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It is now a confirmed fact—that the great Cuban general, Maceo, has been betrayed by one of his own men and murdered by the Spanish while virtually under a flag of truce, which proves point blank that the Spanish are carrying on exactly the mode of warfare that they have all along accused the Cubans of. And it does seem after this monstrous display of treachery and murder that the powers that be would not only be justifiable in taking steps to suppress the same, but that it is clearly the duty of civilization to do so. This murder has the sanction of the highest Spanish official. Certainly the brave patriots of Cuba, who have fought so gallantly for liberty, deserve to be free men.

The Texas Wool Growers Association in convention assembled at San Angelo on Dec. 18th, after a resolution deploring the death of the late president of the association, Dr. J. B. Taylor, adopted the following:

Be it Resolved: 1. Whereas, the wool growers of Texas are suffering from the unjust and unequal tariff legislation, we, the wool growers of Texas, in convention assembled, earnestly request our representatives in congress to use all efforts to secure the passage of the Dingley bill, without time limit, in order that we may secure some measure of immediate relief.

2. The wool growers of Texas disapprove of the importation of Mexican sheep of any grade, free of duty.

3. That we endorse and request our legislature to pass the wild animal scalp bill adopted by the Texas Live Stock association and circulated by its secretary, and recommend that everyone interested in the welfare of the live stock industry use his individual effort to secure the passage of same.

4. Whereas the eradication of scab is of urgent necessity to the prosperity of the sheep industry, we recommend the passage of a law making it a misdemeanor with a penalty of \$200 for any person to own or control sheep infected with scab. No county to be exempted from the operation of said law.

Furthermore; that any person importing scabby sheep into the state, be fined not less \$500 nor more than \$1000. Said law to go into effect one year from date of passage.

5. That your committee considers it inexpedient and unnecessary to send delegates to the coming convention of the National Wool Growers association, believing that a joint conference of manufacturers and wool growers will be in event of the president's extra session of con-

Every Farmer In Texas Invited.

The Texas State Swine Breeders Association will hold its eighth annual meeting in Ft. Worth, January 19, 1897, when the program below will be carried out full. The subject for discussion have been assigned to capable men and much interesting information concerning this important branch of agriculture will be obtained by those who are fortunate enough to attend. The citizens of Fort Worth will look after the entertainment of visitors, and extend an invitation to every farmer or man interested in this industry in Texas to be present, and besides participating in the meeting; join in the festivities, which will be given in their honor.

Reduced Railroad rates are expected.

The program is as follows:

THE FIRST DAY.

- 1 "Preparations of Hogs for Show Yaad.—H. E. Singleton, Labanon.
- 2 Swine Diseases and how to prevent same—Allen Murchison, Farmersville.
- 3 Feeding hogs for market—T. C. Slaughter, Proser.
- How to feed to produce Good Breeders—W. H. Pierce, Denton.
- Peas and Goobers for hog pasture—H. Watt Smith, Alvarado.
- 6 Alfalfa for hog pasture—C. Faulkner, Waco.
- 7 Treatment of Brood sows before and After Farrowing—Ed L. Oliver, Cooper.
- 8 Care of pigs to secure the best growth—Nat Edmonson, Sherman.
- 9 Hogs in the connection with the Dairy—M. Lothrop, Marshall.

SECOND DAY.

- 10 Running water as compared with dry lots for hogs—W. C. LeBarron, Fentress.
- 11 The best Medium of Advertising the Hogs—R. F. Butler, Waxahachie.
- 12 Summer Pasture for Hogs—G. E. King, Taylor.
- 13 Summer pasture for hogs—J. E. McGuire, Bryan.
- 14 Care of Hogs in cold weather—W. R. Cavett, Bryan.
- 15 Hog statistics in Texas for the past Thirty Years.—A. J. Rose Austin.
- 16 Market for hog products in Texas—W. E. Skinner, Ft. Worth.
- 17 Best Manner of providing green food for hogs during the whole year—Aaron Coffee, McKinney.
- 18 Best Feed for growing pigs—C. W. Thomas, Pottsboro.
- 19 The hog in history—E. F. Rodgers, Palestine.

Dallas has held a strong Cuban meeting.

There are as many as three resolutions pending in the W. S. senate recognizing Cuban belligerence.

The Inevitable Result.

Store is vacant,
Sign "To let,"
Former tenant,
Had to get.

He, in sorrow,
Sits and sighs,
'Cause he didn't
Advertise.

—Childress Star.

The asylums and newspaper offices in Texas are all full and yet all the lunatics are not properly provided for.—Ex.

The horse race Wednesday between "Frog" and "Cold Deck" resulted in "Frog" winning. The race was for \$250 a side. —Sweetwater Review.

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Respectfully, J. A. HAYES & CO., Ballinger, Texas

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H. W. WALTON.

Notice.

There is money in the Treasury to pay all Jury scrip from register No. 171 to register No. 269. Any one holding such or any road and bridge scrip can get the money on it by presentation to

C. L. HUGHES.

County Treasurer Coke Co.

