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## NEW FURNITURE STORE!

### M. W. Martine,

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## Furniture, Carpets And House Furnishing Goods.

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### The Re-Union.

People from adjoining counties began to arrive last Friday noon to attend the big basket dinner and Ex-Confederate Re-union of Richard Coke Camp.

The celebration began Friday at dark with a dance in the Hood Hall and a wedding soon after the dance.

By 10 O. clock Saturday about 1500 people were on the ground, some having been camped since Friday afternoon.

Judge Jno. I. Guion of Ballinger the orator of the day, made one of his characteristic fine speeches which was enjoyed by about five hundred of our people then as the auditor would hold no more.

Any compliments the Rustler might pay Judge Guion's address would be superfluous as he is known all over this section as one of the most profound thinkers, as well as one of the best orators in West Texas. The RUSTLER will print his excellent address.

Shortly after the conclusion of Judge Guion's address, dinner time was announced, and the Editor felt real bad because he could not accept all the invitations to dinner. Everybody had plenty to eat, and they had the good and wholesome kinds of food that keep editors and professional men fat. Numbers of our people failed to find friends enough to eat one fourth of the good dinners.

There were some interesting recitations in the afternoon by Misses Lottie Hayley and Ella Caraway and by Mrs. D. T. Averitt, and Mrs. W. L. Hayley. All four of these young ladies deserve and receive the praise of the camp and people for their interesting parts in the entertainment.

### Stray Notice.

Reported by J. A. Newton, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Coke County Texas on 13th day of June 1899. One smutty black horse about 3 years old, unbranded, running in H. E. Johnson's pasture about 15 miles West of Robert Lee Texas.

(Signed) J. W. Barnett, Co. Clerk Coke Co. Tex.

Advertised list of letters remaining uncancelled in the Robert Lee Post Office, On July 1st 1899. Parties calling for any of these letters will please call for advertised letters.

Mrs. Kate Barnett, Mr. V. E. Miller, Mr. L. P. Butler, W. M. Miller, J. J. Scener Smith, Wash Simpson, Annie Smith, Dockney Shepmon, Mr. H. E. Dington, A. J. Pritchard.

W. B. Harrison P. M.

A large new 14x24 tent for sale at the Rustler office

### Daughters of the Confederacy.

A call was made at the re-union last Saturday for volunteers to organize a Chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy at Robert Lee and the following names were enrolled Mesdames H. L. Adams, W. T. Caraway, S. E. Moore, H. H. Hayley, W. L. Hyley, Martha Rodgers, and Misses Amelia Caraway, Ella Caraway, Lottie Hayley, Birdie V. Pearce, Hattie Hastings, Annie Hastings, Minnie Hamilton, Eva Bennick, Edith Montgomery, Ada Fry, and Barbara Davis. It costs fifty cents a year chapter fees, some have paid and some have not. It is expected that those enrolled and others that desire to go into the organization, will attend when possible, the call meetings, which will be announced through the RUSTLER, to perfect the organization, which will be as soon as Charter is procured. Adjutant H. D. Pearce, of Ballinger has kindly consented to procure Charter, Constitution, and blanks, to perfect the organization.

Amounts contributed for making Wm. Hardesty's grave. Mr. Wm. Hardesty was a Union soldier, and his grave will be marked.

These amounts were collected last Friday by I. J. Good, and will place a slab and foot piece to the grave. Cash left with the Editor of the Rustler, to be paid when the work is done.

I. J. Good.	\$ .50
D. B. McCallum.	.50
O. W. Gardner.	.25
D. L. Buchanan.	.25
A. J. Crockett.	.25
J. D. Davis.	.25
J. E. Stewart.	.25
H. H. Pearce.	.25
J. H. Burroughs.	.25
L. H. McDorman.	.25

Above are all strictly Southern men and this shows that Americans are all right anywhere.

Messrs. Bob Cumbie and Forrest Clark were among the Bronte contingent.

Misses Iola and Pearl Green, from Ballinger, were among our visitors last Saturday.

Capt. Pool saw us trying to furnish some of the ladies ice water last Saturday and said: "News paper men never get credit for half they deserve." The Capt. has been a long time connected with the press and we wouldn't be surprised, if he knew what he was talking about.

Misses Ella, Hattie and Cora Padgett, Annie and Julia Tubb, and Eva Simpson, all from Silver, this County, attended the Re-union Saturday.

A poetical effusion is on hand for next week.

### Re-Union Echoes.

Capt. J. P. Hutchison was unanimously re-elected Commander.

Capt. J. L. Robinson, of Ft. Chadbourne was on hand and enjoyed the occasion.

Business of importance prevented Col. Crosson, of Ballinger from attending.

Capt. C. C. Pool, one of Quantrell's leaders, was on hand representing the Texas Stock and Farm Journal of Ft. Worth.

Comrade R. E. Douglas, Post Master at Ft. Chadbourne, was over on his crutches. His health is slowly improving.

Comrade J. N. Padgett, Silver's Post Master, was down taking in things.

The dance hall did a rushing business and was only eclipsed by the lemonade stands.

Judge H. L. Adams and his estimable wife, from Sanco, enjoyed the eloquent and sunshine several hours.

The RUSTLER would have to issue a paper three times this size to have given all the interesting dots on this occasion.

Comrade L. West Fields is subject to fainting spells, and suffered with one such, on the ground. We are pleased to state that his general health is better.

Every body had a "hot time." The thermometer stood over a hundred for several hours.

Mr. Temp Whiteside seemed to be enjoying the Re-union every time we saw him.

Uncle Johnnie Connor and the Editor presented the members of the Richard Coke Camp with printed badges, on ribbon.

There was almost a hundred ex-Confederate soldiers present.

Comrade I. J. Good was with us and helped make things pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Odum, of Ft. Chadbourne, were visitors to the Re-Union. They were accompanied by their popular daughters, Mrs. J. F. Currie and Miss Edna Odum.

W. N. Copeland and family from up above Edith, attended the Re-Union.

Miss Nettie Massey, one of Ballinger's prettiest young ladies attended the "big picnic" held here Saturday.

Misses Cynthia Dean and Ada Stocks of Ballinger, were among our good looking visitors last Saturday.

Quite a number of the Robert Lee people attended the M.E. meeting Sanco last Sunday. Bro. Bates is conducting the meeting.

The Base Ball game between the Bronte and Robert Lee teams resulted in a victory for the Robert Lee-ans last Saturday.

Miss Amelia Caraway was elected Spence for the Richard Coke Camp to attend the State Re-union at Ft. Worth next May.

Miss Boatright, from Taylor Co. a beautiful young lady who once lived in Rannels, was among our visitors last Saturday.

C. E. Ridgell and Miss Sallie Sheppard from upon the divide participated in the festivities here last Saturday.

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## COME TO ROBERT LEE!

On JULY 22nd And ENJOY Yourself.



# ALGER RESIGNED.

He Called On the President Upon His Return to Washington.

HIS SUCCESSOR NOT NAMED.

To Go to Grandmere, Canada, to Visit His Son and Then He Will Take Part in the Senatorial Campaign in Michigan.

