mind and active temperament, but headstrong and self-willed about taking the pills and regulating his diet as directed.

Sometimes he goes for a number of days without taking the remedy and indulges in too violent exercise and eats to excess, which the directions forbid, and thus partially relapses into his old condition. As soon, however, as he resumes the use of the Pills as directed, he begins to mend again. While his improvement has been gratifying, I cannot say that a complete cure has been effected, from the fact that a fair test of the efficacy of the pills has not been had. I am satisfied, however, that if properly taken and other directions strictly adhered to, the Pink Pills would cure him entirely. So confident am I that they would do so that I unhesitatingly recommend them as the best remedy ever given in such cases, and I believe an absolute and permanent cure.

Signed, J. W. McDaniel.  
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### Clever People.

"When I open the front door upon my arrival at home at night," said Mr. Flatby. "I inhale the fragrant odor of a delightful soup. Passing in a leisurely manner up the first flight of stairs, I finish the soup at the second floor, and then I find that the fish has been served. I take fish as I proceed along the hall and up the second flight of stairs. On the third floor I find the roast, and on the fourth a dainty dessert. When I reach my own floor, all I really want is a cup of coffee and a cigar." New Yorkers are clever people when they can rent a furnished flat and live on the smell of their neighbors.

### A Great Big One.

The emperor of China has issued an official bulletin on the war in Formosa for the information of his subjects, telling them that the Japanese army and navy has been totally annihilated, together with some seventy battleships and 80,000 men that foreign nations had sent to the assistance of Japan.

### I Pays, How-Ver.

The Philadelphia mint is making and issuing one-cent coins at the rate of \$150,000 a day. It is a small business, but it pays the government a profit of \$120 a day. These cents are going to Chicago and St. Louis to buy the one-cent papers with.

### Need the Men.

Mrs. Charles Henrotten, of Chicago, has been telling a woman's club there that after all women can hardly get along without men, and that it would not be good for the women to try it.

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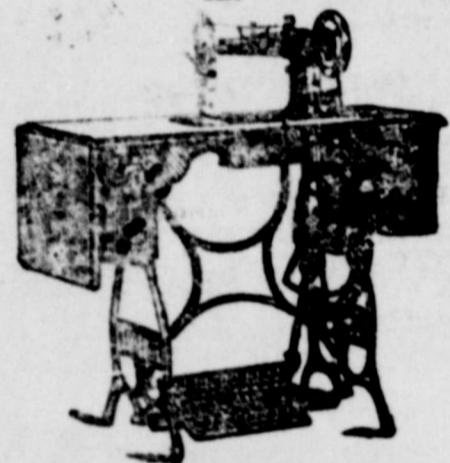
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Christiana, Norway, Dec. 6.—The wife of Dr. Nansen, the arctic explorer, has received a letter from her husband by carrier pigeon to the effect that the expedition is doing well.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Peter Maher tonight signed articles to meet Robert Fitzsimmons for the heavyweight championship of the world and a purse of \$ 10,000 in Mexico, February 14, next.

The gold reserve in the national treasury has again fallen down to \$76,666,841, and is being withdrawn at the rate of from two to four millions of dollars daily.

F. A. Swindon has a pecan orchard of 400 acres on pecan Bayou near Brownwood, in which he has four thousand soft shell pecan trees all bearing nuts. This year is estimated at \$55,000. This beats corn and cotton, or anything else we have heard of in this country. There's money in pecans.

The Ft. Worth Gazette has submitted to the editors of Texas newspapers three questions, in substance as follows:

- 1 Do you believe that the criminal laws of Texas should be reformed?
- 2 What reforms would you propose?
- 3 Will you join in a resolute and persistent effort to secure a better system and a more satisfactory administration of it.

From San Angelo Standard. San Angelo has all ready sold over three-quarters of a million pounds of tall wool and not a pound to the pool.

The supreme court decides in favor of the state in the H. Mc Kenzie mandamus suit, and the lease price of state lands remains at 3 cents.

Chas. Hobbs sold the G. S. Long clip of wool this week to Palmer & Hill of San Antonio, at the good figure of 7c. per pound. The clip consisted of 700 bags or 130,000 lbs.

Knox Barfield, a leading politician of Coke county, was in town Monday.

District court opens Monday and the Standard as a representative of this community urges on the grand jury and the citizens who have the best interests of this community at heart, the necessity of making a bold and sustained effort to stamp out the rising blast of crime that is sweeping over this section. The deplorable list of tragedies that have occurred in this community, the last of which took place at Christoval a few days ago, deserve the careful consideration of all good citizens who expect to live and make their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lom Hudson, of Coke county, were in the city Monday on a shopping expedition.

Ed Good and Caleb Barron, prominent Coke county cattlemen were in town Monday.

The Tennyson school will open Monday, Dec. 9th under the management of Prof. J. W. Saynor.

From The Banner-Leader.

About two weeks ago, late one afternoon, we observed something less than a dozen prairie schooners wending their way westward, and upon investigation we ascertained that they were all bound for the 'free state of Coke' county, our highly appreciated little neighbor county on the West, and whose liberal minded citizens Ballinger is always glad to welcome into its midst. We like to observe scenes of this character as it shows prosperity and also shows that West Texas is the coming portion of the state.

Ballinger hardware merchants have sold more new wagons this fall than in any other epoch of their history. It appears very much like prosperity is staring us in the face once more.

Lee J. Good the Oak creek cowboy made a flying trip to Ft. Worth on business the latter part of last week, returning on Monday morning's train.

W. E. Odom, accompanied by Frank Meyer, came in from his Ft. Chadbourne ranch Monday.

R. K. Wylie, Runnels county's cattle king is making preparations to feed two hundred head of fine Durham steers, on his ranch some 10 miles of town. We understand that this is the best bunch of feeders in Runnels county.

