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The War.

The report of the Court of Inquiry was placed in President McKinley's hands the 25th. The report shows the battle ship Maine to have been destroyed by a submarine mine. The latest dispatches state both the United States and Spain are hurrying war vessels to defend their interest.

An address has been issued by the respective chairman of the Democratic, Populist and free silver Republican parties urging an alliance of forces for the next presidential campaign.

Hon. Jos. D. Sayers has notified his campaign manager, L. L. Foster, that owing to the war complications he cannot leave Washington for the opening of his gubernatorial campaign on April the 5th as stated a short time ago.

A problem in single rule of three: If it costs the United States 100 million dollars to settle a question with an inferior country like Spain, how much would it cost to prepare for war with a first class nation? Class to the board.—Sweetwater Review.

The U. S. Agricultural department reports that last years cotton crop aggregates 8,532,705 bales, and that Texas leads both in acreage and production. Of the 23,273,209 acres, Texas had 21.877 per cent. Georgia being the next on the list.

One of the hereditary traits of the American farmer is his greed of land. He not only wants all he can cultivate, but all he pay taxes on. If he enlarges his cultivated area it is merely to able him to buy more land on which to pay taxes.—Farm and Ranch.

The boy who loiters about town and refuses to attend school on account of inclement weather, will be the man who can't understand why it is that his neighbor is so successful in life, and he is an absolute failure in all his undertakings.—Ex.

L. B. Harris received notice this week that the judge has been instructed to give judgement in his claim against the United States for \$16,000 for Indian depredations. This is a very nice figure and will come in very handy in the closing years of this old Texas's life. A government commission investigated Mr Harris' cattle losses in early life when he had a cattle ranch on the Rio Grande and after making allowances, his claim was placed at \$618,000. Mr. Harris says it will take about three generations to collect this sum.—Standard.

The United States government is just completing her largest gun. It is of 16-inch bore, and when completed will weigh 126 tons. It is 49 feet and 2 inches long, and will cost \$390,000. It is to be mounted as a guard to New York harbor, and will be able to sweep the entire horizon for fifteen miles. Its charge of 900 pounds of powder, will throw a 1000-pound shell fifteen miles, with a precision unsurpassed by a marksmen. No known plate will be able to resist one of its charges.

THE COLORADO VALLEY R.Y.

Sweetwater Review.

Prospectors are viewing the stock farming lands along the Colorado Valley road, and some deals of importance are pending.

A large invoice of powder and dynamite was received this week, by the Colorado Valley Railway Co. This is to be used in blasting the rock out of the mountain cuts between the city and Oakhurst.

A party of St. Louis capitalists are negotiating a town site deal at Oakhurst, twenty-five miles south of Sweetwater, at which point an important town will be built. A \$2000 public school building, a \$2000 church edifice, a modern business block and some cozy residences, are to be features of this contract, to begin the new town with.

Chief Engineer Moore is preparing specifications for new work to be contracted at once.

General Manager Wheatcroft will spend the next two week at Ballinger, San Angelo, and other towns which offer bonus for his road.

Two new towns on the Colorado Valley road will be surveyed at once and large tracks of land in the vicinity of these towns are to be colonized by fruit growers, agriculturists and stock farmers. A series of excursions will be inaugurated to bring in and locate on the rich lands along this new railway a good class of stock farmers.

Superintendent Hennessey is in Coke county this week on business for the new road.

The steel for the new road is on the way and upon its arrival the track will be laid to the Foster ranch by the first of May, at which time regular trains will be run. The cars for a freight train are here now.

The Company will open its first 25 miles between this city and Oakhurst with a barbecue at the Foster ranch. Free excursion trains will be run over the line, and low rates will be made on the Texas and Pacific for the occasion.

Anson Wants The Colorado Valley.

A Thirty Thousand Dollar Bonus Assured.

The citizens of plucky Anson held a railway meeting last Monday and decided to raise the \$30,000 bonus for the new railway to be built from Sweetwater via Anson, through to, and to connect with the Rock Island. The people of the "rich county of Jones" are made of the right kind of mettle. They received the proposition on Monday last and immediately got down to business. The citizens took off their coats rolled up their sleeves and went to work—Sweetwater citizens could not have done better—and before the closing days of March the Anson country will have its bonus raised and a railway assured.

Work will be commenced at Sweetwater and Anson simultaneously. "Anson country" and

the "rich county of Jones" will appear in the immigration man's literature this year and the 12000 bales of cotton produced by the farmers of the "rich county of Jones" next season will be hauled over from Anson on cars. This will save the producers enough work in a year to pay the bonus, besides it will make their land worth double its present value. It will also build up the commercial and educational interests of the country.—Review.

Sterling County.

From The News.

The rain of last week covered this county well and did a great deal of good. It did not extend west as far as Midland, but covered all the territory of several counties south of us.

R. H. Price and mother came over from Coke County last Friday. Mrs. Price will remain for some time visiting with the family of her daughter, Mrs. M. T. Sullivan.

Born, on Monday, March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutto, an eight pound girl. This is number three for Dr. Collins in a week. This plan suits our ideas of immigration and it is a better way we suppose than advertising for foreigners to come in and settle the country.

Fish For Fishermen.

The people do not generally seem to understand that the Bureau of Fish culture is a continuing institution intended to stock all the suitable waters of the country by furnishing young fish from year to year.

All running streams and clear cool tanks in West Texas are good breeding grounds for bass and perch and if people living by the streams or owning tanks, will make application they will receive a share of the young fish which the government gratuitously distributes from the hatchery at San Marcos. As the San Marcos hatching station is intended to supply the whole state of Texas I hope the people of the 12th District will make early applications.

As nearly as it can be done each request is considered in its turn.

If you will publish this it will be the means of advising the people how to proceed to supply themselves with young fish.

Requests can either be sent through the senators or representative in congress or addressed directly to the Fish Commissioner of the United States at Washington.

Respectfully,
James L. Slayden.

The People's Party State Executive Committee have selected Austin as the place for holding the next State convention, and July the 27th as the date. The date for the Referendum primaries, for the purpose of taking a vote on when the National Convention shall be held, by April 16th, and primaries for the choice of the State ticket, May 21.

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TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

P. Baldeschweller, grocery merchant at Corpus Christi, filed a deed of trust several days since. Most of the creditors are local.

William Edward Moore died at McKinney several days since from a knife wound in the back. Jim Johnson, colored, is in jail charged with the crime.

A contract has been let for the erection of four new two-story brick buildings on the north side of the square at Hillsboro. Work will begin on them within five days.

August Weber, formerly superintendent of carriers in the Galveston postoffice, several days ago was found not guilty of the charge of tampering with the United States mails.

Motions for rehearing and to argue orally were made several days since in the supreme court at Austin for the Houston and Texas Central and Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroads in the school fund cases, involving over \$1,000,000.

The Breustedt Hardware company of Waco, having a capital stock of \$100,000, filed an amendment to its charter at Austin recently, changing its name to Eikel-Breustedt company, and providing that it shall have not less than three nor more than five directors, instead of five as originally provided for.

Engineer Boggs and assistants began laying of the ground several days since for the erection of the new brick Wells-Fargo express office at Corsicana, which is to be erected at the north end of the old building that has been used by the Central railroad for its passenger and baggage rooms. The new building will not be mammoth in proportions, but will be modern in all its appointments and construction. The work of tearing away the old wooden shell will begin as soon as the new passenger depot is finished, which will be soon.

The following letter was addressed to the farmers and ginners of Texas: Two years ago I addressed you on the adoption of a standard bale of cotton, advising the sizes recommended by the Maritime association of New Orleans and Galveston and approved by the cotton exchange and various other bodies, namely: 25 inches wide and 53 inches long. Experiments has proven that the width is too great because of the expansion of the bale after it comes out of the box, notwithstanding which there has been a vast betterment in the Texas bale which would have been much greater had the boxes been made narrower. I think the time has now come for a further effort to improve our package, especially in view of the fact that new methods of baling cotton are being introduced, which threaten to destroy the business of the old-fashioned ginner unless he keeps up with the times and makes as good a bale as anybody else can. Experiments just completed in Waco and Temple with boxes measuring inside 24 inches wide and 54 inches long show an average weight of bale of 540 pounds, and an average density after compression in the ordinary compress in the unusual manner and at the usual rate of speed of 41 pounds to the cubic foot; and the cotton is fully covered by the bagging and in every way in better shipping condition. This is a greater density than can be gotten by any other process before the public, and the only way to get cheaper freights is to increase the density. In other words, if the ginners of Texas will make their boxes 24 inches wide and 54 inches long, inside measurement, they will turn out a bale that can be handled in the usual manner and shipped abroad at a lower rate of freight than any other cotton package whatever. This change in the size of the boxes can be made for \$8 each. Farmers should see that the process we now use is improved in every way possible so that when other processes come along you can distaste the terms upon which you will use them and not be dictated to.

I would advise you to carefully consider this matter and in your own interest to adopt this change. Yours respectfully,
E. S. PETERS,
President American Cotton Growers' Protective Association of Texas.

A big \$50,000 compress is likely to be built at Cleburne before the coming season. A deal is on foot whereby this will be the result, if made. There has been no press this season, as the old one was burned.

FRIENDSHIP EXPRESSED.

Chile and Argentine Both Siding With the United States.

Washington, March 21.—The presence of Mr. Charles R. Flint at the White House conference yesterday naturally gives inference that the president and his advisers were discussing the question of acquiring additional ships. Mr. Flint, whose commercial interests are largely with South American countries, is believed in a measure at least to represent Chile and the Argentine Republic in any negotiations which are under way for the disposition of their war vessels. A reporter asked Mr. Flint if he could say whether or not the United States had secured possession of the Chilean ship O'Higgins and the Argentine ship San Martino, but he declined to make any statement as to that particular feature of the subject. When pressed for some information in regard to the matter, he replied:

"Both Chile and the Argentine Republic have the warmest friendship and admiration for the United States and her institutions. Neither country is anxious to sell their ships to this government, basing this indisposition on the belief that we have an excellent navy of our own. They want these vessels themselves. If the time should come, however, when it was apparent that the United States needed these vessels, they would gladly part with them to us."

The attention of Mr. Flint was called to the published report that the United States would purchase the Brazilian torpedo boat Tuby, but this, he said, would not be done, so far as he was aware, as there were no negotiations under way to that effect. Aside from the meeting of several members of the cabinet at the White House, there were no incidents of importance during the day. At the war and navy departments a number of chiefs of bureaus were at their desks for several hours, mainly for the purpose of disposing of the business which recently has accumulated so rapidly. The most interesting topic of the day was based on the dispatches from Havana, indicating a prospective conference between Gen. Pando and Gens. Garcia, Gomez and others of the insurgent army, for the purpose of submitting to the latter a formal offer of autonomy. The basis of autonomy as outlined in the dispatches apparently found no credence with the officials of the Spanish legation. They stated their disbelief that a conference on the proposed lines was probable, and added that they had no information on the subject. Minister Polo y Bernabe expressed the opinion that the report from Havana was unfounded, as he said the basis upon which it was proposed to grant autonomy was absurd.