Washington, July 20.—Secretary of War Russell A. Alger yesterday tendered his resignation to the president, to take effect at the latter's pleasure. The resignation was accepted.

Secretary Alger will retire within a few days. He will then go to Grandmere, Canada, where he will visit his eldest son. After that he will lead into the senatorial fight in Michigan.

Vice President Hobart is understood to be responsible for Alger's retirement.

The secretary, having confidence in the vice president's amiability and sense of justice, went to Long Branch and asked for moral support in the attacks made upon him by fellow Republicans.

The vice president, it is said, while a sympathetic listener, told the secretary that the sentiment against him, whether or not justly founded, made it impossible for him to give satisfaction in the war department and that a resignation would seem to him the practical, judicious and self-respecting result.

This resolved Alger's doubts.

He always believed the president stood by him, not only officially but privately and personally. But when the Alger-Pingree coalition arrived several weeks ago, the president's sentiments experienced a change.

Alger at that time announced to his personal friends that he would resign if the president required him to do so.

The president declined to martyrize the secretary.

Mr. Alger took the hemlock about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He arrived from Long Branch Tuesday night and shut himself in his house, declining to see all callers.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning he called at the white house and in a five-minute interview with the president told him of his intentions.

Mr. McKinley expressed regret at the secretary's irrevocable decision, saying he would take the resignation when the secretary cared to hand it in, and the interview ended.

Gen. Alger's dejection as he left the white house told the observing something serious had happened.

Secretary Alger having taken the plunge, made a spirited defense of his conduct of the war department. He said that officially he did absolutely nothing of which the white house was unaware before and during the Spanish war and since.

He defended himself from the charge of disloyalty to the president in making a coalition with Pingree, and said he was as sincere for the president's re-election as Senators McMillan and Burrows, who had demanded his retirement.

### New Witness Found.

Guthrie, Ok., July 20.—Another witness has been found to testify against W. A. Hill, or Alexander Jester, recently taken to Missouri from Tecumseh, Ok., to answer to the murder of Gilbert Gates in 1872, in the person of Abel Washburn, a farmer living near Hennessey, Ok. Washburn lived in Missouri and knew all parties.

### To Take a Trip.

Washington, July 20.—President and Mrs. McKinley will leave Washington probably within a week for a pleasure trip designed mainly for the benefit of Mrs. McKinley's health. They will go to Lake Champlain, and will be absent from Washington for at least two weeks. On their way back they may stop at Long Branch and pay the promised visit to Vice President Hobart.

### Will Call a Special Session.

Frankfort, Ky., July 20.—Gov. Bradley will not call a special meeting of the legislature, neither will he send troops to Clay county under present conditions. He reached this conclusion last night. He thinks the legislature would not enact laws relating to the judiciary necessary to reach the Clay county situation, and he doubts if the military would do any good there.

### Strike Situation.

New York, July 20.—New York trolley men joined the Brooklyn trolley men yesterday in their big strike. The center of operations in New York was on Second avenue, where early yesterday morning dynamite was used in an attempt to blow down the elevated railroad structure. Scores of people were seriously injured in the Second avenue district. Last night that great thoroughfare was crowded with a jeering, howling mob almost its entire length.

The great tenements gave forth their workmen residents, who backed up the strikers in many a fierce struggle with the police, and with the men were many women and still greater numbers of children. They stoned every car that passed, over the tracks, hurled rocks and chunks of iron and vegetables of various nature from the roofs of houses and from windows; they barricaded the streets with paving stones, tore up the street irons, choked up the slots with wire and spikes and blockaded the thoroughfare.

They had many a hand to hand conflict with the patrolmen that had been placed along the line. Of the injured the exact number cannot be known. Several policemen were removed to hospitals with broken bones and torn scalps. At least one striker or sympathizer had his skull fractured and a boy had his skull fractured. Innumerable passengers on the cars received bad wounds and it was impossible for passengers on Second avenue to go much above Fourteenth street.

It was the hope of the strikers to make a deep impression by their success in Second avenue, and so far as rioting was concerned, they and their sympathizers made it.

At 12:20 last night all operations on the Second avenue lines were suspended. None of the officials of the company would assign a reason for withdrawing the cars, but the strikers claimed that the company did not have men enough to run them.

On the other lines throughout New York the strike was not at any time prominent during the day. Yesterday, however, the motormen on the Eighth avenue line to the number of 100 or more organized and declared a strike. They thereupon set to persuade their fellow workmen to leave their cars and with sufficient success to have cars running on only an hour schedule before midnight. To-day, they declare, Eighth avenue will also be tied up.

### Men Perishing.

Seattle, Wash., July 20.—The loss of twelve members of the steamer Elk expedition to Kotzebue is reported from St. Michaels by the steamer Roanoke. Twelve men perished at various points along the trail between the Selawayek and Koyukuk rivers. Scurvy fell first upon them, then starvation and frost. Mrs. W. H. Bens of May City, Mich. was the only survivor. The dead are: Capt. W. H. Bens, James Hutton, Frank Calder, Bay City, Mich.; Capt. Charles Smith and Frank Johnson Port Hadlock, Wash.; Joe Rheinhardt, Milwaukee; Joneston House, Windy Island, Wash.; Earl Plummer, Port Townsend; Duncan McCull, Chicago; P. V. Vetter, Stratton, Pa.; Peter Johnson, an unknown sailor.

The story of the death of this party was told to Harold Sturgis of Chicago by Mrs. Bens, who was brought in from the headwater of the Koyukuk river. Mrs. Bens escaped death on the trail, but is in danger of dying from scurvy.

### Trial Trip.

Cowes, July 20.—There was beautiful weather yesterday for the trial of the yacht Shamrock, challenger for the America's cup, against the Britannia. There were big crowds, both ashore and afloat, to witness the race. The course was Tuesday's course reversed. The starting point was off the Royal Yacht Squadron's house, around the Solent bank buoy, thence to the Nab lightship, finishing at the Spit buoy off Portsmouth.

### Treaty With Portugal.

Washington, July 20.—The state department has been informed through the Portuguese charge that the reciprocity arrangement concluded between the United States and Portugal under the Dingley tariff act will be published in Lisbon. Being an "arrangement," and not a treaty in the full sense of the term, this convention will become operative upon proclamation of the president.

# WIDOW COXE'S WIG.

"Yes," said Ella Witherley, "I really think I'm going to have a step-grand-mama at last!"

She spoke in a whisper, so that the hale old squire, reading the newspaper on the front porch, should not hear her, neither should her voice reach the ears of the Widow Coxie, who was making lemon pies in the kitchen.

Ella stood out among the currant bushes, while Josie Hall, her boarding school mate and dearest friend, leaned over the garden wall.

"Dear, dear, how dreadful!" said Josie, in sympathetic accents.

"Not so bad, after all," retorted Ella, stooping to gather a four-leaf clover. "Mrs. Coxie is a nice sort of woman, if grandpa fancies here—and in case they should get married, you see I am free to go to New York and take those drawing and painting lessons that I have sighed for so long."

"But she is such a horrible old scandalmonger!"

"That's a fashionable falling."

