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PALMER AND BUCKNER

THEY HEAD THE INDIANAPOLIS TICKET.

Gen. Bragg's Name Was Put Before the Convention, but He Withdrew After the First Ballot and Palmer Was Elected by Acclamation.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 4.—The delegates assembled slowly yesterday, but despite the disagreeable drizzle outside the ticket holders were eager to secure entrance.

At 11:38 Permanent Chairman Caffery called the convention to order. There was no prayer. Senator Caffery informed the convention that the committee on resolutions was not ready to report, and begged its patient indulgence for a few moments. He had hardly finished the sentence before 1,000 voices shouted for Breckinridge. The galleries and delegates joined in the call. He arose and made a short speech.

Judge Moran, of Illinois, then moved that the convention invite W. D. Bynum, of Indiana, to address the convention, as he had done more than any other to make this convention a success. The motion was adopted with a whirl, and Mr. Bynum's appearance on the platform was received with prolonged applause. Mr. Bynum spoke briefly, followed by several more speeches, which were all well received.

At exactly 2 o'clock Senator Vilas, chairman of the resolution committee, mounted the stage and read the platform to the convention.

Senator Vilas made a speech, saying that the platform needed no argument, moved its adoption, and it was adopted by a rising vote.

A motion was made for a recess, but the temper of the convention was not for delay.

A motion of Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, to proceed to the nomination of a candidate to stand on the platform was carried.

Thereupon the call of states for nominations was begun at 2:30 o'clock, and Alabama, whose name was first, yielded to Kentucky, and Delegate A. J. Carroll, who is a close friend of Henry Watterson, came to the platform and made a statement which withdrew from consideration the name of the Kentucky editor.

Then L. M. Kilbourne, of Michigan, came upon the platform and referred to his choice as a "magnificent statesman," and turning to the senator, who was sitting on the stage, with a bow, named John M. Palmer, of Illinois. This climax was received with a cheer, delegates waving their flags and shouting, "Palmer, Palmer!"

John J. Enright, of Michigan, seconded Palmer's nomination.

California gave her time to Burr W. Jones, of Wisconsin, to eulogize the favorite son of that state, Gen. Bragg. Mr. Jones exhorted the convention to let the brave general lead the battle.

J. E. Hertridge, of Florida, seconded Senator Palmer in a short speech.

Thomas F. Corrigan, of Georgia, also seconded Palmer's nomination in a brief speech.

Illinois was passed.

The other states were called, but none responded until Minnesota was reached, when F. W. M. Cutcheon took the platform, and he seconded Senator Palmer's nomination.

F. W. Lehman responded for Missouri. He said that the Missouri delegation had been instructed for Col. James O. Broadhead, but he had declined to permit the use of his name, and Missouri was now for Gen. Bragg.

The Bragg partisans followed Mr. Lehman's speech with prolonged cheering.

When Nebraska was reached, C. S. Montgomery arose. "Nebraska," he said, had no candidate to present to the convention.

New Hampshire seconded the nomination of Palmer.

Ohio had no candidate.

Mr. McArthur, of Oregon, read a speech seconding Gen. Bragg, but the delegation was divided, and Zera Snow seconded Gen. Palmer.

Tennessee favored Palmer.

Vermont followed her example, and Virginia did likewise.

Hugh C. Wallace, on behalf of Washington, seconded Palmer's nomination.

The call of states having been completed, Illinois asked a hearing for Judge Moran. He said they now favored Palmer.

whom she was instructed, and cast twenty-four votes for Gen. Bragg. When the call was completed Georgia changed six votes from Bragg to Palmer.

Thereupon Gen. Bragg arose, amid the cheering of the convention. He mounted a chair. There were cries for him to take the platform, but the sturdy old veteran shook his head. When quiet was restored he thanked his followers, and said he could do himself no greater honor than to move to make Senator Palmer's nomination unanimous.

Gen. Bragg's motion was carried with a whoop, and three cheers for the "iron commander" were called for and given with a will.

Senator Caffery then declared John M. Palmer the nominee of the national Democratic party for president of the United States.

Gen. Buckner was alone in the field for second place.

W. F. Browder, of Russellville, came to the platform and formally placed in nomination Kentucky's "grand old man." He was nominated by acclamation.

One big shout went up, and Senator Caffery had but to make the formal announcement when the work of the convention was practically done.

Resolutions giving the national committee power to exercise the offices of the convention, offered by Mr. Broadhead, of Missouri, were adopted.

They also instructed the committee to see that the names of candidates were placed on the ballot in every state.

Resolutions were also adopted thanking the provisional committee for its work and thanking the people of Indianapolis for their hospitality.

A motion was put and carried, and at 4:23 the first convention of the national Democratic party adjourned sine die.

The following are two of the planks of the platform adopted at the Indianapolis convention:

Taxation, tariff, excise or direct, is rightfully imposed only for public purposes, and not for private gain. Its amount is justly measured by public expenditures, which should be limited by scrupulous economy. The sum derived by the treasury from tariffs and excise levies is affected by the state of trade and volume of consumption. The amount required by the treasury is determined by the appropriations made by congress.

The demand of the Republican party for an increase in tariff taxations has its pretext in the deficiency of revenue, which has its causes in stagnation of trade and reduced consumption, due entirely to the loss of confidence that has followed the Populist threat of free coinage and depreciation of our money and the Republican practice of extravagant appropriations beyond the needs of good government.

We arraign and condemn the Populist conventions at Chicago and St. Louis for their co-operation with the Republican party in creating these conditions which are pleaded in justification of a heavy increase of the burdens of the people by a further resort to protection. We, therefore, denounce protection, and especially free coinage of silver, as schemes for the personal profit of a few at the expense of the masses, and oppose the two parties which stand for these schemes as hostile to the people of the republic, whose food and shelter, comfort and prosperity are attacked by higher prices and depreciated money. In fine, we reaffirm the historic Democratic doctrine of tariff for revenue only.

The experience of mankind has shown that by reason of their natural qualities gold is the necessary money of the large affairs of commerce and business, while silver is conveniently adapted to minor transactions, and the most beneficial use of both together can be insured only by the adoption of the former as a standard of monetary measure and the maintenance of silver at a parity with gold by its limited coinage under suitable safeguards of law. Thus the largest possible enjoyment of both metals is gained with a value universally accepted throughout the world, which involves the only practical bimetallic currency, assuring the most stable standard, and especially the best and safest money for all who earn their livelihood by labor or the produce of husbandry. They can not suffer when paid in the best known money, but are the peculiar and most defenseless victims of a debased and fluctuating currency, which offers continual profits to the money changer at their cost.

Realizing these truths, demonstrated by long public inconveniences and loss

of the Democratic party, in the interest of the masses and equal justice to all, practically by the legislation of 1834 and 1853, the gold standard of monetary measurement and likewise entirely divorced the government from banking and currency issues. To this long established Democratic policy we adhere, and we insist upon the maintenance of the gold standard and of the parity therewith of every dollar issued by the government, and are firmly opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver and to the compulsory purchase of silver bullion. But we denounce also the further maintenance of the present costly patchwork system of national paper currency, a constant source of injury and peril.

We assert the necessity of such intelligent currency reform as will confine the government to its legitimate functions, completely separate it from the banking business and afford to all sections of our country a uniform, safe and elastic currency under government supervision, measured in volume by the needs of business.

ABOUT THE TEETH.

The Talmud allowed Jewish women "to go abroad on the Sabbath with their false golden or silver teeth."

Dr. Younger of San Francisco, was the first dentist to successfully implant a human tooth into a patient's jaw.

Homer says that Aesculapius in 1200 B. C. used a narcotic when performing such painful operations as tooth-drawing.

Out of 100 teeth of adults that twenty-five years ago would have been ruthlessly extracted 99 are now saved by science.

Women dentists have ceased to attract attention as a novelty, there being now over 400 of the sex engaged in the profession.

The Talmudical folk lore says: "If a man dreams that his false teeth have fallen out it is an omen that his children will soon die."

Modern dentists can remedy crooked or projecting jaws by special appliances that gradually train the jaws into their normal position.

In China, while the dentist pulls the tooth an assistant stands by and drowns the lamentation of the victim in the noise of a large gong.

The American and European belle must have her teeth as white as pearls. The "pearls of the orient" stain their molars a deep black with the betel nut.