Court of Inquiry.

Key West, Fla., March 21.—The court of inquiry, according to Rear Admiral Sicard, will continue its work through the coming week, as it is not ready yet to make a report on the Maine disaster. The statement that Capt. Albert S. Barker carried the report to Washington is officially denied. The object of his flying visit to Key West was not ascertained outside of official circles until yesterday. It can be authoritatively stated that Capt. Barker had nothing to do with the court of inquiry. He came here on Friday from Tampa, on a special mission, to investigate the harbor defenses, following out some lines suggested by Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers, in his recent inspection of the fortifications. Capt. Barker's plans when he left here Saturday night were to confer with Commander McCall of the Marblehead, who is now at Tampa, and he will probably remain there a day or so. Capt. Barker formerly commanded the Oregon.

It is impossible to say definitely whether any synopsis of the findings of the court up to date has been sent to Washington. The notion prevails here that this has been done, but no official confirmation is obtainable. That the final report has been sent to Washington can be definitely denied. Capt. Sampson and Lieut. Commander Marx remained on board the Iowa to-day. Capt. Chadwick and Lieut. Commander Porter did not leave the New York. The court is expected to reconvene today on the Iowa.

Have no Connection.

Paris, March 21.—A semi-official statement has been issued saying that there is no connection between the demands of the French government in China and the Chinese loan. The French demands reached Peking at the beginning of the month, and the negotiations were immediately transferred to Paris, where they are proceeding. The French charge that there is no occasion to threaten or menace China with the forcible seizure of a coaling station.

In the district court at Newkirk, Ok. recently, Harley Fair was given ninety-nine years in the penitentiary for murder.

Situation Unchanged.

New Bedford, Mass., March 21.—The

fourth week of the struggle between capital and labor in this city finds the situation practically unchanged, except the operatives have conceded that they might be willing to go back to go back to work under a reduction of 5 per cent instead of 10. A secret meeting of the officers of the labor unions was held Saturday night and yesterday it was agreed to meet the manufacturers on the question of the cut-down in wages, eliminating the fines question.

The most important meeting was held yesterday afternoon, and at its conclusion the following statement was given out by the manufacturers:

At the conference of the manufacturers and a committee of the employees this afternoon, the employees inquired if a compromise on 5 per cent reduction would be considered, to which the manufacturers replied as follows:

"Now we submit to you, as intelligent men, how can we do this? For months before we posted notices of the reduction in the wage schedule we found it impossible to meet competition. This was under the old schedule. Now, when all New England is running on the new schedule, or less, we cannot go on at any cost more than the posted notices provided for, if the prices for goods were the same. But the fact is, these prices have gone off since the mills stopped and many styles are 1/4 to 3/4 of a cent lower than at that time. Some of us who were in New York this week found the market more depressed and on the down grade.

"No, conditions to-day demand a larger reduction of the wage schedule than the posted notices called for, and it is out of the question for the manufacturers to modify these; they as faithful custodians of their respective properties simply cannot.

"Our employees sadly misapprehended the condition of the market and the supply and demand when they left their work several weeks ago, and the conditions have not changed for the better since, but on the contrary have gone from bad to worse."

After extended discussion of this and the subject generally, the manufacturers, in answer to the inquiry what they could suggest, replied, viz: "What we can say to you is that when the condition of the market warrants an increase of wages the New Bedford mills will give their employees the benefit of it with others."

DASTARDLY OUTRAGE.

A Mob Enter a Residence at Mu-kogee, I. T. and Kill Husband and Wife.

Muskegon, I. T., March 21.—A dastardly outrage was committed Saturday night near the town of Wylark, five miles north of here, resulting in the death of two men and a woman. The house of Ed Chalmers, a negro, who recently married a white woman, was attacked during the night by six white men who had evidently determined to murder both the negro and his wife, both of whom had been threatened by white men who disliked the union.

A door of their cabin was broken in and both the negro and his wife were shot down, but not before Chalmers had put up a good fight against his assailants. The woman was killed outright and though Chalmers succeeded in driving off the attacking party, they left him mortally wounded and he died before daylight.

Yesterday morning the body of one Matthews, an aged white man who lived at Gibson Station, was found near the Chalmers cabin, pierced with a bullet. Matthews answered the description given by Chalmers before he died of one of his assailants. There were evidences that Matthews' body had been dragged from Chalmers' house to the place where it was found. A gun lay beside the body, evidently put there to give the impression that the man had murdered the negro and his wife. Deputy United States marshals are investigating the killing and it is believed that the murderers will be brought to justice.

To Withdraw Demand.

Constantinople, March 21.—In consequence of the sultan's direct appeal, the czar has consented to withdraw his demand for the 3,750,000 acres of the Russo-Turkish war indemnity which his majesty at first insisted should be paid from the Graeco-Turkish war indemnity. This fact, it is alleged, foreshadows Turkey's acceptance of Prince George of Greece, the candidate of the czar, as governor of the island of Crete.

Africa's Monkeys.

Africa's monkeys are giving out. In the neighborhood of the Gold coast they have been exterminated, and last year the colony could collect only 67,665 monkey skins, whereas, in 1844, 168,465 skins, valued at \$205,000, were exported.

FIRST BLOW.

Secretary Harvey of the Railway Company Knocked Senseless.

Houston, Tex., March 21.—The first blow in the street car strike was struck Saturday. While assisting in getting a car out Secretary Harry Chase of the street car company was struck on the head with a stick and knocked senseless. A gash was cut in his scalp by the blow.

T. J. Black was arrested yesterday afternoon and brought before Justice Fitz on the charge of assault and battery. He was released on a bond of \$100 to answer. His arrest grew out of the blow received by Chase.

Mayor Rice talking of the matter yesterday afternoon said the law should be enforced and that there should not be any more trouble and the company would be protected in its rights. He has issued a proclamation to that effect.

Houston, Tex., March 21.—The status of the strike of the street car employees yesterday was pretty much as it was Saturday night, except that it appears to be quieter, or, rather, there are fewer people in crowds upon the streets. Secretary Harry Chase, who was assaulted Saturday at the power house, is suffering a good deal from pains in the back of his head and neck and in the forehead.

There were a number of friends called during the day, but they were not allowed to see him, as any excitement was considered injurious.

Yesterday afternoon there was a meeting of the street car employees in Labor hall and the situation was very thoroughly discussed. There was a large crowd present.

Mayor Rice stated that he will be on hand in time this morning to see that the cars run if the management desires it. Public sentiment appears much stronger against the course of the strikers than it was Saturday.

Deed of Trust.

Hempstead, Waller Co., Tex., March 21.—T. E. Shuttles filed a deed of trust with the county clerk late Saturday afternoon conveying to L. D. Thompson, trustee, his entire stock of goods, wares, merchandise, counters, fixtures, etc., to secure the following creditors in the order named:

Class A—H. A. Thompson \$1200, C. F. Thompson \$1000, H. F. Smith \$70, Emma Suttles \$1300, P. J. Willis & Bro., \$707.

Class B—Taylor Manufacturing company \$46, P. C. Thompson \$13, E. J. Bowen \$10, D. M. Ferry & Co. \$16, Brown Tab works \$25, Planters' Corn company \$54, C. H. Cox & Co. \$19, I. Heidenheimer \$239, Galveston Crockery Store \$19, Galveston Coffee and Spice company \$42, Houston Crockery store \$16, Kelly-Goodfellow Shoe company \$250, H. & A. Lesser \$158, L. L. May & Co. \$17, Moore, McKinney & Co. \$46, E. Matzmaur \$8, Preston & Stauffer \$68, Southern Soda works \$8, Standard Stamping company \$47, Southern Broom company \$11, T. H. Thompson & Co. \$34, Texas Paper Manufacturing company \$22, Waters-Pierce Oil company \$105, Borchard, Brashear & Co. \$8, Carson, Sewell & Co. \$231, Feist & Boehme \$24, Focke, Wilkins & Lang \$64, Enterprise Soap works \$8, Eddy & Eddy \$7, Gust Heye & Co. \$208, Rankin Bros. \$733.

Committed Suicide.

San Antonio, Tex., March 21.—William Snell, a private in the United States army, committed suicide here yesterday. He was found in an unconscious condition, but still alive, near the National cemetery yesterday, and taken to the post hospital, where he died about 11 o'clock. The cause of his death was stated to be opium poisoning. Snell was formerly a member of the fifth cavalry band, and while with that organization at the Dallas fair he had some trouble with the principal musician, was court-martialed and reduced to ranks. This, together with the recent death of his wife, is given as the cause of suicide.

New Courthouse.

Giddings, Tex., March 21.—Commissioner's court was in session all last week, considering plans and specifications for the new courthouse, to be erected when a location for the county site is determined. A number of architects from different points have been in attendance. Plans and specifications presented by J. R. Gordon of San Antonio were adopted by the court. The new building will cost about \$33,000.

Distribution of Russia's Millions.

The entire population of the Russian empire is 129,211,114 souls, of whom 94,188,750 inhabit European Russia; 9,442,590, Poland; 9,723,553, the Caucasus; 2,527,801, Finland; 5,731,732, Siberia; 3,415,174, the Steppe regions, and 4,178,101, the provinces of Transcaucasia and of Turkestan. There are, also, 6,413 subjects of the czar now residing in Khiva and Bokhara.

Flat Life.

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MUCH SUSPENSE.

Report Expected in the Course of Two or Three Days.

Washington, March 19.—An air of suspense was noticeable in the navy department due to the approach of the time for the delivery of the report of the court of inquiry. It is not known just when the document will come to Washington, but it is expected here in the course of two or three days.

The San Francisco reported her arrival from Lisbon at Gravesend yesterday. Under his orders the commander will divide his crew with the Amazonas and sail at the earliest possible moment for the United States, conveying the new ship. Beyond the Amazonas, her sister ship Abrouall and the Mayflower, no purchase of ships have been made by the navy department. A number of fleet steam yachts owned in the United States are being offered to the department, and it is probable that some of these will be purchased. Secretary Long takes the view that, failing to secure the torpedo boat destroyers he wants, the best plan is for him to equip some of these speedy boats with torpedo boats and light batteries and improvised torpedo boats.

