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Ft. Chadbourne Notes.

Regular Correspondent.

I failed to give you anything from Chadbourne last week; I, with others, was so busy trying to get ready for the '99 crop, that it seemed I couldn't take the time to write; but the RUSTLER came out all the same.

A Douglas and W. C. McDonald finished up a large tank in McDonald's pasture last week.

We are wanting to see a good rain now, but it looks more like snow and we are having pretty rough weather, today.

Mr. Black Robinson went to Abilene, last week.

Mr. Weaver has gone to Paint Rock.

A Mr Goodson has rented Mr. Reed's farm on Cow Creek. Mr. Reed is going to Mexico in the spring.

Mr. Ike Johnson got up the other morning and found a big boy at his house.

Our rustling merchants, Billingslea and son came in Friday night with a nice lot of new goods, and that isn't all, they sell as cheap as Ballinger merchants, I hope the people will give them all their trade.

The Baptist people had a three or four days meeting at Rock Springs closing last night (Sunday) I think they took in two members by letter.

I was glad to see the supplement that came out with the RUSTLER last week; I say Hurray for the RUSTLER! If all the good people of Coke would take their County paper, they would become more interested in their county, and it would be only a question of a short time when they would see their grand old county to the front.

With success to the RUSTLER and all its readers; I am as ever,
 UNCLE TOM.

A large stock of ladies dress goods, at prices to suit every body, at Crayton and Robbins, Ballinger, Texas.

Arkansaw Smith is doing a fine business in San Angelo, and can save you money on groceries. Try him.

Letter from Brother Fair.

Mr. Editor and Readers:

A man from Coke County passed through our town the other day and told the hotel proprietor that he enjoyed my communications in the RUSTLER, so for the enjoyment of him and others of his kind, I am encouraged to write again.

The paper seems to me improving each week. You have a very interesting corps of contributors, and the locals are interesting to me, by means of which we keep posted in deaths, marriages, removals, trades and business movements of our friends in all of which we feel a great interest.

"The Glimpse of Cripple Creek" communication interested and fascinated me, from start to finish, and when I saw the name at the close, I felt a double interest and read the piece again. Charlie's pen pictures are very impressive and interesting to me; but for a

few errors in the grammatical construction and orthography it would be worthy a prominent position in some of the leading Journals of the nation. I predict for Charlie a useful and prominent career in life; if he will look well to his morals and improve his opportunities.

We have had several weddings and only one death recently. The man who died was old and had been feeble for several years, he died of consumption. There has been but little sickness in this part of the country this winter.

We had a very quiet time during the holidays, only one accident, and it was caused by the explosion of a cannon cracker, by which a boy lost two of his fingers. No drunkenness, we have local option. Some quiet parties and balls.

The first part of the winter was very severe, but now we have pleasant weather, and the farmers are breaking their land for another crop. Wheat looks well, and the prospects for a good crop are encouraging. Stock generally look well.

We had a burn in our town, on the morning before Xmas, Mr. Polk Beal's store was burned, but with bare and well directed efforts, we succeeded in preventing the spreading of the fire, loss about \$2500, insurance \$1800, the building is being repaired and Mr. Beal will soon resume business.

My daughter, Belle is teaching at Antelope Gap Mills Co.

With best wishes to the RUSTLER and readers.

Yours Truly,
 Geo. P. Fair.

Frank Gibbons is doing a good wagon yard business with the old Elkhorn wagon yard in San Angelo. Try him.

For rope burned horses use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Coke County people will get good groceries and good treatment, when they trade with Baldwin and Carter, Ballinger.

C. I. Hood and Co., of Lowell, Mass., sends us a pretty calendar for 1899. They put up a good Sarsaparilla, which can be bought from nearly any of our dealers. By sending them six cents in stamps, you can get their pretty calendar.

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Valley View Locals.

Our school boys and girls kept the artist at Lee, Mr. Simpson, quite busy Monday evening. Every one that has "passed through the ordeal" can surmise the occasion.

Miss Barbara Davis, of Lee visited our school on Monday.

Mr. Casey and family have returned. The boys keep very quiet about the biscuits they made while Mrs. Casey was away. He still boys; we know nothing.

Mr. Dunn's little girl has been quite sick.

Mr. Henry Wyatt is back from Comanche.

Our school is increasing in attendance. We are invited to be present Friday evening at an old-fashioned Spelling Match; and if we get beaten, Mr. Editor, we can't afford in our next letters to send it to The RUSTLER and let all of its intelligent, sympathetic readers hear of it. So if you don't hear from us soon you may guess what fate has befallen us.

Each week the RUSTLER comes to us with a fresh face, smiling eyes, neway nose and with hearty grip, "I am here to stay on my own merits."

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Tennyson Notes

Messrs. J. W. Bradley, John Burleson, John Cornelius and son Jim, B. A. Taylor and family, A. J. Petross and son, made business trips to San Angelo this week.

Mrs. Bob Sparks is very ill, her recovery is sincerely hoped by her many friends.

Mr. John Scott and family, of Collins County, has recently moved into the Juniper settlement, where he is heartily welcomed. He will build to and live in the house owned by Mr. Petross.

The Literary and Debating Society at Juniper is under a fine headway.

Mr. A. Taylor and wife are off on a prospecting tour southeast of San Angelo.

Little Willie Petross fell from a wagon, spraining his ankle badly.

The Rev. Powers gave us a nice talk Sunday at the Mule Creek school house.

The Literary at Juniper Saturday night was enjoyed by all there being a fine attendance.

A NEW COMER.

No Trespassing!

I have bought the W. P. Smith pasture on the line of Coke and Sterling Counties. All trespassers for the purpose of cutting timber, or hauling wood, will be prosecuted to full extent of the law. This Jan. 24th, '99.

H. G. Beason.

Coke County Rustler.

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PASTURE AND FARM.

L. M. Koknot is feeding 250 head of cattle near Shiner. and that the farmers will lose thousands of dollars.

Six families of farmers traveling in wagons passed through Denison on their way to the Indian Territory.

Active preparations are already being made for the fifteenth annual fair of Gillespie county at Fredericksburg.

Eleven carloads of cattle were shipped to Kansas City from Gainesville—six by one firm and five by another.

D. E. Sims of San Angelo sold to Fayette Tankersley fifteen Herefords and seven Durham bulls 2 years old, at \$40.

Gardeners in the Pecos valley are giving some attention to the raising of that highly esteemed vegetable, asparagus.

The Dublin oil mills of Dublin, Tex., marketed steers at the East St. Lot, Ill., stock yards averaging 1023 pounds at \$4.05.

From late advices it is learned the recent rains have ruined cotton in the bolls in the fields of Navarro county.

The substantial sum received for a pear orchard at Hitchcock shows the interest taken in raising that succulent fruit.

Parties who were figuring on erecting a cotton seed oil mill at Farmersville, have closed the deal and purchased ground, and a plant of ninety tons capacity per day will in due time.

A number of land owners controlling 100,000 acres adjacent to San Angelo have formed an association for the purpose of ridding their land of prairie dogs.

The jury in the case of True & Co. vs. International and Great Northern Railroad company, on trial at Georgetown, returned a verdict of \$7455 for the plaintiff. Plaintiff claimed damages for some cattle shipped from Encinal to the Indian territory.

is an industry of that place. D. O. Franks, cattle inspector for the Texas Cattle association, who has been on an inspecting tour around Del Rio, reports the cattle in that vicinity in fair condition.

W. T. McCampbell of Victoria has sold his ranch in Victoria county to J. W. and Beauregard McCutcheon for \$40,000 profit for the ranch and cattle. The McCutcheons sold the ranch last year to McCampbell.

Over 1500 jack rabbits were lately killed in Clay county in a circuit of over six miles. Every day during two weeks all the farmers and boys of the German settlement were hunting these enemies of wheat fields. All are satisfied with the result and had much fun.

The cattle and other live stock interests of the state were quiet last week owing to the fact that nearly all the leading cattle men were at the convention at Galveston.

From Paris Tex., Webb & Co. marketed among other cattle at St. Louis 44 cows 309 pounds average, sold at \$2.90; Webb & Warren marketed 58 steers, 805-pound average, sold at \$3.85; Webb & Melton marketed 19 steers 891-pound average, at \$3.85, and Webb & Leberman marketed 24 steers 1038-pounds average, sold at \$4.08.

H. C. Coleman a Hunt county farmer, says he expects to make more money this year off four acres of onions than from forty acres of cotton. Mr. Coleman is a believer in diversified farming. He also said that in his neighborhood west of there several horses have died of blind staggers, which seems to be epidemic.

Bad management in getting cattle on feed is the cause of a great deal of trouble. The old and experienced feeder never thinks of getting his cattle on full feed in less than a month, some six weeks and some two months. The rule with all of them is to get them on full feed as gradually as possible so that the digestive apparatus will not notice the difference.

Mr. George W. Simpson has the contract for supplying American troops in Cuba with beef, and he states that during the year 1898 Cuba received 83,838 cattle from the outside. The United States furnished 37,129 head, Mexico 17,417 head, Venezuela 1659 head, Colombia 1722 head, Porto Rico 1941 head.

MANY MATTERS

Lately Transpiring in the State Worth a Perusal.

Looking to Prosecution.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 23.—Representative D. W. Phillips of Lampasas has introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the proper committee:

Whereas, it is a matter of general knowledge that a monster coffee combine and trust operating in the state of Texas in open defiance of the laws of this state and in utter disregard of the wishes of the people, compelling merchants to obey the terms and prices fixed by this trust, monopoly and combine, and thereby preventing an open and fair competition; therefore be it

Resolved, that the attorney general of Texas is hereby instructed to immediately take steps in pursuance of law to restrain the operation of this monopoly, institute such suits and proceedings as may be necessary to restrain the operation of this trust and to punish its agents, factors and others by prosecutions as the law provides, and the attorney general is also instructed to immediately report to the legislature the feasibility of immediate action, and to state whether or not the press of public business is such that he will require any assistance in the securing of evidence and the prosecution of the suits, to the end that the legislature may at once make an appropriation to employ additional counsel and secure sufficient evidence to restrain the operation of the trust and prosecute the offenders engaged therein.

Remains Shipped.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 23.—The remains of the late Turquoise king, Amos J. De Meules, were disinterred and shipped from here to Watertown, N. Y., where W. T. De Meules, father of the deceased resides. James Curtain, the dead man's brother-in-law, came here as representative of W. T. De Meules and laid claim to several thousand dollars on deposit in an El Paso bank, and the famous Turquoise mines of New Mexico, which are considered the most valuable in the world. The Turquoise king was foully murdered while seated at his breakfast table Nov. 28, at his camp in the Jarillas mountains, fifty miles north of this city, by a Mexican laborer. The Turquoise mines had just begun to pay handsomely when its owner was assassinated. He had spent fifteen years in unsuccessful prospecting before he finally staked out the turquoise claims. His relatives had not heard from him for a dozen years prior to his tragic death. Many claimants for the estate have since appeared.

Pathetic Death.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 23.—Saturday Bertha Ratchell, aged 17, died and her mother, Mrs. G. H. Ratchell, left for Krebs, I. T., with the body yesterday morning. The girl is the one whose mother after a search of several months found her at Howe, in this county, one week ago. The girl had been at Howe under the assumed name of Mrs. Brown for several months and had written her parents three times, but had not dated either of the letters, and as all of them had been mailed on the train they afforded no clue to her whereabouts. There is an infant about a week old left motherless. A kind family in this city has given Mrs. Ratchell and her unfortunate daughter a place of abode since their return to Sherman from Howe. It appears that during her stay at Howe she was kept plentifully supplied with money, the source of which she made known in her dying statements.