Fourteen bales of cotton constituted a procession of six wagons, loaded with the "white fleecy staple" from Coke county Tuesday. The wagons all rolled into town one after another in succession. Ballinger merchants always pay the highest market price for cotton besides they sell goods as cheap as the cheapest, and the citizens of Coke county know how to appreciate a good thing when they see it.

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At the LOWEST Prices ever given in this line.  
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## MILLINERY.

I have just received a full, new line of Millinery and am receiving new Stock each week and am up with the times in every thing in that line and I most respectfully solicit the patronage of the ladies of Coke county.

Mrs. J. D. SCROGGINS,  
Ballinger, Tex.

### Married.

On Sunday, the first day of this month, at the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Bagley, in North Branch Canon, Mr. Earl McBerry and Miss Katie Bagley were married, Rev. Gid Graham officiating. Only a few relatives were invited.

The RUSTLER joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

WE make our bow to the good people of Coke county and announce that we ARE receiving the finest line of candies ever brought to San Angelo, 765 pound have arrived, and 500 pounds more is on the way. When you see our display you will be OPENING your eyes with astonishment, at the variety, and the prices will be all right—from 10 cents a pound and upward.

OUR assortment of candies and ornaments for decorating cakes, is our special feature, so if you intend to make your

CHRISTMAS cake, give us your order for all the ingredients, but if you have not the time to make it, please give us your order—we can make you the finest cake you ever tasted—that is our business, you know. We have a choice assortment of fine

CANDIES put up in 1 pound and 1-2 pound fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas or birthday gifts.

Yours respectfully,  
Billy Whytock,  
"THE PASTRY COOK"  
of San Angelo at the  
CENTRAL BAKERY.

The Telephone.

Do we want the telephone? if so, do you want it to come from San Angelo or Ballinger? The whole cost of a line from will be \$250, to be raised from all sources, here, at Bronte and at Ballinger.

We do not suppose a line from San Angelo will cost more than the one from Ballinger, as Mr. Childress says a wire fence can be used as a conductor nearly every mile of the way. San Angelo has recently subscribed several hundred dollars to a line to be run from there to Odessa and there is no reason to believe that she will not be as liberal with us.

A telephone line will put us in connection with the telegraph, a thing that we cannot do without and keep up with the times.

L. H. Brightman returned Thursday from a trip east.

All are requested to begin to prepare for the Christmas-tree in ample time.

Chas. Mc Peters of Chadbourne was in town Monday.

Photographs! Photographs!

You can get first class pictures in Robert Lee, for the next thirty days. T. Irby, Artist, on his way to Ballinger will positively be at Robert Lee 30 days,

## RESTURANT.

In connection with my Fancy Grocery, fruit store and Lunch stand I run a first class Restaurant. Meals at all hours. Only Restaurant in town I most cordially invite you to come to see me when in Sweetwater. Old Bank Building, West Court house. S. C. GLASS.

Notice for the X on the margin of your paper and if behind, please come in and settle up before Jan 1st, and save us trouble. If you haven't the money, bring us produce.

It was with much regret that we were compelled to decline the following invitation:

To the Editor of the RUSTLER: Dr. and Mrs. Clark request your presence at their Cedar Mountain Home, Dec. 10th 1895, to partake of his Birth-day dinner. We hope to be able, on some other occasion, to partak of their hospitality and we wish for them many, many happy birth-days yet to come.

San Angelo and Ballinger business men who want and appreciate the Coke county trade advertise in the Rustler—look through our advertising columns.

Miss Portia Christian, the accomplished teacher of the Divide school, visited in town Saturday and Sunday.

John Q. McCabe was in town Monday and Tuesday paying taxes.

Notice!

One black pony 13 1-2 hands high, branded thus on left thigh: U C and A E. Was turned in the Snyder pasture on or about Oct. 1st. I will suitably reward anyone for the recovery or for information leading to the recovery of the above described pony. E. C. Good, Robert Lee, Texas.

Citizens of Coke county, Ballinger merchants want your trade and propose to pay you the highest market price possible for your cotton and in return will sell you goods so cheap, that you will actually go home and tell your wife that Ballinger merchants are giving away goods. If you dont believe this give our merchants a trial then you will substantiate the above verdict.

Commachie, Tex. Dec. 11 1895  
To THE RUSTLER:—My last Sabbath on Robert Lee mission and first Sabbath on the Commachie Circuit, Nov. the 3rd—first Sunday—drove 10 miles—preached in Robert Lee at 11 o'clock—

took dinner with Brother J. W. Reed and family—drove 9 miles and preached at Hayrick at 4 p.m.—drove 10 miles to Rock Springs and attended the Literary meeting of Rock Springs Epworth League.

The exercises were splendid, The young people of that community did themselves great credit. The reason on the articles of religion of the M. E. Church South, conducted by Rev. R. F. Collins, was splendid. The essays, read by Misses Lula Douglas and Bertha Baldwin, on prayer, were excellent. The recitation by Misses Blanche Robinson, Belle Fair Josie Ross and Mr. J. L. Ross were well delivered and very interesting. Your scribe delivered an extempore speech, which was received with great applause, as he spoke of the possibilities and probabilities of the young people in the not far distant future—especially of the president and secretary of the Rocks Springs League

We took supper at Brother Douglases and drove home, making 39 miles of travel and attending three services. Dec. 1st I attended Sunday school at Indian creek, Comanche county at 10 am.

This school has 177 members, divided into nine classes. Brother J. W. Tunnell is the superintendent and is a good one too.

