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Bronte Siftings.

ED. RUSTLER—I will give you a few dots from the famous valley. Health of the community is good.

Plowing is the order of the day with us here. Some are planting corn and some have finished. Oats are coming up and looking fine. Grass is beginning to show up, Ha, ha, ha! Soon be clabber time.

Some garden truck coming up. Two blacksmith shops at Bronte.

Another well is being drilled at the Bronte gin. The ginners are preparing for war in time of peace.

Wish every body in the county could see P. W. Hudman. He wears a smile as long as his face, steps as high as a blind cat, and gets around like he was only twenty-one years old—all because its another boy. But the old fellow is put to his wits end for it a name, as he dont think it would be proper and right to use any of the letters in the alphabet the second time.

We learn that Bro. Cumbie has been on the puny list this week. He will preach at Hayrick on the second Lord's day in each month.

We had a nice time at our school meeting last Friday night. The house was filled to the brim, and several lectures were made by school patrons, also a speech by Prof. Ed Merchant, from Valley View school.

D. T. Farley will start to his new home in Scurry county in a few days.

Well, Mr. Editor, as I have told about all the news, I will sign off, by wishing success to the RUSTLER force and its many readers.

ROUND UP.

Edith Dots.

Edith, Texas, Mar. 7th, 1898.

ED. RUSTLER:

Everything is quiet in our little burg.

Farmers are still busy breaking land.

Messrs I. J. Good, H. G. Beason and J. R. Arnett started to San Angelo yesterday to take the train for Ft. Worth to attend the cattlemen's convention.

H. E. Johnston, J. C. Newton G. W. Peay and J. M. Sparks, have gone to San Angelo this week.

Mrs. E. S. Kemp of Travis county is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Newton this week.

I learn that Mrs. Brown is sick this week.

J. R. and J. C. Arnett are having some tank work done.

G. C. Arnett has gone to Caldwell county after cattle.

PETE.

People's Party Call.

At the earnest request of a large number of the citizens of Coke county, and by the authority vested in me as County Secretary of the People's party of Coke county, Texas, I hereby call a general meeting of the People's party citizens of this county, at Robert Lee on Saturday, March 18th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of re-organizing our party, electing a Chairman and for any and all other business

which may come before it.

Come all that can, as it is imperative that the people being the masters, should watch close, guard their interests and stand together shoulder to shoulder on our question of reforms.

Given under my hand, this the 9th day of March, 1898.

B. P. BYRNE,
Secretary.

Three Brothers At Ft. Worth.

ED. RUSTLER:

I notice in the RUSTLER of the 26th of February, an article headed "Coke Again Furnishes The Fun." The same being copied from the San Angelo Press. Now as you have seen fit to copy from the Press, you will please print the following reply that I have written to the Press and oblige The Brother From Coke:

To The San Angelo Press:

I notice in your columns of the 18th of Feb., that three of the brothers from Coke, Irion and Tom Green county's had quite an exciting time at Ft. Worth, during the burning of the Hurley building. Now, my dear brother, if I may call you such, I do not know who you got your information from, neither do I care. But there is one thing I do know, that there is a day coming when you will have to atone for ventilating your Epiece on Coke county, on acts of my misfortune. I think I will live over the fright, and see Coke county wave her Banner over the highest hills of Tom Green county.

As to making threats about the brother taking the long route, that is all bosh, he had legal business that called him that way and he and I were "standing in" on the profits, so you can see there were no cause for threats, and as to the brother that used the liment I can say he was very sick, and I nursed him with brotherly love and care. I would not have made any threats against him in his condition, if I had had cause to do so. Friendship, Love and Truth are the three binding links of our order, and a true brother never breaks them. But there is one thing you failed to mention, and that was the brother that give you your information failed to tell you that he paid seven dollars and fifty cents for a hack ride, so that he might know how to regulate his prices when he returned to Irion county.

Now, the people of Coke are fully aware that the Press had had rather speak evil than good of Coke at all times, and that cause I will request you not to use the name of Coke in connection with my mistakes. Hoping the brother from Irion has regulated his prices in the line, and found out that beds in Ft. Worth are worth fifty cents each night, and he must pay whether he sleeps or not, I am his Brother from Coke.

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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.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericktown, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was on 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.

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 Sanctie 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.

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TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

A colored woman named Carrie Matton was shot and killed at her home in Rogersville, Walker county, a colored suburb of Huntsville. Her head was literally blown off her body. A negro ex-convict named Asberry Spencer was arrested about a mile from town and locked up in the penitentiary.

Claude McLaren, a young man who has been an employe at a livery stable in Waco, was found recently in his room in a stupor. Efforts to restore him failed, and he died an hour after being found. Justice Earle held an inquest, and decided that the cause of the death was morphine, self-administered.

The Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph company has purchased the local telephone exchange at Beaumont, and the city council regranted the Southwestern company a franchise over the streets of the city, and the company will take charge at once and the long distance telephone will be put in.

The only homicide in Glen Rose, Somervell county, in fourteen years occurred several days ago. Harve Lane's head was nearly severed from the body with an ax. The blade entered the back, just below a line of the law. Lane fell a corpse. A party with whom Lane had a misunderstanding is in jail.

Wayne, the five-year-old son of W. E. Bradley, living six miles northwest of Big Sandy, Upshur county, was burned to death several days ago. His clothing caught fire while burning grass in his father's field. His two elder brothers were with him. They ran for their father, some distance away. He arrived too late. The child lived about two hours.

Recently a fire was discovered in the hay barn of Pittman, Harrison & Co., on Odneal street and along the spur of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway at Sherman. The building and its contents, 250 tons of hay, is a total loss, amounting to \$2000. There was \$1500 insurance on the hay and \$300 on the barn. The cause has not been definitely ascertained.

The building committee of the new church building for the Methodist Episcopal church, south, at Corsicana, which will cost when completed over \$20,000, have awarded the contract for the windows of the structure to a Kansas City firm. There were eight firms bidding for the contract, from Chicago, Memphis and Kansas City. The contract figures were not made public.

Timothy Chiles, colored, aged 15, met instant death near the intersection of High street and Washington avenue at Sherman recently. A half domesticated wolf escaped from Dupont Lyon's kennels, on Houston street, and the unfortunate boy was among those who mounted and went in pursuit. When near the point named above the wolf turned across the road, and the boy suddenly checked his pony to head the animal. The suddenness of the stop was such as to violently unsettle him. In falling his entire weight came down upon his neck, which was broken. He was dead before any assistance could be rendered him.

The following charters were filed at Austin recently: The Galveston East End Pier Wharf, Dock, Shipping and Terminal company of Galveston. Capital stock \$500,000. Purpose, constructing, maintaining and operating terminal railway companies, the railway terminals to be constructed along the line of approaches on the piers, docks and wharfs of the corporation's property connecting with any railways which desire to use said facilities. Estimated length of railways and connections ten miles. Incorporators: Sydney T. Fontaine, J. E. Boren, S. G. Kelkirk, J. R. Cheek, C. J. McRae, W. B. Kinkead, G. A. Meyer, Fred Shase, M. B. Henderson of Galveston and J. E. Newton of Sour Lake. The Chapman Milling company of Sherman. Capital stock \$10,000. Purpose, to do a general milling business. Incorporators: R. A. Chapman, R. A. Chapman, Jr., and George F. Chapman. The Citizens Electric Light and Power company of Gonzales. Capital stock \$5000. Purpose, to supply electric light, heat and water power to the public. Incorporators: A. Kleine, Jr., W. B. Houston, Charles Berringer, L. C. Brunner and J. D. Sayers, Jr.

Several days since at Houston a fatal and desperate fight occurred over a game of cards in a saloon on Washington street between two negro men, in which Lee Dunn was stabbed twice. He died instantly.

REQUEST LEE'S RECALL.

Spanish Government Has Requested His Removal.

Washington, March 7.—The Spanish situation developed two new phases yesterday, when it became known the Spanish government had formally requested the recall of Consul General Lee from his post at Havana, to which request the United States had courteously but firmly refused to comply; also that the Spanish government had suggested the impropriety of sending relief to the Cuban reconcentrados on the cruiser Montgomery and gunboat Nashville, to which suggestion the United States had given a like answer in the negative.

The first intimation of these steps came in a brief but explicit cable dispatch from Madrid. Previous to its receipt, however, the authorities here had been fully conversant with the facts, although no intimation had been allowed to get to the public on either subject. The disclosures from Madrid left no further ground for reticence in Washington, and after a conference at the White House between the President, Assistant Secretary Day of the state department, and Secretary Long of the navy department, the following authorized statement was handed to a reporter by Judge Day, as comprising everything that was to be said by the administration on the subject:

The president will not consider the recall of Gen. Lee. He has borne himself throughout this crisis with judgment, fidelity and courage, to the president's satisfaction. As to the supplies for the relief of the Cuban people, all arrangements have been made to carry a consignment this week from Key West by one of the naval vessels, whichever may be best adapted and most available for the purpose, to Matanzas and Sagua.