Damaging Fire.

Greenville, Tex., Jan. 23.—A fire broke out Saturday night in I. Lieberstein's Globe dry goods store. The stock, valued at \$12,000, is a total loss. Insured for \$43,000.

G. A. Pfaffel, jewelry, in adjoining building, damaged by smoke \$700.

Miss McManus, millinery, next door, by smoke \$50.

C. E. Wicker, drugs, by smoke and water \$40.

T. J. Brown, on building, damage \$700.

Texas Lawmakers.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 21.—In the senate Davidson presented a memorial from normal school of Yorktowns relating to educational matters.

The following bills were introduced: Two by Turney making it possible for convicts to be had where a party steals cattle from a person who uses more than one brand on his cattle.

By Turney, repealing the statutory act which put into effect the Jester constitutional amendment, which transfers annually 1 per cent of the full value of the permanent school fund of the state to the available school fund.

By Kerr, giving ginners lien on cotton ginned by them and to require such ginners to report to the county judge of their respective counties the number and kinds of bales ginned by them each week and to require county judges to report to the department of agriculture.

By Terrell, to require county and city tax assessors and their deputies to administer the oath or affirmation to those rendering property for taxation.

By Miller, to establish and create in each of the cities, towns and villages in the counties of this state a court to be known as the corporation court in such cities, towns and villages and to prescribe the jurisdiction and organization thereof and to abolish municipal courts.

The committee to invite Hon. W. J. Bryan to address the legislature reported that they had extended an invitation and that Col. Bryan had accepted, but no certain date fixed as yet.

The house was deluged by a flood of bills, which were referred.

Barbee, Goodma, Looney, Tarkington and Barrett were appointed a committee to inspect the Confederate home.

Kittrell sent up a resolution instructing the committee on state affairs to ascertain the number of saloons in Texas, the revenue derived from same, whether gambling games prohibited by law are being carried on in the state, etc., and report the result of its investigation to the house. Referred to the committee on state affairs.

Sunset Accident.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 21.—The west-bound Sunset limited ran into a light engine at La Costa siding yesterday morning, killing Engineer Nicholson of the light engine and Fireman A. M. Miller of the limited. Besides these Fireman Mohavia of the light engine and Engineer Frank Taylor of the limited were injured. Mohavia's injuries are not serious, but those of Taylor are.

The light engine had gone onto the switch at La Costa to await the passing of the limited. Fireman Mohavia of the light engine is sure that he closed the switch, but those who examined it afterwards declare that it was open and unlocked. The limited left here on time this morning at 2:12. It reached La Costa, which is thirty-two miles west, shortly after 2 o'clock. Because of the order to pass the light engine there Engineer Taylor reduced the speed of his train to twelve miles an hour. He had no warning that the switch was open until he had run into it. Then he set the air brakes and jumped, but the collision was unavoidable. The limited with its heavy momentum crashed into the light engine, and instantly there was an explosion, the light engine being smashed to bits by the explosion.

Fatal Result.

Bryan, Tex., Jan. 21.—The remains of a young man named Eddie Smith, 18 years of age, who was killed here by a horse, were taken to Calvert for burial. The animal threw him, and in the fall his head struck the horse's head with such force that he died of injuries received the day following the accident. The remains were accompanied to Calvert by H. H. Smith, an uncle of deceased.

Charter Filed.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 21.—The following charter was filed in the department of state: The Avery Mercantile company of Taylor, Williamson county; capital stock \$5000. Purpose, to buy and sell goods, wares and merchandise and agricultural and farm products. Directors, Dan Murphy, Joseph A. Murphy, Charles W. Avery and George W. Avery, all of Taylor.

Porter J. McCumber, Republican, was elected United States senator, in the joint assembly of North Dakota.

Legislature.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20.—In the senate Miller offered a concurrent resolution providing that the chief justice of the supreme court be authorized to distribute the duplicate books in the supreme court library among the several courts of appeals. Referred to judiciary committee No. 1.

Lloyd offered a resolution that the chaplain's prayer be printed in the daily journal. Lost. 9 yeas and 17 nays.

Many bills were introduced.

When the house convened yesterday morning it settled down to business with a rush. After the excusal of absentees the following additions were made to committees:

Prince to committee on internal improvements, Wheeler to judiciary No. 1, Love to revenue and taxation and state affairs, Thomas of Wise to education, Stripling to education, Wooten to revenue and taxation.

The resolution providing for sine die adjournment on March 1 came up as pending business. The motion to adopt was discussed. Shelburne opposed the resolution and Powell favored it. So did Teagle, while Conoly was against it.

Clements sent up a substitute reciting that it is impracticable to fix the day of adjournment until the appropriation bill is passed.

Henderson of Lamar made the point of order that the substitute was out of order, but was overruled by the chair.

Tarver moved to table the substitute. Vaughan opposed the motion.

Shannon also favored the substitute.

The motion to adopt the substitute alien prevailed by a vote of 65 to 44.

Horrible Murder.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 20.—Rev. J. W. Gillen, pastor of the Second Baptist church, on entering the building yesterday found the body of a pretty faced woman cramped up in a window and besmeared with blood.

Patrolman Creager, who was notified, came at once and found a number of tracks in the rear of the church and endeavored to prevent the gathering crowds from effacing them, but the whole department would have found that no easy task, as the news flew fast and soon a tide of curious humanity poured into the narrow passway, clambered on the fence until it swayed under their weight and elbowed and pushed their way up to where the gruesome object lay.

On the floor of the basement there are a few small, blood stains, where it had scattered when the body crashed through the window.

The dead woman had on no headwear, wore no jewelry of any sort, was plainly dressed with no particular evidences of tidiness. The shoes are badly worn and the soles are torn loose from the uppers at places.

A suspect is under arrest.

Spanish Lady Died.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Anita Barrioras died yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Royal and the remains were sent to St. Louis for burial, starting last night over the Cotton Belt. The lady is th widow of Lieut. Juan Barrioras, who died in 1873, while in command of a Spanish warship in port at Havana. The Spanish naval officer left a large estate to his family. Mrs. Barrioras and her daughter, Miss Sienna Barrioras, came here a month ago from St. Louis, the mother hoping to regain her health. Edward Barrioras of Pine Bluff, Ark., the son, and Miss Sienna Barrioras, the daughter, accompanied the remains of their mother on the sad journey to St. Louis. Before the body was taken to the train Dr. Frank Page read the Episcopal burial service.

Appointments.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 20.—The secretary of the state has made the following appointments in the state department: Chief clerk, Geo. T. Johnson, McLennan county; first assistant clerk, P. B. Cruger, Travis county; first assistant clerk, W. R. Parker, Caldwell; second assistant clerk, Miss Lizzie Brannin, Eastland county; stenographer, Miss Maud M. Nagle, Harris.

Badly Burnt.

Longview, Tex., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Emma Turner, wife of Hon. Gaines B. Turner of this place, was painfully burnt at her home yesterday by her clothing catching fire from a stove. Mrs. Turner screamed, attracting the servants and passers, who put out the flames, which had ignited a window curtain and burned the wall. Mrs. Turner's severest burns are on her back and shoulders. It is not thought that she is fatally hurt.

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Is America's Greatest Medicine. Price \$1. Hood's Pills cure all Liver ills. 25 cents.

Kindly Criticism.

Here is a good 'cello story told by that master of his art, Auguste Van Biene: "Some years ago I played before our late king of Holland, William III. After I had finished he sent for me and said: 'You have given me infinite delight. I have heard all the great 'cellists of the world (I bowed); I have heard Patti (another bow from me), Gervais (bow again), Davendoff ('Oh, your majesty, thanks) and more bows from me), but of all the great 'cellists you (profuse bowing) certainly surpass the most.'"

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A Single Dose of "Five Drops" will benefit you for a gripe—its use a few days will cure you. See their advertisement in another column of this paper, containing strong testimonials.

Letter writing is frequently carried to an extreme.

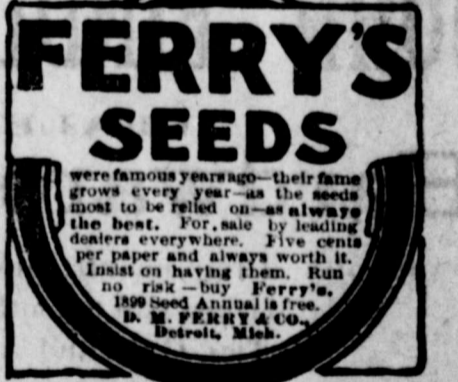


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Earthquake Shocks.

Athens, Jan. 23.—A strong seismic disturbance was felt yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock throughout the Peloponnese (the southern part of the kingdom of Greece), especially in the southwestern departments of the peninsula. All the houses in the town of Philatra, in the department of Messenia, on the Ionian coast, have been damaged and the inhabitants are now camping out in the suburbs. Two villages in the vicinity of Philatra were completely destroyed, many people being slightly injured. The villages of Kyparissia and Staso were also practically destroyed, though it is not known as yet whether there was any victims there.

Much damage to property was done at Navarino, a seaport six miles north of Modon, whose harbor witnessed the victory of the English, French and Russian fleets over those of the Turks and Egyptians in 1827, and considerable loss is reported from Calamata, capital of the department of Messenia, near the head of the Gulf of Koren.

The shock was severely felt in the district of Zante, capital of the Ionian island of that name, but there was no loss of life or property there. Many slighter shocks have occurred during the day and last night the people at numerous towns and villages are afraid to return to their houses.

Entire towns have been destroyed and many lives are thought to be lost by earthquakes in lower Greece. Many thousands of people are homeless. The day of terror ended with the people in flight.

Large Transaction.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 23.—The largest business transaction made in the south in ten years has just been announced here. It involves an investment of \$15,000,000, and is of vital importance to upper east Tennessee and southwestern Virginia. The Virginia Coal, Iron and Railway company has bought in the immense blast furnaces at Max Meadows, Pulaski, Roanoke, Va., and Bristol, Tenn.; also the Bristol and Elizabethton and the South Atlantic and Ohio railroads. Cash is paid for all the properties. The company becomes owner of 125,000 acres of coking coal lands, 60,000 acres of ore lands, two railroads and nine furnaces. The railroads extend from Big Stone Gap, Va., to Elizabethton, Tenn., and the rich coal and mineral and timber lands of the new company.

Annapolis, Mo., Jan. 23.—The memorial tablet placed in the naval academy chapel in memory of Ensign Worth Bagley, who was killed on the Winslow off Cardenas in the late war, was unveiled yesterday morning in the presence of a large number of naval officers and others. Lieut. John B. Bernard, who commanded the Winslow, raised the veiling. Mrs. Bagley, mother of Ensign Bagley, and his sister were present.

Fatal Burns.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 23.—Miss Jennie Moore, a daughter of the late I. C. Moore, and a prominent society belle, died at the family residence on Gough street from the effects of fire. The lace curtains in her room became ignited from a gas jet. She attempted to extinguish the blaze, but her clothing caught fire and she rushed into the hall a mass of flames, which were quenched with difficulty by the family.