"And she goes patting around in those plush slippers like a supernatural pussy cat—and she talks about the dear squire."

"Well, why shouldn't she?"

"Oh, Josie," with a careless toss of the head, "if you're satisfied no one else should object."

The squire had finished the newspaper when Ella returned to the house.

"Where have you been, my darling?" he demanded, blandly.

"Down in the garden, grandpapa, after currants."

"And where is Mrs. Coxie?"

"In the kitchen."

"What is she doing?"

"Making lemon pies, grandpapa, I believe, and getting ready to preserve gooseberries."

"Ah-h-h-h!" said the squire, comfortably nodding his head. "Nice woman, Mrs. Coxie. I chanced to mention yesterday that I was fond of gooseberry jam in the winter, and here she is trying to anticipate my wishes already. A very nice woman."

"Yes, grandpapa," said Ella, demurely.

"By the way," cried the squire, suddenly starting up as a new thought struck him, "there are more of those choice seedling peaches gone again since last night. Did you see it?"

"I noticed that the branches were broken down a little, grandpapa."

"Burglars! Sneak thieves!" cried the squire, the bald crown of his head becoming a rosy pink in his excitement.

"To dare to steal my fruit before it is ripe! But I'll be even with 'em yet! I'll chain Don, the bloodhound, to the foot of the tree! I'll have a man-trap with teeth as sharp as a steam saw—I'll—dear me, is that the dinner bell? But Mrs. Coxie is so surprisingly prompt."

Mrs. Coxie herself, however, the nonpareil of a housekeeper, who aspired in



IT WAS A WIG.

time to become Mrs. Squire Witherley, did not appear at the table. Ella knocked at the door with anxious inquiries.

"Pray excuse me for today, my dear," Mrs. Coxie's nasal voice answered from within the sanctuary of her own bedroom. "I'm a little tired out with preserving."

Late in the day the widow made her appearance, her head tied up in an enormous pink-spotted handkerchief.

"Dear me, Mrs. Coxie, what is the matter?" said innocent Ella.

"It's to prevent influenza," said the Widow Coxie, looking under the pantry shelves to find the milk skimmer. But she took particular pains to keep out of the range of the squire's vision.

"How did the gooseberries come out?" Ella inquired, think that at last she had hit upon an acceptable topic of conversation.

"They—they stuck to the kettle," said Mrs. Coxie, and she hurried out of the room to feed the young turkeys.

Half an hour afterward the hired hand, Moses Mickel, came up to where Miss Witherley was weeding her flower beds.

"You couldn't spare me a little cooking soda, Miss Ella, could you?" he asked, in a mysterious whisper.

"Cooking soda, Moses? What for?"

"Well, it's our Billy. He's dreadful on-settled in his stummick."

"Cholera, Moses?"

"Oh, bless ye, miss, no! But boys will be boys, you know—and Billy, he

found a kettle o' gooseberry jam set to cool down on the garden wall, back of the well, and he went into 'em with a will, till, all of a sudden like, he stirred up somethin' with a stick—and," lowering his voice again, "it was a wig! A red wig!"

Ella burst into a peal of irrepressible laughter. It was plain enough now. The Widow Coxie had lost her wig in the preserving kettle.

"Well, Moses," she said, as soon as she could sufficiently control her voice, "don't say a word. I'll get the soda, and you must tell Billy to be a little more careful as to stolen sweets hereafter."

There was no moon the next night, only the fiery, golden glitter of stars, and the uncertain lamps of myriads of glow-worms. All the lights in the Witherley mansion were out, and no one save Ella and the squire's self knew that the latter personage was stealthily watching down under the shadow of the tall currant bushes for the midnight depredator who had so lawlessly rifled his young peach trees.

Just as the clock was on the stroke of 12 there was a rustle among the bushes, the sound of stealthy footsteps, the crackling of leaves and gravel under foot. The squire sat up, his eyes starting from his head, his whole frame trembling with triumphant expectation as a tall, gaunt figure, robed in black, emerged from the shrubbery, and stooping beneath the tree, took something from beneath a clump of elderberries at the foot of the finest peach tree.

Like a cat from its ambush the squire pounced upon the midnight prowler.

"I've got you, have I? Villain! Sneak! Wretched thief! And I'll shake every bone out of your body, see if I don't!"

"Squire Witherley!" shrieked a shrill voice of terror and apprehension.

"Why, it's Mrs. Coxie! In the name of all the fates and furies, ma'am, what are you doing under my peach trees at this hour of night?"

But between rage and fright the widow was for once thrown off her guard.

"You're no gentleman, Squire Witherley!" she exclaimed. "Nor you, neither, Ella—no lady, I mean," as the squire's astonished granddaughter appeared on the scene. "A-rying and a-peeping night and day."

"But you shall not leave the spot, ma'am," insisted the undaunted squire, "until you explain pre-cisely what you are doing here at this time of the night."

"What I'm doing here!" she sharply repeated. "I ain't stealing your peaches, anyhow! If you must know, I came to get my new face-front o' curls! I dropped my other wig yesterday into them dratted gooseberries, and I sent by express for this 'un. And I told Pete Dickinson to leave it here quietly and not come bawling all over creation that he's brought home my new wig. There ain't no harm in wearing a wig, I suppose, if you're own hair ain't so thick!"

"Certainly not, ma'am, certainly not," said the abashed squire. "I hope you'll accept my—"

"I'll accept nothin'," protested the inexorable widow, "except it's my month's wages. I won't stay in a family that's so inquisitive and coarse-minded as this. I'll leave you tomorrow, see if I don't!"

"Dear me, dear me," said the squire, scratching his head. "Very awkward, this!"

And it was. For the squire lost his winter store of gooseberry jam, Ella lost the housekeeper, and the widow lost her wig. It was awkward. And yet, after all, it was nobody's fault.—New York News.

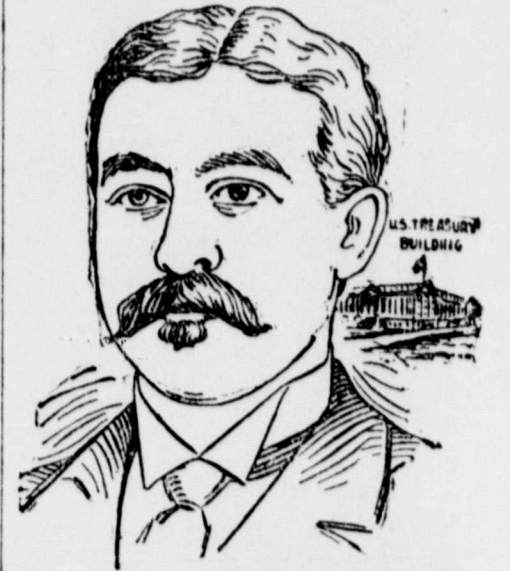
### Wrote the "Heavenly Twins."