The navy department is convinced that the Spanish government has not acquired possession of the Italian cruiser *Varez*. It would not, however, be a matter of deep concern if the report were true. The department itself had the vessel in mind as a possible acquisition, but abandoned the idea upon learning that she could not be made ready for service in less than three or four months. The gunboat *Newport* reported her arrival by cable to the navy department from Greytown. She will bring back to the United States the Nicaragua canal commission, and will then be attached at once to the north Atlantic squadron.

Some idea of the activity prevailing in naval circles is given by the statement that the payroll of the construction department, only one of several departments, in the Mare island navy yard, for March was \$80,000. This great expenditure per month, it is said, was not equaled during the late war.

A separate account will be kept of all funds expended from the \$50,000,000 emergency appropriation. A separate form of requisition has been prepared, and all amounts allotted from the fund are made upon the direct order signed by the president himself.

"The president wants to show congress just how every cent of this money is spent," said a member of the cabinet to-day, "and for this reason is adopting the course outlined."

The amount paid for the *Mayflower* was about \$400,000.

To Lay a Cable.

New York, March 19.—Further plans to make perfect the means of communication between the defenses of New York have been made. Within a day or two it is probable that a contract will be let for laying a large cable of the size used in the ocean between all of the local fortifications.

This plan to connect all the forts surrounding New York City with Governor's island, was one of the matters to which Major Gen. Nelson A. Miles gave his attention on his tour of inspection on Tuesday.

Lieut. Col. Amos Kimball, acting quartermaster general, has issued orders for the transfer of two more batteries from Fort Slocum to Sandy Hook. The government steamship *Gen. Meigs* will go to Fort Slocum and the two batteries, numbering 130 men, will be taken to Fort Hancock to-morrow morning. When they are located there that fortification will have nearly 400 of the best trained artillerymen in the regular army.

Recruits from the new sixth artillery continue to apply at Fort Slocum. Enough of these men have already been enlisted to guard Fort Slocum against any temporary weakening involved in the transfer of men to Fort Hancock. As fast as the new regiments fill up the men will be assigned to various points on the Atlantic coast. Col. William St. Clair, who has been selected as commander of the new regiment, will take charge of Fort Slocum temporarily, relieving Lieut. Col. Tully McCrea, who goes to assume charge at Sandy Hook.

British Goods.

London, March 19.—Replying in the house of commons yesterday to a question, Mr. Curzon, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, said that the British ambassador at Madrid, Sir H. Drummond-Wolfe, would be instructed to inquire into the report that the Spanish minister at Washington, Senor Polo y Bernabe, had received instructions to discuss the preferential treatment of American products in the Spanish West Indies, as under the existing treaty British goods were entered to the minimum colonial tariff.

Senor Calvo's Statement.

Washington, March 19.—Senor Calvo, minister of Costa Rica, has furnished the following statement relative to the reported crisis between Nicaragua and Costa Rica:

"Because of the cablegrams from Managua, Nicaragua, to the press of the United States, in which unfounded charges are made against the government of Costa Rica, the Costa Rican delegation in Washington has given to the public the report of the ex-consul, Senor Beechow, who was thrown into prison by order of the executive of Nicaragua, without having previously cancelled his exequatur or subsequently provided any charges against him. The report is preceded by some notes explanatory of the course pursued by the government of Costa Rica, showing that it has acted fully within the line marked out by dignity and prudence, having all right on its side, in the effort to bring the government of Gen. Zelaya, through the diet, which is its organ, to the friendly recognition of the justice of its complaints and the validity of its claims. These notes demonstrate that its efforts in this direction have been unfortunately fruitless.

"In this condition of things, the government of Costa Rica, on the 7th instant, was requested to give satisfaction within ten days for the alleged invasion of Nicaraguan political exiles over the Costa Rica frontier. The demand was immediately answered, and naturally rejected.

"It was learned that an envoy from Guatemala would arrive at San Jose from Nicaragua, with the basis for a settlement. This, however, was unknown there.

Costa Rica maintains her traditional good relations with all the other Central American states; she considers as her own everything that bodes good or ill for them, and is personally interested also in the risks that the independence and autonomy of any of them may run. She has given abundant proof of this; but in view of the actions of the government of Nicaragua, the characteristic peaceful spirit of the industrious Costa Rican people has changed into a warlike and patriotic spirit. The whole people are ready for war, animated by the great enthusiasm inspired in the justice of their cause. The internal order in the country is complete; public opinion is a unit; and, as at all times, the constitutional regime remains in force unimpaired."

COLLYAR FOUND DEAD.

He Had a 45-Calibre Bullet Hole Through His Body.

Durrant, I. T., March 19.—W. D. Collyar, a young newspaper man, was found dead on West Main street yesterday evening at 8 o'clock, with a 45-caliber bullet-hole through his heart. About four feet from him lay a 45-caliber Colt's pistol with one empty chamber. From Judge H. F. Jones, Mr. Collyar's bosom friend, it is learned that Collyar was in trouble. Mr. Jones said: "Collyar asked me for my pistol, stating he expected to have an awful fight. He said he had an enemy whom he would meet to-night, and that some one must die. I walked down the street with him, and offered to go with him, and stand by him in his trouble. He insisted that I return; in fact, commanded me to return home, saying that he would meet him single-handed. I returned to my home, and had hardly arrived there when I heard a shot in which Collyar had gone. I did not suspect that it was Collyar, for I had been led to infer that the fight with his enemy would take place in the office of the Durrant Times, with which paper Collyar was connected. I was soon informed of the fact that Collyar had been found dead. Before I left him he said: 'See Nichols and request him not to wire anything in to any of the papers in case anything should happen to me. Do not wire my people, but write to my brother, and tell him about it.' At this Collyar bade me return, and I did so."

Collyar was a graduate at law, and practiced law in this city up until about four months ago. He is connected with one of the most prominent families in Tennessee, and was a man of ambition and social refinement. Conversation held between Collyar and personal friends at various times during the past year add to the general belief that it was suicide. The vest had been unbuttoned and pulled back before the shot was fired. Other parties having wired Collyar's relatives, Judge Jones withdrew his request to withhold this information. The body will be buried to-day.

Order For Powder.

Santa Cruz, Cal., March 19.—The California powder works received orders from the navy department Wednesday for 3,000,000 pounds of brown prismatic powder. Thursday the same concern received an order for 200,000 pounds of the same kind of powder, for immediate delivery.

ADD-RAN UNIVERSITY.

Board of Trustees Adjourn, Having Been in Session Three Days.

Waco, Tex., March 18.—The board of trustees of Add-Ran Christian university, which has been in session here since Tuesday morning, adjourned yesterday afternoon, having had a most successful meeting. The board selected teachers for next year, appointed the financial agent and completed arrangements for improving the conditions of the school. The following were present: Col. J. Z. Miller, of Belton, president; W. B. Hays of Waco, secretary; Hon. W. K. Homan of Dallas, C. McPherson of Fort Worth, R. W. Carpenter of Plano, John P. London, of Gainesville, C. P. Vance of Taylor, A. S. Henry of Blooming Grove, F. W. Burger and James I. Moore of Waco. It was declared that the year just closing has been successful in every particular. The members of the faculty proved efficient and competent in the various departments, and succeeded in keeping up a high standard. The school has been self-supporting and able to pay better salaries than formerly. In every way improvement is noticed, and the patrons are satisfied with the institution. Since it has been in Waco there has been better patronage, more success with the institution, and the future promises further improvement. The debt has been funded and arrangements have been completed to discharge the indebtedness.

The following is the newly-elected faculty: Mental and moral philosophy, Prof. Addison Clark; dean of the Bible school, Prof. J. B. Sweeney; natural science, Prof. J. W. Fraley; history and literature, Prof. A. Clark, Jr.; ancient languages, Prof. J. B. Eskridge; modern languages, Mrs. Mattie Wade Parks; principal of the preparatory department, Prof. T. W. Hainner; primary department, Miss Effie Rowe; principal of music department, Miss Emmie Merrill White; school of oratory, Miss Birdie Cain Holloway; school of art, Miss Eugenia Price; principal of school of business, Prof. A. C. Easley; matron of the young ladies' boarding department, Mrs. W. S. Blackshear; assistant matron, Mrs. Saunders.

The following officers of the school were selected: President, Addison Clark; chancellor, J. B. Sweeney; financial agent, Hon. A. S. Henry.

Probably an Extra Session.

Austin, Tex., March 18.—The probability of an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of changing the date for the submission of the confederate pension amendment so as to remove the necessity for holding of two elections, is still being discussed in official circles, but there is some diversity of opinion on the subject. Some maintain that the people can vote on a constitutional amendment at any time irrespective of the date fixed by the legislature. Others contend for the opposite view, and go so far as to say that there is no way to avoid holding two elections as the constitution provides that resolutions submitting amendments must be passed at regular sessions, and that the date of submission must be fixed at the same time. According to figures prepared in the secretary of state's department it will impose an extra expense of \$72,000 upon the counties to hold two elections, besides the cost of advertising and blanks, which is borne by the state. The governor has not yet expressed himself on the subject, and says that he has not yet given it the study necessary before acting in the matter.

Waterworks Improvements.

Corsicana, Tex., March 18.—Mr. H. J. Hardin of Tyler, receiver of the Corsicana Water Works company, is here and has commenced work on material improvement of the plant. In order to enlarge the water supply, he has a force of men at work on a dam that will contain the water from a large additional surface, which water will be conducted into the present reservoir by means of a ditch 1100 feet long, which will be completed by April 1. This increase, it is figured out, will be sufficient to furnish Corsicana with an abundance of water for all purposes. When these improvements have been finished the work of relaying the old pipe lines and the laying of new lines will be commenced.

Foul Play Suspected.

McKinney, Tex., March 18.—The inquest over the remains of Andy Gamm, which were found much decomposed in the railroad tank four miles south of McKinney, was concluded yesterday. The verdict was to the effect that the deceased came to his death by foul means. The examining physician thinks death was caused from a heavy blow across the forehead, and his throat showed signs indicating the victim had been choked. A \$1000 life insurance policy was found in the dead man's pocket.

C. A. Heard, proprietor of the Railroad hotel at Leland, Miss., was killed by W. T. Jarley several days since.

FARM AND STOCK ITEMS.

Geo. Slaughter shipped from the Amarillo stock pens 2500 head of 2 and 3-year-olds for Nebraska several days since and 1500 head for Emporia, Kan.

W. A. Briggs shipped six cars of beef cattle from Waxahachie to St. Louis several days ago. The shipment went forward over the Houston and Texas Central railroad.

A number of fine bulks were recently placed in the Nun ranch near Colorado. L. R. Hastings, the owner and manager, has expended a large sum of money this past half year in grading up his herd.