The young lady, who was 23 years of age and noted for her beauty and talents, lingered in great agony for several hours, when she expired.

Zinc Company.

Toledo, O., Jan. 23.—The American Zinc company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, has been organized with J. O. Rodgers of this city as the leading spirit. The plan has been under consideration for the past year and Mr. Rodgers has, it is reported, finally interested ex-Gov. Flower, Daniel O'Day and others of the Standard Oil company. All the leading zinc manufacturers are in the deal. The organization will be perfected in New York this week.

Confesses.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 23.—William Jennings, one of the men arrested on the charge of holding up the Memphis train near Macomb, Mo., on the night of Dec. 13, admitted that he is Bill Ryan, formerly of the Jesse James gang. He said he wanted to conceal his identity during the excitement attendant on the recent hold-up, but now that it has subsided he makes the admission.

DIXIE DOINGS.

Lewisburg, Tenn., was visited by a destructive fire a few nights ago.

Three charred bodies were found on the steamer Ouchita, which burned at Memphis, Tenn.

Rev. A. J. Jones, a prominent Methodist clergyman, died and was buried at Water Valley, Miss.

The transport Comal left Savannah, Ga., with a cargo of provisions for various points in Cuba for destitute Cubans.

Sheriff Lumpkin of Dallas county, Alabama, was shot twice by a desperado whom he was endeavoring to arrest. The shooting happened at Selma.

As a result to arrest Will Flannery, a member of the gang of that name, of southwest Virginia, Jack and Charles Necessary are dead.

The third Kentucky volunteers arrived at Savannah, Ga., and as soon as possible departed on the transport Minnewaska for Havana.

The term of state librarian in Tennessee has been changed by the legislature from two to six years and the appointment vested in the supreme court.

Bonnie Booth and Newton Howard, near Montevallo, Ala., shot each other to death, Howard married a cousin of Booth's and it is said the former abused his wife. A row followed, resulting as stated.

Passes Senate.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The senate Saturday passed the Nicaraguan canal bill by a vote of 48 to 6. The bill as passed makes the capital stock of the Maritime Canal company a hundred millions; requires the cancellation of stock outstanding, except that reserved for Nicaragua and Costa Rica and the discharge of all liabilities and contracts and provides that the secretary of the treasury will subscribe for \$92,000,000 of stock; that the company be reorganized and the canal built within six years at a maximum cost of \$150,000,000. The neutrality of the canal is guaranteed, and if necessary concessions are not obtained the president may negotiate for other canals or for the abrogation or modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The senate also passed severaminor measures and held an executive session before adjournment.

Nominations.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The president sent these nominations to the senate: War department—To be professor of mathematics in the military academy, Associate Prof. Wright P. Edgerton; to be associate professor of mathematics in the military academy, First Lieut. Charles P. Echols, corps of engineers.

Interior department—Edmund D. Wiggin of Washington, D. C., to be register of the land office at Weare, Alaska.

Navy department—Assistant engineers to passed engineers, Henry B. Price and Martin E. Trench; to be brigade surgeon with rank of major, Orlando Ducker of Kentucky.

Also some minor promotions in the volunteer army.

Launch sunk.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 23.—The naphtha launch William D., was run down and sunk by the steam ferryboat Oakland in the bay yesterday. Two lives were lost. The dead are:

J. Otis Wattles, marine engineer, son of a San Francisco broker, Frank E. Orr of this city.

The launch when run down was in search of a boat containing two men supposed to have been drowned. These are Wm. Seabury, son of Capt. Seabury of the Pacific Mail Steamship company's steamer China, and Edward J. Finn, who started out last Friday on a hunting expedition.

Policeman Robert Baird was seriously stabbed at Chattanooga while trying to quell a disturbance among soldiers.

Judge Robbins Dead.

Little Rock, Jan. 23.—Judge Hiram Robbins, one of the most widely known men in Arkansas, died rather suddenly Saturday afternoon. A report that he committed suicide is denied by the family. Robbins was the Arkansas judge who resigned to go to the Klondike gold fields and was one of the passengers on the ill-fated steamer Eliza Anderson, wrecked in the North Pacific two years ago.

Samoa Matter.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The state department is moving with due deliberation, yet with firmness, respecting the adjustment of conditions in Samoa. The publication of incendiary newspaper articles is deprecated as calculated to interfere with an amicable and fair settlement of the important questions at issue, and the department is directing all of its efforts now, as it has in the past, to the use of lawful and regular means to settle the succession at Apia. In fact, it was its insistence upon the compliance of all of the parties to the tripartite treaty with the terms of that document so long as it stood undenounced so strong legally at this juncture.

There is still a lack of official reports upon the details of the stirring events at Apia. A brief statement of these events has reached the department through the United States dispatch agent at San Francisco, but so far as can be gathered it is not yet known just why Chief Justice Chambers decided that Mataafa, the German candidate for the succession to the throne of Samoa, was ineligible. It is suspected here that the decision was based on the use of improper influences by outside but interested parties in the election of the king. That, if established, would be sufficient to disqualify Mataafa under the strict terms of the treaty, which expressly provides for an untrammelled choice by the natives according to their own established customs.

The United States government must adhere to the terms of the treaty so long as it stands, this being a duty imposed upon the government by the document itself, so it is to be presumed in the absence of an official statement that the instructions sent to the United States consul general at Apia and perhaps also to Ambassador White at Berlin are to be governed by this understanding in any presentation of the case that it may be necessary to make. The navy department orders to the Philadelphia did not go out to Admiral Kantz until yesterday. Then they were in the shape of instructions to take on a full supply of coal and make ready for a cruise to Samoa. There was not an explicit order to start, but simply to make ready. If the admiral, as reported in the press dispatches, finds that his ship's bottom is so foul through her cruise in the southern waters, as to be unfit for the voyage to Samoa, he probably will be authorized to use divers to clean the hull, for the department has decided that the ship should not be sent to the Mare Island navy yard to be fitted out. There will be about five days available, in all probability, before the Philadelphia can clear.

Chile Copper Boom.

New York, Jan. 21.—A dispatch from Valparaiso, Chili, says: The copper boom is creating great enthusiasm among the miners. Caravans are starting to work new mines and those that were closed down are now in full activity.

A syndicate was recently formed in Paris with a capital of 2,000,000 francs to work the copper mines which are so abundant here. Another syndicate has been formed at Iquique with a capital of £800,000 to work the borax deposits.

The senate contemplates a subvention of \$500,000 yearly for a steamship line, which will ply between Chilean and Brazilian ports. The opposition against the new paper issue is increasing. President Errazuriz, answering the chamber of commerce, stated that he was strongly opposed to the issue as an evil to the national interests. Gold is 50 per cent premium.

Two million dollars in gold has been exported this month.

Sir Martin Conway has arrived at Punta Arenas to ascend Mount Sarmiento which has never yet been explored.

A. B. Bristol, a well-known Dallas, Tex., architect, is dead.

The Fiber Box company of Chicago, liabilities \$100,000, has assigned.

The cabinet discussed the Samoa situation.

Clerk Returns.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 20.—Al. J. Wagenman, chief clerk of the criminal court of correction, who is charged with the appropriation of the funds of his office, and who had been reported missing, has returned to his home. In an interview he said: "I may be a little short, probably I am. I don't deny the charge that I have used the money of the office for my own use, but my official acts are all right. I have enough money in the bank to pay all demands."

Bill Completed.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The river and harbor bill was completed last night. It carries appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year aggregating \$12,503,138, and in addition to this continuing contracts are authorized aggregating \$16,791,538. Other conditional appropriations, contingent upon securing certain results, amount to \$770,000, but the payments on these would probably be postponed beyond the ensuing year.

The appropriations above \$50,000 for harbors in southern states are as follows, the contract amount in each case being in addition to the amount allotted for the ensuing year:

Georgia—Brunswick harbor \$320,000, conditional on depth, Savannah \$50,000, Doboy bar \$70,000, Ocmulgee river \$20,000 and continuing contract \$136,000, Savannah \$25,000 and continuing contract \$245,000.

Alabama—Mobile harbor \$100,000 continuing contract \$500,000, Alabama river \$50,000, Black Warrior river from Tuscaloosa to Daniels creek \$50,000 and continuing contract \$140,500, Warrior and Tombigbee rivers from mouth to Demopolis \$50,000.

Mississippi—Ship Island pass \$40,000, Pascagoula river \$50,000 and continuing contract \$267,000.

Louisiana—Outlet of Mississippi river \$70,000 and continuing contract \$450,000.

Texas—Galveston harbor \$50,000, ship channel, Galveston bay and Buffalo bayou \$250,000, Sabine Pass \$50,000, Aransas Pass \$60,000, channel from Galveston bay to Texas City \$250,000, conditions on depth.

Arkansas—Arkansas river \$100,000, Ouachita and Black rivers \$110,000, White river, upper, \$100,000.

Mississippi river—Reservoir at headwaters \$210,000, harbor at New Orleans \$110,000, harbor at Natchez and Vidalia \$50,000.

Philippines Arrive.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 21.—J. Lazola, M. Marti Burgos and J. Luna, representatives of Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader of the Philippine islands, passed through St. Louis on their way to Washington. Their mission is to persuade Uncle Sam to relinquish the Philippine islands.

"We reached San Francisco Dec. 4, and have been since studying sentiment in the United States on the Philippine question. Of the hundreds of leading Americans with whom we have conversed we find the vast majority are opposed to annexation of the islands to this country."

Regarding Hloio Senor Burgos declared Aguinaldo would think well before allowing the Americans to take it. "It is a big city," he said "and a prize that we captured through our own efforts."

Asked if there would be a specific plan mentioned for disposing of the Philippines to the natives, Senor Burgos said:

"No I think not, but we have a proposition under consideration which I can not make public at this time."

In Congress.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The senate was in session for five and a half hours yesterday, but the session was practically barren of results. Only one notable speech was delivered, that by Mr. Nelson (Rep.) of Minnesota in opposition to Mr. Vest's anti-expansion resolution. The completion of the Nicaragua canal bill was prevented probably by the filibustering tactics adopted by Mr. Tilman (Dem.) of South Carolina, who frankly announced that the bill could not be passed now, as he and other senators, if necessary, would remain in the chamber until midnight to prevent a final vote.

The proceedings in the house were enlivened yesterday by a wordy duel between Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio and Mr. Lewis of Washington, during the debate on a private bill to refer to the court of claims the claim of Cramp & Sons, the Philadelphia ship builders, for damages from the government from delays incident to the building of warships. The Cramp bill was edged out of the way after the flow of oratory ceased.

Sudden Death.

Denver, Col., Jan. 21.—Job A. Cooper, ex-governor of Colorado, died suddenly yesterday afternoon of heart failure.

Mr. Cooper was governor from 1889 to 1891, being elected as a Republican. After the close of his term as governor he was elected president of the National Bank of Commerce, from which position he retired a few months ago. He was heavily interested in mining and real estate.

NEW WAY OF EARNING FEES.

Doctors Forbidding Renewal of Prescriptions Without Orders.