About a mile from Tunbridge Wells, England, in a little gray house, lives Sarah Grand, who wrote "The Heavenly Twins." She is nearing middle age, is a medium-sized woman, with dark hair, clear-cut features, and is an easy conversationalist. In the room where her writing is done there are many quaint things, among them a stork mounted so he appears to be watching her at work. That she may not forget the suffering in the world, she keeps close to her desk an engraving of Dudley Hardy's picture of the destitute poor of London. Her desk is a table of mahogany, filled with drawers, and the top is littered with blotters, books, ink, pens and papers. The chair at the desk is high-backed, with curved legs, and a bookcase stands close at hand. There is a bay window in the writing room which has been made into a cosy corner, with couch, pillows and curtains. Handsome rugs and paintings add to the room. Sarah Grand is very fond of children, especially Beth, the baby daughter of her stepson, and the child frequently plays about while her grandmother is writing, seemingly not at all disturbed by its childish prattle.

Sympathy, like a man playing at blindman's buff, is a fellow feeling for a fellow creature.

# REGISTER OF TREASURY.

Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Register of the United States Treasury, in a letter from Washington, D. C., says: Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg. Co., Columbus, O.; Gentlemen—I find Pe-ru-na to be an excellent remedy for the catarrhal af-



Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury.

fections of spring and summer, and those who suffer from depression from the heat of the summer will find no remedy the equal of Pe-ru-na.

Judson W. Lyons.

No man is better known in the financial world than Judson W. Lyons. His name on every piece of money of recent date, makes his signature one of the most familiar ones in the United States. Hon. Lyons' address is Augusta, Ga. He is a member of the National Republican committee, and is a prominent and influential politician. He is a particular friend of President McKinley.

Remember that cholera morbus, cholera infantum, summer complaint, bilious colic, diarrhoea and dysentery are each and all catarrh of the bowels. Catarrh is the only correct name for these affections. Pe-ru-na is an absolute specific for these ailments, which are so common in summer. Dr. Hartman, in a practice of over forty years, never lost a single case of cholera infantum, dysentery, diarrhoea, or cholera morbus, and his only remedy was Pe-ru-na. Those desiring further particulars should send for a free copy of "Summer Catarrh." Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O.

### Wanted Only a Saloon.

In one of the outlying parts of Jersey City a temperance meeting was held a few nights ago. The meeting was organized by a church congregation, and up to a certain point was a great success. People in the audience were asked to relate their "experiences." Many were the stories told of happy conversions from tipping to teetotalism. At last one individual, who is well known in the neighborhood for his jovial disposition, rose, and in a demure manner, asked permission to make a few remarks. Permission was all the more readily granted because he was known not to be a rabid advocate of temperance.

"All I have to say," he began, "is that I wish there was only one saloon in the state of New Jersey"—and, pausing for a second to take a long breath, he added, "and I wish that solitary saloon belonged to me!"

### Easy on an Editor.

We look into a cradle and behold a male child. At the age of 10 he is a noisy kid, with half the buttons off his pants, and an eye for meanness. At the age of 15 he is a devil in a print-shop; at 25 the publisher of a country newspaper, at the head of every enterprise calculated to improve the town or enrich the business thereof; at 35 he is an emaciated and worn-out man, with holes in his pockets and a bald head; at the age of 50 he is a corpse in a cheap coffin, and his only resources left behind are two cases of long primer type, a Washington hand-press and a subscription book with 500 delinquent subscribers, who line up and march past the coffin, saying: "He was a public spirited fellow, but he couldn't save anything."

### A London "Want Ad."

The London daily newspapers are famous for queer advertisements—if for nothing else. A "Personal" which appeared recently in one of them reads: "Wanted—A respectable gentleman—widower preferred—to marry the housekeeper of an aged gentleman, who has been an invalid for years, and who respects her as a good and true servant, whom he would like to see in the happy state of matrimony before he dies. She has had three husbands, but is willing for a fourth."

### Analysis of a Tear.

It is said of James Smithson that, happening to observe a tear gliding down a lady's cheek, he endeavored to catch it in a crystal vessel; that one-half of the drop escaped, but, having preserved the other half, he submitted it to reagents and detected what was then called microcosmic salt, with muriate of soda and three or four more saline substances held in solution.

### Where Reason Totters.

Rambling Rags—I think ducks has got almost human intelligence." Patched Pantz—(astounded)—"Wot! always goin' inter de water?" Rambling Rags—Yes, but never gettin' wet, mind yer—never allowin' it ter touch 'em.

### Knows Everything.

Brown—You can always tell a young man who is just out of college. Jones—That's just where you are wrong. You can't tell him anything.



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## Did you ever See a Snow Storm in Summer?

We never did; but we have seen the clothing at this time of the year so covered with dandruff that it looked as if it had been out in a regular snow-storm.

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E. M. Pace, a renter on the Munson farm, one mile southeast of Denison, brought to town a sweet potato vine that is a curiosity. The vine is blade-shaped, about four feet long, and over two inches wide at the widest place. The leaves all grow on one side. Mr. Pace says he sold potatoes from these vines at \$2 per bushel. He also had tomatoes on the market when they were bringing 12½ cents per pound.

There is said to be the finest cotton prospects in Denton county for years and the plant is in fine condition generally. The farmers are well up with their work in the cotton fields, and the rains earlier in this month came just at the most opportune time to do the most good. The acreage in cotton in Denton county, however, will show a decrease of between 10 and 12 per cent from that of last year.

J. R. Chambers of Bartonville carried to Denton a load of fine grapes, which he had no trouble in selling at a good price. Mr. Chambers lives in the sandy part of Denton county, which is especially adapted to raising fruit of all kinds, and he said that he clipped eleven pounds of grapes off a vine that was bearing for the first time.

Flem Cunningham of Jones county reports an instance of increase in stock cattle that would certainly satisfy the most avaricious stockman. He has a 3-year-old heifer that has three living heifer calves—one a yearling and the other two twin calves. The heifer is eastern scrub stock, commonly known here as the "Arkansas dogy."

Farmers around Corsicana say that the worms, after having stripped the grass fields, have taken possession of the cotton fields and are doing much damage. Reports to the same effect come from other sections.

Ex-County Judge S. M. Bradley of Denton showed two articles which illustrated to a small extent the fertility of Denton county soil. The articles were radishes, one of which weighed four pounds.

Some of the finest watermelons ever seen in Paris have been grown in Lamar county this season. Several truck growers are also making a profitable industry of shipping cantaloupes to northern cities.

Mr. T. J. Gargyle marketed a wagon-load of sweet potatoes at Hillsboro at \$1.25 a bushel, they being the first of the season. He raised them in the edge of the cross timbers, near Peoria.

Some farmers along the Navasota river have replanted cotton and it is up and the prospects for a crop in the flooded district is yet good, unless there is an early fall to cut it short.

There are plenty of watermelons on the market at Gainesville.

The harvesting of oats and wheat around Sanger is about over. The rains did but little damage. Corn is the best ever raised there; so is the cotton.

A cotton oil company was organized at Bartlett; capital, \$30,000. W. J. Cagle, president; W. F. Fulton, vice president; John T. Bartlett, treasurer; G. A. Linderman, secretary; C. W. Hill, manager. Capacity of the mill, thirty tons a day. The mill will be ready for the present growing crop.