The famous Mastral, who lived in the first century B. C., speaks of a Roman dentist, Calcellius, as "in the habit of fastening as well as extracting teeth."

Fires Caused by Water.

Two cases in which fire was caused by water are reported. In one a flood caused the water to rise high enough to reach a pile of iron filings in a factory. The filings oxidized so rapidly as to become so intensely heated as to set fire to the neighboring woodwork, and the factory was burned to the ground. In the other case, during a fire, water from the engines found its way into a shed containing quick lime. The heat generated by the lime set fire to the shed and the flames spread to other buildings.

The Chinese.

The Chinese can remain in one position an indefinite time, have no consciousness of monotony, can do without exercise, are impervious to noise, can go to sleep at any time and in any attitude—all because they have no nerves. They cannot help taking things as they come. Curiously enough, this indifference is not associated with want of energy, for the Chinaman is exceptionally industrious. He is simply insensible to worry.

Disinterested Affection.

He—Leonora, it becomes my painful duty to request a release from our engagement.

She—Why, have you ceased to love me?

He—No, dearest; but I am a man of honor. I have just learned that your father has met with a disastrous failure, and I cannot consent to lead you into a life of poverty.—Chicago Record.

A Patent Medicine.

The Doctor—Are you aware that the balsam of fir possesses rare properties of medicine?

The Head of the Family—I do. I can recall instances where a seal-skin sacque smoothed a tremendous irritation in my family. There's nothing like a balsam of fir.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

HER FIGHT FOR LIFE.

REMARKABLE CASE OF RECOVERY FROM BURNS.

Surgeon's Desperate Battle—Sowly but Surely the Little Girl is Defying Back so Health Under Skilled Treatment.

VER in San Rafael, a stout-hearted doctor and a brave, patient mother have been fighting the last year and ten days with all their strength and skill, and love and patience that is in them to save the life of a little girl, says the San Francisco Chronicle. Though there is still nearly a year of struggling before them, they smile cheerily on the questioners and say:

"Oh, yes, we'll pull her through. It is a little girl of 11, lying small, clean white bed, over which war of life and death has been waging. On July 29, last year, she was playing about a bonfire in her own back yard. There was a breeze from a warm breeze, a flicker of a cotton plant, a curling, yellow flame, and a constant the terrible mischief was done. Her whole right side was seared and marked by the scorching fingers. The delicate features were scorched. Great pieces of skin were peeled out, the hip muscles were exposed, the blood oozed and trickled down the veins, whose ends had been burned away.

Nobody thought that foot could live. A burn on an area so small as a paratively greater than killed the strongest man in San Rafael. Jones, her physician, at first to graft on new skin from healthy persons, for the terrible burns on the child were too large for the skin around the edges to be grafted.

Then it was that the generous Rafael people showed their mercy. In far eighty persons, some of them from San Francisco, have contributed to Jessie's side. The smaller burns on the arms healed themselves, but when the girl is well one entire hip will have a skin of shreds and patches.

Almost all her little school friends offered to help, and young ladies, men, old people and children have contributed. Her little sister, Ethel, 9 years old, has given 22 square inches of skin. Ten times her 6-year-old brother, Joe, has given three and one-half and four inches without a tear, though the sister took ether when she made her big sacrifice. An aunt and Mrs. Proudfoot have very little more skin to give.

But the kindly and personal offerings have been by no means confined to the family. The ages of the givers have ranged from 7 years to 47, and cuticle of all ages and complexions has been adopted by the wounded child with equal facility. People who never saw Jessie have heard of the case and offered themselves to Dr. Jones. Long thin strips of skin have been peeled from them, the operation always being performed in the room next to the little girl, for the human skin is a delicate fabric, finer than silk and more flexible than elastic webbing. It is cleaned carefully and then cut with a sterilized knife and laid on the gaping burn while it is still warm with somebody else's life.

Twice Dr. Jones has covered the whole wound, and twice the alien tissue, the deepest part—has rejected the alien tissue. Now he is grafting around the edges, and the burn is steadily growing smaller as little peninsulas of skin grow inward on the waste of uncovered flesh. At the past rate of progress it will be eight or nine months before the ends meet.

Jessie Proudfoot is a frail little thing with white hands and fingers, slender as a baby's. Her face is a delicate oval, pale, with a faint wild-rose color at times, and in it are set gray, dark lashed, that know more than a child's need of suffering. She is not a plaintive invalid, but a brave, hopeful lassie, who, through these twelve months of almost uninterrupted pain, has never been under the influence of anaesthetic but three times, and then was put to sleep while her wounds were scraped of the deadly proud flesh. All she says when they dress her raw flesh on her side is to moan softly: "It hurts." She does not cry, for she has

learned that to marvel to be cured and was a little skin, wrinkled, and to sit up will in months almost give above the eyelids.

born as the Cambridge had double in the person of a baconist in Mile End Road, chapel, but the old man died a time ago and the duke is not known have any living counterpart. The Duke of Cambridge's successor at the horse guards, Lord Wolseley, has a fairly good counterpart in a well-known lawyer of Lincoln's Inn, but the likeness is not quite so remarkable as it might be, since the lawyer possesses a strong head of gray hair, of which the commander-in-chief cannot boast. The likeness is, however, very striking. Sir William Harcourt is more blessed than most of his contemporary celebrities, for he has two extraordinarily fine doubles. The one is the driver of an omnibus and the other is employed at a large east end brewery as drayman. Strange to say, they both have rooted objections to local veto and though they were, during the time Sir William Harcourt held office as chancellor of the exchequer, continually being questioned by their chafing friends upon their budgets, they are extremely poor politicians and have vague conceptions of the constitution of death duties.

The duke of York might well be said to be the double of the czar of Russia, for the likeness between them is so remarkable that it almost amounts to a case of the two Dromios, and the slight dissimilarity in their appearance is more on account of the way they are "groomed" than anything else. The double of Mr. Goschen is a Liverpool physician, who met with a most flattering reception at Manchester during a visit on one occasion. He was mistaken by the crowd at the station for his eminent prototype and heartily cheered. The reception, however, annoyed him extremely, for his political proclivities are advanced liberal and his likeness to Mr. Goschen is a bug-bear to him.

The Largest Brandy Still.

From the Washington Times: The largest brandy still in the world is in Southern California. It is located on the famous El Pinal vineyard, and has only been completed about one year. To look at the great concern one sees only a conglomeration of pipes, boilers and tanks. When running in full blast the still is capable of converting 15,000 gallons of wine into brandy every twenty-four hours. When one looks at it he cannot help wondering what becomes of all the brandy that must be manufactured in the world. In month they could turn out enough of the stuff to put the whole population of a city like New York up to the gills with the liquor. It requires years to put up the

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All candidates not announcing will be charged half the amount of announcement fee to have their names appear on tickets.

For County Judge.

To The Voters Of Coke County.

In deference to the wishes of the people of Coke county, through private solicitations, letters, petitions and the nomination of my party (the People's Party) I announce myself a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, and if elected will serve the people to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,

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We are authorized to announce Mace Davis as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke County at the ensuing election.

For Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce H. E. Johnston as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

We are authorized to announce C. W. McCutchen a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor at the ensuing November election.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

We are authorized to announce Mr. I. J. Good as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce L. B. Murray as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

District And County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Barnett a candidate for the office of County and District Clerk of Coke County.

For County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce J. A. Gardner Sr. a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Coke County.

We are authorized to announce C. L. Hughes, nominee Peoples Party a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Coke county.

For County Attorney.

We are authorized to announce W. C. Merchant a candidate for the office of County Attorney of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

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We are authorized to announce W. L. Clawson a candidate for Justice of the Peace Pre. No. 1.

For Constable Pre. No. 1.

We are authorized to announce J. H. Turner a candidate for the office of Constable of Pre. No. 1.

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NOTICE.

J. H. Burroughs, acting chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, requests that the secretaries of the several democratic clubs throughout the county send him a full list of the membership of their respective clubs, giving the names of the secretaries and chairmen so that they may make returns to the State executive committee. He most respectfully asks that immediate attention be given to the above business.

Newspaper

In the past newspaper editors, educators, and the laudable view of the day. The Republic without doubt a noble published as it explains the mass of the presidential candidate. In both of state ly \$6 a 65 ce mi-Week ar.

