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Real Estate Transfers.

Drumm and Collins to Jas. M. Slater, quit claim deed to D. O. K. ranch, 16 sections of land and 17 sections of leased land in Coke and Sterling Counties, other considerations and 13,440.00
 State of Texas to C. W. Laughlin, 160 acres of land, pre-emption 50.00
 C. W. Laughlin and wife to Jno. Saul, 160 acres of land 320.00
 J. E. Stewart and wife to J. B. Winn, quit claim deed to part interest in 160 acres (R. A. Stewart Homestead) 50.00
 Wm. D. Grant to his son John W. Grant, 2 sections of land of Coke and a number of sections in other counties. Other considerations and 5.00
 D. L. Buchanan, Constable Prec. No. 1, Coke Co. to E. C. Good, L. H. McDorman and L. B. Murray. The Robert Lee Gin sold under mortgage for purchase money, other considerations and 100.00
 J. Q. McCabe to F. M. Prichard 40 acres of land, eleven miles S. W. of Robert Lee 90.00
 F. K. McKenzie to J. A. Shafter 160 acres of land in Coke and Mitchell Counties 250.00
 H. and T. C. R. E. Co. to A. J. and J. T. Pettit, 160 acres of land 640.00
 S. P. R. E. Co. to A. J. and J. T. Pettit, 160 acres of land 640.00
 J. H. Childress to his wife S. M. Childress, 160 acres of land as gift.
 J. E. Stewart to M. H. Davis, Lots 23 and 24 in Block 13 80.00
 J. T. Hamilton and wife to B. F. Montgomery undivided three fourths interest in Block J, Robert Lee 300.00
 J. J. Fry and wife to C. L. Hughes, 12 acres of land near the River bridge 125.00
 J. C. Williams to W. J. Griffin, quit claim deed to one section land 500.00

J. D. Collier and Co., the Edith merchants, have sold more goods since Jan. 1st 1899 than ever before in the same two months of any preceding year. Why? Because, their prices are bed rock, and would be competitors are not in it.

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, 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 Mobbles' Drug Store. Only 50c per bottle.

Locals will be found on every page this week.

The Western Minstrel Club's entertainment Friday night was a decided success.

Misses Lottie and Lula Hayley, from Hayrick, attended Church Services here last Sunday.

Nauhattie or Cedar Hill.

We are having fine spring weather; if there is anything more needed than a good rain, it is more rain.

The winter of '98 and '99 will be long remembered as the coldest as well as the most sickly winter ever known in Coke County.

Dr. Martin was called to see Wm. Green Wednesday, who has been very sick for 17 days.

Last Saturday was the worst sand storm of the season. It blew Charley Martin's house off of the block, the family became alarmed and took refuge in the dug out.

Cam Brown, while gone from home, had a visitor who relieved him of the following articles: two pair of blankets; half sack of flour; half side bacon; two packages of coffee; one package of soda; one sack table salt.

T. T. Meek and G. W. Tubb went to Colorado City this week.

W. F. Stephens, his sister and little daughter, was up to see Miss Lucile at Cedar Hill Wednesday.

Mr. Stephens rides in a new buggy.

Mrs. Dr. Martin and little Curtis made a short call on Mrs. J. A. Tubb, Thursday morning.

Success to the RUSTLER.

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The best Stable and Stock Ointment in the world for branding, altering, marking and sneering, for wire cuts, old sores, collar saddle or harness sores, scratches, mange, scab, ticks, sand fleas, etc. It prevents Scree worms, and at the same time heals the wound. We will send a free sample box, post paid, by mail to any one sending their address to The Nussbaumer Chemical Co., San Angelo, Texas.

Epworth League.

Sat. evening, March 18, 1899.

Opening Address.—Judge G. W. Perryman.

Prayer.

Song.

Poem.—Miss Ina Vestal.

Recitation.—Miss Roxy Ingram.

Solo.—Mrs. D. T. Averitt.

Essay.—Prof. O. W. Gardner.

Song.

Recitation.—Mr. Will Laswell.

Select Reading.—Mr. Jack Couch.

Duett.—Miss Ada Fry and Mrs. Jeff Davis.

Recitation.—Miss Lillie Trammell.

Song.

Business Meeting.

Benediction.

W. T. Caraway from near Hayrick was in town last Saturday.

New readers of the RUSTLER are: J. W. Kidd, Eld. John Hooten, H. L. Offield; T. L. Burch and D. D. Anderson, Robert Lee; A. J. Adams and W. R. Pruitt, Bronte; M. H. Millieau, Elith; H. C. Allen, Ft. Chadbourne; D. W. Hale, Tenynson; M. Bir, L. Sanco; R. A. Smith Austin; Mrs. M. J. Lee, North Outray, Cal; J. G. McCulloch, Snyder, Texas; J. E. Tubb, Rockport, Tex.

Mrs. Ida Franklin, Gordonville, Texas.

Ed C. Rawlings was in town last Saturday, to renew old acquaintances.

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Walton's.

A contribution taken up for relief of Frank Hickman, to the amount of \$50.00 and several other hold articles.

Mr. Tate, late of Williamson County, has become thoroughly disgusted with sand storms every day in the week, the merciful wind blew down his tent and soiled his household goods, soon after he hitched up and started back for Williamson County.

Ever bitter has its sweet, and ever sweet its bitter. Coke County is the best County in West Texas after all is said. We have some farmers and stockmen that come here some five or ten years ago with but very little of anything, they now have good houses, fine pastures stocked with fine cattle and horses, some money laid away doing well is difficult to beat.

Our farmers are up with their work and now while we are waiting for rain, we are digging wells, and scraping tanks, to catch plenty of water when it comes, we are apt to have the most reasonable crop this year; late dry spring is not an unwelcome occurrence in West Texas, but indicative of a greater rainfall through the summer and fall season.

A few of our Stockmen's features are somewhat distorted though they are on the everlasting rustle for grass and water, and if the latter does not come from the clouds and cause the grass and weeds to grow for the poor cow within 35 days, I fear some of our cow ranchmen will go kerfunk, and the old cow to the whoo da de doo.

Mr. Ringer, of Dry Hollow, was in Bronte last week, and bought 16 head of steer yearlings at 12.50

Dr. W. F. Key has completed a tank near his residence; we learn that fire was discovered in the Dr's. barn and was discovered and extinguished before any damage was done.

Prof. F. K. Popplewell held a school meeting, Friday night, some excellent essays by Misses Lillie Stark and May Cumble, cross spelling, speeches and a splendid address to the school by Rev. R. M. Cumble.

LUCENE.

Strayed!

One brown pony horse, five years old, branded, diamond, on left jaw. Will pay liberal reward for information leading to recovery.

G. J. Moore,

Robert Lee, Tex.

Wanted!

A wife, that can cook, wash, iron, and milk three cows.

T. C. Jackson,

Robert Lee, Tex.

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...which have at- wide fame, as truly... and giving satisfac-... of people everywhere... products of the knowledge of... eminent physicians, and pre-... in the form most acceptable to... human system by the skill of the... world's great chemists; and one of the... most successful examples is the Syrup of Figs manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. Unlike a host of imitations and cheap substitutes, Syrup of Figs is permanently beneficial in its effects, and therefore lives and promotes good health, while inferior preparations are being cast aside and forgotten. In olden times if a remedy gave temporary relief to individuals here and there, it was thought good; but now-a-days a laxative remedy must give satisfaction to all. If you have never used Syrup of Figs, give it a trial, and you will be pleased with it, and will recommend it to your friends or to any who suffer from constipation, or from over-feeding, or from colds, headaches, biliousness, or other ills resulting from an inactive condition of the kidneys, liver and bowels.

In the process of manufacturing the pleasant family laxative made by the California Fig Syrup Co., and named Syrup of Figs, figs are used, as they are pleasant to the taste; but the medicinal properties of the remedy are obtained from an excellent combination of plants known to be medicinally laxative and to act most beneficially. As the true and original remedy, named Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, a knowledge of that fact will assist in avoiding the worthless imitations manufactured by other parties. The company has selected for years past the leading publications of the United States through which to inform the public of the merits of its remedy, and among them this paper is included, as will be seen by reference to its advertising columns.

Grandfather's Clocks.

In a New York saloon are six or seven clocks. Every one of them has stopped short, never to go again. The proprietor when asked why he didn't give at least one of them a start in life, said: "That big clock over there was a good time-keeper until it got out of kilter. I tried my hand at it and found enough wheels in it to run a half dozen clocks. I had a number of old frames down in the cellar with nothin' in 'em. None of 'em has ever gone since. When a feller asks for trust now I point to the clocks. Time is money here, and I haven't any time."

Naval Orange Pioneer.

Luther C. Fibberts of Riverside, Cal., who first succeeded in propagating the seedless navel oranges in this country, is reported to be suffering from poverty. The American consul at Bahia in Brazil found the navel orange growing wild in the jungles. He sent a few sprigs to the department of agriculture at Washington, but the department's attempts to grow trees failed. Three sprigs were sent to Mr. Tibbets, who succeeded. He let slip the opportunity to make an immense fortune.

Presiding Bishop.

Bishop Thomas M. Clark, of Rhode Island, who becomes the presiding bishop of the Episcopal church through the death of Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, was graduated from Yale in 1831, being a classmate of the late President Noah Porter. He was consecrated on December 6, 1854, a little more than three years after Bishop Williams' consecration. He is old and infirm, and will have to perform most of the presiding bishop's duties by deputy.

His First Shoes.

A pathetic incident of the cold weather, says the Atlanta Constitution, is the case of a barefoot little fellow who walked into a shoe store, planked down a dollar and said: "I want a pair o' shoes fer that!" "What number?" asked the clerk. "I dunno what number," was the answer. "I ain't never wore no shoes since I can remember. You'll have to measure me!"

Need Missionaries.

A West African on a visit to England in connection with a missionary society was shown a collection of photographs. "What is this?" he asked, gazing wonderingly at one of them. "That is a snapshot taken during a scrimmage at a Rugby football game." "But has your church no missionaries to send among these people?" he demanded.

From Typo to Judge.

Judge William Butler, of Philadelphia, who has resigned from the bench learned the trade of a printer in the office of the West Chester (Pa.) Village Record. Among the other boys in the office at the same time was Bayard Taylor.

Legg to the Public.

Austin, Tex., March 6.—Ex-Gov. Davidson has issued an address to the people of Texas against railroad consolidation. In brief he says it bodes the people no good and endangers their interests. The governor assigns the following twelve reasons why the movement should be checked:

1. It will violate the constitution, which forbids the consolidation of competing lines of railway.
2. It will violate the old-established law of this state which forbids any railway from constructing or owning any branch line at an angle of less than twenty-five degrees with the general direction of the main line.
3. It will force those short lines with light debts to pay the heavy, excessive debts of the absorbing trunk lines, and thereby enforce the maintenance of high traffic rates.
4. It will take from the several communities the headquarters, machine shops and offices of these small lines, and concentrate them at other points upon the main line, or out of the state.
5. It will forever prevent the extension of these short lines into trunk lines through the sections of this state which need and should and otherwise would get them.
6. It will prevent competition for inter-state traffic at common as well as at other points.
7. It will minimize, strike down and practically destroy our gulf ports.
8. It will make a truck patch out of Texas instead of building her up to the great empire to which she is destined.
9. It will drive from our state the small factories now beginning to grow and prevent others from coming in.
10. It will foster monopolies and trusts, and destroy individual effort.
11. It will build up a central corporate power which will become too strong in commerce and politics to be controlled by the state.
12. It may fasten upon the people the present fictitious indebtedness of the railways, which amounts to more than \$200,000,000 that is as dishonest, as unjust as any forged order for making which any felon was ever sent to the penitentiary.