What is supposed to be the army worm has made its appearance at Valley Mills, Bosque county. Farmers are buying London purple to poison them.

There was a heavy rain around Sanger, Ellis county, recently, doing much good.

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A middle aged woman called at an insurance office of a provincial town a day or two ago to announce that she wanted to insure her house.

"For how much," asked the agent. "Oh, about £200."

"Very well. I'll come up and investigate it."

"I don't know much about insurance," she said.

"It's very plain, ma'am."

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"Certainly."

"And they don't ask me who set it afire?"

"Oh, but they do. We shall want to know all about it."

"Then you need't come up," she said, as she rises to go. "I heard that there was some catch about it somewhere, and now I see where it is."

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The came people came back, reinforced by many more, and at the end of another two hours he stopped without having said anything about the Holy Land, except to announce that as his subject. The third night there was a monster gathering, and Gov. Oglesby, after finishing up Europe, started to say a few words about Egypt and the Nile before beginning his lecture. At last he looked at his watch, and, with a look of astonishment, turned to one of his friends on the platform, and said:

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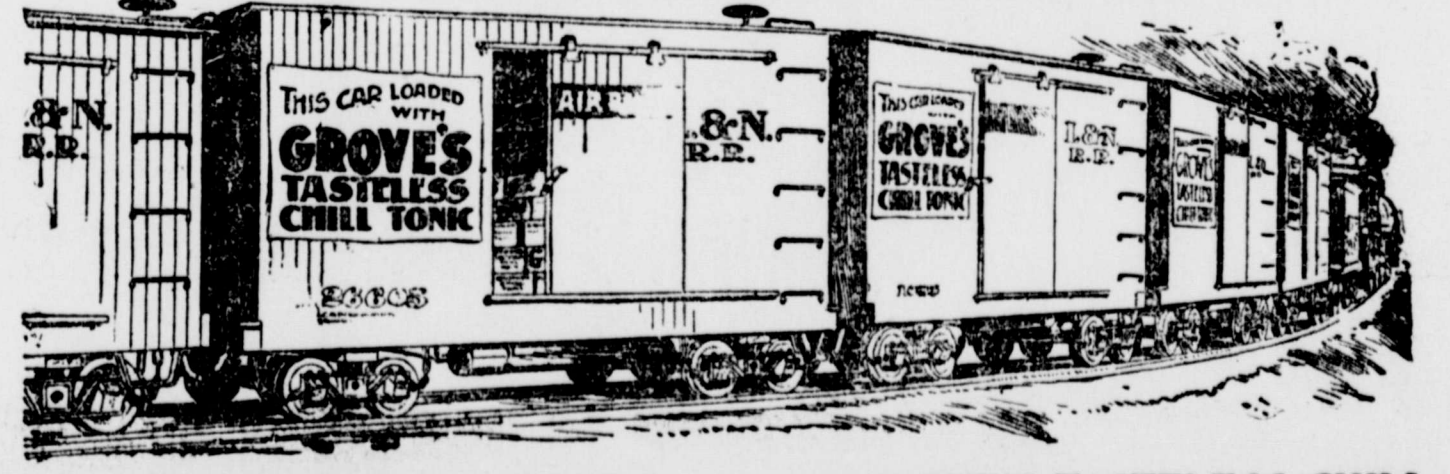
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Read the delinquent tax list.

Notice the card of A. J. Baker, banker in this issue. He has a fine ly fitted up bank all modern fixtures and wants to do some business in Coke. He will get a good share of the business here

Marrriages.

On last Friday night, the 21st, Mr. Dennis O. Maddox and Miss Stella Reamer were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis. Elder Gid Graham tied the knot which binds these young people in wedlock. These young people are well known and well liked in and about Robert Lee, and have the good wishes of a host of friends in this section.

Mr. Edd Glover and Miss Marcia Williams were married in Colorado City some days ago. Mr. Glover is well known to some of our people.

### Official Directory.

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Rev. Hooton, Pastor.

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A. S. Miller, Pastor.

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J. C. Turner, Supt.

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

Gid Graham, Pastor.

U. S. Senator Horace Chilton is now a Rustler subscriber.

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

### Nanhattie.

Dear RUSTLER.

I write to let you know that the great North-Western portion of the Free State of Coke is all right and so it was up to yesterday morning. But yesterday and today have been scorchers; the peas and beans took sick.

The Christian brethren are holding a meeting of days on the other side of the river.

W. W. Norman, of Seury Co. is down shaking hands with old friends.

The old soldiers meet tomorrow I would like to be with them. But I can't. I suppose some of them are finding out that they are "old, disabled, and indigent." That's bad.

Wm. Green has been quite sick. J. A. Tubb and family are off on a pleasure trip, a little business mixed with it we suppose.

Mr. H. D. Pearce, the Sewing machine Rustler, was smiling among us last week.

Squire Byrne and Mrs. Byrne were visiting in the North West corner a few days ago.

I. C. How.

From Marion Stewart.

San Fernando, May 22, 1899.

To the RUSTLER.

This is one of the loveliest afternoons that we have had for some time, one that people seldom enjoy who do not live in a tropical climate. It has been awful hot for some time, but has been trying to rain for some time, and that makes it much cooler.

We are staying at San Fernando, one of the prettiest cities on the Island. It is situated in a large valley, almost surrounded by mountains.

As I sit here writing I can look out across the cane field and see the tall coconuts and palm-trees and also the horrid bamboos. One who was never in a tropical climate cannot imagine anything to compare to the beautiful scenery here.

This city was entirely devastated when we arrived, the natives have been coming in as fast as they can. There is train after train of them coming by our quarters. It seems that they have enough fighting and I think they will soon lay down their arms.

They have now the advantage of us though, for we have enough ourselves, not that we are afraid of them, but we have got enough fighting.

Since I wrote last we have been having some pretty hard fighting and come about 40 miles. We started out on this campaign on March 25th, and have been moving forward most all the time, up to the 5th of this month (May). We have been resting up since here.

Tuesday, May 23rd. Maj. Bell went out yesterday with a troop of the 4th Cav., as a scouting party and run us to a party of insurgents. Had 4 men and 3 horses wounded. One man and one horse probably fatal. This morning the insurgents attacked the out posts and 4 regiments were ordered out after them. I think from the firing in that direction, they are having a warm time. It is fine to be off at a safe distance and listen to an engagement but not so nice to be in one yourself. It is all right if you can keep going and shooting, but when you strike a place, that you can't advance and have to lie down in open field, it's aw-

### An Order of the Court.

The matter of canvassing the returns of the Special Election held at the Court House in the town of Robert Lee, Coke County Texas, on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1899, to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited in the sub-division of Coke County, Texas, and designated as "Robert Lee High School Corporation" described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning 400 vrs South, and 300 vrs West from the N. E. corner of section no. 314, H. & T. C. R. R. Co. Survey, Block no. 2, and 80 vrs North and 300 vrs West of the S. W. Corner of a homestead survey in the name of R. L. White. Thence East five miles to a point near the common West line of river survey no. 467. Thence North five miles to a point about 300 vrs East and 600 varas North from from the S. W. Corner of section no. 417, H. & T. C. R. R. Co. Block 1A. Thence West five miles to a point in section no. 412 same Company, about 300 varas East and 600 varas North from its S. W. Corner. Thence South five miles to the place of beginning, containing twenty-five (25) square miles, the Court House in Robert Lee being the center.