I preached at 11 am. The audience was very attentive and responsive. It is easy to preach to such an audience. The Epworth League held its business meeting at 3.30 pm. There are 60 members of this League. Rev. Ed J. Franklin is the president. Oh! How the young people do sing! This League is doing much good: The receipts show \$24, 50 raised for the Orphans Home at Waco and \$6, 00 for foreign missions: They resolved to send for the reading course and Parliamentary.

We held church conference at night; There were about 200 names on the roll and it took some time to call them out and ascertain where each one lived.

This is an interesting church, with four local preachers and they say that nearly all the members pray in public. We have moved to Comanche and are well situated and well pleased. Our friends who write to us should direct to Comanche. Love to all our friends and success to the RUSLER.

Geo. F. Fair.

### OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF COKE COUNTY.

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D. D. WALLACE, - - - Attorney.  
ED M. MORLEY, - - - Clerk.

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#### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

M. H. DAVIS, - - - Pre. No. 1.

#### SOCIETY.

I. O. O. F.—Robert Lee Texas No. 357 meets each Thursday night. George Williamson N. G. F. B. Perry, V. G. L. H. Hayley, Secretary, J. D. Davis Treasurer.

#### A. F. AND A. M.

Hayrick Lodge No. 696 meets Saturday night on or before the full moon in each month.

R. R. Smith, W. M., George Williamson S. W. W. R. Presler, J. W. H. E. Johnston Sec. B. A. Boykin, Treasurer J. A. Burroughs Tyler J. H. Burroughs S. D. T. A. Higgin bothem. J. D.

#### Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:  
Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.  
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.  
Bronte, " " 11 a. m.  
Rock Springs, " " 4 p. m.  
Mt Carmel, 3d " 11 a. m.  
Cow Creek, " " 4 p. m.  
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.  
Tucker S. C., " " 4 p. m.  
Decker, 5th " 11 a. m.  
Geo. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

W. W. HAMPTON, Pastor.

Baptist Church; 3d Sunday No Pastor.

Christian Church 2nd Sunday No Pastor.



means in their power protect the government against gold. The contract also provided if congress would authorize the issue of bonds payable by their terms in gold and bearing interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, not that the ten days be substituted at par for the 4 per cent bonds described in the agreement. On the day the contract was made its terms were communicated to congress by special executive message, in which it was stated that more than \$10,000,000 would be saved to the government if gold bonds bearing 3 per cent were authorized to be substituted for those mentioned in the contract.

The congress having declined to take the necessary authority to issue the gold bonds, the contract was carried out in the following manner: On July 1, 1890, the performance of this contract not only restored the reserve but checked for a time the withdrawals of gold and brought on a period of restored confidence and such peace and quiet in business circles as were of the greatest possible value to every interest that affects our people. I have never had the slightest misgiving concerning the wisdom or propriety of this arrangement, and am quite willing to answer for my full share of responsibility to its promotion. I believe it averted a disaster, the imminence of which was not at all the generally understood. Through the contract mentioned stayed for a time the tide of gold withdrawal, its good results could not be permanent, congress by special executive message reduced the reserve from \$107,531,230 on the 6th day of July, 1890, to \$75,353,966. How long it will remain large is a matter of conjecture, though quite large withdrawals for shipment in the immediate future are predicted. In all instances, however, the gold withdrawn has been withdrawn during the month of November.

The foreign statement of events and conditions develop the fact that after increasing our interest bearing bond indebtedness more than \$10,000,000 to save our gold reserve, we are nearly where we started, with a reserve of \$75,353,966 as against \$85,428,377 in February, 1891, when the first bonds were issued. Though the amount of gold drawn from the treasury appears to be very large, it is gathered from the facts and figures herein presented, it actually was much larger, considerable sums having been acquired by the treasury within the several periods stated without the issue of bonds.

On January 23, 1891, it was reported by the secretary of the treasury that more than \$72,000,000 of gold had been withdrawn from the treasury or shipment during the year preceding. He now reports that from July 1, 1890, to July 31, 1891, a period of only 13 months, he has withdrawn only a little over \$25,000,000 was withdrawn, and that between July 14, 1891, the date of the passage of the law for an increased purchase of silver and December 1, 1891, less than \$10,000,000 and a half years there was withdrawn nearly \$75,000,000, making a total of more than \$103,000,000 drawn from the treasury since January 1, 1890, the date fixed for the retirement of the United States notes.

Nearly \$37,000,000 of the gold thus withdrawn has been paid out on these United States notes, and yet every one of the \$10,000,000 is still unaccounted for and ready to do service in future gold depletions. More than \$6,000,000 in gold has been withdrawn since January 1, 1891, the date fixed for the retirement of the United States notes.

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It is, in so many words, provided that these notes, when issued, shall be paid out again and kept in circulation, until the majority of the government bonds are paid out, and that the government shall not refuse to pay out United States notes, or treasury notes in current transactions when demanded and held in paying out silver alone and still the same party between the metal and currency representing gold. Besides, the secretary of the treasury, through taxation is justly regarded as an evil, and it cannot proceed for without vigorous protest against an unjustifiable retention of money from the business of the country and the withdrawal of silver from circulation. It is justly regarded as an evil, and it cannot proceed for without vigorous protest against an unjustifiable retention of money from the business of the country and the withdrawal of silver from circulation. It is justly regarded as an evil, and it cannot proceed for without vigorous protest against an unjustifiable retention of money from the business of the country and the withdrawal of silver from circulation.