Although the officials here are non-committal on the subject, it is believed that the request for Gen. Lee's recall was made at least a day or two ago, and that the Spanish government, after receiving the reply of the state department, has not insisted either upon Gen. Lee's recall or upon its contention that the relief supplies should not be sent to Cuba in naval vessels.

Beyond the foregoing, those who participated in the conference at the White House would not discuss the subject, and it was stated positively that the authorized statement comprised everything that would be given to any one.

A Duel in Rome.

Rome, March 7.—Signor Felice Carlo Cavalotti, poet, dramatist, publicist and the well-known radical member of the chamber of deputies for Cortona, was killed here yesterday afternoon in a duel with swords with Signor Macola, member of the chamber of deputies and editor of the Gazzetta de Venesia. The encounter was the outcome of a prores polemic in the columns of the Milan Zecolo and the Gazzetta de Venesia. It took place at an unfrequented spot outside the Porta Maggiore. Signor Macola's seconds were the Deputies Signor Guido Businatone, professor at the University of Turin and member for Feltre, and Signor Carlo Donati, advocate and member for Lonigo. Signor Cavalotti's seconds were Signor Blzoni, the publicist, and Signor Tassi, member of the chamber of deputies. Shortly before the meeting Signor Cavalotti seemed in excellent spirits, and joked with his seconds. When the word was given he attacked his opponent vigorously. The first two engagements were without result, but in the third Signor Cavalotti received a thrust in the throat that severed his juglar. At first it was thought he was only slightly injured, but the gravity of the wound was soon perceived on his putting his hand to his mouth. He withdrew it covered with blood, and could not utter a word. The doctor and his seconds carried him to Zoelino and laid him on a bed at the residence of the Countess Celere. Tracheotomy was performed and artificial breathing attempted, but all efforts were useless. Signor Cavalotti expired in ten minutes, without speaking again. Signor Macola did not receive a scratch.

The news, on reaching the city, caused a great sensation. Numerous deputies and friends hurried to the scene, and there is universal regret over the tragic end of Cavalotti.

Judge Hendred Dead.

Staunton, Va., March 7.—Judge John Newton Hendren, who was treasurer of the Confederate States, died at his residence near here Saturday. He was the son of John Hendren, a noted Presbyterian divine and educator, and was born in Augusta county, Virginia, seventy-five years ago. He was an A. M. of the University of Virginia, and a prominent lawyer; was a master commissioner in chancery, and judge of the county court for many years until removed by readjusters when they obtained control of the state government.

Fire in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 7.—One of the most exciting fires the Pittsburg department has ever been called upon to fight occurred at 614 Webster avenue yesterday. One woman was suffocated and five other people so badly burned that three may die. Three families were penned in a ramshackle building the stairs having been eaten away by the flames while they slept.

Following is the result of fifteen minutes' captivity:

Dead—Mrs. Dominic Enrielle, aged 30, suffocated.

Injured—Harry Levin, aged 16, burned about the face, arms and shoulders; injuries possibly fatal.

Lillian Levin, aged 6, burned about the hands, feet and face; condition serious.

Max Verlinek, aged 22, his wife, burned about the neck, feet and face; injuries serious.

Ethel Verlinek, aged 8 months, burned about the hands, head and body; will probably die.

Elizabeth Levin, aged 18, hurt internally.

Rita Levin, aged 3 years, thrown from second story window; badly bruised.

The building at No. 614 Webster avenue is a three-story brick tenement, old and shaky. On the first floor and in the rear of the second floor lived Samuel Levin with his wife and seven children. On the second floor front lived Dominic Enrielle and his wife. On the third floor lived Max Verlinek with his wife and 8-months-old baby.

The fire started in Levin's dining-room, in the rear of the first floor. It burned through the door and up the stairway and in a very short time the entire building was in flames. Only lightning-like work of the rescuing firemen prevented a tenement house horror.

ACTIVITY AT THE NAVY.

Workmen are Busily Engaged Repairing Cruisers.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 7.—Yesterday was a repetition of last Sunday in the general activity at League island navy yard. Workmen were busily engaged upon the cruiser Minneapolis, the monitor Miantonomah and the ram Katahdin. In addition work was going on in the mold loft and several forges were in operation in the blacksmith shops. The utmost reticence prevailed among the force of sailors and workmen at the yard, and it was impossible to obtain any official opinion as to the details of the work going on. It was evident, however, that all work was being pushed as rapidly as possible. The work on the Minneapolis and Miantonomah was all below decks and was said to consist of repairs and inspection of machinery. On the Katahdin the standards for the rapid fire guns were being erected and some small repairs were going on below. The work in the mold loft consisted of attention to small boats and spars. The immense crowds which flocked to the naval station last Sunday were largely increased yesterday, but no one was allowed to get close to the warships. Sentries were posted at the entrance to the wharves, and only workmen and those on business were allowed inside the lines. The old single turret monitors in the channel, relics of the late war, were an attraction to thousands and their decks were crowded all day. It was reported that five of these vessels will be taken out of their berths as soon as possible and tested with modern guns aboard. Those now in the turrets are of the old smooth bore kind. The information as to the trial of these boats came from one of their men, and was not official. The boats which it is said will be tried are the Montauk, Jason, Manhattan, Lehigh and Canonicus. The purpose of the trial with modern guns is to determine whether they will maintain their center of gravity sufficiently well enough to be available for use in any emergency. It was also reported yesterday that the cruiser Columbia, now in dry dock, had received orders to sail for Key West as soon as possible. This could not receive official verification. The cruiser has had her bottom scraped and the work of painting her will begin to-day.

Demand on Russia.

London, March 7.—On Friday last Yano Fumi, Japanese minister to China, demanded an official signed assurance of the payment of the indemnity due next May. The Chinese government instructed Yang Yu, the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg, to urge Russia to evacuate Port Arthur. Russia deferred a decision, alleging that the presence of Russian warships at Port Arthur was beneficial to China and favorable to peace in the orient.

The Arkansas Central railroad, being built from Fort Smith to Little Rock, will soon be completed.

TRAGEDY IN TEXARKANA.

The Participants in the Affray Were Italian Barbers.

Texarkana, Tex., March 7.—The fiercest street battle ever witnessed in Texarkana occurred here just before dark yesterday afternoon. Five men were engaged in the desperate fight, one of whom was killed outright, another mortally wounded, the third seriously injured, while the other two are in hiding and the extent of their wounds is not known.

The casualties: Vinson Graviano, dead, shot through the heart; S. Graviano, mortally wounded, shot through the breast, shoulder, arms and leg; Pete Darrigo, seriously wounded in the groin and leg.

The tragedy occurred in that part of the city known as Swam Poodle, and the participants were Italian barbers. A man and his son-in-law were disputing in front of Antonio Columbus' saloon and were about to come to blows when two men, brothers came up, and attempted to stop the argument. The first two then turned upon the other two, and both sides drawing revolvers, the battle was soon in progress.

More than thirty shots were fired. The man who was killed was floored with a blow by his antagonist, who grabbed his pistol. The fatal shot entered his body. The man and his son-in-law fled and are still at large.

Attempted Burglary.

Denison, Tex., March 7.—Saturday night about 11 o'clock a burglar entered the lodging house of Mrs. Mary E. Allen, 411 West Sears street, and entering the apartments of Conductor J. R. Kramer, was in the act of wrapping up the silverware to carry it off when Chester Crockett, a stepson of Mr. Kramer, entered the room. Young Crockett's room adjoins the one in which the silverware was standing, where the silverware was stored. When he entered the room he heard the dog in the net room growling, and some other noise. Thinking it was his younger brother, Clarence Crockett, he opened the door and looked in. A man was standing bending over a package of silverware, wrapping it up. Hearing the door open, the intruder looked up quickly, and observing young Crockett, threw a missile at him. The lad dodged it, and seeing the man was a stranger, and discovering at a glance his business in the house, he stepped to the dresser a few feet away, secured his revolver and, stepping to the door, fired at the intruder as he was escaping by the back door. The would-be robber closed the door behind him, and a second shot from the revolver passed through a panel of the door. He opened the door and fired a third shot at the retreating burglar as he cleared the back fence at a bound.

Young Crockett says he believes the man who entered the house to be a darky, and describes him as rather large and tall. In the dining-room where the man was discovered all the valuable silverware belonging to Mrs. Kramer was found wrapped up in Nappkins and table linens, and in the back yard were two packages of silver knives and forks dropped by the burglar in his hasty retreat.

The Jacksonville Extension.

Bridgeport, Tex., March 7.—Chief Engineer R. W. Daly, who has completed the preliminary survey from this place to Jacksboro, will reach Bridgeport to-night with his full corps, and will proceed at once to locating that line. Mr. Baker, the vice president of the Rock Island railway, is expected in Bridgeport this evening. It is now pretty well settled in the minds of the people here that work will be commenced on the grading inside of fifteen days. It is also stated here on pretty good authority that work will be commenced during this month on the repair shops for the Rock Island at this place. The citizens are co-operating with Decatur in the effort to get the McKinney Western via Denton, Decatur and on to Bridgeport. We confidently expect the road to be built in the near future. Bridgeport is enjoying a season of prosperity at present, more business being done than at any time in its history. New buildings are going up, and others under contemplation, and a residence can not be found in the town that is for rent. Many others could be rented if built.