Governor's Message.

Austin, Tex., March 6.—In a message sent the legislature Saturday Gov. Sayers recommends no exemption of cities having 10,000 inhabitants from the operation of the text book law.

He again urges upon the legislature the prompt investment of the permanent school fund. Says the governor: When the legislature convened, that is, on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1899, there was idle in the treasury and could not be invested, under the restrictions imposed upon the board of education of this fund \$1,213,342.87. This sum has increased to \$1,339,342.20. Several opportunities for its safe investment have already been lost, and I trust that the legislature will at once take such action in the premises as in its judgment may be proper. The interest accruing upon the permanent school fund is one of the principal means by which the public free schools are maintained."

Invited to Texas.

Austin, Tex., March 6.—In the house Saturday Henderson of Lamar called up his motion to reconsider the vote passing the Paris city charter. He amended it by adding "field notes" of the city and the bill was finally passed.

Rochelle called up his bill, No. 529, putting Bowie county under the protection of the penal statute in relation to theft of cattle. Willbarger county was added and the bill was passed.

Kittrell offered a concurrent resolution thanking Indiana for its purpose of returning a captured Terry rangers' flag and inviting the governor and legislature of Indiana to visit Austin for the ceremonies in the state capitol. It was adopted.

Queer Well.

L. Hillhouse of Whitney is astonished at the queer antics of a well in his yard. He dug the well eighteen years ago, and it is forty feet deep and was dry until a few days ago. Some time that night two streams of water issued from opposite sides of the well about twenty feet down, and next day there was five feet of water in the well. The streams still flow in. The wonder at it is increased by the fact that they were never seen before, and made their appearance during a dry spell.

Gov. Sayers has issued the usual contagious disease proclamation, effective April 1.

Hard at Work.

Austin, Tex., March 3.—Yesterday in the senate the first business was the special order. Davidson's bill permitting suits against carriers to be brought in any county in which carriers on whose line the freight or baggage originated or was first shipped has an office or agent, and against whom, with others, damages are claimed, or in any county in which is situated the depot, town or point to which the freight or baggage was consigned or shipped, and to permit two or more carriers to be joined in one suit. The bill was slightly amended, correcting several errors.

The amendment by Morriss was adopted, providing that this act shall not effect the venue in any cases now pending.

The bill was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Turney secured engrossment and final passage of his bill making it possible for convictions to be had for cattle stealing, where a ranchman uses more than one brand.

The vote by which Yett's anti-cocaine-opium-morphine bill was engrossed was reconsidered and an amendment adding the emergency clause was adopted, the bill ordered engrossed and finally passed under a suspension of the rules.

Terrell secured consideration of his bill establishing a normal school at Denton.

Terrell's amendment changing name to North Texas Normal college was adopted.

Further action was postponed.

The next business was the committee substitute for Atlee's bill further defining and prohibiting overhead insurance.

Atlee secured adoption of an amendment exempting boiler insurance companies from the operation of the act.

Griannon secured adoption of an amendment providing that where there are no agents in a county the agent in an adjoining county can transact business.

Odell secured adoption of an amendment providing any licensed local agent can write policies in counties where local agencies writing a like character of such insurance are not maintained.

Griannon secured adoption of an amendment providing that this act shall not apply to any other county or town in this state in which the insurance company has a local agent.

The bill was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Hanger's bill authorizing corporations to condemn land for the purpose of constructing passenger depots thereon was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Dibrell secured final passage of the substitute libel bill.

The bill by Goss, on third reading, allowing county treasurers 1-2 of 1 per cent for receiving and the same for disbursing school funds was passed finally.

Wayland secured adoption of his joint resolution requesting the governor, the comptroller and the state revenue agent to consider the advisability of creating the office of state auditor.

In the house several bills were discussed and sheriff fee bill passed.

A Close Call.

Paris, Texas, March 3.—N. J. Allen, who lives in Paris, was coming in from the country and started across the Santa Fe track at Washington street, just as the southbound passenger train was nearing the same point. In the wagon with Mr. Allen were his daughter, Mrs. Dietz, two small children and a man named John Dennis. The wagon was nearly on the track pulled the team around parallel with the track. The road at this point runs through a cut and the wagon was turned over by the wheels striking the embankment. The train was stopped within a short distance and none of the people were hurt beyond some slight cuts and bruises.

Horse in Dining Room.

Hillsboro, Tex., March 3.—The team of M. Frier got frightened and ran away with his wagon in his yard yesterday afternoon. After running around the house one of the horses pulled to the dining room door, breaking the door facing in, tearing down the door and frightening the ladies badly in the kitchen. There was no damage to the team or wagon.

In a head-end collision near White Plains, Nev., four persons were killed.

Several Bills Passed.

Austin, Tex., March 1.—In the senate yesterday the special order was a joint resolution by Goss calling a state constitutional convention. Goss moved that the resolution be laid on the table subject to call.

Odell opposed the motion to postpone and stated that by this time each senator had about made up his mind as to how he will vote; that the press had discussed it and everybody was informed and ready to vote.

Goss stated that he did not want the resolution to be considered at this time, intimating that its enemies were numerous at present and they might kill it.

The motion to lay on the table subject to call was adopted.

McGee secured consideration of his bill, which has the effect of confining drug stores to sell nothing but drugs on Sundays, preventing them from selling whiskey and other liquors on Sunday.

Amendments by Hanger were adopted exempting bath houses and the sale of cigars from the operation of the bill.

Odell spoke in opposition to the bill and McGee defended it.

The bill was ordered engrossed by a vote of 21 to 5.

The substitute senate bill placing school trustees in the statute relative to public officials accepting bribes was passed finally.

Sebastian's bill exempting Stephens, Eastland and Palo Pinto counties from the operation of the fish and game law, which was passed yesterday, was reconsidered and an amendment by Patterson was adopted withdrawing from the exemption Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Bosque and Lampasas counties. The bill was then passed.

The bill by Yantis permitting any insurance company organized and doing business on the mutual plan under the laws of any state of the United States, insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary, robbery or any attempt thereof, and also insuring against the loss of money and securities in transportation when shipped by registered mail, to do business in Texas was finally passed.

The next order of business was Turney's bill making it possible for convictions to be had for cattle-stealing where a stockman uses more than one brand. The following amendment by Potter was adopted:

"Provided, that the provisions of this bill shall not apply to cases now pending, nor to make legal a registration not legal under the law as it existed at the time the same was so recorded, except to make such registration legal from the date this act goes into effect."

The bill was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Atlee's bill requiring county attorneys to prosecute misdemeanor cases in the district court and be entitled to fees for such services was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Stafford's bill by request authorizing the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to purchase and operate the Tyler Southeastern railway, was ordered engrossed and finally passed under a suspension of the rules.

In the house the girls' industrial school bill was discussed and passed to engrossment.

Legal holiday school bill was killed.

Roundhouse Burns.

El Paso, Tex., March 1.—The Southern Pacific railroad roundhouse at Valentine, Tex., 160 miles east of here, was totally destroyed by fire. The flames were not discovered by the watchman until they had gained considerable headway. He gave the alarm and all residents of the town turned out and endeavored to extinguish the fire, but without avail. Engine No. 913 and S14 were both greatly damaged and rendered useless, and it is doubtful if either will be fit for service again. No. 913 had recently been fitted up for fast running on this division. A third locomotive was slightly damaged. Loss estimated here at \$25,000. Origin of fire unknown.

Bust of Ross.

Orange, Tex., March 1.—The county has decided to put a bust of ex-Gov. L. S. Ross in one of the niches of the new courthouse. The citizens made up funds to secure a bust of the late Judge D. R. Wingate that will be placed in another niche.

William Ellis, postmaster at Hartsville, Newton county, was here yesterday morning and reports a heavy loss of fine stock in his county since the late cold snap.



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IN THE GREAT NORTHWEST.

Letter From the Kansas and Nebraska Delegates to Dauphin.
Prince Albert, Sask.,
17th August, 1898.

William McCreary, Esq., Immigration Commissioner, Winnipeg, Man.; Sir—We, the undersigned delegates from Kansas and Nebraska, U. S. A., in reporting the results of our trip to Dauphin, and subsequently to Regina, Prince Albert and the middle Saskatchewan country, beg to say that our tickets were limited to 21 days, and as we had other large regions to visit, we could only spend a short time in the Dauphin country. We examined, however, the principal cultivated areas in the southern parts of township 25, range 19, the great wheat fields of Wishart, Buchanan, Owen, Smith, Ross, Sinclair, the Whitmores, Drinkwaters, etc., and subsequently, others to the north, and never, in our experience, have we seen finer grain. The whole country is watered by numerous streams flowing from the slopes of Riding Mountain, an excellent water is found everywhere at from 9 to 18 feet. Extensive forests of spruce and tamarack cover the northern parts of the mountains, from which timber is manufactured in Dauphin and elsewhere, and sold at \$12 a thousand at the mills. Wild hops and wild fruits are abundant, and ripen in the open air. Vegetation throughout is surprisingly luxuriant, and without hesitation we would rank the whole region amongst the best grain growing areas of the continent. The output of wheat last year was about 75,000 bushels, but this year it is estimated at over a million. Westward lie the homestead lands which now, and when fresh surveys are completed, will afford comfortable homes to thousands of diligent families. The great Gilbert Plains, also, we were unable to visit, where grain growing has been conducted with the best results for years, and which will become a vast wheat field as soon as a branch railway reaches there. Settlement is speeding in all these regions, reminding us indeed of the early days in our own states; and, as we have examined, since our visit to Dauphin, a portion of the great country lying south and east of Prince Albert, we can readily imagine the tide of immigration which will soon flow into the Canadian west.

(Signed) George S. Bennett, Hall's Summit, Kan.; S. W. Bennett, Hall's Summit, Kan.; E. F. Brooks, Westphalia, Kan.; John Flannery, Stuart, Neb.

Words Unnecessary.

Leslie Keith, the Scotch literateur, was visiting Ireland in the fifties, saw the most squalid looking beggar he had ever encountered sitting with his back to the wall. Unlike his compatriots, this man was strangely silent, so Keith asked if he were begging. "Of course his begging I am," the man replied. "But you do not utter a word," said Keith. "Arrah, is it jokin' yer honner is wid me?" said the beggar. "Look here," and he held up the tattered remnant of what had once been a coat; don't yer see how the skin is sapkin' through the holes of me clothes, and the bones cryin' out through me skin? Look at me sunken cheeks and the famine that's starin' in me eyes! Man alive, isn't it beggin' with a hundred tongues?"

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IS THIS YOUR STORY?

"Every morning I have a bad taste in my mouth; my tongue is coated; my head aches and I often feel dizzy. I have no appetite for breakfast and what food I eat distresses me. I have a heavy feeling in my stomach. I am getting so weak that sometimes I tremble and my nerves are all unstrung. I am getting pale and thin. I am as tired in the morning as at night."

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VENDETTA IN CORSICA.

Ancient, Bloody Custom of That Country Has Greatly Diminished.