Lubbock county has been treated to heavy and welcome rains and the stock tanks are now overflowing. The cattle in that district have wintered well and the prospect for an early spring has greatly stimulated the stock interests.

Some parties in Hale county have recently shipped in a number of red Polled Angus cattle from Iowa. Many are discarding their Durhams to replace them with this breed, for they have given better satisfaction thus far than any other strain.

Onion culture is becoming a feature in the Pecos valley and it has been found that the soil and climate are peculiarly adapted to it. Fifty thousand pounds to the acre is not an enormous yield, and the quality is said to be excellent.

Market gardening is being engaged in more extensively in Grayson county this spring than ever before. There are many acres planted in vegetables that have been in cotton or corn heretofore. There is a good market for all kinds of vegetables, and they pay better profit than any other crop that can be raised.

The sheep market in parts of the Pecos valley is about as active as cattle trading in the panhandle. Several large transfers have been made recently, one involving the transfer of 10,000 head and two ranges for \$50,000. A. J. Knollin, of Kansas City, was the purchaser. Several other sales of lesser importance have been made at prices satisfactory to the seller.

Fruit tree-planting around Denison has been carried on more extensively this spring than for a long time before. There are many new orchards set out, especially southwest of town. Pear trees seem to have the preference, with apples a close second. The experience of apple raisers in this section of the country last fall when the crop was large and apples sold for from \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel has taught the fruit farmers a lesson.

Mexican merchants and others are industriously denying the fact that the northern states of the republic are short of cattle. Gentlemen visiting Fort Worth during the Cattle Raisers' convention recently, stated definitely that whereas a year or more ago it was a very easy matter to purchase and gather a good-sized herd in either Sonora or Chihuahua in a week's journey and in bunches of from 300 to 500 from a single range, now it took a month or more to do it, and the stock was bought in lots going from ten to twenty-five head and that, in fact, it did not pay to attempt to purchase Mexican cattle now at any price on that account.

A banker from north Texas states that the number of persons now interested in the cattle growing industry far exceeds that of any previous year. He says that possibly those directly engaged in the business may not be so numerous, but the great number of money lenders and banks who hold what is known as "cattle paper" exceeds by 100 per cent that of any former year in the history of Texas. It would appear, he says, that every one in almost every kind of business was interested in some way in the cattle business of north Texas, and that the first item looked for in their morning paper was that which indicated the condition of the live stock market.

A surprising feature of the drought in California is that many head of stock from that state here found their way into Texas. Sanitary regulations forbade their pasturage in Arizona or in most parts of New Mexico, but Texas being far the greater part below the line has received a number of train loads. The passage of this stock through Arizona and New Mexico was only secured by a special application made to Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture. Recent rains in the cattle growing districts of California have now in a measure abrogated the difficulty under which cattlemen labored and no doubt the shipments will shortly cease. This incident clearly shows that the "southern fever" is not by any means confined to Texas and that its being termed the "Texas" fever is a distinct and decided miscemer.

WOMAN'S FATE.

From the Record, Bushnell, Ill.

No woman is better able to speak to others regarding "woman's fate" than Mrs. Jacob Weaver, of Bushnell, Ill., wife of ex-city marshal Weaver. She had entirely recovered from the illness which kept her bedfast much of the time for five or six years past, and says her recovery is due to that well known remedy, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mrs. Weaver is fifty-six years old, and has lived in Bushnell nearly thirty years. She is of unquestioned veracity and unblemished reputation. The story of her recovery is interesting. She says:

"I suffered for five or six years with the trouble that comes to women at this time of my life. I was much weakened, was unable much of the time to do my own work, and suffered beyond my power to describe. I was downhearted and melancholy.

"I took many different medicines, in fact I took medicine all the time, but nothing seemed to do me any good.

"I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and some of my friends recommended them highly. I made up my mind to try them.

"I bought the first box in March, 1897, and was benefitted from the start.

"A box and a half cured me completely, and I am now rugged and strong. I have not been bothered with my troubles since I began taking the

Mrs. Jacob Weaver, Ill.

"I have recommended the pills to many women who are suffering as I suffered. They are the only thing that helped me in the trial that comes to so many women at my age."

Mrs. J. H. Weaver.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of October, A. D., 1897.

O. C. HICKS, Notary Public.

When woman is passing beyond the age of motherhood, it is a crisis in her life. Then, if ever, proper attention to hygiene should be exercised. The attendant sufferings will disappear and buoyant health will follow if Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are used.

These pills exert a powerful influence in restoring the system to its proper condition. They contain in a condensed form all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood.

Every one feels that he would fare better if he lived in a hovel.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has improved its freight facilities in Philadelphia very materially during the past year. A new pier, No. 22 South, which was completed in December, 557 feet long and 140 feet wide, and is said to be one of the finest in the city. Vessels of the deepest draught can tie up on both sides of the pier, thereby affording every facility for the prompt handling of freight. The pier and sheds are lighted with improved incandescent lights, and well paved driveways have been provided.

This improvement enables the B. and O. to handle about three times as much business as formerly. The different freight yards throughout the city have been improved by the laying of additional tracks, and arrangements have been made with the Pennsylvania Warehousing and Safe Deposit Company by which the B. and O. handles grain, flour, hay, straw, canned goods and other merchandise through their warehouses and elevators.

A funny sight is seeing a bustle on a woman that has shifted to one side.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take a Sarsaparil Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

It is time for people to worry about a woman when she quits worrying about her husband's flirtations.

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

Any housekeeper loves other people's cooking.

Two Anecdotes of Byron.

Writing on the "Childhood and School Days of Byron" in the January Nineteenth Century, R. E. Prothers tells some interesting and more or less new incidents. One day, when Byron's mother had taken him to visit Lady Abercromby, he escaped to the room above, and while the two ladies were talking together they were suddenly startled by a piercing scream and were horrified to see an object clad in a boy's coat and hat shoot headlong past the window by which the ladies were seated. Byron had dressed a pillow in his clothes and with a shriek had launched it from the room above in the hope of persuading his mother that he had fallen accidentally. Another story related by Mr. Prothers is as follows: "In 1799 the Earl of Portsmouth was staying with the Hansons before his marriage with Miss Norton, daughter of Lord Grantley. After breakfast the party was lounging in a large conservatory attached to the house, when Lord Portsmouth, in rough play, pulled Byron's ears. The boy picked up a shell which was near him and hurled it at Lord Portsmouth's head, missing him by a hair's breadth and shattering the glass behind him. Mrs. Hanson endeavored to make peace, saying that the boy did not mean the missile for Lord Portsmouth, but her efforts were at first fruitless, for Byron kept retreating. 'But I did throw it on purpose. I will teach a fool of an earl to pull another noble's ear.' In the end, however, peace was made; they shook hands and became good friends."

Chicago Modesty.

"Did she have a church wedding?" "No. There's no foolish desire for ostentation about her. Why, every time she's been divorced the case has always been heard in the judge's little side room."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

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It seems certain almost that the plucky little town of Sweetwater is to get Colorado City's water works and electric light plant.

In case of war this section is all right. What's the matter with Robert Lee and the Canyons of Coke county for a nice, quiet, safe retreat?—Standard.

The war preparations are still going on, and if it is not intended that hostilities shall open it is one of the biggest "bluffs" indulged in in a long time.

While at Ft. Worth last week, cattleman and director Mr. Foster, of Nolan county informed the Standard that he and a party of railroad men would soon visit San Angelo in regard to the building of the Colorado Valley railroad to San Angelo.—San Angelo Standard.

The Supreme Court has rendered a decision in the case which has been pending for some time, styled the H. & T. C. and G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co. vs. The State of Texas, in which about \$1,000,000 due the State School fund is reclaimed.

While war is a bad thing, and would likely be the cause of untold suffering, yet it seems that it would be a humane act for it to be indulged in the present. Spanish treatment of Cuba, if for no other cause than that of humanity. When thousands of women, children, and even able bodied men are starved to death, and to prevent such death are forced to eat that which vultures would feast upon, it is time a nation which is called civilized should interfere.

It is somewhat strange that no more of our farmers avail themselves of the benefits of the experiments carried on by the National and State agricultural departments. The bulletins of each are published for free distribution, and all that is required is that the names of persons wanting them be furnished the departments. The information furnished is varied, and in many cases most useful and beneficial.

* The Constitutional amendments as to whether the State shall pension indigent Confederate soldiers, is to be voted on Nov. 1st. The submission of this amendment was an act of the last legislature, and doubtless was intended to have been voted on at the general election, but the wording of the bill makes it as above. However there is some talk of an extra session to change the date to that of the general election, Nov. 8th, as this will cost less than two general elections.

It is more than likely that the war scare will retard the railroads and other large enterprises, yet we hope not.

Our esteemed fellow townsman, the Hon. W. A. Wright, is being urged to make the race for representative to the legislature from this district. While the Standard is not out championing any particular candidate for any office, we can safely say that no better man can be elected than Mr. Wright. He is a regular Democrat, an honorable gentleman, and a good lawyer.—Standard.

Our cotton crop, with the exception of the amount required to make the annual land payments, is spent for supplies and improvements, besides a large amount of other incomes. Last year's cotton crop can be safely estimated at \$125,000. Of this amount perhaps one-fifth is paid out on lands leaving \$100,000 to be spent for supplies. Of this amount, doubtless not more than \$25,000 is spent with our home merchants and the remaining \$75,000 is spent in neighbor towns. Thus it can be seen why our home affairs are not prospering as they should. If the profits of this amount of trade was given our home business men improvements would be made, larger stocks of goods would be carried, every want could be supplied at home, and our people all would be more prosperous and happy. As long as this state of affairs exists we will not prosper as we should, and be upbuilding others instead of ourselves. Patronize our home institution.

Edith Dots.

ED. RUSTLER:

Real estate went high this morning and it is right cool to-night.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Lizzie Reed, wife of Rev. John Reed will have to remain at Balinger for medical treatment for three or four weeks.

Mrs. H. G. Beason and Mrs. J. C. Arnett have gone to Burnett county to visit relatives.

J. R. Arnett, while at Ft. Worth bought five or six hundred one and two year old heifers at \$9.50 for ones and \$11 for two's.

J. C. Newton, is digging a cistern for Mrs. Brown this week.

Little Olga Donagay has the mumps.

G. C. Arnett has been summoned as a juror in the Federal court at San Angelo.

PETE.

An Elopement.

E. L. Green and Miss M. E. Presler, of Coke county, were married at the court house Saturday, by Judge Goodwin in his most impressive manner. About ten hours after the ceremony the father and big brother of the bride appeared on the scene with blood in their eyes, but the happy couple had returned to the free state of Coke. It was an elopement, the bride being under age. But she signed the necessary names to an order for license, which clerk Hooper issued in his usual bland and suave manner. The old gentleman vowed vengeance at first, but finally listened to reason and went home in more placid frame of mind.