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It Might Have Been.  
A Pennsylvania prevaricator tells of how two girls became infatuated with the idea of having their pictures taken with their heads coquettishly stuck through a torn newspaper, and visited a photograph gallery for that purpose. When the pictures were finished they were horrified to see they had failed to notice, that in the newspaper they had stuck their heads through, just beneath their laughing faces, was a clothing firm's advertisement headed: "Our pants are lined in the seat." The Harrisburg girls were too much mortified to want to give the photographer another sitting. "They will wait until they visit Philadelphia, before no such mistake could be made, where they sit again."

Can't See It in Time.  
A stammering man carries a card to show to elevator boys. They usually take him to the fifth floor before he can say "second floor."

Poor Fies.  
Sanitary paper that can be washed is now used on the walls of kitchens and bathrooms. It is taking snap judgment on the flies.

Of Little Use.  
The navies of the world employ 1,633,000 men. The good taxpayers who stay on shore must foot the bill.

The eagle is a tough bird, but when it is put on the back of a dollar it is legal tender.  
Criticism is sometimes wholesome, but it isn't always safe.

I have found Piso's Cure for Consumption an unfailing medicine. - F. R. Lutz, 1205 Scott St., Covington, Ky., Oct. 1, 1894.  
The home rule question has wrecked the happiness of many a family.  
In making our good resolutions we are apt to forget how long the year is.

FITS - All fits stopped free by Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. No fits after the first dose's use. Treatise and bottle free for 25 cents. Send to Dr. King, 511 North Third St., St. Louis, Mo.  
The only thing left to the poor Indian now, is the Indian summer.  
"Bannon's Magic Corn Salve."  
Wanted to cure my money refunded. Ask your druggist for it. Price 10 cents.

When a girl tries to look pensive her mother thinks she is bilious.

The King's Daughters of the Lexington Avenue Baptist church, New York city, have opened an industrial school where girls are taught the elements of sewing. The school is nonsectarian and well patronized.

Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, declares that Mr. Satoli will be given much larger authority in the United States since he has been raised to the cardinalate, and is much pleased as the honor bestowed.

Dr. George William Warren, famous organist and composer, and father of the prominent Warren family of musicians, was honored in New York last week with a memorial service in honor of his twenty-five years' connection with St. Thomas' church.

Rev. Henry Scheff celebrated recently the sixtieth anniversary of his pastorate of Zion German Lutheran church at Baltimore. This record is unparalleled in any church.

Out of 50,000 Sioux Indians over 4,000 are now members of Congregational, Episcopal or Presbyterian churches. The Moravian church sends out into the foreign field one in sixty of its members, while the Protestant bodies average only one in 5,000.

At the Unitarian conference in Washington, United States Senator Hoar was again chosen president.

Miss Frances Willard's old home at Janesville, Wis., comprising 239 acres of land, is to be turned into a temperance sanitarium and rest for W. C. T. U. women.

Dr. Talmage has purchased a large and handsome home in Washington. The house has been occupied by several foreign ambassadors.

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Get Hindereas and use it if you want to realize the comfort of being without colds, it is taken from certainty. It is a drugless.

Some people applaud singing, whether it is good or bad.

A Cough, Cold or Sore Throat requires immediate attention. "Doan's Bronchial Troches" will invariably give relief.

Several free hospitals for patients afflicted with lung diseases are to be established in Berlin. It will be a place for Wun Lun to go for starting a laundry.

MISS DELIA STEVENS, of Boston, Mass., writes: I have always suffered from hereditary Scrofula, for which I tried various remedies, and many reliable physicians, but none relieved me. After taking a bottle of SSS I am now well. I am very grateful to you for what you have done for me. I shall take pleasure in speaking in words of praise for the wonderful medicine, and in recommending it to all.

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Little Clairette Soap. Will go farther in doing the family washing or doing the housework than a quantity of ordinary soap.

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Try it. Sold by all Grocers. Made only by The N. K. Fairbank Company, - St. Louis.

Timely Warning. The great success of the chocolate preparations of the house of Walter Baker & Co. (established in 1780) has led to the placing on the market many misleading and unscrupulous imitations of their name, labels, and wrappers. Walter Baker & Co. are the oldest and largest manufacturers of pure and high-grade Cocos and Chocolates on this continent. No chemicals are used in their manufactures.

Consumers should ask for, and be sure that they get, the genuine Walter Baker & Co.'s goods.

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**Buggies and Hacks.**

ORIGINAL COST.

We still have a few of those Hacks and Buggies which we bought so low from the stock of J. L. Carhile.

1 Special Mountain Hack, 1-14 axle, top, pole and brake \$120  
Former price of same, \$185.

1 Two seat (Jump Seat) Hack or Farm Hack, rubber top and pole \$90.

Just the thing for a family, as it can be converted from a one seat ranch road buggy to a two seated family buggy. Former price of same \$125.

1 Ranch Road Buggy, full rubber top side curtains, apron, pole brake etc., a splendid ranchman's buggy only \$125.  
Former price of same \$185.

1 Ranch Road Buggy, full rubber top, side curtains, apron, pole, brake etc., same style as above but lighter, only \$95.  
Former price of same, 125.

We also have a cartload, just received, of Millrun single and double Buggies, Hacks, Milk and Light Spring Road Wagons at very reasonable prices. We give a full guarantee on these lines of goods.

One 100-piece Royal Porcelain Dinner set, handsomely decorated and gold stenciled, regular retail price \$16.50, now by set \$12.75.

One 50-piece dinner set, same as above regular price \$7.25, by set, 6.00.

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One 95-piece combination dinner and Tea set, Carlsbad China, daintily decorated and gold stenciled, very handsome only 26.00.

One 55-piece dinner set, pure Carlsbad China, of a very handsome and fastidious decoration and catches pattern nothing better in the store \$12.75.