Persons who derive their ideas of Corsica as it is today from Prosper Merimee's novel, "Colomba," will be doomed to some disappointment. Manners and customs have changed a great deal in the island since the date, shortly after the battle of Waterloo, when the gallant British officer and his daughter visited Colomba in her ancestral castle at Pietranera. The vendetta, which is the theme of that thrilling story, has greatly diminished. During the carnival we fancied that we had come upon a real instance of this picturesque barbarism. One workman killed another in a cafe, and then, in the expressive Corsican phrase, "took to the maquis," or brushwood, which covers a large portion of the island, and has, from time immemorial, been the refuge of outlaws and bandits. The legend subsisted for some days, and excited a new interest in life in Corsica, and quite a large demand for copies of "Colomba." But a conversation which I had with the judge d'instruction who had investigated the case proved that it was, after all, as he expressed it, a crime vulgaire, and not, as we had hoped, a crime corse. We afterward had the satisfaction of seeing the malefactor led in chains between two mounted policemen on his way into Ajaccio, whereas, the traditional bandit would have been fed and supplied with powder and shot by the country people, who would have rather gone to the stake than betrayed his hiding place to the authorities. Here and there vendetta may still linger in the island, but it has now become a means of attracting the tourist, who is invited to buy bloodthirsty-looking knives and daggers, bearing such choice inscriptions as "Vendetta Corca; morte al nemico" ("death to the enemy"); or, even still more gresome: "Va diritto al cuore del nemico" ("Go straight to the heart of the enemy"). These choice weapons form, together with gourd engravings with portraits of Napoleon, or the negro's head, which is the Corsican crest, the stable industry of Ajaccio.—Westminster Review.

AIR YOU BREATHE.

"Man wants but little here below," is an axiom which applies markedly to the quantity of air which is necessary to support life. It is estimated that when a man is at rest he consumes 500 cubic inches of air every minute, an allowance which, at the first glance, appears large.

It is, however, absurdly small when we consider that at this rate of consumption it would take a man five days and nine and one-half hours to exhaust the air in a small room fifteen feet square and ten feet high.

Any form of exertion, however, greatly increases the consumption of air. Thus, if we saunter at two miles an hour we require just twice as much air as when sitting in our arm-chair, and at four miles an hour nothing less than 2,300 cubic inches will satisfy us.

Taking an average consumption throughout life of one cubic foot of air every two minutes, we reach some very interesting conclusions. Thus an hour's supply of air could be contained in a trunk five feet long, three feet wide and two feet deep.

In a day we should exhaust a small roomful ten and one-half feet long, seven feet long and ten feet high.

For a year's supply we should require a reservoir or hall 100 feet square and a shade over twenty-six feet high, and the supply for a long life of 50 years would be contained in a large hall 1,000 feet long, 500 feet wide and 42 feet high.

Better Fuel Than Coal.

A newly discovered mineral which is of a lustrous black color and which as a fuel surpasses coal and all other substances heretofore known, is described by the Journal of Geology. It is found on the island of Barbados, in the Lesser Antilles, where the natives call it "manjak." It is thought that manjak is petrified petroleum, great quantities of petroleum being found on the same island. It contains only 2 per cent of water and fully 27 per cent of solid organic matter, thus surpassing in utility the best asphalt of Trinidad, in which 30 per cent of water is contained, and which has been classed so far as the very finest fuel. Mixed with turf it gives heat far superior to any known.

GOVERNOR McCORD.

Recommends Pe-ru-na to All Cataract Victims.

Hon. Myron H. McCord, ex-governor of New Mexico, in a letter to Dr. Hartman, from Washington, D. C., says:

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Hon. M. H. McCord.

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"Grandfather's Clocks."
In a New York saloon are six or seven clocks. Every one of them has stopped short, never to go again. The proprietor when asked why he didn't give at least one of them a start in life, said: "That big clock over there was a good time-keeper until it got out of kilter. I tried my hand at it and found enough wheels in it to run a half dozen clocks. I had a number of old frames down in the cellar with nothin' in 'em. None of 'em has ever gone since. When a feller asks for trust now I point to the clocks. Time is money here, and I haven't any time."

Navel Orange Pioneer.
Luther C. Tibbetts of Riverside, Cal., who first succeeded in propagating the seedless navel oranges in this country, is reported to be suffering from poverty. The American consul at Bahia in Brazil found the navel orange growing wild in the jungles. He sent a few sprigs to the department of agriculture at Washington, but the department's attempts to grow trees failed. Three sprigs were sent to Mr. Tibbetts, who succeeded. He let slip the opportunity to make an immense fortune.

Presiding Bishop.
Bishop Thomas M. Clark, of Rhode Island, who becomes the presiding bishop of the Episcopal church through the death of Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, was graduated from Yale in 1831, being a classmate of the late President Noah Porter. He was consecrated on December 6, 1854, a little more than three years after Bishop Williams' consecration. He is old and infirm, and will have to perform most of the presiding bishop's duties by deputy.

His First Shoes.
A pathetic incident of the cold weather, says the Atlanta Constitution, is the case of a barefoot little fellow who walked into a shoe store, plunked down a dollar and said: "I want a pair o' shoes fer that!" "What number?" asked the clerk. "I dunno what number," was the answer. "I ain't never wore no shoes since I can remember. You'll have to measure me!"

Need Missionaries.
A West African on a visit to England in connection with a missionary society was shown a collection of photographs. "What is this?" he asked, gazing wonderingly at one of them. "That is a snapshot taken during a scrimmage at a Rugby football game." "But has your church no missionaries to send among these people?" he demanded.

From Typo to Judge.
Judge William Butler, of Philadelphia, who has resigned from the bench learned the trade of a printer in the office of the West Chester (Pa.) Village Record. Among the other boys in the office at the same time was Bayard Taylor.

Message to the Public.
Austin, Tex., March 6.—Ex-Gov. Sayers has issued an address to the people of Texas against railroad consolidation. In brief he says it bodes the people no good and endangers their interests. The governor assigns the following twelve reasons why the movement should be checked:

1. It will violate the constitution, which forbids the consolidation of competing lines of railway.
2. It will violate the old-established law of this state which forbids any railway from constructing or owning any branch line at an angle of less than twenty-five degrees with the general direction of the main line.
3. It will force those short lines with light debts to pay the heavy, excessive debts of the absorbing trunk lines, and thereby enforce the maintenance of high traffic rates.
4. It will take from the several communities the headquarters, machine shops and offices of these small lines, and concentrate them at other points upon the main line, or out of the state.
5. It will forever prevent the extension of these short lines into trunk lines through the sections of this state which need and should and otherwise would get them.
6. It will prevent competition for inter-state traffic at common as well as at other points.
7. It will minimize, strike down and practically destroy our gulf ports.
8. It will make a truck patch out of Texas instead of building her up to the great empire to which she is destined.
9. It will drive from our state the small factories now beginning to grow and prevent others from coming in.
10. It will foster monopolies and trusts, and destroy individual effort.
11. It will build up a central corporate power which will become too strong in commerce and politics to be controlled by the state.
12. It may fasten upon the people the present fictitious indebtedness of the railways, which amounts to more than \$200,000,000 that is as dishonest, as unjust as any forged order for making which any felon was ever sent to the penitentiary.

Governor's Message.
Austin, Tex., March 6.—In a message sent the legislature Saturday Gov. Sayers recommends no exemption of cities having 10,000 inhabitants from the operation of the text book law.

He again urges upon the legislature the prompt investment of the permanent school fund. Says the governor: When the legislature convened, that is, on the 9th day of January, A. D., 1893, there was idle in the treasury and could not be invested, under the restrictions imposed upon the board of education of this fund \$1,213,342.87. This sum has increased to \$1,339,342.20. Several opportunities for its safe investment have already been lost, and I trust that the legislature will at once take such action in the premises as in its judgment may be proper. The interest accruing upon the permanent school fund is one of the principal means by which the public free schools are maintained."

Invited to Texas.
Austin, Tex., March 6.—In the house Saturday Henderson of Lamar called up his motion to reconsider the vote passing the Paris city charter. He amended it by adding "field notes" of the city and the bill was finally passed.

Rochelle called up his bill, No. 530, putting Bowie county under the protection of the penal statute in relation to theft of cattle. Wilbarger county was added and the bill was passed. Kittrell offered a concurrent resolution thanking Indiana for its purpose of returning a captured Terry rangers' flag and inviting the governor and legislature of Indiana to visit Austin for the ceremonies in the state capitol. It was adopted.

Queer Well.
L. Hillhouse of Whitney is astonished at the queer antics of a well in his yard. He dug the well eighteen years ago, and it is forty feet deep and was dry until a few days ago. Some time that night two streams of water issued from opposite sides of the well about twenty feet down, and next day there was five feet of water in the well. The streams still flow in. The wonder at it is increased by the fact that they were never seen before, and made their appearance during a dry spell.

Gov. Sayers has issued the usual contagious disease proclamation, effective April 1.

Hard at Work.
Austin, Tex., March 3.—Yesterday in the senate the first business was the special order. Davidson's bill permitting suits against carriers to be brought in any county in which carriers on whose line the freight or baggage originated or was first shipped has an office or agent, and against whom, with others, damages are claimed, or in any county in which is situated the depot, town or point to which the freight or baggage was consigned or shipped, and to permit two or more carriers to be joined in one suit. The bill was slightly amended, correcting several errors.

The amendment by Morriss was adopted, providing that this act shall not affect the venue in any cases now pending.

The bill was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Turney secured engrossment and final passage of his bill making it possible for convictions to be had for cattle stealing, where a ranchman uses more than one brand.

The vote by which Yett's anti-cocaine-opium-morphine bill was engrossed was reconsidered and an amendment adding the emergency clause was adopted, the bill ordered engrossed and finally passed under a suspension of the rules.

Terrill secured consideration of his bill establishing a normal school at Denton.

Terrill's amendment changing name to North Texas Normal college was adopted.

Further action was postponed. The next business was the committee substitute for Atlee's bill further defining and prohibiting overhead insurance.

Atlee secured adoption of an amendment exempting boiler insurance companies from the operation of the act.

Grinnan secured adoption of an amendment providing that where there are no agents in a county the agent in an adjoining county can transact business.

Odell secured adoption of an amendment providing any licensed local agent can write policies in counties where local agencies writing a like character of such insurance are not maintained.

Grinnan secured adoption of an amendment providing that this act shall not apply to any other county or town in this state in which the insurance company has a local agent.

The bill was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Hanger's bill authorizing corporations to condemn land for the purpose of constructing passenger depots thereon was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Dibrell secured final passage of the substitute libel bill.

The bill by Goss, on third reading, allowing county treasurers 1-2 of 1 per cent for receiving and the same for disbursing school funds was passed finally.

Wayland secured adoption of his joint resolution requesting the governor, the comptroller and the state revenue agent to consider the advisability of creating the office of state auditor.

In the house several bills were discussed and sheriff fee bill passed.

A Close Call.
Paris, Texas, March 3.—N. J. Allen, who lives in Paris, was coming in from the country and started across the Santa Fe track at Washington street, just as the southbound passenger train was nearing the same point. In the wagon with Mr. Allen were his daughter, Mrs. Dietz, two small children and a man named John Dennis. The wagon was nearly on the track pulled the team around parallel with the track. The road at this point runs through a cut and the wagon was turned over by the wheels striking the embankment. The train was stopped within a short distance and none of the people were hurt beyond some slight cuts and bruises.

Horse Gets Dining Room.
Hillsboro, Tex., March 3.—The team of M. Frier got frightened and ran away with his wagon in his yard yesterday afternoon. After running around the house one of the horses pulled to the dining room door, breaking the door facing in, tearing down the door and frightening the ladies badly in the kitchen. There was no damage to the team or wagon.

In a head-end collision near White Plains, Nev., four persons were killed.

Several Bills Passed.
Austin, Tex., March 1.—In the senate yesterday the special order was a joint resolution by Goss calling a state constitutional convention. Goss moved that the resolution be laid on the table subject to call.

Odell opposed the motion to postpone and stated that by this time each senator had about made up his mind as to how he will vote; that the press had discussed it and everybody was informed and ready to vote.

Goss stated that he did not want the resolution to be considered at this time, intimating that its enemies were numerous at present and they might kill it.

The motion to lay on the table subject to call was adopted.

McGee secured consideration of his bill, which has the effect of confining drug stores to sell nothing but drugs on Sundays, preventing them from selling whiskey and other liquors on Sunday.

