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It is a fact perhaps not generally known that The Weekly Constitution has the largest circulation of any newspaper on the western hemisphere. Only a few months ago a large newspaper directory questioned the claim of circulation made by The Constitution and put up a forfeit of \$100 that it could be disproved that it had more than 100,000 circulation. The Constitution promptly accepted the offer and submitted its books to the representative of the firm. Mr. George P. Rowell, publisher of the newspaper directory, acknowledged his error publicly and paid the forfeit.

The Constitution, while being a democratic newspaper, is first and above all things a newspaper. It is a twelve-page, seven-column weekly, making eighty-four columns each week. Its subscription price is \$1 a year, but if taken under the arrangement with this paper we can give them both at the price above named.

The Constitution has a special correspondent in every important city in the United States and a representative in all of the leading centers of the world.

During the war with Spain, which has just been brought to a close, the reports of no newspaper in the south could compare with its news presentation from the front. Its special staff representative suited with the army with it first embarked from Tampa, and of the 120 correspondents who went to Cuba, he was one of only seven who remained to see the flag hoisted over the public buildings in Santiago. Its special representative also accompanied the fleet in the Caribbean sea, and its Washington special service covered every detail of the important war reports originating at the capital.

The Weekly Constitution during the late Spanish war served the news of all the notable events from first to last, with the promptness of a daily. The victory of Dewey at Manila, the death of Ensign Bagley, the movements of troops and fleets, the destruction of Cervera's fleet, the operations in Porto Rico, the treaty, and the unfurling of the stars and stripes over Morro castle, Havana were all given in the Weekly on Monday, on the very day the news first appeared in the daily.

The Weekly-Constitution makes a special feature of its agricultural page, which is presided over by Colonel R. J. Redding, director of the Georgia experiment farm, and a man who is recognized as an expert on all agricultural topics. He gives a full page every week on agricultural matters. A page is devoted to the women and a page to children, these two depart-

ments being presided over by Mrs. William King.

Among the regular staff members of The Constitution are Joel Chandler Harris, Frank L. Stanton and others well known throughout the country; while among its special contributors are such men as Wallace P. Reed, Bill Arp, Sarge Plunkett, Betsy Hamilton, Dr. Talmage and others of national reputation.

The Constitution has just completed the thirtieth year of its existence, Clark Howell being the editor and Colonel W. A. Hempbill its business manager. Its name is a household word in every southern state, from Virginia to Texas. It has always been in especially close touch with the agricultural masses of the south, and in having reached a circulation which carries it into 150,000 homes it has won a unique distinction which ranks it among the greatest of American weekly newspapers.

The Constitution will send a sample copy of its great Weekly free to any one sending his own name and the names of six neighbors, on a postal card.

Every man should take his county newspaper before anything else, and next to this he should take a good general newspaper, such as The Constitution. His county paper gives him the local home news, which is not supplied by a newspaper furnishing the general news from all parts of the country and from all over the world. Before a man seeks information from outside, he should first feel sure that he is being kept posted on what is going on at home. That is why he should take his county paper first. When, however the opportunity is offered to get the best weekly newspaper in this country with your home paper, the inducement is such as to elicit prompt response to our readers.

We will be glad to receive clubbing subscriptions with this paper and The Constitution, and if there are any who are now subscribers to this paper, who wish to take The Constitution also, we will be glad to receive subscriptions to the latter and forward them, having authority from that paper to do so.

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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.

Real Estate Transfers.

A. L. Kelly to G. W. Woullard one acre of land near Bronte, \$55.00

Geo. Harris and wife to T. E. Williams lots No. 1-2-3 and 4 in block 1, Bronte 40.00

G. W. Woullard and wife to T. E. Williams one acre of land near Bronte 550.00

Ellis Heirs to T. E. Williams release on 200 acres of land, 6.00

J. Miles to W. C. McDonald 728 acres of land, other considerations 3.00

State to C. W. Laughlin pre-emption, 6.00

C. W. Laughlin and wife to Jno. Saul, their pre-emption N. W. of Robert Lee 7 miles, 320.00

L. H. McDorman and wife to G. W. Davidson, 160 acres of land 300.00

State to G. W. Kuykendall, 100 acres pre-emption 6.00

G. W. Kuykendall and wife to W. P. Walling, 160 acres of land, 200.00

J. D. Cas-kadon to R. H. Harris 640 acres of land across river from Robert Lee, 1600.00

B. M. Collyns to A. C. Ashurst 640 acres of land, 128.00

B. M. Collyns, per attorney and agent, to A. C. Ashurst 780 acres of land, 1500.00

B. M. Collyns to J. Q. McCabe 1280 acres of land, 3500.00

J. W. Ashurst and wife to F. M. Prichard, 40 acres of land, 65.00

J. W. Ashurst and wife to F. M. Prichard, 22 acres of land, 43.00

J. L. Barron and wife to M. E. Lewis, undivided half interest in Lot 6, Blk. 2, Robert Lee, Tex. 400.00

L. E. Murray Sheriff, by order of court, to Jno. Findlater, lots 1 and 2 and improvements in block 27 Robert Lee 100.00

State to J. R. Wattle 187 acres of land in S. W. corner of Coke County pre-emption 0.00

J. F. Starman and wife to B. L. Robinson 160 acres of land 600.00

A. D. D. Bussey, formerly Hoover, and husband to J. H. B. Norfleet pre-emption, 250.00

S. W. Lane and wife to J. H. B. Norfleet, their home near Silver 500.00

E. P. Woodard to V. N. Copeland quit claim 1 section land 300.00

W. T. Richard to J. L. Parron, undivided half interest in lot 6, blk. 2 Robert Lee, Texas, 350.00

B. M. Collyns to J. Q. McCabe, 640 acres of land, 1440.00

O. Justice and wife to Tom Brown, small tract of land 17 miles N. W. of Robert Lee, 200.00

Mrs. S. T. Elam to K. M. Mayes quit claim deed to 144 acres land in Coke County, Abst. No. 687, Certificate No. 115. 145.00

J. C. Prude and wife to J. F. Starman, 1270 acres of land 635.00

J. C. Williams to J. F. Byrd, quit claim deed N. W. quarter section of school land 200.00

E. C. Good to I. J. Good, a lot of land 3000.00

State to G. W. Lane 160 acres of land 37 1-2 miles N. W. of Robert Lee, pre-emption 6.00

J. M. Crawford and wife to I. C. Williams quit claim deed to S. F. section school survey No. 382, A and T. C. Ry. Co. 1.00

State to A. D. D. Hoover actual settler, about 13 miles N. W. of Robert Lee, pre-emption 0.00

Notice.

Teachers examinations will be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17th and 18th, for first and second grade certificates.

M. H. Davis,
Ex Officio Co. Supt.

Read your County Paper.

FILIPINOS ATTACKED MANILA.

Aguinaldo's Followers Endeavored to Capture the City, but Were Driven Back by the Americans.

Manila Attacked.

Manila, Feb. 6.—The long expected rupture between the Americans and the Filipinos has come at last. The former are now engaged in solving the Philippine problem with the utmost expedition possible. The clash came at 8:40 Saturday evening when three daring Filipinos darted past the Nebraska regiment's picket at Sant Mesa, but retired when challenged. They repeated the experiment without drawing the sentry's fire. But the third time Corporal Greely challenged the Filipinos and then fired, killing one of them and wounding another.

Almost immediately afterward the Filipinos' line, from Calvoan to Santa Mesa, commenced a fusillade which was ineffectual. The Newbraska, Montana and North Dakota outposts replied vigorously and held their ground until reinforcements arrived.

The Filipinos in the meantime concentrated at three points, Calvoan, Gagalangin and Santa Mesa.

At 1 o'clock the Filipinos opened a hot fire from all three places simultaneously. This was supplemented by the fire of two siege guns at Balk and Balik and by advancing their skirmishers at Paco and Pandacan.

The Americans responded with a terrific fire, but owing to the darkness they were unable to determine its effect.

The Utah light artillery finally succeeded in silencing the native battery. The third artillery also did good work on the extreme left. The engagement lasted over an hour.

The United States cruiser Charleston and the gunboat Concord, stationed off Malabona, opened fire from their secondary batteries on the Filipinos' position at Calvoan and kept it up vigorously.

At 2:45 there was another fusillade along the entire line and the United States sea-going double monitor Monadnock opened fire on the enemy from off Malate.

With daylight the Americans advanced. The California and Washington regiments made a splendid charge and drove the Filipinos from the village of Paco and Santa Mesa.

The Nebraska regiment also distinguished itself, capturing several prisoners and one howitzer and a very strong position at the reservoir which is connected with the waterworks.

The Kansas and Dakota regiments compelled the enemy's right flank to retire to Calvoan.

There was intermittent firing at various points all day long. The losses of the Filipinos cannot be estimated at present, but they are known to be considerable.

The American losses are estimated at twenty killed and 125 wounded. The Ygorates, armed with bows and arrows, made a very determined stand in the face of a hot artillery fire and left many men dead on the field.

Several attempts were made in the city Saturday evening to assassinate American officers.

From Otis.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The following dispatch from Gen. Otis has been made public:

Manila, Feb. 5.—To the adjutant general, Washington: Insurgents in large force opened attack on our lines at 8:45 last evening; renewed attack several times during the night; at 4 o'clock this morning entire line engaged; all attacks repulsed; at day-break advanced against insurgents and have driven them beyond the lines they formerly occupied, capturing several villages and their defense works; insurgents loss in dead and wounded large; our own casualties thus far estimated at 175, very few fatal. Troops enthusiastic and acting fearlessly. Navy did splendid execution on flanks of enemy; city held in check and absolute quiet prevails; insurgents have secured good many Mauser rifles, a few field pieces and quick-firing guns with ammunition during last month.

OTIS.

Later telegram says everything was quiet.

Conditions may make a match impossible. He now declares Fitzsimons must wait a year.

DIXIE DOINGS.

Whittaker Manns and Howard Harlan, farmers, fought a duel with knives at Ballardville, Ky. Manns is dead.

During a quarrel Hyde DeLacy shot and killed Armour Riley at Hatcheechubbie, Ala., and then suicided.

In the United States circuit court at Birmingham, Ala., Judge Bruce issued a decree ordering the sale of the property of the Alabama Iron and Steel company, located at Monticello and Brucefield, Ala., and valued at \$1,500,000.

Judge Logeden, the father of a large family, was shot and killed at Owensboro, Ky., by Bryan Taylor because, it is alleged, he was unable to pay Taylor a debt of \$1.25.

Col. W. J. Bryan has accepted an invitation from the Bryan Anniversary club of Chattanooga, Tenn., to be the guest of its members on the former's birthday, March 19, and has accepted same.

Four men fought a duel at Beattyville, Ky. About fifteen shots were fired. Two of the men were seriously wounded.

A Springdale, Ark., woman rejoices in hair that measures forty-six feet in length.

Baptists at Eureka Springs, Ark., are planning to build a \$20,000 church as a memorial to Rev. W. E. Penn.