One 36-piece delicate plain China dinner set, regular \$6.75 only 6.00. We still have only about 40 or 50 of these 4 piece sets left at 40 cents per set.

Pure white Ironstone cups and saucers, handled and full size, warranted, at only 40c per set.

Plates of same grade same price. Full size pitchers and bowls of same grade for only 75 cents.

Handled Water Glasses, 20 dozen at 35 cents per dozen. Will close them out.

**CHERRY AND GREGG,**  
**HAGELSTEIN,**  
San Angelo, Texas.

**LOCAL CHIPS.**

Judge Perryman paid Ballinger a business trip this week.

M. H. Davis left Monday for Sherman on business.

Can get more Groceries for less money than any place in San Angelo at Arkansas Smiths'.

J. P. Sprinkle, of Runnels county, had sixty fat muttons to freeze to death during the recent snow.

**Come Now**  
To Robert Lee, a fine picture of your baby or whole family Guaranteed.

The court of appeals has affirmed the case of the state vs. Geo. McCulloch, the sentence was for five years for the theft of a horse.

Cash talks at Arkansas Smiths San Angelo.

Scrip for sale at the RUSTLER office.

The Indian Creek school opened Monday with B. T. Hudman as teacher.

When you see an X on the margin of your paper you may know that you are behind on your subscription and come forward and pay up at once.

O. D. Battle, the Coleman nursery man delivered a fine lot of fruit trees, shrubs etc here recently.

J. T. Hamilton wants to sell you your Christmas goods and he invites all to look at his stock.

Mr. Siam Williams, of Fredonia Mason county, is visiting F. B. Perry.

R. B. Higgins' delayed stock of dry goods has arrived and he invites you to come and price them.

A splendid musical entertainment was well attended at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Perry Saturday night.

While Robert Lee is 'talking mill and gin', Ft. Chadbourne is not to be out done in the way of enterprise, but says she will have one ready for the next crop herself.

N. B. Stepp has moved the John Q. McCabe house, situated south of the court house, to his ranch four miles north of town.

John Barron went to Angelo Tuesday and returned Wednesday.

Mrs. R. B. Ross and daughter Miss Maggie of New Hope, were in town shopping Friday and Saturday.

Cap. R. L. Barnett has returned from a several weeks visit to the eastern part of the state.

Ye editor owes S. J. Carpenter, of Ballinger, a life-long debt of gratitude—ask him for what.

J. T. Hamilton was attending to business in Ballinger two or three days this week.

Pecans sold as low as 1 3/4c a pound in San Angelo last week.

The RUSTLER is for every business and enterprise in the county. Is every business in the county for the RUSTLER!

**WHY NOT**

Have the Picture of your Ranch and all, while the Photo man is here.

J. W. Barnett reports that Mr. W. Cole, of Sanco has the biggest fatest and finest hog that he has seen, but he positively refuses to give any weights or measurements.

J. N. Padgett, ex-post master and merchant, of Silver, has returned from the Indian Territory, where he has been for about a year.

When you go to Ballinger—After fine Christmas presents see Oscar Pearson the Jeweler. He sells nothing but fine goods and if they dont wear all right you can take them back and get new goods.

There was a nice social entertainment enjoyed by the young folk at Mr. and Mrs R. P. Perry's on Tuesday night. Fine guitar, violin and vocal music added greatly to the entertainment.

When in Ballinger go to Currie Bros. wagon yard, where everything is convenient and comfortable and first class in every respect and you will be treated 'white'—No charges on the above.

While in Ballinger last week ye editor met several Coke county citizens there marketing cotton and buying supplies and lumber for the purpose of improving their homes. They have our thanks for material favors while there.

**Post Office Jeweler.**

ASA CORDILL, Ballinger, Tex. If your Watch, Clock or Jewellery needs repairing, send or bring it to me. My work is first class and is guaranteed in every respect. Give me a trial order.

I have now in stock a full line of the best Whiskeys, Wines and Drinks of all kinds and I most respectfully invite my friend to come to see me.

Don Green and wife, Will Greer, Tol Cauley and Bud Smith went to Brownwood this week as attached witnesses in the J. J. Fry case. Mr. Fry claims to have been maliciously billed there for horsestealing.

What about the telephone? Do you want it? if so say so at once and it the people dont want it we will not be bothered with it.

A serenading party, headed by Johnnie Gardner, with Cox (colored) as right-hand hower, dispersed sweet music Saturday night. Thanks boys, come again.

Wm. Childress will take a \$100 stock the proposed telephone line from San Angelo here and he will do more than that: Who will be the next to come through?

I have now in stock a full line of the best Whiskeys, Wines and Drinks of all kinds and I most respectfully invite my friends to come to see me.

**The Best People In Coke County**  
are requested to call at  
**The Pioneer Drug Store**  
next door to Post Office  
San Angelo, Texas,  
and see the big display  
**Christmas Goods.**

**we don't want you to buy,  
unless you feel like it.**  
**COME IN WE WOULD  
BE GLAD TO SEE YOU**

Dr. J. F. Riggs invites the Coke county people to go to see him when in need of Dental work. He gives you the advantage of twenty two years experience. Of fice at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo, Texas.

Arkansas Smith is the red-hot cash man of San Angelo.

The only cash house in Angelo is Arkansas Smith's.

Ed Good says he is for the telephone line from San Angelo and will take \$50 or \$100 stock in it.

A telephone line to San Angelo would bring the outside world much nearer to us and would mark a new acria in the development of the town and county.

"Grand Ma" Ferrell came up from Brown county Wednesday where she has spent several months.

A. J. Monteith was in to pay his taxes Wednesday.

John T. Parker was down from his ranch in Nolan Wednesday to see that fine young daughter.