And after due investigation the following results were declared, as follows, to-wit: Voting box, Robert Lee; Voting Precinct No. 1: For Prohibition, 38; Against Prohibition, 21; Total 59; Majority For Prohibition, 17.

It appearing to the Court that a majority of the votes cast at said election were for Prohibition.

It is therefore ORDERED by the Court that the sale of intoxicating liquors be and the same is hereby absolutely prohibited, except for the purposes and under the regulations prescribed by law, in the above and foregoing described sub-division of Coke County, Texas; and that a copy of this order be published in the Coke County Rustler, for four consecutive weeks

M. H. Davis, Co Judge,  
Coke County, Texas.

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Bro. Berryman is in Coleman Co. holding a protracted meeting.

A meeting will be commenced on Friday night before the first Sunday in August, at the Indian Creek School House, by Elder J. B. Hooton. Remember it is the 4th day of August.

The RUSTLER will be glad to print all revival news from throughout the county during the remainder of the season. Please furnish us the religious news, brethren.

On Friday night before the 4th Sunday in August Bro. A. S. Miller Methodist Protestant, will begin a protracted meeting at the M. E. church, Robert Lee Texas. Every body invited. Bro. L. B. Hancock will assist in the meeting.

Bro. Baes closed his camp meeting at ranco last Sunday night. Eight conversions are reported

### Rambblings of a Rustler Solicitor

Tuesday, July 11th, started from Lee rambling again. First stop was at Mr. Stepp's. Mr. Stepp was not at home, off on a tripp east.

Next Gray Reed's. Mr. Reed was not at home. Mrs. Reed said she rather live in town than the country. Then to W. C. Bacon's he is improving his fine ranch in a way that indicates permanent occupancy, liked the Singer machine and would take one had he not already ordered one of another make. Spent a pleasant hour with Bro. and Sister Payne and family. Late in the evening drove up to comrade W. R. Presslar's, he belonged to Co T. 11th Texas Inf. has a fine place, is an old settler, has stuck it out through droughts, and has reaped the reward he so richly deserves, has a section of land well improved, a fine crop clean, every weed in the entire crop could be wheeled out at one load, in a common wheel-barrow. Of course he takes the RUSTLER. We enjoyed the visit next morning. Saw Comrade Campbell, could not induce him to take the Rustler. Mr. M. B. Ober was not at home, helping his father near Sanco, for meeting however his lady subscribes for the Rustler.

Mr. Bilbough has a nice crop, the largest cotton I saw. Next place was grandpa Am. Kellers away up in the mountains, has a 6 section ranch well sowed with water from wells by wind mills. Mr. Wm. M. Allison was not at home, but Mrs. Allison took the

paper. Got to Silver P. O. just about sun down spent a pleasant night with Bro. and Sister J. N. Padgett did not see their crop as it was some distance from the house. Next day found where Eld. Isaac Reed lived spent a pleasant hour and he took the Rustler. Bro. Reed is doing well, adding to his pasture and making new improvements. Saw Dr. J. E. Reed and he took the RUSTLER. L. E. Matthews was not at home, but met W. H. Batten and he now reads the Rustler. Grandpa Conner was not at home, crossed the river and just at night drove up to Comrade C. D. Martin's, was hospitably entertained and he paid me \$2.00 on the RUSTLER, which he has always read. Next day found L. H. Matthews making a tank on his new pasture next to the river, seems to be a prosperous go ahead man and put up a dollar for the rustler. Saw Comrade W. A. Stokes who made a good soldier and is yet fighting the battles of life with patience, and now reads the Rustler. Next Bro. T. P. Strickland P. O. Nanhattie, his family now read the RUSTLER. Next H. Lamb who heretofore was the only subscriber at Nanhattie but now has company, then 3 miles to Nanhattie, and Brother J. L. West took the RUSTLER. Learned that it was but 11 or 12 miles to M. H. Davis' on the Divide in Sterling County, our uncle that was our companion for 7 years in our boyhood. We had not seen for years so we concluded to pay him a visit, and spent Sunday. So next day Saturday, went there, found Uncle, Aunt, and family, at home well and comfortably fixed for old age and enjoying life as much as possible in this world, letting the boat of life rest on the bosom of the great deep, and we certainly enjoyed our visit till Monday morning.

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Henry Fry is back from Seary County.

H. H. Pearce is resident solicitor for fire insurance.

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Notice a few of our bargains listed in another Column.

Will prepare Abstracts of Land Title for our clients.

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Town lots in different parts of the town of Robert Lee.

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

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Dear RUSTLER.

I write to let you know that the great North-Western portion of the Free State of Coke is all right and so it was up to yesterday morning. But yesterday and today have been scorchers; the peas and beans took sick.

The Christian brethren are holding a meeting of days on the other side of the river.

W. W. Norman, of Scurry Co. is down shaking hands with old friends.

The old soldiers meet tomorrow I would like to be with them. But I can't. I suppose some of them are finding out that they are "old, disabled, and indigent." That's bad.

Wm. Green has been quite sick. J. A. Tubb and family are off on a pleasure trip, a little business mixed with it, we suppose.

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Squire Byrne and Mrs. Byrne were visiting in the North West corner a few days ago.

I. C. How,

From Marion Stewart.

San Fernando, May 22, 1899.

To the RUSTLER.

This is one of the loveliest afternoons that we have had for some time, one that people seldom enjoy who do not live in a tropical climate. It has been awful hot for some time, but has been trying to rain for some time, and that makes it much cooler.

We are staying at San Fernando, one of the prettiest cities on the Island. It is situated in a large valley, almost surrounded by mountains.

As I sit here writing I can look out across the cane field and see the tall coconuts and palm-trees and also the horrid bamboos. One who had never in a tropical climate cannot imagine anything to compare to the beautiful scenery here.

This city was entirely devastated when we arrived, the natives have been coming in as fast as they can. There is train after train of them coming by our quarters. It seems that they have enough fighting and I think they will soon lay down their arms.

They have now the advantage of us though, for we have enough ourselves, not that we are afraid of them, but we have got enough fighting.

Since I wrote last we have been having some pretty hard fighting and come about 40 miles. We started out on this campaign on March 25th, and have been moving forward most all the time, up to the 5th of this month (May). We have been resting up since here.

Tuesday, May 23rd. Maj. Bell went out yesterday with a troop of the 4th Cav., as a scouting party and run us to a party of insurgents. Had 4 men and 3 horses wounded. One man and one horse probably fatal. This morning the insurgents attacked the out posts and 4 regiments were ordered out after them. I think from the firing in that direction, they are having a warm time. It is fine to be off at a safe distance and listen to an engagement but not so nice to be in one yourself. It is all right if you can keep going and shooting, but when you strike a place, that you can't advance and have to lie down in open field, it's aw-

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And after due investigation the following results were declared, as follows, to-wit: Voting box, Robert Lee; Voting Precinct No. 1; For Prohibition, 38; Against Prohibition, 21; Total 59; Majority For Prohibition, 17.