Amendments by Hanger were adopted exempting bath houses and the sale of cigars from the operation of the bill.

Odell spoke in opposition to the bill and McGee defended it.

The bill was ordered engrossed by a vote of 21 to 5.

The substitute senate bill placing school trustees in the statute relative to public officials accepting bribes was passed finally.

Sebastian's bill exempting Stephens, Eastland and Palo Pinto counties from the operation of the fish and game law, which was passed yesterday, was reconsidered and an amendment by Patterson was adopted withdrawing from the exemption Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Bosque and Lampasas counties. The bill was then passed.

The bill by Yantis permitting any insurance company organized and doing business on the mutual plan under the laws of any state of the United States, insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary, robbery or any attempt thereat, and also insuring against the loss of money and securities in transportation when shipped by registered mail, to do business in Texas was finally passed.

The next order of business was Turney's bill making it possible for convictions to be had for cattle-stealing where a stockman uses more than one brand. The following amendment by Potter was adopted:

"Provided, that the provisions of this bill shall not apply to cases now pending, nor to make legal a registration not legal under the law as it existed at the time the same was so recorded, except to make such registration legal from the date this act goes into effect."

The bill was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Atlee's bill requiring county attorneys to prosecute misdemeanor cases in the district court and be entitled to fees for such services was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Stafford's bill by request authorizing the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas to purchase and operate the Tyler Southeastern railway, was ordered engrossed and finally passed under a suspension of the rules.

In the house the girls' industrial school bill was discussed and passed to engrossment.

Legal holiday school bill was killed.

Roundhouse Burns.
El Paso, Tex., March 1.—The Southern Pacific railroad roundhouse at Valentine, Tex., 160 miles east of here, was totally destroyed by fire. The flames were not discovered by the watchman until they had gained considerable headway. He gave the alarm and all residents of the town turned out and endeavored to extinguish the fire, but without avail. Engines No. 913 and 814 were both greatly damaged and rendered useless, and it is doubtful if either will be fit for service again. No. 913 had recently been fitted up for fast running on this division. A third locomotive was slightly damaged. Loss estimated here at \$25,000. Origin of fire unknown.

Bust of Boss.
Orange, Tex., March 1.—The county has decided to put a bust of ex-Gov. L. S. Ross in one of the niches of the new courthouse. The citizens made up funds to secure a bust of the late Judge D. R. Wingate that will be placed in another niche.

William Ellis, postmaster at Hartsville, Newton county, was here yesterday morning and reports a heavy loss of fine stock in his county since the late snap.



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Letter From the Kansas and Nebraska Delegates to Dauphin.

Prince Albert, Sask., 17th August, 1898.

William McCreary, Esq., Immigration Commissioner, Winnipeg, Man.; Sir—We, the undersigned delegates from Kansas and Nebraska, U. S. A., in reporting the results of our trip to Dauphin, and subsequently to Regina, Prince Albert and the middle Saskatchewan country, beg to say that our tickets were limited to 21 days, and as we had other large regions to visit, we could only spend a short time in the Dauphin country. We examined, however, the principal cultivated areas in the southern parts of township 25, range 19, the great wheat fields of Wislhart, Buchanan, Owen, Smith, Ross, Sinclair, the Whitmores, Drinkwaters, etc., and subsequently, others to the north, and never, in our experience, have we seen finer grain. The whole country is watered by numerous streams flowing from the slopes of Riding Mountain, and excellent water is found everywhere at from 9 to 13 feet. Extensive forests of spruce and tamarack cover the northern parts of the mountains, from which timber is manufactured in Dauphin and elsewhere, and sold at \$12 a thousand at the mills. Wild hops and wild fruits are abundant, and ripen in the open air. Vegetation throughout is surprisingly luxuriant, and without hesitation we would rank the whole region amongst the best grain growing areas of the continent. The output of wheat last year was about 75,000 bushels, but this year it is estimated at over a million. Westward is the homestead lands which now, and when fresh surveys are completed, will afford comfortable homes to thousands of diligent families. The great Gilbert Plains, also, we were unable to visit, where grain growing has been conducted with the best results for years, and which will become a vast wheat field as soon as a branch railway reaches there. Settlement is speeding in all these regions, reminding us indeed of the early days in our own states; and, as we have examined, since our visit to Dauphin, a portion of the great country lying south and east of Prince Albert, we can readily imagine the tide of immigration which will soon flow into the Canadian west.

(Signed) George S. Bennett, Hall's Summit, Kan.; S. W. Bennett, Hall's Summit, Kan.; E. F. Brooks, Westphalia, Kan.; John Flannery, Stuart, Neb.

Words Unnecessary.
Leslie Keith, the Scotch literateur, who was visiting Ireland in the fifties, saw the most squalid looking beggar he had ever encountered sitting with his back to the wall. Unlike his compatriots, this man was strangely silent, so Keith asked if he were begging. "Of course its begging I am," the man replied. "But you do not utter a word," said Keith. "Arrah, is it jokin' yer honner is wid me?" said the beggar. "Look here," and he held up the tattered remnant of what had once been a coat; don't yer see how the skin is sapkin' through the holes of me clothes, and the bones cryin' out through me skin? Look at me sunken cheeks and the famine that's starvin' in me eyes! Man alive, isn't it beggin' with a hundred tongues?"

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"Every morning I have a bad taste in my mouth; my tongue is coated; my head aches and I often feel dizzy. I have no appetite for breakfast and what food I eat distresses me. I have a heavy feeling in my stomach. I am getting so weak that sometimes I tremble and my nerves are all unstrung. I am getting pale and thin. I am as tired in the morning as at night."

What does your doctor say? "You are suffering from impure blood." What is his remedy?



You must not have constipated bowels if you expect the Sarsaparilla to do its best work. But Ayer's Pills cure constipation.

We have a book on Paleness and Weakness which you may have for the asking.

Write to our Doctors. Perhaps you would like to consult eminent physicians about your condition. Write us freely all the particulars in your case. You will receive a prompt reply.

Address, DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

VENDETTA IN CORSICA.

Ancient, Bloody Custom of That Country Has Greatly Diminished.

Persons who derive their ideas of Corsica as it is today from Prosper Merimee's novel, "Colomba," will be doomed to some disappointment. Manners and customs have changed a great deal in the island since the date, shortly after the battle of Waterloo, when the gallant British officer and his daughter visited Colomba in her ancestral castle at Pietranera. The vendetta, which is the theme of that thrilling story, has greatly diminished. During the carnival we fancied that we had come upon a real instance of this picturesque barbarism. One workman killed another in a cafe, and then, in the expressive Corsican phrase, "took to the maquis," or brushwood, which covers a large portion of the island, and has, from time immemorial, been the refuge of outlaws and bandits. The legend subsisted for some days, and excited a new interest in life in Corsica, and quite a large demand for copies of "Colomba." But a conversation which I had with the juge d'instruction who had investigated the case proved that it was, after all, as he expressed it, a crime vulgaire, and not, as we had hoped, a crime corse. We afterward had the satisfaction of seeing the malefactor led in chains between two mounted policemen on his way into Ajaccio, whereas, the traditional bandit would have been fed and supplied with powder and shot by the country people, who would have rather gone to the stake than betrayed his hiding place to the authorities. Here and there vendetta may still linger in the island, but it has now become a means of attracting the tourist, who is invited to buy bloodthirsty-looking knives and daggers, bearing such choice inscriptions as "Vendetta Corsa; morte al nemico" ("death to the enemy"); or, even still more gruesome: "Va diritto al cuore del nemico" ("Go straight to the heart of the enemy"). These choice weapons form, together with gourds engraved with portraits of Napoleon, or the negro's head, which is the Corsican crest, the stable industry of Ajaccio.—Westminster Review.

GOVERNOR McCORD.

Recommends Pe-ru-na to All Catarrh Victims.

Hon. Myron H. McCord, ex-governor of New Mexico, in a letter to Dr. Hartman, from Washington, D. C., says: Gentlemen—At the suggestion of a friend I was advised to use Pe-ru-na for catarrh, and after using one bottle I began to feel better in every way. It



Hon. M. H. McCord.

helped me in many respects. I was troubled with colds, coughs, sore throat, etc., but as soon as I had taken your medicine I began to improve and soon got well. I take pleasure in recommending your great remedy to all who are afflicted with catarrh.—M. H. McCord. Thousands of cases of chronic catarrh have been cured by Pe-ru-na during the past winter. In spite of changeable weather, in spite of the natural set-backs from catching cold, and confinement to ill-ventilated rooms, the great catarrh remedy—Pe-ru-na, has effected these cures. But now spring is here. The days are longer, the sun is warmer, and the blizzard is gone for another year. This presents a much more favorable opportunity for the permanent cure of chronic catarrh, especially old, stubborn cases. Now is the time to begin treatment. Other things being equal, one month's treatment in the spring is worth two months' treatment during the inclement weather of winter. Insist upon having Pe-ru-na. There are no successful substitutes for this remedy. Send to Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O., for a free catarrh book.

AIR YOU BREATHE.

"Man wants but little here below," is an axiom which applies markedly to the quantity of air which is necessary to support life. It is estimated that when a man is at rest he consumes 500 cubic inches of air every minute, an allowance which, at the first glance, appears large.

It is, however, absurdly small when we consider that at this rate of consumption it would take a man five days and nine and one-half hours to exhaust the air in a small room fifteen feet square and ten feet high.

Any form of exertion, however, greatly increases the consumption of air. Thus, if we saunter at two miles an hour we require just twice as much air as when sitting in our arm-chair, and at four miles an hour nothing less than 2,300 cubic inches will satisfy us.

Taking an average consumption throughout life of one cubic foot of air every two minutes, we reach some very interesting conclusions. Thus an hour's supply of air could be contained in a trunk five feet long, three feet wide and two feet deep.

In a day we should exhaust a small roomful ten and one-half feet long, seven feet long and ten feet high.

For a year's supply we should require a reservoir or hall 100 feet square and a shade over twenty-six feet high, and the supply for a long life of 80 years would be contained in a large hall 1,000 feet long, 500 feet wide and 42 feet high.

Better Fuel Than Coal.

A newly discovered mineral which is of a lustrous black color and which as a fuel surpasses coal and all other substances heretofore known, is described by the Journal of Geology. It is found on the island of Barbados, in the Lesser Antilles, where the natives call it "manjak." It is thought that manjak is petrified petroleum, great quantities of petroleum being found on the same island. It contains only 2 per cent of water and fully 27 per cent of solid organic matter, thus surpassing in utility the best asphalt of Trinidad, in which 30 per cent of water is contained, and which has been classed so far as the very finest fuel. Mixed with turf it gives heat far superior to any known.

Many Names.

The Earl of Ancaster, in his sixty-eight years of life, has borne more names than fall to the lot of most peers. He began life as Mr. Heathcote, the son of Lord Aveland; at the age of 37 he succeeded his father as Baron Aveland; ten years ago he became twenty-second Lord Willoughby de Eresby in succession to his mother, and six years ago he was made Earl of Ancaster. It was through his mother that he came into possession of most of his 132,000 acres, and of his three castles in England, Scotland and Wales.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars; free.

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Every community has customs peculiar to itself.

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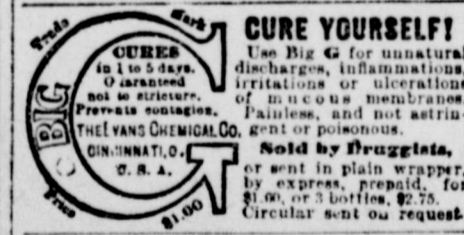
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Bro. Ervin, of the Big Springs Enterprise, forgot to give this paper credit for the "Coke County Stock Notes" last week.