Shot Himself.

Corsicana, Tex., March 7.—Mr. Hugh Kerr, a young druggist doing business on East Collin street, while handling a revolver in his room in the residence part of the city, shot himself in the left breast, about two inches above the heart, the ball passing directly through the body and coming out at the back, just below the shoulder blade. Doctors attended him immediately after the accident, and pronounced the wound extremely dangerous.

Look Out, Spain.

"What," asks the Browning, Mo., Leader-Record, "would a Spanish regiment do with a boy like this? One down in Taney county ran out of shot while out hunting, but happened to have his 'law' marble along with him and he loaded his gun with it and killed a deer on his way home."

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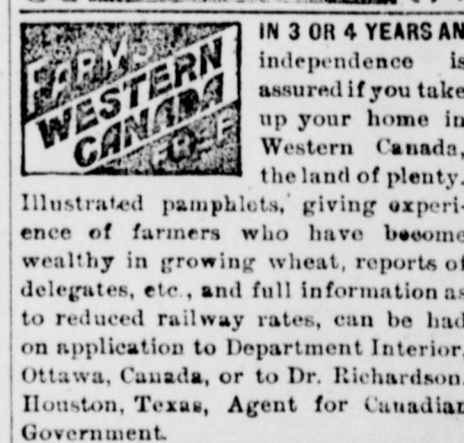
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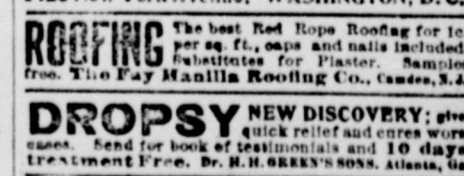
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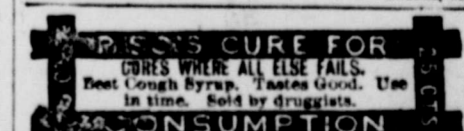


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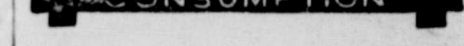
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FARM AND STOCK ITEMS.

Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri took 20,000 calves from Texas last autumn and would be glad to get that many more now if they were to be had.

Curtis Bros. recently bought of Thomas Trammell of Sweetwater, 7500 head of stock cattle, located in Travis county, New Mexico, for \$140,000.

The farmers in Parker county are in the midst of corn planting notwithstanding a cold wave which struck this section recently, forming ice one-eighth of an inch thick, but as it is very dry no apprehension is felt for the safety of the fruit crop which will be enormous unless killed later on.

Capt. W. H. Getzenauer, one of the largest land owners in Ellis county is confident that that county will raise a good crop the coming year. He said: "The farming lands are all in good condition now; the oat crop is looking first rate; there is an increase in the oat and wheat acreages this year. Both oats and wheat look healthy and there is a good stand of each."

It is stated by an authority from San Antonio that southern cattle would be worth \$4 per head more if it could be shown that they were free from infection. He trusted that the coming spring and summer would settle the matter, with the assistance of the dipping vats, and that suitable action would be taken by the department of agriculture to insure the opening of the markets of the north to the cattle raisers of south Texas during a reasonable time every year, if not the total extinction of the quarantine line.

Some of the new settlers who have recently come into the Scurry county district are in very poor circumstances, but poorly provided with either money, farming implements or live stock. They, of course, receive assistance from their neighbors, the older settlers, but it has been quite a burden on the latter during the past six months to provide for so many destitute strangers. Farming in many parts of the Panhandle is hazardous for poor men, for a short crop means suffering, and although a good year pays well, as large a profit probably being made as could be made in any part of the United States, still the country is, strictly speaking, a grazing and not an agricultural country.

Mr. William Botts, of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, was in Corsicana several days since, on the outlook for land for the purpose of planting it with pecans. In speaking of the pecan culture he said: "The demand in the markets east and north, and even in Europe, for this American nut has been growing year after year, and it is evident to my mind that the supply of wild nuts will not be equal to the demand in a few years. There are a few pecan plantations in the country, but they will not be sufficient to meet the demand for the nuts, even with the wild supply added. I believe there is money in pecan culture, and if returns are not immediate, they will come after awhile. If I can get such lowlands as I wish in this section, which I regard as peculiarly adapted to the successful cultivation of the nut, I will put out at least 100 acres in young trees. Texas is no doubt the best country for pecan culture in the world, and that is why I have come on a prospecting tour here. We have plenty of nuts in Louisiana, but they do not class with the Texas nut in the eastern markets."

The fat cattle at the Paris, Tex., oil mill pens are now commencing to find their way to market. E. B. Harrold of Fort Worth, who has between 8000 and 10,000 head feeding there now, proposes to ship about five trains a week over the Frisco to St. Louis and some probably to Chicago. The trains are expected to leave Paris on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week until the stock is all shipped. It is said that these cattle are in prime order for market. Capt. Moore, of the Frisco, is of the opinion that Mr. Harrold will keep up his supply of feeders at Paris during the continuance of the present satisfactory prices for beef stock prevailing in the northern markets. Capt. Moore states that Texas heaves are fast growing in estimation north, and that in no long time they will rank with the products of those northern ranges, which have always commanded a much higher price than those from Texas. He thinks that the feeding pens have done much for Texas stock this year, and although he is by no means certain that meal-fed stock will ever bring fully the price commanded by the corn-fed animal, he says that some magnificent market cattle have left the Paris mills this year for St. Louis.

Two Tramps Asphyxiated.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 5.—Four men, homeless and known to the world as tramps, slept the sleep that knows no waking in a box car in the suburbs of Fort Worth Thursday night, and two others are now lingering between life and death, caused by accidental asphyxiation.

The rising of this morning's sun witnessed the staggering of a man toward St. Joseph's infirmary, which is about a mile and three-quarters south of the city. His name was Charles F. Ryan, who gave his residence as Boston. He hastened, as best he could, being in a weak condition, to the institution to tell of the awful quadruple tragedy which had occurred in a refrigerator car standing on a side track several hundred yards back from the infirmary. He managed to state that he, together with five other laboring men, had found their way to a Houston and Texas Central refrigerator car Thursday night about 8 o'clock; that the party had congregated there by mere accident, had enclosed themselves in the car and had secured a tin vessel and had built in it a fire; that they talked until about 10 o'clock, the fire still burning when they fell asleep.

His relation of the awful fate of the party was to the effect that he was awakened about 6 o'clock yesterday morning on account of a very peculiar feeling, saying that he experienced weakness and seemed to be dazed. He realized, he says, that the atmosphere was charged with something which caused him to have this peculiar drowsy and inactive feeling and he got to one of the car doors and opened it as quick as possible. He came back and attempted to awaken the men in the car with him, but discovered that they were all dead except one. The survivor's name was James Taylor and life in him was almost extinct. After the pure air was admitted Ryan said he fully regained his consciousness, though very weak, and then it was that he made haste to the infirmary to tell the terrible tale.

Those who responded saw a ghastly sight. On the floor in the interior of the car four robust dead men lay. Their faces were swollen and darkened and there were clots of blood in the ears, noses and eyes of two, and the faces of the others were badly distorted and disfigured from the vile air inhaled and by ejection from the stomach. Alongside of these four dead victims was the fifth man, who seemed doomed to the inevitable. He (Taylor) was immediately removed to the hospital, where he shortly showed signs of resuscitation. In the car was a fifty-pound round lard can, which had been filled with klinker from burnt coal in which the fire was made.

ALMOST REAL TRAGEDY.

Audience Thought It Was a Realistic Part of the Play.

Greenville, Tex., March 5.—Theatergoers at the opera house Thursday night were almost treated to a bit of real tragedy. A company was presenting a military drama, entitled "For Liberty and Love." In the scene where Carlotta Cassanova bids farewell to Capt. Navarro before, as a prisoner, he is to be shot by order of with a machete, appeared in view and Tertucha, suddenly Tertucha, armed said, "Take him off the stage." He repeated this when Capt. Navarro began an effort to unfasten his hands, which were tied behind his back. The audience thought it was a realistic part of the play until the star stepped between the men and said, "Gentlemen, none of this on the stage." Tertucha flourished the machete and called out, "I'll cut him in two." Mrs. Capt. Navarro, who was in the dress circle, arose and ran behind the scenes and the star called for the police. The curtain was lowered and Marshal Velin ran behind the scenes, where he found the two men in fighting attitudes, with their wives crying and keeping between, and also giving each other rather uncomplimentary epithets. Tertucha then came before the curtain and told the audience that he was the author of the play, and knew when the lines were correctly rendered, and that Navarro had mixed matters. After half an hour the curtain was raised and the piece was concluded.

Steamer Service.

Galveston, Tex., March 5.—Wm. Parr & Co. announce another steamship service, which has the possibility of being an all-the-year affair. The line is to ply between Galveston and Rotterdam, and is inspired in part by the success of the Diedericksen line between Galveston and Antwerp, and partly by the fact that Rotterdam is one of the best distributing points of the European continent. The line is composed of three steamers, running under the Dutch flag.