Hugh L. Childress, superintendent of the southern division of the Postal Telegraph company, with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala., died at Chattanooga, Tenn., of meningitis.

Representative Gaines of Tennessee has introduced a bill in the lower house of congress to repeal the law which prevents an ex-Confederate soldier from serving as a federal grand or petit juror.

The Alabama Industrial and Scientific society met in annual session at Birmingham. Several papers were read, officers elected and a banquet held.

Treaty Debate.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Saturday was another day of expansion and oratory in the senate. In the open session the speakers were Mr. Chilton of Texas and Mr. Wolcott of Colorado. Mr. Chilton made a constitutional argument in favor of the Vest resolution, his principal objection to the annexation of the Philippines being that it would admit to this country both the Filipinos and their products to come in competition with our own workmen and their products. His proposed solution of the pending problem was the establishment of a republic in the Philippines, over which the United States would exercise such care as it gives the republic of Liberia.

Mr. Wolcott in an eloquent, almost impassioned, appeal to the senate for the ratification of the treaty paid his tribute to the successful conduct of the war to the peace commissioners for their successful efforts in behalf of their country.

Dewey's Dispatch.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Dewey sent the following:

Manila, Feb. 5.—To the secretary of the navy, Washington: Insurgents here inaugurated general engagement last evening, which was continued today. The American army and navy is generally successful. Insurgents have been driven back and our line advanced. No casualties to navy.

DEWEY.

Cabinet Meeting.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The verification of the news that the Filipinos had attacked the Americans produced an immediate conference between the president, the secretary of war and the cabinet. The president and his advisers discussed at length not only the effect of the attack on the situation from a military, but also a political and international standpoint.

The first official news of the battle was received at the White House at 6:05 yesterday morning.

Some London papers say the Manila attack was premeditated.

Nicaraguan Bill.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce to-day directed a favorable report on the Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill with amendments as a substitute for the Morgan bill passed by the senate.

When the subject was taken up at the meeting of the commerce committee yesterday it was at first determined without the formality of a vote that Chairman Hepburn's bill should be reported as embodying the sense of the committee. The main question was as to expediting legislation. For this purpose Mr. Lovering of Massachusetts moved that the Morgan senate bill be taken up and all after the enacting clause be stricken out and the Hepburn bill substituted. This was approved and the substitute was then changed in some particulars. On motion of Mr. Barham of California the requirement for full ownership and sovereignty over the route was stricken out. An amendment by Mr. Sherman of New York, authorizing the president to negotiate with private companies or associations for concessions, rights, etc., was defeated.

Mr. Hinrichen of Illinois secured the adoption of an amendment reducing the total appropriations from \$140,000,000 to \$115,000,000. As thus amended the substitute bill was agreed to by practically a unanimous vote and Mr. Hepburn was directed to make the report to the house.

The bill in its amended form is as follows:

Section 1. That the president of the United States be and is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase from the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua or in behalf of the United States of such portion of territory now belonging to Costa Rica and Nicaragua or either of them as may be desirable and necessary on which to excavate, construct and defend a canal of such depth and capacity as will be sufficient for the movement of ships of the greatest tonnage and draft now in use, from point near Greytown, on the Caribbean sea, via Lake Nicaragua to Brito, on the Pacific ocean; and such sum as may be necessary to make such purchase is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. That when the president has secured the territory in section 1, referred to, he shall direct the secretary of war to excavate and construct a canal and waterway from a point on the shore of the Caribbean sea near Greytown by way of Lake Nicaragua to a point near Brito, on the Pacific ocean. Such canal shall be of sufficient capacity that it may be used by vessels of the largest tonnage and greatest depth now in use, and shall be supplied with all the necessary locks and other appliances to meet the necessities of vessels passing from Greytown to Brito, and the secretary of war shall also construct such safe and commodious harbors at the terminals of said canal and such fortifications for defense as will be required for the convenience and safety of all vessels desiring the use of said canal.

Sec. 3. That in making survey for said canal and harbors the secretary of war shall detail such number of engineer officers of the army, navy and civil as may be necessary, and may require of them the performance of such professional duties as he may desire.

Sec. 4. That in the excavation and construction of said canal the San Juan river and Lake Nicaragua or such parts of each as may be made available shall be used.

Sec. 5. That in any negotiations with the states of Costa Rica or Nicaragua the president may have the president is authorized to guarantee to said states the use of said canal and harbors upon such terms as may be agreed upon, for all vessels owned by said states or by citizens thereof.

Sec. 6. That the sum of \$115,000,000 or so much as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the completion of the work herein authorized, said money to be drawn from the treasury from time to time as the same shall be needed, upon warrants of the president, based on estimates made and verified by the chief engineer in charge of the work, and approved by the secretary of war.

Soap Combine.

New York promoters are interesting eastern capitalists in a plan which contemplates the formation of a gigantic combination to control the American soap output. With \$90,000,000 capital, or which \$40,000,000 will be paid in stock and \$50,000,000 common stock, negotiations are pending for amalgamation of all the American factories in the United States.

Excitement continues great in Colorado Springs mining exchange.

To Merge Gould Roads.

New York, Feb. 4.—The plan for merging the Gould southwestern railroads into the Missouri Pacific system has progressed to an extent that it is given out that the terms of exchange on Texas and Pacific stock will be on the basis of two shares of Texas and Pacific for one of the Missouri Pacific, stock, and the Texas and Pacific seconds, or incomes, will be given a fixed charge collateral trust 3 per cent bonds on an even exchange. Something of this kind has been proposed by some of the interests in the two parties for a long time, but it is only lately that matters took shape enabling those who were in favor of it to control the situation.

The combination when complete will include the Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain, International and Great Northern and Texas and Pacific, with their branches and connections. The Iron Mountain and Missouri Pacific are now practically one, and the International and Great Northern is closely held by the Goulds, so that the settlement in the Texas and Pacific case makes it easy to carry out any consolidation scheme approved by the Goulds.

It has been known for some time that the Goulds are planning to consolidate all their railroad interests much after the Vanderbilt plan in the New York Central and the Lake Shore deal. Mr. Gould has decided it is much easier to be at the head of one system which controls the others than to have many systems independent of one another, and of course it is much cheaper to operate them that way. The Cotton Belt is not included in the deal.

Seats to be Vacated.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The inquiry ordered by the house of representatives as to what members had forfeited their seats by reason of accepting other offices, ended yesterday with a finding by the judiciary committee that Maj. Gen. Wheeler, a member from Alabama; Col. James R. Campbell of Illinois; Col. David G. Colson of Kentucky and Maj. Edward Robbins of Pennsylvania had vacated their seats in the house by accepting commissions in the army. At the same time the committee determined that none of the members of congress serving on civil commissions had thereby vacated their seats in the house.

Gen. Wheeler was seen after the finding was announced, but asked to be excused from commenting on the decision as it was in the nature of a judicial proceeding. It is said that Gen. Wheeler and his associates will take no action for the present, as the finding of the committee is yet to be passed upon by the house.

Took Acute Turn.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The controversy in the senate over the vote upon the various resolutions interpretive of the peace treaty took an acute turn yesterday. The opposition to a vote first came from the friends of the treaty, who held to the theory that it could be ratified without compromise. Those who apparently were then willing that a vote should be taken, held an opposite view and absolutely refused to agree to a time for taking a vote.

The contest occurred in the executive session and an hour and a quarter was spent in a vain endeavor on the one side to get an agreement for a date for a vote upon the resolutions and on the other in a more successful effort to bring the day's session to a close without allowing anything to be accomplished in that direction.

Declined to Discuss It.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Gen. Miles was questioned last night regarding the reported statements that he had denied the accuracy of the interview concerning beef furnished to the army, which was published while on his recent visit to New York. He courteously declined to be drawn into any discussion of that or of other newspaper statements appertaining to him. Gen. Miles insisted that the question at issue after all was not one of this or that interview, but whether bad food was furnished the army.

Died of Hydrophobia.

New York, Feb. 4.—A dispatch from Patras, Greece, says Colville Ingate, American vice consul here, has died of hydrophobia. He was bitten two months ago but kept the matter secret. He refused treatment. He was much beloved and respected. Mr. Ingate was appointed vice consul of the United States at Patras on November 24, 1897. He was born in Mississippi, but moved to Alabama where he established his residence. He was appointed into the consular service from the latter state.

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A man has a right to his own opinions and to the opinions of everybody else.

The spots on a man's reputation look about ten times larger to others than to himself.

One thing may be said in favor of the horseless carriage—it can never be made into sausages.

Everyone must see daily instances of people who complain from a mere habit of complaining.

A runaway match is the usual result when a couple wants to hitch and the old man kicks over the traces.

There are many Christians who are satisfied to live on crumbs, when God wants to give them the whole joint.

It always makes a man mad to have people compliment him on his success and then add that they can't understand it.

According to late reports the powers are still trying to monkey with the Philippines, and using Aguinaldo as the monkey.

The work of saving Cuba from the professional Cubans will cause more or less friction, but it will finally be accomplished.

One of the late Mr. Keely's backers has died of a broken heart. There are others who are alive and broken in a different way.

Weyer has a chance to get into power in Spain just about the time that \$20,000,000 of American money reaches the Spanish treasury.

Marquis Ito, in his latest speech, seems to say that whenever China needs another dose of reform, Japan will have her snickchance ready.

Perhaps it would be better if Mr. Rockefeller instead of the United States built the Nicaragua canal. Mr. Rockefeller owns most of the United States.

With Choate in London, Depew in the senate and Roosevelt in the governor's chair, Mr. Platt will probably do considerable playing in the political back yard.

It may interest inconstant or disappointed wooers, who think of demanding a return of the presents given the objects of their temporary regard, to learn that by a recent decision of a Massachusetts court all presents given to the prospective bride at any time previous to marriage are thenceforth her own personal property. Thus slowly but surely are the rights and privileges of the ignoble man becoming restricted or abrogated.

The main plaza of San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the morning of Dec. 9, saw a strangely unwonted sight—the presentation of American flags to the various schools of the city. Principals, teachers, scholars—even the small lads of the orphan asylum—all were there. Marching at the head of each school was a youthful and—who can doubt?—supremely proud bearer of the standard—the emblem of new hopes, aspirations and wider possibilities. There are, it is stated, 600 schools—public and private—on the island, and to each a flag is to be given. Is it too much to hope that, in due season, childish voices will make its significance vocal in mind and heart?

A French invention—a gun camera—is the latest adjunct to instantaneous photography, and in competent hands may be rendered more obtrusive than the omnipresent Kodak. It has a stock like that of the ordinary gun, but the barrel is four inches in diameter, and is covered with leather. At the breech is a square box, to which several small levers are attached. The weapon is leveled upon a flying bird or any moving object, the trigger is pulled, a shutter is sprung, and the object is transfixed upon the film. Twelve shots may be taken with it, and it is reloaded in much the same manner as the ordinary camera. It strikes one that the industrious burglar may object to the instrument, as being another possible interference with the undisturbed exercise of his profession. As with the microscope, justice may find in it an incidental auxiliary.