"The Mystery" is a new monthly Journalistic venture at Brownwood owned by Geo. F. Korney. It is a bright little paper and we wish it success.

Robert Lee merchants are selling more goods now than ever before at the same time of the year. We will likely see more goods sold here than any previous year.

Everything considered, Coke County is in as good shape as any other County in the Western part of Texas.

"Expansion" won in the debate at Dickens, Texas, two weeks ago tonight.

We are in receipt of a copy of Dickens Doings published by E. H. Cogdill. We "X" with pleasure.

We are to have the Telephone within the next 30 days.

The B. Linger Banner-Leader has changed hands again. Henry F. Mayes, of Brownwood, being now the Editor and Proprietor. His initial number was a warm one.

Every page has "locals."

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. G. Moore entertained some friends last Friday evening, at their home across the river. Conversation and dancing were among the amusements.

Judge Burroughs presided over his Court last Saturday in an impressive manner, and won applause for his "at home" looks as Justice of Precinct No. 1.

J. D. O'Daniel Sr., Prof. Popplewell and Prof. Stone, all of Bronte were in last Saturday.

Complaints of scarcity of rainfall come from nearly all of central and northern Texas.

Mr. H. Christain an extensive cotton planter from Ft. Chadbourne was down last Friday. Told us to keep the paper coming.

W. L. Clayson dropped in and encouraged the RUSTLER the other day. He is the biggest officer of the Odd Fellows lodge at this place.

Wm. Green, who lives near Cedar Hill, has been quite ill for some days, but is now recovering.

Notice.

I have now a large stock of Coffins on hand; but must have cash or good security.

Respect,
J. H. Burroughs.

Own Your Home.

We knew a man once who rented land for ten years, and was poorer at the end of that time than when he began. We knew another man who had two wagons and teams, and traded one of them for a five acre block of land a mile and a half from town, and commenced improving it by building on and cultivating it, and renting small portions of his neighbors land nearby until, in four years, he had a neat three room cottage, on his block all paid for, with a young orchard growing.

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Mrs. M. Marshall, Maverick,

Commissioners Affidavit to Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

We, the undersigned Commissioners Court of Coke County, do solemnly swear the requirements of Article 867, chapter 1, title 25, of the revised Statutes of the State of Texas; amended by the acts of March 20th, 1897, have been in all things fully complied with, at the regular February term 1899, of said Court, and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the County Treasurer's Quarterly Report, made by the County Treasurer of said County and held by him for the County, have been fully inspected and counted by us and the amount of money in his hands is

Assets	\$686 54
Total	\$7877.81

(Signed) M. H. Davis, County Judge, Coke County Texas.

J. H. Burroughs, Com. Pre. No. 1
Coke county, Texas. M. H. Havins, Com. Pre. No. 2, Coke co. Tex
J. C. Newton Com. Pre. No. 3,
Coke county Texas. G. W. Payne
Com. Pre. No. 4, Coke county Tex
Sworn to, and subscribed, before me, this the 17th day of Feb. A. D. 1899. J. W. Barnett,
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Prof. O. W. Gardner paid the RUSTLER one of those pleasant calls that all newspaper men love to record, last Saturday.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Mr. J. C. Turner sold his stock of Notions and Groceries to J. E. Stewart and Son, latter part of last week.

All heavy goods delivered FREE to any part of the city, by D. L. Buchanan.

Several of our merchants have established hitching posts near their front doors, for the benefit of their friends and customers. A good thing.

"Daddy" Dancer says if the gentleman, who borrowed his plow has worn the point out, to call on him and he will let him have another.

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

Tom Adkins was defended, in the Justice Court, for trespassing on last Saturday, by Perryman and Averitt and secured a verdict of not guilty.

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

W. O. Barron went over to Angelo Monday to get a few loads of lumber for repairs on his ranch home, seven miles north west of this place.

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

S. C. Wilkins now lives on the Hall place, about one mile North of the Court House. J. W. Hall is ranching it on the Wilking place, three miles futher North.

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

Dr. Latham has recently improved his home place by building a cow pen according to the latest approved methods.

A. Jack Crockett was over from San Angelo last Monday, to see his mother, Mrs. J. C. Turner.

A. J. Pettit, a well known citizen of the Kickapoo country, was doing business in town Monday.

Stop at the webb Hotel when in Lee

Jim Stewart has had a well dug about 20 feet deep, at his residence, which affords a fine supply of water.

To kill the mange on your dog use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Will Stewart is out peddling this week.

Chas. Roe went over to Angelo Tuesday.

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

BORN, to Mr. and Mrs. Jno Crayton, at Sanco, a girl, Dr. Martin, officiating.

Free delivery to any part of the city, of all heavy goods, a purchase of D. L. Buchanan.

Henry Williams sold his interest in his school section for \$500.00 cash, and has moved to his house in town.

To kill sand fleas on your dog or your chickens use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment

Mr. Frank Hickman, of Bronte, lost his residence and contents by fire one day last week. Mr. Edd Hennessey circulated a subscription list in town with success for their benefit.

B. T. Chaney has moved out of town.

No debate at Court House to night

Mrs. H. D. Pearce and little daughter returned to Ballinger, Tuesday.

B. A. Boykin was in town Wednesday and took advantage of our clubbing rates.

Bro. Bates pleasantly remembered the "Job work" department of this paper this week.

A. C. Gardner called on us Tuesday, and left us feeling happy.

Messrs. Walton and McClanahan have built "us" an artistic and substantial chimney at our home.

H. E. Johnston was in from his ranch this week.

Miss Ethel Pearce has taken 18 subscriptions to the Penny Magazine. It is the cheapest, in the world being on y 20 cents a year.

Miss Mattie Gibson has taken 21 subscriptions for The Ladies Home Journal right about town here. Mark our words, there will be more taste exhibited in the arrangement of the homes here than ever before.

Miss Lena Smith has returned from a several months visit east, much to the delight of her friends.

Bob Cambie, a handsome boy from Bronte, attended Church services here, last Sunday.

Miss Stella Reamer will live at Mr. Crockett's, near Sanco, for some months.

Foot Boykin and a couple of his friends were in town Sunday.

W. R. Boykin and W. T. Caraway paid our city a visit Monday.

W. B. Fletcher, of Bronte, was doing business in the County Seat the other day.

On account of Teachers Institute at Hayrick, the President of the Debating Club and Literary Society has postponed the program until next Friday night, 17th

Mr. Albion Hayley after a pleasant week spent in Coke, returned to Christoval Wednesday.

A "Musical at Jim E. Stewart Tuesday night attracted our young people. Miss May Stewart's daughter of J. E. makes an admirable little hostess-so all reported

Mr. Mrs. Webb gave the young folks a "singing" Sunday night.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at the Church.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Copeland and little daughter Irene spent Tuesday in Robert Lee.

Quite a number of our people as well as those of Edith, attended the funeral of Grandpa Collier.

Dr. Martin has been out of town, in close attention on some of his patients in the Cedar Hill country this week.

Col. H. H. Hayley was in from his fine Hayrick place yesterday.

Wm. Winans and two beautiful grand daughters, Misses Bertha and May Winans were in town yesterday.

Judge A. P. McCarty was in town yesterday.

Dr. Jones and his father, late of Brady City, are in town prospecting. We hope they will conclude to stay with us.

Capt. J. P. Hutchinson, of Bronte, Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, was in our city yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Ashurst and Miss Virgie Prichard were shopping in our city yesterday. they live on the divide.

Obituary.

L. B. Collier was born in Giles County, Tenn., Jan. 18, 1829. He died at the home of his son, J. D. Collier, Edith Texas, March 6, 1899, having past his three score years and ten. He was married in Tippale Co., in Northern Miss., to Miss Mattie Perkins, Dec. 14, 1854. God blessed this union with one child, a son, James D. Collier, with whom he and his faithful companion found a home for their old age, until God took him. At about the age of twenty five, the subject of this sketch professed faith in Christ and united with the Methodist Church in which connection he lived for about twelve or thirteen years, or until thirty-two years ago, when he united with the Baptist Church in which he lived a consistent member, until his death. He leaves an aged wife, a son and daughter-in-law, and four grand children in sore bereavement; besides a large circle of friends and neighbors to join in their sorrow. He was a Confederate soldier in the War of Secession, and a faithful "Soldier of the Cross." During his last years, he was an invalid. He endured great bodily suffering during these years of infirmity, yet he did not complain. And when in his last sickness he was told by his son that the physician did not think he could get well, he said, "I am not afraid to die. I do not care at all. I hate to leave you all; I think as much of these little children (his grand children) as if they were my own." He, then, admonished his son to train up his children in the right way. His death was the triumphant death of the Christian. All who were with him in his last sickness testify to his great patience in suffering and his complete resignation to God's will. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Robert Lee, Coke Co. Texas, March 7th, 1899, witnessed by a concourse of sorrowing friends, there to abide until God shall call it forth.

Weep not, dear friends, for he is now,

From sin and sorrow free,
But, to God's will, in meekness bow,
Till he shall call for thee.

Written by a friend and brother
G. C. Berryman.

Notice.

To the Tax payers of Coke County Texas, who are Delinquent for taxes of 1898. I will close the tax books on March, 15th, 1899. Please settle before that time, and save cost.

Respectfully,

L. B. Murray,
Tax Col., Coke Co.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Ed M. Mobley's Drug Store.

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PASTURE AND FARM.

Corn planting is under way around Elgin.

Corn acreage of Bee county will be largely increased this year.

Several horses have died with blind staggers near Alma, Ellis county.

A great many Irish potatoes will be planted in Lamar county this spring.

Berry Gatewood of Ennis shipped seven carloads of fat cattle to St. Louis.

At Eddy, N. M., some sheep that are being fed on alfalfa and beet sugar pulp are fast fattening.

Winter wheat and oats are nearly all killed in the vicinity of Marble Falls, but farmers are sowing again.

County Commissioner Dugan of Grayson county says wheat around Bells is in fine condition.

Edens Bros. & Wilson of Corsicana have shipped two lots of cattle to Chicago, one consisting of sixteen carloads, the other fourteen.

J. D. DeBird of Sulphur Springs, shipped four cars of meal-fed steers to St. Louis, Swinson seven cars and H. L. Huffman two cars.

In the cold weather wild bees in Central Texas fared much better than their domestic brethren, hollow trees seemingly being warmer than hives.

A farmer near Paris intends putting in several acres of artichokes this season for seed. By next year he expects to raise a great quantity for feeding cattle.

The recent proclamation excluding Texas cattle from the Creek and Cherokee nations after April 1 it is said will cause great inconvenience and distress to cattlemen.

A report just prepared by the department of agriculture at Washington shows that the export trade in American horses has rapidly increased during the past five years.

T. K. and James Moore recently shipped from Bastrop sixteen carloads of hogs to St. Louis, while J. A. Wood of the same place, shipped a lot of fine hogs to the Houston packery.

Harrison county farmers are in better condition than for years. Many of them have ample corn in their cribs, potatoes, peas and molasses for the table and their smokehouses filled with ham and bacon.

Catp. Chas. Schreiver, the well known banker and stockman of Kerrville, sold to P. S. Witherspoon, a prominent feeder of Gainesville, 7000 head of 3 and 4-year-old steers at \$23.50 per head, or a total of \$164,500.

In conversation with farmers, stockmen and ranchmen in the Childress country they all unite in saying that cattle losses have been small, exceptionally so, considering the extreme frigidly of the recent cold weather the herds of cattle had to contend with lately.

President J. W. Springer of the National Live Stock association, after a personal investigation of the cattle in Texas places the loss from the blizzard at 10 per cent. This is the most serious loss, he points out, since 1886, when about 90 per cent of the range cattle perished.