FOR HAVANA.

The Court of Inquiry Left on the Mangrove.

Key West, Fla., March 5.—After two postponements of its departure, the court of inquiry left for Havana yesterday evening on the lighthouse tender Mangrove. It is believed by the best informed here that the court will complete its labors in the Cuban capital within ten days.

Only three of the six days the court was here were devoted to the work of investigation. The inactivity of Thursday and yesterday is still unexplained, except by the semi-official statement that Rear Admiral Seward was awaiting instructions from Washington. The sessions, it is generally understood, developed no evidence by which the court could definitely determine the cause of the explosion.

A naval officer in close touch with the members of the court said to a correspondent: "With one exception the witnesses who testified here were Maine survivors. The evidence, though in most cases taking longer to tell, can be summed up in the words of an enlisted man, who, when Judge Advocate Marix asked him what he knew about the explosion, replied: 'Sir, I was blown up; I was saved, and I'm here.' That was all he could swear to."

One important fact has been learned, however, which is this: Although the members of the court may have their individual theories, they are by no means prepared as a body to render a decisive verdict. The officer already quoted said: "If the court has yet heard any testimony which would enable it to decide intelligently that the Maine was blown up from external causes, I am the most mistaken man in the world. Before the coming Havana sessions are over it may secure such evidence, and possibly find that the blowing up was intentional. It will learn from the divers the actual condition of the ship after the explosion, as it has already learned from the survivors most of the details of the ship's condition before the explosion. With these bases thoroughly established, the court will hear more expert theoretical testimony, and then reach a verdict."

Texasiana Kiln Disaster.

Texarkana, Ark., March 5.—The disaster at the mills of the Central Coal and Coke company, in this city Thursday, proved to have been far more injurious to life and property than was at first suspected. The dry kiln which collapsed had just been built, and was the largest structure of its kind on the company's premises. It cost \$2000, and was supplied with every modern appliance. The whole kiln is a total loss. Besides the nine victims that were extricated from beneath the fallen building, it is known that three more are still buried in the debris. The task of rescue has been going on since the collapse, and large gangs of men have been placed upon the ruins and have been working night and day. Among the victims that have been thus far accounted for and saved are J. D. Howard, foreman; injured in leg and arms. The remaining eight victims are negroes: Gus Walton, head fractured, will die; Wm. Silde, foot mashed off; Wm. Smith, shoulder crushed; Louis Reeves, leg broken; Richard Bunting, leg snapped off; John Henderson, broken ankle; Levi Williams internal injuries; John W. Rabb, jaw broken. It is not known what could have caused such a wreck of the shed. It has only been built a few months, yet by some of the men who were familiar with the construction of all the company's outbuildings it was claimed that the kiln was improperly built, and would sooner or later succumb to the imperfections.

Foreman Howard had been at work in the kiln Friday with a force of twelve men. They were occupied moving the thirty-nine cars that were contained there. There were 117,000 feet of lumber in the cars, and it is thought that their movements produced such a jar that the building collapsed under the jar. It was the loaded cars that afforded a support for the falling shed, which would otherwise have been more effectual in crushing the men who so narrowly escaped with their lives.

Spanish Squadron.

London, March 5.—A letter just received here from Madrid says it is definitely reported there that a fresh Spanish squadron, destined for Cuba, is being organized at Cadiz. It consists of four iron-clads, the Carlos, V. Pelayo, Alfonso XIII and another, several gunboats and a trans-Atlantic steamer. Work is also proceeding upon the torpedo boat destroyers Prosperina, Audaz and Osada, and upon the torpedo boats Habana, zeta-mosa and Barcelo, which form the second torpedo boat flotilla which Spain is sending to Cuba.

Purchased War Vessels.

London, March 5.—Spain has purchased two cruisers which the Armstrongs have been building for Brazil, the Amazonius and a sister ship, unnamed, of 4000 tons each, 23 knots and ten guns. Spain is also negotiating for and will probably secure two cruisers of a similar type which have been building in France for Brazil. The Amazonius is ready for launching and her sister ship will soon be ready. The Spanish government is also endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition in England and on the continent for immediate use. The government of Spain seems to have funds, for it is understood to be paying a large part of the purchase money in cash, giving good security for the balance, these being the only terms upon which the Armstrongs would deal. Some weeks ago Spain attempted to purchase ships and supplies in England on credit from prominent firms having close relation with the government, but after inquiries the firms refused to give credit. Since then Spain has raised funds from some unknown sources. Diplomats in London express the belief that French financiers are helping the Spanish government. It is known that Spain is trying to purchase three other ships which are being built by the Armstrongs, but she has not yet succeeded in making a bargain, consequently there is still time if the United States wishes to forestall her. The United States could also forestall Spain in the purchase of other ships building in England and continental dock yards. While Chile denies that any of the ships ordered for that country are for sale, it is believed by naval constructors that Chile's best cruiser, the O'Higgins, which is just finished, could be purchased.

SUFFRAGE IN LOUISIANA.

The Colored People Appeal for Recognition.

New Orleans, La., March 5.—The executive committee of the McKinley and Hobart alliance, an organization of colored men, has addressed an appeal to the constitutional convention. It says:

"We realize that you have signally demonstrated your superior administrative abilities, that by reason of centuries of advancement over us you have become a more intelligent people, and we are willing to abide by the fruits of superior civilization, asking only that the legislation of the United States, the sense of justice inherently universal in the higher races and that the will of God, in whose sight all men are created equal, be not violently dealt with. We plead with you to grant us at least common rights and in the largest manner consistent with good government."

The suffrage committee made its report to the constitutional convention yesterday. The educational and property qualifications are the main features. Applicants for registration must be able to read and write and must make written application in English or his mother tongue, if not able to read and write he shall be entitled to vote if he, his wife, children or parents has property assessed not less than \$1500. No one not naturalized to the constitution shall be debarred voting.

Free Home Bill.

Guthrie, Ok., March 5.—Gov. Barnes returned yesterday from a six weeks' sojourn in Washington in the interest of the Territory. He says he fears the free home bill will be defeated in the house of representatives because of the opposition of eastern congressmen and of the agitation of agricultural college representatives who fear that the giving of free homes will cut down their revenues, which come from public lands. In regard to the appointment of additional judges for the Territory he said the three Democratic incumbents would likely hold some time as the president was very conservative in his action relating to the judiciary. All over the east the people are looking toward Oklahoma, he said, and a large immigration was sure to follow this spring.

Dolphin Being Repaired.

New York, March 5.—Considerable hurry characterizes the work in the navy yard of getting the dispatch boat Dolphin into normal condition. She has been thoroughly overhauled and will be as spick and span as a brand-new boat by March 15. One hundred and fifty men are at work on her, and on March 24 Commander Lyons will hoist his flag and the Dolphin will be once more in commission. She has been refitted with new engines, boilers, deck and spars.

Wife murderer Luetgert will make sausage in the Joliet penitentiary during his imprisonment.

THE BEAR GOT EVEN.

How a Grizzly Punished a Tormentor Who Thought He Was Smart.

The town of Medicine Hat, in Assiniboia, on the Canadian Pacific railroad, had, in 1894, an attraction in the shape of a captive grizzly bear. He was a hungry looking brute, about the size of an ordinary cow, and was chained to a post in the center of a strong log pen. The pen stood beside the tracks, about 200 feet from the station, and a recent rainstorm had made a veritable mudhole of it. The bear was an object of lively interest and curiosity to the townspeople, but more particularly to passengers of trains which stopped at Medicine Hat to change engines. One day early in August the east-bound overland pulled in, and in a few minutes the occupants of several coaches were viewing the grizzly, who was shuffling around his quarters, looking very innocent and unconcerned. His paws and shaggy gray coat were covered with mud, and bruin was not a thing of beauty, still he appeared contented and seemed to enjoy being on exhibition. Now, a miscellaneous crowd of men has, as a rule, at least one individual in it belonging to the class known as "smart Alecks." This gathering was no exception, and the aforementioned person soon manifested himself. He began by grunting at the bear and followed that up by throwing sticks and small stones at him. Failing to excite him by these means, he resorted to others. Fixing a handkerchief on a stick, he flaunted it in bruin's face and tickled him on the nose with it, then poked him in the ribs, but, save an occasional growl, the bear did not seem to mind his tormentor. One or two gentlemen now advised the funny man to desist, suggesting that his bearship's patience probably had limits. Ignoring the friendly warning, the fellow waxed bolder and, coming close up to the pen, thrust an arm in between the logs. Then the long-suffering bear saw his opportunity and improved it. Suddenly and with startling swiftness he reared on his hind legs until he loomed high above the astonished man, and then with a deep growl of anger he struck fiercely at his persecutor. For a breathless second the man stood bereft of the power of motion; then with a scream of fright he tried to draw back, but too late. The enormous bear caught his arm in a glancing fashion, shredding his coat and shirt sleeves and scoring several ugly scratches in the flesh, while an avalanche of mud and filth descended on his luckless head, fairly obliterating his features and thickly smearing the whole upper part of his person. The bear's revenge was complete. Swift and sudden justice had been meted out, and the smart man made his way to the train, while some unfeeling men in the crowd laughed outright, and the grizzly lay down with what resembled a sigh of relief. The Canadian Pacific east-bound overland bore that day a man who was not only sadder and wiser, but whose propensity for "stirring up the animals" had received a decided shock.