The bride is said to have been very pretty, and the groom a manly looking fellow.—West Texas Stockman.

The above were two of Sanco's most estimable young people and the Rustler extends best wishes.

People's Party Meeting.

Pursuant to a call made by the county Secretary, a meeting was held at the court house at Robert Lee, Saturday, March 19th.

The meeting was called to order by T. C. Baldwin, county Chairman, who stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing two years, and tendered his resignation, as chairman, and recommended the election of S. C. Wilkins as his successor.

Motion made and carried that T. C. Baldwin's resignation be accepted.

Nominations was then in order and S. C. Wilkins nominated as chairman, whose election was unanimous. B. P. Byrne was elected secretary and Treasurer.

Motion was made and carried that the chair appoint a committee of five on resolutions, and the following were named as the committeemen:

J. A. Stuart, Gid Graham, Ben Ross, W. C. Benson, and R. B. Ross.

The committee made the following report, which was adopted: "We, your committee on resolutions beg leave to make the following report:

Resolved, 1st, That we re-affirm the principles enunciated in the Omaha platform, and the initiative referendum and imperative mandate.

2nd, That we endorse the action of the National organization committee at St. Louis, Jan. 12th, 1898.

3rd, That we recommend the 4th of July, 1898, as the day for holding our National nominating convention.

4th, That we oppose fusion with any other party.

5th, That meetings be held by the various P. P. clubs of the county for the purpose of taking the vote to determine the date for holding our National nominating convention, the returns of which election are to be transmitted by club secretaries so as to reach him April the 20th.

W. C. Benson was appointed to provide the Referendum vote tickets for use in above election.

No further business, the meeting adjourned, sine die.

S. C. Wilkins,

B. P. Byrnes, Chairman.

Secretary.

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J. L. Barron, of Robert Lee, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Barron is largely interested in the Sweetwater railroad.—Enterprise.

The Press had a pleasant visit Tuesday from Messrs Jack and A. B. Cross, McLennan county farmers, escorted by J. D. O'Daniel, Sr., the Coke county stockfarmer and father of the J. D. Jr., and M. H. O'Daniel. The Messrs Cross have been prospecting in this section and will likely sell out their interests east and cast their lots with us, engaging in stock farming.—Press.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Locals are scarce this week.

A sleet and snow on Tuesday night.

The public school closed here Thursday.

Ugh! wasn't Tuesday and Wednesday winter time.

Uncle Johnnie Connor was in town Wednesday.

The freeze, we are afraid killed the fruit crop.

Two announcements this week. The fight has opened.

For the cheapest groceries go to J. F. Deats'.

The Rustler is \$1 cash in advance or \$1.50 on time.

Arkansaw Smith is the man that make low prices on groceries.

James Stewart went to San Angelo the last of the week.

J. R. Hazelton says he will leave in a few days for the Klondyke country.

J. W. Hall and sons, Loyd and Geo. paid their respects to San Angelo the first of the week.

Go to the Loe Restaurant, when in San Angelo. First class meals only 20 cents.

Ed M. Mobley and wife are visiting friends and relatives in Taylor county this week.

Rev. Gid Graham is being favorably spoken of as suitable County Judge material.

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

The young people enjoyed a soiree at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Latham on Tuesday night.

L. H. McDorman was in town Thursday and reports that the freeze did not injure his wheat, but thinks the fruit all killed.

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

New office aspirants are beginning to crop out, and the campaign may be a lively one yet, even if it is slow about getting in motion.

Mrs. J. R. Patteson, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Colman county returned home the last of the week.

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 transaction to stand.

W. W. Sumrall.

Those garden eatables we were all preparing our palates to receive have been removed to the more distant future by the freeze Tuesday.

Mr. J. R. McCullum, of San Antonio, was here this week looking at our town and surrounding country with a view of opening up a large mercantile establishment here. We learn that he is most favorably impressed with our location, and may, in a short time open up here. We hope he will do so, and we bespeak for him success.

In this issue appears the announcement of J. F. Deats for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County. Mr. Deats is well known to most of our people, having been in business here for the last year and a half, and is numbered as one of our best citizens. Mr. Deats is well qualified for the position he asks, and if elected will fill the office with credit to himself and his constituents. Consider his claims, and if elected we will have a good officer.

How did Wednesday strike you for a spring day?

We receive, almost each week some inquiry in regard to the country.

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.

Tax Assessor H. E. Johnston is out among the people assessing the 1898 taxes.

Stewart's Wonderful Invention For family rights to make and use Stewart's 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. STECKNEY,

Robert Lee, Texas.

Squire B. P. Byrne says he is being strongly solicited to enter the race for County Judge.

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

B. F. Montgomery and Mr. Smith, of the Boozer country was in town Thursday night on their way to San Angelo.

J. W. Knapp, of the Divide country sold last week to Kansas buyers 800 head of steers, from 1's to 3's and some few eastern 4's at \$26 a head.

Judge G. W. Perryman, J. T. Hamilton, W. F. Buchanan and R. Whitesides paid San Angelo a business trip the first of the week.

A man stands no chance of being elected to the 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.

Dr. A. Hodges informs us that he will locate here to practice dentistry, if we obtain the Colorado Valley railroad.

Mr. Boyd, a painter from Brownwood passed through town this week on his way to Lee Mays' ranch where he has been engaged to do some painting for Mr. Mays.

J. J. Vestal burned his lime kiln this week, and now has a hundred or so barrels of lime, which he will use in the construction of his stone building. With the stone, lime and sand all at hand looks considerably like a stone building in the near future.

On last Thursday our sanctum was greeted with the presence of the following young ladies: Misses Edna Reed, Pearl Hamilton, Laura Finch, Lula Webb, Lottie Hayley, and Stella Turner. Of course our shop was in perfect order, as most printing offices are on such occasions. However we are glad to welcome such visitors, and extend an invitation to call again.

W. R. Presler and son, John were in town one day this week. They informed us that on Wednesday night some unknown person entered the house, where John was batching and was in the act of stealing some meat, when John heard the noise—getting up he started in the other room, where the meat was, thinking it was a cat or dog. He got to the door he struck a match, and behold it was a man. The man struck John and John did the same thing to him. They fought there in the dark for some little time, John on top, when the other fellow began to use his knife, and John knew that would not do, so he let him go and run in the other room to get his gun, but when he returned the fellow had gone.

Announcement.

Our terms for announcements are cash in advance, and rates as follows: District offices.....\$10.00, County Offices.....\$5.00, Precinct Offices.....\$2.50. Remember, the cash must accompany the announcement in every instance.

For District and County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce W. F. (Frank) Robinson as an independent candidate for the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Barnett as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County at the November election.

For Tax Assessor Coke County.

We are authorized to announce J. F. Deats as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County, at the November election.

For County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce J. G. Walton as candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Coke County, at the November election.

J. F. Deats still leads in prices on groceries and grain.

Dr. Riggs passed through on his return from Sweetwater this week. He reports work on the C. V. progressing nicely.

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.

We hope by the opening of our next school that we may have a better school building. Steps are being taken in that direction, and a good school building may confidently be looked for.

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.

It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide-awake drug firm of Meyers & 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.

The freeze the first of the week did considerable damage to all crops that were up, and to the fruit crop.

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.

Club Meeting.

To P. P. Precinct Chairmen:—In compliance with instructions from the State Executive Committee, of the Peoples Party of Texas, you are requested to call a meeting of your respective clubs at a date not later than April 15, for the purpose of taking the referendum vote on the question of when the party's National nominating convention shall be held, July 4, 1898, May 26, 1899 or Feb. 22, 1900. The club secretaries are requested to forward the result to Harry Tracy, Dallas, Texas so as to reach him by April 20.

S. C. WILKINS
Co. Chairman.

WINDSOR HOTEL.

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

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STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES,

Fruits and Vegetables.

Pays Highest Market Prices For All Kinds Of Country Produce.

New & Second-Hand Furniture Store

Largest House of the kind in West Texas.

Opposite Post Office, San Angelo.

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

Mrs. E. c. Fitzgerald.

BURROUGHS & CO., General Hardware, Glass- ware And Queensware.

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BURNS & BELL, DEALERS IN Dry Goods, Groceries

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Highest Market Price paid for CHICKENS, EGGS, BUTTER and all kinds
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Reasonable Rates.
Everything First class.
Best of Attention given patrons
We Respectfully Solicit Your Patronage.
PERRY & SON.

When a woman wishes she was a man she thinks she can show the men how nice to be a woman.

Innocent Children Sacrificed.

It is estimated that one-fourth of the human race die before attaining their fifth birthday, owing to our changeable climate. And there are thousands of adults that stomach complaints are reducing to confirmed invalidism, whom Hostetter's Stomach Bitters would promptly relieve.

COL. HAMILTON,

OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, USES PERUNA IN HIS FAMILY.

The Colonel's Wife Restored to Health by Dr. Hartman's Famous Remedy for Catarrh.

Columbus, Ohio, May 18, 1897.

"Besides having the merits of Pe-ru-na so fully demonstrated in my family, I have a number of friends who



have taken it for catarrh and stomach trouble and all unite in praising it. As a remedy for catarrh I can fully recommend it."

Colonel Hamilton's residence is located at 309 West First avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

A HOUSEHOLD REMEDY.

That Pe-ru-na has become a household remedy in this elegant home is well attested by a letter from Mrs. Hamilton, which says: "I can bear testimony as to the merits of your remedy Pe-ru-na. I have been taking the same for some time, and am enjoying better health now than I have for some years. I attribute the change to Pe-ru-na, and recommend Pe-ru-na to every woman, believing it to be especially beneficial to them."

Address The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, of Columbus, Ohio, for a free copy of "The National Witness."

People should not dread a contagious disease. It keeps visitors away.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

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 sticky bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

If you hope to get along, you must not stop when you have a cold.

Headache Quickly Cured.

Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache never fails, 25c. Never say pants; speak of them as pantaloons.

SHOULD BE PREPARED.

Rheumatism and La Grippe Prevalent and Prompt Treatment Necessary.

Every family should have a bottle of "5 Drops" on hand, especially at this season of the year. Changes in the weather are so liable to cause rheumatism, la grippe and many other diseases that the "5 Drops" cure.

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago: "5 Drops" promptly received. That is the medicine we want. My wife would undoubtedly have been a cripple if it had not been for your "5 Drops." We would not be without it. Yours truly, John G. Martin, Wellsville, Mo., Feb. 18, 1898.