From the New York Sun: Only a short time ago several physicians prominent in a special branch of practice met to decide in what way they could best bring to the attention of a colleague a question that interested them greatly. This physician was almost the best known in his specialty in the city, but his charges, in view of his reputation, have always been so moderate that his associates felt the need of protesting. But it was decided not to protest, and the physician received only an intimation that his fees sometimes astonished his brothers in the profession. One physician in town has recently introduced a practice which is said to be increasing in popularity with the profession, and it is likely that the custom will be adopted widely by those physicians who have authority enough to attempt anything so novel. This doctor has his patients take the prescription to a druggist who is forbidden by the terms of his agreement to renew the prescription except upon a written order from the doctor. No patient can get his bottle or box refilled unless he brings the new prescription, which means, of course, another visit to the doctor. The bottles are of a size that lasts for a week. In some cases the same medicines are renewed week after week, but with the order that comes only from the visit to the doctor. They are changed in few cases. The profession has not protested against this new fashion as yet, and it is not likely that it will. But it is only the influential and authoritative among the physicians that are able to attempt it.

TREATMENT FOR THE SHOES.

How a Little Care Will Keep Them Looking Orderly.

Winter is a difficult season of the year for the careful woman who is particularly neat about her trimly shod feet. Snow is as disfiguring as mud on nicely polished leather and rubbers certainly do not add to their cleanly appearance. But a little care will keep them in orderly neatness. When you remove your heavy street boots, don't toss them away in the closet all crumpled. Take time to stretch the uppers a trifle to straighten out the lacing wrinkles. Do the same with the tongue. Brush off the dust and if they are damp put them where a current of air can thoroughly dry them. Banana skins make an excellent dressing and keep the leather soft. They are especially nice for cleaning enameled or patent leather. If your feet perspire freely use a good antiseptic powder freely dusted to the shoes; it will rest the feet and save the stocking. The grime and dirt in the shoelaces are very hard on the hands, as the dirt is ground into the flesh where the strings are drawn up tightly. Don't be stingy with shoelaces. Your dealer will furnish them free of charge, so change them often. Besides being clean, they add greatly to the appearance of the shoe. Watch your heels and have them repaired at the first indication of wearing off at one side. Nothing so disfigures your gait or looks more untidy than run-down heels, besides the shoe soon loses its shape where the heel turns and will break where the unwanted strain is occasioned by the twisted shoe.

Young Capron's Epitaph.

At the engagement of Las Guasimas, says the New York Sun, Capt. Aylin K. Capron, of the Rough Riders, son of Capt. Capron, Sr., was killed. His hat was placed to cover his face, a black rubber poncho thrown over the body. Only the rough, mudclogged shoes protruded from beneath the poncho. Word was sent to Capt. Capron, Sr., and he soon reached the scene of the engagement. White-faced, but upright, he stood for a moment looking down at that black, forbidding outline in a by-path of a thicket—all that remain of the last of three promising sons. Stooping, he lifted the hat from the dead boy's face, and gazing at him with moist eyes said: "Well done boy!" Then replacing the hat he turned on his heel and marched stiffly away.

Paper Bath Robes.

Bath robes made of paper are now manufactured, and their use is becoming quite a fad. The kind of material used resembles blotting paper. It quickly dries the body, and as the paper is a bad heat conductor the much dreaded cold after the bath can be avoided. Whole suits are made of this paper stuff, including coverings for the head and feet. One advantage of the fad is the cheapness of such a garment, making it possible for the poorest person to own one.

An Exception.

Soffleigh—"So, you—aw, don't think the clothes make the man, Miss Cutting?" Miss Cutting—"Well, they didn't in your case, at least."—Chicago News.

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Mr. F. Geo. Allen and Miss Beatrice Fitch were married at the Presbyterian Church, in San Angelo, Thursday evening, Jan. 19th. The RUSTLER editor was honored with an "at home" card and wishes the happy couple a smooth and prosperous journey along life's pathway.

Bronte News.

Regular Correspondent.

J. R. Smith sold his homestead about 200 acres to Mr. J. D. O'Daniel consideration \$180.

Mr. Lee Good returned from Kansas and Indian Territory. Lee found his cattle in splendid condition. He is now fencing other lands, he recently bought adjoining his property near Bronte.

Mr. J. R. McDonald, one of the RUSTLER's readers, is now prepared to do farming on the economical system with machinery.

The young people had a musical entertainment at the residence of Dr. Clark last Saturday night; music by Misses Lou Wilkins and May Clark and Mr. Eoon Cross. All report an enjoyable time.

Mr. D. E. Scott went to San Angelo last week.

Our Bronte merchants are laying in new goods each week.

Mr. Luttrell has completed the new addition to his blacksmith shop.

Mr. J. F. Robbins has completed his residence.

Rev. Senabough preached a sermon last Friday night at Bronte, he was enroute to Hayrick to attend the quarterly conference of the M. E. Church South.

Perhaps J. J. Vestal will be receiving applications from this place for samples of his celebrated well water. The young men would drink it readily, the young ladies perhaps will be a little obstinate, though Mr. Vestal should be prepared to fill all orders promptly and send by return mail back.

Mrs. Jas. Almsworth while out driving let her horse run away, throwing her from her vehicle, she was carried into Mr. D. E. Scott's, and cared for until next morning when she was taken home.

G. W. Fletcher, well to do farmer and stock raiser, killed a hog last week that weighed 280 lbs.

Miss Cordie Crawford and sister, Miss Eva, of Brownwood, are visiting their uncle, T. L. Vaughn, our prominent gin man.

The Woodman of the World have succeeded in organizing a camp at Bronte.

LUCENE.

The following are the pupils of the Paint Creek School, who averaged above 88 per cent in attendance, deportment and recitations for the month of December. Fred Blackwell, Tommie King, Willie King, Preston Blackwell, Ora Collier, Maewin Dickey, Emma Merchant, Teacher.

Notice to Tax Payers.

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 7th, 1899.
To Tax Collectors:

Your attention is especially directed to Section 10, Chap. 103, Laws of 1897, which reads as follows:

If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or his property by law until the 31st day of January next succeeding the return of the assessment rolls of the county to the Comptroller, a penalty of ten per cent on the entire amount of such taxes shall accrue, which penalty, when collected, shall be paid proportionately to the State and county and the collector of taxes shall, by virtue of his tax rolls, seize and levy upon and sell such personal property belonging to such person as may be sufficient to pay his taxes, together with the penalty above provided, interest, and all costs accruing thereon.

The object of the law is to collect the taxes due. The penalties provided are intended to enforce the collections. It is therefore suggested that you give notice to the tax payers throughout the county, of the requirements of the law, in order that the people may be advised so as to avoid the cost that will accrue upon failure to pay their taxes on or before Jan. 31st.

The Exercise of diligence by every tax collector in the enforcement of the provisions of this statute, will not only insure material decrease in the delinquencies, but will be beneficial to the tax payers of the State as a whole.

Very respectfully,
R. W. Finley,

COMPTROLLER.

The only CASH store in town, good groceries, D. L. BUCHANAN.

Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Breed love, on 16th inst., a girl.

To Mr. Mrs. M. B. Patterson, on 18th inst., a girl.

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Photograph Notice!

I will be at BRONTE on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, to take pictures for all who desire them. Please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

J. T. SIMPSON,

Photographer

Mr. Levi Smith and family, from Sweetwater, were visiting and prospecting in our town several days lately. Mr. Smith is brother-in-law to G. W. Lee.

An interesting communication about the Teachers Institute at Saucos, by the RUSTLER's special reporter, will appear next week. The programme for the next Institute is now in our hands and will appear next week also.

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List of all Lands, Lots, or parts of Lots, returned

Year returned delinquent or reported sold.	OWNER.	DESCRIPTION	Abstract No.	Original Grantee.	Certificate No.
1890	Unknown	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1891	Geo. H. Bringhurst	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1892	Geo. H. Bringhurst	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1893	Unknown	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1894	Unknown	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1895	Trs. G. H. Bringhurst	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1896	Unknown	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1897	Unknown	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1898	Unknown	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1899	Unknown	5	Jacob Armstrong	13	13
1890	Unknown	12	Adams, Beaty & Moulton	3	3
1891	Unknown	15	C. M. Beason	2902-3	2902-3
1892	Unknown	15	C. M. Beason	2902-3	2902-3
1893	Unknown	15	C. M. Beason	2902-3	2902-3
1894	Unknown	15	C. M. Beason	2902-3	2902-3
1895	Unknown	15	C. M. Beason	2902-3	2902-3
1896	Unknown	15	C. M. Beason	2902-3	2902-3
1897	Unknown	18	M. Burnett	19	19
1898	Unknown	18	M. Burnett	19	19
1899	Unknown	18	M. Burnett	19	19
1890	Unknown	18	M. Burnett	19	19
1891	Unknown	18	M. Burnett	19	19
1892	W. C. Norwood	18	M. Burnett	19	19
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1896	Unknown	18	M. Burnett	19	19
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1896	Unknown	34	Geo. Bringhurst	13	13
1897	Unknown	36	Beaty, Seale & Forwood	3822	3822
1898	Unknown	37	Beaty, Seale & Forwood	3822	3822
1899	Unknown	37	Beaty, Seale & Forwood	3822	3822
1890	Unknown	37	Beaty, Seale & Forwood	3822	3822
1891	Unknown	37	Beaty, Seale & Forwood	3822	3822
1892	Unknown	47	Lewis Corriou	3822	3822
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1897	Unknown	48	Seth Clark	3822	3822
1898	Unknown	48	Seth Clark	3822	3822
1899	Unknown	48	Seth Clark	3822	3822
1890	Unknown	85	Alford Dorsey	3822	3822
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1898	Unknown	150	John N. Fall	3822	3822
1899	Unknown	150	John N. Fall	3822	3822
1890	Unknown	154	Stanton Field	3822	3822
1891	Unknown	155	Henry Franks	3822	3822
1892	Unknown	155	Henry Franks	3822	3822
1893	Unknown	155	Henry Franks	3822	3822
1894	Unknown	155	Henry Franks	3822	3822
1895	Unknown	155	Henry Franks	3822	3822
1896	Unknown	163	John Guerin	3822	3822
1897	Unknown	172	G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co.	3822	3822
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1895	Unknown	174	G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co.	3822	3822
1896	Unknown	175	John Gibson	3822	3822
1897	Unknown	192	W. L. Hunter	3822	3822
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The Missouri mules purchased by the Spanish government and sent to Cuba from that state before the war had really commenced have nearly all escaped from the Spanish army, or have been captured by the insurgents. The story is told of an Irishman who had spent his life in Missouri from the age of 10 years—when he arrived in this country with his parents—until he was 36 years old. He had worked with mules nearly all the time, and took a notion he would go, and went to Havana just before war was declared, afterward joined Gomez' army. He thoroughly understood the male and female mules about ten miles from Gomez' camp, he secured permission to capture some of them.

After improvising a cowbell out of a sheet of brass, he mounted an old mare, muffled the bell and started for the corral. He dismounted in the underbrush, tied his mare to a bush, and crawled up to the inclosure. After dropping the brass and mules and slipping back to his mare, he remounted and commenced to shake the bell. The mules began to run toward the "bellweather" until 203 of them were out before the sleepy Spaniards could get to the opening in the inclosure to prevent more of them from escaping. Away went Jimmy O'Rourke (that was his name) on the mare, and away went the mules, as close to her and the bell as they could get. When he reached the camp Gomez was enriched with 208 mules, at a time, too, when nothing was wanted worse than mules. Jim was immediately promoted to a captaincy for his bravery, and after the war is over Jim will be one of the big toads in Cuban tussock.

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As They Always Do.

