

THE COKE COUNTY RUSTLER.

H. D. Pearce

VOL. 7.

ROBERT LEE COKE COUNTY, TEXAS. FEBRUARY 26, 1898.

NO. 37

THE San Angelo Standard is out in a "new dress," which shows that it is sharing the prosperity of the west.

An enterprising hotel man in Atlanta, has named his office "The District of Columbia" and names his rooms for the states and territories.—Ex.

Coke county will be better prepared for the next dry spell than it has ever been heretofore. Many of our ranchmen and farmers have put in wells or tanks, and more will follow at odd times.

Culberson and Bailey on one side and Mills and Ohlton on the other will make a battle royal in the senatorial contest this summer and fall. The indications point that the young man will be the factor in Texas politics in the near future.—San Angelo Standard.

An illustration of how far the people of the present century are ahead of medieval superstition was given in a church in India last week. During a vivid sermon on "His Santanic Majesty," a boy dressed to represent the devil ambled up the aisle. The congregation stampeded, trampled down women and children, overturned the stove and the church was burned to the ground.—Ex.

We look in vain, each week, for the West Texas Stockman's railroad to materialize, with a full list of its promoters, with the necessary affidavits, proofs etc., that they had never put up in any "wagon yard," was never a member of a "glee club" or had been in the "pen." We suppose the enterprise is only waiting the drawing of the necessary papers and getting up the necessary proof.

THE Fort McKavett mail line has been let to one of the shylock contractors for \$947 for one year. The distance is 60 miles and the mail has to be carried both ways six times a week. We congratulate McKavett on the splendid mail facilities it will get at this price.—San Angelo Standard.

Pshaw! That's good pay. One of the same kind of contractors has obtained the line from this place to San Angelo for \$86.50. The distance is about 33 miles, and has to be carried both ways six times a week. We presume, however, that the bidder expects to get enough "on the side" to make it a paying undertaking. Robert Lee and San Angelo does business together, you know.

We are anxious to build up Western Texas and commencing at once and continuing until April 30th we will sell to all comers from Ft. Worth and stations East, including Alexandria, La., round trip tickets to Abilene, Pecos and stations intermediate, and to Eddy and Roswell New Mexico, at rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip; tickets good 30 days from date of sale.

This will be the best time of the year to see Western Texas and you ought to take advantage of the opportunity.

See nearest Ticket Agent for further information, or address E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, T. & P. Ry, Dallas Texas.

Toomb's Farewell to the Senate 1865.

From Stovall's life of Toombs.

Senators, my countrymen have demanded no new government. They have demanded no new constitution. The discontented states have demanded nothing but clear distinct, constitutional rights, rights older than the constitution. What do these rebels demand? First, that the people of the United States shall have an equal right to emigrate and settle in the territory with whatever property (including slaves) they possess. Second, that property in slaves shall be entitled to same protection from the government as any other property (leaving the state the right to prohibit, protect, or abolish slavery within its limits) Third, that persons committing crimes against slave property in state and flying to another shall be given up. Fourth, that fugitives shall be surrendered. Fifth that congress shall pass laws for the punishment of all persons who shall aid and abet evasion and insurrection in any other state.

You will not regard confederate obligations; you will not regard your oaths. What then, am I to do? Am I a freeman? Is my state a free state? We are freemen; we have rights; I have stated them. We have wrongs; I have recounted them. I have demonstrated that the party now coming into power has declared us outlaws and is determined to exclude thousands of millions of our property from the common territory; that has declared us under the ban of the Union, and out of the protection of the laws of the United States everywhere. They have refused to protect us from invasion and insurrection by the federal power, and the constitution denies to us, in the union, the right to raise fleets and armies for our own defense. All these charges I have proven by the record; and I put them before the civilized world and demand judgement of to-day, of to-morrow, of distant ages and of heaven itself, upon the justice of these causes. I am content, whatever it be, to peril all in so help a cause. We have appealed, time and again, for these constitutional rights. You have refused them. We appeal again. Restore us those rights as we had them; as your judges them to be; just as our people have said they are. Redress these flagrant wrongs—seen of all men—and it will restore fraternity, and unity, and peace to us all. Refuse them, and what then? We shall then ask you, "Let us depart in peace." Refuse that, and you present us war. We accept it, and, inscribing upon our banners the glories words, "Liberty and Equality," we will trust to the blood of the brave and the God of battles for security and tranquility.

A Wisconsin farmer's club passed a resolution "to have nothing on our tables that not raised on our farms." At a meeting the next season reports were called for, and a large number reported very favorably upon the results. A strict adherence to the resolution had on many farms resulted in a greatly increased variety of garden products and a surprising increase in bank accounts. One all wheat farmer was compelled in order to carry out the resolutions, to abandon his previous system of farming, with the result that while his cash receipts were \$400 less than previous year his net profits \$200 greater. Under the plan of growing money crops, and relying on their results to supply the demands of the family, the farmer may handle more money, but a good deal less of it stays in his pocket-book, and a good many of the wants of his family are unsupplied, because the proceeds wont reach; whereas, with a farm on which the making of a home and supplying its wants are first consideration, the receipt of a cash income being made subsidiary thereto, the family live better, enjoy life more, and, with directed effort, have more money at the end of the year.—Progressive Farmer.

Coke Again Furnishes The Fun.

Three of the brothers from Iron, Coke and Tom Green had quite an exciting time at Fort Worth, during the burning of the Hurley building. They were domiciled at the Mansion house, and when they saw the "lurid glare of the flames" the brother from Coke pulled the outer cover for his lower extremities off the bed and jumped into them in one motion. Then he grabbed the shoes of the brother from Iron and started off with them. The latter called to him to stop and the brother from Coke said, "Well by gravies; I want my shoes." And then grabbed the clothes of the brother from Tom Green and was again stopped, and again he replied, panic stricken, "Well by gravies, I want my clothes." He was enjoined to keep cool, as the fire was some distance off and he was informed not to be in a hurry, as there was no danger. But he couldn't see it that way and said: "Well, I want outen here I don't want to burn up in this here durn trap." And when he finally realized how unnecessarily he had been excited, he was bound to get even and threatened to tell on the other brother from Coke traveling many more miles than was necessary to get to Fort Worth, though he found out that the others had gotten a longer ride for the same money. Then he was asked whether he thought it would be fair to peach on the brother who had used so much liniment, and he said, "Well I'll tell you brothers, when I joined this order I took a pledge of ecrecy and I aint a going to give away no such secrets." But one of the other brothers gave it away, which accounts for these "secrets" being made public.—San Angelo Press.

Edith Dots

Edith, Texas, Feb. 22nd, 1898. ED. RUSTLER:

I will try to give you the news of this neighborhood, ✓ Farmers are very busy turning the soil, preparing for another crop.

The weeds and the grass are coming. So the dogies will soon begin to feel good.

✓ Dick Collier was thrown from a horse and bruised up some, but not seriously hurt.

Our school is few in number this week, on account of sickness, mostly colds.

Mr. Durhan of Sanco is building a chimney to Rev. John Reeds' new residence.

✓ J. C. Arnett moved to his ranch on North Pecan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Arnett went to San Angelo this week.

✓ G. C. Arnett has sold his cattle. April delivery, at \$18 per head.

Charley Martin, of Cedar Hill passed through our burg to-day on his way to San Angelo.

We are expecting to market our next crop, this fall at some town on the Colorado Valley railroad.

PETE.

✓ W. R. Presler, of Sanco was in town a day or so this week, looking after business.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ALL NEWSPAPERS

MAGAZINES

RECEIVED BY

THE COKE COUNTY RUSTLER

We Supply Any Periodical Published In Any Country Or In Any Language.

WE CLUB

With Many Of The

MOST LEADING PAPERS

Of the Country.

When you want to subscribe for a newspaper or Magazine come to see us, as we can invariably save you money; and in some case give you two papers for the price of one. Let us know your wants in the newspaper line, and we will be pleased to serve you.

PEARCE HOTEL.

Situated on Main Street. Transient custom solicited. All trains met by porter. Special attention given traveling men and those going to the country either by stage or private conveyance, and cheapest rates secured. Terms \$1.00 per day.

H. D. Pearce, Pro.

Ballinger,

Texas.

L. A. STEPP & CO.,

DEALERS IN

Dry-goods, Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Boots.

The cheapest Dry Goods House in Town.
H.M. BENNICK, Man'g'r.

J. W. REED.

DEALER IN

Dry Goods, Groceries

Hats, Caps, Clothing, Shoes, Boots.
Give me a call when in need of anything in my line.
West-Side Square. Robert Lee, Texas.

Robert Lee & San Angelo

STAGE & EXPRESS LINE.

SINGLE TRIP \$1.50 ROUND 2.50.

Good Horses, Hacks and fast time a Specialty.

Orders left at R. F. HARRIS & Bro., San Angelo, or W. B. HARRISON'S

Robert Lee will receive prompt attention.

Reasonable charges on all packages or freights.

Don Green Proprietor.

Coke County Rusler.

Published Every Week at
ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.
TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

The commissioners' court at Beaumont recently issued \$11,000 of Jefferson county bridge bonds, due and payable forty years from date, for \$1000 each.

The store building and stock of goods of J. A. Clopton, a leading merchant of Dayton, Liberty county, burned the other night. Loss about \$6000, partly covered by insurance.

W. J. Foster of Weatherford, Parker county, died a few days ago from an overdose of morphine. He was 68 years of age. His remains were shipped to Marlin, Falls county, for interment, his former residence.

The following charters were filed with the secretary of state at Austin a few days ago. The Houston Bowling club of Houston; no capital stock. The Planters' Gin and Oil company of Sherman; capital stock \$50,000.

Robbers broke into the Gate City clothing store in Texarkana several nights ago and robbed it of \$200 worth of clothing. Entrance to the building was effected through the rear window, which was broken open. No clew.

The residence of Warren Jones, in the eastern portion of Yoakum, De Witt county, was burned down recently. Part of the household goods were saved. About \$500 insurance was carried on the house. Loss about \$1000.

William Stoune was arraigned in court at Waco several mornings ago. He was arrested on a warrant issued at Dallas, the charge being embezzlement of \$9.28 while acting as a clerk in the postoffice at Kashong, Mo. His bond was placed at \$1000, and, as he could not give bail, he was committed.

The city council of Waco recently advertised for bids for the construction of a hospital exclusively for colored patients, and donated a tract of land on a bluff overlooking the Brazos river. The special committee opened the bids the other day, and awarded the contract to Blount & Monroe, at \$777.

The dwelling of W. W. Parker, near the college in Milford, Ellis county, burned the other night, with a large amount of household goods, clothing, etc., and \$30.50 in cash. The fire caught from a brick flue, where the cap had fallen or burned out of the pipe. Loss estimated at \$3000; no insurance.

A fire occurred at Polmanako's fruit and confection store in Houston several mornings ago, and badly damaged the stock and considerably damaged the building. Damage to the store amounted to about \$400 and to stock and fixtures about \$2000. The buildings was insured for \$5000 and the stock and fixtures for \$9500.

The reports of the poor farm of Ellis county are as follows: The farm has under cultivation 70 acres of cotton, 160 acres of corn, 54 acres of oats, 30 acres of alfalfa. There are 60 head of hogs to furnish meat. The working force is divided, 38 on the roads and 10 on the farm. There are 7 white men, 35 negro men and 6 negro women on the list.

In the Live Oak neighborhood, near Brenham, Washington county, the other day Arthur, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welse, while playing around in the kitchen, ran against a pot of boiling water, which tilted over and fell on him. All of one side of his body was frightfully scalded. He may recover, but is in a very bad condition.

Sam Williams, a negro laborer employed at the Texarkana ice factory, fell from the loft of the company's engine room to a floor, a distance of fifteen feet, and was instantly killed several days ago. Williams had ascended the place for the purpose of spending the night. After falling asleep he rolled to the edge of an opening in the floor and fell through.

Within the last few weeks a large and well furnished wagon yard has been completed in Eastland, Eastland county; a store building 25x60 feet has been erected and filled with a nice stock of groceries; another store building has been enlarged, new awnings have been put up, etc.; a large force of men are grading the streets and the magnificent brick courthouse is nearing completion, and there are signs of new life and prosperity on all sides.

The postoffice at Richland, Navarro county, was burglarized a few nights ago, the safe blown open and \$50 in money and stamps stolen. There is no clew to the thieves, though the officers believe they are still in that section.

ROCHEFORT IN JAIL.

Editor of the Intransigent Given a Five Day's Sentence.

Paris, Feb. 21.—Two thousand people assembled yesterday afternoon in front of the St. Pelagie prison, well known as the prison for offending journalists, to greet Henri Rochefort, editor of the Intransigent, on entering to serve a sentence of five days' imprisonment for libelling Jose Reinach, conservative deputy for the district of Digne and editor of the Republique Francaise, by charging him with intending to prove the innocence of Alfred Dreyfus by the use of forged documents.