DICK COURTNEY.

Dick Courtney bore the reputation of being the laziest man in his set. At almost any hour of the day he might be found at the Manhattan club occupying the easiest chair in the room, his feet in another, a cigar in his mouth, and a far-away look in his eyes. Yet he was extremely popular, for his money, good looks and charm of manner gave him the key to society's gate, and no swell function was deemed complete without the presence of Dick Courtney. But no one ever expected him to "do anything," and no one ever undertook the task until he met Dorothy Vernon.

Dorothy was a very energetic young person, but when she began the "education of Dick Courtney," as she expressed it, she had a larger contract on her hands than she imagined. At the end of a year about all she had accomplished was to gain possession of Dick's heart, at the cost of losing her own, though she would have denied that last statement most emphatically; for she inwardly rebelled against the idea of loving "such a lazy man." Dorothy had "theories," and with all the audacity of a nineteenth century girl she did not hesitate to express her views of any of the subjects of the day. When war was declared her enthusiasm all turned in that direction, and she bemoaned the fact that she was a girl and could not go to the front.

It was one evening in the early spring, at the Van Delands' reception. "Oh, it is terrible to be a woman, and have to just sit by and wait. If I was a man I wouldn't wait long; it is every man's duty to go; don't you think so?"

"Certainly, Miss Vernon," answered Gerald Alstein, with alacrity; "and it is to be hoped the call of duty will find none of our loyal Americans wanting," added he, with a meaning look at Dick Courtney, who had come up just then. Courtney and Alstein were not the best of friends; perhaps because they saw in each other a possible rival for the hand of Dorothy.

Dick's father and mother were English, and he had all an Englishman's proverbial coolness; so he only said in reply to Alstein's little shot.

"What's that? War again? Really, Miss Dorothy, what a little enthusiast you are!"

"And rightly so," said Alstein. "Would there were more women like her, and more men imbued with her spirit. I wish I could stay and help you champion our cause, Miss Vernon, but I see the next dance is beginning and I must go."

As Alstein took his leave, Dick settled comfortably in the seat by Dorothy's side, and drawled in his slow English way:

"Is Alstein going to war, Dorothy?"

"Yes, he is going, of course; he isn't going to shirk his duty. He's the



most enthusiastic man I've seen for a long while, and he thinks just as I do. We ought not to wait, but go at once, and avenge the terrible wrongs that have been committed by the Spaniards."

Dick smiled, but did not answer. His seeming indifference nettled her.

"Perhaps you do not understand Mr. Alstein's feelings in the matter. You can not feel just as we do, whose fathers and grandfathers have fought and died for this country. You're English, and—"

"What else, Dorothy?"

"You're lazy; you know you are."

"What else, Dorothy?" Dick was outwardly as composed as ever, but a slight compression of the lips and a deep drawn breath showed that Dorothy was hurting him. Dorothy knew it, too, but, woman-like, she liked to dare—even the man she loved—"and a coward!" finished Dorothy in a sudden moment of exasperation and anger.

"I wouldn't say that if I were you, Dorothy; it isn't exactly fair, you know. I wouldn't take it from a man, but from a woman—the woman I love, too—I think I'd better go now; I see Mr. Alstein just outside; I'll send him to you."

"Dick!" but it was too late; he had left her.

A few days later Dorothy's most in-

timite friend, Ethel Burnam, came rushing in with some startling news. "Oh, Dorothy! Did you know Dick Courtney had gone to war—had joined the Rough Riders? Think of the 'swell' Dick, who never did a day's work in his life, doing that?" and Ethel laughed at the imaginary picture she had drawn, then added, dolefully: "Most likely he'll be killed."

Poor Dorothy! After Ethel had gone she threw herself on the couch in an agony of remorse. Those last words of hers to him seemed burning themselves upon her brain. She had called him a "coward," and now he had gone—perhaps forever.

As for Dick, on that never-to-be-forgotten day at Guasimas, when those brave men put to flight an enemy four times their own in number, his last thought was of Dorothy as he went through the hot high grass with mouth tightly shut and eyes to the front. He got a slight wound early in the encounter but that only served to awaken him to the terrible reality of the situation. He dimly wondered what she would say if she saw him now, blood-stained and dust-covered as he was. Then he forgot even Dorothy, for the bullets fell thick and fast, and the dead and dying were all about him. Just before the end of the battle a pointed bit of steel came silently and swiftly on its deadly mission, and the next moment Dick Courtney was lying stunned and bleeding in the long grass.

"His wound is mortal," was the surgeon's verdict, but he did not die for all that. He was too young and strong, and after weeks of pain and suffering, he was back in New York again, still weak and ill, but with every certainty of recovery before him. The first evening that he spent in the city found him on the way to Dorothy's house. As he waited for her to come to him he caught sight of himself in the mirror and smiled at the thin, haggard vision that presented itself. He wondered if he had retrieved his character in her eyes, and then there was the rustle of a woman's dress on the stairs, and Dorothy, repentant, loving, was in his arms, with a cry of "Forgive me, Dick!"

Later on Dick ventured to ask: "By the way, Dorothy, did Alstein get killed or wounded or anything? I haven't heard."

"He—he didn't go after all; he was called to Europe on important business," and she added: "I've found out one thing, Dick; the bravest men aren't always the ones who talk the most, and a man can be a hero even if his great-grandfather didn't fight in the revolution."—Boston Post.

Love in Lapland.

When a young Laplander is in love with a girl he and she run a race. He is heavily handicapped, so that she may win if she chooses, and if she outrun him he cannot propose again. Of course, she suffers herself to be overcome if she cares for him, but the consent of her parents must be obtained before she can be married. The law of the land is very strict on this point, and in olden times the man was subject to capital punishment if he married without the consent of the girl's parents.

After a Laplander has chosen a bride he sends her a present of a girdle, a ring, and a quantity of brandy. He goes as far as the door of her hut, but remains outside until invited to enter, when a bumper of brandy is offered to the girl's father. If he drinks it it is a sign he consents to the marriage, and the young lover then promises to give the girl some clothes, and pays a sum of money, generally a hundred copper dollars, down on the spot. This, of course, is a remnant of marriage by purchase, which in primitive times succeeded marriage by capture.

Bans are published once in Lapland, and the marriage ceremony is very short. The bride wears her hair loose, and has a gold band around her head. Her presents and her dowry are generally reindeer, and she and her bridegroom remain with her parents for a year after marriage.

Peru During Our War.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser: Capt. J. B. Hickey, military attaché at the United States legation in Peru, who has been recalled to Washington, arrived here today on the Panama liner *Allianza*. He said that things were quiet when he left Lima, and that the feelings of the Peruvians during the war was not by any means in favor of Spain. During the conflict the Spaniards and Americans doing business in Peru patronized each other, and at times discussed banteringly the battles of Manila and Santiago, and the false victories of the Spaniards, details of which were regularly circulated by Spanish agents throughout the South American countries. While the Spaniards and American citizens were on good terms with each other after the declaration of war, there was no communication between the legations of the two countries.

The disquieting microbe of love gives the old bachelor a wide berth.

Work of a Snowslide.

Denver, Col., Feb. 3.—Information has been received here by Superintendent Ridgeway of the Denver and Rio Grande road, that a snowslide on its line nine miles east of Glenwood Springs yesterday came down on top of a work train, wrecking the engine and cars, killing five of the wrecking crew and injuring six others.

The killed are: John McMahon, road master Denver and Rio Grande, Glenwood Springs; J. Dempsey, section man, Spruce Creek, Col.; J. Mulvihill, section man, Red Cliff, Col., and two others.

Injured Charles Hackett, engineer; T. H. Carr, fireman; R. B. Steele, engineer; A. Diver, brakeman; G. H. Berry, car repairer; B. Bernard, section man.

For a time it was feared the entire crew was lost, but all have been accounted for.

The snowstorm which has raged with brief intermissions for more than a week in Colorado, was renewed yesterday with energy unabated. The snowfall during the latter hours of the night and nearly all day was very heavy, while strong winds galed it up and filled railroad cuts, almost completely blocking railroad traffic in the mountain district. Snow slides have occurred at several points, one eighteen miles west of Leadville on Mount Elbert, carrying down a miner's cabin and burying Wm. Manning, aged 60 years. Many mountain towns are cut off from the world, the only means of communication being men on snow shoes. Food and fuel supplies are becoming alarmingly short in many places.

At 12:30 the gigantic avalanche shot down the mountain side in the canyon of the Grand river, on the western slope of Colorado, and carried the entire train crew and working gang, thirty-three men in all, into the bottom of the abyss.

Special trains were sent to the spot as soon as intelligence reached the headquarters of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. In the meantime more than a hundred men were using every possible effort to rescue their fellow beings who were imprisoned in the snow.

The slide was about 200 feet in width, but thousands of tons of ice and snow blocked the railway and made it impossible for trains to pass until a road could be shoveled through the obstruction.

Telegrams were at first delayed on account of the carrying away of the wires when the slide came down. One of the rescue trains had a telegrapher and an emergency instrument, and he soon established communication with the outside world.

It was the impression at the headquarters of the railway in this city that the slide is one of the most destructive that has been known for many years in the Rocky mountains.

The engine, caboose and flanges were carried down before the slide and all the shovelers, who were scattered along the track at work, were swept before the mighty weight. Trees, rocks and large blocks of ice, which had been formed on the side of the mountain during the winter, added to the weight of the avalanche. Cliffs rise at the side of the railway track 100 to 200 feet, while the rise of the mountain at the point where the accident occurred rises 2000 feet almost perpendicularly.

No Action Taken.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Great interest is expressed throughout Washington City in the reiterated newspaper reports that severe action was meditated by the war department and the administration in the case of Gen. Miles, who has been quoted in numerous recent interviews as condemning the quality of meat furnished the army by contractors during the war and maintaining that he had evidence in reserve which would substantiate his charges that chemicals were used in preparing the contract beef.

It may be definitely stated that no official action has been taken looking to a court-martial, a court of inquiry or to the sending of Gen. Miles to the command of a department.

Rudyard Kipling has written a poem entitled "The White Man's Burden," evidently called forth by the colonial development of the United States. It appears in the February issue of McClure's Magazine, although the editors did not receive the poem until after the magazine was on the press. The frontispiece was taken out, and the poem put in its place. The poem is not only important, but is of considerable length.

Buckingham theater, Louisville, Ky., burned.

A Sensation.

Guthrie, Ok., Feb. 3.—One of the greatest political sensations in the history of Oklahoma was sprung yesterday when the message of Gov. Barnes vetoing the \$5000 extra clerk hire appropriation bill was read to the house of representatives of the general assembly. This bill reached the governor Wednesday afternoon, being the first bill to pass the house and be sent him. The veto message was a long one and charged the assembly of just what they have charging the administration with—unwarranted extravagance, evading or distorting the law to meet circumstances.