The women of the country are coming nobly to the front. They may not be able to take active part in the war, but they are furnishing the sinews of war in no scanty measure while they are working, individually and in organization, with tireless zeal for the sanitary needs and comforts of the troops. And their services are the more valuable because wholly disinterested.

Effect of the War.

"Why, hello Bill! What are you doing nowadays? I haven't heard of you for two months." And the accosted one, who is accounted among the best in his chosen profession, smiled sadly and replied: "I'm still pitchin' winnin' ball."

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"Do," echoed the other. "One thing only can be done. I'm going to cut the cable and in the rest of this campaign without any board of strategy."

Mosquito and Quinine Issues.

For more than a year Prof. Koch has been trying to pluck out the heart of the mystery of malaria. And as he waded to work in the best possible environment he went to Africa to the marshes and swamps of his west coast, where malaria, which we know best as a tired feeling, developing into a low fever, raging like a plague, dealing swift and sure death to all stragglers who are not hardy or most careful. The eminent bacteriologist is so far advanced in his study that he feels able to lay down two principles of great interest: First—Where there are no mosquitoes there is no malaria. Where there are mosquitoes there is malaria. Second—Quinine, the supposed sovereign remedy, must be taken in just the right quantities at just the right period of the disease, or it sets up a fever more dangerous than malaria itself.

If Prof. Koch be right malaria, disease from "bad air," is not malaria at all, but a poison manufactured and secreted by the mosquito. And much that we call malaria is quinine poisoning set up by improper use of the popular drug in the effort to cure mosquito poisoning, or gold, or some other of the thousand and one ills for which quinine is supposed to be the sure remedy.

Prof. Koch is not fallible. But he is a good authority, a painstaking and intelligent student. Therefore what he says should receive careful attention from the millions who shed their blood by the bucketful to sustain the breed of mosquitoes, and who always carry quinine in their pocket for diligent consumption whenever they feel a little "queer."

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At this moment a fat, crouching vesuvius came from the distant Caucasus. Six and one-half seconds later something dropped on the water battery. But it didn't stay dropped. It arose again in a column of dust and dirt, and battered wall, and broken guns, trees, and hillside, and man, mules, and fragmental Spaniards.

And the dialogue between Ramon and Zafrio will be finished.

Correcting a Bad Prece.

The citizens of Berea have a summary method of stamping the dangerous practice of crying sticks and umbrellas. As soon as a man sticks an umbrella under his arm he will at once feel a quick blow from behind. There is no one getting angry with the person who strikes the blow because public opinion sanctions the conduct.

Three Married in Three Days.

A couple were married in Chicago for the third time within three days. It happened this way: Invitations had been issued for an up-to-date wedding, with a reception to follow. The young couple, to be sure they made no mistakes on the all-important night, decided to have a detailed rehearsal two days beforehand.

About the Size of It.

Little Elmer—Pa, what is an extemporaneous speaker? Prof. Broadhead—One who can talk fluently about nothing without any previous preparation.

Not a Kentuckian.

The war correspondent, who had returned from the scene of action in Cuba, or who said he had was giving the crowd of listeners a lurid account of a fight he had witnessed on the skirmish line in the vicinity of Savilla. Everybody in the crowd was taking the story right down without the sign of a doubt as to its absolute accuracy, until a long, slim party with a smooth face and a ruffled shirt front became an interrogator after the facts.

"Did I understand you to say it was a Kentucky battalion that had gone right up the hill over the brush and rocks in the very muzzle of the enemy's guns?" "That's what," asserted the narrator.

"And they threw away their knapsacks on the first jump?" "You bet they did. They didn't want any handicap in a race like that."

"Then they threw away their coats?" "And their hats?" "They were into it bareheaded, like the daredevils they were."

"And dropped their cartridge belts?" "Every one of them, and went in for the foe with their cold bayonets."

"And their canteens?" "Everything. By George, they went into the scrap stripped like prizefighters!"

The smooth-faced man coughed and shuffled his chair.

"That's all right," he said, firmly. They were not Kentuckians. That's their style of fighting but you can bet a farm that Kentuckians never would have thrown their canteens away."

Roll Your Canteens.

"If half of the citizens of the world," said a young woman who works on umbrella covers, "only knew such a simple thing as how to roll up an umbrella, most of the umbrellas brought to dealers to be mended would never have needed repairs."

"The right way to roll your umbrella is to take hold of the ends of the ribs and the stick with the same hand and hold them tightly enough to prevent them being twisted while the covering is being twirled around with the other hand. Then your umbrella will be as nicely closed as when you bought it, and the only wear and tear will be on the cloth."

"It is twisting the ribs out of shape around the stick and fastening them there that spoils most of the umbrellas. Never hold the umbrella by the handle alone when you roll it up and you will find it will last longer and cost less for repairs."

Inventor of the Bow's Knife.

As a hunter James Bowie did more than credit to his blood and training. Offhand with a rifle he could bring down a wild goose flying high over head, and put his bullet in the neck five times out of seven. But marksmanship bordering on the marvelous was a common attribute therabout.

What gave the young sawyer distinction was another story. Several sorts of another story, in fact. He could not merely shoot deer running, but lasso them in fair chase over the prairie, give them a fall, and if it pleased him so to do, fetch them in alive and unharmed. He could like wise lasso a horse from the wild herds, mount him without anybody's help and stay upon his back, no matter what was done, until the terrified beast had run himself tame. By way of variety, some times the lasso was thrown over a big bull alligator waddling from swamp to swamp. When it was drawn taut, holding tail and jaws in leash, young Bowie, mounted the scaly back and rode there laughing and shouting while the astounded saurian went bellowing with rage toward his swampy haunts.

Dissimilar Views.

Stern Father—Young man, I saw you kissing my daughter as I passed the parlor door, and I want you to know that I don't like it. What have you got to say for yourself? Young Man—Well, all I've got to say is that you don't know a good thing when you see it.

The Saving Grace.

"I say, Murphy, do yez believe there's any of the good old blood in the Spaniards?" "Begorra, there may be; but if it is, sure it's tainted wid yaller."

Most Wonderful Bridge.

The most wonderful bridge in the world is one of solid agate in Arizona. It is a petrified tree, from three feet to four feet in diameter, spanning a chasm 40 feet wide. More than 100 feet of its length is in sight, both ends are embedded in the sandstone of the canyon.

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Mrs. Sweetface—Is your daughter happily married? Mrs. Sourface—Indeed, she is. She's got a husband who's as afraid as death of her.

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A minister who was not over-wise was sent for, and, at the request of the couple, went through the whole ceremony with them. The young man solemnly promised to take "this woman" to be his wedded wife, and the fair one by his side promised to "honor, love and obey."

To be doubly sure that no mistakes should occur, the ceremony was rehearsed again in the same way the following evening.

"Mother," exclaimed the bride-elect, "I don't see why I am not as much married now as I ever will be."

The mother was aghast at such a suggestion, but the father and the neighbors were consulted and all decided that the couple were at that stage married, not only once, but twice.

The wedding, however, was solemnized as intended.

Eager for Any Old Thing.

A distinguished musician was waited upon one day in his study by a rather seedy looking stranger, who said to him with what appeared to be genuine emotion: "May a humble brother musician claim your sympathy for one moment? I don't want you to give me anything, but will you lead me a dollar or two? You can command \$10 a lesson, or as much more as you choose to ask, while I think myself fortunate if I can get a pupil now and then at half a dollar a sitting."

"My friend" said the other, touched by this appeal, "perhaps I can help you better than by lending you money. What is your branch of music?"

"I give lessons on the violin." "Well we will see what you can do. Here is a violin. I will sit down to the piano and we will play a duet."

He whipped a fine violin out of its case, handed it to the stranger seated himself at the piano, and placed a sheet of music before him.

The caller rasped the bow across the strings, leaned forward, looked at the composition and shook his head.

"Sharp?" he said. "Sharps? I never play in sharps."

The distinguished musician took the violin from him, placed it in its case, and coldly remarked: "My friend what you need is a job as night watchman in a soap factory."

Revenge.

She had refused him, and he stood twirling his moustache and looking quizzical until she was in a tearing temper. "What are you standing there for?" she demanded, stamping her foot.

"Well, I am wondering," he said, slowly, "whom you are going to marry, since you won't marry me." "It's not the least bit of your business," she flamed angrily. "Oh, yes it is," he drawled. "Well, I'm interested. I shouldn't like you to marry a fellow I didn't think well of, you know, since I came so near marrying you myself."

It seemed to her that she should burst into little pieces then and there. "You never came near marrying me," she panted. "I didn't think even of marrying you, and as to whom I do marry, you have nothing to do with it. I shall marry anybody I please."

"That's just it," he replied, thoughtfully "suppose you don't please anybody?"

Then there was nothing left to her but raving hysterics.

Rock of Refuge.

In the Sandwich Islands there is a spot called the Rock of Refuge. If the criminal reaches this rock before capture he is safe, so long as he remains there. Usually his family supply him with food until he is able to make his escape, but he is never allowed to return to his own tribe.

A Mere Novice.

Ellis—Isn't Charlie Smudgkins a simpleton? Etta—How, pray? Ellis—The other evening when he was kissing me I told him to stop and he did.

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A minister's widow tells this: "My husband," she said, "had brown eyes that turned deeply, darkly black when he was angry and which danced with most marvellous merriment when he was amused. Naturally, in the course of a long life with him, I came to know the varying expression of those eyes pretty well. I used to watch his eyes when preaching to know how things were going and incidentally with the congregation. I remember once, in the midst of a most earnest discourse, to have seen him stop suddenly for the space of a minute, not more, his eyes growing strangely black, then brightening again with that irresistible twinkle, though the rest of his features remained grave throughout. As I said, it was only for a moment, then he resumed his sermon as before.

"What was the matter?" I asked, when church was out and we were on our way home.

"Why, I came so near laughing out in church that there was no fun in it," he said. "Of course the choir is hidden from the congregation behind its protecting screen in the rear of the church, but it chances to be exactly in my line of vision as I stand on the rostrum. When I stopped in my sermon to-day it was because I happened to glance choirward and saw our new soprano and the new tenor having a quiet game of cards behind the screen. They must have felt my gaze upon them, for when they caught my eye those cards disappeared suddenly. I nearly laughed out."

A Cautious Man.

"Before I went West," remarked the man who had just returned, "I had heard a good deal about Western hospitality. It is there all right enough, although I came near thinking otherwise."

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The Mother of Ships.

The ark is the first ship, then, to appeal to human sympathy. Let her be called the mother of ships. Though we need not too curiously consider her, it is a strange fact, nevertheless, that the dimensions of the ship (taking the cubit about eighteen inches) correspond very nearly with the proportions of a sailing ship of to-day. Her burden was 15,000 tons. The Great Eastern was 7000 tons larger than the ark. Noah, when he laid his keel, designed with strict reference to the animals and to the living sheets of water that were to descend from the heavens, with great caution he would have need to build, nevertheless, for unless animals were stalled a sudden panic among them would occasion

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Not a Kentuckian.

The war correspondent, who had returned from the scene of action in Cuba, or who said he had, was giving the crowd of listeners a lurid account of a fight he had witnessed on the skirmish line in the vicinity of Sevilla. Everybody in the crowd was taking the story right down without the sign of a doubt as to its absolute accuracy, until a long, slim party with a smooth face and a ruffled shirt front became an interrogator after the facts.