Last Thursday while crossing the street to the court house "I scribe" was accosted by Mr. Geo. Simmon, who was wearing an unusual larg smile,—and upon inquiring the cause, was informed by Mr. Simmons that after 3 o'clock he would be enjoying wedded bliss His bride being Miss Maggie, daughter of J. J. Austin, who lives six miles north town. It is our wish that the remainder of their days be as bright and happy to them as the one on which they taken the solemn vows.

Contributed.

Jackson-Rodgers

Mr. Charlie Jackson and Miss Susie Rodgers were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Wednesday at 3 o'clock at the residence of the brides parents. Rev. Cumbie officiating.

After the marriage the guest were ushered into the dining room where a superb supper awaited them. After supper music was furnished by Messrs Ed Walton Bob Cumbie and Miss May Clark. After spending an hour or so with the happy couple the guest turned their faces homeward with wishes for a long and happy life for them.

Chas Roe and W. T. Richards made a business trip to San Angelo the first of the week.

Persie Griffin is driving this end of the San Angelo mail this week.

Cow Creek.

EDITOR RUSTLER:

With your permission I will give you the happenings of the day with the people of this part of the county.

The people have all gathered their crops and are now preparing their land for another year.

Plowing and clearing ground is the order of the day with the farmers.

The school at Cow Creek is progressing nicely under the proficient management of Pro. Geo. Sheppard. There are at present 30 scholars in attendance.

The school will last about four and one half months.

School will be dismissed on Wednesday before Christmas until the Monday following. The Protest Methodist will hold their Quarterly Conference at Rock Springs on the 19th, inst. which will be next Saturday.

The new circuit rider Rev. Hamlet is expected to be present at the Conference, and we further anticipate a full attendance.

Confidence is not fully restored in this part of the country since McKinley's election.

Yours Respectfully,
A Farmer.

If you have any school or church notes that you would like to have published please send them in. We take pleasure in publishing anything of that nature.

J. L. Barron went to San Angelo Wednesday and Thursday.

Rev. Hamlet, the Protestant Methodist preacher gave the RUSTLER office a pleasant call Tuesday evening.

A Card Of Thanks.

The Rev. E. A. Barry, who has been stopping in town for several weeks on account of sickness in his family, leaves today for Valley View, and from there he goes to San Angelo.

And he hereby returns heartfelt thanks to the people of Robert Lee and vicinity who have so kindly assisted him.

R. I. Kirkland helped the Rustler out to the amount of \$1.50 yesterday.

B. F. Montgomery, of Booze, rounded up the Rustler gang yesterday.

I have sold out my saddle and harness business and am now dealing in BOOTS, SHOES and FURNISHING GOODS at N. P. Jones' old stand, and would be pleased to have my old friends and customers call and see me when in Ballinger.

No trouble to show goods.

Respectfully,

S. J. Carpenter

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J. W. Barnett - - Clerk.

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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.

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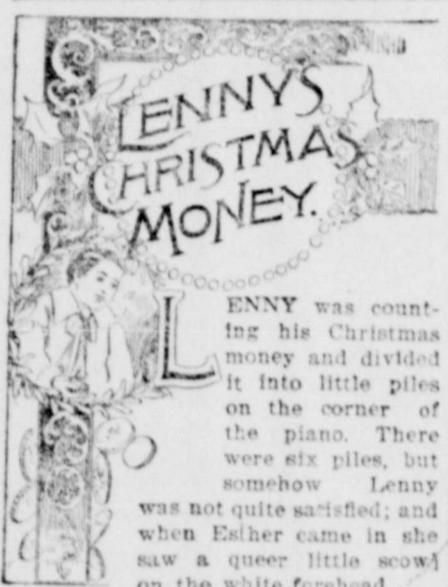
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& Shingles

from us. We will guarantee every thing as represented; correct all mistakes—if we make any, and in fact we are here to stay and gain trade by dealing fair with all. Make our place headquarters while in town. Yours to please,

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



LENNY'S CHRISTMAS MONEY.

Lenny was counting his Christmas money and divided it into little piles on the corner of the table. There were six piles, but somehow Lenny was not quite satisfied; and when Esther came in she saw a queer little scowl on the white forehead.

"Oh, what a lot of money," she said, smiling, "are you going to buy a velocipede?"

"That's my Christmas money," said Lenny; "the pennies for not being late to breakfast, and the dollar grandma gave me, and my five cents for bringing in wood. I suppose there's 'bout four dollars." "Two dollars and eighty-four cents," said Esther counting it over.

"And it won't divide good," said Lenny. "This pile is for papa, and this for mamma; I'm going to buy papa a ring, and mamma a red necktie like Norah's; and this is for grandma, to buy a cap with roses in it; and this is the baby's. I'm going to get her a whole lot of chocolate creams and peanuts; and this is for you, Esther, only I shan't tell what I am going to buy."

Lenny stopped, and Esther tried very hard not to laugh at the thoughts of papa with a ring and mamma in a red necktie. "But there's another pile, Lenny," she said. "Yes, that's just the trouble; seems to me I ought to have some of my money myself. I can tell you I worked hard for that money, Esther."

"Well, then, this pile is yours, is it?"

"Yes, I thought so," said Lenny, slowly. "only the minister said we should remember to save some of our gifts for the poor. I think poor folks and heathen are an awful bother, Esther."