This is one of many testimonials which the manufacturers of "5 Drops" have received.

During the next thirty days they will send out 100,000 of their sample bottles for 25 cents a bottle. Write today to the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 167 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. This company is reliable and promptly fill every order.

There is a difference in what a man thinks of himself and what others think.

Jerry's SEEDS

grow paying crops because they're fresh and always the best. For sale everywhere. Refuse substitutes. Stick to Jerry's Seeds and prosper. 1898 Seed Annual free. Write for it. D. M. FERRY & CO., Detroit, Mich.

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DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY: gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Send for testimonials and 10 days' treatment free. Dr. H. R. GREEN'S SON, Atlanta, Ga.

MORPHINE AND WHISKY HABITS. HOME CURE. Book FREE. DR. J. C. HOFFMAN, Lathrop, Ind., CHICAGO, ILL.

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Bearing Wood of Grape Vines.

E. G. Lodeman, department of agriculture report: (5) All the fruit of the vine in any one year is borne upon the fruit of that year, which grow from the canes produced the preceding year; and since the number of clusters borne upon a single shoot is fairly constant (varying generally from one to three), the number of buds left upon a vine when it is pruned determines with considerable accuracy the number of clusters which the vine will possess. These facts serve as the chief guides to the operator in the vineyards when estimating the probable capacity of a vine during the next season of bearing. Usually more buds are allowed to remain than would be safe if each one were sure to be perfect; an excess of 10 to 20 per cent is generally left in New York vineyards to take the places of such buds as are imperfect, or of those which become injured.

(6) The position of the bearing wood upon a vine is of secondary importance as regards the effect upon the quantity and quality of the fruit; but as a frequent change or renewal of the entire top appears to be desirable, the young bearing wood should be as near the root of the plant as circumstances will allow. When the important relation of these essential points to successful grape growing is thoroughly considered, the secondary character of the training of the vine becomes apparent. A system of training may become popular in a locality simply as the effect of some trifling cause, and not as a result of extended comparisons or experiences; it is well understood and therefore used. Yet, there is scarcely a system which is not more or less modified by the individual grower—so much so that often many variations of some well-known method will be found in the same locality. Each vineyardist is a staunch supporter of his own method, and the conclusion which one must necessarily reach is that the grower is the main factor, the system being merely a convenience capable of much variation. Yet every important grape growing district has one or more characteristic methods of training its grape vines. This plainly shows that such methods are well suited to the locality and to the varieties of grapes grown there. For this reason they deserve study, as well as comparison with other methods in successful use. When the advantages and disadvantages of the various typical systems are well understood, it is a comparatively easy matter to select one which will prove successful even under peculiar circumstances. In case of necessity an entirely new method may be adopted to suit the requirements of a certain locality; all that is essential is to adapt the system to the principals stated above and to limit all modifications in accordance with them.

Cost of Raising Grain.

My figures are based on \$50 per acre land. All that one man can do will be to raise, say, 25 acres of wheat, 40 acres of corn, 25 acres of oats, and 10 acres of hay, altogether 100 acres. In the first place I will have to buy an outfit; that will last ten years. It will consist of the following: Three good 4-year-old horses, \$300; harness, \$40; wagon, \$55; stock rake, \$10; harrow, \$15; deep cultivator, \$18; oats seeder, 10; corn planter, \$40; wheat drill, 50; binder, \$115; mower, \$45; hay rake, \$20; hay frame, \$10; small repairing tools, \$10; total, \$778.

Now, as you know, everything will be worn out in ten years, and the money so spent will be a total loss, so we must count one-tenth of the invested capital as being the loss on wear and tear for each year. Then there is the interest. The annual loss for this will be about as follows: One-tenth of \$778, \$77.80; interest on \$778 at 6 per cent, \$46.68; rent of land, \$300; tax on land, \$40; tax on horses and tools, \$20; horse feed, \$120; wages at \$1.50 per day for 300 days, \$450; a total of \$1,054.48. We may figure pretty accurately and you will find it will take about half of the counted time to work the forty acres of corn, and the other half of the time will suffice for the wheat, oats and hay; so we will count one-half of the \$1,054.48 for the raising of corn. That will be \$527.24. To which we must add cost of shelling of a 40 bushel crop \$16 and seed \$2.50, making a total of \$545.74. This gives us 1,600 bushels of corn at a total cost of \$545.74, or a cost of 34 cents per bushel. The average corn crop of 1907 was 23 bushels, which would give a cost per bushel of 59 cents. Of course the more bushels per acre we raise the less will be the cost of each bushel. As the same tools are used all over the farm we will throw about an equal charge of the wear to each crop.

Hay.—Working carefully, it will take a man two days to cut his ten acres of meadow, which will make the labor \$3; a day to rake it up, \$1.50; four days to shake up, \$6; two men four

days to haul in, \$12; rent of land, \$30; tax of land, \$4; wear and tear and interest, \$12.45; later on for hauling to market and other work to meadow, \$23; total, \$91.95. The average hay crop for 1897 was about one and one-half tons to acre, which will make the cost \$6.15. Adding 80 cents for horse feed brings it up to \$6.93 per ton of hay.

Wheat.—Seed 35 bushels, \$35; binder twine, \$8; threshing 300 bushels at 4 cents, \$12; work of all kinds, \$112.50; rent for land, \$75; wear, tear, tax, \$41.62; horse feed, \$30; total cost of 25 acres of wheat, \$314.12, or \$1.04 per bushel.

Oats.—Seventy-five bushels of seed, \$20; twine, \$8; threshing a 40 bushel per acre yield, 1,000 bushels, \$20; work of all kinds, \$112.50; rent for land, \$75; wear, tear, tax, \$41.62; horse feed, \$30; total, \$307.12, or a little over 30 cents per bushel.

In above figures I did not count any incidental expenses, such as horse-shoeing, machine oil, harness oil and the like.

I am one of your readers and that is the only school I have ever had in this good America. I began reading your paper ten years ago right after I began farming for myself. I call myself a practical farmer, which one can get to be only by actual experience and good farm journals through which to exchange ideas. Land in my neighborhood sells for from \$75 to \$100 per acre. We had a fair crop, but there is not much money on account of bad roads. Wheat looks as if it was used up.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Defective Road Laws.

The chief executive of Indiana is a strong advocate of good roads and is determined that the road laws of that state shall be radically revised. He expresses himself as follows:

"I knew before I became governor that our road laws were defective, and I have learned much more since I have been in office. I have been investigating the question lately, with a view to future legislation, and I find the study not only interesting but I may say appalling. The road tax the state over will average more than 15 cents on \$100. We pay taxes on \$1,200,000,000. That means that we are supposed to pay about \$2,000,000 per annum for keeping our roads up. I want to say that I am wholly and thoroughly convinced that not 50 per cent of this sum is ever expended as the law provides. A great deal of it is never even collected. The Indiana law allows a taxpayer to 'work out' his road tax. The road supervisor is sole boss and judge of this 'working-out' business, and any sort of a slipshod report of the matter he sees fit to make to his township trustee suffices. As a consequence abuse is almost universal, and the most outrageous and flagrant frauds are perpetrated. There is \$156,000,000 worth of railroad property taxed in Indiana, but do these railroads pay their 15 cents on the hundred dollars, as prescribed by law? Not at all. They 'work it out' on the free gravel roads, according to reports, but the result of the work is not apparent. In some places I doubt if any of the money these railroads were supposed to pay for road tax, and of which they did pay, perhaps, 80 per cent, for the tax receipts, was expended on the roads. One man who has several railroads under his control told me a short time ago that none of his roads ever paid over 80 per cent for these receipts. The railroads are reported on the books of nearly every county in the state as having 'worked out' their road tax, and I challenge any man to cite me a single case where he has seen the employes of any railroad working on our roads paying off this tax. With the amount of money Indiana is supposed to pay for road tax she ought to have the best roads in the United States. But she has not and will not have until there is corrective legislation. There ought to be no such thing as 'working out' road tax, and the laws should be so revised as to insure the expenditure of the tax collected for the purpose it is designed to serve. I am studying the New Jersey law and other state laws, and hope to be able to present some valuable suggestions to the next legislature."

Carbon-Bisulphide for Weevils.

Carbon-bisulphide is a colorless liquid with a strong odor. It evaporates freely at ordinary temperature. The gas is heavier than air, is highly inflammable and a strong poison although a small portion is not injurious. Provide sufficient blankets, canvas, or oilcloth to thoroughly cover the grain to be treated. For every one hundred bushels of grain put in open shallow dishes on the grain one pound of carbon-bisulphide using about one-half pound in each dish and placing them at a reasonable distance. Cover the grain, dishes and all, at once and let remain for twenty-four hours. Examine to see if all insects, rats and mice are dead. If some are found to be alive apply again, using more of the liquid. Ware houses, mills, elevators, store rooms and the like may be treated in a similar manner. The liquid as retailed at the drug stores costs from 20 to 30 cents per pound.

The ammonia of hen manure is one of the most valuable parts.

Ayrshire Meeting.

The Ayrshire Breeders' Association held its twenty-third annual meeting at New York January 26. The officers elected were as follows: L. S. Drew, South Burlington, Vt., president; Obadiah Brown, Providence, R. I.; H. R. C. Watson, Brandon, Vt.; B. C. Sears, Blooming Grove, N. Y., and John Stewart, Elburn, Ill., vice presidents; S. M. Wells, Wethersfield, Conn., J. O. Magie, Elizabeth, N. J., executive committee; C. M. Winslow, Brandon, Vt., secretary and editor; Henry E. Smith, Enfield, R. I., treasurer; C. M. Winslow, Brandon, Vt., and J. D. W. French, North Andover, Mass., editing committee. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the treasury of \$2,685.15. The committee on home dairy tests reported the testing of herds belonging to N. E. Sears, Elmwood, Conn.; L. D. Stowell, Black Creek, N. Y.; A. H. Elliott, Garrattsville, N. Y.; Geo. H. Yeaton and W. R. Garvin, Dover, N. H.; C. H. Hayes & Son, Portsmouth, N. H., and C. M. Winslow & Son, Brandon, Vt., and for fair ground tests, Vermont state fair. Voted to conduct seven day tests of herd and single cows for market butter and total solids. Also to offer special prizes at fairs for largest quantity of butter fat from one day's milking. 1. Voted to hold the next annual meeting in New York at some time in January. 2. There is general complaint among breeders of fine cattle that railroad rates on live stock are too high, and in many cases prohibitive. On motion of J. D. W. French of North Andover, Mass., the executive committee was directed to co-operate with committees of other associations in trying to secure lower rates.

C. M. Winslow, Secretary.

Germany and American Horses.