The Mexican Trade Review gives a list of prices of public land in the various states for the fiscal year 1899-1900 as fixed by President Diaz. The prices, in Mexican silver, are per hectare, 2.17 acres, and are, in Chihuahua, Coahuila, Colima, Durango, Nueva Leon, Sinaloa, Sonora and Tamaulipas, \$1; in Lower California territory, 50 cents.

Dr. L. C. Chittim of San Antonio concluded a trade with O. J. Hugo of Dilley for the purchase from the latter of between 1100 and 1200 steers, coming 2s and 3s, at per head around. The herd includes 800 coming 2s and the balance 3s, and the young steers are said to be a well bred and well colored herd of cattle. A 10 per cent cut back is given to the purchaser. Delivery will be made April 1.

Stock losses in Clay county have been light, as all have been provided abundant feed, losses having been confined to late "immigrants" from east and south. Deaths among these cattle, too, were from the chilling or freezing of the feet and legs, fences preventing the instinctive traveling that would have kept up the circulation.

Terrible Explosion.

Toulon, March 6.—The naval powder magazine of La Goubiran, between La Seyne and Toulon, in the department of Var, southern France, exploded at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning. All of the sentries on duty at the magazine were killed and a number of inhabitants of the surrounding district, the buildings in which were razed. Forty corpses have already been recovered. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Fifty thousand kilogrammes of black powder exploded. It looks as though a volcanic eruption had occurred, the country being swept almost bare within a radius of two miles, houses destroyed, trees overturned and distorted, fields devastated and covered with stones and brick dust.

Some of the stones are enormous. One weighing fifty kilogrammes fell in the suburb of Lone de Las. Signs of the explosion are evident in all the suburbs of Toulon and in the city itself. Even at St. Jean de Var, five miles inland, houses were shattered and doors batter in. Later reports show that of the seven soldiers four were killed outright and the others severely injured the corporal being literally scalped.

A large number of soldiers are now employed in clearing away the debris, but the work is very difficult.

It is impossible to ascertain accurately the number killed, but it is believed that no fewer than a hundred were injured.

Although it was a clear night, the explosion was so terrific as to produce a slight rainfall.

Fortunately the neighboring people escaped. It is now believed the explosion originated in chemical decomposition in smokeless powder. There is no suggestion of foul play.

Cyclone in Tennessee.

Athens, Tenn., March 6.—A terrible cyclone passed over a portion of Madisonville and Monroe county Saturday night with disastrous results. Early in the evening a strong wind arose and at 7:30 a cyclone about sixty or seventy yards wide struck a portion of Madisonville, killing three persons, wounding ten or twelve others and completely destroying twelve or fifteen houses and several barns. The killed are: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moser, Ed L. Horton.

The most frightful feature of the terrible Madisonville tornado was the manner in which Jack Moser met his death. He was hurled by the wind's force from his house, a distance of 700 yards, until his progress was impeded by a wire fence, which completely severed his head from the body. The remains were found in that condition by the rescuing party, which did faithful work after the storm had subsided.

Not Confirmed.

Washington, March 6.—Among the most important nominations that failed of confirmation are:

Senators Morgan, Cullum, Representative Hitt, Sanford B. Dole and Walter F. Frear to be Hawaiian commissioners; the naval advancements for conspicuous conduct in battle sent in with the Schley and Sampson nominations; H. D. Ewart of North Carolina to be United States district judge for the western district of North Carolina; Frank Simmons to be Marshal for the southern district of Alabama; C. D. Keyes of Wichita Falls, Tex., to be Indian agent for the Apache agency, Ariz.; Samuel J. Burrows of Massachusetts to be librarian of congress.

All the army brevet nominations sent to the senate were not confirmed. These included men nominated for gallant action in the Spanish war.

John Weber, naval officer customs, New Orleans, La.

Flag Raised.

Manila, March 6.—Admiral Dewey raised his flag as an admiral on board the Olympia Saturday morning and was saluted by the guns of the forts, of the foreign warships, the British cruiser Narcissus and the German cruiser Kaiserin Augusta and by the American ships in port.

Four Killed.

Decatur, Ala., March 6.—A terrible storm of wind, hail and lightning struck this place, doing great damage and causing the loss of four lives.

The huge tower of the long distance telephone company, 140 feet high, which carries the wires spanning the Tennessee river, was snapped like a reed. Several manufacturing plants are suspended on account of damage to buildings and machinery.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Yazoo canal in Mississippi is to be dredged.

Burglars dynamited Lamberg Bros.' safe at Fort Smith, Ark., and secured \$50.

The John D. Elliott tobacco factory at Owensboro, Ky., burned. Loss \$25,000.

John P. Fone, residing near Wesson, Miss., was killed by an unknown assassin.

In a dispute over business matters Mayor Converse of Zachariah, La., was killed by J. W. Thompson, a contractor.

Rev. Dr. John B. Gregory, a prominent Methodist divine, died at Tuscaloosa, Ala. He leaves a widow and nine children.

Sections of North Carolina were visited by a terrible hailstorm and cyclone and much damage done. Near Greensboro two men were killed.

Huntsville, Ala., is to have a cotton mill that will be the largest single industrial plant of the kind in the south. It is to be operated by the Merriman corporation of Lowell, Mass.

Rev. J. C. Rexroad, a minister of Lewis county, West Virginia, and his neighbors, Clark Simmons and James Bennett had a pistol fight, in which the minister was mortally wounded. The trouble was about a fence.

Three masked men entered the residence of Fritz and Henry Pape, near Wheeling, W. Va., beat them in a horrible manner, gagged them and took about \$5000. They stole horses from the Papes' stable and escaped.

The famous Lipscomb poisoning case in Kemper county, Mississippi, in which Dr. W. H. Lipscomb was given life imprisonment on the charge of poisoning C. T. Stewart for the alleged purpose of receiving insurance on the latter's life, has been affirmed by the supreme court of Mississippi.

New Enterprises.

Baltimore, Md., March 6.—The leading manufacturing industries of the week as reported by the Manufacturers' Record were: A 250-barrel flour mill and 120-ton oil mill to cost \$100,000 in Alabama; \$25,000 machinery company in Arkansas; \$10,000 mills company and \$10,000 cigar factory in Florida; \$100,000 quarry company, 25,000 spindle, 750 loom mill in Georgia; \$5000 roofing company and \$50,000 clothing factory in Kentucky; \$50,000 lamp factory, 300-ton sugar factory and \$50,000 tobacco company in Louisiana; \$300,000 brewery, \$5000 bolt and iron works, \$10,000 dyeing plant for cotton mill, \$25,000 chemical works and \$40,000 addition to foundry and machine shop in Maryland; \$25,000 electric plant company, \$250,000 electric plant and \$20,000 box factory in Mississippi; \$25,000 saw mill, 7000 spindle, 300 loom mill, 12,000 spindle, 300 loom mill, 8000 spindle, 350 loom addition and \$100,000 lumber company in North Carolina; 50-bale round bale ginny, \$30,000 improvements to cotton mill in South Carolina; \$10,000 steam laundry, cotton factory, 150-ton iron furnace in Tennessee; \$20,000 ginny company, \$50,000 lumber company, 75,000-bushel grain elevator and 60-ton oil mill in Texas; \$50,000 furniture factory, glass works, \$10,000 knitting mills and \$9000 rail mill in Virginia; \$90,000 mining company and \$50,000 mining company in West Virginia.

Work of House.

Washington, March 6.—The house of representatives of the fifty-fifth congress passed 1635 bills and resolutions against 1200 by the fifty-fourth, 951 by the fifty-third and 892 by the fifty-second congresses respectively. The work of the house for three sessions appears as a new valuable feature of the house of the calendar. This covers recapitulation of the whole work and an appendix of over fifty pages, giving the status of every bill presented to the house during the last two years. Under the title "Army" forty-two distinct measures are given. It presents at a glance full information on all that has been done on any subject.

The river and harbor bill just passed gives Sabine Pass \$150,000; Texas City, \$250,000; mouth of the Brazos, \$85,000; Aransas Pass, \$60,000; Buffalo bayou for a twelve-foot channel to the gulf, \$300,000.

Admiral Dewey and Gen. Otis have cabled their thanks for the honors conferred on them—the former to the rank of admiral, the latter as a brevet major general.

Madrid Matters.

Madrid, March 4.—Admiral Montejó, who was in command of the Spanish squadron destroyed by Admiral Dewey in the battle of Manila bay, and the commander of the Cavite arsenal, was incarcerated in the military prison pending trial for their conduct at Manila. The government also ordered the prosecution of Gen. Linares, who was in supreme command at Santiago at the time of the capitulation to Gen. Shafter.

The queen regent as the result of her consultations with the statesmen, generals and political leaders informed Senor Sagasta that she desired to retain the present chamber and she invited him to reconstruct the cabinet.

Senor Sagasta replied that it would be impossible for him to remain premier without a dissolution.

Thereupon the queen regent referred the same request to Senor Montero Rios, president of the senate, who declined for the same reason.

Finally Senor Silvela, the Conservative leader, accepted the task and it is expected that he will submit a Conservative ministry to her majesty for her approval.

The newspapers predict that popular demonstrations will greet a Conservative ministry.

In the Silvela cabinet cabinet it is believed that Marquis Pidal, former vice president of the chamber of deputies, will hold the portfolio of foreign affairs. Lieut. Gen. Polavieja, who has held the posts of governor general of Cuba and of the Philippines, the portfolio of war, and Senor Date, the present minister of the interior, will again hold that office.

Count de Rascón, Spanish ambassador to Great Britain, and Senor Leon y Castillo, ambassador to France, have tendered their resignations. The prefects and secretaries of state have also resigned.

Italy and China.

Pekin, March 4.—The demand of the Italian government upon the government of China for the lease of San Mun bay as a coaling station and naval base, on the same conditions as those under which Germany holds Kiaochow bay, including a demand upon the part of Italy for a concession of three islands off the coast province of Chekiang, with the right to construct a railroad from San Mun bay to Po Yang lake and preferential mining and railroad rights within the sphere of influence covering the southern two-thirds of Chekiang province has caused great excitement here, not only among Chinese, but among diplomats. The Chinese are firmly convinced that Great Britain is chiefly responsible for the Italian demand. Diplomats openly say the new development is the beginning of a policy of partition upon the part of the powers.

Representatives of the great powers in the course of conversation are said to have suggested that the moment has now arrived for international control of China, and it added if the policy of "spheres of influence" is really inaugurated, the United States is expected to have a say in the matter, and is further said that there are indications that America will likely prefer the province of Chih-li.

Concise History.

Washington, March 4.—Through the courtesy of a Spaniard at Manila the navy department has secured a concise history of the navy yard and arsenal at Cavite. It appears that this was started in 1739, just 100 years ago, by the Spanish admiral, M. De Alava, the materials being provided from San Blas, Cal. The arsenal developed greatly during the command of Gen. Eurlie in 1834, when a large frigate, the St. Esperanza, was launched there. A great part of the buildings were destroyed by earthquakes in 1828 and 1865. The arsenal and navy yard cover 71.61 square miles, and it is reported the yard can be made one of the best naval stations in the far east.

United States Ambassador to Mexico Clayton has gone to New York. He will visit his Arkansas home before returning to Mexico.

Ship Tended.

Washington, March 4.—To show the depth of the sympathy felt by the United States government with the British government and the family in the loss of the late Lord Herschell our government has proffered the use of a United States warship to convey the remains of Lord Herschell to England. The particular vessel has not yet been selected, but it will be one of the ships now at Havana attached to the north Atlantic squadron if the British embassy cares to accept the offer.

Cranford's Pathetic Death.