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THE APARTY.

In our last mention of the young people Mr. and Mrs. residence in evening 3rd

To begin necessary that Mr and Mrs Ingram had a party before the opening of the public school at this place on the 5th of this month.

So at the usual hour on such occasions the young gentlemen and ladies began gathering. More smiling faces and bright eyes had met than on any former occasion.

The gentlemen after remaining with their lady friends for something like an hour's time were invited by Mrs. Ingram to step into another room of the residence, (where she had prepared tickets) and draw for their partners.

The following gentlemen and ladies were couples.

Alton Hayley and Miss Sallie Perry, Walter Childress and Miss Ada Fry, A. Ashley and Miss Ellen Mobley, Charles Perry and Miss Eva Vestal, Emmett Reed and Miss Lula Webb, John Gardner and Miss Barbra Davis, John Barnett and Miss Laura Finch, Jim Burroughs and Miss Alva Ingram, Jim Barron and Miss Dora Davis, L. Hayley and Miss Scottie Ingram, O. Gardner and Miss Mimmie Buchanan, Vic Hazelton and Miss Lucy Mobley.

The names of quite a number of young ladies were not selected, there being more ladies than gentlemen.

Then came the fun. The gentlemen were to kneel down before the ladies and hem the aprons in a given number of minutes. In the meantime the good lady of the house had selected judges to pass sewing of these young gentlemen. After the work of our young men was completed, the aprons were handed to Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Perry and G. W. Perryman. These parties having been selected for the occasion and after a few minutes time spent in examining the aprons with due regard to the work of all the gentlemen it was decided that Mr. John Gardner was entitled to the cake.

Then they enjoyed themselves highly by candy breaking and after about 12 o'clock the crowd dispersed after having spent the evening so delightfully as to be remembered with a high appreciation for their friends Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ingram.

In this issue W. L. Clawson announces for the office of Justice Peace of Precinct No. 1. Mr. Clawson is a good man and no doubt will make a good officer if elected. Give the matter your conscientious consideration.

Eq. B. P. Byrne, was in town yesterday.

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Millionaires may transact business all right with "confidence" but with the poor ordinary moral it is no go. He must show up the stuff.—Colorado Spokesman.

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HURT BY HIS HORSE

CAPT. W. H. WADE MEETS WITH A SEVERE ACCIDENT.

After Being Thrown He Was Dragged Some Distance and Presently Mangled—There is Little Hope of His Recovery—Has Been Anesthetized.

Quinlan, Tex., Sept. 6.—Capt. W. H. Wade, one of the old settlers here and one of the framers of the constitution of Texas, was thrown from his horse Saturday. His foot hung in the air and he was dragged some distance and he was kicked and mangled by the animal, which kicked and mangled him when he fell. When he fell he was thrown some distance and he was mangled by the animal. He is now in a hospital and he is being treated by the best doctors. He is expected to recover.

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A Triple Hanging

Paris, Tex., Sept. 5.—Yesterday was hangman's day for the last term of the United States courts located in this city, and as a result three souls were ushered into the great beyond in the person of George L. Wheeler, Silas Lee and Hickman Freeman. The former is a white man, and the latter negro.

All three of the condemned men arose at an early hour yesterday morning. Wheeler partook of a slight breakfast, while the two negroes declined to eat at all. It was 10:30 when Marshal Williams reached the prison. He immediately repaired to the room occupied by Wheeler, and in the presence of a press representative bade him stand up and listen to the reading of the death warrant. Wheeler was visibly agitated and very nervous. He arose, resting his arm on a window sill at his side. When the marshal reached those horrible words, "and there hang by the neck until you are dead, dead," the condemned wretch wiped the tears from his cheeks and one tremor after another shook his frame. He was asked to drink a stimulant, but declined.

The marshal immediately proceeded to the colored ward, and read the death warrant to Silas Lee and immediately afterwards to Hickman Freeman. Neither of them were affected in the least, although many of their fellow prisoners were moved to tears. Wheeler expressed a desire to be executed alone, which was granted. It was originally intended to hang all three at one time, but the execution was postponed until 11 o'clock the two negroes were brought over from the colored ward to the gallows. The execution was then proceeded to the gallows, where spiritual consolation was administered by Rev. W. M. Connor from Alexandria.

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THE SECRETARY OUT.

Hoke Smith Closes His Administration.

Ex-Gov. Francis Will Arrive and Take the Oath of Office—The Late Secretary Will Leave for Atlanta as Soon as His Successor Arrives.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Secretary Hoke Smith closed his administration of the affairs of the interior department yesterday and retired from the cabinet. The last papers in the routine business of the department were signed and his active work closed Monday afternoon. Yesterday the secretary was in the department, but devoted almost his entire time to calls to take leave of his associates and of the employes in the department.

When ex-Gov. Francis will arrive and take the oath of office is not yet definitely known, but it will be before the end of the week. The arrangement of his affairs at St. Louis preparatory to his removal to Washington has taken more time than was expected, but it is yet possible he will be here Wednesday. In that event Secretary Smith has planned to leave for Atlanta Wednesday night, but if advised that his successor will not be here in time it is probable he will go immediately.

All important matters that have been pending have now been disposed of, so that Mr. Francis as secretary will have a clear field to begin with. The record of the department for volume of work performed during the past three and a half years is probably ahead of any period of its history. Secretary Smith has enforced the strictest civil service rules, making the civil service grounds of advancement strict. He has unhesitatingly discharged his own appointees if their work was not well done, and the force of the department all over the country has been brought to a high state of proficiency. In the general land office the work is now practically up. This has involved not only a disposition of current work, but a large quantity of accumulated work which was on hand March 6, 1893.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 2.—The second day of the Grand Army week opened with just enough clouds to make the weather wise expect rain, but the clouds seemed to make it more comfortable for the marching veterans and ex-prisoners of war. All night heavy trains rolled into the depot and the accommodations committee and others scheduled to see to the comfort of the visitors remained on duty. The Howell-Keller post of Buffalo, N. Y., whose regimental uniform was of the old continental cut and color, was, among the most prominent arrivals.

Yesterday's parade consisted of the naval veterans, all escorted by the third regiment of regulars from Fort Snelling. It was a short parade, but novel in some of the features introduced by the naval veterans and a decidedly popular one, although generally considered as simply a fore-taste to the big parade of to-day. The streets were lined with people who gave hearty greeting to the marching old soldiers, and also cheered their sons and their army successors, the character of the parade allowing a comparison not at any other time possible.

Yesterday afternoon was given to reunion and a meeting of the Minnesota old soldiers, who organized an association at Fort Snelling in the afternoon. Last night was given up to campfires by the veterans and to the grand reception arranged for them by the ladies' committee of this city. The main reception was at Summit Park, where Commander-in-Chief Walker and Mrs. Walker and many of the distinguished visitors received with the local committee. Three campfires were held during the evening at the auditorium, market hall and the opera-house. Among the spectators were Gen. Daniel Sickles, Major William Wagner, Archbishop Ireland and other well known veterans.

Big Washouts. Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 2.—Particulars of big washouts on the Atlantic and Pacific which have tied up passenger and freight trains for three days have been received. The night of Aug. 28 heavy rains extended along the road from Hookberry to Sberia. The track was washed badly in more than 100 places. There are six miles of side-track washed away between Yucca and Franconia. A 300-foot bridge is gone, and several smaller bridges between Melen and Yucca. West of Franconia two large bridges were destroyed and an eight-foot fill of one and a quarter miles washed away. Through train service has been kept up by routing trains over other lines.

Her Hair Stolen. Waxahachie, Tex., Sept. 5.—Miss Lillie Belle Reager, of Ray, was robbed of her hair night before last. Miss Reager was asleep when the intruder entered her room, and knew nothing of the robbery until she awoke in the morning. When it was learned that some one had entered her room and cut the plait of luxuriant hair from her head, the neighbors were ready to rise up in arms and search the woods in the endeavor to bring the guilty to justice.

Ministers Visit Li Hung Chang.

New York, Sept. 2.—The American Missionary societies, represented by thirty ministers, headed by Rev. Dr. F. P. Ellingwood, called upon Li Hung Chang yesterday and presented him with an address, thanking him for interest in the missionaries in China.