"Did I understand you to say it was a Kentucky battalion that had gone right up the hill over the brush and rocks in the very muzzle of the enemy's guns?"

"That's what," asserted the narrator.

"And they threw away their knapsacks on the first jump?"

"You bet they did. They didn't want any handicap in a race like that."

"Then they threw away their coats?"

"And their hats?"

"They were into it bareheaded, like the daredevils they were."

"And dropped their cartridge belts?"

"Every one of them, and went in for the foe with their cold bayonets."

"And their canteens?"

"Everything. By George, they went into the scrap stripped like prizefighters!"

The smooth-faced man coughed and shuffled his chair.

"That's all right," he said, firmly. They were not Kentuckians. That's their style of fighting but you can bet a farm that Kentuckians never would have thrown their canteens away."

Roll Your Umbrella.

"If half of the citizens of the world," said a young woman who works on umbrella covers, "only knew such a simple thing as how to roll up an umbrella, most of the umbrellas brought to dealers to be mended would never have needed repairs."

"The right way to roll your umbrella is to take hold of the ends of the ribs and the stick with the same hand and hold them tightly enough to prevent them being twisted while the covering is being twirled around with the other hand. Then your umbrella will be as nicely closed as when you bought it, and the only wear and tear will be on the cloth."

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Inventor of the Bowie Knife.

As a hunter James Bowie did more than credit to his blood and training. Offhand with a rifle he could bring down a wild goose flying high over head, and put his bullet in the neck five times out of seven. But marksmanship bordering on the marvelous was a common attribute thereabout.

What gave the young sawyer distinction was another story.

Several sorts of another story, in fact. He could not merely shoot deer running, but lasso them in fair chase over the prairie, give them a fall, and if it pleased him so to do, fetch them in alive and unharmed. He could like wise lasso a horse from the wild herds, mount him without anybody's help and stay upon his back, no matter what was done, until the terrified beast had run himself tame. By way of variety, some times the lasso was thrown over a big bull alligator waddling from swamp to swamp. When it was drawn taut, holding tail and jaws in leash, young Bowie, mounted the sooty back and rode there

rehearsal two days beforehand. Incidentally, the groom-to-be secured the marriage license, so as to have all things in good time.

A minister who was not otherwise was sent for, and, at the request of the couple, went through the whole ceremony with them. The young man solemnly promised to take "this woman" to be his wedded wife, and the fair one by his side promised to "honor, love and obey."

To be doubly sure that no mistakes should occur, the ceremony was rehearsed again in the same way the following evening.

"Mother," exclaimed the bride-elect, "I don't see why I am not as much married now as I ever will be."

The mother was aghast at such a suggestion, but the father and the neighbors were consulted and all decided that the couple were at that stage married, not only once, but twice.

The wedding, however, was solemnized as intended.

Eager for Any Old Thing.

A distinguished musician was waited upon one day in his study by a rather seedy looking stranger, who said to him with what appeared to be genuine emotion:

"May a humble brother musician claim your sympathy for one moment? I don't want you to give me anything, but will you lead me a dollar or two? You can command \$10 a lesson, or as much more as you choose to ask, while I think myself fortunate if I can get a pupil now and then at half a dollar a sitting."

"My friend" said the other, touched by this appeal, "perhaps I can help you better than by lending you money. What is your branch of music?"

"I give lessons on the violin."

"Well we will see what you can do. Here is a violin. I will sit down to the piano and we will play a duet."

He whipped a fine violin out of its case, handed it to the stranger seated himself at the piano, and placed a sheet of music before him.

The caller rasped the bow across the strings, leaned forward, looked at the composition and shook his head.

"Sharp?" he said. "Sharps? I never play in sharps!"

The distinguished musician took the violin from him, placed it in its case, and coldly remarked:

"My friend what you need is a job as night watchman in a soap factory."

"Well, can't you get me one?"

Revenge.

She had refused him, and he stood twirling his moustache and looking quizzical until she was in a tearing temper.

"What are you standing there for?" she demanded, stamping her foot.

"Well, I am wondering," he said, slowly, "whom you are going to marry, since you won't marry me."

"It's not the least bit of your business," she flamed angrily.

"Oh, yes it is," he drawled. "Well, I'm interested. I shouldn't like you to marry a fellow I didn't think well of, you know, since I came so near marrying you myself."

It seemed to her that she should burst into little pieces then and there.

"You never came near marrying me," she panted. "I didn't think even of marrying you, and as to whom I do marry, you have nothing to do with it. I shall marry anybody I please."

"That's just it," he replied, thoughtfully "suppose you don't please anybody?"

Then there was nothing left to her but raving hysterics.

Rock of Refuge.

In the Sandwich Islands there

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A minister's widow tells this. "My husband," she said, "had brown eyes that turned deeply, darkly black when he was angry and which danced with most miraculous merriment when he was amused. Naturally, in the course of a long life with him, I came to know the varying expression of those eyes pretty well. I used to watch his eyes when preaching to know how things were going and incidentally with the congregation. I remember once, in the midst of a most earnest discourse, to have seen him stop suddenly for the space of a minute, not more, his eyes growing strangely black, then brightening again with that irresistible twinkle, though the rest of his features remained grave throughout. As I said, it was only for a moment, then he resumed his sermon as before."

"What was the matter?" I asked, when church was out and we were on our way home.

"Why, I came so near laughing out in church that there was no fun in it," he said. "Of course the choir is hidden from the congregation behind its protecting screen in the rear of the church, but it chanced to be exactly in my line of vision as I stand on the rostrum. When I stopped in my sermon to-day it was because I happened to glance choirward and saw our new soprano and the new tenor having a quiet game of cards behind the screen. They must have felt my gaze upon them, for when they caught my eye those cards disappeared suddenly. I nearly laughed out."

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LOCAL CHIPS.

J. R. Patterson made a business trip to Angelo last week.

R. J. Allen, from down the river, was in town last Friday.

Patronize the the cash grocery store and wagon yard, run by D. L. BUCHANAN.

A Coke County boy in the Philippine Islands, tells the readers of the RUSTLER about his trip, etc.

Joe S. Cotten is doing a fine business with the Hotel San Angelo, above the Concho National Bank. Try him once and you will stop with him again. Notice his ad.

Mr. J. H. Burroughs was out at W. R. Presslar's a few days last week, doing some improvement on Mr. Presslar's residence.

Read the card of Bob Dudley, Angelo carriage transfer man.

When in Ballinger, top at the O. K. wagon yard.

Uncle John Conner was down last Friday and Saturday, from his home near Silver.

When in Ballinger call and see Baldwin & Carter for bargains in groceries.

H. D. Pearce, of Ballinger, father of the editor, spent last Saturday and Sunday in our city.

The O. K. Wagon Yard at Ballinger is close in and solicits the Coke County patronage.

Prof. J. A. Thomas of Ft. Chadbourne, and Prof. Baldwin of Kickapoo, were in last Saturday.

The Coke County people are invited to patronize Frank Gibbons wagon yard when they visit San Angelo.

Jno. Young and wife, of Collinsworth County, had the misfortune to have two of their small children burned to death a few days since. They were playing on an old pile of stubble when it caught fire and they burned to death before help arrived. Mr. Young is a brother-in-law of our esteemed neighbor, W. C. Lock.

To kill sand fleas on your dog or your chickens use Nussbaumers Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Prof. J. W. Fletcher, who teaches the Meadow Mountain School, was in our city last Saturday.

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The Lewis Brothers purchased the William Davis residence next to C. L. Hughes and will occupy it in a few days.

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See the notice to tax payers on our fourth page.

Not cheap goods, but goods cheap, at the new cash store.

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W. M. Davis expects to emigrate to Kentucky. If he does, we think he will come back after a while to get a few more drinks of this Colorado river water.

Small Stock Jewelry at PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.

a number of our young people enjoyed some sacred music and piano music selections at the residence of Mr. Mrs. H. H. Pearce last Sunday evening

Mr. Houston, a pleasant gentleman representing the Mutual Life Insurance Company, was in Coke a few days this week.

Why can Arkansaw Smith sell so cheap? He pays cash and sells for cash and has fresh goods all the time.

C. W. McCutchen substantial Citizen from over on Indian Creek was in town last Tuesday.

No ranch, farm or stable can afford to be without a can of Nussbaumers Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

A. C. Gardner who live near Edith, has returned from the Pecos River where he has a large herd of sheep.

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Pay your taxes before the first of February, unless you want ten per cent cost added.

John I. Murtishaw was in to see us last Wednesday and had his date moved forward into 1900. He also ordered the RUSTLER sent to a couple of his friends during '99.

See the Second Hand Store ad, among our single column cards.

W. C. Merchant has been laid up with the "grippe" this week.

Notice the new furniture ad of Mrs. Fitzgerald's in this issue. We took a half hour's peep at her goods and prices the other day and pronounce both all right.

Mrs. Kidd has been very ill this week, but is now reported convalescent.

Judge Davis and Photographer Simpson visited the Valley View school last Tuesday.

Mr. W. S. Rodgers, from Angelina County, was prospecting in our city last Tuesday.

Stephen Parker was doing business in the capital last Tuesday.

Benjamin A. Taylor, an old time friend, was in town, latter part of last week.

The Baptist people are making some moves toward securing a house, in which to worship, in Robert Lee.

Call at this office and examine the Latest Improved Singer Sewing Machine. Sold on easy terms.

W. N. Copeland was in the city Tuesday, on business.

Meneille Gin Notice.

Will grind corn on Saturday before the Third Sunday in each month.

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Honor Roll.

The following is the list of pupils of the Robert Lee Public School, higher grades, that averaged 95 per cent in recitations, 98 per cent in deportment, and 100 per cent in attendance, for last week, Jan. 16th to 20th inclusive:

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A number of the Masons who reside in Coke, will have a group photograph taken by Bro. Simpson, tomorrow (Saturday) at 2 or 3 P. M. All Masons invited.

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We are having some cold weather. It has been snowing to-day and Oh! My! How cold it is this evening. Mr. and Mrs. George and Will Arnett, down from Big Springs, visiting their parents. The young folks had a "box social" last Saturday night at Prof. Smith's; all enjoyed the affair. I heard a young say that the girls at Edith were the prettiest and most stylish in the West. Herewith I append a few lines, which you may print, if you like.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER.

Twilight spreads her dusky mantle,
O'er the blossoms sweet and fair,
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Far beyond earth's gloomy shadows
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Rises her heart's fond petition;
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Yesterday it snowed nearly all day but melted as fast as it fell, this morning the 24th it is pretty and clear.

Some of the pupils of the Cedar Hill school have been absent the past two weeks on account of the la grippe.

Mrs. T. T. Meek, who has been very sick with la grippe, I am glad to say is able to be up.

Mr. Tom Brown, of near Meadow Mountain, attended the S. S. and prayer meeting at Cedar Hill, on last Sunday; we think there is other attractions than for him than S. S.

Born, To Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Meek, 18th, a son.

Mr. Frank Stokes and sister, accompanied their cousin, Miss Lee Arnett, to her home in Williamson County, to spend the holidays.

Misses Stephens and Webb accompanied by Albert Lamb attended the Institute at Sanco, all well pleased.

H. Lamb is the mail carrier from Silver to Nanhattie.

Grandma Green, who has been sick is better. Also, Mrs. Wm. Green and children, who have been sick with colds, are better.

Charley Martin, who has been held down with the la grippe, is up.