At first there were no signs of force to preserve order, but as the crowd increased a company of republican guards, headed by buglers and drummers, a detachment of police and two squadrons of cuirassiers were drawn up on each side of the square in front of the prison. The troops were received with cries of "vive l'armee." It was 4 o'clock before M. Rochefort arrived. The crowd flocked around his carriage, shouting "vive Rochefort" and "vive commune." The police were powerless to restrain them. M. Rochefort, alighting, waved his handkerchief and, escorted by the people, walked to the prison gates. About fifty of his friends, including Ernest Rochef, one of the deputies for Paris, the editor of the Jouer, and the assistant editor of the Intransigent, accompanied him inside the building, amid continuous cheers from the populace.

The wardens, with the governor of the prison at their side, were walking, cap in hand, and respectfully received the prisoner.

The crowd meanwhile dispersed, singing "The Carmagnole" and shouting "Vive Rochefort" and "Vive la Commune," and completely blocking traffic on the Rue Monge. So far, though there was not much excitement, the crowd was good-natured. Suddenly a new gathering of 3000, headed by MM. Millevoye, Thiebaud and Regis, marched toward the pantheon, yelling "Down with Zola" and "Death to the Jews." The police formed across the road and stopped the procession of the demonstration. MM. Thiebaud and Millevoye began haranguing the crowd from some steps, despite the efforts of the police to dislodge them. They advised the crowd to disperse in orderly fashion, but to keep on shouting loyal cries, and reserve its force for another occasion. M. Thiebaud eulogized M. Rochefort as the "man who will toll the knell of the Jews."

Finally the mob dispersed, amid shouts of "Conspuez Zola" and similar cries.

MM. Millevoye and Thiebaud went to the police station to demand the liberation of a dozen people, including the editor of Petit Parisien, arrested in the course of the demonstration.

It is variously estimated that from 20,000 to 50,000 took part in the demonstration. This suffices to show that public feeling is unchanged. M. Rochefort has promised to meet his admirers on the Palace Monge, and had indicated his intended route to the prison in yesterday's Intransigent. On learning, however, that the troops were to be called out, he changed his route to the by-streets, in order to avoid a collision.

M. Thiebaud, in the course of his harangue, added: "Down with the foreigners," to other cries, and the same sentiment was expressed in violent speeches delivered at an anti-Jewish meeting presided over by M. Millevoye in the course of the afternoon at the Salle Chayne.

Two Negroes Mobbed.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 21.—The news of the mobbing of two negroes, a man and a woman, at Pochontas, in Randolph county, Wednesday night, reached here yesterday. Adele Harris and Dan Vann were the victims. The couple, who bore an unsavory reputation, were locked in the city calaboose on the charge of robbery. About 10 o'clock a party of masked men broke open the lock-up and took the negroes to the woods. There they were stripped to the waist, given a terrible flogging, and warned to leave the country. They have "mysteriously disappeared," and neither has been heard of since. A report that they were lynched is not credited.

For Havana.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 21.—The light-house tender Mangrove left for Havana at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She carries the members of the court of inquiry into the Maine disaster, Lieut. Commander Adolph Marix, executive officer of the receiving ship Vermont, judge advocate; Capt. Wm. T. Simpson, commanding the battleship Iowa, president; Capt. F. E. Chadwick and Lieut. Commander W. P. Porter of the New York, and Lieut. Commander Schroeder of the Massachusetts.

Sigsbee Interviewed.

Havana, Feb. 21.—Capt. D. Sigsbee of the battleship Maine in an interview Saturday with a correspondent described in detail the explosion which destroyed this great ship.

"On the night of the explosion," said Capt. Sigsbee, "I had not retired. I was writing letters. I find it impossible to describe the sound or shock, but the impression remains of something awe-inspiring, terrific, of noise-rendering, vibrating, all-pervading. There is nothing in the former experience of any one on board to measure the explosion by.

"After the first great shock—I can not myself recall how many sharper detonations I heard, not more than two or three—I knew my ship was gone. In such a structure as the Maine the effects of such an explosion are not for a moment in doubt.

"In my way through the long passage, in the dark, groping from side to side to the hatchway and thence to the poop, being among the earliest to reach that spot, as soon as I recognized the officers I ordered the high explosives to be flooded and then directed that all boats available be lowered to rescue the wounded and drowning. Discipline, in a perfect measure, prevailed. There was no more confusion than a call to general quarters would produce, not as much.

"I soon saw by the light of the flames that all my officers and crew left alive and on board surrounded me. I can not form any idea of the time, but it seemed five minutes from the time I reached the poop until I left the last man it was possible to save. It must have been three-quarters of an hour or more, however, from the amount of work done.

"I remember the officers and the men worked together lowering the boats and that the gig took some time to lower. I did not notice the rain of debris described by Capt. Blandin or others who were on deck at the time of the first explosion, but I did observe the explosion of the fixed ammunition and wonder that more were not hurt thereby.

"Without going beyond the limits of what was proper in the harbor of a friendly power, I always maintain precaution against attack, and the quarter watch was ordered to have ammunition for the smaller guns ready to hand, so that in the improbable event of an attack on the ship it would have been found ready. It was this ammunition which exploded as the heat reached it."

SNOWSTORMS.

Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois are Snow-bound.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 21.—The states of Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois are practically snowbound. Reports from Cedar Rapids and Webster City, Ia., Freeport, Bloomington, Rockford and Galesburg, Ill., indicate an average downfall since Saturday night of two feet. Throughout Wisconsin and northern Michigan the fall was much heavier, in fact, the greatest of the season. A forty-mile gale has piled the snow to enormous drifts, completely paralyzing street railway traffic and seriously interfering with the operation of trains on steam roads. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Northwestern and Wisconsin Central trains have been delayed in some instances fifteen hours, owing to the heavy drifting and steady fall of snow which makes the use of the snow plows unavailable.

Rain and snow alternated in Chicago and vicinity, but late last night the snow seemed to have gained the upper hand. Not enough has fallen, however, to interfere with railway traffic. Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 21.—The blizzard, which began Saturday morning, and of which Milwaukee is the center, continues. Snow to the depth of seven feet is piled up all along the different lines of street railways. All roads entering Milwaukee report trains delayed all the way from ten to fifteen hours.

Mexico News.

Mexico City, Feb. 21.—There has been a further delay in the trial of the appeal of the lynchers of Arnulfo Arroyo, owing to one of the prisoners' lawyers being ill, and the judge granting more time, but the appeal will be heard in all probability by the last of this month. Public interest has sensibly diminished in the matter, the people having confidence that justice will be done.

The imports of steel rails from the United States continue, the American rail-makers having captured a large part.

The Queen's English.

Englishman—"I say, ye know, what's the bookage to Boston?" Railroad Ticket Clerk—"The whatage?" Englishman—"The bookage, ye know—the tariff. What's the tariff?" Ticket Clerk—"I haven't time to talk politics."

FIRE AT FT. WORTH.

The Stock Yards Hotel Narrowly Escaped Being Burned.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 21.—Yesterday morning Fort Worth narrowly escaped being visited by another conflagration which would have caused nearly as much comment as the recent burning of the Hurley building and been quite on a par with the loss of the Arlington Inn some years since.

Shortly before 8 o'clock fire was discovered in the roof of the cupola of the Stockyards hotel, having been communicated by a tall chimney adjacent to it, and with the slight breeze which was blowing it was only a few minutes until the roof was in flames and burning fiercely. The fire was first seen by Mr. Skinner from his residence, half a mile away, and he at once telephoned the alarm to the hotel and to the yard office, and in a few minutes there were twenty or more men on the roof of the structure. The fire hose, of which were 600 feet of the regulation four-inch size, was attached to the bibs and in twenty minutes the flames in the cupola had been extinguished, but the roof of the main building was blazing in fifteen or twenty places, which were put out with difficulty. The cupola roof is about 120 feet from the ground and considerable time was necessarily consumed in leading water to that height, otherwise the loss would have been greatly curtailed.

As a remarkable instance of good luck, the wind, which during the fire had been blowing gently from the north, increased to a gale, which had it come half an hour sooner, would have inevitably sent the great building to the ground in ashes, beyond any possible doubt.

The fire department, with Chief Cella in charge was on the ground in just twenty minutes after the alarm was sounded, having covered the distance—three miles—in that limited time.

Mr. Skinner was unable to estimate the amount of loss, but from appearances it will reach a figure between \$1000 and \$2000, mostly from water.

The loss of this large building would have been severely felt here, as it is now the only suburban hotel the city possesses. It contains seventy-five rooms and offices.

The fire coming so closely on the heels of the great conflagration in the city, caused excitement in the city, when the news reached there, although it was Sunday, and during the afternoon a large number drove out to inspect the work of the flames.

Murder and Suicide.

Texarkana, Tex., Feb. 21.—News reaches here from Richmond, Little River county, Ark., of a murder and suicide of singular phases. The information is rather meager, but true. Deputy Sheriff Jule Massey of that county arrested a young negro for grand larceny and carried him to Richmond, where he was allowed bail.

The boy asked to be paroled that he might return home to secure a bondsman. Massey knew the prisoner well, and having faith in him granted the request. After a day's absence the boy failed to return, whereupon Massey started out in search of him. When the officer arrived at the negro's cabin he was attacked by the boy's father, who killed Massey with a Winchester rifle.

The news of Massey's assassination soon reached Richmond, when a posse was formed and pursuit was made. The boy was captured, but his father escaped.

The young negro was brought back to Richmond by the posse and placed in jail. Public excitement had become so great at this juncture that loud cries of lynching were indulged in. The prisoner became panic-stricken over the demonstrations, and drawing a small knife from his pocket he severed his jugular vein and died in a few moments.

Great excitement prevails throughout the rural districts of Little River county and large bodies of men are scouring the country for Massey's assassin. If captured he will be burned alive.

Died from His Injuries.

McKinney, Tex., Feb. 21.—Saturday evening while shooting at a target a rifle burst in the hands of Denver Stimpson, 18 years old, living a few miles west of McKinney. A piece of the gun struck the young man on the side of the forehead, and was not considered fatal at the time. The accident happened at a neighbor's house. The young man was hauled to his home and a physician summoned. Yesterday he died from the effects of the wound.

It is reported that an important expedition has landed at Baracoa, Cuba.

BATTLE WITH SPIDERS.

As a Result of It a St. Louis Man May Die—Peculiar Symptoms.

John Held, who had a battle with spiders at J. A. Patten's grocery store, 822 Market street, is much worse, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Dr. Kearney of the city dispensary staff fears the victim of the venomous insect is a doomed man. Deadly poison is coursing through his veins and symptoms of lockjaw are developing. A peculiar feature of Held's affliction is that he is able to be about and attend to his duties. He apparently does not realize his danger. Three unsightly marks, two on the left side of his nose and one on his chin, show where he was bitten. His jaws are becoming rigid. He talks with difficulty. "I am feeling pretty well this morning," said Held to a reporter, "but I can scarcely open my mouth. There seems to be big lumps in my throat and my jawbones ache. My arms and shoulders are covered with red blotches, which seem to grow larger all the time. I am sure I was not bitten on the arms or shoulders, for I wore my coat when the spiders attacked me. The poison must be coming to the surface. When I went to the cellar to pack a case of goods Thursday night I removed a lot of rubbish to get a box. I felt something run across my face and brushed it off. When it dropped to the floor I saw it was a black spider. I stepped on it. In an instant the place seemed alive with spiders. They ran across my face and hands. I did not know I had been bitten until I came upstairs. A friend asked me what was the matter with my nose. I looked in a mirror and saw there were two big blisters on my left nostril. When I touched them they burst. I was feverish all night. Friday morning I found a third blister on my chin. I went to the dispensary and had the wounds cauterized. The blotches on my arms and shoulders have appeared since." A reporter accompanied Held to the dispensary Saturday morning. Dr. Kearney examined him and expressed surprise at the progress of the virus through the system. "This man has a clear case of blood-poisoning," he said. "Even if lockjaw does not set in he may die." After the wounds were dressed Held went back to work, still refusing to believe in the doctor's diagnosis. The spiders which bit Held are known as black spiders. Their engine of destruction is a mandible or claw, which when not in use is folded between the jaws. When the black spider settles on his victim he opens his jaws and extends the mandible. As the claw-like organ enters the flesh, a poison sac in the tip of the mandible is opened and the deadly virus injected.

LARGEST SAFE IN THE WORLD.

One Built by an English Firm 17 Feet High and 13 Feet Wide.

The highest, if not actually the largest, safe in the world has just been constructed in Liverpool by a well-known safe manufacturing firm for a bank in Scotland. It is a steel structure, quite as big as many a cottage, or even a house. It is built in two stories, and is in height rather more than 17 feet. Its other measurements are: Depth, 15 feet; width, 13 feet. The whole is divided off into rooms or chambers of a fair size. This enormous safe is to stand in a large room, its bottom resting on steel girders. It is believed that this kind of safe is immensely superior to chambers or vaults built of stone, having fireproof and burglar-proof doors, because all such vaults can be undermined, as has actually happened in more than one instance. As this safe stands free of the ground, it is, of course, quite impossible that it can be entered by any process of undermining without detection.