THE IDEAL HOSTESS.

Perception, Patience and Tact Some of the Qualities Necessary.

Ideal hostesses are rare and opinions differ as to what constitutes them, no two definitions being exactly alike. In a recent discussion of the subject several society women recited their ideals of the various qualities an ideal hostess should possess, as follows: She must make you feel individually that you are the favored guest. She must make you feel perfectly at home. She must see everything and yet possess the art of seeming to see nothing. She must never look bored. She must know how to keep conversation always going. She must never let anyone be slighted or overlooked. She must know when to ask the amateur musician to display his or her talents. She must be perfectly unselfish about her own pleasures. She must not neglect her guests, and at the same time must not give them too much of her society. She must remember that nothing is so tiresome, so surely death to all enjoyment, as the feeling that one is being "entertained." In short, the ideal hostess must, above everything, possess patience, and that almost indescribable quality known as tact.

Asia's Secrets.

Asia is generally regarded as having been the earliest home of man, yet its interior is still one of the most mysterious parts of the globe. That many unknown things remain to be discovered there is indicated by the results of the recent journeys of Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer. In the region containing the lake called Lob Nor he came upon a tribe of half-savage shepherds who were unknown even to the Chinese. And besides more than a score of salt-water lakes, and the ruins of two ancient cities, he discovered a great range of mountains, whose loftiest peak, named by Mount Oscar, is 24,000 feet high, nearly 8,000 feet higher than Mount Blanc, the giant of the Alps.

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Each week brings new comers to some part of the county, and not since the rash for the first two or three years after the county's organization has there been such a tide of emigration to this county, and most of which are of the best class of people.

The war excitement has run high during this week all over the United States. It has looked like it could not possibly be averted at times, and it may be declared at any time yet. Both the United States and Spain are rapidly preparing for war, and unless a change in the situation in a short time, it may be expected.

Chairman Blake says that the "test" adopted by the democratic executive committee is only advisory, and not mandatory, and that county committees can vary as they think best, yet as the test adopted is the official expression of the party, he will request compliance therewith by the county committees.

With another good crop year, the building of the railroad, and other good developments, we can expect a large inflow of people into this county during the next twelve months. The county's population has increased considerably during the past few months, and of a very desirable character, and with these things sure, a genuine boom is to be looked for.

"One good thing brings more." The building of the Colorado Valley railroad has perhaps been the cause of valuable mineral water being discovered at Sweetwater. The analysis show the water discovered to be about the same as the Friedrichshall water, and is useful in diseases of the stomach, liver and urinary organs. The well in which the water was found belongs to Mr. J. T. McHan.

Prof. W. L. Grogan, of the Sweetwater Review, has announced as a candidate for representative of the 106th district. His platform contains a number of reforms, but his position on the land question especially commends him to the consideration of the people of his district. To allow this question to be subject to legislation at each meeting of the legislature, is only retarding the development of the west.

The Land Question.

As the candidates for the State legislature begin to crop out, with them comes the question of a change in the laws in regard to the purchase and lease of the school and other public lands of the state.

In our opinion, the present law is not perfect, and doubtless need amendments, but are not the dangers to the public interests greater in keeping the question an unsettled one, than the defects of the present law can bring, if administered in an impartial manner?

Of course the question is a complicated one, as interests are divided, and each division, at present, differing materially from the other—the public schools and other institutions fostered by the state, the farming elements demanding the lands at a rate which they can afford to pay to establish homes upon, the stock raisers who want the use of the lands at a nominal annual rental for grazing purposes—all of which are of a conflicting nature under conditions now.

That the farming and stockraising interests must form closer alliances to conform themselves to conditions which are surely coming—that of converting the products of the farm and ranch into a marketable and finished food supply at home, which can only be done by the hearty co-operation of these two industries, no one who has kept a watch on the changing conditions can deny.

To legislate more in favor of one or the other of these interests only hastens or prolongs the time of this change, therefore, an enactment of law of a compromising nature is the safest, and will assist in the gradual adoption of the coming conditions.

Where the present law is in conflict with this principle, properly administered, it should be amended, and when so fixed, it should be let alone.

Then the three interests involved can move along in some degree of certainty, and not languish, waiting some would-be legislators pet measure, which if enacted only lasts until the next meeting of legislature, thus keeping the interests at war with each other which ought to be closer allied.

The people, the future welfare of the West, the best interests of the public schools and other institutions dependent upon the correct solution of the land question, are demanding a settlement of the affair, and a lasting settlement.

A few more complications and the average citizen will begin to abhor the name of "school land," for he will know that nothing short of the best legal council and a test in the higher courts can remove the cloud upon his title, even if the Great state of Texas is the vendor.

Chairman Bradley has called a meeting of the People's Party state executive committee, which convened at Waco on last Thursday, the object being to select a time and place for holding the state convention.

Col. Dick Wynne opened his gubernatorial campaign last week at Fort Worth, and the Hon. M. M. Crane at Temple. This opens the fight, and by warm weather the various candidates will be going into every portion of the state doing their best work for votes.

We learn that Ed Good and Sam Neff have bought all the town lots here owned by J. J. Sayers. Consideration \$400.

Railroad News.

Samuel Joseph, the millionaire railway material broker of Cincinnati, was here Monday closing a contract with the Colorado Valley Railway Company, by which he will furnish at once 80 miles of steel rails and a train of cars and a fine locomotive.—Review.

The directors, elected at the Stock-holders meeting of the Colorado Valley Railway Co., last Tuesday morning, convened in the afternoon of the same day and elected the following officers for ensuing year: C. B. Holmes, President; Irving Wheatcroft, V. P. and General Manager; D. S. Arnold, Secretary; L. B. Holmes, Treasurer; Geo. G. Moore, Chief Engineer. A review of the affairs of the Company showed that the conditions of the company are very satisfactory and that progress in building the road southward will be speedy.

A proposition was placed before the directors asking them to take an interest in the construction of a Union depot and Hotel at this place provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with property owners here. The proposition was accepted.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Sweetwater Board of Trade, expressing the gratitude of the directory for the hearty cooperation and kind words, of the Board in aiding the Company in their work. The resolution was spread on the minutes of the meeting and a copy ordered sent to the Board of Trade.—Review.

A representative of the Reporter ran across Manager Wheatcroft and Superintendent Moore at the Windsor Hotel yesterday, and in conversation with them in regard to the progress of the road they stated that everything was moving along smoothly.

The track laying force, said Superintendent Moore, will be increased, and that they now have the track completed and in fine shape to Adaville. New contracts are being let and the grading force are pushing things out their way to a finish. Enough material is expected to arrive in a few days to complete the road to the 25 mile point.

"Say also," said Mr. Wheatcroft "that the next dirt broken will be one of the three routes: The Water valley, Robert Lee and San Angelo, or Ballinger and Paint Rock, and if the citizens of these respective places want the road they had better get a move on themselves. You can also state that the brass checks paid out by the company are redeemable on the first of each month only, either at the bank or company's office.—Reporter.

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Mr. S. S. Craddock "dropped a dollar in the slot" Tuesday, and said let the RUSTLER keep coming. Thanks.

Mrs. J. D. Davis and Miss Lessie Storm are visiting friend and relatives in Brown county this week.

If you want a free sample of Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment, read the ad in this issue.

Assessor H. E. Johnston paid San Angelo a business trip the first of the week.

Rev. R. M. Cumbie and N. C. Lucas were representing the Broute neighborhood here Thursday.

The Sanco people have been making considerable improvements during this winter. Each week we see loads of lumber passing through for various ones in that neighborhood.

If you want to shear your sheep later in the spring, or earlier in the fall, use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment, it heals the shearing cuts and prevents Screw Worms.

A nice rain Thursday and Friday made all interests smile again.

J. J. Sayers was here a few days again this week.

WANTED:—A Lady correspondent, matrimonially inclined. Address A. B., care Box No. 146, Robert Lee, Texas.

Quite a number of our subscribers have paid up on subscriptions during the past two or three week, but we have a large number behind yet, which we would be pleased if they would do like wise. Call and settle up, we are badly in need of the money.

When shearing your sheep use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment on the cuts, it prevents Screw worms, heals the wound and saves sheep.

F. M. Burnett, formally of this county, but now of Scurry county was in town one day last week. He says the people, or a good part of them up in Scurry county are in a bad condition.

Prof. F. E. Thomas and J. B. Acres, of Roscoe, came down Wednesday. The Prof's school closed at the above place last week, and Mr. Acres is looking at the country here.

When branding stock use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment on the brands. It takes out the inflammation in twenty-four hours, peels the brand without bleeding and thereby prevents Screw Worms.