Foreign correspondents report that the Minister of Agriculture of United Germany at a recent session of the Prussian Diet declared that American horses developed influenza after importation, and if the importations increased, Germany would be forced to adopt suitable quarantine measures to protect itself. Dr. Salmon, the chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, said when his attention was called to the dispatch: "So far as the Department of Agriculture is aware there is no influenza prevailing in this country. It is a disease common to horses, and possibly may be present in places of which we have no information, but this is improbable, because news of that character would promptly reach the department. The horses which are exported are not inspected, but if an animal has the disease it will recover or die before the transatlantic journey is made. The period of duration of the disease is about two weeks, and as it takes from two to three weeks to ship the animals across the ocean it is apparent that all danger is passed by the time the other side is reached." The growth in the shipment of American horses to Europe in the last four years has been enormous. These shipments in 1897 aggregated in value \$4,769,265, as against \$718,607 in 1893.

Pruning of Grapes.

Vice Director Glazier of the Oklahoma Experiment Station says: As to time and manner of grape pruning, there is no little discussion among viticulturists. We think there should be a departure from the old beaten paths of our northern neighbors. In this latitude we can safely prune our vines in early fall, without fear of the winter destroying our remaining canes. The objector urges that the fall pruned vines will force their buds out earlier in the spring than vines pruned, say in February. We are quite sure that this error is misleading, as evidenced by the fact that grapes will put forth buds, and bloom as well, without root action. Again, if pruning is left until late spring, a large reserve force is lost, and cast away by the needless canes. Vineyards occupying a proper altitude are not often exposed to late frost. We believe that the safer course to pursue is to prune in the fall, thereby conserving all food material for the next year's crop.

The Corn Crop.—The government estimates the corn crop at 1,902,967,933 bushels grown on 80,095,051 acres of land. The total value is put at \$501,072,952. The crop is shorter than last year, and it was believed that the prices must be correspondingly better, especially as there are apparently more favorable conditions. Not only is the crop some hundreds of millions of bushels short, but the commercial world is in better condition, and of course the population has considerably increased within the twelve months. But in the face of this the price is little better than that of last year. This will at least have the effect of keeping the acreage within bounds.

During the recent eclipse of the sun at Bombay, India, Prof. Lockyer secured sixty spectrum photographs. Some of these have been developed, and are found to exhibit changes in the aspect of the chromosphere, second by second, at each of the four contacts.

If you would know what kind of a temper a woman has take a wet dog in to her parlor.

Scrofula

Is a deep-seated blood disease which all the mineral mixtures in the world cannot cure. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) is a real blood remedy for blood diseases and has no equal.

Mrs. V. T. Buck, of Delaney, Ark., had Scrofula for twenty-five years and most of the time was under the care of the doctors who could not relieve her. A



specialist said he could cure her, but he filled her with arsenic and potash which almost ruined her constitution. She then took nearly every so-called blood medicine and drank them by the wholesale, but they did not reach her trouble. Some one advised her to try S.S.S., and she very soon found that she had a real blood remedy at last. She says: "After taking one dozen bottles of S.S.S. I am perfectly well, my skin is clear and healthy and I would not be in my former condition for two thousand dollars. Instead of drying up the poison in my system, like the potash and arsenic, S.S.S. drove the disease out through the skin, and I was permanently rid of it."

A Real Blood Remedy.

S.S.S. never fails to cure Scrofula, Eczema, Rheumatism Contagious Blood Poison, or any disorder of the blood. Do not rely upon a simple tonic to cure a deep-seated blood disease, but take a real blood remedy.

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HOT SHOT.

J. J. Edwards



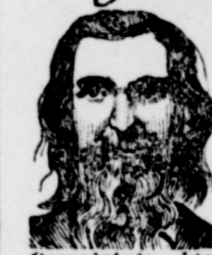
Hot Springs, Ark., writes: For 25 years have used Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine for Biliousness, Torpid Liver, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Dyspepsia and General Debility. It is perfectly harmless, and I think far superior to "Zellin's Liver Medicine" and "Black Draught" in strength and action.

W. A. Yates



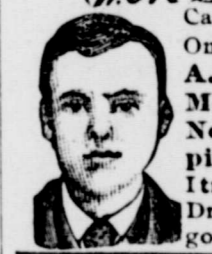
Willford, Ark., writes: Have used Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine 10 years in my family. It has cured cases of Enlargement of Liver and Spleen, Bilious Fever, and cured my Wife of Nervous Headache. I find it far superior to "J. H. Zellin's Liver Regulator," also far ahead of "Black Draught."

Geo W. Moody



San Antonio, Tex., writes: I am 76 years old and have had my days have been lengthened by Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine, which cured me of Chronic Constipation of long standing. I have used it in my family 30 years for Biliousness, Sick Headache, Kidney Complaints, Troubles and Bowel Complaints. I took one dose of Zellin's Liver Regulator, and some of the sticks in it lodged in my throat, causing me to vomit, and I took no more of it. I refer to any County Officer in Sanders County.

W. M. Simmons



Canton, Texas, writes: One Package Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine cured me of Neuralgia and Palpitation of Heart. I tried Theford's Black Draught, and it did no good.

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TO THE FREE GOVERNMENT LANDS OF WESTERN CANADA.

Where twenty-five and thirty bushels of wheat are grown to the acre, will be personally conducted by a Canadian Government representative on 23d and 30th March and 6th April, leaving St. Paul on these dates. For particulars as to the specially low passenger and freight rates, apply to Dr. RICHARDSON, Houston, Texas, Canadian Government Agent.

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

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

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\$400 FOR NEW NAMES!

The Salzer Seed Co. want suitable names for their 17-inch long corn and White Oat prodigy. You can win this \$400 easily. Catalogue tells all about it. Seed potatoes only \$1.50 a barrel.

Send This Notice and 10 Cts. in Stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get free their great seed catalogue and 11 new farm seed samples, including above corn and oats, positively worth \$10, to get a start. w.n.h.

Single men being drafted into war first will cause bachelors to get married.

Don't Tobacco Spill and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

After the pleasure in receiving a letter comes the worry of answering it.

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 face-similar 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.

A woman should never praise her children's smartness to other people.

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

A girl can't keep her approaching marriage a secret. She will talk of it.

Referred to the Attorney General.

Austin, Tex., March 19.—The contention by some lawyers that the blunder of the codifiers in omitting from the civil code the clause fixing the date of state elections repeals that clause, and that there is no legal election until the legislature fixes a day, has induced the governor to refer the matter to the attorney general, and it is believed as the day for the state election has been with brief exception on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November every two years since the days of the old republic, that the governor's action in ordering the last election on that date, though the codifiers repealed the old provision before the governor ordered the election, will not be invalidated, nor can his power to designate that day be questioned. This seems to be the opinion of those in official circles. One contention is that the ordinance of the constitution fixing the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November every two years for all elections until the legislature otherwise provides is revived by the codifying repeal. Another clause of the code requires the governor to order elections for state and district officers, presidential electors and other officers presuntively on the same date. Article 1811, civil code, fixes Tuesday next after the first Monday in November every four years as the day of election for presidential electors. It is inferred that this recognition of the date always in force is a statutory direction to the governor to continue the operation of the old laws and constitutional ordinances as to the date for the election of all other officers.

FOR DEFENSE.

Troops Leave Fort Sam Houston for Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., March 19.—Late Thursday night Lieut. C. S. Riche, corps of engineers, received instructions to immediately begin work on emplacements for two ten-inch guns and mortars at Bolivar Point, and one in the Denver resurvey. Bolivar Point is across Galveston channel, and opposite the fortifications already constructed at Fort Point, on the east end of Galveston Island. Denver resurvey is on the gulf side of Galveston Island, and just west of the city. All the officers and attaches of the engineering department are working overtime, getting ready for the work of construction, as orders are to rush. The emplacements will be ready for actual use in thirty days, if necessary, although the completion of the work will require several months. Three carloads of torpedoes have arrived. They will be charged at once, and will be planted in these waters. Light battery K, first artillery, will leave Fort Sam Houston to-night, arriving here early Sunday morning. There are seventy-six men and sixty horses. As barracks have not been constructed, they will probably have to camp out.

Commander J. M. Hawley, United States navy, will arrive here to-day from New Orleans to open a recruiting station. Quite a number of men have announced their determination to enlist. The Missouri Pacific railroad system has made a contract with the government to transport a large quantity of coal from mines in Arkansas, Indian Territory and Colorado to Galveston, for the use of naval vessels. Details of the contract are not available.

Settled at Last.

Denison, Tex., March 19.—Last fall a man named John Butts, colored, was appointed postmaster at Cherryvale, I. T. The patrons of the office objected to a colored man acting as postmaster, and would not let him have any place to open an office. After a long game of hide and seek between the appointee and the patrons, the office was located about a mile from Cherryvale, and the name changed to Ungles. The patrons of the office that had been, refused to take any stock in the new office, and the result was that no letters came addressed to any one there. This being the case, the officials at Washington finally decided that a postoffice at Ungles was an unnecessary expense, and it was discontinued. Thus the matter is settled. At one time the matter attracted national attention, on account of the refusal of the people of Cherryvale to rent or lease the postmaster any building to place an office in, on account of his color.

Roady.

"Your wife is a forehanded little creature." "Forehanded? I should say so. The day I stayed at home on account of the big snowstorm she made me get out the lawn-mower and oil it."

Otto Eckert was murdered near Anadarko, Ok., recently, being found with his throat cut.

Mrs. Jane Parker, aged 53, died in the United States jail at South McAlester recently.

A DOCTOR'S DIRECTIONS.

They save a daughter from blindness.

"When a father writes that yours is the best medicine in the world," you can allow something for sewing extravagance in the statement if you know that the medicine so praised, cured a loved daughter of disease and restored to her the eyesight nearly lost. The best medicine in the world for you is the medicine that cures you. There can't be anything better. No medicine can do more than cure. That is why John S. Goode, of Orrick, Mo., writes in these strong terms:

"Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine in the world. My daughter had a relapse after the measles, due to taking cold. She was nearly blind, and was obliged to remain in a dark room all the time. The doctors could give her no relief, one of them directed me to give her Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Two bottles cured her completely."

The thousands of testimonials to the value of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla repeat over and over again, in one form or another the expression: "The doctors gave her no relief, one of them directed me to give her Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Two bottles completely cured her." It is a common experience to have Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla as a last resort. It is

a common experience to have Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla prescribed by a physician. It is a common experience to see a "complete cure" follow the use of a few bottles of this great blood purifying medicine.

Because it is a specific for all forms of blood disease. If a disease has its origin in bad or impure blood, Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, acting directly on the blood, removing its impurities and giving to it vitalizing energy, will promptly eradicate the disease.