Special Train to Carry a Bottle of Medicine.

All sorts of special trains have been run over Kansas railroads, but the oddest one yet is reported from Fort Scott. It ran over the "Katy" from Parsons to Appleton City, Mo., and consisted of one car and a locomotive. On one of the seats of the car, under the watchful eye of the brakeman, rested a small bottle, and it was to convey this bottle that the special train was run. It seems that a doctor at Appleton City had broken his leg and lockjaw followed. A certain kind of medicine was needed, which could not be procured nearer than Parsons, 100 miles away, and the special train was called to go in quest of it. The run was made at a faster rate than a minute a mile. —Kansas City Journal.

Very Painful

Could Not Move without Great Suffering—Hood's Cured.

"My shoulders and arms were very painful with rheumatism so that I could hardly move them without great suffering. I have taken four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and now find myself free from rheumatism." MRS. MARY A. TUCKER, 454 Ninth St., Red Wing, Minn.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.
Hood's Pills cure sick headaches. 25c.

Texas Dairymen Convene.

Waco, Tex., Feb. 19.—A very enthusiastic assembly met in the city hall yesterday, their badges the hue of the best creamery butter, indicating their business, which is dairying.

It was the first meeting of the Texas convention of dairymen, the object being to effect permanent organization, elect officers and adopt a constitution and by-laws.

Judge N. L. Davis, a lawyer and a lover of good milk and butter, delivered the address of welcome, and on the part of the dairymen Prof. J. H. Connell of Bryan responded.

Representatives of the dairy interest and publishers of dairy journals were present from near and distant points.

The call for the meeting attracted wide attention. It was generally felt that the dairy business, as much as any other, needs the strengthening alone attainable through the help of co-operation and conference.

The speakers, among them Prof. Connell, dwelt upon the prosperity of dairying communities, the enhancement of property values by co-operative creameries, and the educational advancement the business brings about.

There was practical, plain talk, and also eloquent remarks on the cow whose eyes Homer admired, comparing Juno's bright orbs to those of the mother of the herd. One speaker referred to the dairy farm picture of Rosa Bonheur as the highest in artistic excellence.

The social science side of the dairy business was discussed, and the literature of the dairy and stock farm was gracefully handled by men whose lives have been devoted to the line of business in which the milking pail, the butter paddle and the churn cut the biggest figure.

B. J. Kendrick acted as chairman, and received the report of the committee on permanent organization, the unanimous adoption of which gave the association the following permanent officers to serve for the ensuing year: J. H. Connell of Bryan, president; J. M. Vance of San Antonio, vice president; J. E. McGuire of Waco, secretary, and W. H. Parks of Waco, treasurer. W. E. Johnson, R. L. Scott and W. R. Spann executive committee.

The Texas State Dairymen's association being organized and officers elected, the programme was taken up, and discussions followed on subjects announced by the president.

The association took up the subject of feeding swine in connection with dairies, and novel experiences were brought out. It was stated that pigs occasionally die from the effect of feeding on dairy products.

The qualification for membership was an interesting theme at the afternoon session. It was determined that the makers of butter, milk and cheese for the market and breeders of dairy cattle were eligible to become members of the association.

The meeting to-day will last all day, and before adjournment the place of the next meeting will be selected.

NEW COTTON MILL.

Plans Are on Foot for Building One at Denton.

Denton, Tex., Feb. 19.—Plans are on foot here for the building of a 5000-spindle cotton mill, and an effort is being made to secure the necessary funds with which to begin work, which is hoped to be completed by Sept. 1 of the present year. The plan, as given out so far, is to establish the mill on the co-operative plan, and to get subscriptions in small amounts from farmers all over Denton county. The estimated cost of the plant is about \$80,000. B. F. Taylor, one of the promoters, stated to a correspondent Thursday that the project was favorably regarded by everybody whom he had been able to see.

Special Railway Rates.

Tyler, Tex., Feb. 19.—The Cotton Belt has announced the following special rates:

To St. Louis, account Interstate Merchants' association March 6 and April 2, rate of one and one-fifth fares, on the certificate plan.

For the following events reduced round trip rates will be announced in due time:

To Baltimore, Md., for the General Conference of the M. E. church, south, May 6.

To Norfolk, Va., for the American Baptist Educational society May 5; Southern Baptist convention, May 6, and Woman's Baptist Missionary union, May 6.

To Washington, D. C., for the annual meeting of the National Educational association, July 7.

To Nashville, Tenn., for the International United Society of Christian Endeavor, July 5.

To Atlanta, Ga., for ex-Confederate Veterans' Union, July 21.

To Columbus, S. C., for the General Conference of the (colored) M. E. church, May 2.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

The Creek Nation is Going to Send Delegates to Washington.

Denton, Tex., Feb. 18.—Hon. Roley McIntosh of Okmulgee, Creek nation, who is one of the delegates from the Creek nation to Washington, was in the city yesterday afternoon. He will leave for Washington to-day. In conversation with a reporter he said: "The Creek nation is going to send three delegates to Washington to look after their interests before congress. Capt. C. McIntosh and David Anderson are the other members with myself on the delegation. We are instructed to look after the interests of the Creek nation at the national capital, and to oppose any change in the affairs of the Indian Territory at this time. We do not desire any treaty with the Dawes commission or anyone else, but want to have some say as to what we shall do with our own country. We shall oppose the bills and legislation in regard to Indian affairs, that are now pending."

Holmes Colbert of the Chickasaw nation was in the city yesterday afternoon, having just returned from Tishomingo, where he has been attending the session of the Chickasaw legislature. "The legislature finished its business and adjourned Wednesday," said Mr. Colbert. "The only business transacted was the appointment of two delegates to go to Washington to represent the Chickasaw nation before congress, and use its influence to secure favorable consideration of the nation in the final adjudication of Indian affairs."

Mr. Colbert and ex-Gov. W. M. Bird of the Chickasaw nation were appointed as delegates to represent the Chickasaws before congress. They will seek to have the Curtis bill modified to some extent, and legislation more favorable to the Indian passed. There is a considerable sum of money the Chickasaws claim as being due them. Attached to any legislation concerning or affecting the Chickasaws, it is expected an appropriation for the payment of this money will be made.

ATTACKED BY A BURGLAR.

Mrs. G. H. Shannon's Startling Experience at Sherman.

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 18.—Mrs. G. A. Shannon, who resides at the corner of College and Travis streets had a startling experience shortly after 11 o'clock last night. She had gone upstairs and was just entering one of the rear rooms for the purpose of locking it when a man sprang out of the room and grasped her by the waist, giving it a painful wrench leaving severe bruises.

Mrs. Shannon either fell or was thrown to the floor, but continued screaming for help. Her little daughter says the man was tall and slender, wearing dark clothes and a derby hat.

Both she and her mother say that the man ran back into a room. Her screams called her two brothers, Messrs. Dan Dugan and County Commissioner Dugan, to the scene. All the doors were hurriedly closed and Patrolmen Eitel and Lankford called in, but in some way unknown to the occupant of the house and the neighbor who gathered about the residence the man made his escape, leaving no clew to his identity.

It is believed from noises remembered to have been heard that the trespasser had been in the house for quite a while, but not an article in any of the rooms is missing and nothing seems to have been disturbed. A son of Mrs. Shannon says he thought he saw a man standing in one of the rooms looking out of one of the windows when he retired, but attributing it to fancy made no investigation and said nothing.

Drowned by His Horse.

Weatherford, Tex., Feb. 18.—L. G. Coffman, a farmer and cattle dealer of this county, while riding in the direction of the Brazos river Wednesday, ten miles south of here, his horse became unruly and started in a run toward the river. Reaching the river, he plunged in with Mr. Coffman still in the saddle, and, going under the water several times, Coffman lost his hold and was drowned. His remains have not been taken from the river. Two young ladies sitting on the bank of the river fishing saw the horse run into the river, and saw the man after he had lost hold of the horse struggling for his life, but they were unable to give him any aid.

He Was Experienced.

First Burglar—It's no use tryin' that place t'-night, Bill. Ther man an' his wife went in 'bout an hour ago, an' I heerd him tell her he'd buy her a diamond necklace ter-morrow. Second Burglar—Wot's that got t' do wid it? First Burglar—Plenty! She won't be able t' sleep for t'inkin' 'bout it, an' he won't sleep for t'inkin' how he's got t' pay for it.—Pearson's Weekly.

FARM AND STOCK ITEMS

A report prevails that the recent big demand for burros in Texas was caused by the great rush for placer mines lately located in the Yagui country in Mexico.

Irrigation is being commenced on a small scale around Wichita Falls. Several plants are now being worked successfully, although but a small acreage as yet is effected.

A resident of Paris has invented a machine which he claims will pull corn stalks from the ground, cut them to pieces and distribute them over the land as fertilizers.

Local feeders at Gainesville, Cook county, shipped several car loads cattle to market the past few days. There are yet several thousand head of cattle there that are being fed for market.

Hill county farmers are reducing their cotton acreage this year with the intention of planting such products as can be used for forage, as many are finding room for a few head of stock on their ranches.

A party in San Angelo, whose name was withheld, a few days ago refused to sell 5000 steers, 1's and 2's for \$100,000 cash. The sale would have paid him an extremely large profit, but he believed he saw more money in the stock than the amount offered, large as it was.

Nine hundred and fifty head of cattle were shipped during the past year from El Paso over the Southern Pacific for Galveston, intended for Cuban markets. They were usually of a low grade and the price was a fraction higher than prices asked for at Fort Worth for similar stock.

Reports from points along the Fort Worth and Denver railroad indicate that the winter is fast passing in that section and that spring is at hand, whether, however, the new grass will make sufficient headway in time to take the place of the old is a question. Many claim that a little more winter would have done no harm to either stock or crops.

The winter weather has been of the greatest benefit to New Mexico stock raisers. Cattle and sheep have grown fat on the open ranges without extra feeding. Cattle buyers from the Northern States are already in the field, and sheep buyers are offering to contract at \$1.50 and \$2 for lambs that are yet unborn. Stock growers generally anticipate the most prosperous year in the history of the Southwest.

The cattle industry was never in better condition than it is now. The herds on the ranges have had a mild winter and will hit the spring season in better shape than they have for years. The losses have been comparatively nothing and prices have been growing better for stockers and young cattle for months. Some sales made have been remarkable, and attest not only healthy cattle conditions, but a demand that is really greater than the supply of the class wanted. Everything goes to indicate a continuance of good prices for some time.

During the past six months or less, the number of farmers, both with small farms and large, that have gone into the business of raising hogs, is quite large. Scarcely a day passes but cattle raisers from districts west and north of Fort Worth, who have heretofore confined their attention strictly to cattle, announce the fact that they have about completed a "hog yard" and proceed to make a starter in their new enterprises by buying a few heads of stock hogs of almost any breed with the intention of improving their breed by better animals.

Charles N. Whitman of Tascosa, Oldham county, recently sold all his yearling steers at \$24 per head, and 500 average yearling heifers at \$23 per head to be delivered in June. This sale includes all the steers in the branding of last year; and will be one of the largest herds of graded Hereford yearlings ever sold from a Texas ranch, and the highest price ever obtained for Texas yearlings for a herd of that size. The ranch, owned by Whitman, comprises 250,000 acres of fenced pasture in Oldham and Potter counties, and the herd consists of over 12,000 head of high grade Hereford cattle.

Many humanitarians claim that the practice of dehorning cattle is cruel and unreasonable, but stockmen claim there is about as much justice in that opinion as would apply to the dentist who pulled a diseased tooth out of a man's head. The damage done by the horns of cattle to their fellows is about all the damage they are capable of doing. Cattle going to the feed lot, should be dehorned every time, cattle-men claim. It is not only profitable to the feeder but it is humane. A herd crowded together feeding an fattening from the same feed tables will inflict more damage on each other and more suffering than could ever accrue from dehorning the whole bunch.

RACE WITH A GRIZZLY



FEW years ago while engaged in cutting timber in California I had frequently occasion to ride back and forth between two lumber camps, about ten miles apart. I went on horseback, and was always armed with a pair of Colt's five-shooters, which I carried in holsters attached to a belt around my waist. I started on one of these trips at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of a hot August day, and at the end of five or six miles I began to suffer a good deal from thirst. After awhile I came to a piece of dry bottom land, across which ran a sluggish little stream, not more than four or five inches wide. I dismounted to drink from it, but it was so shallow that I could not do so without getting the sand and sediment on its bottom into my mouth. So I followed it up for some distance, and found that its source was a small pool at the foot of a long, narrow ridge of rock rising a few feet above the surface of the ground.