The governor, after stating that in twenty-four days of the session but this one bill had been passed, proceeded to quote federal law expressly forbidding expenditures such as the bill provided for, and gave supreme court decisions sustaining such law. He then showed that each territorial legislature had made such unwarranted expenditure, beginning with \$6000 in the first, and raising gradually to \$13,000 in the fourth or last assembly. He then gave detailed figures to show that the clerkships and other superfluous places provided by that legislature contrary to federal law would cost the tax-payers of the Territory nearly \$17,000 for the session. An instance of the alleged extravagance cited was the employment of twenty enrolling and engrossing clerks at \$3 per day, each for twenty-four days, amounting to \$1440, and the sum total of their labors was the enrolling and engrossing of this one bill of two pages.

The message was a complete surprise to the members of the assembly.

River and Harbor Bill Passes.

Washington, Feb. 3.—A notable speech was made in the senate yesterday by Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin. He took for his text the anti-expansion resolution offered by Mr. Vest, but did not confine himself closely to that proposed declaration of policy. He discussed the question of expansion in all of its phases and urged the ratification of the peace treaty as the best means of bringing the burning question home to the people themselves, who, he said, could well be trusted on their sober second thought to do that which would be fair, just and generous toward the inhabitants of the Philippine archipelago.

Mr. Spooner spoke for three hours, and through his brilliant oratory, fine ability as a closed and astute reasoner, splendid qualities as an advocate andadroitness and cleverness at repartee, held the careful attention of an unusually large number of senators and a large audience in the galleries. At the conclusion of his speech he received the warm congratulations of many of his colleagues, notable among whom was Mr. Tillman of South Carolina, with whom he had a sharp personal tilt in the course of his argument.

The river and harbor bill, carrying slightly more than \$30,000,000, passed the house by a vote of 160 to 7. This is the largest majority any river and harbor bill has ever obtained in the house. The bill attracted little opposition and every effort to amend it in any important particular failed.

Dreyfus Bill.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The committee of the chamber of deputies having the government's revision bill in charge has issued a note to the effect that as a result of the representations of its members the minister of justice, M. Lebrat, has agreed to invite President Mazeau's committee to make further inquiry into the charges brought against the criminal section of the court of cassation by M. Quesnay de Beaurepaire, the former president of the civil section of that body, and to furnish a supplementary report on the subject.

Judge Kittrell has introduced a bill in the house providing for the ratification of the contract between Hogg and Robertson and Gov. Culberson and appropriating \$5611.32 for the payment of the fee.

Want Speedy Trial.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 2.—A joint resolution was introduced in the legislature yesterday in reference to the Randolph case, calling on the president and congress to see that all proper means be used to grant Randolph a speedy and impartial trial.

Francis C. Randolph, a citizen of Alabama, is imprisoned in the City of Medellin, in the United States of Colombia, under a charge of homicide, and has been there since Sept. 5, 1895.

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A Young Wit.

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A CANADA FARM.

What a Former Resident of Idaho Says Regarding Western Canada.

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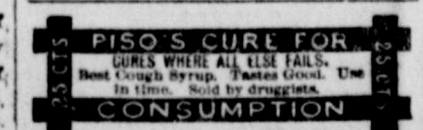
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We are longing for some "hot times."

Read the interesting matter on our tax list sheet this week.

County Court meets the 20th inst.

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A "rabbit hunter" says the smoke froze in his chimney last Monday.

A Telephone for Robert Lee and Coke County is in sight. Over half the patronage necessary to secure the Rust Brothers line has already been subscribed. Any one desiring to help our County by promising patronage to this laudable and deserving institution will please call on Dr. Martin or the Editor, either of whom will fully explain proposition.

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Valley View Locals.

The singing at Mr. Havins was much enjoyed Sunday night.

Miss Lou Hux has been quite sick, but is convalescing.

Mrs. Bob Winans has been a welcome visitor in our community for the past week.

Our school contemplates celebrating "Washington's Birthday" with appropriate exercises. Bro. Lackey preaches for us next Sunday.

Judge Davis was a pleasant and honored visitor of our school last week.

Messrs. J. A. Green and Henry Wyatt took in San Angelo.

The La Grippe has not struck Valley View yet, but a right kind of grip on hauling water, ploughing, and going to school has moved us in a benevolent spirit, and lost grip on worrying and grumbling because we were "not the only turtle in the tank" in old Coke, and Valley View the only place to "change cars" for Sennyson.

VERITAS.

Mr. Henry Fry, one of our young gallants, left town yesterday to be absent some days.

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3. How shall we give our pupils a taste for good Literature. Miss Emma Merchant.
4. Song. Choir.
5. Relation of the Trustees and Teacher. General Discussion.
6. Patriotism, Its Preparation. Miss L. B. Kornegay.
7. Song. Choir.
8. Succession of Political Parties in our Government. H. T. Carter.
9. Tardiness, and How Prevented in our Country Schools. J. A. Puckett.
10. Song, by the Choir.

SATURDAY MORNING.

- 9.30 A. M. 1. New Text-books Reviewed. F. K. Popplewell.
2. U. S. History, Discoveries and Explorations. Miss Lucele Stephens.
3. Properties of Numbers. L. S. Bird.
4. Schools of West Texas, compared with those "Back East." Miss Lou Wilkins.
5. Assigning Lessons. O. W. Gardner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

1. Methods in Percentage. Jno. I. Ross.
2. How to Cultivate the Memory. A. P. Stone.
3. Revenues of our Government. J. A. Thomas.

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1881	Geo. H. Bringhurst	5	Jacob Armst
1882	Geo. H. Bringhurst	5	Jacob Armst
1893	Unknown	5	Jacob Armst
1894	Unknown	5	Jacob Armst
1895	Trs. G. H. Bringhurst	5	Jacob Armst
1896	Unknown	5	Jacob Armst
1896	Unknown	5	Jacob Armst
1893	Unknown	12	Adams, Beat
1890	Unknown	15	C. M. Beas
1892	Unknown	15	C. M. Beas
1893	Unknown	15	C. M. Beas
1894	Unknown	15	C. M. Beas
1895	Unknown	15	C. M. Beas
1896	Unknown	15	C. M. Beas
1893	Unknown	18	M. Burnett
1894	Unknown	18	M. Burnett
1894	W. C. Norwood	18	M. Burnett
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1895	Unknown	18	M. Burnett
1896	Unknown	18	M. Burnett
1890	Unknown	34	Geo. Bringhu
1891	Geo. Bringhurst	34	Geo. Bringhu
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1896	Unknown	34	Geo. Bringhu
1892	Unknown	36	Beaty, Seale
1893	Unknown	37	Beaty, Seale
1893	Unknown	37	Beaty, Seale
1894	Unknown	37	Beaty, Seale
1896	Unknown	37	Beaty, Seale
1891	Unknown	47	Lewis Corrid
1892	Unknown	47	Lewis Corrid
1893	Unknown	47	Lewis Corrid
1894	Unknown	47	Lewis Corrid
1895	Unknown	47	Lewis Corrid
1896	Unknown	47	Lewis Corrid
1899	Unknown	48	Seth Clark
1894	Unknown	48	Seth Clark
1895	Unknown	48	Seth Clark
1892	Johnathan Miles, Agt.	85	Alford Dorse
1894	Unknown	85	Alford Dorse
1895	Unknown	85	Alford Dorse
1896	Unknown	85	Alford Dorse
1894	James Davidge	91	Jas. M. Dav
1890	Unknown	136	Mrs. Elvira
1891	Unknown	136	Mrs. Elvira
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1893	Unknown	165	John Guerr
1894	Unknown	172	G. C. & S
1893	Unknown	173	G. C. & S
1894	Unknown	173	G. C. & S
1893	Unknown	174	G. C. & S
1894	Unknown	174	G. C. & S
1893	W. B. Brown	175	John Gibco
1891	Unknown	192	W. L. Hun
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1891	Unknown	193	W. L. Hun
1892	Unknown	193	W. L. Hun
1893	Unknown	193	W. L. Hun
1894	Unknown	193	W. L. Hun

A MEAN ADVANTAGE.

They were riding a tandem. She was in front—a pretty, laughing, pouting damsel with a wealth of copper-colored hair and a pair of tantalizing mischief-making eyes. He sat at the back, gloomy in face and in mood. For him the course of true love ran anything but smooth.

He had known her for years—had been her school companion, in fact, had been her devoted slave since the very first day they had met. He remembered that day very well. He had bought a whole cake of chocolate, and he loved chocolate dearly. It was his first hard struggle with self, but he conquered, and after a long last look and a sigh he offered her the whole cake. And she—she took it all with a smile and ate it without offering him as much as a bite.

He looked back at their lives since, and felt that that chocolate incident had been constantly repeated ever since. He had given and she had accepted still with a smile 'tis true, but did not content him now. They were ready, and she gave them so to others.

He meant to have everything or nothing. As he sat behind on that tandem and admired her bright hair and caught a glimpse of her dainty profile every now and then, he made up his mind to put an end to his sufferings one way or another that evening. He buried himself in thought for some long time, and then a bright idea occurred to him. But his long silence evidently seemed to irritate the front rider.

"How dull you are today, Jack," she said impatiently. "You haven't said a word for the last quarter of an hour. Don't you think it is about time we turned back?"

"What are you in such a hurry about?" asked Jack.

The girl laughed a bit consciously. "Well, I promised that I would get home before 7 o'clock, and—and it's very particular," she added, with a pout.

"Mr. Seymour coming round probably," said Jack. "Mr. Seymour seems to be coming round a good bit lately, doesn't he? But, Clare, I'm awfully sorry, but I don't think you will get home in time tonight."

"What do you mean?" said Clare quickly.

"Well, to tell you the truth I don't know exactly where we are."

"Don't you know where we are," echoed the girl angrily. "Don't be absurd. Do you mean to say you have brought me out and have been stupid enough to lose the way?"

"That's about the whole size of the matter," said Jack, cheerfully.

"Well, you'll have to find the way, that's all about it," said pretty Clare, vindictively. "And I'll tell you plainly



CLUNG TO HIM IN TERROR.

that I shan't place myself in a similar predicament in a hurry. Mr. Seymour wouldn't have done such a foolish thing."

"Good gracious! No!" laughed Jack. "Fancy seeing Seymour on a tandem." "He is a gentleman if he is nothing else," snapped Clare.

"Well, I hope so," replied Jack. "He's got nothing else to recommend him. Well, we won't discuss old Seymour. The thing is to find the way. Now jump off and we'll have a look about us."

They slowed up to where two roads met and Clare did as she was bidden. There was no sign-post, and Jack seemed profoundly puzzled.

"I think," he said, after a bit, "we'll leave the tandem here and go and explore a bit. I'll take the road to the left and you the one to the right, and we'll meet again in this spot."

"Oh, no! no! no! Jack," said Clare, looking round her nervously. "It's getting so dark and I'm afraid. I couldn't go down that long, dark lane."

"Well, you stay here and I'll have a look round. I'm not sure, but I think this is what they call 'Cut-throat Corner.'"

Clare screamed and clung to him in terror.