BUNK.

Sanco Sunshine.

The "grippe" is visitor of our city, unwelcome of course, but here all the same; several pupils are complaining, Prof. Bird is recovering from a case that caused the suspension of school on Friday last until Tuesday; no very serious cases yet complaint is the rule.

We had an Arctic blast Monday morning, it was a high flyer and keen sweeper and staid long enough to wear out its welcome. Such weather will prevent fruit trees from blooming too early, so let on come often.

SANCO.

Silver Siftings.

I hope you will excuse me for not writing sooner.

Mr. Oliver West went to Coleman County last week, where he will stay with homed folks this year.

Mr. Joe Green and G. H. Bussey went to Colorado City last week.

Our school will be out in three weeks at the Valley View school house; and then the Silver school will begin.

Misses Lucile Stephens and Mattie Webb attended the institute at Sanco the 18th.

There has been a great deal of sickness about here since Xmas. We hear Mrs. Kellar it real sick hope she will soon recover.

There was preaching at the Silver school house last Sunday by Bro. Ridgel.

Miss Hantice Chaffin is up from McCulloch County visiting her sister, Mrs. Foster.

Mr. Will Bussey and Rev. S. W. Lane will start to Currocounty today with their stock, the family will follow in a week or ten days.

We had a nice little snow yesterday but it has cleared off very pretty now. Rev. Isaac Reed has most of his land broke up, his place looks like he meant business this year.

I must close for fear of the waste basket. I wish the RUSTLER much success this year.

SILVER PRAE.

Silas Conner was in Tuesday.

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GOV. SAYERS.

Gov. Sayers in his inaugural address said:

My fellow-citizens: He who undertakes the chief magistracy of this great commonwealth will have no easy task before him, and without the earnest and hearty co-operation of his fellow-citizens he can not reasonably anticipate a satisfactory and successful administration of the public affairs. Therefore, at the very threshold of duties imposed upon me by the oath, which I have just taken, I invoke the guidance of Almighty God and the aid of all my countrymen to enable me to so discharge every obligation as to best promote the prosperity of the state and the happiness of the people.

On an occasion like the present it will not be deemed out of place, I take it, to devote a few moments to the consideration of the purpose of government and its method of administration. Although the subject be old, and indeed familiar, its importance makes it always worthy a reference before any audience. It will be conceded by all that a just and well constituted government will have no object in view other than to serve and benefit the entire citizenship, and that it should be conducted with wisdom, firmness, fidelity and without discrimination. No class or interest should be favored with special privileges, and to every one should be insured certain and complete protection to life, liberty and property. These are elementary propositions. They are recognized as indisputably true, and are so broad and comprehensive in meaning as to cover almost the entire domain within which the state may safely exercise authority. In their reasonable interpretation and application may be found to reside almost every necessary governmental power.

Faithful, honest and efficient administration is no less needful than wise and just legislation, and failure in either is always attended with unhappy consequences. Whatever the law—be it good or bad, popular or unpopular—it is the bounden duty of those to whom its execution is intrusted to enforce it, and no influence, however potent, should be heard to stay its steady and impartial operation. So long as it is on the statute book it is an authoritative expression of the popular will through the appropriate channel, and it should be respected and obeyed. Every infraction is an open defiance to the sovereignty of the people, and, if not followed by adequate penalty, begets dangerous distrust in the ability of the government to answer the purpose for which it was ordained. Disregard of the law through neglect of the executive branch of the public service to put it and keep it in constant force is as reprehensible as the exercise of power without proper warrant of authority. No deadlier blow can be given free institutions than weak, loose and irregular administration, and such a policy, if policy it may be termed, can not be too strongly condemned. The safety of society demands that the enforcement of the law should be uniform, steady and impartial, and that none should be strong as to be beyond its requirements, and none so weak as to be beneath its protection.

In the earlier days of the republic the sphere of governmental action was limited and its appropriate functions were well defined. Individual freedom was then regarded as the very cornerstone upon which religious, civil and political liberty rested, and to which the progress of the race toward a higher and better civilization is chiefly indebted. The contrast between the legislation that was had prior to the civil war and that enacted during the past three decades is broad and deep, and the most careless observer can not fail to note this very obvious distinction between the two eras.

Formerly the greatest latitude, consistent with the welfare of society, was allowed the citizen, and he was taught to rely upon himself in the management of his personal affairs—thinking for himself. Nowadays, it has become somewhat, if not largely different, and the power of legislation is often invoked to suppress evils that were once thought to be beyond governmental reach, and to be corrected only through the operation of laws which are not artificial and which do not depend upon government for their efficacy.

This wide and radical departure from the long and well established policy of non-interference in such matters, except when the public good clearly and emphatically demanded, is in some measure due to and justified by the changed conditions in our social, com-

mercial and industrial life, and the introduction of agencies that were previously unknown; but not altogether so. It has proceeded, to a certain extent, from the tendency of the popular mind to over-estimate the power and enlarge the duty of the state, and to underrate the ability of the citizen to successfully cope with the difficulties that environ him.

The effect of this tendency has been to cause the individual to lose confidence in himself and to rely too much upon the government. But in the protection of property it can not be well claimed that the duty of government is limited only to cases of open violence by the mob, or to the willful wrongdoing of the single trespasser. Its obligation in this respect extends much further, and may fairly include unjust and discriminating legislation, uncertain and arbitrary administration, and artificial combinations whose object is to weaken or destroy other enterprises and industries, the healthy existence and successful conduct of which is essential to society. Nor can it be doubted that it is the province and duty of the state to interfere, if necessary, and prevent an improper exercise by associations of the powers and privileges that may be granted to them by law, and which may not be incidental to the general and ordinary avocations of life.

Such grants of power and privilege are always intended to be instruments of benefit and not of injury to the people, and when they are diverted from their proper purpose the state should not avoid the responsibilities of protecting the citizen.

It will not, I trust, be regarded as inappropriate at this hour to invite your attention to other matters, although not directly connected with the public service.

However essential a wise and just government may be, and however efficient its administration in all respects, it must nevertheless be supplemented it must nevertheless be supplemented and enterprise in other and different directions, and having other and different ends in view. Government can not overstep certain limits without harm to society. Its orbit, wherein it may move with wholesome effect, is restricted, and its sphere of usefulness has boundaries that are well marked. It can not till the field nor operate the factory nor conduct commerce nor follow the professions. These instrumentalities, with all their subdivisions, belong to the citizen, and should be under his exclusive control, and upon him must devolve the responsibility of their proper uses.

All material development is effected upon three great lines—agriculture, commerce and manufactures. The time has been in the history of our race when a country could be prosperous, in which any of these great industries should be largely dominant and furnish employment to the great body of its people. But not so in the present age. Conditions now are vastly different. The world is not what it was a century ago. Steam, electricity, invention, and a more extensive and accurate insight into the workings and secrets of nature have wrought marvelous changes, and the proposition has become unquestionably true that the grand divisions of labor, agriculture, commerce and manufactures, should exist and flourish within the same borders in order to insure independence to any people.

In this day it may be safely asserted to be an impossibility for a people to live and attain permanent prosperity by agriculture alone; or by commerce alone; or by manufactures alone.

There can be joyous greater importance to the people than that which will lead to the establishment and operation of industrial enterprises of all kinds in our state. Their necessity is urgent, and it must be met if we would be prosperous.

Our cotton crop for the season just closed aggregated near 4,000,000 bales, with a reasonable certainty of a steady increase year by year. Its price, however, is distressingly low, with no indication of improvement, unless larger and better markets be secured. Added to this embarrassment is the further necessity, so long as present conditions prevail, upon the people to send their cotton, with the exception perhaps of a few hundred bales, to other states and countries, to be sold and converted into finished products. These fabrics we buy for our own consumption at largely increased prices over that received for the raw material, thus paying transportation both ways and the cost of converting the cotton into manufactured goods, with a percentage added for profit, besides losing to our wage earners diversified and remunerative employment and to our farmers

the sale of much of their field and garden produce. A similar necessity exists as to our hides and wool, not including other kinds of raw material, which are to be had in plentiful abundance.

Our storehouses and warehouses are full to overflowing with merchandise of all kinds, the inventories of which, although long and costly, contain but few items of home manufacture. Almost everything we use and wear in city, town and country comes from distant markets. Much of our bacon, pork, corn, hay and other farm, garden and orchard products are also brought from elsewhere, and notwithstanding our wealth of timber—not many valuable kinds—we go to other workshops to procure our carriages, wagons, buggies and farming implements and to other factories for the furniture that is used in our public buildings, churches, schoolhouses and homes. Herein is to be found one of the prime reasons why the 1st of January of each year finds so many of our people unable to meet their engagements, and with but small hope for the future. This condition is ruinous to our state, and unless there be a wide departure we may expect the situation to grow worse until poverty shall become the most distinguishing characteristic of our people.

The statement is not an exaggeration. It is unfortunately too true, and calls for an immediate remedy. Relief can be had if we will only do as other states of the Union—notably southern—are doing. That is, if we will at once direct our efforts to the promotion of such mechanical and manufacturing industries as may be appropriate to our natural resources.

We often, however, hear it said there is not sufficient home capital for the purpose and that we must secure help from the outside before it can be accomplished. This is a fatal mistake. We must first show that we have confidence in such enterprises and in ourselves before others will risk their means in them. In Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia and Alabama industrial and manufacturing enterprises were inaugurated by their own people, and not until their success was demonstrated were the capitalists induced to invest.

All legislation that directly or indirectly affects property, either as to value or as to title, should be conservative and just, and the rights of ownership, as well as the welfare of society, should be observed. To acquire and hold property lies at the very base of civilization, and can not be impaired without danger to society.

The governor thinks the Nicaragua canal will be of great advantage to the state.

With our cotton fields, sheep folds and cattle ranches almost within hearing of the hum of the spindle and the whirl of machinery, and with the shortest water lines to China and Japan at our command, what will stand in our way to great and permanent prosperity? Of all the states Texas will be the most benefited by these new conditions; provided her people will at once seize the occasion and avail themselves of the best opportunity by far that has ever occurred to them for achieving industrial, agricultural and commercial greatness.

Whatever the policy that may finally prevail as to territorial extension, it may be considered as certain that there will be none of self-abrogation or self-imposed restriction as to commerce. Expansion of trade is not only a vital necessity, but a determined fact.

True statesmanship and a proper regard for our own welfare demands that we should sacrifice our material interests upon the altar of a political philosophy that may be very suitable for the library or the lecture room, but is not responsive to the needs of our people. The policy of to-day may not answer the requirements of to-morrow, and no name, however venerated for wisdom and patriotism, can be summoned from the dim past to deter us from pursuing that course which the exigencies of the present, with all its environments, point out to us as the pathway of safety, happiness and prosperity.

Texas has an easy capacity for 10,000,000 bales of cotton. Her possibilities in other directions are equally as certain and as great, but the best thought and greatest energy of the people must be aroused and kept in order to reach the climax of achievement. To attain this high station it will not be so difficult as would first appear.

Men of Texas, women of Texas, of whatever race, nationality or faith, I call upon you to lay aside all rancor, all bitterness, all differences, and to unite harmoniously in an earnest effort for the development of her best interests, and for the promotion of her best interests, not forgetting that she is one of many great commonwealths, united in bonds that will never be broken, each moving in its own constitutional power, yet under the same flag and with a common destiny.