It appearing to the Court that a majority of the votes cast at said election were for Prohibition.

It is therefore ORDERED by the Court that the sale of intoxicating liquors be and the same is hereby absolutely prohibited, except for the purposes and under the regulations prescribed by law, in the above and foregoing described sub-division of Coke County, Texas; and that a copy of this order be published in the Coke County Rustler for four consecutive weeks

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The first Sergeant just passed by and informed us that we would be relieved from duty to-morrow and on the way home in 4 weeks, that suits most of us.

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### EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Twelve discharged sailors of the battleship Iowa, who have started from Seattle, Wash., for Brooklyn, N. Y., say they will lay before Secretary Long a complaint regarding the rations issued aboard the Iowa. They claim it is inferior to the one intended by the navy department to be issued. It is stated that the men have deserted on account of the rations.

The Spanish consul at Havana, Senor Segrado, has cabled to Madrid requesting authority to expatriate at the government's expense indigent Spaniards who were Spanish now and of the Spanish army, who from sickness or other causes were obliged to remain in Cuba after the evacuation of the island by the Spanish forces.

The cases against the miners at Fort Smith Ark., for violation of the federal injunction are still occupying the federal court. No further rioting has occurred. Spring river mines have resumed with union men and the management at Wittville has signed the union scale and a full force will go to work there to-morrow.

Millard Van Houser, son of the postmaster at Siloam Springs, Ark., and Charles Maxwell, a clerk in the office, have been arrested by Postal Inspector Houk, charged with robbing the postoffice at Siloam Springs on the night of July 1 when \$607 was taken. They gave bond for their appearance before the commissioner.

Superintendent Charles H. Young of the Wells-Fargo company at Denver, Colo., said that the posse in pursuit of the outlaws in New Mexico with whom a battle was fought recently, had instructions to run the robbers down regardless of the time required. There are twenty officers in the party.

Senator Fairbanks of the joint high American-Canadian commission gave to Secretary Hay his conclusions on his Alaskan trip. The Senator still expresses confidence that some arrangement might be made which would result in a resumption of negotiations on the Alaskan boundary question.

Capt. Barker, who succeeded Admiral Dewey in command at Manila, writes to the navy department expressing satisfaction at the cordial cooperation of the army and navy in putting in service the small gunboats bought by the army to use in the rivers and bayous during military movements.

Judge Williams of Arkansas, sitting in federal court in Fort Scott, Kan., issued bench warrants for the arrest of two striking coal miners named Denison at Yale and Wm. Perdeaus at Pittsburg, charging them with contempt in violating the federal courts restraining order.

Andrew Carnegie, who lived in East Liverpool, O., a number of years in his youth, offered the city \$50,000 for a memorial library, provided the city would furnish a free site. The offer will be accepted.

William Coughlin, division superintendent of the Cotton Belt route, with headquarters at Pine Bluff, Ark., has resigned and will in a short time become general superintendent of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf.

At Washington, the reports of recruiting show that 410 men in one day were enrolled, making a total of 2678. The thirty-first regiment leads with 646 and the twenty-seventh follows with 505.

The steamer Olympia has arrived at Tacoma, Wash., from China.

Baron Von Spann, the Austrian admiral, has gone to Trieste to meet Admiral Dewey upon the latter's arrival.

C. M. Foot, grand exalted leader knight of the grand lodge, order of Elks, died in Minneapolis, Minn.

The ninth annual congress of the American whist league came to an end at Chicago the other day.

Judge L. W. King, a prominent lawyer and Republican politician, died at Youngstown, O.

Grandma Bond, 60 years old, a full-blood Choctaw, was shot in the head and killed in McGee bottoms while riding a horse home from Dr. Miller's ranch, twenty miles east of Stringtown, I. T. No clew or motive. She was highly respected.

## ROOT OF NEW YORK

Was Tendered and Accepted Vacant Secretaryship of War.

### CHANGE TO TAKE PLACE SOON.

Secretary Alger Not Expected to Continue Longer Than the First of August. Other News of Interest.

Washington, July 24.—Mr. Elihu Root of New York has been tendered and has accepted the secretaryship of war.

Elihu Root was born Feb. 15, 1845, at Clinton, Oneida county, New York. He graduated from Hamilton college in the class of '64 and entered the New York university law school.

He was admitted to the bar in 1867, since which time he has been in the active practice of his profession in this city. He was United States attorney for the southern district of New York from March, 1883, to July 1, 1885. He was vice president of the association of the bar of the city of New York for a number of years, vice president of the New York Grant Monument association, at one time president of the Republican club and vice president of the Union League club. He has been a trustee of Hamilton college since 1883 and has served as president of the New England society in the city of New York.

He was one of the most prominent members of the last New York state constitutional convention, where he served as chairman of the judiciary committee.

The announcement of Mr. Root's appointment was made at the war department. It was stated that Senator Platt came to Washington armed with authority from Mr. Root to accept in his name the war portfolio.

It is not expected that the acceptance will make any changes in the plan of Secretary Alger and he will remain on duty here until the end of the present month, being assisted by Mr. Melkeljohn, who was expected to reach Washington Saturday afternoon.

Secretary Alger had confidently expected the appointment of Mr. Root and was very much pleased at the president's choice.

This was evidenced in the following letter, which Secretary Alger addressed to his successor:

Washington, July 21.—My dear Mr. Root: All I know is what the newspapers say, that you are to succeed me as secretary of war. Should it come to you, I most urgently urge you to make the sacrifice and accept the position. With your knowledge of law and your excellent health you can serve the country in a way given to few men. Sincerely yours, R. A. ALGER. Hon. Elihu Root, New York.

### Horses for the Philippines.

Washington, July 24.—The quartermaster's department has chartered seven vessels for the transportation of horses to the Philippines. They are the Siam, City of Sydney and Aztec of San Francisco, the Athenian, Victoria, Garrone and Port Arthur of Seattle. These vessels will carry all the horses desired for the Philippine service at the present time. Gen. Otis has been directed to complete a skeleton cavalry regiment if he deems it proper.

### Alabama Public Lands.

Washington, July 24.—Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock has disapproved a recommendation of the commissioner of the general land office for the sale of all the public lands in Alabama by public auction. These unoccupied and unreserved lands in the state aggregate 522,573 acres, over the proposed disposition of which there has been considerable agitation.

### Return to Work.

Weir City, Kan., July 24.—The coal miners working for the J. H. Durkee Coal company, who went on strike Friday because it was reported Durkee was sending coal to one of the north-western strikes, to fill their contracts, have returned to work. Durkee affirmed that he had not sold any coal to the offending company.

W. H. Foison, a Hebrew merchant of Lake Charles, La., committed suicide by shooting two pistol shots into his forehead. He died about an hour later, and rallied to say he was tired of living.

### Rioting Still in Progress.

Cleveland, O., July 24.—The rioting which continued throughout Saturday night was renewed yesterday and there were several serious outbreaks of violence, but no clashes between the mobs and the troops.