"Oh, Jack, don't leave me," she said entreatingly. "I should die of fright if—I saw anything. Let me go with you—please!"

"All right," said Jack, well pleased at the pressure on his arm. "But you see we shall lose time, and maybe get on the wrong track. Supposing we don't

FOR WOMAN AND HO

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR MA AND MATRONS.

The Cause of Old Maids—Some for the Kitchen—How to Make a Pie—Current Notes of the Season.

How the Mill Grinds. The fellow at the ladder's top, to his glory goes. And the fellow at the bottom is the low no one knows. No good are all the "has beens," in country and in town. Nobody cares how high you've been since you have come down. When once you have been President are President no more. You may run a farm, or teach a school, or keep a country store. No one will ask about you, you never be missed. The mill will only grind for you when you supply the grist. Burlington Hawk.

Striking Black and White Costumes. Would Not Lose Her Vote. Rather Than Do So an Idaho Woman Drove Sixty Miles in the Cold. Mrs. B. F. Jeffers of Halley, Idaho, believes firmly that when the state conferred upon her the right of suffrage the commonwealth was justified in expecting that she would exercise that right to the full. Mrs. Jeffers owns a ranch at Soldier, and has shown on many occasions while successfully managing that property that she is not one to shirk her responsibilities, be they those of citizenship or otherwise. It was not to be expected, therefore, that any ordinary obstacle would interfere with her announced determination to vote at the recent election, but even those who knew her best were hardly prepared for the display of pluck which she gave on the second Tuesday of last month. Mrs. Jeffers had registered at Soldier, where her ranch is located, but subsequently removed to Halley, thirty miles away, taking a legal transfer to the latter place, but forgetting to record it. Shortly before noon on election day she went to the polls at Halley, but found that she could not vote without authorization from Soldier. Nothing daunted, she secured a team of horses and started for the latter place, announcing her intention to be back before the polls closed in the evening. The horses were speedy and of great endurance, and Mrs. Jeffers reached Soldier within the time which she allowed herself. Giving orders for a fresh team, she proceeded to secure the necessary documents. These in her possession, she started on her return journey. The trip from Halley had not been particularly comfortable, although the bright sun of early afternoon had tempered a cold wind which blew across the high prairie. This advantage had disappeared when the plucky woman took the reins to start back, and several friends urged her to abandon the trip and stay at the ranch over night. Mrs. Jeffers laughed at the advice, faced the cutting blast and proceeded on her return trip, but it was a cold and cheerless journey, but Mrs. Jeffers reached Halley in time to vote, though her fingers were so numb that she was barely able to mark her ballot.

IN OCTAVES.

The New Gases Discovered in the Air Have a Fixed Law of Value.

Day by day chemical research discovers some new element to add to the already long list of so-called "primary" elements, many of these being resolved again into other "primary" elements by some more recent investigator. Among these the recently discovered constituents of the atmosphere are by no means the least interesting to students of gases and their intimate relation to each other. In the nature of a scientific romance is the account of the long and patient researches which led to the detection of gases which have been discovered since argon and helium, with which the public are already familiar, namely, neon, krypton and xenon. In examining the theory of "octaves," as applied to the density of the gases, which was propounded by Mr. John Newlands, and confirmed by Profs. Meyer and Mendeleef under the law now known as the "periodic arrangement of the elements," it was observed that, while the atomic weights of many gases stood in a definite numerical relation to each other, there was a great gap between helium and argon, and suspicion was aroused that the gap represented the place of some undiscovered gas. The search for this unknown element was a most laborious task. Every mineral that yielded helium was examined without success; argon was next examined, and here at last, in combination with argon, a new gas, neon, "the new one," as it came to be named, was discovered, with an atomic weight that fitted precisely into the vacant place. There were several other blanks in the "periodic arrangement" that were waiting to be filled up. There was room, for example, for an element 40



CAN ALSO BE MADE OF MOST ATE PRICE MATERIAL.

The Cause of Old Maids.

A professor of natural science discussing in a recent lesson the uses of fertilizing plants by means of insects carrying the pollen from plant to another. In order to do this, he extended Darwin's theory to the Origin of Species, about the connection between cat clover, and said that old maids really the cause of it all. "The bumblebees carry the pollen," he declared; "the field-mice do the nests of the bumblebees, therefore it is quite evident that the field-mice there are in any neighborhood, the fewer the bumblebees the less pollen variation of plants



cats devour field-mice, and old protect cats. Therefore, the more cats, the more cats; the fewer mice the more bumblebees. This was the professor's triumphant conclusion, "old maids are the variety in plants." At this a fashionable freshman, with a eyeglass and general appearance that he was got up for expense, arose and asked: "I professah, what is the cause-

leged with the disease. ten established as in the in a system of experiment feeding for corn in the can. It is considered by many that increasing in all parts of the in behalf of agriculture are e number and importance of re- found in the can. Ex- from cans in one of which violently ill the milk in at Camp Lake, Mr. milk. Another of breaking them and the handling which will make of man and to a certain the way becomes accustomed. The young stock that is car- ing, he said, as had not been health officer and found his first to the done milk cans. Milk poisoning in Utah was traced to the cans. Ex- well. Ex- total cost, but the profit as number of eggs reduces the ter, it is plain the greater to egg is worth for hens in wa- time, and all the required. of care with ordinary food, even for a small rock, he for sitting or for rais- hens, and one p in the cent number of sixteen cent will pay a quart through the moult. Not only in spring and green bone is and it means better than an range for so many hens on the. This is an extreme- lowest was 32.52 lbs. the. The Virginia Water weight per bushel was

COKE COUNTY RUSTLER, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

ME of water, juice of one lemon, and two or three spoonfuls of any remnants of jelly or preserve.

Mock Mince Pie.
Three finely rolled soda crackers, one cupful washed currants, half cupful stoned raisins, half cupful of finely cut citron, half teaspoonful ground cloves, one teaspoonful cinnamon, half grated nutmeg, half teaspoonful salt, one tablespoonful butter, half cupful sugar, half cupful molasses, the juice and grated rind of a lemon, and a quarter pound dried apples. Wash and stew the dried apples till tender. Add the half cupful sugar and sufficient boiling water to make three cupfuls stewed apples. Set aside to cool. Then mix them first with rolled crackers, by degrees with all the other ingredients, and use for pies. Roll out some good pie crust, line a pieplate with it, then fill in part of the filling. Put over a top crust, and bake in a medium hot oven till done. This quantity will make three pies.

Lemon Mince-meat.
Lemon mince-meat is a pastry filling that a housekeeper says is an esteemed dainty in her family. It is made from six large lemons, whose rinds are grated before the juice is squeezed into a deep bowl. To this are added two pounds each of seeded raisins, currants, sugar and peeled apples, one and a half pounds of beef suet, chopped fine, and four ounces of lemon, orange and citron peel cut fine. When the mixture is thoroughly tossed together, a few spoonfuls of orange flower water are thrown over it, when it is ready for use.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

"Gyp" must use a very large amount of paper in writing her stories, judging by a recent specimen of her penmanship, in which the word "remercements" was three and a half inches long. It is suggested that her sight is not so good as it once was and that she has to write large so that she may be able to read what is written.

In view of the recently announced engagement of Adeline Patti to make a third venture into matrimony it is interesting to learn the secret by which she retains at least one of her charms, her gloriously youthful eyes, at the age of 55; for her birth certificate, recently unearthed in Madrid, shows that she was born in 1843. "I never read at night," said she, "if I can help it. It does not hurt the eyes to cry, if you sleep afterward. I bathe my eyes in hot and cold water, as feels best. I do a great many things I am told never to do. But I also observe certain rules. I never read at twilight or when hungry. I sleep fully nine hours, more if I need it. I eat lightly many times a day. I keep my

Women as clerks, stenographers and bookkeepers average \$25 a month. A significant proof of the vast improvements felt in Kansas finances during the past year is the fact that the farmers have had such enormous crops that it has not been possible to secure a sufficient number of men to work in the field and in shipping products, and the wives and daughters of Kansas farmers have turned in to drive self-binders, market and milk wagons. This is so universal that it has been the exception to meet men driving market wagons.

Victoria and Scotland.
The queen of Great Britain and Ireland has now spent more time in Scotland than many kings and queens who ruled Scotland alone. In fact, her majesty's spring and autumn sojourns in the Highlands since 1842 make an aggregate of about 18 years. She has, therefore, been more in Scotland, as a crowned sovereign, than Donald Bane, Duncan, Edgar Alexander I., Malcolm the Maiden, Margaret of Norway, Robert III. and Mary.



Costume with Overskirt.

Eel Wore a Wedding Ring.
While fishing in the Schuylkill river Harry Davis, a Bridgeport lad, caught on Thursday a huge but singularly deformed eel. It was long enough to be knotted about the fisherman's waist, and as thick in places as a man's wrist, but in the middle, where it should have been the thickest, the eel was no bigger than a baby's finger. On examination Davis found at the place of deformity something hard and metallic. He scraped off the slime and brought to light a broad gold band—a wedding ring—with the inscription, "Paul to May, 1890. Mizpah." Evidently the eel in its very infancy had either been caught, encircled with the ring and then returned to its element,



SOME STRIKING MIDWINTER MODES.

eyes free by not making them tired. That is all."
It is a well-known fact that even when actresses have beautiful jewels and lace of their own they nearly always wear imitation jewelry and paper lace on the stage, for "from the front" the counterfeit—especially in the way of jewelry—looks almost better than the real thing. Jewelry for the stage is a specially-made article and is constructed of itself of not a lit-

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

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

Guard the Milk Supply.
At this time it is particularly necessary for all to guard the purity of the milk supply. Especially is this advice applicable to all that are producing milk for use in the great cities. Recently a representative of the Farmers' Review called on an army surgeon located at Fort Sheridan. The surgeon called special attention to the fact that many of the returned soldiers had been, or were, now sick with typhoid fever at their homes in the country. The well water in such cases is almost sure to become contaminated, and if not the well water, then the germs are more than likely to get into utensils used in the handling of milk. These germs live in the ground for years, and during all of that time are constantly moved from their first positions by rains and drouths, being driven through the soil by the lateral movement of capillary water and otherwise. In this way it may take years for them to progress from a sewer or vault to the drinking water, but sooner or later they find their way into the liquid that is used for all purposes and then multiply for work.

All drinking water should be under suspicion, and should be boiled. All milk used in the households should be pasteurized. The cans in which milk is to be sent to the cities and creameries should be purified at least by boiling and by steam if possible. If we are to make war on disease germs we must begin with dairy products and dairy surroundings. Very often a well has been the means of spreading typhoid fever through a whole community, sometimes taking off several members from a single household. This occurs often with wells that are believed to be pure. When such a well becomes contaminated it not only threatens its immediate neighborhood, but many other communities. We will suppose that such a well is used for the washing of cans and other utensils employed in the dairy. The milk is sent in the cans to the creamery and the milk is there mixed with milk from a hundred other farms. The skimmed milk is returned to the farmers, and the cream is made up into butter to be sent into a thousand homes. In this way the disease germs are carried into the homes of the many. Disease breaks out and the physicians are utterly unable to trace it. It is called mysterious.
The dairy is especially to be looked after for the reason that dairy products are consumed largely in an uncooked state. Dirt and carelessness in the dairy are responsible for many of the ills endured both by the dairyman and the general public.