Washington, March 4.—Representative John W. Cranford, who has been a constant sufferer for many weeks, died Thursday night. Thursday afternoon he had a sinking spell and sent for his four children, expecting to bid them a last farewell, but he rallied after a time and the physicians thought that the end might be deferred for many days. Later in the evening, however, he grew worse and when Judge Burke told him good night at 9 o'clock it was evident that the end was not far off. Cranford realized this, and intimated to the judge that he could not survive the night. He sent for his oldest son and talked with him seriously about the approaching end and requested him as a dying wish to be a protector to his little brothers and sisters. It was a pathetic meeting and made a lasting impression on the boy. Not long after the end came and brought relief from the intense suffering which marked the closing weeks of Cranford's life. Yesterday morning when the house met Judge Burke, who had been the dead man's most constant friend throughout the last illness, was recognized by the speaker and announced the death of his colleague and offered the customary resolutions, which were immediately adopted. The speaker appointed the following committee to attend the funeral: Messrs. Burke, Lanham, Henry and DeGraffenried of Texas, McRae of Arkansas, Brewer of Alabama, Moon of Tennessee, Smith of Kentucky, McCreery of Minnesota, Mahany of New York and Jenkins of Wisconsin.

Mr. Chilton announced the death of Mr. Cranford in the senate and offered the usual resolutions, which were adopted. The senators appointed to attend the funeral are Messrs. Mills and Chilton of Texas, Morgan of Alabama, Berry of Arkansas, Cockrell of Missouri, Foraker of Ohio, Perkins of California, Chandler of New Hampshire and Mason of Illinois.

The remains will arrive at Sulphur Springs Tuesday morning.

For Letter Carriers.

The court of claims has rendered judgment in favor of Texas letter carriers for overtime work as follows: Houston, Clarence O. Skinner, \$6.75; San Antonio, David E. Hughes \$23.45, Leon T. Mareschal \$99; Dallas, James H. Bishop \$30.86, John B. Leamon \$38.27; Galveston, Charles L. Heine \$98.03, William T. Snipes \$74.87; Austin, Benjamin E. Ericson \$48.49, Alono Gerard \$11.98, John W. Marison \$33.59; El Paso, Sheldon E. Bovee \$226.58, Robt. L. Greenwood \$18.98, Julius Schultz \$11.34; Fort Worth, John R. Jackson \$41.82; Gainesville, John A. Atchison \$17.50; Tyler, Henry C. Butler \$35.41, Frank B. McCool \$40.72, Edward Lee McFadden \$40.50.

Wages to be Raised.

Boston, Mass., March 4.—Advices received from several mill centers in New England make it apparent that the action of the Fall River cotton factories, taken this week to restore the schedule of wages paid in the cotton mills in 1897 has become general. Following the action of the Fall River Mills in New Bedford, Rhode Island towns and other manufacturing centers of southern New England, the seven corporations of Lowell, the Amoskeag, Stark and Amory mills of Manchester, and mills at other places April 3. The Chicopee mills, Farnamsville company and others have made similar announcements.

Bills Signed.

Washington, March 4.—The president has signed bills authorizing the construction of public buildings at Annonis, Ala., Columbus, Ga., New Iberia, La., and enlarging public buildings at Macon, Ga., for taking the twentieth census, the Buffalo exposition bill, to reimburse governors of states and territories for expenses incurred in the Spanish war, providing a new building for the department of justice in Washington, making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the relief of the International Cotton Press company, New Orleans.

At Havana.

Havana, March 4.—Abner McKinley has arrived here.

The 61st Indiana regiment had a fifteen-mile practice march. The men enjoyed it. Fourteen of the soldiers, suffering from over-fatigue, were returned in the ambulance.

The two yellow fever suspects in the camp of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee are convalescent and sufferers from typhoid fever are doing well.

ROSE AMONG THORNS.

"Say, boys, did you know we had some new neighbors?" asked Fred Marshall, one night. "Yes," he resumed, in answer to the question depicted on all of our faces, "and what's more, they are four young ladies, and they just moved into the flat below us to-day." And Fred looked around at us, conscious that he had made an impression.

"Hooray!" yelled Jack, rather loudly, considering the fact that he had that very day called himself a confirmed bachelor.

"Just one apiece," said Harry Morton, with inimitable drawl; "say, boys, I'm going to have the first pick."

"Don't count your chickens before they're hatched. I was the eldest, and I considered it my duty to throw in a piece of advice once in a while. "Are you quite sure they are young, Fred?"

"Well, I don't know," he replied, rather dubiously; "one of the fellows down at the office told me, but of course (this with an injured air) he wouldn't be supposed to know just how old they all were."

But Jack cleared up the doubt very summarily. "Who ever heard of four old maids living in a flat?" he said, his lips curling contemptuously.

"You mustn't call them flats," cautioned Fred; "you know Bostonians don't talk exactly like we Ohioans."

"Bosh," said Jack. "Say, boys, we must call on them this very night." Then glancing at me apprehensively. "Now, don't you put in any objection, Jim."

"I hope you aren't going to be quite such an idiot as to go calling on strange ladies at 10 o'clock at night, especially when they have only had one day to get settled in," I said. So our call was postponed for a week.

One week later four very expectant-looking young gentlemen might have been seen going Indian file down a narrow staircase.

I rang the bell and in a very short time a prim little maid opened the door. Yes, the Misses Jenkins were at home, at least three of them, she said in reply to Jack's eager inquiry: "Would we please walk into the parlor?"

So we followed the maid into the cozy parlor and sat down and waited while she went to announce our call to the Misses Jenkins. Soon we heard a rustle of skirts in the hall and we all made a desperate effort to look calm.

And then—how can I describe the look of mute amazement and despair

lives in the apartment above, and very kindly called to-night to enliven our solitude."

Miss May was as nice as she was pretty and I enjoyed the evening very much, but when I went upstairs I didn't mention her to the other boys.

For some reason or other they never met her; perhaps because they went out earlier and came home later from work than she did. She was a music teacher. But they continually laughed at me for calling on the Misses Jenkins three times a week.

One night, about a month later, we were eating dinner at our boarding-house. "Say, Jim," said Jack, "don't you think it's about time you told us which of the Misses Jenkins you are going to marry?"

"Perhaps it is," I answered, taking May's picture out of my vest pocket and showing it to the three, who looked at it open-eyed and very much amazed.

May and I are married now, but Jack has never ceased to regret that engagement at the club.—Edna G. Bailey, in Boston Post.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Actresses Are Not Available, So Skirted Men Play Parts.

Actresses are scarce in the Philippines, and the theatrical manager who will take a cargo of them down there, will probably make a pile of money and earn everlasting gratitude of the Filipinos. The "continuous" show seems to be the popular entertainment in Manila, judging from a programme, dated November 18, of the Philippine theater. The cast of "The Baron's Victim," which is the title of a highly sensational melodrama, calls for two women, one Miss Emily Fitztempleton, the other Polly, the maid of all work. Both these characters were played by men. The specialty turns between the five acts of the comedy were supplied by Hurton and Foley, Jack Zaisser, Harry Gray and a personage by the name of Tod Sloan, who is announced on the bill as the famous vocalist.

Tod Sloan is evidently a much respected personage in Manila, and likely the adopted name of some clever individual who trades upon the cognomen of the great American jockey. This Manila Tod Sloan is also the business manager of the Philippine theater, and a sketch artist besides. He has not only announced himself on the programme with the catch line "Guess Who's Coming," but he refuses to cheapen himself by appearing in the drama, vocalism probably being his only forte. There is something peculiar about a Philippine drama. The acts are numbered 1, 2, 3 and 5, with a note that "there is no fourth act." The bill does not state what is done with this fourth act. It does state that the olio is sandwiched in between acts one and two, between two and three and between three and five. Perhaps this is a new way theatrical managers in our Spanish possessions have to indicate to their patrons that it is time to go out and take a drink.

Proper Time for Bath.

Regarding the proper time for a bath a simple general rule may be given. Take cold baths on rising in the morning and warm ones just before retiring. In taking Turkish or Russian baths the hour need not be considered, except as in all baths, none of which should be taken less than an hour or so before or after meals. Where it is possible, use fresh, clean rain water for the bath. This is the nearest approach to distilled water, which is too expensive for general use. Soft water is next best to rain water, and a little borax or ammonia in hard water will soften it. Brisk rubbing should always follow a bath; then the bath will do all that is claimed for it in the way of renovating the person, invigorating the system, increasing the fineness and softness of the skin, and making one look and feel younger. Cleanliness of the skin has a great effect on the general health, and it is well known that if one has been exposed to infection the best thing to do by way of precaution is to take a hot bath immediately. It is a mistake to remain too long in a tepid bath. Thirty minutes should be the limit. Throughout the winter and early spring it is best if one is at all liable to chills, to take one's bath at night, just before going to bed. If taken in the daytime, brisk exercise immediately afterward—either walking or dumb-bell practice—is highly beneficial.—Woman's Life.

Sugar in Florida.

The sugar industry in Florida is attracting widespread attention, and it is growing in importance as a sure money-making business. In Osceola county there is a great sugar plantation and a refinery to correspond. Tons upon tons of cane are ground and made into sugar and shipped to the markets of the world.—Baltimore Sun.

How Could She Tell?

Cecile—What would you give to have such hair as mine? Jeanne—I don't know—what did you give?

Death of Cranford.

Washington, March 3.—Representative John W. Cranford of the fourth congressional district of Texas died here, at the Providence hotel at midnight last night of heart disease and other complications.

John Walter Cranford was born near Grove Hill, Clark county, Alabama, about in 1859. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. At the age of 13 years he was left without father or mother or the means of support or education. By industry, perseverance, self-denial and indomitable pluck he bought books, studied them and prepared himself for the best high schools of Alabama, finishing his education under a private tutor. He removed to Texas about twenty-two years ago, locating at Sulphur Springs, where he studied law under Judges J. K. Millam and Sam J. Hunter, associate justice of the court of civil appeals. Upon attaining his majority he was admitted to the bar, and soon thereafter became the junior member of the law firm of Hunter, Putnam & Cranford, and in a short time forged his way to the front as one of the ablest lawyers in Texas.

The senior members of the firm having later gone on the bench, he became the senior member of the firm, and was actively engaged in the practice of the law up to the time of his death, when not engaged in his public duties as a member of the legislature or of congress. He was elected to the state senate of Texas in 1888 for a term of four years, and was re-elected in 1892, although he did not offer as a candidate for re-election. He served in the senate as chairman of judiciary committee No. 1 and was elected president pro tempore of the twenty-second senate, being the youngest member ever elected to that position. In 1896 he became a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress from the fourth congressional district, carrying nine out of the eleven counties composing that district over Hon. James G. Dudley, the chairman of the state Democratic executive committee. He was elected to the fifty-fifth congress as a Democrat, after one of the hottest joint canvasses ever known in the state, receiving 21,187 votes, against J. H. (Cyclone) Davis, Populist, who received 12,763 votes, and M. W. Johnson, gold standard Democrat, who received 3756 votes. In the present congress Mr. Cranford was a member of the committee on private land claims. He was not re-elected in 1898, the Democratic candidate in the fourth district being J. L. Sheppard, who went in by a heavy majority.

Mr. Cranford was well liked by his colleagues in the house, and during his illness frequent inquiries were made as to his condition, while the press associations sent out frequent reports. His death had been expected for several weeks before its occurrence.

In 1894, when Hon. D. B. Culberson announced his intention to retire from congress, Mr. Cranford's friends placed him in the field for the nomination. He had 23 out of 53 votes, the others being divided between several candidates, resulting in a deadlock, which was only broken by Mr. Culberson consenting to serve for another term. As stated above, Mr. Cranford became a candidate for the nomination to succeed Mr. Culberson two years later and was successful.