To the right of the spring I noticed the upturned roots of a gigantic tree that had been blown down. Between its trunk and the ridges of rock the wind had heaped up the dead leaves of the preceding summer. There was a flat stone lying near at hand, and I knelt upon it to drink. Before doing so I ran my arm through the bridle reins and held them in the crook of my elbow. As I raised my head from drinking I heard a rustling in the leaves behind the trunk of the tree. Looking up I saw two little grizzly cubs, about the size of large cats, coming from behind the roots. The moment they saw me they scampered back out of sight. At the same instant, and before I had time to get up, there was a sudden backward pull upon the bridle reins, which first slipped them up under my armpit, then jerked me over on my back. Glancing up at my horse, I saw him with his head lowered, his ears pointed forward and his nostrils distended, gazing intently before him. I was on my feet in an instant. I saw a long, slab-sided female grizzly coming along the trunk of the tree from its top toward the roots. Just as I caught sight of her she left the tree and swung herself down on the ground. I had kept my hold upon the reins, and started at once to mount my horse. But when he saw the bear on the ground, he began to rear and plunge, and nothing prevented him from pulling away from me altogether but the fact that the bridle had a powerful curb bit, which was buckled tightly to his lower jaw.

Before I had time to think, the bear was upon us. The horse never had taken his eyes off her for a moment, and just as she came in reach he whirled around on his forelegs, as on



"I PUT A BALL BEHIND HER LEFT SHOULDER."

a pivot, and lashed out with his hind legs with all the strength he had. He had been shod only a day or two before, and his rough new iron heels landed squarely on the bear's left shoulder as she was aiming to pass him to get at me. The force of the blow sent her sprawling over on her right side. But unfortunately just as he delivered it, he threw his head suddenly downwards, as a horse always does in making a vicious kick with both legs, and, my hold upon the reins being momentarily relaxed in the excitement of the bear's rush at me, he pulled them out of my hand, and the next moment he was off at full speed.

Before I could get my pistol out of my belt the bear rallied from the knock-down blow she had been given and came at me on three legs with a vicious growl. There was nothing for me to do but to run for my life. I did not have more than ten or fifteen feet the start of her, but luckily I was a good sprinter with plenty of speed and bottom. But for all of that, when I looked back over my shoulder I saw that the old grizzly was gaining on me. Crippled as she was, she still had one more good leg than I had, and this advantage was telling against me. So I made straight for a tree some distance ahead.

It was a giant in size, being some

eight feet through at the height of my head. Below that height its trunk was conical in shape and spread out at the roots to a diameter of at least twelve feet. This gave us a circular race course thirty-six feet long, and I had to commence sprinting around it the moment I reached it.

The shape of the course was decidedly in my favor, for in running in such a small circle she had to lean in toward the tree and dig her claws into the ground to keep from flying off at a tangent. This she evidently found it hard to do, with her shoulder crippled and one foreleg too lame for her to put it on the ground at all. Consequently she did not run by any means as fast after reaching the tree as she had done in her straight course towards it. So I found it comparatively easy to keep out of her reach as she chased me around it. In fact, I soon found myself behind instead of before her. But in her blind rage she did not notice this change in our relative positions, especially as I took good care not to get too close to her, but to keep only her haunches in sight as she galloped around the tree in front of me.

After our race had lasted some two or three minutes she began to slacken her pace, and finally stopped and sat down so suddenly that I almost ran upon her before I could check myself. But I dodged back before she saw me, and stood peeping at her around the edge of the tree, with my feet braced to start again at a moment's notice. After panting awhile she turned her head lazily around and looked back over her shoulder. The instant she saw me she whirled around and came at me again, and we had a second heat in the opposite direction. It lasted about as long and ended precisely as the first had done. When it was over I felt pretty confident that she could not catch up with me, and I resolved that I would assume the aggressive myself. So when she stopped again, at the end of the third heat, and was sitting at an angle with the circumference of the tree, with her side exposed, I drew my pistol and put a ball behind her left shoulder. It was the signal for another fast and furious race. But although her rage and pain seemed to put new energy into her, I still kept out of her reach, and the heat ended as the others had done.

To make a long story short, this alternate racing, resting and shooting was kept up until I had emptied into her body all the balls in one of my pistols. In her rage she was foaming at the mouth, and I was encouraged and delighted when I saw the froth on her lips colored a deep red. It showed that she had been shot in the lungs, and I knew that this would soon tell on her wind. Moreover, at the end of the last race we had run she looked back and growled at me a good while before coming at me again. It was plain that she was giving out, and I now felt sure that she would not overtake me and that my life was safe.

This of course gave me new strength and courage, and I began to force matters. The next time she halted I did not give her a moment to rest, but sent in another ball as soon as she stopped. I kept this up until she had in her eight out of the ten balls in my pistols. This, with a broken shoulder, was about all she could stand. When I shot her the last time she did not begin the chase again, as she had done before, but merely lifted her lip with an angry snarl, and shook her head from side to side. I thought it best to keep the two remaining balls in reserve. In a few moments she dropped down and turned over on her side. I still had a wholesome fear of her recuperative powers, and did not care to stay to see the end. I was only too glad to part company with her on any terms. As soon as I was sure she would not follow me, I left the tree and ran for the camp, reaching it in safety. But my horse did not put in his appearance until 9 o'clock the next morning when he sauntered quietly in, browsing the grass as he came along.

The next day I went back with two companions to see what had become of the bear. We found it dead, and while skinning the body I discovered that in reality I owed my life to my horse; the blow he had given the bear had completely shattered her shouldered blade. But for this handicap she would in all probability have overtaken and killed me before I reached the shelter of the tree.

In the Matrimonial Department.

Ella—Did you hear about Miss Shopleigh's marriage? Hattie—Why, no; when did it occur? Ella—Last week. She married a floor walker in one of the big department stores. Hattie—Had she known him long? Ella—No; he showed her to the counter where she wanted to make a small purchase, and while she was waiting for her change he wooed and won her, and so they were married.

Just Like a Woman.

Mrs. Upperten—Answer the door bell, Mary, and say that I'm not at home. Mary—All right, mum. Mrs. Upperten (five minutes later)—Who was it, Mary? Mrs. Upperten—Mrs. Brownstone and her daughter. Mrs. Upperten—What did they say when you told them I was not at home? Mary—They said: "How fortunate."

J. W. HARRIS, Druggists Sundries, Paints and Oils.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

COKE COUNTY RUSTLER

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF COKE CO.

Published By
WILKINS & REED.

SATURDAY, FEB. 26, 1898.

Subscription Rates.
CASH IN ADVANCE.

One copy one year.....\$1.00
One copy six months......50
One copy three months......25

ON TIME.

One copy one year.....\$1.50
One copy six months......75
One copy three months......50

Advertising Rates.
Made known on application.

Entered at the postoffice at Robert Lee, Texas, as second-class matter.

ANOTHER killing took place near Sweetwater last Friday week, Bob Wheeler killing Frame (Stegal). The trouble grew out of a contest over a piece of land.

The farmer who raises his meat generally has it, and the same may be said of those who raise the other necessities. Stop trying to make money, but try to make a living, and the conditions will change.

It may not be national etiquette for the United States to interfere in the Spanish-Cuban affairs, but, from the reports, Spain has not been humane in its efforts to conquer Cuba, and an effort should be made to have her observe the etiquettes of war, at least.

Mescal, says a writer, is a Mexican intoxicant. It produces a paradise of colors. It is an orgy of vision and reveals an optical fairyland where all the senses now and again join and play, while the mind remains a self-possessed spectator.—Ex.

If we could secure the railroad here would be one of the desirable places in West Texas for a cotton seed oil mill. There is not a county in the west which can boast of a larger supply of seed, and the necessary stock are at hand to consume the feed product of such an enterprise.

THE people and press of the country are demanding the abolishment of trusts and combines, yet, we fear, that many who are clamoring loudest are among the most adherent supporters of trusts—trusts of the worst type—political trusts.

Its Different Now.

Thomas Jefferson was once waited on by a committee to urge the appointment of a relative of the president, and when the request was refused, he was asked, "Is not the gentleman honest, competent and worthy?" "He is," replied the great statesman. "Then why not appoint him?" the visitors asked. "Because, gentlemen, he is my relative and I hold that it is as necessary for the president of the United States to appear to do right as to do right." Thomas Jefferson could never be prevailed upon to do an act, however meritorious in reality, which would lead the people to believe that he had acted from any motive but the public good. It is to be hoped that, in the selection of a president of the A. and M. College of Texas, the board of directors will not only do the right thing, but avoid every suspicion of catering to improper political influence.—Farm and Ranch.

RAILROAD ITEMS.

Our committee, through Mayor Powell, notified Mr. Wheatcroft about two weeks since that Ballinger would not make further effort to raise the amount required but would guarantee \$15,000 and try to make the \$20,000. Mr. Wheatcroft answered that he would not agree to accept less than the \$30,000, but would like for a committee of responsible citizens to submit him a proposition the best that could be made. In pursuance thereof a meeting of citizens was held and a proposition submitted. Which may reasonably be expected to meet the approval of the railway company. Though no answer has been received, it is expected to be favorable when it arrives.—Ledger.

The surveying corps consisting of Messrs. Hunicut, Parks, Card and Day are now located on Oak Creek, and next week will begin locating 25 miles more of the road. The force will be increased to fifteen men.

Fifteen miles of the grading is now completed and contracts have been let for the 21 and 22 miles.

The track laying camp which has been located at Sweetwater creek was moved to Ada, the seven mile station, Friday.

Five hundred tons of new steel railings has been ordered and is expected to arrive in eight or ten days.

It was reported on the streets here Thursday that the bridge across Sweetwater creek had been washed away by the rain Wednesday, but Superintendent George Moore informs us that it was all a mistake, and that the bridge stood the test even better than was expected.

The company having procured brass checks ranging in value from 5 cents to one dollar, and are now paying as they go with these checks, and on the first day of each month the checks will be cashed in by the company. It is claimed that this method will be more satisfactory to those working on the road and save a great expense of book keeping.

General Manager Wheatcroft new office in the new depot in the southern part of the city has been neatly and conveniently arranged and furnished.

R. W. Andrews, of San Antonio, who is assisting in the general managers office here for the past two weeks, left for the above place Thursday morning where he will see to the shipping of more more materiel for the road.

The east leg of the Y has been completed and connection made with the T. & P. track.

It is stated that just as soon as it is known whether the road will go via San Angelo or Ballinger, a large force will be put on at that point and work in this direction.—Sweetwater Reporter.

Mr. Locke is in the city this week and submitted a proposition to the Abilene Railroad Committee. It is to the effect that if Abilene will raise a guaranteed bonus of \$50,000 a road will be built from Abilene to Llano at once, and no payments required until the road is built and equipped. We think this is a fair proposition, and we also think that Abilene will soon have the required bonus raised.—Taylor County News.

Colorado Valley Proposition.

Fredericksburg, Gillispie Co., Tex., Feb. 15.—This town has good prospects for a railroad. The Colorado Valley road, represented by its president Mr. Wheatcroft, who addressed the people of this place some time ago, proposed that they would build the road connecting Comfort and Llano via Fredericksburg if this town would raise a guarantee fund of \$25,000 and give right of way. The committee appointed succeeded in securing the right of way and the sum required. A committee of energetic business men spent a few days in San Antonio to obtain subscriptions from people interested here. The committee speaks highly of the courtesy and liberality of the San Antonio business men.

General Passenger and Ticket Agent Turner, of T. & P. road, made the following pertinent statements recently to a Dallas News Reporter:

"Our road feels a deep interest in the development of west Texas. It is a big thing and can be made a very prosperous portion of the state and we are doing our part along this line. We have recently sent emigrants to Bristow and many other places in that section, and we have men at work in the north presenting the possibilities of this great state. Our Mr. F. E. Roesler is now in Indiana looking out for good substantial citizens and other things for Texas and shortly we will have Mr. Warren Reed doing similar work in Ohio, portions of Indiana and adjoining states. There is a bright future ahead for the west and we are sending numbers of good people there, just such a class of citizenship as she needs in developing the country.

Texas is a Guy.

Texas is the richest picking in the United States when it comes to freight rates, not withstanding the railroad commission that we looked forward to with so much misplaced hope. Take sugar, for example, the local rate from New Orleans to Atlanta, Ga., is 18 cents per 100 pounds, while the local rate on sugar from New Orleans to any common point in Texas is 81 cents. The car rate to Atlanta is 15 cents, and to Belton, Texas, is 48 cents. It is further from New Orleans to Atlanta, Ga., than it is to Belton. The car rate to Angelo is 51 cents, and the distance from New Orleans to Angelo is very little greater than it is from that point to Atlanta, Ga. Take it in another direction, corn is shipped from Kansas City to Galveston at 15 cents, and if he attempts to ship from Dallas to Galveston the producer will have to pay 17-1/2 cents. Texas is a great state and one of the greatest things about its anatomy is its pulled leg.—San Angelo Standard.