Dirt in the Dairy.
When is a dairy clean? The safest answer to this question lies in describing when a dairy is dirty, and dangerously dirty, too, says New York Farmer. When woodwork in the dairy gives off a smutty, musty, fusty acid, rank, and spoiled buttery smell, it is dirty. When tin vessels, such as pails, cans, dippers, cups and skimmers, after being "thoroughly washed," give off a sourish smell, or show dark lines of matter in the folds and seams of the tin, they are dirty, and the dirt of just such a sort, and in just such places, as to encourage the bacteria in the air to drop down upon it, to crawl into it, to feed upon it, and to multiply in it until they swarm in it and are ready to launch themselves into the milk put into those vessels. When the windows, walls, floors and fixtures in the dairy are unpleasant to the smell when the room is warmed up, there is dirt present, enough dirt to have an effect upon the flavor and other qualities of the milk and of the butter made from it. When a vessel, from which milk is removed, shows a layer of black sediment in the bottom, smelling with unpleasant suggestiveness of the barnyard, there is dirt, plain, straight, unmistakable dirt there, dirt that is unpleasant to think of as a component part of milk that is to be used by humans as food. No dairy showing these things, in any degree, can really be called "clean" or decently clean, or healthfully clean. Hardly any other occupation on earth makes such demands for cleanliness, and offers such difficulties in the work of securing cleanliness, as the milk and butter and cheese industry.

Preventing Texas Fever.
The trials under direction of the Oklahoma Experiment Station, of dipping cattle in the oil preparation prescribed by the United States Department of Agriculture, showed that careful dipping would destroy all the ticks. A varying percentage of the cattle had their skin injured by the oil, with considerable irritation of the eyes. Where the cattle were driven considerable distance or exposed to storms soon after dipping, some of them died. The indications are that it is much safer to dip in warm rather than cold weather. In all cases the cattle should have good care and feed for some days

ing he gave such a vigorous kick that he hurled the eggs far from him and broke them all. Too often the dreams of the amateur fail as completely. Unhatched chickens are not countable.
Only by actual experience can success be made in poultry raising. False reports are sent out only by people that expect to delude the inexperienced. The raising of chickens is no easy matter, and making a profit from them is about as hard as to make a profit from any other investment. The one great advantage possessed by the poultry business is that it does not require a large investment of capital to begin with, and the capital is soon turned over.

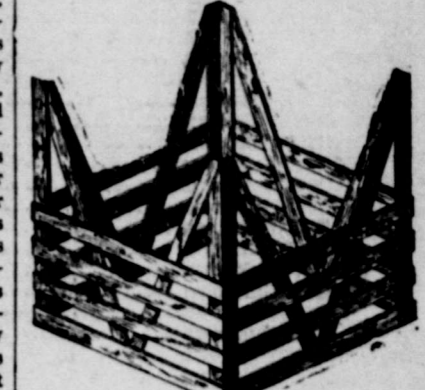
Active Demand for Hardwood.
"The hardwood trade is really in a more satisfactory condition than that pertaining to the soft woods," says the Northwestern Lumberman. "There is not a weak spot in the market anywhere. Though the season is near an end, and consumers are inclined to restrict their purchases to necessities, there yet has been but little slackening of the urgent movement which has characterized the trade all season. Dry stocks at the mills, north and south, have been sold off, even what would ordinarily be considered riff-raff having been cleaned up. The demand this season has predominantly been for common and cull lumber, the call for firsts and seconds having been less than usual, except when lumber was required for export. The greater demand from all sorts of consumers has been for common lumber, that seeming to have been as good stock as they required. This excessive demand has absorbed common oak faster than it could be dried, with the result that there is a shortage all over the country. Thick ash has also been sold out to the extent of scarcity at the mills south, and at market points. Black ash in the north has become almost an unknown market quantity, and the same can be said of Michigan soft elm. It is also said that the greater portion of Wisconsin basswood has changed hands, and the demand for cull is in excess of the ready supply. Poplar has done better this season than for years, and the demand is still well maintained, while prices are firm at \$1.50 to \$3 a thousand higher than a year ago."

Large Flocks.
There are but few, if any, very large flocks where 500 or 1,000 hens are kept, says Philadelphia Record. Farmers are disposed to give the cow the preference, leaving poultry to the female members of the family, yet keeping cows involves more labor than is required for poultry, and fowls can be made more profitable in proportion to capital invested or required than larger stock if farmers will give poultry special attention as a business, but all large stocks must be started on the farm with healthy and vigorous pure breeds, four or five years being necessary to have the flock to the full limit in number, for the reason that if they are purchased in large numbers the fowls must be procured from many different places and the result will be disease and lice. It is this starting with large numbers of purchased birds that has caused so much disaster to enterprises of that character. The farmer who will gradually increase his flock until he has several hundred, and who raises his young stock from selected parents, will have an opportunity for observation and deriving experience as his flocks grow. In the winter season, when so many farmers are anxious to utilize their labor, the management of a large flock should be very remunerative, and as the returns for egg and poultry are cash, and frequent, less capital will be required than some other enterprises. The fowls contribute daily.

Flavor in Butter.
There is nothing more true than that the flavor that butter contains determines to a great extent the price the consumer is willing to pay for it, says Indiana Farmer. Strictly "gilt edge" farm butter or private dairy butter commands a good price and there are more would-be customers than can be supplied. Twenty-five and thirty cents per pound for butter of delicate aroma is a very common price, but the maker of just "ordinary" butter never receives it. It is true that the fine flavor of butter is produced in many different ways. And we would add, the poor flavor of butter is also produced in many different ways. Some of the causes are beyond the housewife's ability to prevent. If, for instance, she has been making sweet, desirable butter from cows fed on clean, sweet hay, oats and corn and other such articles of diet, she cannot prevent the utterly distasteful flavor of her butter when those cows have been turned upon rye pasture and left to feed there day after day. If she has butter customers she is very apt to drop them. If she does not they will soon be excusing themselves from taking longer.

Selection.
What selection can do for a flock is shown by the experience of Wyckoff, of New York state, who by selecting the best layers among his flock of Leghorns for several years, got his whole flock of six hundred up to an

Convenient Feed Rack.
From Farmers' Review:—As economy has become a very important matter in the feeding and taking care of stock, I thought I would contribute a method of making a convenient portable and cheap hay and fodder rack, of which I send you a rude drawing, from which you can make an illustration. There is no patent on it. It is one that my father used when I was a boy. It can be made out of old 'scarded lumber. Two by four inch studding can be used for corner posts; 4x4 would be better. They should be made about seven feet square, four or five inches wide. Each lumber can be used. The corner post should be about seven feet long; six will do. As you will notice, there can four cattle feed at each rack, if they have horns, and more without. The beauty of the rack is when it gets full of trash or it becomes muddy around the rack it can be raised up and set at another place, as it has no bottom. If it is made out



of new lumber it will last quite a while by placing a couple of old boards under the corners to keep it off of the ground. I have long thought of presenting the matter, but had neglected it. By looking at the sketch you will be convinced of its utility.—D. W. T.

Dogs and Dog Laws.
Many of our states have laws against sheep-killing dogs, but for the most part the laws are ineffective. Why? For a number of reasons, chief of which is that the farmer cannot expect to be with his flock all the time, and if a sheep is killed by a dog it is not often that proof of the culprit is forthcoming. Another great reason why the laws are ineffective is that few men care to go to war with their neighbors. Most men will stand a great deal of annoyance and even loss rather than start a feud that may be life long. The result is that farmers discontinue the keeping of sheep.
The way out of the difficulty is not plain. A campaign of education is needed—education for the keepers of dogs. The fact that the country is overrun with dogs is the greatest cause for the slow increase of our sheep. The people must be impressed with the truth of the fact that nearly every dog is an unmitigated nuisance to the farming community. It seems to be instinctive with dogs to kill sheep. There are people who seem to think their particular dogs are exceptions to the rule, but few of the big dogs are exceptions. In lieu of a well-developed public opinion we believe that a properly laid tax would be of value. A tax of \$25 on every female dog might prove quite effective.

Study Character in Feeding.
Prof. Haecker of the Minnesota experiment station says: "There is no one rule of feeding that has led astray so considerable a number of our American experimenters, and destroyed the practical value of their work, so often as the one declaring that animals should be fed according to their size." If we had been where we could hear him say that we would have responded with a real, old-fashioned Methodist "Amen," says American Cultivator. It is not true of any species of animals any more than the human race, and least of all is it true of the milch cow. With all and every one the amount of food required must depend in part upon the nervous energy, the force required to keep up the system to the work it has to do. But this again must be modified by the digestive power. Some animals, men always included, cannot digest and assimilate food enough to sustain them at their work. They may take more than they need for a time, and then they must break down and have a season to recuperate.

Varieties of Oats.
The comparison of new and standard varieties of oats begun by The Pennsylvania State College Agricultural Experiment Station, in 1887, has been continued through the present season. The five varieties giving the highest yield were:
Baltic White \$5.75 bus.
Virginia Winter Oats \$3.68 "
Liberty \$1.63 "
Haggett's White \$1.17 "
Japan \$0.45 "

Twenty-one varieties were tested, the average yield being 44.27 bushels, and the poorest variety yielding 36.61 bushels. The best yield of straw was 36.93 lbs. by the "Early Russian" variety and the lowest was 18.88 lbs. by the "Mortgage Lifter." \$1.17 per bushel

DAVIS & CO., Headquarters for Groceries and Cotton Buyers,

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Stop at the webb Hotel when in Lee

Wm. S. Kelly, the Angelo Lumber Dealer was over one day last week looking after some lumber collecting business.

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

Lee J. Good from Bronte was in town last Friday an hour or two as usual, Lee was in a hurry, but he stopped long enough to encourage the telephone business a little. He thinks that Bronte will tip the line here

The people of Coke are invited to examine the large and varied stock of dry goods and close prices offered by Crayton and Robbins of Ballinger.

M. P. Chisholm, of the firm of Andersou and Chisholm, tombstone manufacturers of Brownwood, spent a few days in Coke this week.

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

Judge Eogan, one of Brownwood's legal lights was in town this week on business for Weakly and Watson.

Mrs. Z. I. Williams advertizes a cost sale of Millinery goods, at San Angelo, in another column. Read it.

Rufe Whitesides was in town last Friday. He looks so pleased lately that we are expecting some formal announcements soon.

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

Ed and Will Good were among our visitors last Tuesday.

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

Mr. Kirkland, brother of R. I. Kirkland, was in town last Tuesday.

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

Mr. Schneider the portly grocery drummer, and Mr. St. Hobbes jovial wholesale hardware sales man from Brownwood, made this week.