The address, which is quite long, says, that for fifty years the missionaries of the American boards have been favored with the protection of the Chinese government, and that in no nation in the world have any missionaries received more just and better treatment than in China. The address, after thanking Earl Li for a proclamation in behalf of the missionaries, issued by him in 1891, says that it is extremely gratifying to observe that at the present time the disinterested spirit of the missionaries seems to be better understood and more appreciated in China than ever before.

The address closes with the expression of satisfaction that the missionaries have had an opportunity to thank his excellency in person, and hopes that he may long be spared to live. Li Hung responded by thanking the ministers for their kindly expressions, adding that his government had only done its duty in protecting the missionaries. In conclusion he thanked the missionaries for their efforts to stop opium, which he characterized as a curse, and expressed his gratitude for their prayers for his recovery from the wound inflicted by his Japanese assailant.

Washington, Sept. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt, issued from the treasury department, shows that at the close of business Monday the debt, less cash in the treasury, was \$978,497,194, which is an increase for the month of \$12,342,684, which is accounted for by the loss of nearly exactly that amount of cash on hand due to the excess of expenditures over receipts. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debts \$847,367,290, on which interest has ceased since maturity \$1,622,960; debt bearing no interest \$372,856,376. This amount, however, does not include \$563,456,973 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding and offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold \$139,825,200, silver \$513,647,700, paper \$177,923,568, bonds, disbursing officer's balances, etc., \$17,992,276, making a total of \$849,388,748, against which there are demand liabilities amounting to \$606,042,345, which leaves \$243,346,403 cash in the treasury. The interest-bearing debt of the government is shown by the statement to have been \$1,182,149,050 on March 1, 1886; \$884,106,220 March 1, 1889; \$585,634,260 on March 1, 1893, and \$847,367,290 on Aug. 31, 1896.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 2.—The Knights of Pythias, hours behind their schedule, time, continued to pour into Minneapolis Monday and yesterday from all points of the country. Gen. Barkley, of Illinois, arrived at noon with the first, second and third and seventh regiments of his brigade and a detachment battalion. With him were Major Jewell, Capt. and Major Cooke, aides.

They were at once escorted to camp. At 4 o'clock occurred the ceremony of transferring the command of the camp from Adjt. Gen. F. B. Wheaton, of the executive committee, to Gen. Loper, of Iowa, who is in command. Addresses were delivered by Mayor Pratt, chairman; William Henry Eustis, of the local executive committee; Col. E. H. Mitchell, of Minnesota, and the visiting brigadier generals.

The carnival event for last night was a bicycling parade, with two brigades of Knights participating. Coal Operators. San Francisco, Cal., Aug. Sept. 2.—China has thrown the gauntlet to the big coal operators of the United States. The American bark Colorado has just arrived with a mixed sample cargo of anthracite and manufacture coal, mined and made in the Tonquin district. It was consigned to a coal firm of this city, which promises to push Chinese fuel on the coast market at prices greatly below those which Pennsylvania and Welch coals of the same character are now bringing.

Freight Rate War. Washington, Sept. 2.—The southern freight war will probably be resumed in earnest, and the indications are that the 80 per cent cut of the Southern railway, which was suspended, owing to Judge Simonton's injunction, will be again put in force within a fortnight. A meeting of the executive board of the Southern States Freight association was called yesterday to meet to-day.

Three Killed. Alton, Ill., Sept. 2.—Part of the Equitable Powder company's plant, four miles east of Alton, blew up yesterday, and three persons lost their lives. The shock of the explosion was felt twenty miles away, and east Alton and upper Alton buildings were damaged. The killed are Henry Rickert, Thomas Pepple and Henry Roger.

Whisky Consumption Decreasing.

The consumption of whisky, in the United States has fallen off in the last ten years from 1.48 gallons a head of population to 1.33 gallons. This is nearly, but not quite, a bottle a year less for each individual. Ten years ago the consumption was between seven and eight bottles a year; now it is between six and seven. There has also been a small reduction in the amount of wine consumed, but an increase in beer. The consumption of malt liquors of all kinds has increased in the ten years from 10.74 gallons to each individual to 15.18. An unpleasant feature of this statement is that the decrease in the consumption of whisky has been in what is known as genuine whisky. Concocted whiskies made from alcohol and drugs have taken the place of the pure whisky. This would indicate that the decrease in consumption is due in a measure, at least, to hard times. While there are appetites that crave the alcoholic kind, the greater portion of whisky consumers prefer the genuine article.

The Cost of Bicycles.

It is estimated that there are in America 4,000,000 bicycle riders, who have invested \$3,000,000 in wheels, \$10,000,000 in bicycle clothing, and \$200,000,000 in sundries and repairs. Two hundred and fifty bicycle manufacturers, five large tiremakers and 500 manufacturers of sundries, having a total investment of \$29,000,000, have been benefited by this traffic. The estimated capital invested in retail establishments, repair shops, race tracks and club houses is \$21,000,000, making the total American investment in cycling equal to \$600,000,000. During 1896, it is claimed, 1,000,000 wheels and 3,000,000 tires will be produced, giving employment to 75,000 bicycle workers and 3000 tire employees. Fifty thousand persons are employed in sundries factories and 22,000 as retail dealers and repair men, making the total number of persons connected with the bicycle industry 4,250,000.

Bothered by Bicyclists.

Farmers in the suburbs of New York city are beginning to "post" the cyclists, some with favoring placards and others quite otherwise. A number of dairy farmers north of the city, who have never done any retail business before, have placards out announcing that milk is for sale to wheelmen, the prices varying from 3 to 5 cents a glass. An old Jersey man who looks upon the wheels with jaundiced eye has this sign up in his front yard, nailed to a tree: "Bicycle riders don't ask for water. You want get it." Not far away lives another farmer whose picket fence has been much used as a bicycle rack, while the weary wheelmen rested on the grassy terrace in front. Now this terrible warning ornaments the fence: "Bicyclists putting their wheels in this fence will get punctured."

Sweeping the Drive.

Harry's country home has a short asphalt drive from the road to the main entrance. "Harry," said his mother, one day, "the hired man is away, and I think you had better sweep the drive this morning." "Oh, it isn't necessary," returned Harry. "Billy Bluff is going to learn to ride a bicycle on it this afternoon." —Philadelphia Times.

Useful Bicycle.

A husband and wife on bicycles connected traversely by steel rods, from which was suspended a seat for their 7-year-old child, rode through Augusta, Me., on a tour of New England the other day. A tent and luggage, which brought the whole outfit up to 400 pounds, were carried, and they said they traveled about twenty miles a day.

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 "I see. Then she'll be your sister, same as she was mine." Say; don't do anything she doesn't like, for if you do she'll bang you around awful when your ma and pa ain't looking.—New York Weekly.

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EXCAVATIONS AT JERUSALEM.

A Gateway Found with Sills Belonging to Four Different Periods.

At the general meeting of the Palestine Exploration Fund this year Lieut. Col. Watson read the annual report which stated that the excavations at Jerusalem, for which a firman was granted by the porte, have been carried on by Dr. Bliss with success, says the London Standard. An interesting rockscarp has been traced for some distance along the side of an old wall of the city, south of the present wall and followed for over 1,000 feet. In this line of wall the remains of several ancient towers and a gateway were discovered and no less than four sills of this ancient gateway, belonging to four different periods were found in situ, one above the other. Dr. Bliss wrote saying that he knew of no more interesting example of a place where four distinct periods might be studied in the short, perpendicular space of four feet. Subsequently, on following the wall toward Siloam there was found near the bottom of the hill another gateway, also representing four distinct periods. A retaining wall across the mouth of the Tyropean valley was examined. It was still too early to know the full significance of these discoveries. Dr. Bliss, in a summary of the results of the excavations, stated that near Siloam, outside the city wall, interesting Roman baths were discovered. Their work, he added, had gone very smoothly. A buried wall was no respecter of persons, and ran through the lands of a Greek patriarch, a Moslem pasha, a Latin father or a Siloan fellah, with all of whom the excavator must come to some understanding financial or otherwise. But he was glad to say that this understanding had always been friendly. Unfortunately most of their work had been covered up. A barley field had revealed its secrets and once again was in superficial appearance a mere barley field. The excavations were not the only work which has been carried on at Jerusalem under the auspices of the fund. The veteran explorer, Herr von Schick, has pursued investigations of a very interesting character within the city. His examinations of mediæval churches and convents in Jerusalem and of the quarter known as Bab Hyttz threw a flood of light on the conditions of the holy city during the period covered by the crusaders' occupation of it. Since the last meeting 237 annual subscribers had been added and 131 had been taken off through death and other causes. The total receipts for the past year amounted to £2,492, 16 shillings, 4 pence, and they had a small balance in the bank. The executive committee, in concluding its report, stated that in order to carry out the objects of the fund effectively a considerable increase in its volume was absolutely and essentially necessary, otherwise the excavations at Jerusalem would have to be suspended. Having so lately obtained the firman from the sultan for continuing these operations, which had been prosecuted to the present time with such unequalled success, their cessation or delay would be a matter to be most deeply deplored. Sir Charles Wilson, the chairman, moved the adoption of the report and said that the most interesting point they wished to solve next was the course of the wall in the Tyropean valley and which was the gate through which the last King of Jerusalem fled. He considered that Dr. Bliss had carried out the work in a remarkably successful manner and at a very cheap rate. Future experiments he was afraid, would be more expensive, but he believed that the results would be worth the money laid out.