L. W. Field and J. W. Tunnel started last week for a several days trip to Brownwood.

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Keeps on hand at all times a full stock New and Second-Hand Furniture, a full line of Cooking and Heating Stoves, Bed Springs, Mattresses, Bed Room Suits, Marble and Wood tops.

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**Lowest Prices in the West**  
ON NEW BEST  
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Will be given you by JOHN HUTCHINSON at  
**T. E. Ross Bargain STORE.**  
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Alvin Campbell, San Angelo, Texas.  
All Kinds of Feed. The Best Water. The Best Stalls. A Good Brick Camp House. The Best Attention to Customers. The best Accommodat'ns For The Least Money. We Appreciate Your Trade.  
East of Nimitz Hotel.

# Polk Livery Stable.

I have bought the POLK LIVERY STABLE and every Buggy, Hack and Harness is new and first class, with the very best TEAMS. In connection with the Stable I run the only Wagon Yard. Coke county patronage is most respectfully solicited.

**J. R. SIMPSON.**  
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Most Respectfully,  
MAJORS & GREGORY.  
Ballinger, Texas

The Coke county people are invited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.  
H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

## Wagon Yard Changed

We desire to notify the public that we now own and operate the Wagon Yard formally owned by W. E. Eskridge on Hutching Ave and will take the utmost pains to see that all customers are given every accommodation. Good camp houses and other conveniences; also feed kept for sale. The Coke county people are cordially invited to give us a trial, and you are our customers.  
CURRIE BROS.  
Ballinger, Texas.

### CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. Q. Loe, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals or beds 25 cents. Good rates by the week or month. Call there, try him once and you will go again.

### The City Hotel

Is the place to stop. Everything is home like; nice, clean and comfortable. Good grub, pleasant rooms, and beds that you can sleep in. Only Hotel in Sweetwater. Fare \$1.00 per day.  
A. J. ROY, Proprietor.

### Died.

Again death has come into our midst to claim one of us.

On last Thursday, the 12th, at about 3 o'clock p. m. while Rev. John C. Averitt was walking from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Patteson (his son-in-law and daughter) and after he had passed the residence of Dr. Toliver a few steps toward town, he fell dead, presumably of heart failure.

He was supposed to have been enjoying his usual good health and had just returned from a bird hunt when he started to town, no one being at home when he arrived. Brother R. M. Cumbie is to conduct the funeral services at the town cemetery this, Friday evening at 4 o'clock.

Brother Averitt was 77 years old on the 3rd day of this month. He was born and reared in North Carolina; graduated at Wake Forest college in 1842; married Miss Helen A. Crocker Dec. 18th 1851; was ordained to the ministry, by the Missionary Baptist church in 1842; was at one time president of the Masonic Female Institute at Nashville, Tenn., and has filled other honorable and responsible positions in his chosen denomination. He came to Texas in 1858, and has lived and preached in this town and county since 1890. He was bereft of his wife Oct. 12th 1881. Eight children survive him.

His labors are ended and he is laid to rest, but his good works and the good example that he made of his life will never die. If he had faults, we know not of them, but we have not the language with which to fitly portray his many virtues. How beautiful is his life to contemplate! so replete with every Christian grace. He had lived to a ripe, old age. He had endured enough and had done enough, and his God, in his mercy and wisdom, saw fit to call him to his reward.

Let us not weep as for one that is lost, but rather, let us rejoice that he is now with his Lord and Master, whom he has served so long and so well.

Not as a mere custom, nor as a formality, but in truth and sincerity does the RUSTLER beg of the bereaved family to accept of our sympathy.

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# Saddles and Harness!

In connection with my Saddlery and Harness business I will do general repair work—Saddles, Harness and Shoes repaired by a practical workman

all work guaranteed. A full stock, give me a trial, Respectfully,  
**Mace DAVIS.**

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Repaired and Re-furnished with new Buggies, and Hacks and fast Teams.  
W. L. Lowe Old Stand. YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.  
**R. P. PERRY, Man'G**

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### For groceries.

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**B. F. MONTGOMERY.**

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## COLORADO - - TEXAS.

I have assumed management of and have re-furnished the house and solicit the patronage of the PEOPLE OF COKE COUNTY. Best for \$1.00 a day.  
RESPECTFULLY,  
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**Baking Powder Company Wins Its Case in United States Court.**

The decision of Judge Showalter in a recent case that came up before him sustains the claims of the Royal company to the exclusive use of the name "Royal" as a trademark for its baking powder. The special importance of this decision consists in the protection which it assures to the millions of consumers of Royal baking powder against inferior and unwholesome compounds. The excellence of this article has caused it to be highly esteemed and largely used almost the world over. Its high standard of quality having been always maintained, consumers have come to rely implicitly upon the "Royal" brand as the most wholesome and efficient of any in the market. The cupid of other manufacturers is excited by this high reputation and large demand. Very few of the hundreds of baking powders on the market are safe to use. If their makers could sell them under the name of a well known, reputable brand incalculable damage would be done to the public health by the deception. The determination of the Royal Baking Powder Company to protect the users of the Royal baking powder against imitators by a rigid prosecution of them makes such imitations of its brand extremely rare.

**Tag Them.**

Many of the children of New York wear in tags when they go out of the house. The tags give the child's address, and are very useful, if he gets lost. The Chicago police are favoring the adoption of a similar precaution in that city.

The railway managers want the Pullman company to lower the price of their upper berths 25 per cent. Pullman will do it, if there is anything in it for him, otherwise not.

Caution is frequently mistaken by many for innocence.