Arkansaw can and will sell you groceries cheaper than any house in San Angelo, "and thats no lie" either.

Squire Byrne of Sanco paid the RUSTLER a call last Wednesday.

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, a girl, on last Tuesday.

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

Mrs. H. L. Adams and Mrs. L. W. Fields were shopping in Robert Lee Wednesday last.

Mr. J. A. Miller was tried by jury and found to be insane last Monday.

W. C. Merchant is off up the country, on a land deal.

W. F. Stephens, of Hayrick, was in town last Friday and remembered the printer in a pleasant manner.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webb listened to vocal and instrumental music, by the young people at their home Wednesday eve.

J. H. Burroughs and L. B. Murray, directors of the C. V. R. R., made a trip to Sweetwater this week, and bring back reports favorable for the Rail Road outlook.

Notice Wiley Byrd's "ranch for sale," ad in this issue.

Mrs. T. Brown, Milliner, can be found at her old stand in San Angelo, where she hopes to see many of her Coke County friends.

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

Mr. J. F. Cole was in from his farm and ranch near Sanco, last Wednesday.

Good accomadations and polite attention given to all at the O. K. Wagon Yard in Ballinger.

The Robert Lee Gin was sold under execution last Tuesday to satisfy judgment and fore closure for about \$500.00. It was bid in by Messrs. E. C. Good, L. H. McDorman and L. B. Murray the additional securities.

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

Chas. Roe bought W. H. Burns seven head steer yearlings, at \$12.50, on last Friday.

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

Bro. Berryman preached interesting sermons, at the M. E. Church, last Saturday night and Sunday morning.

For rope burned horses use Nussbaumers Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Messrs. Merchant and Patterson sold for a Ft. Worth party, to R. H. Harris, one section of land across the river at \$2.50 per acre.

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

Miss Ackleson, who has been ill sometime, is reported better.

Just received, a large and well assorted line of Boots, Shoes and Hats, also a few fine suits for gents.

All to be sold at prices that defy competition.

J. D. Collier,
Edith, Texas.

Mr. Geo. G. Moore and his accomplished wife entertained the devotees of Tersichore, at their home near Lookout Peak, across the river, last Friday night. All present enjoyed themselves and returned home happy; wishing for another such entertainment at the same place.

The Sure Lagrippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, you have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach, and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at Ed Mobeys' Drug Store. Only 50c per bottle.

Read EVERY page this week.

Honor Roll.

The following is the list of pupils of the Robt. 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. 30th to Feb. 3rd inclusive:

Pearl Hamilton, Roxy Ingram, Edith Montgomery, Lydia Roe, Ina Barfield, Ellen Gardner, Cornelia Montgomery, Lile Roe, Lillie Trammel, Ollie Finch, Pearl Murray, Stella Reamer, Pearl Stepp, Charlie Perry, Roy Hamilton, Howard Montieith, Neely Gardner, Jack Couch.

O. W. Gardner,
Prin.

cold, COLD, COLD!

Following is a list of the pupils of Paint Creek school, whose average in attendance, deportment, and recitations for the month beginning January ninth and ending February third, is above 85 per cent:

Joda Key, Fred Blackwell, Beulah Gardner, Ora Collier, Kellie Brown, Lattie Blackwell, Cassie Donaghe, Effie Walling, Emma Merchant,
Teacher.

Tennyson Notes

We have had some very cold weather and some snow this week.

We are not as smart down here as Uncle Tom of Ft. Chadbourne, about our '99 crop.

I see other communities are having La Grippe and not to be behind the times, it is now in the Juniper settlement. Mrs. Bradley and two daughters, Missouri and Eddie having it.

On last Friday morning, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ingram started to Juniper to visit their daughter, Miss Alvia, and take her home to spend Saturday; the sun was shining bright when they started but before they reached the Juniper school house they were in a regular snow storm. And Mrs. Ingram was snow bound a couple of days at Mr. B. A. Taylor's in consequence of the storm.

A Mr. Simpson, who is a photographer, visited Mule Creek and Juniper schools Friday in the interest of his business. The Juniper school will have a group taken soon, we are told.

Mr. Scopp, Juniper's new man, will start this week, for Blanket, Brown County, on business.

Mr. B. A. Taylor made a business trip to San Angelo this week.

Frank Gibbons, who has been in San Angelo for some time, will move back to his old home near Mule Creek next week. We are glad to have you back with us, Mr. Gibbons.

Messrs. J. H. Allison, F. C. Alusworth, D. E. Sayner, John Kizer, Rev. Powers, W. B. Jones, J. A. Burleson, and J. W. Bradley visited San Angelo this week.

Mesdames Scarber and W. B. Jones, and Mr. A. Tyler's family are on the sick list, la grippe being the cause of their illness.

Mr. B. A. Taylor made a business trip to Ft. Chadbourne this week.

As the New Comer is a stranger and not a very good news gatherer, will bid you adieu,
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Ship Cleared.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 6.—The first of the three ships that have been here for some time taking cotton cleared for Liverpool. She is the British ship Mersey, and has a cargo of 6000 bales of cotton, all of which is owned by Thomas Taylor & Co. It was announced some time ago that there was quite a demand for sail tonnage, on the belief that there would be a higher price for cotton. Cotton men with money to spare in such an enterprise had taken the freight room in several sailing vessels. They had bought the cotton when it was cheap; they wanted to get it to the consuming market when the price was high, and in the meantime they wanted to save more risks and charges. So they hit upon the scheme of storing the cotton in these ships, which will take thirty days or more to cross the ocean, and in the meantime they expect the cotton to have advanced to such a figure that they will have a handsome profit to their credit. The rate of insurance is higher on sail tonnage than on steam, but the rate of freight is said to more than offset this. There are two ships yet in port that are taking cotton for foreign ports, one of which goes to Liverpool and the other to Bremen.

The Intense Cold.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 6.—Those people who from any cause are prone to make the weather a subject of conversation, need not, at present, be without a theme for discussion, because the cold has been so intense for the past few days as to be an unusual thing for Texas at this time of the year. The thermometer at midnight last night ranged from 18 to 19 degrees below freezing, and a biting north wind, which felt as if it came without change fresh from the boreal pole, made it seem much colder even than the thermometer indicated. This long-continued cold snap is said to be producing much misery among the poor, and even cattle and other kinds of live stock are suffering severely.

The prospect of a speedy change of the weather conditions for the better are not good, and a thin coat of ice on the ground and sidewalks gives the situation an added disagreeableness, and even a positive danger.

Shot Five Times.

Cleburne, Tex., Feb. 6.—One of the most shocking tragedies that has occurred in this section since the days of border outlawry was witnessed by scores of people on the public square. A man about 25 years of age, standing near the south door of the courthouse, fired five shots into the body of M. M. William, an old man about 60 years of age. The old man threw up his hands, reeled and staggered a few steps and fell near the window of the county judge's office and in about thirty minutes expired.

John Renfro surrendered to Deputy Constable Ouan Pollard and was placed in jail. Both parties are farmers.

The killing grew out of a case in the county court, wherein Renfro is charged with slandering Williams' daughter. The case was set for trial and both Williams and Renfro were going to the courthouse to attend the trial when the killing occurred. They both lived in the northern part of the county. Great excitement prevailed in the city over the matter. Renfro was taken to jail and refused to make any statement.

House's Work.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 6.—In the house Saturday numerous bills were introduced.

Murphy's bill restoring civil and criminal jurisdiction to the county court at Bexar passed finally under suspension of the rules.

Bill by Masterson fixing the time for holding court in the twenty-third judicial district under suspension of the rules.

Wright's bill fixing the time for holding court in the thirty-fifth district passed under suspension of the rules.

Bill by Decker fixing the time for holding court in the forty-sixth judicial district passed under suspension of the rules.

Murphy's bill fixing the time for holding court in the thirty-seventh and forty-fifth districts was engrossed.

Pfeuffe's bill placing Mason county in the third supreme judicial district and Comal county in the fourth supreme judicial district was taken up and passed to engrossment.

Statistics of Mexico's exports show an immense growth.

Legislative.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 4.—The senate met at 10 o'clock yesterday morning without a quorum. After waiting twenty-five minutes a bare quorum was secured.

Judiciary committee No. 1 reported favorably Sebastian's bill restoring the civil and criminal jurisdiction upon the county court of Stonewall county.

Grinnan introduced a bill providing that the United States constitution and the state constitution be taught in the public schools.

Sebastian introduced a bill to grant a pension to Hardy W. B. Price, a San Jacinto veteran.

Turney introduced a bill authorizing the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas to purchase the Parhandle railway and operate the same under the charter of the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas.

The next business was Turney's bill to set apart and appropriate to the permanent school fund of the state all of the lands heretofore or hereafter recovered from railway companies or other persons, firms or corporations, and to provide for the disposition of the same.

An amendment by Goss was adopted, providing that where persons had purchased lands from railroads under the present condition of affairs that they have the preference right under this act to repurchase.

In the house several petitions and many bills were presented.

The bill by Mr. Tucker providing for the establishment of an asylum for epileptic insane at Abilene passed finally.

The bill of Mr. Smith of Grayson, providing for the employment of special counsel in the railroad commission suits, was laid before the house. The minority report appropriating in the aggregate \$10,500 having been adopted yesterday, Mr. Pfeuffer sent up an amendment striking out the \$1500 for expert work and on motion of Mr. Wooten, it was tabled.

The bill then passed finally by a vote of 94 to 14.

Mr. Peery sent up a bill for the relief of actual settlers of the public domain and to quiet titles of pre-emptors and authorize patents to issue.

Breveted.

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 4.—Word was received in Sherman that President McKinley had breveted Lieut. Edwin F. Cole of the sixth infantry as captain for bravery in the battles before Santiago.

Lieut. Cole was for three years commandant of cadets at Austin college, this city, and is very popular both in civil and military circles here.

He married Miss Nancy Lippcombe of this city, a very charming little lady, whose friends with those of her husband will bear of the honor with greatest pleasure.

Lieut. Cole's command it at San Antonio, but he is at present doing detached duty at Fort Thomas, Ky.

Two other Austin college commandants received honorable mention for bravery in the campaign about Santiago, Lieut. Myers, who was severely wounded, and Lieut. Carl Koops, who was wounded and subsequently died of yellow fever.

Charters Filed.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 4.—The charters of the following corporations were filed yesterday.

Bachman Foundry and Machine company of Austin; capital stock \$20,000. Purpose, operating a foundry and machine shop. Incorporators, J. A. Bachman, Walter Tips, August Giesen and others.

Houston Furniture Manufacturing \$125,000. Purpose, to do a general company of Houston; capital stock merchandise business. Incorporators, Andrew Z. Pison, James M. Bush and John A. Wilroy.

Texas Home Building association of Corsicana; capital stock \$20,000. Purpose, to do a general building and loan business. Incorporators, James M. Autry, James Garrity and W. J. McKie.

Bees in a Church.