And Lenny looked up defiantly, as if ready to endure all that Esther might say in answer to such a shocking sentiment. To his great surprise Esther said quietly, "So do I, Lenny; sometimes I feel about discouraged when I think what a bother they are."

Lenny's fat hand reached out and transferred the sixth pile to his pocket.

"There's lots of folks taking care of them, too, and giving them money and things," he said.

"Yes," said Esther, "there are people in the great cities who spend their

whole time looking after these poor persons, visiting them at their homes, begging fuel to keep them from freezing, and food to keep them from starving, getting them into hospitals when they are sick, and teaching them to work. They don't do this for pay, but just for the dear Lord's sake, and they keep on at work until they are worn out and die, and then someone else takes it up. Oh, it is a dreadful bother."

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"And there are people who go out in the new countries, and live in miserable little cabins, and have scarcely enough to eat or to wear, and no money to buy books, or papers, or Christmas presents, or to send their children to school, all because they are trying to teach the poor people about Jesus, and keep them from growing as wicked and lawless as the heathen themselves. What a bother it must be to give up everything so!"

Lenny's hand crept into his pocket and laid about half the money back upon the piano, but Esther went on as if she had not seen him.

"And then there are the heathen; just think how many men and women have left their homes and their friends, and gone away to try to win those poor, ignorant creatures from worshipping idols, and murdering their children and their sick friends, and leaving their poor old parents to starve to death. Just think, Lenny, of the fathers and mothers who have seen their dear children dying in these unhealthy regions, or had to send them away from them to save their lives—of the martyrs that have given up their own lives, all for these heathen. I think they are a dreadful bother. And when, besides this, I remember how much trouble they have been to God, and how much they have cost Him, I am sure they must be precious or He never would have given His Son to save them. For if we would give all we have, our money and our lives, we never could give so much as God gave—for them, and us, Lenny." Lenny's lips quivered a little, but he laid the rest of the money down with a bang, as he said, "There, Esther, you needn't talk any more; that's God's money in this pile, and I guess I wouldn't be mean enough to touch it."

CHRISTMAS RAPPINGS.

(By James Rolfs Hapgood.)

If a friend should rap at your old home door
On the Christmas morning fair,
With a present for you and your little dears,
Say, wouldn't you open, Claire?

If a boy should rap at your old home door
On the Christmas morning fair—
Your wandering boy, that you thought was lost—
Say, wouldn't you open, Claire?

If a babe should rap at your old heart door
On the Christmas morning fair,
To give you a kiss or a hug or two,
Say, wouldn't you open, Claire?

If a God should rap at your old heart door
On the Christmas morning fair,
To give you a Son with a heavenly home,
Say, wouldn't you open, Claire?

The Season of Good Will.

The love that is in the world is a little larger after each Christmas Day. "Good will toward men"—is not that the keyword of the song that was the lullaby of His manger-cradle and the melodious harmony of His life? We may differ much about Him, but on one point there will be a substantial agreement—He brought into our human life a new governing force; that is to say, he elevated to the first place the spirit of love, and fellowship, and good will. The heart of man ascends the throne wherever Jesus of Nazareth is known and loved. If our forms of manifesting affection by gifts be often empty, yet is there in them a large measure of this genuine and unifying good will.

If our belief is wrong, our eternity will be wrong.



ETHINKS I hear the rumbling car As time sweeps on its way to-night, And feel the thrills that jerk and jar, And almost set my thoughts to flight.

I would not look adown the track That measures all life's weary years; Nor would I call one moment back With all its train of pain and tears.

Yet I may look with hopeful sight, Expectant of that fairer day When darkness vanishes in the light Of coming Christmas' hallowed ray.

Oh, Christmas Day! The guileless heart Of childhood thrills with roselite dreams Of merry hours; the larger part Of bliss is what to them it seems.

We almost hear the distant bells As reindeer steeds prance through the snow; And eager urchins haste to tell How swiftly they come and go.

How through the winter's snow and sleet The aged driver, clad in furs, Heeds not the cold nor chimney's heat, But comes as sure as roll the years.

He brings the gifts of sweets and toys, Piled to profusion in his sleigh; Gifts for the girls and for the boys, And gifts for older ones than they.

But when he comes, the boys and girls In sweetest dreams are being led Through dreamland's castles; on their curls The light of Christmas cheer is shed.

Night passes on; the day is born, The gladsome hours of joy begun; Another auspicious Christmas morn Has come to magnify the "Anointed One."

The Christmas Festival.

To-day in every land where Christ is known, and by believers of every name, Christmas is becoming more and more the festival of festivals in which all rejoice. It is not only pre-eminently the children's festival, but at Christmas we all become children again in the home, in the school, in the orphanage, in the pulpit, and in the pew—all the people and all the children catch the inspiration of the angels' song on the plains of Bethlehem. Ignorance and prejudice melt away in the presence of the Manger, and the universal heart is filled with good will to high and low, to rich and poor alike. Not only the patient on the hospital couch, but even the prisoner in his penal cell, feels the thrill of the Bethlehem story.—Lutheran Evangelist.

Christmas to Exhibit the Christ Life.