An Exchange of Favors.
 The following anecdote displays one of those characteristics possessed by the prince of Wales, which have helped to earn for him the title of "The First Gentleman of England." When the train conveying the prince and princess of Wales to Aberystwith stopped at Welshpool station recently the little daughter of Mr. Dennis, the general manager of the Cambrian railways, presented the princess with a bouquet. After other presentations had been made the princess called the child back when the latter offered to the prince a buttonhole of lilies of the valley. The prince accepted the gift and remarked: "If you give me this I must give you mine," and he thereupon took from his buttonhole a fine carnation and handed it to the child.

The French in Africa.
 Late reports from West Africa say that France will soon have 100,000 men under arms in the neighborhood of Wadelaï, on the upper Nile. Preparations are also being made at Loango for an expedition of 1,000 men, including many white troops and Senegalese sharpshooters, to Lake Tchad. Two large steamers from France reach Loango every month now.

As to the Box.
 Mrs. Wiggles—Was that a good box of cigars, Ephraim, that you bought you for your birthday?
 Mr. Wiggles (travels)—I never saw a better box.—Somerville Journal.

A Faithful Dog.

When William Jones of Newark, N. J., went swimming the other day he took his small dog along to watch his clothes. While bathing Jones was suddenly seized with cramps and drowned. Pending the recovery of the body the faithful dog kept close guard on the clothing, and then followed his dead master to the morgue.

Too Late to Mend.

There is a point beyond which meanness cannot go. Before it is too late to get persons of a rheumatic tendency, inherited or acquired, should use that benignant remedy against the further progress of the super-tenuous miasma—rheumatism. The name of this proven restorer is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which, it should also be selected, cures dyspepsia, liver complaint, ber and ague, debility and nervousness.

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Arkansaw Smith is the Hot off on Groceries. Jimmie Barron is attending school here. Everybody talks "hard times," but Arkansaw Smith—he sells for cash. School opened last Monday with an attendance of about 100. Cotton picking is the order of the day. See Arkansaw Smith before you buy your Groceries. Miss Edith Montgomery is boarding at J. C. Turners and going to school. Ben. A. Taylor, of the Mt. Margaret country was in the city Thursday. B. F. Montgomery was in the city Thursday. Frank Robinson, of Ft. Chadbourne, was in town Wednesday night. W. R. McDonald is digging a cistern for R. P. Perry at the Lee Hotel.

A "big" Show at San Angelo on the 16th and at Ballinger on the 19th. We would like to have all the school and church news over the country. The Colorado river stopped running in some places the first of the week. C. H. Cooper of the Silver country was in town the first of the week. W. C. Hayley moved to the place he bought of Geo. Perry to-day.

W. H. Walton made a trip to Anna, Colman county, this week. Don't forget J. L. Barrons' free yard when you want your horse fed. H. H. Burroughs, J. W. Tunnell and Simon Williams are at work on the church building this week. Messrs Bud and Will Warren of Oak creek were in the city several days this week. A windmill at Caldwell's Free Wagon Yard, San Angelo. Lots and stails in good condition. Feed, water and wood in abundance. Your patronage solicited. D. E. COCHRAN, Mgr.

Mrs. J. H. Turner and children and J. H. Walker started Monday to Mason county on a visit to Mrs. Turners' mother. C. C. Walker, of Silver, was in town Monday and paid the Rustler office an appreciated call. H. E. Johnston's little 4 year-old son, Bert, fell last Sunday while running down the river bank and it is thought fractured the bone of one of his legs.

Brother Bates will begin a protracted meeting here next Saturday night. Help to make that meeting a success. Rev. A. M. Jay and family were in the city last Saturday, while he paid the Rustler office a part call. W. P. Walling and Miss Walling were visiting in the city Wednesday. Colloch and family left Wednesday on Oak creek to go from there to Sweetwater his case in district court. Merchant and family returned to the Oak creek camp Thursday.

W. H. Collins bought the C. N. Rutherford residence and property this week. Sterling City News. W. C. Barron, Ed Good and Will Perry made a trip to San Angelo Tuesday and returned Wednesday. Will Hamilton, brother of J. T. Hamilton arrived in the city the first of the week from Healdton, Indian Territory. J. R. Patteson informs us that he has sold in the last two months about 1200 acres of land.

G. W. Payne and daughter, Miss Fannie, of Sanco, were visiting in the city last Saturday. W. R. Boykin moved to the Dr. Toliver place north of town this week and Dr. Toliver moved into the W. L. Lowe residence. M. G. Abernathy and Geo. T. Petty, two young business men of Coleman, were here the first of the week. R. Y. Hagerton was in town Thursday. Bob and Mr. Lowe are about to sell their farms. Willy Byrd was in town Thursday. He will begin sheep-shearing Monday. J. H. Turner has leased the I. M. Bennick farm near town.

The report comes to town that Newman and Brownfield are about to have a lawsuit over a recent horse race at Sweetwater. Two more new announcements this week. There is no candidate out for the office of Hide and Animal Inspector. Mr. J. A. Green has thanks for one dollar on his subscription.

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W. E. Ingram, who was out in Sterling county the first of the week says that after you leave Edith going west that everything is very dry, nothing being made.

Sam Dickey, a boy living 18 miles from here in Coke county, was thrown from a horse Sunday and knocked insensible and remained so for several hours. Dr. Gaines was called and he is now recovering.—Sterling City News.

COTTON.

Wight & McHan, of Sweetwater Texas want your Cotton, will pay the highest market price for it, spot cash. Any quantity wanted large or small and sell you dry goods and groceries as cheap as any one in the west. We are strictly in the market for cotton and want it.

Respectfully,
WIGHT & McHAN

The public free school here promises to be a complete success under the efficient management of Prof Thomas and Mrs. Hayley and, in our opinion, anyone in the country cannot do better than to patronize it.

T. L. Vaughn, a prosperous Coke county gin man, was in the city Tuesday after supplies.

Charles Phillips, a prosperous farmer of the Fort Chadbourne country, spent a few hours in the city Saturday. Ballinger Bauer-Leader.

If there has been a case of slow fever in Coke county in the last twelve months we would like to hear of it. And we believe Robert Lee to be the healthiest town in West Texas.

Rev. John Reed returned last Monday from the Baptist association in Colman county. He reports a protracted meeting to be in progress when he left there which he said, would result in about 30 persons being baptised.

Ed Stokes, Tom Blair and one Mr. Anderson, of Sterling county passed through town last Saturday on their way to Ft. Chadbourne.

Mrs G. W. Webb informs us that Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Fancher's little two-year old baby got its feet badly burned at the Ft. Chadbourne camp-meeting.

Mr. I. J. Good was in town yesterday. Mr. R. B. Ross, of the Ft. Chadbourne country, was doing business in town Wednesday.

Rev. W. C. Burr was in town Monday on his way home from the Valley View meeting. He has our thanks for remembering this office in a substantial way.

About 100 pupils in school, probably the largest attendance of any previous school in the town.

Democrats carried Arkansas by 50 or 60 thousand.