Hillsboro, Tex., Feb. 4.—A report from Massey says J. A. McGowan, a steward of the Massey Methodist church, discovered a hive of bees in the cornice of the church a few days ago. They were in the rear end of the church. He robbed them Tuesday and secured 200 pounds of honey. It is thought that they had been there for two seasons. This is the only instance of such a thing in this county.

What Legislature Did.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 3.—In the senate, Burns introduced a bill to authorize private corporations created or that may be created under the general laws of Texas to extend or renew their corporate existence when the same has expired or may be about to expire by lapse of time, and prescribing the time, conditions and mode of such extension or renewal.

Schluter's house concurrent resolution memorializing the Texas members in congress to urge and demand an appropriation by congress to make Cypress river navigable for the purpose of cheapening freight rates in that section of the state was unanimously adopted.

Miller's city court bill was made the special order for next Thursday.

The next order was Lloyd's bill appropriating \$150,000 to build and maintain a cotton or woolen manufactory, or both, within the walls of the Rusk penitentiary, and to buy necessary machinery therefor. Amendment by Lloyd reducing the appropriation to \$75,000 was adopted and the bill was ordered engrossed.

The next business was Miller's bill providing that "Sheriffs shall receive for the following services the following fees: Serving each original citation in a civil suit, \$1; levying and returning writ of attachment or sequestration, \$2; levying each execution, \$1; return of execution, 50 cents; serving each writ of garnishment or other process not otherwise provided for, 75 cents; serving each writ of injunction, \$1; collecting money on an order of sale, when the same is made by a sale, for the first \$100 or less, 4 per cent; for the second \$100, 3 per cent; for all sums over \$200, 2 per cent."

An amendment by Greer was adopted providing that for collecting on executions, etc., for sums over \$5000 a fee of 1 per cent be allowed.

Grinnan spoke against the bill and Miller defended it. Greer also opposed the bill. The bill was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

In the house Smith's bill providing for an appropriation with which to pay special counsel in the railroad commission injunction suits was taken up as pending business. The attendant minority report provided for a \$5000 appropriation.

Smith spoke for his bill at some length and was followed by Meltzen, who resisted the bill.

A motion by Schluter to strike out \$5000 and insert in lieu thereof the words, "so much as may be necessary," was adopted.

Filed Schedules.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 3.—In compliance with a recently promulgated order from the Texas railroad commission the Pullman and the Wagner Palace Car companies yesterday filed their contracts and schedule of rates with said commission. In doing so they protested that they are not common carriers and hence should not be required to do this, but in order to show their perfect good faith with the people of Texas and its commission they file said documents. Their statements of facts show that their local state earnings during the past year have been something over \$65,000, on which they have had to pay over \$3000 in taxes. The statement also makes comparison, showing the immense runs the cars have to make in Texas to poor business, while in eastern states they make so much better time and with much more patronage. The companies, however, state that under the present laws of the state they are enabled to protect their patrons against intrusion from objectionable travelers and can give them all possible comfort.

Store Robbed.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 3.—The dry goods and clothing store of R. Franklin, 417 West Main street, was entered Wednesday night from a rear window and a lot of men's and boys' clothing, men's and boys' shoes, underwear, dry goods and the like taken. The store has an iron shutter in the rear that is bolted with an iron bar across it. The bolt that holds the bar is locked. The burglars took hold of the bolt and shook it until they released the lock and it came out. The shutter was opened and the window light removed to allow the window to be unfastened and raised. The entrance was made through this rear window and the place ransacked.

Chinatown, near Vancouver, B. C., was nearly wiped out by fire.

A Great Horsewoman.

Miss Sallie Faulkner, daughter of Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, recently paid a visit to her brother, a lieutenant in the army, now stationed in Wyoming. While there she rode a broncho which only one man at the fort could master.

Many ladies never tire of eating candied mint leaves.

A woman who never chews a pencil is a marvel.

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The estimates for constructing the Nicaragua Canal vary from \$115,000,000 to \$150,000,000. How different are the estimates of the people as to the value of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is agreed that this remedy is unsurpassed for indigestion, biliousness, constipation, nervousness and sleeplessness. It is such an agreeable medicine to take.

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Samost's Pure Face Powder beautifies ladies' complexion. 25 cents box at all druggists.

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PERIODS OF PAIN.

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TEXANETTES.

Work has commenced on the Pilot Point waterworks.

McKinney Presbyterians are to have a new church building.

J. A. Clark was badly used up by a bull at Era, Cooke county.

The work of extending Sherman's street lighting system has commenced.

A lodge of United Friends of Temperance has been organized at Hillsboro

Bob Chambers was given five years at Waxahachie on a charge of false swearing.

Burglars stole a Waterbury watch from a Waco residence and hung it on the front door knob.

H. P. McKeitt, a Fort Worth compositor, has been appointed to a position in the government printing office.

Texas pensions: Original—Richard Bolin, Island, \$6; Adam Zorb, Bay City, \$3. Reissue—Alfred Nichols, Dallas, \$12.

In the habeas corpus hearing of Thomas Flaherty, charged with the killing of Jack Conroy, defendant was discharged.

Henry Kramer, a Brenham ginmer, was run over and killed by a train at that place. It is thought he was asleep on the track.

Near Caldwell Frank Cowan shot and killed his brother-in-law, Andrew Casey, with a repeating Winchester, putting four bullets in deceased.

The son of H. C. Mills died at McGregor several days ago of cerebrospinal meningitis and shortly after the mother died of the same malady.

Will Bruce, on trial at Waxahachie on the charge of killing Tom Rone, on a public road near that city, was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

John Estes, one of the best known newspaper compositors in the southwest, whose home was at Texarkana, where he had wealthy relatives, died at Muscogee, I. T.

J. H. Cook, ex-postmaster at Quintan, Hunt county, was convicted in the federal court at Dallas of embezzlement and sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Leavenworth, Kan., and to pay a fine of \$5023.61.

At Sherman, Ade Shipton, 4 years old, fell through a skylight upon which she had stepped, and went a distance of seventeen feet. The little girl was slightly hurt and in a short time was playing as though nothing had happened.

Mr. Dooley, recently with the Katy at Hillsboro, has gone to Greenville to take the city ticket office of the Cotton Belt, vice John M. Adams, transferred to Fort Worth. Agent Farley of the Cotton Belt has also established an uptown freight office in connection with the passenger office.

Sheriff Stewart of Johnson county received a letter from an officer at Salt Lake, Utah, saying he had John B. Shaw, the murderer of Tom Crain, located in that city and asking Mr. Stewart to wire him instructions. Sheriff Stewart wrote him the particulars of the capture and execution of Shaw.

Ed Marshall, a Texarkana young man, was taken sick and died while attending the funeral of a niece at that city.

Senator-elect Culbertson received from the Hibernian society of Houston a copy of neatly engrossed resolutions recently adopted by that organization thanking him for his address at their banquet some months since and extending hearty congratulations on his election as United States senator.

A stranger was killed two miles south of Eddy, in Falls county, by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad's through freight. The man was walking on the track going south and the train coming north. It seems the man was not aware of the train coming and remained on the track until he was struck by the train.

George Barbee was convicted of aggravated assault at Dallas and fined \$1000 and \$50 costs. To work this penalty out it would require 2100 days, as only 50 cents per day is allowed in county cases for the working out of fines.

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Gratefully, JOHN OLIVER, Huckabay, Texas.

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6 Razor, hollow ground, fine English steel	50	24 Stove, Wilson Heater, size No. 30 of No. 40	500
7 Butter Knife, triple plate, best quality	70	25 Tool Set, not playthings, but real tools	650
8 Sugar Shell, triple plate, best quality	70	26 Toilet Set, decorated porcelain, very handsome	800
9 Stamp Box, sterling silver	100	27 Watch, solid silver, full jeweled	1000
10 Knife, "Keen Cutter," two blades	75	28 Sewing Machine, first class, with all attachments	1500
11 Butcher Knife, "Keen Cutter," 8-inch blade	75	29 Revolver, Colt's, best quality	1500
12 Shears, "Keen Cutter," 8-inch, nickel	75	30 Rifle, Winchester, 16-shot, 22-cal	1500
13 Nut Set, Cracker and Peels, silver	80	31 Shot Gun, double barrel, hammerless, stub butt	2000
14 Nail File, sterling silver, emery set, 6-inch	100	32 Guitar (Washburn), rosewood, inlaid with mother-of-pearl	2000
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Robert Lee Mail Directory.

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

Robert Lee and Sweetwater, Monday and Friday, 8 p. m. arrives, Tuesday and Saturday, 6 a. m. leaves.

Church Directory.

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

Eld. G. C. Berryman, Pastor.

Christian—Services on Second Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and at night, at School House.

Rev. Hooton, Pastor.

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

Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

Methodist Protestant—Services on Fourth Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., and at night, at Methodist Church.

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.

Gid Graham, Pastor.

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

FIRST SUNDAY—Bronte 11 a. m. & 7:30 p. m.

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

THIRD SUNDAY—Robert Lee 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

FOURTH SUNDAY—Sanco 11 a. m. and at Hayrick 3:30 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.

Eld. Walker W. Smith's appointments: Indian creek School house third Sunday and Saturday before in each month. Antioch Church, Rock Springs school house on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before, at 11 a. m. and at night.

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

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

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Bronte News.

Regular Correspondent.

The weather continues cold and overcoats are much in demand. Thermometer registering as low as 8 degrees, being the lowest point reached this winter, and continues dry. Farmers who contemplate sowing oats, are needing a rain as the ground will soon be too dry to plow.

Stock feed is getting scarce. Robbin Bros. received three big wagon loads of goods from San Angelo.

J. B. McCutchen and wife, T. E. Williams, Andrew Revell, Bob Cumbie, A. J. Pettit, Tom Higginbotham, Geo. Combess, went to San Angelo last week.

Wes Brackville has sold his little store on Main St. to a San Angelo gentleman.

There are steps being taken to erect a telephone line from Ballinger to Robert Lee via Bronte, which will be a great advantage to this country.

Little Leola Cumbie fell in the cellar inflicting a painful wound on the ear.

Mrs. Jas. Williams was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Clark, wife of Dr. Clark, has been quite sick for the last few days.

Mr. L. P. Phillips is drilling in Tom Higginbotham's well for more water and better water.

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From San Angelo Standard.

J. D. O'Daniel, the Polled Angus breeder of Coke, came over on business Tuesday.

Yesterday Sheriff G. W. Shield bought from L. D. Sheppard and Julius Thornton, their 4000 acre ranch on Grape Creek.

Stockholders Meeting.

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La grippe is still our unwelcome visitor, with the poor consolation that he is not slighting any, but pays his respects virtually to all alike, though we hear of no serious complaint.

Local business is little; news is less, and all on account of the cars not being on time, the phone and graph are not in working order; nor do we know that they will ever be, but we have to offer some excuse for not being like such cities as Houston or Dallas, even if they once contained but 6 huts like Sanco.

SANCO.

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.

Mardi Gras! New Orleans FEB. 7 to 13. Half Rates

VIA **Santa Fe Route.** W. S. KEENAN, Gen. Pass. Agt.

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