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INDIA'S PECULIAR CHURCH OF JOCKOS.

Screaming of the Little Quadrupeds Mingle With the Chanting of the Richly Robed Priests of Hinduism—Queer Ceremonies.

The sacred city of East India is Benares and the tourist who visits this mecca of the Hindus will carry away with him memories of as unique a place as it is the lot of either American or European to visit, says the Philadelphia Record. As the first streak of dawn breaks in the east the sojourner at Benares is awakened by the beating of gongs and the yelling by the Hindu populace of "Sati Ram." Opening his bedroom window, the visitor sees below him hundreds of Hindu men and women dressed in the peculiar Indian fashion. Some are going to the great holy dam to perform their morning ablutions; others who have completed this duty are on their way to the various Hindu temples, crying out the name of their favorite god and beating brass gongs. The sight witnessed on the streets of this city at sunrise is a never-to-be-forgotten one. Human beings, monkeys and tame sacred bulls make it next to an impossibility for the stranger to pass along. At first one imagines that a great circus has arrived in the city. The monkeys, sacred to some god or other and of every size and description, thrust their hairy hands into the baskets of the passers-by and into the windows of the confectioner, taking whatever they can. Not a murmur is raised, not a protest is offered; in fact, the Hindu believes it to be a piece of rare good fortune for him during that day if one of the monkeys or bulls will only appropriate some of the contents of his basket or store. The bulls roam at will in the market places, trampling vegetables under their feet and eating the choicest that the market can afford. Instead of beating the bulls off his products, the Hindu all the time sits as an Egyptian mummy, with never a sign of disapproval. To object would mean the breaking of his caste, and caste to the Hindu is dearer than all else on earth. After the visitor has gone a short distance from his hotel he comes to one of the great Hindu temples, with grotesque carvings of hideous-looking gods and animals adorning the exterior, while on the inside a perfect bedlam is going on. At the temple, as on the streets, are hundreds of sacred monkeys, who rush pell-mell over the vast edifice, stealing whatever they can lay their hands on, and emitting ear-splitting screeches at intervals. Gongs are beaten, Hindu priests come out and go through clownish performances, and the worshipers make the atmosphere stifling with the burning of sacred wood. For hours each day this mode of worshiping is carried on. Woe to the Hindu who raises his hand against either bull or monkey, for, though these animals viciously attack him, he would be ostracized from his race forever. The tourist leaves the great holy city of Benares with the feeling that it is far better to be a bull or a monkey there than a human being.

ed the pile on twenty-seven. An instant later the croupier sang out, "Thirty-six red wins." The lady muttered, "Ah! mon Dieu; thirty-six is exactly my age," and fainted on the spot.

SURE BOND IN CONVERSATION

Two Wearers of Eyeglasses Never Be Uncongenial.

He is one of those enthusiastic men whose hobby is his friends. His chief aim in life seems to be getting those he most admires together in his home or at the club, and then leaving them to get acquainted while he writes a letter or attends to some equally unimportant piece of business. Not long ago he caused to become acquainted a man whose one desire is to thoroughly understand agriculture and a broad-minded, free-thinking lawyer, who cares no more about why things grow than a goldfish does for a mouse. They are both intelligent, but the only thing similar about them is that they both wear glasses. "Mr. Jones, this is Mr. Brown. Now, if you will excuse me, I'll write a letter," said mine host in his usual way, as he withdrew. They both lighted cigars, and the lawyer began a story of the day, but it fell flat. Then he told a better one, but the agriculturist merely smiled a faint, far away smile. The lawyer talked of a difficult case he had just won and of numerous well-known cases over the country, but called forth no answering remarks from his companion. He discoursed at length upon the theaters and all the latest music-hall gossip, but to no avail. He narrated of the virtues and failings of past and modern literature, religion, art, science, the Australian ballot system and national politics. His companion listened, but said nothing, showing he was not interested. In despair, the lawyer commenced a discourse on the meteoric showers, when he noticed the agriculturist removed his spectacles and wipe them on the corner of his handkerchief. A bright idea came to him. "I see you wear spectacles," he said. "It is said there is a vast difference in results of wearing nose glasses and spectacles. I suppose you have worn both? Can you tell me what it is?" The agriculturist had, could and did. He talked on what was the matter with his eyes, what he did for them, how certain lights and things affected them, what sort of prisms to wear, who is the best oculist, and listened attentively and eagerly to like remarks from the lawyer. When mine host returned, they were still discussing the subject, and were apparently the best of friends. Which goes to prove that, no matter how far apart your everyday lives may be, whether you are a man or a woman, if you wear glasses there is always a bond of fellowship and interest between you, and an open sesame to conversation. Try it some day and see.

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What One Woman's Vanity Cost Her.

A curious story comes from Monte Carlo, the heroine of which has, says the Paris correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, lost a large sum through excusable feminine vanity. She entered the Salle while a former friend and protector of hers was winning in a sweeping style that seemed destined to break the bank. "I am so glad to see you here, Prince, and in such luck, too," she exclaimed. "Do tell me a lucky number; it is sure to win for you are now in the vein." The Prince generously placed a pile of gold louis before the vivacious lady, whose beauty had successfully defied the effects of thirty-six winters, and said: "Put it all on the number of your years and reap a golden harvest." The lady reflected, hesitated, and then placed

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Robert Lee and San Angelo, daily except Sunday. Arrives 5:30 p. m. and departs 7:30 a. m.

Robert Lee and Ballinger, daily except Sunday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 7 a. m.

Robert Lee via Sanco to Silver, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 6 a. m.

Robert Lee and Ft. Chadbourne, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arrives 6 p. m. and leaves at 7 a. m.

Robert Lee and Tennyson, Tuesday and Saturday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves at 6 a. m.

Robert Lee and Edith, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; arrives at 12:30 p. m. and leaves at 7 a. m.

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Church Directory.

Baptist:—Each First Sabbath at 11 a. m., and at night. At Methodist Church.

Eld. G. C. Berryman, Pastor.

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Rev. Hooton, Pastor.

Methodist Episcopal South—Services Third Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., and night.

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A. S. Miller, Pastor.

Methodist Sabbath School at 3 p. m. each Sunday.

J. C. Turner, Supt.

Primitive Baptist—Second Sunday and Saturday before in each month at Valley View School house.

G. D. Graham, Pastor.

Plan of Robert Lee Circuit of the M. E. Church South.

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SECOND SUNDAY—Rock Springs 1 a. m.; New Hope 3 p. m. and at Olga 7:30 p. m.

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Eld. G. C. Berryman, Baptist, preaches at Cedar Hill school house on Second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

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Eld. A. M. Lackey's appointments: Bronte—Third Sunday and Saturday before, 11 a. m. and night. Valley View—First Sunday at 11 a. m.

Tennyson—Fourth Sunday 11 a. m. Saturday night.

Bro. G. C. Berryman is absent, in the Naubattie or Cedar Hill neighborhood, surveying.

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A Coke County Boy Writes From the Far-away Philippines.

MANILLA, P. I. DEC. 8, 1898.

To The Coke County Rustler: I have been thinking of writing you a letter for some time and have just found time.

I enlisted in the First South Dakota Volunteers, April 25th at Youkton, S. D. Remained there till May 3rd, went to Sioux Falls, S. D. where we drilled and prepared our equipments until the 29th of May. Then we left for San Francisco, had a fine journey to that great city over the Union Pacific R. R. At every town and station the platforms were crowded with people to see us pass by. It made our eyes water to look at the pretty girls. We arrived at San Francisco June 3rd. At eleven a. m. the train pulled into Oakland, crossed over the ferry, and got into San Francisco at 1 P. M. We were greeted and sumptuously feasted by the "Red Cross" Society, and as we had been fasting since the night before we enjoyed the feast very much. May the "Red Cross Society" live long and never die." After the feast a long and tiresome march of six miles to camp did us up. We marched up Market Street one mile, then up Golden Gate three and a half miles, across to Gary Street, one and a half miles to the camp, where we were welcomed by other soldiers who had already arrived there, it was four o'clock when we got there. We were not long halting, when the command was given, you may be sure. When we had rested a while the order was given to put up the tents. Then there was fun, as not half of the boys had ever been inside of a tent much less stretch one. Of course the only Coke County boy from Texas, was at home with the tents. By 5.30 we had every thing as though we had been there for months. By seven we had supper ready.

We remained in San Francisco until June 23rd, when we started for the Philippine Islands, on the troop ship Rio De Janeiro. We got to Honolulu, Hawaii, July 31st about half way to Manila. I cannot give you a description of that trip as I was a sick soldier all the way over. I was left in Honolulu where I was treated like a lord. I had the pneumonia and typhoid fever; was in the hospital until Sept. 13th; I got up on Aug. 11th, but relapsed on 13th and was confined to my couch until Sept. 2nd. I saw the Stars and Stripes go up on the Executive Building of Hawaii Islands on Aug. 12th, I would not have missed that sight for any price. Ex Governor Hogg was there and he and I attended a fine reception that evening.

I enjoyed my stay in Honolulu more than any other three months of my life, and often wished for some of the old boys from Coke to help me enjoy the many social fetes and functions. I was all over the Island. I took a trip to the old Volcano craters of Coco Head, Diamond Head and Punch Bowl.

Among other interesting trips I took, was one around the island on a narrow gauge Rail Road; started at 9.30 a. m. from Honolulu and got back at 5.30 P. M. I was detached to the Nebraska Recruits, Co. B. and stayed with it till I got here.

We went on board the troop ship Arizona, Nov. 8th and laid by till the 10th, when we started for Manila, we had a splendid trip, for the Arizona is the best transport on the Pacific. We dropped anchor in Manila Bay, Nov. 25th, but did not disembark till Dec. 4th.

Now I am in Manila, seven months after my enlistment.

This Manila is a funny old city like most other old Spanish towns. The population is 300,000 mostly Phillipinos and pigtailed Chinese. There are very few white people here, a few English and Germans are all. However I think this is a coming city for any kind of a business man. Several Englishmen here told me they were making money faster than ever before in their lives. There is plenty of work for any professional man, or mechanic here. I have "bummed" around all over the city and saw many curious and interesting sights, which time and space will not allow me to enumerate here.

There is a part of the city called Old Manila which has a high stone wall around it and is very strongly fortified. If the Spaniards had made a fight, it would have taken ten times as many men to have captured the city, as we had; providing always that the Spaniards had been plucky. Old Manila has a double wall around it and on the Bay side there is a ten-inch gun every six feet, and on the other side there is heavy cannons all around. Besides these fortifications the town is defended by a chain of Forts and Block Houses. It is now considered the Gibraltar of the Pacific Ocean, if not the strongest fortified city in the world.

Good Bye for this time. Don't forget to send me a RUSTLER occasionally, as I haven't got one regularly.

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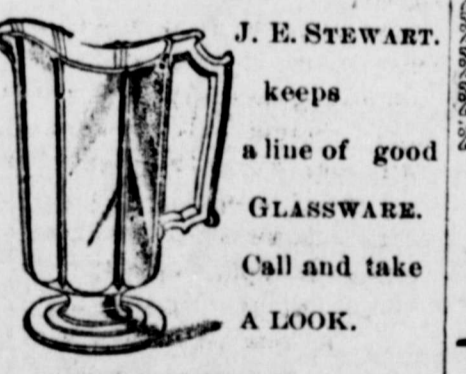
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