**Notice.**

I want every man and woman in the United States who are interested in the opium and whisky habits to have one of my books on these diseases. Address, E. M. Woolley, Atlanta, Ga., box 57, and one will be sent you free.

According to the tombstones, cemeteries contain more good people than ever lived.

**The Modern Mother**

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only.

One great satire is to hear some women speak of their aprons.

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Some say that the hypophosphites alone are sufficient to prevent and cure consumption, if taken in time. Without doubt they exert great good in the beginning stages; they improve the appetite, promote digestion and tone up the nervous system. But they lack the peculiar medicinal properties, and the fat, found in cod-liver oil. The hypophosphites are valuable and the cod-liver oil is valuable.

**Scott's Emulsion** of Cod-liver Oil, with hypophosphites, contains both of these in the most desirable form. The oil is thoroughly emulsified; that is, partly digested. Sensitive stomachs can bear an emulsion when the raw oil cannot be retained. As the hypophosphites, the medicinal agents in the oil, and the fat itself are each good, why not have the benefit of all? This combination has stood the test of twenty years and has never been equalled.

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Put up in 50-cent and \$1.00 sizes. The small size may be enough to cure your cough or help your baby.

**OPIMUM** Morphine Habit Cured in 10 to 20 days. No pay till cured. DR. J. STEPHENS, Lebanon, Ohio.

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**FOR WOMAN AND HOME**

**CURRENT READING FOR DAMES AND DEMOISELLES.**

**Some Notes of the Modes—A Rainy Weather Costume—Ladies' Tea Gown—Plaid Wool and Velvet—Untidiness in Women Inexcusable.**



**H**OW the new woman will revel in the new arrangement for comfort set forth by some far-seeing designer of woman's toggery! It was a man who thought of it, too. Almost every sort and species of woman will gladly accept this rainy day dress as beyond reproach, especially as the long outside cloak covers everything completely, and no one need know but what one has on a dress skirt of the usual length. This abbreviated skirt is of rubber, made flaring enough at the bottom to keep the cloak out just as though a dress were worn, and fastened at the waist under a belt of leather. There are leggings of rubber, reaching half way up the limbs and caught at the sides by "supporters," just as the stockings are. They fit smoothly over the foot and ankle and button at the side with small buttons, easy to manipulate. With this skirt a blouse of any sort may be worn.

A rain cloak of cravenette the usual length is worn with this rig, and when rubbers and a soft felt hat in the English shape is donned milady is ready to battle with the fiercest elements and to successfully rout that dire enemy, mud. The rubber garments may be washed off directly one reaches home and so be kept fresh and sweet.

**Ladies' Tea Gowns.** Fawn-colored cashmere and golden-brown velvet are here charmingly com-



bined with a handsome plain front of pale yellow satin, having velvet figures applied on with rich, multi-colored silk embroidery in Roman design. The gown is of good length, with short train that can be cut off at round length, if so preferred. The back, shaped in princess style, fits the figure smoothly to the waist-line, gradually expanding in godet-like fullness to its lower edge. Lining fronts, fitted by single bust darts, under-arm gores, close in center, over which the fullness is disposed in plaits at the top to fall gracefully in classic folds from under the broad collar on each side of the smooth front. A smooth, velvet standing collar finishes the neck, that closes with the front at the left side. Rosettes of yellow satin

are placed on each side of the collar. The broad sailor collar of brown velvet is stiffened with an interlining and lined with the yellow satin, or this portion can be omitted if a less dressy effect is desired. The wide Paquin sleeves are shaped in two sections, gathered on the upper and lower edges, and completed with pretty, round, short flaring cuffs at the wrists.

The gown can be stylishly made up in crepon, silk brocade, plain or fancy woolen fabrics, an opportunity of handsome and effective combinations and rich, tasteful decoration being afforded by the mode.

**Ladies' Underclothing.**

It is one of the most hackneyed of expressions that "fine feathers make fine birds." Our dames and demoiselles have striven with all their might to outdo their feathered friends in outside apparel, and with not indifferent success, as a stroll up and down the streets of our great cities on a bright afternoon would conclusively prove. If they would go a step farther and emulate the same creatures in another point, the results would be favorable to the peace of mind and heart of the dear creatures and bring more tranquility to the domestic fireside. Instead of this, they reverse the conditions, and in place of the softest, finest and most delicate materials next to the body, they possess themselves of a heterogeneous mass of cheap garments, of coarse fabric and sloppy workmanship, and save the down of toilet for the outside, says the New York Ledger. Even the goose has sense enough to protest against being deprived of the fine underwear with which nature has provided her, but her sister geese of the human family not only make no protest, but actually from choice select an outfit at which any well-regulated feathered gosling would quack a loud defiance. It might be interesting to trace not a few domestic infelicities and not a few disrupted households to a systematic disregard for the example of the web-footed model above mentioned. There are men so ultra fastidious that they cannot tolerate untidiness even in their wives, and the underwear of some well-to-do women is of itself sufficient to drive a man of delicate sensibilities from his domestic sanctuary. People of sense cannot and will not respect a woman whose underwear is untidy or shabby when she can have better. Her claim to respect is frail, indeed, if she puts a seventy-five-dollar dress over fifty-cent undergarments. Personal tidiness is too apt to be neglected in the hurry and undisciplined worry of the average household. Conveniences and privacy, too, are lacking in many cases, and so from day to day good resolutions fade and fall, and the habit of disorderly and dirty garments creeps into the home circle and shadows the fireside by its presence. The subject of underwear is by no means an unimportant one. The underclothes of any woman are the most perfect index of her character and refinement of mind, as well as her taste and education.