John Lovelady says that if the Colorado Valley railroad will build to San Angelo he will ship the first year, over that road, 100 cars cattle.—San Angelo Standard.

The Commissioners Court has reduced the valuation in Tom Green county at least \$250,000.—San Angelo Standard.

Evidently Tom Green is falling off, or has the wrong commissioners. Our valuations show a large increase each year.

THE SPOT CASH HOUSE.

I have again gone into business at my old stand with a complete line of

Staple and Fancy Groceries Grain and Hay.

and ask the patronage of my old customers as well as new customers. I will sell for SPOT CASH and at prices that defy competition. Call in and inspect my stock and get prices.

FREE WAGON YARD

—in connection—

J. F. DEATS,

"THE GROCER"

G. S. McClusky,
Blacksmith & Woodwork-
man.

—All kinds of work neatly and quickly done.—

Hardware, Wind Mills,

Farm Implements, Crockery, Glass Ware, Tinware Cutlery, Guns Ammunition, Paints, Oils, Etc.

Casady Sulky and Tiger Disc Plows.

Oliver Chilled and steel Jno. Deer and Avery Plows, Disc Cultivators, Harrows Georgia stocks Double Shovels, All kind of extras etc. In fact a complete line of Agricultural implements at low prices. We will not let others undersell us. Cypress and Galvanized Tanks Cypress, fine or Galvanized Iron Watering troughs made to order and carried in stock. Hacks Baggies, Wagons Galvanized New Waukegan Wire will require but 191 lbs to the mile.

C. & G. Hagelstein Co.
San Angelo Texas

Change In Business.

I will not work this year on a credit, and all them that owe me will please come in and pay me as I need the money to run my shop and live. So please study up and you owe me anything come in and pay me. Yours truly,

J. J. VESTAL.

South-east corner Square,

Robert Lee, Texas.

The Best Offer Ever Made By A Newspaper.

34 Large Pages Every Week For Only \$1.50

The semi-weekly Republic, the best general newspaper printed in the world, containing all the news in eight pages twice-a-week, and the Republic Model Magazine one year for \$1.50.

The Republic Sunday Magazine was the newspaper success of 1897. A home journal of the best class, 18 large pages every week, 4 pages of fun, 14 pages of the brightest and best reading printed. It contains more high-class pictures and cartoons than were ever attempted in any other publication. More noted writers and artists contribute to The Republic Magazine than to any other Western publication.

The Magazine will be sold only in connection with the semi-weekly Republic, but is mailed separately on Friday of each week. Address all orders to

The Republic,
St. Louis, Mo.

SUBSCRIBE FOR
THE RUSTLER,
\$1.00 A Year.

LOCAL CHIPS.

The town still improves. A little norther Wednesday. Weeds and grass are coming. County court was in session this week. County court adjourned yesterday. Ben Acrey was here this week in attendance to County court. Subscribe for the Rustler Only one dollar per year. J. L. Barron is putting in a stock of hardware with his groceries. E. W. Yardley sold his barber shop this week to a Mr. Martin of Dublin, Erath county. The Rustler is \$1 cash in advance or \$1.50 on time. Born:—To Mr. Mrs. D. L. Buchanan on the 20th a fine boy. All parties doing well. W. C. Barron, J. G. McCulloch and J. D. Davis paid their respects to San Angelo the first of the week. G. S. McCleky, the north-side blacksmith paid San Angelo a visit the first of the week on his bicycle. Go to the Loe Restaurant, when in San Angelo. First class meals only 20 cents. J. W. Reed has had additional shelves put up in his store, preparing for a large stock of spring goods. W. H. Phillips has our thanks for a good load of wood on subscription this week. Mrs. J. A. Dancer, of Ballinger is visiting in the city this week, the guest of J. H. Dancer and family. G. S. McCleky, the blacksmith, has just received a full supply of material horse shoes, wagon timbers, etc., and is fully prepared to do your work. Mr. P. M. Trammel, who attended the races at Colorado City, returned the first of the week. Grand Ma Scarborough, of Sanco is reported to be very low and is not expected to live. J. Jernigan, representing the Mutual Life Insurance Company was in the city several days this week. W. F. Stevens, of near Hayrick was in the city a day or so this week attending court as a juror. W. C. Barron sold last week to Wm. Childress a small bunch of steers, from 18 to 24 at \$20 per head. Charley Scarborough was in the city Tuesday on his way to Sonora on his bicycle. Brother Miller, of the Methodist Protestant church preaches here next Sunday. J. A. Monteith, a prosperous farmer, of the Ft. Chadbourne country was here a part of this week attending court. He says that he has been sick for several weeks and is just getting up again. Judge G. W. Perryman says that his firm is doing a good real estate business having sold several tracts of land and about closed deals for several more. **Stewarts Wonderful Invention** For family rights to make and use Stewarts washing fluid address me or my agents, Mrs. J. L. Barron or Mrs. Annie Good, Robert Lee, or Mrs. E. C. Harris, Bronte. J. F. STICKNEY, Robert Lee, Texas. **Found:—**One Winchester Rifle. It was found about seven miles north of Robert Lee in the Robert Lee and Sweetwater road. Any one describing same and paying for this notice will call at J. F. Deats' grocery store and get the gun.

J. D. Collier & Co., are selling good cotton checks at 4 cents per yard, and everything else proportionately low at the Edith Store. If you want to buy a Sewing Machine, get W. W. Allen's prices on the Celebrated White. Give him a mail order for anything you need in Machine supplies. Needles for all kinds of machines. J. L. Taylor, formerly of this county, but now of Midland, and his brother Henry, of the same place were in the city a part of this week attending county court. J. M. Meek, of Silver was in town last Friday. He has sold out his farm at Silver and will move to Jatan, Mitchell county. We hate to lose such a citizen as Mr. Meek, but our loss will be Mitchell county's gain. A few months ago, Mr. Byron Every of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Ed M. Mobley. Patteson & Perryman sold this week to W. L. Clawson 160 acres of Maverick land at \$3.00 per acre and also 160 acres to M. H. O. Daniel at \$3.00 per acre. **Notice.** I have fine grass and plenty of water for two hundred head of stock. Will pasture cattle at 10 cents and horses at 13 cents per month. T. S. VAUGHN, Bronte, Texas. **Notice** J. M. Perry is now sole proprietor of the WINDSOR SALOON at Sweetwater, having purchased W. F. Buchanan's interest in said Saloon. He solicits the trade of Coke county. All goods guaranteed or money refunded. He handles nothing but the best. Try him. In this issue appears the announcement of J. W. Barnett, the present incumbent, as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Coke county. Mr. Barnett is too well known to the people of this county to need an introduction at our hands, having been in public service the two past administrations, having served as deputy sheriff and collector until his election to his present position, and having filled each position in a manner which speak louder in his praise than we can. Consider his name and merits before pledging to another party your suffrage. Judge McCallum, of Mitchell county, says that with a dog poison made by Bass Bros. in Abilene, \$2 per section has rid large portions of his country of the dog pest. He says that all we need in this country is co-operation upon the part of all, and a few days will settle them for years. Even three times the cost mentioned would be returned several times in one year in grass alone. When we come to calculate the number of cattle the grass eaten by prairie dogs would fatten, we can see something of the loss they inflict upon the country yearly. We shall take up this subject again in the near future.—Abilene Reporter. This is a little better than Bass Bros. promise, but the dogs can be killed with this poison cheaply. The price is \$1 per bottle (for peck wheat) 4 bottles, \$3.50; 5c per bottle extra by mail. For sale by all druggists. **Commissioners' Court.** The Hon. Commissioners Court of Coke county met on February 14th, 1898, with all the officers present, and the following business was transacted: It was ordered that a voting precinct be established, known as Cedar Hill voting precinct, No. 12, with bounds as follows: Beginning at the N. W. corner Pecan voting precinct, thence N. with county line to the Colorado river; thence with said river to the West line of Edith voting precinct; thence S. to the N. line of Pecan voting pre-

Announcement. Our terms for announcements are cash in advance, and rates as follows: District offices.....\$10.00. County Offices.....\$5.00. Precinct Offices.....\$2.50. Remember, the cash must accompany the announcement in every instance. For District and County Clerk. We are authorized to announce W. F. (Frank) Robinson as an independent candidate for the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County, at the November election. We are authorized to announce J. W. Barnett as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County at the November election. cinct; thence W. to the place of beginning. It was ordered that warrants No. 151 and 1648 against the road and bridge fund, erroneously registered against the third-class fund be re-registered to its proper fund. Jury of view, appointed at a former term, to view a third-class road from Bronte to Ft. Chadbourne, filed their report, which was approved, and jury discharged. **TUESDAY'S SESSION.** It is ordered that the resignation of J. Tunnell, J. P. of Pre. No. 1, be accepted. W. L. Clawson was appointed in his stead. J. J. Fry's resignation as constable of Pre. No. 1, was accepted, and C. C. Merchant was appointed in his stead. It was ordered that warrants, registered Nos. 619 and 625 which were erroneously issued against the third-class fund, be paid out of the court house and jail fund, to which they belong. The election returns of Robert Lee school trustee election were canvassed and the result declared. The following tax levies were made for the year 1898: State ad valorem tax 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, for general revenue purposes; State tax, 18 cents on the \$100 valuation, for public Free School purposes; Poll tax, \$1.50 per capita, for general county purposes; County tax, 18 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation, for paying annual interest and create a sinking fund to redeem \$22,000 court house bonds, issued Nov. 9th, 1891; County tax 6 1/2 on the \$100 valuation, county's prorata share of Tom Green county's court house and jail indebtedness. County tax, 5 cents on the \$100 valuation for paying county's prorata share of Tom Green's Bridge indebtedness; County tax 4 cents on the \$100 valuation to pay the annual interest and create a sinking fund for \$6,500 bridge bonds heretofore issued; Poll tax, 25 cents per capita, for jury fund; Special district school tax of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation, in school district No. 9, and 20 cents on the \$100 valuation in school districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11. It is ordered by the court that Geo. D. Barnard & Co. and Floyd, Shock & Co., of St. Louis, holders of certain county warrants described, be allowed 6 per cent interest on same from date until paid, and that 10 cents on the \$100 valuation of the 25 cents levied for general county purposes, be set aside and appropriated for the payment of said interest and principal of said warrants until fully paid off, the said warrants to be paid in their order of registration, and endorsed on back to bear interest as above specified. It is further ordered that a tax of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation be levied for interest and to create a sinking fund for funding bonds, issued in 1862. (Continued.)

WINDSOR HOTEL. thoroughly renovated and refitted, is now open to the traveling public. Rates \$2 per day. Patronage of coke solicited. **SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO COMMERCIAL MEN.** **W. W. BUSH, PROPRIETOR.** SWEETWATER, TEXAS.

J. N. FARQUHAR, DEALER IN **STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES,** Fruits And Vegetables. Pays Highest Market Prices For All Kinds Of Country Produce.

New & Second-Hand Furniture Store Largest House of the kind in West Texas. Opposite Post Office, San Angelo. I have just received a Car Load of the latest designs in Bed-Room Suits, Spring Mattresses, Rockers, Dining Chairs, Kitchen Safes, Oak Centered Dining Tables. Also carry a Select Stock of Second-Hand Walnut, Oak and Marble Top Bed-Room Suits, and everything in the House Furnishing line. Cook Stoves and Heaters. Articles at your own price. Don't forget the place—Opposite the Post Office, San Angelo. **Mrs. E. c. Fitzgerald.**

BURROUGHS & CO., General Hardware, Glass-ware And Queensware, **ROBERT LEE - TEXAS**

BURNS & BELL, DEALERS IN **Dry Goods, Groceries** Boots, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Etc. **MERCHANT TAILORING.** WHEN IN COLORADO GIVE US A TRIAL. COLORADO CITY, TEXAS

ED M. MOBLEY, **DRUGGIST AND STATIONER,** [Successor to J. T. Hamilton.] **Robert Lee, Texas,**

SOWELL & WEBB, DEALERS IN **STAPLE & FANCY GROCERIES** FIRST DOOR WEST OF ST. JAMES HOTEL. Highest Market Price paid for CHICKENS, EGGS, BUTTER and all kinds **COUNTRY PRODUCE** COLORADO, TEXAS.

R. P. Perry. Will Perry. **PERRY & SON,** PROPRIETORS OF **Lee Hotel And Livery Stable** Reasonable Rates. Everything First class. Best of Attention given patrons. We Respectfully Solicit Your Patronage. **PERRY & SON.**

A VIGOROUS BATTLE.

From the New Era, Greensburg, Ind.
The following is a straightforward statement of facts by a veteran of the late war. No comrade will need further proof than their friend's own words, as here given.
Squire John Castor, of Newport, Ind., is the narrator, and an honest, respectable citizen he is too. He said: "I have been troubled with rheumatism in all my joints, ever since I went to the war. It was brought on by my exposure there. It came on me gradually, and kept getting worse until I was unable to do any work. I tried several physicians, but they did me no good. They said my trouble was rheumatism resulting in disease of the heart, and that there was no cure for it. Nevertheless I had lived and fought the disease for thirty years, and did not intend to die, simply because they said



I Want to Swear to That.