Dennis Maddox looks like he has had too much fun for a boy of his size.

Miss Sheppard, of Taylor county, is visiting her brother, Bert Sheppard who lives on Paintcreek.

Miss Massey, of Ballinger, who is visiting her Aunt, Mrs. J. A. Green, attended the apron at Mr. and Mrs. Ingram's home last Thursday night.

Ed Mobley and wife attended the Oak creek camp-meeting last Sunday and came home Monday.

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OUR fall stock is coming in fast.—Come and see us when you are in the city.

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

Reported by M. H. Davis Commissioner Pre. No. 1 Coke County, Texas, on the 30th day of July 1896. One bay horse about six years old with both fore feet white and left hind foot white, with blaze face. Unbranded.

Also one dark bay horse about 4 years old, 14 hands high branded A on left thigh.

ED M. MOBLEY, County Clerk, Coke Co., Texas

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J. H. CAMPBELL, " " 4.

COURTS.

District Court convenes 1st, Monday in April and November.

County Court convenes 3d, Monday May, August, November and February.

Commissioners Court convenes 2nd Monday in February, May August November.

Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:
Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

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.

A. M. JAY, Pastor. Baptist Church; 1st Sunday
G. C. Berryman, Pastor. Christian Church 2nd Sunday No Pastor.

HOOD'S GUARANTEES a cure. What it has done for others it will do for you. Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla.

We ask as a favor of our subscribers that those of them who have no money that they will come through with some sort produce—corn, cotton seed, hay, potatoes, pork, mutton, chickens, eggs butter or any other kind of produce that we can use. We must have a living out of this business and this is time of year to pay up.

J. H. Turner is out for constable office and has grit enough to tell the people that he wants the office, and announces in the Rustler, and if you will vote for him we do not believe that you will cause to regret it. Look into the matter before voting.

The cotton season is now open and good prices are realized for the same. Take your money to A. D. Whites' Grocery Store and get more goods for less money than anywhere else in San Angelo.

One Will Moore, who lives at Maverick, was adjudged insane at Ballinger one day last week, and will be sent to the asylum. He had been to the same institution one time before and was discharged as recovered.

A full stock of Fresh Groceries always on hand and sold at lowest possible prices for cash at the Grocery Store of A. D. White, San Angelo.

Died

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Murray's little infant babe died last Sunday evening. The little fellows stay on earth was brief, being only a few days old at its death, but had become precious to its parents and the family, and we voice the sentiments of our entire people when we express our sympathy for them.

The little one is spared the evils, distress and misery that years would have brought it and "Of such is the kingdom of God.

Mrs. I. C. Williams and daughters, Misses Belle and Maggie and Miss Lourenia Payne, who have been visiting friends and relatives for several weeks in Keer county returned home last week. Mr. P. O. Lawrence, of Keer county, nephew of Mrs. I. C. Williams accompanied them home.

My prices are always the lowest for first-class goods is why so many buy their Groceries from A. D. White, San Angelo.

Notice to Subscribers.

An other year will soon expire when many of you will owe the Rustler \$1.50. past due.

So you may look for us around with your account in a short time and please be prepared with the cash for that is what we need.

The Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter reports cattle and hogs a little up.

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. PHARCE, Proprietor.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS (Galveston or Dallas) is published Tuesdays and Fridays. Each issue consists of eight pages. There are special departments for the farmers, the ladies and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news matter, illustrated articles, etc.

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Hand in your subscriptions at once.

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.

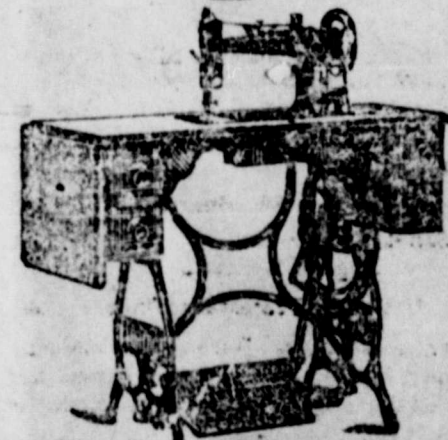
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Maverick Notes.

Maverick, Tex., Sept. 5th, 1896.

ED. RUSTLER:—

Everything is very dry here and fall crops will be a failure.

Mr. Milt Caperton has the Holmsley gin in active operation and W. L. McAuley will buy your cotton seed and why not bring your cotton to Maverick?

Mr. Lee Good carried Add Moore to Ballinger Wednesday, he was tried for lunacy, he has been in the Asylum once and discharged as cured, but lately some ugly symptoms have developed and he will be confined again.

Rev. J. W. Raby held a ten day meeting at Norton. There was 32 conversions and 5 reclamations, 23 joined the church; was the very satisfactory visible results of this meeting.

Miss Ida Caperton is spending a few months with relatives in Austin.

Miss Grace Webb is attending the Dama Baker College at Brown wood.

Mrs. Isam Good and family are visiting relatives at this place.

Mr. R. H. Hearrell has bought the Mit O'Danial place and will take possession about the 15th.

Messrs W. L. McAuley and son have gone to the Oklahoma Territory. They will close out their business before they return.

Mrs Alice Green of Ballinger made a business call to Maverick and Robert Lee this week.

Sheriff J. W. Clappitt and children of Ballinger are guests of Mrs. W. L. McAuley this week.

Respectfully,
RICA.

Letter from Brother Fair.

Comanche, Texas, Sept. 5, 1896.

Mr. Editor:—It has been so long since I wrote for your valuable paper that I hardly know where to begin, but as some of Coke counties citizens were in attendance during our district conference I will begin with that.

Brother Bates and Broyles, pastors, and Asa Ross and A. P. Stone, delegates and Miss Maggie Ross, visitor, were with us, and we enjoyed their company very much.

I guess they tired of answering questions about Coke and Nolan counties and people, weddings, deaths, births, removals, courtships, break-ups and etc.

Since our district conference I have been engaged in a revival meetings holding one camp-meeting and five protracted meetings, in which we had more than one hundred professions of religion and the church members very much revived.

We had a long, dry hot spell of weather just when the farmers needed rain.

Corn is almost a failure and cotton will not make more than a half a crop.

We had a rain the 22nd of Aug. but need another rain now.

Cotton is progressing well and the Comanche gins have put up more than 100 bales.

Our school will begin next Monday.

Comanche College has a president and nine teachers, eight of whom are ladies.

Misses Florence and Gertrude Robinson, of Coke Co. are here to attend school. Their cousin Miss Ellen Robinson, is one of the teachers, and occupies the 2nd grade from the president.

Miss Ellen is a splendid teacher and a nice young lady.

It is thought there will be more than 400 pupils

There have been three evangelists holding meeting under tents in town for the last two weeks—

one Martinite Baptist—one Firm Foundation Campbellite and one Second Blessingist Methodist. I hardly think they have altogether had one hundred conversions.

Our town is moral, though not very religious.

We have seven churches in town and five or six lodges of moral and benevolent institutions. I suppose many of our people think they are good enough without religion.

Mrs Mollie Curry and Rev. J. J. Youngblood have recently visited their mother, Mrs Fair.

I will close by wishing you success.

Geo. F. Fair.

Edith Doings.

Edith Texas, Sept 8th 1896.
Editor Rustler: I will write you a few dots from this part of the country.

It is still dry and hot weather. Cotton picking will soon be the order of the day.

Cotton will be short in this community.

A good rain would be greatly appreciated by the people of this neighborhood.

Sam King and family attended church at Saneo Sunday.

W. C. Benson is tanking this week.

June corn will not be any good here, owing to the dry weather.

Joe Webb lost his well drill in a well, I guess he was tired.

A crowd of young folks met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Walker's last Friday night and enjoyed themselves dancing.

The news reporter of the Rustler force was in our midst this week, visiting friends and relatives.

J. E. Warren is on the sick list this week

Mr. S. Benson says it will rain soon, for he killed and hung two rattle snakes.

J. E. Stuart and wife were pleasant visitors at W. J. Benson's last week, they spoke well of Jeff's cotton.

A Miss Sheppard is visiting her brother, Bert Sheppard on Paint creek.

Rev. John Reed passed through town Monday, on his way home from the association.

J. D. Hallmark departed for San Angelo Monday, for the purpose of bringing in a load of goods for the firm of J. D. Collier & Co.