A day set apart to the expression of patriotic feeling helps to strengthen that feeling; so a season which associates itself with the mission of Christ may be used to exhibit something of the Christ life. It is a good thing for others to know that we are thinking about them. There are, indeed, daily opportunities of expressing such feelings and giving such positive expression of sympathy, but when the custom of so using a certain time has grown up, we may use it with all other opportunities to good advantage, and all the more because there are hearts turning toward us.

Menu.

Christmas Dinner.

Blue Point Oysters
Blaque of Game
Olives, Salad, Almonds, Celery
Turkey, with dressing, Cranberry Sauce,
Sauté Potatoes, French Dressing
Sauté of Veggies, Current Jelly
Fruit of Seasonal and Miscellaneous
Mashed Potatoes, Cauliflower, Egg Plant Fried,
Mince Pie, English Plum Pudding,
with rich sauce.
Ice Cream, Cakes, Fruit,
Cobles.

Christmas gifts for thee,
Fair and free!
Precious things from the heavenly store
Filling thy casket more and more;
Golden love in divinet chain,
That never can be untwined again;
Silvery carols of joy that swell
Sweetest of all in the heart's lone cell

HAD HIS THROAT CUT.

J. W. BARKER FOUND DEAD IN AUSTIN.

He was Found in a Wagon Yard in a Cotton Seed House—It is Supposed that He Committed Suicide—A Mexican Murders His Fellow Countryman.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock a prominent farmer of this county, named J. W. Barker, was found lying in a cottonseed house in a wagon yard in the lower part of the city with his throat cut from ear to ear. He lived about two hours after being found. Saturday afternoon he sold his team and wagon for upward of \$50. No money was found on him yesterday. While it is supposed that it is a case of suicide the grand jury, which is in session, will look into the matter to-day. No cause is known why he should have killed himself.

Teachers' Institute Adjourns.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 14.—The teachers' institute, which adjourned Saturday, was an interesting and intelligent body of educators. They were zealous and showed clearly during the two days that they were in session that their hearts were in their work. Saturday fully fifty teachers, men and women, were enrolled, and after the regular programme of the day was concluded they cast an eye to the future, and decided to hold the next institute Jan. 1 and 2.

A motion was carried making the election of Mr. J. H. Nutting and F. W. Davis, president and secretary respectively, permanent.

The chair was instructed by resolution to appoint a committee to draft resolutions to be submitted to the next teachers' institute memorializing the state legislature to enact laws providing a system for holding teachers' institutes in the county. The following teachers were appointed on the committee: G. W. Dayton, G. J. Clements and E. N. Blackburn.

A motion prevailed creating a plenary committee, composed of G. W. Dayton, F. W. Davis, E. N. Blackburn, W. H. Brimberry and J. W. Adamson, whose duty it is to correspond with teachers, trustees and patrons in behalf of maintaining a teachers' institute.

New Railroad.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Dec. 14.—Ed C. Baker, assistant general manager of the Gulf and Brazos Valley railroad; A. McCallum, superintendent, attended an enthusiastic railroad meeting at Millsap Saturday night, at which time a contract was closed for the immediate construction of the Brazos Valley road from Millsap to Henrietta. Parker county people have subscribed \$5,000 in cash, supplies, material, labor and right of way to the Palo Pinto county line, and lots in Millsap. One thousand dollars is to be paid to the railroad company at once. Work commences at Millsap to-day.

Hotel Burned.

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 14.—At 6 o'clock yesterday morning a large two-story building, owned by Mrs. Garth and occupied as a boarding house by a man named Ringdahl, was burned. There were seven lodgers in the house, all of whom escaped, with the loss of a part of their effects. A large amount of Ringdahl's furniture, covered by insurance, was burned. There was \$1,000 insurance on the building, which was twenty-five years old, but in good repair. The fire started from a kitchen flue. A big yard full of cotton was close to the flames, and it took hard work to protect it.

An Interesting Meeting.

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 14.—The Hunt County Teachers' institute met here Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12. Prof. J. D. Warren, of Caddo Mills, was elected president and Mrs. Willie De Fee secretary. Sixty-eight members were enrolled during the session. Among outside visitors were Prof. Eastman, of Sulphur Springs, and Prof. Brennan, of Campbell. County Superintendent Priest made some excellent remarks at different times. The programme was carried out with much interest. The association adjourned to meet again Jan. 9, 1897.

Made a Chattel Mortgage.

Decatur, Tex., Dec. 14.—R. M. Beville made a chattel mortgage, naming S. G. Tankersly as trustee, conveying his entire stock of harness and saddlery. The mortgage prefers Spencer & Barham for \$200, Bullock & Tankersly for \$300, Mrs. R. M. Beville for \$500. Assets about \$1,000; liabilities unknown.

Negro Girl Burned to Death.

Goodrich, Tex., Dec. 13.—Anna McCordell, a negro girl about 16 years old, took a spasms Friday when the rest of the family were away and fell in the fire. She was in the fire when the rest of the family came home. She was horribly burned and died during the night. She had been demented for several years.

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In every township, 8 days a week, during winter, to distribute samples, collect names of sick people and work up trade for their druggists on the 3 great family remedies: Dr. Kay's Renovator, Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, and Kidneykura. Good pay to man or woman. Send for booklet and terms. Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., western office, Omaha, Neb.