Tax Notice.

On April the 1st the tax books will be closed, and all parties who have not done so are requested to call and pay their taxes before that date, and save costs.

Respectfully,
L. B. MURRAY,
Tax Collector.

Arkansaw Smith only sells for the Cash—got no book keeper or bill collector.

G. S. McClesky, the blacksmith, has just received a full supply of material horse shoes, wagon timbers, etc., and is fully prepared to do your work.

Quite a number of wagon passed through town Tuesday on their way to San Angelo with cotton. There were some eighteen or twenty bales, and was purchased on the farms by J. R. Day, the Brownwood cotton buyer, who was here for several days last week. We learn that he bought in the Sanco neighborhood about seventy-five bales.

A nice rain fell here Thursday night and Friday, which will push the grass and put a better season in the ground for farming operations.

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.

Another barber shop going up, and will be conducted by Mr. Jack Crockett. Mr. Crockett worked at the barber business here several years ago.

I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefor, I desire to inform you that I will never be without it and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your Remedies are held by people in general. It is the one remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. R. Downey, Editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by Ed M. Mobley.

Quite a number of our local cattlemen left Sunday for Ft. Worth to attend the cattle convention, among them were W. C. Barron, W. E. Ingram, Tom Chaney, J. G. McCulloch, W. A. Stepp, Chas. Roe, D. L. Buchanan and others.

It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide-awake drug firm of Meyes & Eshleman, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Eshleman: "In my sixteen years' experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." Sold by Ed M. Mobley.

Wiley Byrd made the cash drawer ring Tuesday by dropping a couple of wheels therein. He sends a copy of the RUSTLER to a friend in Eastland county.

We hear quite a number of persons mentioned as probable candidates for county offices, but until a formal announcement they are not known to be a candidate.

A man stands no chance of being elected to this mayorship of a city unless he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. Geo. W. Humphrey is the popular mayor of Swanton Ohio, and under date of Jan. 17, 1896, he writes as follows: "This is to certify to our appreciation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My family and neighbors have tested it, and we know it is an excellent remedy for coughs and colds.—George W. Humphrey." Sold by Ed M. Mobley.

Mr. I. C. Williams, north of town, informs us that he is a sheepman now, having recently purchased about one hundred head.

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.

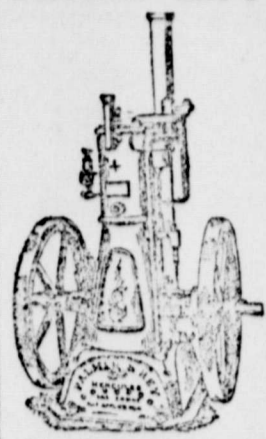
Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to trade, hire or deal in any manner with Pery N. Sumrall, a minor, without my consent. If so, I will not allow the the transaction to stand.

W. W. Sumrall.

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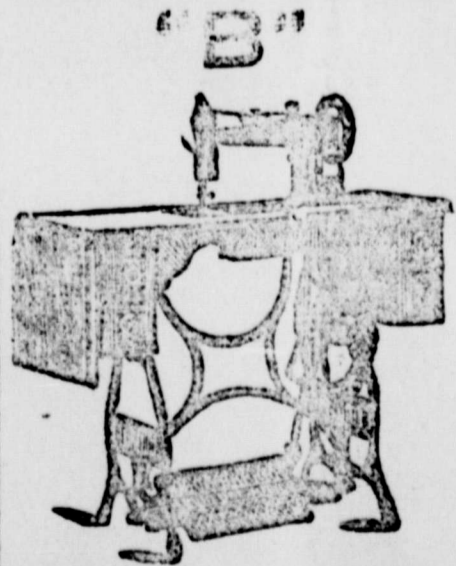
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DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm—A Few Hints to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry

Care of Dairy Utensils.

The direct use of steam for sterilizing is very common. In many factories and dairy houses there is, adjoining the wash sink, a table in the center of which is a steam jet, and when cans are washed they are inverted over this jet and steamed for a few minutes. This method of steaming answers the purpose fairly well in certain cases, as when a large number of cans are washed and a special room is provided for the purpose, or the steam jet is under a hood which conducts the escaped steam to a pipe leading out of the building. Special care should be taken to make the exposure long enough, but one using this system is liable to make the time too short. Another objection to it is that the steam does not come in direct contact with the outside as well as the inside of the cans. More perfect work is accomplished by a steam chest, in which the smaller utensils, such as cans, pails, dippers, glass jars, etc., may be placed and entirely surrounded with steam as long as desired. A galvanized iron chest from 3 to 5 feet each in dimension is large enough to hold the utensils, except vats and machinery ordinarily used in a creamery or cheese factory. When many cans are to be cleaned, the chest should be large enough to hold a dozen or more at a time. All joints must be made as close as possible. The doors should be large, so that utensils may be easily put into and removed from the chest. At the top of the steamer there should be an escape pipe 2 or 3 inches in diameter and passing out of doors. The flow of steam through this may be controlled by a valve, and each time the steam is turned off a few moments should be given to allow most of it to escape from the chest through this long pipe before the door is opened. If this is not done, the operator may be severely scalded by opening the door while the steam is still under pressure. Steam should be admitted at the bottom, and the bottom should have enough incline to cause all water formed by condensation to run off through a trapped pipe leading to a drain. About six inches above the bottom a movable false bottom of strong wire netting or iron framework may be placed, on which the articles are put in an inverted position.

If more room be required and the articles are small, shelves similar to the movable bottom may be used. Several different materials are employed for constructing steam chests. Wood gives good satisfaction when the chest is often used. It should be firmly bound to prevent bad results from warping. Galvanized iron is a common material, and copper is sometimes used. If a metal be used, the door should be double to make it rigid. A convenient method of steaming utensils on a large scale is to have, instead of a tank a steam closet, the floor of which is on a level with the main floor of the building. A light truck with skeleton bottom and side may be loaded with articles from the wash tanks and quickly rolled into the closet, steamed and the utensils taken to their proper places with very little handling. Such a saving of work amounts to a great deal in a large factory. Steaming is often omitted for the want of a suitable chest or closet. If no better method is available, an ordinary wooden box with a tight-fitting cover may be easily and cheaply arranged.

Every dairy utensil should be frequently sterilized, and nothing is better for this purpose than superheated steam direct from the boiler. Not an inconsiderable amount of steam is needed for this purpose and for heating water, and, when necessary, the building, and these facts should be borne in mind when a boiler is purchased, care being taken to have its capacity greater than required by the engine, so that steam can be had at any time for these other purposes. But, if desired, small boilers may be obtained for furnishing steam for heating water and sterilizing only, their cost being \$25 or upward, according to size. Such a boiler is especially recommended for any factory or large dairy not already equipped with them.

Fancy Poultry Establishments.

What is suitable for one place and condition will not be suitable to other places and other conditions, as a matter of course. We can hardly expect to see a fancy poultry establishment on a farm plastered with mortgages, or even on a farm where the owner is making the struggle of his life trying to keep up with his ever-recurring expenses. But there are many farmers who have progressed far enough on the road to success to be able to take into consideration the question of adornment of the farm home. To such a one we would say, do not forget the poultry establishment, which may be made a thing of beauty. Many a housewife opposes the keep-

ing of poultry because she has in mind the old poultry house, cold, damp and dirty. She remembers the fence of pickets or lath with unseemly rents here and there. She remembers how often the fowls have destroyed her hopes of a flower garden and sometimes made even the kitchen garden an uncertain factor. Therefore, when chickens are mentioned she scowls and says that she would rather be without fowls than have them. But no farm home should be without such an adjunct. An expenditure of a few hundred dollars will give houses and yards built after the most modern methods, and that will pay a big profit on the money invested. Then the wife and children will take a lively interest in the business of poultry raising and egg production. The advent of a new house for the fowls will usually mean the advent of new methods in the keeping of the fowls and ultimately the introduction of pure breeds. Poultry keeping will become a science worthy of study.

A farm is always benefited by such an establishment. If it is to be sold it will add to the value more than the cost of the improvement.

Poultry Show at Chicago.

The great poultry show held at Chicago Jan. 25 to 28 was a success, at least in its exhibits, and we hope financially. We think it was the finest ever held in this part of the country. The exhibits were on three floors, the barn-yard fowls having the first and third floors and the pigeons the second floor. It is seldom that one can see such a collection of pigeons, and it is safe to say that this feature was appreciated by the city people more than any other. It is a pity that country people could not have visited the show in larger numbers. The exhibits of all varieties of farm poultry was very good, and many of the birds were exceptionally fine. There was also a good exhibit of incubators, and these seemed to attract a good share of attention, both from city and country people. Among the exhibitors of incubators were the Reliable Incubator and Brooder Company of Quincy, Illinois, and the Successful Incubator, manufactured by the Des Moines Incubator Company of Des Moines, Iowa.

Big Figures.