Prof. Sam Martin, will begin a writing school, at the Paint creek school house to day.

T. Maddox and his son Louis, passed through town Monday, on their way to San Angelo.

Bro Sparks, has just started out on a fishing tour, he says he will fish two weeks or catch some fish this time.

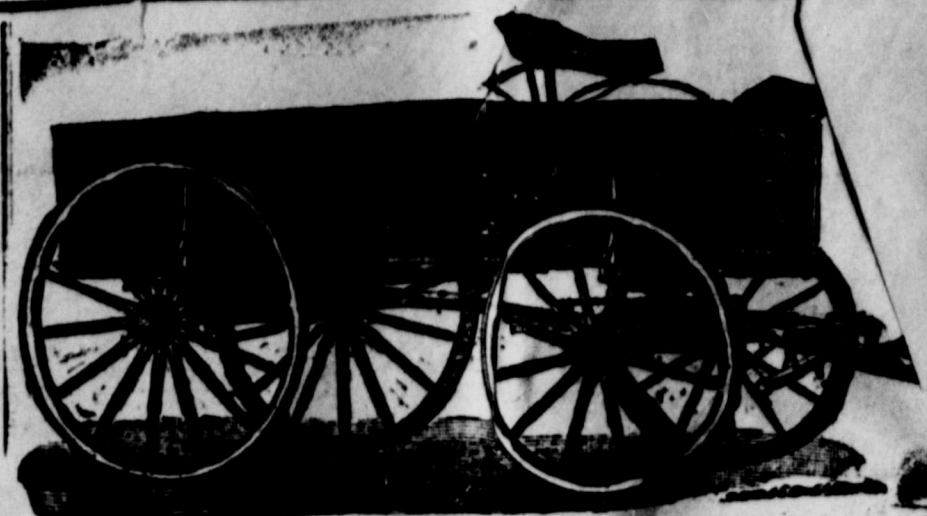
If this is acceptable you will hear from me again.

Succes to the Rustler.

Bum.

Hon. Wm. McKinley used to favor free silver and opposed the "honest money" plank in the republican platform, but he now favors "honest money" and "national honor" as a matter of course.

The last issue of the Rustler will give an Arkansas edition as usual.



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Oldest wagon factory in the United States—

Sold in Texas longer than any other—

More of them sold in the past than any other—

More of them sold to-day than any other—

UNQUESTIONABLY THE BEST—

Use the best material money can buy—

Employ the best of skilled workmen—

Long experience has taught true principles of construction.

It will give us pleasure to figure with you or answer

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Yours truly,

ED S. HUGHES & CO. Abilene, Texas.

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All Kinds Of Tin Work Done To Order.

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The undersigned has opened up a first-class Restaurant in the Ranchman's Hotel building. It is convenient to Market Bldg. Store, Free Wagon Yard and Court House. My motto is "Good Meals and Clean Beds." Satisfaction guaranteed. Your patronage is respectfully solicited.

Yours Very Respectfully,

GEORGE T. HURKANE

San Angelo,

Texas.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

ELEVEN FIREMEN ARE KILLED BY FALLING WALLS.

An Opera House Took Fire and the Firemen Trying to Save the Building Met Death. List of the Dead and Injured Members Lynched.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 7.—A special from Benton Harbor says: A terrible calamity, with the greatest loss of life that has ever occurred in this part of the state, occurred Saturday night when Myers' opera house took fire and in the fight to save the building and other blocks adjoining eleven firemen, one a volunteer, met their fate and fell swoop, the death being instantaneous with five of them, six living only a few hours in awful agony, while several others met with severe brass and burns.

During the evening play, "A Kentucky Girl," had been given by the house and had closed at 10 o'clock before fire was discovered, when the building was filled from basement to the fourth story with a suffocating smoke which burst into a sheet of flames through the entire audience room, almost instantly before the fire department could respond with a single stream of water, there being some confusion at the outset, owing to hook and ladder facilities being short, although the local fire companies had that day staged a two days' tournament exhibiting much skill in quick work.

St. Joseph was called on for assistance at the outset, they approaching the building through an alley, unloading ladders in the rear of the building and while hoisting them the upper walls fell over without a second's warning, covering the men, which was witnessed by hundreds of spectators. The following were killed:

Wm. Watson, of St. Joseph, legs crushed; skull crushed; leaves wife.

Hoffman, Benton Harbor, legs crushed; skull crushed; leaves wife.

W. J. Hill, St. Joseph, foreman, legs broken; skull crushed; leaves wife.

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CRAZY GIRL CAUGHT.

SHE IS AN 8-YEAR-OLD NEGRO CHILD.

Two Men Found Her in a River Bottom. Nothing on but a Checked Apron—She Will Be Held Till Her Parents are Heard From.

Alexander, La., Sept. 5.—Alexandria was in a state of excitement yesterday morning over the report that a little wild girl had been caught, which was chased by two negroes, Napoleon Williams and Madison Washington, who reside on the opposite side of Red river, about one and a half miles below here, near the mouth of Rocky bayou, just above the Bailey dam, who brought a little colored girl aged 8, whom they captured near their home. They said at about 8 o'clock yesterday morning they were coming down the river road when they met the girl, who seemed to be greatly frightened and commenced running, and they went in pursuit and caught her, with a long, high-necked cotton apron being the only stitch of clothing on her, without shoes or anything on her head. She was dumb and seemed a semi-idiot. She did not appear to have been at large long, as she was not emaciated, and when given food did not eat very ravenously, but seemed to relish same. There is no telling where she came from, but the men have taken her back home with them, and were instructed by Justice Rachall to hold her till her parents could be heard from.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 5.—A special from Milwaukee says: The big millers' trust, known as the Spring Wheat Millers' combine of the northwest, has closed up shop and is out of business. It went out of existence as noiselessly as it came into the world.

The combine, which was formed solely for the purpose of regulating the prices of flour, failed of accomplishing its object, because of the perfidy of the large millers, who cut prices indiscriminately whenever they felt like it, being perfectly willing to pay the fine imposed by the combine for selling under the scale every time there was a good sized order in sight. All of the millers of the northwest, with the exception of Falt, Kraus & Co., of this city, were in the combine.

Each one signing the trust articles of agreement paid into the treasury a tax of 1 cent per barrel on each barrel of flour manufactured by his mill as a guarantee that he would not sell flour below the price fixed by the trust.

A meeting of the trust was held on Tuesday at Minneapolis, the books were closed and the fund divided among those members in good standing.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 5.—The thirtieth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic came to an end yesterday, after one of the most successful meetings since the organization was established in Illinois, a few months after the close of the war. The weather was all that could have been desired, the rain, which early in the week threatened, falling just enough to make marching and sight-seeing more endurable. The crowds have greatly diminished, thousands starting home or for other parts of the northwest immediately after the parade. The parade, while smaller than many that have preceded it, was one of the best handled ones ever known, and the veterans are all proud of the fine marching appearance they made in line.

Adjournment followed the election of officers.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 5.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the New York Biscuit company, held yesterday at their offices here, the resignations of Mr. George T. Smith, as director, of Mr. J. H. Moore, as director and second vice-president, and of Mr. George P. Johnson, as director and treasurer, were tendered and accepted.

Mr. George R. Webster and Mr. James D. Mason were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Messrs. Smith and Johnson.

Mr. George H. Webster, a former partner and representative of Mr. P. D. Armour, was elected treasurer. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Moore will be filled later by a director to represent the interests of Mr. George M. Cullon.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 5.—The parade of the uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, was the feature of the fall festivities. The programme opened with a prize drill at the ball park, in which, however, at the last minute, one of the contestants pulled out, leaving the prize to the John Barr Glenn division, of Eau Claire. The mounted division, of St. Paul, gave an exhibition drill.

The parade of the uniform rank included 1,200 men, and was over two miles in length, the largest body of fraternity militia ever gathered in the northwest. J. G. Loper, of the Iowa brigade, was in command.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 7.—James H. Teller, of this city, has been notified of his appointment by the secretary of the interior as a member of the recently authorized commission to negotiate with a number of Indian tribes of the west. The commission consists of three members, one from each political party, Mr. Teller being chosen as a Republican. For business reasons the appointment was declined.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 7.—A special from Sebrey, Ky., says: John Combs, a young married man of Delaware, on Green river, north of here, was shot and killed by a woman named Mills at a late hour Saturday night. Combs threw his weight against the door, and as he entered the woman drew a revolver and shot him through the brain, killing him instantly.