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"I had almost despaired of ever being rid of this dreadful taint in my blood, when by the advice of friends I began to take S. S. S. (Swift's Specific), and before I had finished the second bottle I noticed an improvement. How much money and suffering I could have saved if I had only begun the right remedy! This S. S. S. proved to be, for as I continued its use I grew better, and was finally cured completely of a disease which had cursed my life for years, and had withstood the treatment of many so-called blood remedies, as well as of the best physicians. S. S. S. also cured me of a severe case of rheumatism. It is the only real blood remedy on the market."

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SETTING THE RIVER ON FIRE.
Origin of This Popular and Expressive Phrase.

Sometimes when a person wants to make an unpleasant remark in a pleasant sort of way about a dull boy he will say: "That boy will never set the river on fire," says St. Nicholas. Now, that is all very true, for even the smartest man in the world could never set a stream of water on fire, and so perhaps many of you who have heard this expression have wondered what it meant by setting the river on fire. In England, many, many years ago, before the millers had machinery for sifting flour, each family was obliged to sift its own flour. For doing this it was necessary to use a sieve, called a temse, which was so fixed that it could be turned round and round in the top of a barrel. If it was turned too fast the friction would sometimes cause it to catch fire; and as it was only the smart, hard-working boys who could make it go so fast that, people got into the way of pointing out a lazy boy by saying that he would never set the temse on fire. After awhile these sieves went out of use, but as there were still plenty of stupid boys in the world people kept on saying that they would never set the temse on fire. Now, the name of the river Thames is pronounced exactly like the word "temse," and so, after many years, those persons who had never seen or heard of the old-fashioned sieve thought that "setting the river Thames on fire" meant setting the river Thames on fire. This expression became very popular and traveled far and wide, until the people living near other streams did not see why it was any harder for a slothful boy to set the Thames on fire than any other river, and so the name of the river was dropped and everybody after that simply said "the river," meaning the river of his particular city or town. And that is how it is people today talk of setting the river on fire.

EARLY MINING LAWS.

In Former Years the Gold Diggings Were Public Property.

"The earliest mining laws were enacted not by congress, but by the miners themselves in the mining districts," writes ex-President Harrison in the Ladies' Home Journal. "It is a curious fact that from 1849 to 1866, the period of the greatest development in the mining of gold, there was no law of the United States regulating the subject. The prospectors roamed over the public lands, located placer or quartz mines and took out a fabulous store of wealth. A policy to reserve mineral lands from sale under the general land laws prevailed for many years and had been expressed in suitable laws, but no provision had been made for the sale of such lands. The land grants to the Pacific railroad companies it was provided that mineral lands should not pass under the grants. The river beds, gulches and mountain sides were prospected by men who carried picks and basins in their hands and a brace of pistols in their belts. They were aflame with the lust of gold and among them were many desperate men, but they had the Anglo-Saxon's instincts for organizing civil institutions and his love for fair play. There were no mining laws and in many places none of any sort. They met the emergency by a public meeting, which resolved itself into a legislative body with full powers to make a code that did not cover a wide field, but covered their case. The limits of a claim and the distribution of the water supply were prescribed and established and every man became a warrantor of every other man's title. These camp legislators had this advantage of congress and of other legislative bodies that I know of—they had a good practical knowledge of the subjects they dealt with.

Aluminum for War Materials.

After an exhaustive series of tests, the minister of war in France has decided that aluminum is the best material for army utensils. All the camp equipments in the French army will be replaced by those made of aluminum. The cost will be enormous, and the change would use up all the aluminum in sight were it made at once. For this reason the new material will be used in the equipment of only two army corps at first. Gradually one corps after another will be supplied, until the whole army will be equipped. Aluminum equipments were used in the Madagascar campaign, and stood the test splendidly. Besides being very light, they showed no signs of wear, and are easily cleaned.

Want Royalty's Autograph.

While King George of Greece was staying at the Park hotel at Wiesbaden a few days ago, he noticed in a window a pane upon which his father, the King of Denmark, had cut his name with a diamond. King George took off his own diamond ring and engraved his name below his father's. A few hours afterward the czar saw the window and immediately cut his name. Then came the Kaiser, who added his name to those of the three royalties. A British diplomatist and an American millionaire are now trying to outbid each other in order to get possession of the illuminated piece of glass.

Brass is not made gold by gilding it. Reform by legislation is a dream. Legislative decrees cannot make men other than they are. The need is to make men, and to make men brothers. Social happiness without brotherhood is impossible. Brotherhood is not a product of the law. It is a product of love.

False Witnesses. There are knaves now and then met with who represent certain local bitters and poisonous stimulants as identical with or possessing properties akin to those of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. These scamps only succeed in foisting their trashy compounds upon people unacquainted with the genuine article, which is as much their opposite as day is to night. Ask and take no substitute for the grand remedy for malaria, dyspepsia, constipation, rheumatism and kidney trouble.

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Suffering Women.



Alas! women do suffer. Why, we often cannot tell, but we know there is one great cause, and that is weakness. The headaches, the

depressed feelings, the pains, the discouragements, indeed, almost all the misery has a common cause—weakness. At such times a woman always needs a friend that can be relied upon, and such a friend, for more than twenty years, has been that greatest of all remedies,



By its purity and its power it furnishes a prompt relief for women in their hours of need, and if the grateful expressions which come up from the homes of the land about what SAFE CURE has done were printed, they would fill volumes. If you, reader, are a sufferer, can you not take hope from this suggestion?