The great feature of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the radical cures that result from its use. Many medicines only suppress disease—they push the pimples down under the skin, they paint the complexion with subtle arsenical compounds, but the disease rages in the veins like a pent-up fire, and some day breaks out in a volcanic eruption that eats up the body. Ayer's Sarsaparilla goes to the root. It makes the fountain clean and the waters are clean. It makes the root good and the fruit is good. It gives Nature the elements she needs to build up the broken-down constitution—not to brace it up with stimulants or patch it up on the surface. Send for Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and learn more about the cures effected by this remedy. It's sent free, on request, by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5 cts.

Real justice never plays to the grand stand.

I know that my life was saved by Piso's Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Michigan, April 21, 1895.

Those who defend us when assailed never have any war ships.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. CENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Every strange girl is just as sweet as she can be.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

By "better" society is often meant a better quality of cut glass and linen.

FITS Permanently Cured. No More Migraines after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KING, Ltd., 351 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

By-the-way, what kin are you to Uncle Sam?

Crescent Hotel, Eureka Springs, Ark.

Opens March 1st. In heart of Ozark Mountains, climate mild and bracing, scenery wild and beautiful. Unequaled medicinal waters. Excursion rates, through sleepers, via Frisco Line. Address: Manager Crescent, Eureka Springs, or Geo. T. Nicholson, G. P. A., Frisco Line, St. Louis, Mo.

A mule can't be driven over a child. Our opinion should better of the mule.

When a man reaches the age that he can be useful he is compelled to pay a good deal of attention to sickness.

Getting married is like renting a door to keep the wolf from it.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

It is a lucky man who can borrow an umbrella on a rainy day.

SEATTLE, unquestionably best and cheapest starting point and outfitting station for Alaska and Klondike, does not ask or advise you to go, but you will find Seattle's facilities, stocks and experience unsurpassed and prices the very lowest. Washington state has Klondikes of its own. Seattle is the chief city. Strangers are protected by Public Comfort Bureau. Address: Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, Wash.

A petty politician always wants to be taken seriously.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

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

The people do not love as deeply as they pretend.

Colorado Gold Field.

Colorado is the banner gold-producing state in the Union. Production in 1897 over \$20,000,000. This year promises to exceed \$30,000,000. New strikes are being made every day. Nothing like it since the days of '49. Would you know all about these things? Then send twenty-five cents for a six-months' trial subscription to the "MINING WORLD," an eight-page illustrated weekly paper. Regular subscription \$1.00 a year. The newest mining newspaper in the world. Address "World," P. O. Box 1611, Denver, Col.

Some people who smile to your face will make fun of you behind your back.

OVER-WROUGHT NERVES OF WOMEN.

Extracts From Letters Received by Mrs. Pinkham.

"I am so nervous and wretched," "I feel as if I should fly." How familiar these expressions are. Little things annoy you and make you irritable. You can't sleep, you are unable to lift ordinary burdens, and are subject to dizziness.

That bearing-down sensation helps to make you feel miserable.

You have backache and pains low down in the side, pain in top of head, later on at base of the brain.

Such a condition points unerringly to serious uterine trouble. If you had written to Mrs. Pinkham when you first experienced impaired vitality, you would have been spared these hours of awful suffering.

Happiness will be gone out of your life forever, my sister, unless you act promptly. Procure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and begin its use, then write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., if there is anything about your case you do not understand.

You need not be afraid to tell her the things you could not explain to the doctor, your letter is seen only by women and is absolutely confidential. Mrs. Pinkham's vast experience with such troubles enables her to tell you just what is best for you, and she will charge you nothing for her advice.

Mrs. JENNIE BIERLY, Youngdale, Pa., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Will you kindly allow me the pleasure of expressing my gratitude for the wonderful relief I have experienced by taking your Vegetable Compound. I suffered for a long time with nervous prostration, backache, headache, loss of appetite, a heavy bearing-down feeling, also burning pains in the groins. I could not sleep, was tired all the time, had no ambition. Life was a burden to me. The pains I suffered at times of menstruation were something dreadful. I thought there was no cure for it. I saw your advertisement in the paper, and my husband advised me to try your medicine. I took five bottles, and now I am well and happy. Your medicine saved my life."

A Million Women Have Been Benefited by Mrs. Pinkham's Advice and Medicine

"A FAIR FACE MAY PROVE A FOUL BARGAIN." MARRY A PLAIN GIRL IF SHE USES

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One Price to All Alike.

We agree to maintain the list prices on Columbia, Hartford and Vedette bicycles published in our 1898 Catalogue, throughout the season ending October 1st, 1898.

Columbia Models 50 and 51, Bevel-Gear Chainless, \$1 25
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17 and 18, 35

POPE MFG. CO., Hartford, Conn.

Catalogue free from any Columbia dealer, or by mail for one 2-cent stamp.

For Sale by All Wholesale and Retail Grocers.

Judge Adams was in town in town this week.

Subscribe for the RUSTLER, and keep up with the times.

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

J. J. Vestal reports good success in burning his lime kiln.

M. H. Davis' two-story hotel building is assuming house appearances.

Subscribe for the Rustler Only dollar per year.

The Teachers Institute was in session here Friday and Saturday.

Prof. H. T. Carter was here Friday in attendance to the Institute.

J. D. Collier & Co., are selling good cotton checks at 4 cents per yard, and everything else proportionately low at the Edith Store, was cut in two or three places, but not serious. He has no idea who it was.

Quite a number of teachers attended the Institute here yesterday and today.

J. A. Green began work on repairing the court house this week.

Notice. I have fine grass and plenty of water for two hundred head of stock. Will pasture cattle at 10 cents and horses at 13 cents per month. T. S. VAUGHN, Bronte, Texas.

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.

Dentistry. Dr. H. Hodges, Dentist, will be in Robert Lee during District court, Office at Davis Hotel. If you have Dental work give him a trial. All work first class, guaranteed and up-to-date.

Died. On Friday of last week Mr. J. J. Williams, of Bronte, died of heart disease. Mr. Williams was one of our most representative citizens, and his sudden death was regretted by all. He leaves a wife and a number of children to mourn his loss. He was buried at the Bronte cemetery, Rev. E. T. Bates officiating.

A little co-operation on the part of our business men would be quite beneficial to them. There is many abuses which could be rectified, and cases where large savings could be made on railroad freights, which would enable them to compete with our neighbor towns.

Girls, be careful. By chance we happened to be in company with one of our most popular young swains this week, when he received from an errand boy a return compliment from one of our fair damsels. The young man opened the envelope and read the note carefully, and knowing the close relations which existed, a look of surprise covered his face. Noting the change in his countenance, a "cham," who was standing by, asked permission to see the note. It read as follows: "Mr. ——— Your compliment received and your company excepted. (Miss) ———. The word "excepted" was the portion of the note which caused the confusion, which meant "accepted," and was only an error by the "pencil." Through strong arguments by the "chams" and ye scribe the young man was convinced that it was a mere mistake, and made the call at the appointed hour.

ERSKIN WAGON YARD.

The dryest yard, roomiest stalls, largest and most comfortable camp houses, the very best water in town. In fact every possible accommodation first class. Yard fees 15 cents. The Coke county trade solicited. Across the street, south of the lumber yard.

JNO. DOUGLAS, Proprietor, Ballinger Texas

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

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 comers from Ft. Worth and stations East, including Alexandria, La., round trip tickets to Abilene, Pecos and stations intermediate, and to Eddy and Roswell New Mexico, at rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip; tickets good 30 days from date of sale.

This will be the best time of the year to see Western Texas and you ought to take advantage of the opportunity. See nearest Ticket Agent for further information, or address E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, T. & P. Ry, Dallas Texas.

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

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

We have received a nice lot of stationery, and are now prepared to do your job printing. Give us a trial.

The report was made the latter part of last week that work on the Colorado Valley has suspended to a considerable extent, but Grand Pa Poore, who come down with the Sweetwater mail informed us Monday that the work had opened up a fresh. The suspension it was said, was due to the company not having a sufficient amount of money on hand to meet their monthly pay roll the 1st, and a "scare" ensued before funds could be received from New York to pay up entirely. After the payment in full, however, work was resumed.

In this issue appears the name of Mr. J. G. Walton, who at the solicitation of friends announces as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Coke county. Mr. Walton is well and favorably known in a good portion of the county, and is well qualified for the position he seeks. He is a cripple which prevents him to a large extent from manual labor, and is therefore entitled to the consideration of the voters, especially when his sterling qualifications and integrity is above reproach. Consider his claims before promising your support to another party, and if elected he will discharge the duties of the office in an efficient manner, and faithfully discharge every duty involved upon him by law.

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.

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

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Mrs. S. M. Bulah, Proprietress. The Only \$1 Day House in City. Good Meals, Good Rooms and Conveniently located.

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The Coke County Rustler At A Very Low Price. THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS (Galveston or Dallas) published Tuesdays and Fridays. Each issue consist of eight pages. There are special departments for the farmers, the ladies and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news-matter, illustrated articles, etc. We offer the Semi-Weekly News and the Coke County Rustler for 12 months for the low clubbing price of \$1.80 cash. This gives you three papers a week or 150 papers a year at a ridiculously low price. Hand in your subscription at once.

Mr. Q. Lee, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals only 20 cents. Good rates by the week or month. The patronage of Coke county solicited.

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

LAND OFFICE BUSINESS.

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

WALL PAPER

Do you expect to do any papering? We will send you free a large selection of samples from three cents per roll up, all new colorings and novelties up to date. WE PAY FREIGHT. We want an agent in every town to sell on commission from large sample books. No capital required. For samples or particulars, address

S. WOLF, 747-753 Ninth Ave., N. Y. City.

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

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

The Spencer Grocery Co.

San Angelo, Texas. (Near The Depot.)

What One Dollar Buys:

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

A \$2,000 Word!

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

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

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

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

TO ENTER THIS CONTEST YOU MUST SUBSCRIBE FOR



IN CONNECTION WITH

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AT THE EXTREMELY LOW PRICE OF \$1.80

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

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

IN ONE YEAR THE CONSTITUTION HAS PAID OUT

NEARLY \$6,000 IN CASH

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

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

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

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

THE GREATEST OF ALL WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS FOR ONE YEAR

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

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

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

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

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST

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

THE CONSTITUTION PITS 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 owner 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) as

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COKE COUNTY RUSTLER,

Robert Lee, Tex.

City Barber Shop, Skin Diseases.

For an easy Shave, neat Hair Cut or other Tonsorial work, call at the City Barber Shop, next door to drug store. MARTIN & WALTON.

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

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