I must, so I hunted up some remedies for myself, and finally happened on Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I asked some of my neighbors about the medicine, for it had been used by several persons in the community, and they recommended it very highly. I procured a box. The pills helped me right away, and I continued taking them. I commenced taking them last fall, and finished taking the sixth box a few months ago. I am not bothered with the rheumatism now.—The medicine has cured me. I can most certainly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."
These pills are not only good for rheumatism, but are valuable for any disease that arises from impoverished, or bad blood. They do not act on the bowels.

A Cold Trip.

Engineer Albert Rodgers, of the Pennsylvania railroad, petted and fed a stray cat in the Jersey City depot, and the feline followed him into the engine cab. The fireman put the cat off just as the train was about to start, and nothing more was thought about it. It was a freight train, and eight hours were consumed in the journey, which ended in this city late at night. Before going home Rodgers took a look over his engine and found poor puss clinging to the trucks, almost frozen stiff, for the night had been bitter cold. The engineer wrapped his little friend in his overcoat and took it home, and, after thawing out, the cat was found to be none the worse for its perilous journey.—Philadelphia Record.

A good many people make hay while the sun shines, and then let it spoil.

Eczema All Her Life.

Mr. E. D. Jenkins, of Lithonia, Ga., says that his daughter, Ida, inherited a severe case of Eczema, which the usual mercury and potash remedies failed to relieve. Year by year she was treated with various medicines, external applications and internal remedies, without result. Her sufferings were intense, and her condition grew steadily worse. All the so-called blood remedies did not seem to reach the disease at all until S. S. S. was given, when an improvement was at once noticed. The medicine was continued with favorable results, and now she is cured sound and well, her skin is perfectly clear and pure and she has been saved from what threatened to blight her life forever.

S. S. S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) cures Eczema, Scrofula, Cancer, Rheumatism, or any other blood trouble. It is a real blood remedy and always cures even after all else fails.

A Real Blood Remedy.

Take a blood remedy for a blood disease; a tonic won't cure it.

Our books on blood and skin diseases mailed free to any address. Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

SSS

Get your Pension DOUBLE QUICK
Write CAPT. O'FARRELL, Pension Agent,
1425 New York Avenue, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Write to manufacturers Jessé French Piano and Organ Co., 215 West 1st St., Dallas, Tex., and save money. More capital than all Texas houses combined. St. Louis, Mo. Write Birmingham, Montgomery. Factories located at Richmond, Ind.

ROOFING The best Red Rope Roofing for 1c per sq. ft., 10c and nails included. Substitutes for Plaster. Samples free. The Ray Manlin Roofing Co., Camden, N. J.

MORPHINE AND WHISKY HABITS. HOME CURE. Book FREE. DR. A. C. HOFFMAN, Lubeca Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

W. N. U. - DALLAS - NO. 9 - 1899

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

THE STEAMER VIZCAYA.

The Spanish Cruiser Arrives at the New York Harbor.

New York, Feb. 19.—The Spanish armored cruiser Vizcaya is in New York waters. She dropped her big anchor five miles south of Sandy Hook lightship at 5:30 p. m., after a thirteen days' voyage from the Canary islands. When her officers and men learned the startling news of the disaster of the American battleship Maine in Havana harbor and the downfall of Former Minister de Lome, they broke into a wild uproar of talk. For a couple of minutes all discipline on the great ship seemed to vanish to the winds. Men rushed below to tell their comrades in the lower decks.

Early this morning the Vizcaya will come up to the anchorage selected for her in the upper bay.

Rear Admiral Bunce has given final instructions to Lieut. John A. Dougherty, who will have charge of the patrol tugs, six in number, to guard the Spanish cruiser during her stay in this vicinity.

Each boat is to have on board, while on watch, four marines and one non-commissioned officer of marines, a roundsman and four policemen of the metropolis, force. While on duty the boats will patrol the waters carefully in the vicinity of the Vizcaya and no boat or person will be allowed to approach the visiting Spaniard without the sanction of the commanding officer of that vessel.

At night it is intended to keep the Vizcaya brilliantly illuminated with electric lights and watch boats will also be well lighted, so that there can be no possible means of approaching the vessel without detection.

RATE WAR.

It May Result in the Indictment of Railroad Officials.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 19.—The steamship rate war between the Mallory line to Galveston and the Morgan line to New Orleans on the one hand and the Lone Star to Galveston on the other which line was established by the Hogans, may result in some serious results and may lead to the indictment of certain railroad officials by the United States grand jury for alleged infringement of the interstate commerce act. A number of prominent officials are said to be quaking in their boots. A New York dispatch avers that indictments are sure to follow.

The cause is that the steamship rate war was not confined in its efforts to immediate contestants, but so demoralized rates upon every land line reaching into Texas as to have led to retaliatory methods on the part of the Southwestern Traffic association.

A New York special says: "When the freight rate was cut from 80 cents per 100 pounds to 2 cents the Merchants' association of this city began its work of inducing southern and western buyers to come to get their goods instead of going to other cities and the low rate to Galveston brought many Texas merchants here. Before that nearly all Texas merchants did their buying at St. Louis and railroads of the Southwestern Traffic association soon began to feel the effect of merchants coming here and ordering their goods shipped direct. It is asserted the railroads tried to prevent this loss by offering large rebates on their card rates and that proof of this can be found in their reports, which show a recent increase in gross income and a falling off in net income. Of course much of the freight that went to Galveston had to be taken by rail to interior places in Texas. Not long ago railroads which run out of Galveston refused to receive and forward this freight unless it came to them with all previous charges paid and was prepaid to its destination. The Lone Star people got out an injunction which restrains the roads from enforcing this boycott and now they declare they will bring the railroad men to book through the federal courts."

Riot at Blackwell.

Guthrie, Ok., Feb. 19.—A communication was received by Acting Gov. Jenkins Thursday afternoon from A. J. Blackwell, founder of the town of Blackwell, that a state of riot had existed in that town for three days, that he and five negroes he recently brought to the town and sold property have been besieged in his house and bullets have been fired through and into the house. The local authorities, he says, are doing nothing to stop the race war and he calls upon the governor for protection.

The National Wallpaper company building was burned at Pittsburg recently.

Mrs. Cora McBride of Hox-bar, I. T., was thrown from a wagon and instantly killed recently.

Sigsbee Visits Blanco.

Havana, Feb. 19.—The Mangrove sailed yesterday evening for Key West with Edward Mattson, B. R. Wilbur, Daniel Cronin, John Coffee, J. H. Blover, Alfred Hemes, James Rowe, Charles Pilcher and William McGuinness.

Admiral Manterola refused to allow the divers sent here by American newspapers to make an investigation near the wreck, at least until Capt. Sigsbee shall have finished his official investigation.

Capt. Sigsbee and Gen. Lee visited Capt. Gen. Blanco yesterday morning, and had a conference, at which it was decided that the newspaper divers should not be allowed to go inside the wreck, though any diver appointed by Capt. Sigsbee is to have full liberty of movement. The government has wired to Washington, requesting permission for Spanish official divers to examine the wreck outside and inside.

At 8 o'clock yesterday evening 135 bodies had been recovered. Among those identified, whose names have not been already cabled, are those of Carlton Jencks, Flynn (Michael or Patrick), Francis Phillips, Noble T. Mudd, Thomas J. Jones, Francis J. McNiece, Barry (John P. or Lewis L.), Charles Curran, Patrick Hughes, William Donoghue, Frank Sutton, Daniel Price, Henry Gross, Charles F. Just, J. D. Boyle, William J. Horn, Joseph Scully, James T. League, Trubie Finch, Thomas J. Harley, Walter Sellers, Charles Francke and Fisher (Frank or A. J.).

Alfred J. Holland died at the military hospital yesterday. There remains at the San Ambrosio William Mattison, Francis D. Cahill, Frederick S. Hober and James W. Allen, still in a serious condition, but better than they were; George Koebler, John Hefron and Jeremiah Shea are somewhat improved. Dr. Mass does not despair of saving them all.

Havana still mourns with the American people. Since the funeral ceremonies of Thursday the city has removed the outward signs of grief, but the work of succoring the living and caring for the dead proceeds tenderly and unremittently. Every care is shown the survivors.

Capt. Gen. Blanco and the officials continue to cooperate with Capt. Sigsbee and Consul General Lee. The messages received from Spain and the United States, showing that the action of the Havana authorities is appreciated, gives satisfaction to the officers, who are making further efforts to ameliorate the condition of the survivors.

There is sincere regret that circumstances make it impossible to meet the wishes of friends who desire that the remains of their loved ones shall be sent home for burial, but in cases where the officers of the Maine deem it practicable, the necessary facilities will be afforded.

Statements from Madrid and Washington, published here, to the effect that many people in the United States believe the explosion was accidental, coincide with the opinion held by the Spanish officials, and the excitement which followed the disaster has subsided into quiet waiting.

RIOTOUS PROCEEDINGS.

M. Zola Narrowly Escaped Being Lynched by a Mob.

Paris, Feb. 19.—There was riotous proceedings after the adjournment of the assizes court yesterday, and M. Zola narrowly escaped being lynched by the mob outside.

On leaving the palace of justice all the officers were acclaimed by the crowd outside the building, and Gen. Pellieux, who descended the steps bareheaded, was given a great reception. Major Esterhazy was greeted with shouts of "Vive l'Armee!"

The police were powerless to manage the immense crowds, and several Jews were the subjects of insults and menaces. There was a general fight. The mob threw itself upon the Jews, yelling, "Death to the Jews!" "Throw the Jews into the Seine!"

Finally the republican guards were cleared the square.

The crowd fell back, cheering for the army and singing the Marseilles, and shouting "Spit upon Zola!"

M. Zola left the palace of justice at 5:30, and immediately after he had emerged from the building was greeted with a storm of hisses and derisive cries, and the authorities were obliged to protect his carriage with a double cordon of police.

On reaching the Michael bridge, the mob made a murderous rush for the carriage, but the police threw themselves between the vehicle and the mob, and a number of miniature battles ensued. Ultimately the police drove the mob back, and M. Zola was enabled to proceed without further molestation. A number of arrests were made, but all those who were taken into custody were released later in the day.

A GREAT TIDE OF PROSPERITY.

Canadian Loan Companies Getting Money on Mortgages That Had Been Written Off.

Probably in the history of the continent there never was such a tide of prosperity enjoyed by any country as the Dominion of Canada is being favored with. That portion of Canada known as Western Canada is attracting thousands of people, who are seeking homes on the arable lands of that new but rapidly developing country. Possessed of exceptionally good railroad privileges, the best school system in the world, churches in every small settlement, while in the towns and cities all denominations are represented, and with markets in close proximity to the grain fields, most of the requirements for a comfortable existence are met. The development that is now taking place in the mining districts gives an impulse to agriculture, and good prices, with good crops, bring about a state of affairs that the crowded districts of more populous centers are taking advantage of. The Associated Press dispatches a few days since had the following telegram:

Toronto, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Loan companies that made advances on Manitoba property years ago report that the returns from the west during the past three months have exceeded expectations. One company has taken from Manitoba over \$20,000 interest, and discharged mortgages, many of which had been written off a year ago. Directors of leading loan companies are taking a greater interest in business of their institutions, and are inquiring into many properties on which advances have been made.

The climate in the western provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Assiniboia and Saskatchewan is excellent, there being no healthier anywhere. The Canadian government is now offering special inducements for the encouragement of settlers, and they have their agents at work throughout the United States for the purpose of giving information and distributing literature. Among those going to Canada are many ex-Canadians, who have failed to make as good a living as they expected in the United States.

Our idea of self-control is to pay a dry goods bill without swearing.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

So long as he is able to digest what he eats, a man is never willing to admit that he eats too much.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS. We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA" and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" as our Trade Mark.

I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is "the kind you have always bought," and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the Wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

Good at Arithmetic.

Lady (in employment office)—"As there is only my husband and myself in the family, I think you ought to be willing to come for less than you ask. There are only two persons to cook for." Domestic—"But, mum, when I'm wid you there 'ud be three."

He Was a Terror.

Customer—"I want a good watch dog. Is this one savage?" Dealer—"Is he savage? Why, he actually chews holes in his own pants."

Misnamed.

Benson—I see somebody says it would be impossible to break the bank at Monte Carlo. Adams—Then why do they call it a bank?

Every man who has not experienced either a burglar or a baby in the house, claims that he is a light sleeper.

Customs Cases Decided.

The general appraisers of goods passing through the Custom House have made several decisions lately which, until passed upon by the Secretary of the Treasury, will hold good. But while there is stability in that quarter, no system failing in strength can be properly sustained without the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a genial tonic and remedy for malaria, rheumatism, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness.