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 We will get out no paper next week.
 Be sure and put something on the Christmas tree for somebody.
 Christmas comes but once a year.
 Brother Bates preaches at the Court House Sunday.
 Purs are low, but I will pay all they are worth.
 I. O. Wooden.
 Ballinger, Texas.
 My prices are always the lowest for first-class goods is why so many buy their Groceries from A. D. White, San Angelo.
 Attend the Christmas tree meeting tonight.
 A load of sweet potatoes from the Conch's was sold in town Thursday.
 C. W. Odom was in town Thursday night.
 H. L. Adams was in town Thursday night on his way to San Angelo.
 Hides are advancing—I keep with the market.
 I. O. Wooden.
 Ballinger, Texas.
 Mr. H. Lamb and family, of Silver made a trip to San Angelo this week.
 Christmas Tree meeting and debate at the court house tonight.
 Read Ed Mobeys card in another column.
 I sell Confectionaries and Groceries as low as the lowest.
 I. O. Wooden,
 Ballinger, Texas.
 Wm. Davis, of Madisonville Ky a son of M. H. Davises, is expected to visit here Christmas.
 Dr. Latham expects parents and sisters, of Freedomia, Texas, to visit him during Christmas.
 Ladies come and see the New Millinery goods at Mrs. Ingram's
 Brother Bates will preach at the court house tomorrow and he invites all to come out to hear him.
 Call on Ed Mobeley, at the drug store and post office for your Xmas goods.
 We request all our correspondants to send us all the Christmas news they know after it is over.
 J. E. Stewart promises to open up a new grain store in the near future.
 Rev. E. S. Hamlet, the Protestant Methodist minister preached at the court house last Tuesday night.
 Tom Brown, of Saneo, paid us \$4.75 on his subscription this week.
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We are very much in need of money and we must have what you owe us, and if you don't come in and settle we will have to SUE you.

Yours for Settlement, BENNICK, STEWART & Co.

There will be a pound dinner at the residence of Mr and Mrs T. A. Higginbotham at Bronte, Christmas day. Every body invited to come and bring their song books.

Temp Whiteside, of the T. K. Wilson ranch, in the southern part of this county, was in the city Tuesday night. He has laid off work to take Xmas.

J. P. Lierce, who lived on J. D. Davises place across the river has rented the Woody house in the southern part of town and will move into it in a few days.

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Is our next president, but that has nothing to do with high prices up to date. Now is the time to buy your Boots and Shoes, Hats and Furnishing Goods. I sell goods 15 per cent cheaper than any other house in the west. When in Ballinger call at the old stand and price goods and be convinced that these are facts.

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Ballinger, — Texas.

Lewis Maddox was in town Wednesday and informed us that he has moved to Edith and rented the J. E. Warren farm.

J. H. and J. B. Burroughs, G. C. Lastwell, W. R. McDonald, L. D. Sheppard, Lewis Taylor and wife, C. H. Cooper, J. B. Morris J. M. Gunnels and wife, Tobe Evans, Dennis Maddox, W. S. Dunbar and W. R. Presler and several others went to San Angelo this Tuesday.

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Pink Robinson and Thad Averitt, two prominent stockmen of Nolan county were in the city Thursday and Friday on the lookout for cattle.

M. Z. Smizzer, a prominent stockman of Sterling county was in the city yesterday morning.

W. E. Ingram has taken an interest in the Ed Good Livery stable.

Mr. Bilbo, of the northern part of the county, was in town Thursday and his sister-in-law Miss. Walk, who has been visiting him left for her home, some where in East Tex.

The subject for discussion tonight is: Resolved That Columbus deserves more credit for the discovery of America than did Washington for defending it. An interesting meeting is anticipated. Come out and take part.

If we are not misinformed some Robert Lee girls name will be Dennis before Christmas is over.

As this the last issue of the Rustler before Christmas we ask all to remember that there will a Christmas tree at the court house Christmas eve night.

A windmill at Caldwell's Free Wagon Yard, San Angelo. Lots and stalls in good condition. Feed, water and wood in abundance. Your patronage solicited.

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Rev. McGavock preached here last Saturday night and Sunday night. Rev. D. T. Farley preached on Sunday morning. Brother McGavock has been called by the Christian Church to preach one Sunday in each month for the year 1897. He is a well informed man and we hope to see much good accomplished by his ministry with us.

Now is the time to buy cheap lumber, as prices have been cut. I am prepared to meet all competition.

CISERO SMITH, Titus Stand, San Angelo, Texas.

Jim Osgood and Tom Richards stood their examing trial before County Judge Chapman last Saturday, charged with the murder of Frank Myers.

Tom Richards was not allowed bond and was taken to the San Angelo jail to await the action of the grand jury. All evidence brought out in the trial was circumstantial. County Attorney W. C. Merchant was assisted in the prosecution by F. L. Snodgrass of Coleman Texas, and the defense was represented by Perryman and Patteson, of Robert Lee, and, J. Q. Hanna, of Nolan county.