New York, Sept. 7.—John Theurer, who keeps a blacksmith shop, yesterday shot and instantly killed Michael Murphy, a drink-crazed man who staggered into his house. Murphy attacked Mrs. Theurer and Mrs. Kate Stiger, her sister, and then tried to throw them down stairs. Theurer was defending the women and himself when the shot was fired, according to all their testimony.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 7.—The caterpillars are great eaters, the different species consuming from five to twenty times their own weight of food each day.

A MENTAL WRECK.

CRUEL LI HUNG CHANG.

He Fooled the German Manufacturers in True Oriental Style.

New York, Sept. 5.—Dr. Thomas Gallagher, who was liberated last week after serving thirteen years penal servitude in Chatham and Portland prisons, arrived here yesterday afternoon on board the American liner St. Paul. He was met at quarantine by a delegation of representatives of Irish societies in this country. Among those who went aboard the St. Paul to greet him was James Gallagher, who is a brother of the released man. Dr. Gallagher recognized his brother at once, but he was in a very excitable mood and acted very strangely. Dr. Anthony McBride, who accompanied Dr. Gallagher across the ocean, would not permit any of the newspaper men to speak to his charge.

It was evident that the doctor's mental condition was a total wreck. He looked to be fully twenty-five years older than when he left America, a little over thirteen years ago.

When the members of the delegation of Irishmen were presented to him the doctor was unable to recognize any of them, and almost immediately ran away through the corridor, shouting loudly and incoherently. He was followed by two of the bedroom stewards, but before they grasped his arms he threw a handful of pennies through one of the porthole windows and shouted: "I have got my fare over the ferry at any rate."

As soon as the attendants got him under control the doctor turned to them appealingly and said: "My God, is this the way an American citizen must be treated?"

He broke away from the attendants again, but they finally locked him up in a room. When asked as to the doctor's condition Dr. McBride said: "I have not examined Dr. Gallagher, and cannot say whether he has suffered any bodily injury from his treatment in prison. He complained frequently that he was treated very harshly, and said three of his ribs were broken in Chatham prison. His general health is in a precarious condition, and mentally he is in a very delicate state. It will be necessary for him to have absolute quiet for fully twelve months, and then I am not quite sure he will recover sufficiently to have the use of all his faculties."

As soon as the St. Paul reached her dock the doctor, accompanied by his physician and two intimate friends, drove from the pier to an uptown hotel, from whence he will probably be taken to a sanitarium.

Guthrie, Ok., Sept. 5.—In the first few months of the history of Guthrie W. D. Wylie, F. A. Wilman and A. Devereaux came to the city from Dallas, Tex., and obtained from the provisional city council a franchise for a street railway, depositing a certified check for \$1,000 as a forfeit for beginning work. They failed to build the railway, and the council used the money for carrying on the provisional government. Wylie sued the present city for the forfeit, and the supreme court held yesterday that the city could not be held for the money, as the government was a provisional one, without any warrant of law, and none of its actions were binding upon the present city. This decision affects all the towns in Oklahoma.

Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 4.—News reached here Thursday of a bloody encounter at Kilbourne, Ala., between Dave and Joseph McKee, father and son, and J. C. Wilson, all of West Carroll parish, Louisiana. The fight, which ended an old feud, took place Monday night. Both McKees were killed and Wilson is thought to be mortally wounded.

Columbus, O., Sept. 5.—The Columbus Central Street Railway company was thrown into the hands of a receiver yesterday. Poor business is given as the cause. The assets are \$1,850,194, of which \$1,500,000 is bonded indebtedness and open accounts. The property is in fine condition, and the managers claim it will pay out.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 4.—The board of trustees of the Confederate Memorial association (Battle Abbey) met Thursday morning at Lookout Inn. The main business transacted was the effecting of the permanent organization. After effecting the organization the committee went into secret session.

Hollidayburg, Pa., Sept. 5.—The bodies of Rev. Thomas F. Reeser, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church of this place, and John D. Love, a merchant, were found lying on the banks of Juniata river, near Flowing Springs, yesterday. Foul play is suspected.

Judge Duffy.—You say you are innocent. What then were you doing with the watch if you didn't intend to steal it?

Sam Johnson.—I jest wanted ter wind it up for him. Dat's de solemn troof. I can't tell a lie if I was ter try for a week.

NOISE OF RAILROAD TRAINS.

German Has Devised a Method for Preventing It.

A German engineer has devised a method for preventing the noise made by trains in passing over iron bridges that may come in for consideration. He puts a decking of one and a quarter-inch planks between the cross girders, resting on three-inch timbers laid on the bottom flanges. On the planks a double layer of felt is laid, which is fixed to the vertical web of the cross girder. At the connection with the girder a timber-covered joint is placed on felt, and the whole is bolted to the bottom flange. Four inches of slack gravel cover the decking, which is sloped toward the center of the bridge for drainage purposes. A layer of felt is laid between the timbers and the planks they rest on, and the iron work in contact with decking and ballast is asphalt. This method is found very satisfactory in reducing the noise of passing trains, and it is to be hoped that its principle will soon be largely adopted in this country. Already the fact that some consideration is due to one's neighbors in the matter of piano practice and other domestic noises is becoming recognized, and quite a trade has sprung up in the "deafening" materials. Of these, probably the most in request is mineral wool, a layer of which is placed under the floor, in the walls, and over the ceiling if need be. In a room thus surrounded the most rabid musician can do his worst without interfering in the least with the peace of mind of the rest of the inmates of the house. Another easily-handled material which forms an effectual dam for the vibration of sound waves, and which is not open to the objection which mineral wood presents, of turning powdery, is a quilt composed of long, flat blades of sea grass, which cross each other at every angle, forming innumerable air spaces, which give almost perfect conditions for outlining both heat and sound.—Baltimore American.

Dufferin's Successor. Lord Llandaff, who has been appointed to succeed the marquis of Dufferin as ambassador of Great Britain in Paris, is the official who, when he was Mr. Henry Matthews, declined to remit the sentence of penal servitude for life passed upon Mrs. Maybrick. He was educated in Paris and was admitted to the French bar before joining that of England. He has the advantage of his predecessor in being very rich. Lord Dufferin had to depend upon his official salary of \$60,000 a year to maintain his official position.

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CRUEL LI HUNG CHANG.

He Fooled the German Manufacturers in True Oriental Style.

With almost cruel persistency Li Hung Chang continues to declare that the hopes indulged in in industrial circles that he will give important orders to German firms are vain, says a Berlin dispatch to London News. Now his right-hand man the customs official, Herr Deiring, a German who has lived in China for many years and accompanies the Chinese Bismarck as official interpreter, has expressed himself in private conversation at Cologne in a similar sense. China, he said, needed, above everything, war material, and as Krupp's, at Essen, was known as one of the best firms, it would, no doubt, obtain large orders. But no other German works could hope to have the same, for, as regards the material for railways and telegraphs, China was under political obligations to other powers, at least to the same degree as to Germany. The viceroy's journey, said Herr Deiring, had rather the object of obtaining information about the political situation in the various European states and their feeling toward China than of initiating commercial relations. These latest statements will not fail to intensify the disappointment felt at Berlin with the result of the Chinese minister's visit. The man who loses is sure to be laughed at, and it is the Germans who, so far at least, have lost. From the moment he set his foot on German soil, Li Hung Chang was treated by the Germans not merely as if he were a crowned head to whom Germany was greatly indebted, but as a sort of commercial Messiah, whose arrival would give German exports, commerce and trade fresh impulse and unprecedented vigor. All the industrial establishments vied in honoring him, and neither trouble nor money was spared to make his stay in Germany as pleasant as possible. He enjoyed all this with the air of a kind patron and constantly gave expression to his heartfelt thanks. But the more he approached the western frontier of the empire the cooler and more reserved he became, as regards the practical advantages the Germans might hope to derive from his visit. Certainly he previously made now and then some slight mention of the danger of overrating the importance of his visit, but only when he was about to shake off German dust from his feet did he destroy with unmistakable frankness the hopes so fondly entertained.

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