People are pretending to figure out how much the poultry business of the United States is worth. It is estimated that the commerce of the country handles \$300,000,000 worth of poultry and poultry products annually. This is probably true, but it is all guesswork. Who has ever taken account of the immense quantities of such products bought and sold by the hundreds of thousands of little stores scattered all over the land? The big figures do not take account of the poultry consumed on the farms or by the families in the small towns and cities that raise poultry and produce eggs for their own use. There has been always one characteristic about fresh eggs—the prices are what the commercial world denominate as "firm." That is, there is always a demand for them, and prices remain good compared with other farm products. Especially is this true in the vicinity of towns and cities. The farmer has much to hope from poultry. He needs only to make more of a study of it. Poultry meat should be frequently found on the table of the farmer, for it is one of the most wholesome of foods.

Cotton Seed as Stock Food.

Repeated inquiries come to the Oklahoma Experiment Station as to the value of cotton seed as food for animals. There is a widespread fear that it is an unsafe food. There is some foundation for this feeling, but, used judiciously, cotton seed may be wisely fed to either cattle, horses or sheep—sometimes to hogs. Young stock are more liable to injury than older ones. Rarely is it wise to make this the only grain food. Long continued high feeding with cotton seed sometimes gives bad results. But where it is not practicable to have the seed sent to an oil mill, it certainly should not be allowed to go to waste. Its high percentage of oil and good amount of "flesh-forming material" makes it a good food to use in connection with straw, corn stover, etc. It is not advisable to let young calves, lambs or pigs have free access to the seed, but older animals, except hogs, may have a supply before them, if other grain or sufficient "roughness" is also given.

Poor Winter Butter.—One reason why much poor butter is made in the winter season is because the milk is set in some room adjoining the kitchen, where it is subjected to all the odors of the kitchen stove used in cooking meats and vegetables. These odors, with the heat from the stove, are absorbed by the milk, and as the cream has to be warmed so as to ripen, the germs thus admitted have the best possible chance to increase.

The Dairy Farmer.—The business of the dairyman does not begin and end with the care of the cows, but reaches into every detail of farm management. A dairy farm should become one which is unusually productive.—Mirror and Farmer.

Peanut vendors might be accused of working a shell game.

A FAMOUS BUILDING.

ONCE THE UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE MANSION.

Treaty of Trent's Birthplace—General Washington Assisted in Its Erection—President Madison Occupied It When the White House Burned.

Washington Letter to Philadelphia Times: One of the most interesting houses in the city of Washington is that which stands on the corner of New York avenue and Eighteenth street, commonly known as the "Octagon house." It is interesting on account of the fact that it was once used as the executive mansion. In 1798, Colonel John Tayloe, whose reputation seems to have been based largely on the fact of his being the richest man in Virginia, decided to build a home for himself and family in the city of Philadelphia, but owing to the persuasions of General Washington, changed his mind and built instead the Octagon house, in what was considered in those days a very out of the way portion of the city. General Washington assisted in making the plans and took the keenest interest in its erection. Colonel Tayloe entertained what was known as the unofficial set, which comprised some of the first families of Washington, but it was not until the burning of the white house in 1814 that it became a political center. Then it was that he removed his family to one of his Virginia plantations and offered to rent the house to President Madison, which offer was accepted. Although unoccupied for years, it stands today almost the same as it stood in the days when men and women of fashion thronged its rooms. On ascending a flight of stone steps and entering the broad doorway, one finds himself in a hall almost circular in shape; the marble tiling which once formed the floor is now superseded by pine boards; two stoves of antique pattern front each other from niches in opposite walls. Beyond is another hall, from which opens on the right the ball room where Dolly Madison held some of her famous receptions. Aside from the height of the ceilings and the size of the room there is nothing left to remind one of its ancient splendor



ONCE THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.

except a mantel piece of reputed value, some one having at one time offered \$500 for its possession. It is beautifully wrought in iron and was probably imported. Directly opposite the ball room is the dining room, where numberless guests have been entertained, while over the circular hall is a small room, also circular in shape, which was used by President Madison as an office. Here it was that the treaty of Ghent was signed. At the rear of the mansion is the garden, surrounded by a wall some ten or twelve feet high in height, parts of which are now in a tumble-down condition. It is recorded that in this garden may still be found traces of what were known as "nigger auction blocks," for Colonel Tayloe was a large slave owner, having had five hundred in his possession at one time. For years past the house has had an unenviable reputation, on account of the numerous ghost stories which are in circulation concerning the strange sounds heard within its walls. One of the stories afloat is that old Colonel Tayloe sealed within his cellar a creole woman and left her there to die. Her skeleton is said to be still entombed, and the supposed screams of the woman may yet be heard. Another story is that if any member of the Tayloe family should find a certain vault in the house it will necessitate the selling of the property, but if it is found by any one else all will be well. Efforts have been made to find the missing vault, yet its whereabouts remains a mystery. The watchman, who has lived there for seven years, claims, however, that he has never yet heard a sound which could be attributed to the supernatural. Nevertheless, there is one story which has the semblance of truth. While the Tayloes were occupying the house the doorbell rang one day, but the maid on answering it

could see no one. Again it rang, and this time the old colonel himself went; but there was no one there. Finally all the bells in the house started ringing and nothing could stop them. They continued ringing until the Tayloe family took their departure. The local papers noted the phenomenon at the time of its occurrence.

PERSISTENT IN THEIR LOVE.

Young St. Louis Couple Is Married After a Series of Disappointments.

A would-be bride and the young man of her choice, both of them under age, started out the other day in St. Louis to get married without their relatives' consent, but before they ended their quest they found that the simpler way of "asking father" at once would have been more expeditious. The instance of undirected zeal in a search after matrimonial bliss was furnished by Timothy Mullaly of 4251 Hunt avenue and Miss Nannie White of 4431 Swan avenue. Mr. Mullaly and his prospective bride called at the courthouse and applied for a marriage license. The clerk refused to entertain their request, however, because they were under age and unaccompanied by parents or guardian. The lovers were in no wise discouraged, but that afternoon made a pilgrimage to Clayton and there renewed their application for a license. Deputy Recorder Wetzel was even more hard-hearted than the St. Louis officer of matrimony, for he declined to accept their statement that they were of legal age. Their looks plainly belied their words, Mr. Wetzel declared. At this second failure Mr. Mullaly and Miss White were much downcast, but they brightened up when one who pitied their plight informed them that they could secure a license to wed at Alton. To the Illinois town the young couple quickly repaired. They applied to Justice Quarton for a license and were overjoyed when told he would issue one to them. They wanted to be married by a priest, however, as the young lady is a Catholic so they deferred purchasing the document until they could find out whether or not a priest would marry them. They called at the cathedral and saw Bishop Ryan, who, much to their dismay, declined to perform a ceremony. The couple must first se-

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO.

Delivers an Opinion Through the Hon. Josiah B. Allen.

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, April, 16, 1897.

The Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg Co.:

Gentlemen—I have been afflicted with a disease, commonly known as la grippe, every winter since that disease was discovered. I have tried many



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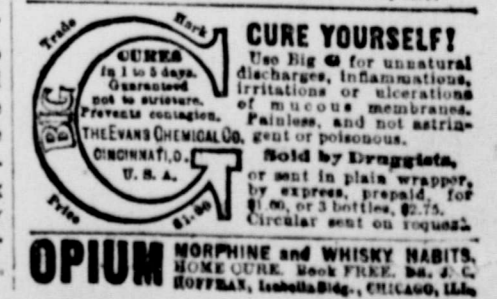


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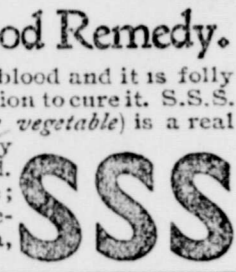
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Mr. William Walpole, of Walshtown, South Dakota, writes: "About three years ago, there came under my left eye a little blotch about the size of a small pea. It grew rapidly, and shooting pains ran in every direction. I became alarmed and consulted a good doctor, who pronounced it cancer, and said that it must be cut out. This I would not consent to, having little faith in the indiscriminate use of the knife. Reading of the many cures made by S. S. S., I determined to give that medicine a trial, and after I had taken it a few days, the cancer became irritated and began to discharge. This after awhile ceased, leaving a small scab, which finally dropped off, and only a healthy little scar remained to mark the place where the destroyer had held full sway.

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MRS. M. J. JAYROE.
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Everything gets out of order about the average man excepting his conscience.

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Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets.—Beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

It is surprisingly easy for a man to be worthless, and surprisingly easy for a man to think he is worthy.

PRES. McKinley vs. FREE SILVER.
A battle of giants is going to take place this summer on 20,000 farms in America, not in talk or votes, but in yields. Salzer's two new potato marvels are named as above, and he offers a price for the biggest potato yield, also \$400 in gold for suitable names for his corn (17 inches long) and oat pedigrees. Only seedsmen in America growing grasses, clovers and farm seeds and selling potatoes at \$1.50 a barrel. The editor urges you to try Salzer's Northern Grown Seeds, and to

Send This Notice with 10 Cts. in Stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., for 11 new farm seed samples, worth \$10.00, to get a start, and their big catalogue. w.a.h.