There is as much gossip about the navy at present as there is about a gay married man.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 5c. or 10c. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

You would be terribly sore if you knew whom your best friend regards as his best friend.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5 cts.

Some women do nothing but write letters.



ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

ALABAMA TO THE FRONT.

Mrs. J. B. Gilmore

Anniston, Ala., writes: Have been using Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine in my family 12 years. It has cured me and many others of Indigestion and Dyspepsia. I think there is quite a difference in the strength of it and "Zellin's" and "Black Draught." Dr. M. A. S. M. being much stronger.

Pregnancy.

During the period of pregnancy the mental state and physical condition of the mother inevitably determine the important faculties and essential qualities of her offspring. If she is physically well-developed and healthy, pregnancy will bring no burden or suffering; childbirth will be easy and comparatively painless, and her offspring will be born robust health and a happy disposition. But there are very few women who are not sick and diseased in some way, and who suffer from various sympathetic disturbances during pregnancy. The resulting sickness, nausea and vomiting and other disturbances can be suppressed by using Dr. Simmons' Squaw Vine Wine, which settles the stomach and gives tone to the system. The bowels should be regulated with Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine.

G. T. Powell

Jenifer, Ala., writes: For indigestion and biliousness have used Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine 25 years. It cured M. J. Clark of Cramps in Stomach and I did more for Mrs. M. L. Clark in Change of Life than the doctors had done in four years. I think it is far Superior to "Black Draught" or "Zellin's Regulator."

Melancholy.

Where there exists nervous disturbance of the sexual organs, there is frequently great pain felt during menstruation; ovarian irritation and a so-called "irritable" or sensitive uterus, giving rise to painful nervous and hysterical symptoms. The sufferer is agitated about trifles and worried by the fear that everything will go wrong. The condition is a serious one as it may end in persistent hypochondria, followed by insanity. Quick relief may be obtained by stimulating the digestive organs with Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine, and Dr. Simmons' Squaw Vine Wine will regulate the menstrual function by toning up the tissues of the uterus.

HALL'S Vegetable Sicilian HAIR RENEWER

Use it before your hair gets thin and gray. Use it now, to prevent baldness; to remove dandruff and post-ponic age.

FOR 14 CENTS

We wish to gain 100,000 new customers, and hence offer

1 Pkg. 15 Day Radial,	10c
1 Pkg. Early Spring Tonic,	10c
1 Pkg. Bismarck Balm,	10c
1 Pkg. Bismarck Ointment,	10c
1 Pkg. Green Victoria Lotion,	10c
1 Pkg. Klenzke Melon,	10c
1 Pkg. Junjo Giant Ointment,	10c
1 Pkg. Eucalypt Flower Balm,	10c

Worth \$1.00, for 14 cents.

Above 10 pkgs. worth \$1.00, we will mail you free, together with our great "Plant and Seed Catalogue" and upon receipt of 14c notice and 4c postage. We invite your trade and know when you once try Kaiser's you will never get along with any other. Postmaster: At \$1.00 a Box. Catalogue alone 5c. No. 74.

JOHN A. BALZER SEED CO., LA CROIXE, WIS.

CURE YOURSELF!

Use Big O for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membrane. Prevents gonorrhea, "white" and all other ailments, and is safe in all cases.

Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00. Circular sent on request.

Coughs

that kill are not distinguished by any mark or sign from coughs that fail to be fatal. Any cough neglected, may sap the strength and undermine the health until recovery is impossible. All coughs lead to lung trouble, if not stopped. Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Cures Coughs.

"My little daughter was taken with a distressing cough, which for three years defied all the remedies I tried. At length on the urgent recommendation of a friend, I began to give her Dr. AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL. After using one bottle I found to my great surprise that she was improving. Three bottles completely cured her."—J. A. GRAY, Trav. Salesman Wrought Iron Range Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
is put up in half size bottles
at half price . . . 50 cents

We hate to see a man with whiskers loaf in a barber shop.

Headache Quickly Cured.

Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache never fails, 25c

No man ever dyed his whiskers without being caught at it.

I believe my prompt use of Pilo's Cure prevented quick consumption.—Mrs. Lucy Wallace, Marquette, Kans., Dec. 12, '95.

A man who leads a fast life is often slow in paying his debts.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

The world is full of yellow people to read the yellow newspapers.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

Reform is used for almost as many purposes now-a-days as electricity.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c 25c. If C.C.C. fail, druggists refund money.

If you think you are solid in society, try giving a party without refreshments.

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

Nothing is more tiresome than a woman always talking of getting married.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. 21. All druggists.

A wife abuses a man by exaggerating the thrift and smartness of a bum.

FITS Permanently Cured. Nests or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$4.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KING, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who went into his closet to pray?

AGENTS WANTED TO SELL

"OUR NATIVE HERBS"
The Great Blood Purifier and Liver Regulator
200 Day's Treatment \$1.00.
Containing A Registered Guarantee.
32-page Book and Testimonials FREE.
Sent by mail, postage paid.

THE ALONZO O. BLISS CO.
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Not Sold by Druggists.

The best seeds grown are
Ferry's. The best seeds sown are
Ferry's. The best seeds known are
Ferry's. It pays to plant
FERRY'S Famous Seeds
Ask the dealer for them. Send for
FERRY'S SEED ANNUAL
and get all that's good and
new—the latest and
the best.
D. M. FERRY & CO.,
Detroit, Mich.

IN A BUNCH. Bunch all the worst pains in a lump like this:
RHEUMATISM, SCIATICA, NEURALGIA, LUMBAGO.
USE **ST. JACOBS OIL** IT WILL CURE THEM ALL, SEPARATELY, SURELY, QUICKLY.

"A HANDFUL OF DIRT MAY BE A HOUSEFUL OF SHAME." CLEAN HOUSE WITH
SAPOLIO BLACK LEG
Is prevented by "vaccination." Mortality in U. S. A. during last 2 years reduced to one-third of one per cent. Thousands of Herds successfully vaccinated. Testimonials, etc.
PASTEUR VACCINE CO.,
42 Fifth Avenue, Chicago.
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS, NONE GENUINE WITHOUT OUR TRADE MARK.

THE LOST LOUISIANA.

LOWERY BELIEVES HE HAS LOCATED THE GOLD.

It Enriched Very Many Persons but for Years Men and Governments Have Vainly Searched for the Shaft Whence Poured Streams of Wealth.

(Special Letter.)



A S the famous "Lost Louisiana" gold mine been discovered? Martin Lowery believes that it has and that he is the possessor. He is a stock trader. He has secured the land on which he believes the mine is located, and will develop the mysterious shafts as soon as possible. The property is 17 miles southwest of Hot Springs, Ark. Hundreds of others share his belief that the famous old mine, a century lost, has at last been found. There is no telling what fabulous quantities of gold may still be entombed in its mighty depths. It enriched the Spaniards in the eighteenth century. It enriched the Indians. It enriched Captain Kidd, the pirate. It enriched everybody who came into contact with any part or parcel of it. Mr. Lowery hopes that it will yet enrich him. In 1850 the New Orleans Mining Company was formed for the purpose of developing gold mines in this part of Arkansas. Before the company commenced operations it caused an advertisement to be inserted in a New Orleans newspaper offering a reward of \$10,000 for the discovery of the Louisiana mine. Scores of men went to work to search for the long-



SHAFT OF THE "LOST LOUISIANA."

lost mine, but, like hundreds who had gone before them, they were compelled to acknowledge themselves baffled. In 1879 the Mexican government sent out a representative who gave his name as A. J. Burns to search for the Louisiana mine. He was provided with a map of the geography and topography of the country and started from New Orleans up the Mississippi river. The map and information with which he was provided led him to the town of Rockport, on the Ouachita river, 20 miles southeast of Little Rock. There he found the shelving rock described on his map. At that point he was instructed to leave the river and start for the mining district. According to his calculations the mine was located either nine miles northwest of Rockport or nine miles northwest of Hot Springs.

Mr. Lowery's land is nine miles northwest of Rockport. He believes that he has discovered that for which men have sought for 100 years. Three years ago, while traversing a rugged and mountainous section he came upon a spot on the crest of a spur of the Ozark mountains which attracted his attention on account of immense dumps of pulverized stone, in the midst of which giant trees were growing. A little investigation showed great shafts in the earth, which, although nearly filled with debris, were plainly discernible. These shafts were found to be located 200 or 300 feet apart, extending a mile or more along the crest of the mountain. There was every indication that work had been done many years before. Being familiar with the history of the Louisiana mine, Mr. Lowery at once surmised that he stood on the site of what is possibly the richest mine ever known in the western hemisphere. Though greatly elated, Mr. Lowery was prudent enough to maintain silence until he had secured possession of the land on which his find was located. Soon after this event two citizens of Saline county, while on a prospecting tour, picked up a piece of ore on the surface within a few hundred feet of one of these shafts. When assayed it was found to contain 60 per cent of gold and was valued at \$35.

Since that time Mr. Lowery has been trying to convince the public that he is the owner of the "Lost Louisiana," and has succeeded in attracting wide attention. He is financially unable to open up what he believes to be the great mine of 100 years ago, but he considers it only a question of time until circumstances will favor him and then he expects to startle the world.

THE TRIUMPH OF SCIENCE.

REMARKABLE DISCOVERY OF AN AMERICAN MEDICO-CHEMIST, AND ITS GREAT VALUE TO HUMANITY. AT LAST A CURE FOR CATARRH, LA GRIPPE, CONSUMPTION, AND LUNG TROUBLES THAT CURES.

FREE TO EVERY READER OF THIS PAPER.

Three Bottles Upon Written Application.

THOSE WHO USE THEM GET WELL.

THOSE WHO USE THEM GET WELL.



Editor's Note.—All readers of this paper, anxious regarding the health of themselves, children, relatives or friends, can have Three Free Bottles of the Doctor's New Discoveries, as represented in the above illustration, with complete directions, pamphlets, etc., by sending full address to Dr. Slocum's Laboratory, Slocum Building, New York City.

CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED

Foremost among the world's greatest Medico-Chemists stands Dr. Slocum, of New York City. His efforts, which for years had been directed toward the discovery of a positive cure for consumption, were finally successful, and already his "new scientific system of treatment" has, by its timely use, permanently cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases.

He has demonstrated the dreaded disease to be curable beyond a doubt, in any climate.

Indisputable facts prove that the Doctor's New Discoveries are an absolute cure for Consumption and all bronchial, throat, lung and chest troubles; la grippe, stubborn coughs, catarrhal affections; scrofula, rheumatism, general decline and weakness.

loss of flesh, and all wasting conditions; and to better demonstrate its wonderful merits, he will send Three Free Bottles (The Dr. Slocum New Scientific System of Medicine) with full instructions, to all readers of this paper who send for them.

Simply write to T. A. Slocum, Manufacturing Chemist, Slocum Building, New York, giving name, postoffice and express address.

There is no charge for medicine or correspondence advice.

Knowing, as we do, of the undoubted efficacy of the Dr. Slocum New System of Medicine, we urge every sufferer to take advantage of this most liberal proposition.

Please tell the Doctor, when writing, that you read this generous offer in this paper and greatly oblige.

TOWER'S FISH BRAND SLICKER
WILL KEEP YOU DRY.

Don't be fooled with a mackintosh or rubber coat. If you want a coat that will keep you dry in the hardest storm buy the Fish Brand Slicker. If not for sale in your town, write for catalogue to A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.

FARMS WESTERN CANADA FREE
IN 3 OR 4 YEARS AN independence is assured if you take up your home in Western Canada, the land of plenty.

Illustrated pamphlets, giving experience of farmers who have become wealthy in growing wheat, reports of delegates, etc., and full information as to reduced railway rates, can be had on application to Department Interior, Ottawa, Canada, or to Dr. Richardson, Houston, Texas, Agent for Canadian Government.

Sample Free
Your greatest enemy is dirt. Will you allow us to tell you more about our remedy—CLEANALL—by letter? We should like to, and on application, send a sample free—to prove our case. For brass, tin, pipe, metal, silver, wood work, kitchen ware, rust on nickel and metal parts of farm implements it has no equal. Full size box, the CHEAPEST NOVELTY CO., P. O. Box 663, Chicago, Ill.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY
Yields quick relief and cures worst cases. Send for book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment free. Dr. R. B. GIBBS'S 2035, Chicago, Ill.

IS THIS SQUARE?
You are constipated. We tell you what Cascarets will do. You buy a dollar's worth—two 50c boxes, two months treatment, and if they don't do what we say they will

You Get Your Dollar Back.
Cascarets
CANDY CATHARTIC
CURE CONSTIPATION.

The world's most meritorious laxative. So nice to eat, so gentle of action, never gripe, always effective. Sold entirely on merit.

A booklet and sample free for the asking, or you can buy a box for 10c, 25c, 50c, at your drug store. Satisfaction guaranteed. 75 The Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago, Montreal, New York.