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,

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On the streets of Robert Lee, one pair of spectacles and case, anyone describing the above can get them by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

I respectfully invite my old friends, when in Ballinger and wanting your whiskers pushed in or a hair cut in the Latest Style, to drop in and see me at the Hubber stand.

Ashall Dancer.

Mrs. C. H. Lasky has returned from Coke county, where she attended the marriage of her brother, J. B. Henry to Miss Martin last week.

—West Texas Stockman,

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The Winter Season is rapidly advancing and we find that our stock of

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is too large at this time of the year, as the weather has been unfavorable for the sale of these goods. And in order to reduce the stock quickly we make a sweeping reduction on the above lines.

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Some very choice goods in this Line. Prices ranging from \$6.50 to 8.00. Closing out price.

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

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PERRY & INGRAM.

From Brother Fair.

Comanche, Texas, Dec. 10, 96.
Mr. Editor: I suppose some of your readers enjoy my communications to your excellent paper as you continue to give them space, so I will give you a few items this beautiful, bright day.

After my return from conference Mrs. Fair and I decided to visit her relative in Hamilton county as November had five Sundays. So, on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 10 o'clock p. m. we started in our buggy for a twenty five miles drive.

The wind blew fierce and cold but by the use of wraps and a pair of heated bricks we kept from suffering much.

We reached Mr. Albert Stewart - our brother-in-laws about dark where we enjoyed their kind hospitalities till Monday morning, when we drove three miles to Mr. Sem Youngbloods - our nephew and niece. The weather being yet cold.

Tuesday we visited Mr. A. Z. Sprouls family and Mr. Henry Sprouls that night, who are Mrs. Fair's brother. The weather has moderated, so traveling is not so disagreeable.

Wednesday we visited Mrs. Skimers - Mrs. Fair's sister, and spent the night with Mr. Boatright and wife - our niece. Having made the round contemplated we returned home Thursday, having enjoyed our visit very much.

Saturday night we met with the Indian Creek Epworth League - one of my churches.

They number 54 members and are much good work. Sunday Dec. 6 I preached two sermons. Had good congregations and spiritual services. I hope and pray for the best year spiritually we have ever experienced.

We returned to Comanche Sunday night and found the smoking remains of six of our business houses. The loss is about 75,000 Insurance about 50,000. I think most of the firms aim to rebuild as soon as possible.

On the 3rd instant at 10:30 o'clock A. M. Sister Bratton, who had been a severe sufferer for several months, ceased to suffer and quietly fell a sleep in Jesus telling her children all of whom were present they knew where to find her. "Asleep with Jesus - Oh! How! From which none ever wake to weep." She was followed by a large concourse of weeping relatives and friends to her last resting place in Oakwood cemetery on the fourth instant. Suitable services were held at the church and grave. Brother Bratton is lonely and sad, having to give up, who had been his companion for 41 years.

His daughter, Mrs. Wolfgin, of Colorado City, affectionately remains with her father for a time to comfort him in his great bereavement. May the Lord comfort Bro. Bratton and his children.

With kindest regards to you and your readers I close for this time.

GEO. F. FAIR.

Please Childress was in town this morning.

L. D. Sheppard was in the city this morning.

Press Walling was in town this morning. He says cattle are too high to monkey with.

Chas. Collyns, the handsome cowman of the Divide, is in town today.

Wanted - An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Write JOHN WUNDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C. for their \$1.00 price offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

CHRISTMAS STOCK.

ALL FOR SALE.

FOR old and young, Both cheap and costly.

YOU need not leave Robert Lee to get your Christmas Goods: We have got 'em for you.

WE mention a few articles in stock as follows:

- Fine Dressing Cases; Jewelry, both Solid and plated; Childrens Tea Sets;
- Comic false faces; Toy pistols; Dolls and many other things too numerous to mention.

Come early and get your choice.

Respectfully,

ED M. MOBLEY,

Druggist and Stationer,

Robert Lee, Texas.

The Teachers Institute.

Pursuant to a call of our honorable county Judge, S. J. Chapman a few teachers assembled in town Dec. 11, for the purpose of holding a teachers institute, but so few being present, it was not deemed practicable to hold a morning session.

Judge Chapman being absorbed in other pressing business, Frank E. Thomas was appointed to preside over the meeting.

The Institute was called to order Friday afternoon and though few in number the teachers present were not lacking in those essential qualifications, spirit, energy and willingness. The discussion were animated, interesting and profitable to those present and to be magnanimous we would wish they might permeate the recesses of every canyon and valley in Coke county and thus reach those unfortunate teachers who, from interference of private duties or from the shortsighted of their directors or from causes unknown, were unable to attend.

But I am digressing from subject, somewhat. We will not name those who participated in the discussion, for to do this

lighted with Miss Loula Douglas essay which was both entertaining and instructive.

Owing to circumstances it was deemed least to omit the Institute work for the night.

We must not neglect to mention the splendid music, which, dispersed with the other work, afforded so much pleasure.

Shakespeare has so beautifully said:

"He that hath not music in his own soul, is fit for treason, arson and perjury."

So let us have music yesterday, to-day and to-morrow.

After discussing as many subjects as was practicable Saturday, and arranging a program for next meeting, which will be published next week. The Institute adjourned to meet with Hayrick school Jan. 8 and 9, 1897.