Quiet at Bluefields.

Washington, March 3.—Mr. Clancy, United States consular agent at Bluefields, has informed the department of state that "to prevent unnecessary bloodshed revolutionists under command of Reyes surrendered to Nicaragua Gen. Reuling yesterday afternoon on advice of Capt. Symonds and Burr. The lives of Gen. Reyes and followers are guaranteed. Foreigners who participated must leave Nicaragua. Forces landed by Symonds and Burr Thursday night. Quiet prevails."

The American Monthly Review of Reviews for March has a sketch of the late President Faure of France illustrated with portraits and other interesting pictures.

In Iloilo there is not a hotel or public conveyance.

New Road.

Little Rock, Ark., March 3.—The Kansas City, Hot Springs and New Orleans railroad, with a capital stock of \$1,350,000, filed papers with the secretary of state. It is proposed to construct a railroad from Hot Springs to Mansfield. The incorporator are J. C. Donogue, P. J. Ledwidge, M. H. Jodd, John D. Ware and C. H. Weaver.

Edwin Covey of Oklahoma, Blaine county, Oklahoma, is under arrest charged with the murder of his wife.

Bills Rushed.

Washington, March 3.—During almost the entire session yesterday the senate was engaged in routine business. Three score or more of minor bills were passed, the calendar being cleared entirely of private pension bills and of measures correcting military and naval records. Two measures of national importance were passed, the fortification appropriation bill and the bill providing a code of criminal laws for the district of Alaska.

The former was passed precisely as it came from the house without amendment and goes to the president. The conference reports on the census and naval personnel bills were agreed to and these measures also go to the president.

In the house yesterday an attempt was made to consider the resolutions reported by the judiciary committee declaring that Gen. Wheeler and the Outing for March is a seasonable and satisfying number, which carries many fine illustrations. Walrus hunting in North Greenland, fishing in Florida waters, snow shoeing in western wilds, shooting in South America, articles upon terriers and spaniels, wolf hunting, bicycling and yatching afford a pleasing variety.

three other members who accepted commissions in the army had thereby vacated their seats, but the house by an overwhelming vote refused to consider them. The political division upon this vote was significant. The vote stood 77 yeas, cast by 21 Republicans, 43 Democrats and 13 Populists, and 146 nays, cast by 101 Republicans, 44 Democrats and 1 Populist.

A half million dollars was appropriated for the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo and the Ohio centennial at Toledo. The senate bill carrying \$1,000,000 for a new building for the department of justice was passed, and a number of conference reports on minor bills were adopted.

Fired On.

Manila, March 3.—The outposts beyond San Pedro, Macati were fired upon by the rebels from the walls of the Guadalupe church. A gunboat advanced 300 yards beyond the lines and cleared away the enemy with Gatling guns. No casualties are reported.

Gen. Miller has been ordered to quarter his troops in Iloilo in the customhouse or other public buildings, and authorized to make the necessary changes at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, the same to be met from public revenues collected at Iloilo.

Will Not Undo It.

Washington, March 3.—It is said at the state department that the death of Lord Herschell, who was a member of the arbitration commission on the Venezuelan boundary, will not undo what has been done toward a settlement of that important question. The general practice, in case of death of one of the commissioners, is to appoint a successor in exact accordance with the terms under which the original appointment was made, and the British government will doubtless appoint his successor at an early date.

Commended.

Washington, March 3.—The course pursued by the commander of the gunboat Marietta at Bluefields in giving an asylum to Gen. Reyes, the leader of the defunct rebellion, is fully approved here. It is said that Capt. Symonds probably saved much bloodshed and rioting and incidently the destruction of American property by offering this refuge and thus terminating the active resistance of the rebels. It is probable that the Marietta will convey Reyes to a place of safety in some other country unless he can make terms with the government of Nicaragua.

Approved Bills.

Washington, March 3.—The president has approved bills as follows: For the investigation of leprosy in the United States, for public buildings at Beaumont and Abilene, Texas, Jackson, Miss., and Hot Springs, Ark.; also an appropriation of \$20,000,000 to carry out the peace treaty of Spain.

Dewey is now an admiral.

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Concerned.

A certain barrister noted for his wit was engaged in a case at the Old Bailey on behalf of the prosecutor, when the judge asked him the usual question:

"For whom are you concerned, Mr. R—?"

"For the prisoner, my lord." On rising to open the case, the judge said: "I thought you were concerned for the prisoner?"

"So I am, but I am employed by the prosecutor, my lord," was the witty barrister's reply.

Gorgeous Equipage.

No such gorgeous equipage has been seen in Washington for many years as that which has just rived there for the use of Jutaro Komura, the Japanese minister. The mikado's representative is a dainty little chap about 4 feet 4 inches, but his coach is big enough to accommodate four large-sized men. His servants, two of whom always sit on the high seat behind, are dressed in blue and gold livery, the harness is gold-trimmed, the running gear and cradle springs are brilliant carmine and the panel of gold bears the royal carnation.

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The smaller the woman the more man fears her.

The Cruel Knife!

It is absolutely useless to expect a surgical operation to cure cancer, or any other blood disease. The cruelty of such treatment is illustrated in the alarming number of deaths which result from it. The disease is in the blood, and hence can not be cut out. Nine times out of ten the surgeon's knife only hastens death.

My son had a most malignant Cancer, for which the doctors said an operation was the only hope. The operation was a severe one, as it was necessary to cut down to the jaw bone and scrape it. Before a great while the Cancer returned, and began to grow rapidly. We gave him many remedies without relief, and finally upon the advice of a friend, decided to try S. S. S. (Swift's Specific), and with the second bottle he began to improve. After twenty bottles had been taken, the Cancer disappeared entirely, and he was cured. The cure was a permanent one, for he is now seventeen years old, and has never had a sign of the dreadful disease to return.

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Ft. Chadbourne Notes.

Regular Correspondent.

It seems that spring has at last arrived, now with a good warm rain followed by warm weather, we would soon be amid blooming flowers, with their sweetness and fragrance, won't we be glad though; and then, Mr. Editor there is another thing that rejoices the hearts of our Rock Springs people, and that is, they are about to get rid of that unwelcome and impudent fellow la grippe.

The neighbors gathered up their plows and went over to Mr. Henderson's, March 2nd and gave him a plowing, you have heard of people getting a pounding, but this was a plowing; there were 10 plows in the field, 4 sulkey's, they did a great deal of plowing. Mr. Henderson has been very low, but is much better now.

There has been several parties in our beats lately trying to buy out some of our near neighbors, we would like to have more neighbors but don't wish to give up our old ones.

Mr. Buster Robinson went to Angelo last week and when he came back one of his chickens was gone, I hope Buster won't accuse Uncle Tom of getting his rooster.

Hoping that we may get a good rain along with the Rustler this week. I will bid you good morning.

UNCLE TOM.

Secret Societies.

A. F. & A. M.—Hayrick Lodge No. 696, meets Saturday night on or before the first full moon in each month. Visiting brethren invited. Bert Sheppard, W. M. H. E. Johnston, Secretary.



I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 257, meets every Thursday night at hall in Robert Lee. W. L. Clawson, N. G. H. H. Hayley, Secretary.

The Communion was observed by the Baptist people here last Sabbath.

Robert Lee Mail Directory.

Robert Lee and San Angelo, daily except Sunday. Arrives 5:30 p m and departs 7:30 a m.
 Robert Lee and Ballinger, daily except Sunday, arrives 7 p m and leaves 7 a m.
 Robert Lee via Sanco to Silver, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Arrives 7 p m and leaves 6 a m.
 Robert Lee and Ft. Chadbourne, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arrives 6 p m and leaves at 7 a m.
 Robert Lee and Tennyson, Tuesday and Saturday, arrives 7 p m and leaves at 6 a m.
 Robert Lee and Edith. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; arrives at 12:30 p m and leaves at 7 a m.
 Robert Lee and Sweetwater, Monday and Friday, 8 p m. arrives, Tuesday and Saturday, 6 a m leaves.

Official Directory.

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 Judge.....J. W. Timmins,
 Attorney.....D. D. Wallace,
 Sheriff.....L. B. Murray,
 Clerk.....J. W. Barnett,
COUNTY.
 Judge.....M. H. Davis,
 Attorney.....Gid Graham,
 Clerk.....J. W. Barnett,
 Sheriff.....L. B. Murray,
 Assessor.....W. W. McCotchen,
 Treasurer.....C. L. Hughes,
 Surveyor.....A. C. Berryman,
 Hide & Animal Inspector, Will Perry,

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.

Honor Roll.

The following is the list of pupils of the Robert Lee Public School, higher grades, that averaged 95 per cent in recitations, 98 per cent in department, and 100 per cent in attendance, for last week, Feb. 27th to Mch. 3rd, inclusive:

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| May Stewart, | Pearl Hamilton, |
| Roxy Ingram, | Elsie Toliver, |
| Dollie Stewart, | Maudie Chaney, |
| Mabel Davis, | Ina Barfield, |
| Coenelia Montgomery, | Lile Roe, |
| Elsie Lasswell, | Lydia Roe, |
| Ollie Finch, | Pearl Stepp, |
| Braxton Toliver, | Charley Perry, |
| Roy Hamilton, | Neely Gardner, |
| Fines Walters, | Dalton Johnson, |
| French Ingram, | Jack Couch, |
| O. W. Gardner, | Prin. |

Following is a list of the pupils of Paint Creek school, whose average in attendance, department and recitations for the week ending March 3rd, is above 88 per cent:

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| Joda Key, | Pleasie Millean, |
| Hubert Fields, | Henry Manning, |
| George Manning, | Oscar Benson, |
| Preston Blackwell, | Vida Key, |
| Ora Collier, | Kellie Brown, |
| Cassie Donaghe, | Clyde Fields, |
| Lucy Benson, | Effie Walling, |
| Emma Merchant, | Teacher. |

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.

Coke County Stock Notes.

- W. R. McDonald, sold one Holstein bull to W. E. Ingram for \$13.
- Mrs. Eli Rambin sold to W. E. Ingram 5 2-year old steers at \$18. per head.
- W. C. Barron sold to G. J. Moore, 100 cows and calves, spring delivery. at \$22.50
- W. C. Barron sold to G. J. Moore 50 dry cows at \$17.00
- Mitt O'Daniel sold to W. E. Ingram, one Durham bull at \$25 00
- Dr. Martin sold seven head of cattle, mostly two year old heifers, to W. L. Clawson, for \$115.00
- B. T. Chaney sold to W. E. Ingram, 20 steer yearlings at regular prices.
- Mrs. F. A. Green sold to W. E. Ingram, 2 steer yearlings at 13.00 the top price.
- Miller Bird, of Sanco, sold to W. E. Ingram, 10 steer yearlings at the usual price (13.00).
- Our Bronte correspondent reports the sale of 16 head of steer yearlings to Will Ringer at 12.50 each.
- Mitt O'Daniel sold to W. E. Ingram, 110 2-year old steers at \$18. per head.
- H. E. Johnson sold to Dr. J. O. Toliver, 10 steer yearlings at 13.00
- S. S. Craddock sold to W. E. Ingram, 8 steer yearlings at 13.00
- E. C. Ainsworth sold to W. E. Ingram, 2 steer yearlings at 13.00

Miss Fannie Laswell treated a number of her friends to a birthday dinner last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Trammel entertained a few young people last Saturday night with dancing.

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Estray Notice.

Returned by G. W. Payne, commissioner, precinct No. 4, coke county, Texas, on 15th day of February, 1899. One black and white pided cow, about six years old, branded < S on left shoulder, marked under-crop right ear. Also one yearling, branded same as cow.

The above described stock at Mrs. Milt Tucker's, on Yellow Wolf Creek.

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