NO-TO-BAC Sold and guaranteed to cure Tobacco Habit by all druggists.
CLOVER SEED
Largest growers of Grass and Clover Seeds in America. 5000 acres. Our Grass Mixtures last a lifetime. Meadows sown in April will give a running crop in July. Prices dirt cheap. Month catalogue and 11 pages. Grass and Grain free for 10c postage and this notice. Catalogue to JOHN A. SALZER SEED CO., La Crosse, Wis. W. H.

RODS for tracing and locating Gold or Silver Ore, lost or buried treasures. W. B. POWELL, Box 237, Southington, Conn.

PISO'S CURE FOR CATARRH
CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS.
Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in Time. Sold by druggists.
25c
CONSUMPTION

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.
 Edited By
O. W. GARDNER.

Read before the Coke County Institute of Nov. 97, and published by the request of that body:

Literature in Public Schools.
 (BY ALVIA INGRAM.)

Every true teacher is desirous to accomplish the best of work in their schools, and therefore want to cultivate a love for good literature and impress the importance of this on the minds of the pupil at an early age.

It is my opinion that the future of the rising generation depends largely upon the literature it reads.

And as the early impressions are the most permanent, and in order that most good may be accomplished, the very best of books should be placed in the hands of the pupil as soon as they can read.

This love for good literature may be cultivated by making them familiar with the lives of the Authors of the short extracts that are to be found in their text books.

For it is no uncommon thing to find embodied in these books extracts of some of our finest Authors, the very gems of English Literature.

After having made the pupil thoroughly acquainted with the Authors, for what purpose he wrote, and under what condition he was writing, the teacher has but little to do then to arouse an interest in the selection under consideration.

Having entered into this fellow feeling with the Author the pupil would naturally be encouraged to want to know more of them and their works.

Once getting this love for good literature thoroughly implanted on the minds of the pupils as they grow older they will have no desire whatever to read light, trashy, degrading literature of the dime novel class.

In the selection of the subject matter for our reading classes we should not over look the beautiful gems and wonderful masterpieces setting forth the struggles of our "forefathers" in founding the various institutions of our government.

Thus instilling into their young hearts the love of country as well as giving them true ideas of manhood and above all else we should never lose an opportunity of studying those selections embodying the numberless blessings our Creator has bestowed on us.

Let parent, teacher and preacher all join hands in the common cause.

More good literature and the creation of greater desires for reading the same.

Give a person a taste for good reading and the means of gratifying it, and you can hardly fail to make him a happy man.

Fenelon said, "If the crowns of all the kingdoms and empires were all laid down at my feet in exchange for my books and my love of reading, I would spurn them all."

Misses Hattie and Ollie Warren, of Content, Runnels county, are here this week visiting their sister, Mrs. J. E. Deats.

Read the "ad" of The Spencer Grocery Co., of San Angelo in this issue and when in need of anything in their line give them a call.

Mr. C. H. Cooper, of Silver was to town the last of last week. He informed us that he has sold his farm at Silver. He says he has not yet decided whether he will leave Coke or not.

Mrs. Kate Robinson, and little daughter, of San Angelo are visiting here this week.

The young folks enjoyed a singing at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webb on Tuesday night.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Colorado Valley Railway Company, for the election of directors, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, at Sweetwater, Texas, on Tuesday March the first, 1898, at eleven o'clock a. m.

D. S. ARNOLD JR. Secretary.
 Watter Thomason, representing Geo. Allen, the music dealer, of San Angelo, is with us again this week.

Mr. Jno. Walton has ordered a barber outfit and will put in another barber shop.

A GOOD LETTER.

From the Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Ferdinandia, Fla., Feb. 28, 1896.
 Mr. J. George Sahrer, Druggist, City.
 Dear George—Please send a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I would not feel easy if I knew there was none of this valuable Remedy in the house. I have given it a fair test and consider it one of the best remedies for croup that I have ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. Any cold my children contract yields very readily to this medicine. I can conscientiously recommend it for croup and colds for children.

Yours respectfully, Geo. E. Wolf.
 Sold by Ed. M. Mobley.

N. C. Lucas, one of Bronte's prominent citizens, was in the burg a few hours one day this week. He paid the Rustler a pleasant call and ordered a copy of the Rustler sent to Mrs. Fannie Carney, Staunton, Ark.

Mr. Jno. R. Day of Brownwood was with us several days this buying cotton. He was paying all the way from 4 1-2 to 5 1-2. He is an old friend of Major Perryman.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericks-town, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He has been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by Ed M. Mobley.

Pure Seeds for Trial.

To give our subscribers an opportunity to test their famous seeds, Messrs. May & Co., the well known seed grower of St. Paul Minnesota, whose order of one million Packets of Seeds tested over 99 per cent pure (Government Report) will mail seventeen trial Packets of choice varieties of Flower Seeds to any of our readers sending to them only ten cents in silver or stamps. This is their Giant Collection, and consist of one Packet each, Asters, Mignonette, Antirrhinum, Pinks, Poppies, Alyssum, Zinnias, Nigella, Godetia Pansy, Calendula Petunias, Sweet William, Portulaca, Sweet Peas, Calliopsis and Candytuft. On each packet will be printed full cultural instructions.

They will also send to any Gardener or Farmer one Package of their Extra Early Tree Tomato on receipt of six cents in stamps. Their handsomely illustrated Catalogue will be mailed free on application, to any one who intends to purchase Seeds, Plants or Bulbs this Spring. Be sure and mention our paper when writing May & Co.

W. C. MERCHANT,
 Attorney-at-Law.
 Will practice law in the District and interior courts of Coke and adjoining counties.
 County Attorney, Coke County
 ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.
 Office at the Court House.

B. J. Norton
 CONTRACTOR & BUILDER.
 Plans and Specifications furnished on short notice.

DR. B. F. DULANEY,
 \$\$\$ SURGEON DENTIST. \$\$\$
 Office over Doss Bros. Drug Store.
 COLORADO, TEXAS.

PERRYMAN & PATTESON,
 Attorneys At Law.
 Land Agents And Surveyors.
 ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.
 Office:—West Side Public Square

J. B. Latham, M. D.
 Physician and Surgeon,
 ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.
 Office at Mobleys' Drugstore.

SWEETWATER HOTEL.
 Mrs. S. M. Bulah, Proprietress.

The Only \$1 Day House in City
 Good Meals, Good Rooms and Conveniently located.

Patronage Solicited
 Sweetwater, - - - Texas

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS
 AND

The Coke County Rustler
 At A Very Low Price.
 THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS (Galveston or Dallas) published Tuesdays and Fridays. Each issue consist 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. We offer the Semi-Weekly News and the Coke County Rustler for 12 months for the low clubbing price of \$1.80 cash. This gives you three papers a week or 156 papers a year at a ridiculously low price. Hand in your subscription at once.

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 only 20 cents.
 Good rates by the week or month. The patronage of Coke county solicited.

Do you need job printing? The RUSTLER would be pleased to do it, and will figure with you right on prices and give you satisfaction in work.

LAND OFFICE BUSINESS.

School Lands Bought and Leased.
 Have able Attorneys to represent you in person before the General Land Office. Ward & James, able resident lawyers and land agents of Austin Texas, will represent you in person before the Commissioner General Land Office. Have W. C. Merchant, our local agent, at Robert Lee, Texas, prepare your applications etc.

WARD & JAMES, Austin Texas.
 W. C. MERCHANT,
 Robert Lee, Texas.

Give the RUSTLER a chance at your Job printing. We will guarantee you satisfaction both in quality and price.

There are many subscribers on our books that have read the RUSTLER every issue for several years, and many times have they been made to rejoice at seeing their names in print, and been called "one of our best citizens," and other pet names, yet we have not received one cent for all this rejoicing and—well "misrepresentation" will modify the term. Our best citizen" pay up occasionally, and we have had these delinquents in the wrong company.

Whitney's Lightning Danderine.
 Will cure dandruff and any diseases of the scalp. I sell it on a positive guarantee. Come to see me.
 E. W. YARDLEY.

The Spencer Grocery Co.
 San Angelo, Texas.
 (Near The Depot.)

What One Dollar Buys:

We will sell 9 pounds of coffee, any grade, for \$1.00, and other good at as low prices. We carry everything that a first-class grocery house, and we ask the patronage of the people of Coke county.

A \$2,000 Word!

This paper announces, in connection with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, a new offer in which everyone may have a chance to supply the missing word in this sentence:

"AT FIRST IT WAS CONSIDERED BY THE ' ' AS A GOOD OMEN."

The sentence is taken from a well-known publication. The word is a familiar one, and it may readily suggest itself.

Contest Began Jan. 1--Ends March 1, '98

TO ENTER THIS CONTEST YOU MUST SUBSCRIBE FOR



IN CONNECTION WITH
COKE COUNTY RUSTLER,
 AT THE EXTREMELY
 LOW PRICE OF **\$1.80**

In connection with this Clubbing Rate, we will, if you send your guess with the subscription price, forward all for you and thus **GIVE YOU A CHANCE AT THE MISSING WORD FUND**

At the end of period covered by this contest The Constitution will pay out to the successful party or parties the full prize amount that has accrued in the contest. The plan is simple and these contests have become so popular and have been conducted with such absolute fairness to all that they have been widely copied after, but none have become equal to The Constitution's great original series.

IN ONE YEAR THE CONSTITUTION HAS PAID OUT NEARLY \$6,000 IN CASH

In these missing word contests, it sets aside 10 per cent of the subscription fund received from subscribers guessing at the missing word, and this fund is given to the successful guesser or guessers in the contest. The fund is distributed with absolute fairness, and the fact that The Weekly Constitution has MORE THAN 150,000 subscribers and that it puts aside 10 per cent from all guessers' subscriptions for this distribution fund shows that the amount to be divided at each interval is large enough to be worth striving for. It is not a catch-penny or a deceitful proposition, but the plan is open and simple and IS ADMITTED TO THE ROSTER by the Post Office Department as a meritorious contest.

The book from which the sentence is taken is deposited in a safety vault, under seal, and will be opened at the close of the contest before a competent committee, which make the award after an examination of the subscription books.

In one of these contests there was only one successful guesser, who received more than \$1,000, and in addition to this in one year \$5,000 has been distributed among successful guessers.

Remember that, whether the missing word is supplied or not, it costs nothing to guess, and even though not successful, the guesser gets

THE GREATEST OF ALL WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS FOR ONE YEAR

Keep that in view and send your guess with your clubbing subscription for your home paper and The Weekly Constitution.

Should you already be a subscriber to your home paper, remit \$1 to this paper for The Weekly Constitution for one year, and it will be forwarded to The Constitution with your guess.

The Constitution guarantees that the amount of the award will not be less than \$500 in cash, and it may be as much as \$2,000. THE WEEKLY CONSTITUTION IS THE GREATEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN THE WORLD. It is a TWELVE-PAGE, SEVEN-COLUMNS-TO-THE-PAGE NEWSPAPER, containing EIGHTY-FOUR COLUMNS every week. It has no equal as a Weekly Newspaper in America; its news reports cover the world, and its correspondents and agents are to be found in almost every bailiwick of the Southern and Western States.

AS A MAGAZINE it prints more matter than is ordinarily found in any magazine in the country. AS AN EDUCATOR it is a schoolhouse in itself, a year's reading of The Constitution is a liberal education. ITS SPECIAL FEATURES command it especially to every farm home in America. ITS FARM AND FARMERS' DEPARTMENT, its Women's Department and its Children's Department are all under able direction, and are especially attractive to those in whom these departments are addressed. The Constitution is Democratic in Politics, and it is a hearty advocate of the principles enunciated in the National Platform of the Party.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST

Ten Per Cent of the Guessers' Subscriptions goes to the Fund to be divided in other words if this Subscription Fund amounts to \$20,000 for this period then the fund to go to the successful guesser would be \$2,000.

THE CONSTITUTION PAYS 10 PER CENT OF THE amount it receives from subscribers from participating in the Missing Word Contests into a fund for distribution among those who name correctly the missing word. If only one contestant gets the right word, he or she will be given the entire fund. If more than one applies the missing word, the same will be proportionately divided among the successful guessers.

THE CONDITION PRECEDENT FOR SENDING A GUESS at the Missing Word is that each and every guess must be accompanied by a year's subscription to The Weekly Constitution. If sent through the paper publishing this advertisement in acceptance of our clubbing offer, the guess at the missing word will be forwarded. The guess must be sent with the subscription. Should one person send more than one answer, he or she will be entitled to a share of the fund for each correct answer. There will be no capital prize—everyone will get a first prize. Persons may guess as many times as they send subscriptions.

IN MAKING YOUR ANSWER you need not write the sentence out in full—just say the Missing Word for the above particular period (designating it is)

ADDRESS ALL CLUBBING ORDERS TO
COKE COUNTY RUSTLER,
 Robert Lee, Tex.

City Baber

Skin Diseases.

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders for horses are the best tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. Price, 25 cents. Sold by Ed. M. Mobley.

E. W. Yardley,
 PROP.