R. N. Gary, yesterday sold his ranch and cattle embracing about 1400 head, to Gus O'Keefe for consideration of \$20,000. This is one of the largest deals made in this section for some time and has been pending for some weeks.

-West Texas Stockman.

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Is replete with all the Novelties that go to make a first class stock in the line of

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would be to name all present.

The night session was well attended by our town people, which fact was encouraging to our teachers. Judge Chapman's short, pithy address was very appropriate and highly appreciated by all. Prof. Gardner responded to the welcome address in a few well chosen remarks after which he proceeded to read a paper the substance of which evidenced a careful and an intelligent preparation for the occasion.

Frank E. Thomas was to discuss common Fractions but took advantage the darkness occasioned by a light in the back side of the room, going out, to make his escape to parts unknown or at least did not respond.

Miss Karnegay's recitation was well selected and beautifully rendered. The audience seemed de-

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San Angelo, Texas.

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Mr. Berryman, of Colman county, Rev. G. C. Berryman's brother sold a fine lot of oats to R. P. Perry and J. F. Deats this week.

The Roby Banner office, Fisher county, was destroyed by fire last Monday morning just before day. No insurance.

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I have a select line of Millinery Goods now opened up in the Davis Hottle building. I am now ready to wait on any and all who may want anything in that line, also careful attention paid to Dress Making.

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The State of Texas:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coke county--Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, That you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Coke if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 51st judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 51st judicial district, for four consecutive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, Unknown Owner whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the honorable district court of Coke county for the 51st judicial district, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden at the court house of said county in the town of Robert Lee on the 9th day of November A. D. 1896, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of October A. D. 1896, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court 141, wherein The State of Texas is plaintiff and Unknown Owner is defendant.

The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the defendant the sum of 30c, being the amount due plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 and for the costs of this suit on the following described property, to-wit:

Lots No. 2 and 8 in Block No. 19 in the town of Robert Lee and to foreclose plaintiff's lien on said property, and plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal [SEAL] of said court, at office in Robert Lee, this the 5th day of October A. D. 1896.

ED M. MOBLEY,
Clerk Dist. court Coke Co., 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.

*Mr. Q. Loe, at
this Supplement*

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known Owner whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Honorable District court of Coke county for the 51st Judicial district, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden at the court house of said town of Robert Lee on the 9th day of November A. D. 1896 then and there to answer a petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of October A. D. 1896, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court 145 wherein The State of Texas is Plaintiff and Unknown Owner is defendant.

The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the defendant the sum of 15c, being the amount due plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 and for costs of this suit on the following described property, to wit:

Lot No. 3 in Block No. 37 in the town of Robert Lee and to foreclose plaintiff's lien on said property, and plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Robert Lee, this [SEAL] the 5th day of October A. D. 1896.

ED M. MOBLEY,

Clerk District court Coke Co., Texas.

The State of Texas:

To the Sheriff or any constable of coke county—Greeting!

You are hereby commanded, That you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of coke if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 51st judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 51st judicial district, for four consecutive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, Unknown Owner whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the honorable district court of coke county for the 51st judicial district, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden at the court house of said county, in the town of Robert Lee on the 9th day of Novem-

ber A. D. 1896, filed in said court, on the 3th day of October A. D. 1896 in a suit numbered on the docket of said court 148, The State of Texas is plaintiff and Unknown Owner is defendant.

The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the defendant the sum of 15 cts, being the amount due plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 and for cost of this suit on the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. 7 in Block No. 51 in the town of Robert Lee and to foreclose plaintiff's lien on said property, and plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of [S. AL.] said court, at office in Robert Lee, this the 7th day of October A. D. 1896.

Ed M. Mobley,
Clerk District court Coke Co., Texas.

The State of Texas:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coke county—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, That you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of coke if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 51st judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 51st judicial district, for four consecutive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, Unknown Owner

whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the honorable district court of coke county for the 51st judicial district, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden at the court house of said county, in the town of Robert Lee on the 9th day of November A. D. 1896, then there to answer a petition filed in said court, on the 3rd day of October A. D. 1896, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court 147, wherein The State of Texas is plaintiff, and Unknown Owner is defendant.

The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the defendant the sum of 15 cts, being the amount due plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 and for costs of this suit on the following described property, to wit: Lot No. 7 in Block No. 50 in the town of Robert Lee and to foreclose plaintiff's lien on said property, and plaintiff further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of [SEAL] said court, at office in Robert Lee, this the 5th day of October A. D. 1896.

Ed M. Mobley,
Clerk District court coke Co., Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Robert Lee this [SEAL] the 7th day of October A. D. 1896,

ED M. MOBLEY,

Clerk District court coke Co., Texas.

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The nature of the demand set out in said petition being an action to recover of the defendant the sum of 15c, being the amount due plaintiff for taxes, interest and costs for the year 1895 and costs for this suit on the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. 1 in Block No. 45 in the town of Robert Lee and to foreclose plaintiff's lien on said property, and further prays for cost and general relief.

Herein fail not, but have then and there before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of [SEAL] said court, at office in Robert Lee, this the 5th day of October A. D. 1896.

Ed M. Mobley,
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