**Authors' Successes.**

Mildred and others have asked how one may become a successful author. Answer: First and foremost, one must have something to write about, then write it with as much directness as possible. Never try to write about anything you do not understand. The world is full of experts who will detect errors at a glance, and will not be charitable in criticizing them. Writers who desire to have their writings published often pay the publisher for doing the work. Otherwise they are sent to the editors of papers and magazines, and

are accepted if satisfactory. Use any good paper, write only on one side, and sign your own name or a fictitious one, just as you please.

**Escort.**

W. B. asks: "If a lady's overshoe comes off in the street, and she will muddy her hands by replacing it, ought her escort to do it?" Answer: Certainly, and consider himself honored by the privilege.

**Plaid Wool and Velvet.**

A plaid street dress, in which red and brown predominate. The skirt is open each side, the front to disclose a plaiting of brown velvet, and a large enameled wood button is at the head of each opening. The sleeve is very close on the lower part, with the material shirred in the seam, and is open with three buttons, like those on the skirt, but small, that fasten with cords. The fullness of the upper part falls below the elbow. The blouse has brown velvet bretelles laid in folds, wide on the shoulders so as to fall out upon the sleeve and passing under the velvet belt. The bretelles are garnished with buttons like those on the skirt, a row of



three across each, to form the line of a yoke. With this gown a toque of black braided felt; with a rosette of green ivy leaves and berries on each side the front, a larger rosette of red faille ribbon on each side of the back, and a wall of black coque blades rising high between back and front.—Ex.

**Fashion Notes.**

Housekeeping dresses are among the fads of advanced young women. One dainty model is of plain and spotted cambric. It has a yoke and sleeves of plain goods, the waist is gathered full into the yoke and belt; the skirt is of straight breadths with a deep hem, and a full, deep ruffle of the spotted goods falls over the shoulders from the yoke of plain fabric.

Among the new tailor costumes is one made of narrow-striped suiting. The skirt has five back-plaits; there is no regular waist, but a jacket with large sleeves and turned-over collar and lapels faced with satin. A double breasted vest, linen front and tie, and a modified sailor hat with two bunches of plumes complete the outfit.

A narrow-brimmed, round hat has seven large ostrich plumes, set in fan shape on the front of the crown. Among these plumes are placed jeweled ornaments. This is the only trimming, except a velvet band around the crown.

A sailor hat has the brim bound with velvet. A band of velvet fastened with a buckle passes around the crown, and there are enormous butterfly bows of spotted velvet front and back.

**A Question of Clothes.**

President Faure, of France, is a very carefully dressed man, and, it is said, spends a large sum annually at his tailor's. He is somewhat fussy about his clothes; but there are those of the ancient regime who assert that he does not know how to dress becomingly. The ancient regime people are generally wearing their old clothes and looking ancient. There are numerous factories where unique furniture is being made; but it is difficult to find tailors who can make old clothes. The recent president of France, who was killed, wore plain clothes that did not please the people. He might just as well have worn gold lace and looked like a footman.

**A Brave Woman.**

Isabella Bird Bishop is regarded as one of the most valuable members of Royal Geographical society. Being skilled both as a photographer and a descriptive writer, she has sent home to England from the orient much novel and interesting material from remote regions of China, Tibet and Persia. She was one of the first women to see the Correns face to face, and several times she narrowly escaped death among savage Asian tribes; but as she is a physician, with some knowledge of the occult and an understanding of how to deal with the superstitious, she has always avoided serious disaster.

**Money vs. Skin.**

It is said the skins of animals were the earliest forms of money. It is a fact that money has been associated with skin games ever since.

**A Singular Form of Monomania.**

There is a class of people, rational enough in other respects, who are certainly monomaniacs in dosing themselves. They are constantly trying experiments upon their stomachs, their bowels, their livers and their kidneys with trashy nostrums. When these organs are really out of order, if they would only use Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, they would, if not hopelessly insane, perceive its superiority.

We all make the mistake of depending too much on our friends.

**A Medical Opinion.**

Pasteur could never vaccinate himself for his madness against Germany. In 1870 he availed himself of a memorable opportunity to refute the charge of truculence. "You have celebrated the butchery of your neighbors as a holiday," he wrote to the dean of the University of Bonn, when the Germans bombarded Paris, "and I must ask you to erase my name from the list of your honorary doctors. I feel indignation felt by a French savant for the barbarism and hypocrisy which, to satisfy criminal pride, persists in the massacre of two great nations." He was really displeased.

**Hard to Get.**

A story is told of a London man who had a passion for the purchase of second-hand furniture at auctions, and that in making "good bargains" he had filled his house with antiquated the almost useless articles. Upon one occasion his wife took the responsibility, without consulting her husband, to have a portion of the least useful of the pieces removed to an auction-room to be sold. Great was her dismay when, on the evening of the day of the sale, the majority of the articles came back to the house. The husband had stumbled into the auction room, and, not knowing his furniture, had purchased it at a better bargain than at first.

**Adulterated Vinegar.**

Several grocers and vinegar dealers in New York have been fined \$50 each in the court of special sessions for selling adulterated vinegar. This is the first instance of the kind within the recollection of those attached to the court. Grocers in other places are dying to know how vinegar made by chemists can be adulterated.

**Where Eggs are Cheap.**

Not being able to get a ring fight out of Corbett, Fitzsimmons will challenge the champion to meet him in a theater as an actor and engage in a three-rounder or three-act contest for the dramatic championship in acting. It is hoped the affair will take place in Mexico, or some small town where eggs are cheap.

**If the Baby is Cutting Teeth.**

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for Children Teething.

Shun idleness; it is a rust that attaches itself to most all metals.

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The prime minister of Madagascar had his three secretaries beheaded because they talked French.

**A SESSION OF THE WHIST CLUB.**