Cleverly handled, a bluff is a great thing, but there are so many bunglers.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

When a man gets out of a job, he at once goes back to his old home to make love to his girl.

FITS Permanently Cured. Naps or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. J. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Some men become such slaves to work that finally they cannot enjoy liberty.

MRS. PINKHAM CONQUERS BACKACHE.
Four Women Who Owe Their Present Happiness to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When I wrote to you last June, I was not able to do anything. I suffered with backache, headache, bearing-down pains, pains in my lower limbs, and ached all through my body. Menstruations were very painful. I was almost a skeleton. I followed your advice and now am well and fleshy, and able to do all my own housework. I took medicine from a physician for over a year, and it did not do me a particle of good. I would advise all suffering women to write to Mrs. Pinkham. She will answer all letters promptly, and tell them how to cure those aches and pains so common to women.—Mrs. C. L. WINK, Marquez, Texas.

I think it is my duty to write and let you know what your medicine has done for me. For two years I suffered with female weakness, bearing-down pains, headache, backache, and too frequent occurrence of the menses. I was always complaining. My husband urged me to try your Vegetable Compound, and I finally did. I have taken three bottles and it has made me feel like a different woman. I advise every woman that suffers to take your medicine and be cured.—Mrs. GARRETT LIGHTY, 612 S. Prince St., Lancaster, Pa.

I had suffered for over two years with backache, headache, dizziness, nervousness, falling and ulceration of the womb, leucorrhoea, and about every ill a woman could have. I had tried doctors, but with no success, and it seemed as though death was the only relief for me. After using five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and four packages of Sanative Wash, I am well. Have had no more pain, womb trouble, backache or headache.—Mrs. CLAUDIA HALPIN, Cream Ridge, N. J.

Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was afflicted with female complaints so that I could hardly walk. My back ached terribly, in fact, I ached all over. Was not able to raise myself up some of the time. I had no appetite and was so nervous that I could hardly sleep. I have taken but two bottles of your Compound and feel like another person, can now eat and sleep to perfection, in fact, am perfectly well.—Mrs. SUE McCULLOUGH, Adlai, W. Va.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; A Woman's Remedy for Woman's Ills



When some people get on their Sunday clothes, the people who see them on the streets begin to inquire who is dead.

Sound Money Discussions.

Between now and next presidential election there will be hosts of discussions of "sound money" and silver. However opinions may be divided on these points, there is but one universal opinion regarding the merits of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a remedy for malaria and liver trouble.

Without simplicity no human performance can arrive to perfection.—Swift.

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

We hope when we die it will be when we have a bad cold. Life never looks so dismal as on these occasions.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

A man never appears to so little advantage as when he is trying to be extra nice.

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

When a man gets sick in bed, his friends get used to it terribly soon.

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 Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the two-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.

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Mrs. J. McLivingston
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For Palpitation of Heart and Sick Headache Dr. M. A. Simmens Liver Medicine is worth its weight in gold. The imitations are not so good.

Wifehood.
It is of vital importance to every woman who contemplates wifehood that her mental and physical condition should be at their best, since the desire and happiness of mankind are concentrated in marriage and procreation. If she is feeble, it is impossible that her children should be strong. Every woman should know that female weakness can be cured; that Dr. Simmens Squaw Vine Wine will prove most beneficial during wifehood; that it will impart physical, mental and local strength, nourish the nerves, blood, brain, and vitalize the female organism and insure a safe and comparatively painless delivery.

J. J. McBarley
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The symptoms of liver disease may differ according to the circumstances, temperament, age, or constitutional weakness of the individual. Not infrequently the complexion becomes pale and sallow and there is a puffiness and dark rings under the eyes. The functional powers of the stomach are impaired and there is loss or irregularity of appetite. These and all other disorders of the liver may be cured by that old reliable remedy, Dr. M. A. Simmens Liver Medicine. The fact that imitators undertake to sell under our colors and sell on the million dollar reputation of our Dr. M. A. Simmens Liver Medicine is a compliment to our goods, but an acknowledgment of the inability of their article to stand on its own merits, and shows an attempt to unfairly appropriate the business of another, which is unworthy of gentlemen, and the public should look out for the imitations and refuse to have anything to do with them.

I AM CONSTIPATED.
We hear it so often and there are lots of cathartics of all kinds, liquid and pill form, many of them good as far as they go. But there is only one with every quality of a perfect laxative.—

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CANDY CATHARTIC
Made in tablet form, so nice to eat, perfume the breath, never gripe, perform their functions so pleasantly—ending in a cure.
A booklet and sample free for the asking, or you can buy a box for 10c, 25c, 50c, at your drug store. Satisfaction guaranteed. 77
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WHAT ARE KALSMINES?
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CAUTION.
Should you suspect that parties who

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WANT A CHANGE.
How many women are saying, "Oh, I want a change in my wall decorations; I am tired of wall paper." How many

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Alabastine can be used on either plastered walls, wood ceilings, brick or canvas. Is absolutely fireproof in its nature, is durable, and anyone can brush it on. Alabastine is sold by paint dealers every-

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TO DEALERS.
Don't buy a lawsuit or injunction with a cheap kalsomine. All cold-water kalsomines are cheap imitations of Alabastine. No dealer is justified in risking a suit and heavy damages while trying to introduce and sell a direct infringement on Alabastine. The right to manufacture and sell wall coating adapted to be mixed with cold water is covered by letters patent owned by the Alabastine Co.

JOINT INSTITUTE PROGRAM.

A tri county institute will be held at the court house in San Angelo, Saturday, March the 27, morning and evening at which the following program will be rendered.

- 1.—Ideals in Education—J. W. Merchant, Superintendent Ballinger School
- 2.—Patience in the Schoolroom Miss Christina Mathews.
3. Music.
4. The Teacher as a local reformer.—S. B. Kemp.
5. Athletics in the school rooms.—Miss Edith Bowman.
6. Self Reliance.—O. W. Gardner, Principal Robert Lee school.
7. Music and recitation.
8. The Twentieth Century Teacher.—W. W. Rasor.
9. Co-relation of studies as advocated by Col. Parker and Hon. W. T. Harris—General Discussion.
10. Old soldiers and Judges of Supreme Court of the United States retired on full pay—Why Not Teachers Be So Pensioned?
11. Music.
12. Educational Statistics—What do they show?—Rev. B. C. Roach.
13. Old time Force and New Freedom.—Miss Annie Moss. —San Angelo Enterprise.

Judge G. W. Perryman, of the law firm of Perryman & Patteson received this week Batt's Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas. The Judge always keeps abreast of the times in adding constantly to his already large library.

Dentistry.

Dr. A. Hodges, Dentist, of San Angelo will be in Robert Lee March 14th, to remain several days. If you have any dental work give him a call. He guarantees his work.

Arkansas Smith can and will sell you more goods for the cash than any man in San Angelo.

T. E. Colwell, representing the Standard Commercial Company, Chicago, was here this week doing business with our business men.

Chas. A. Farquhar is proprietor of the Farquhar Grocery store now, and would like to see all his friends at the old stand at San Angelo.

The question of county primaries is being discussed a little, and some express themselves as thinking that there will be none held by any party this campaign, and that it will be a "free for all" race. The question however will be decided by the parties in the return.

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.

Subscribe for the Rustler Only dollar per year.

Texas needs a state board of equalization, and needs it bad. Rich counties which have property enough to put their rates low do not do so, but use the maximum rates and make the cut on assessments, thus getting out of their just proportion of state taxes. Poor counties are then compelled to pay two to four times as much as they should. The Press of the counties interested should take this matter up and fight it through.—Abilene Reporter.

J. D. Collier & Co., are selling good cotton checks at 4 cents per yard, and everything else proportionately low at the Edith Store.

Democratic Call.

By authority vested in me, as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Coke county, I hereby call a meeting of the Executive Committee of said county to convene at the court house at Robert Lee, on Saturday, March the 12th, 1898, to attend to important business.

J. P. HUTCHINSON,
Chairman Democratic Ex. Com.

Commissioners Affidavit.

It is ordered by the Commissioners court that the following affidavit be spread on the minutes:

We the undersigned Commissioner's court of Coke county, Texas, do solemnly swear that the requirements of Article 867, Chapter 1, Title 25, of the revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the acts of March the 20, 1897, have been in all things fully complied with at the February term 1898, of said court, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the County Treasurers quarterly report, made by the County Treasurer of Coke county, Texas, and held by him for the county have been fully inspected and counted by them, and that the amount of money in his hands is \$6,624.66.

- S. J. Chapman, Co. Judge.
- J. H. Campbell, " Com.
- J. C. Newton, " "
- E. C. Rawlings " "
- Sam Sayner " "

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 19th day of February, 1898.

J. W. BARNETT, County Clerk.

On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism, and lay in bed until May, 21st when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. Moreaux, Luverne, Minn. Sold by Ed M. Mobley.

We are anxious to build up Western Texas and commencing at once and continuing until April 30th we will sell to all corners 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.

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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 PUTS 10 PER CENT OF THE amount it receives for subscriptions from parties entering the Missing Word Contest 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 supplies 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 carrier 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) " "

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