Cars were started running as usual yesterday morning on all but one or two lines. The mobs were astir early. When a car came along with two policemen on board it was attacked with a shower of stones. In spite of the policemen the non-union motorman and conductor were handled roughly. One of them, named McDermott, had two ribs broken and the other was badly bruised. One of the policemen fired at the mob, the bullet striking a man named Wennick. The mob assaulted the officers, both of whom were repeatedly struck with stones, and but for the intervention of a priest of the Catholic church, near at hand, the officers might have been lynched.

By this time the cars had been mixed up in the melee and a patrol wagon of police arriving, the rioters dispersed and the cars were taken to the barns.

There was a serious disturbance on the Broadway line at the corner of Prairie street, where a mob of 300 assembled in the forenoon and obstructed the tracks. Finally a car came along from the Wilson avenue barns having on board Sergt. Burrows and a private of militia and Detective Kelso. The officer ordered the mob to disperse when the motorman attempted to remove the obstruction from the track, but the rioters showed fight. Then Sergt. Burrows and the one soldier fixed bayonets, faced the mob and attempted to clear the way. There was a sharp fight for a few minutes, during which a perfect shower of stones fell about the detective and the soldier, smashing the car windows. No one was seriously hurt, and after arresting two of the rioters and placing them on the car, it was returned to the barns. The police afterward charged the mob making several arrests. The military on guard at the Holmen avenue barns, on the south side, were annoyed during the greater part of the day by a jeering mob, and fifteen arrests were made there with the assistance of the police.

In the afternoon a mob of 1000 conceived the idea of blocking tracks on Orange street by placing a big boulder in the middle of the street and building a fire around it. The plan worked successively and the cars were delayed for nearly an hour, when the police drove the mob away, put out the fire, and gave the street railway men a chance to remove the stones.

Three men were sent to the hospital with wounds made by policemen's clubs at the end of this riot.

### Mexico News.

City of Mexico, July 24.—The government will build four lighthouses on the eastern littoral of the Yucatan peninsula. The department of communications has contracted through Samuel Hermanos of New York for the construction of the new lighthouses. The same firm will also furnish a lighthouse tender for the Yucatan coast.

The remarkable increase in the customs collections and stamp taxes indicate widespread prosperity here, a fact which has induced two great American insurance companies, the Equitable and the New York Life, to return to the Mexican field.

Lafayette, Ind., July 24.—While bathing in Durkee run yesterday Chas. Zink, Walter Vellinger and Paul Held, three boys, were drowned. The bodies were recovered.

### Trouble Expected.

London, Ky., July 24.—The gravity of the situation at Manchester, Ky., and generally throughout Clay county, can not be over-estimated. It is felt profoundly here, twenty-six miles away.

Many non-combatants have left their homes, abandoning their crops, and as many others as can will leave soon. Even here in London the insecurity is felt to such an extent that some families are leaving.

An outbreak may occur to-day, the day set for the trial of the Philpots, accused of killing Aaron Morris and others. Both parties are mustering armed forces for marching into Manchester. The Philpots have fifty-two armed horsemen and no one knows how many footmen. The Morris Griffin faction also have a large force. Both sides will march fully armed into Manchester, arriving at 9 o'clock to attend the trial.

## ARE AFTER OTIS.

He Will Be Restricted to Discharging Duties of Governor General.

### CORBIN IS OPPOSING PLAN.

The Criticisms of Returning Volunteers from the Philippines are Operating on the Presidential Mind.

Washington, July 22.—When the rainy season ends and the fall campaign in the Philippines begins, Gen. Otis will be restricted to discharging the administrative functions of governor general, while another army officer, probably Lawton, will be in command of field operations.

That prediction may be hazardous at this early day. Adjt. Gen. Corbin is opposing the plan, but the sentiment among army men is rapidly crystallizing, and Republicans politicians of sense are of the same opinion.

Nearly all of the Republican leaders who have called on the president during the last four days have told him of the feeling in their homes.

The criticisms of returning volunteers are perhaps the most potential influence operating on the presidential mind.

These men are voters, and they have relatives and friends, and they talk. They may not be able to explain the technical reasons which influenced the general to capture territory and give it up, to be reconquered subsequently, or to keep the volunteers at the firing line while reserving the regulars for a home guard. They merely disapprove of Otis as an incompetent, and say so, and when asked why they did not re-enlist, being also offered a bounty of \$450 to do so, say they would not re-enlist with him in command.

The sentiments are reaching the president by word of mouth, by telegram, by letter. Army officers of discretion are writing privately to their friends in the service here complaining of Otis' vacillation, lack of decision and apparent inability to grasp the full military situation.

Several of the writers have suggested that Otis was harried by instructions from Washington. This has reached the president's ears, and, whether or not true, he does like the imputation.

The round robin issued by the correspondents, despite the studied effort of the president to ignore it, has made a serious impression throughout the country.

Denby's cheerful news telling of the smooth working of the municipal governments in five towns is not regarded as conclusive. The fact that yesterday the war department posted a bulletin purporting to describe a cable from Otis answering the correspondents is evidence of the gravity with which the administration regards the Otis situation.

There is no warrant for believing that the bulletin describes Otis' cable accurately. It is regarded as singular that the text of Otis' dispatch was not printed.

One feature of the bulletin created amusement. It was the sentence beginning, "Gen. Otis is not conscious of sending misrepresentations," and the opinion was freely expressed if Gen. Otis did not have more confidence in his attitude than the phrase implied, the correspondents might very easily be right.

### Cattle for Cuba.

Washington, July 22.—In accordance with the terms of the recent order for the free admission of 50,000 head of graded cattle into Cuba within the next year, the secretary of agriculture has issued regulations covering their admission. The regulations provide that to secure the advantages of the order, cattle must be shipped either from Savannah, Mobile, New Orleans or Galveston, and satisfactory evidence must be supplied that they are not from the fever district as outlined by the department. The animals will be inspected by an inspector of the agricultural department at the port of shipment, and "if they are found to be graded cows and bulls, suitable for breeding purposes, free from disease and immune from the fever tick, the inspector will issue a certificate embodying these facts, which certificate should accompany the cattle and be presented to the customs officer at the port of landing."

### Robert G. Ingersoll Dead.

New York, July 22.—Col. Robert G. Ingersoll died at his home, Walston-on-Hudson, near Dobbs Ferry, yesterday. His death was sudden and unexpected, and resulted from the heart disease from which he has suffered since 1896. In that year, during the Republican national convention, he was taken ill and had to return home. He never fully recovered from the attack of heart disease, and was under the care of physicians constantly.

Col. Ingersoll spent the morning swinging in a hammock and sitting on the veranda with the members of his family. He said that he was better and had no pain. At 12:30 he started to go upstairs.

On reaching the head of the stairs Col. Ingersoll turned into his wife's room. Mrs. Ingersoll was there, and together they discussed what they would have for luncheon, and Col. Ingersoll said he had better not eat, owing to the trouble with his stomach. He seemed in good spirits then. After talking for a few minutes Col. Ingersoll crossed the room and sat down in a rocking chair. He leaned his head upon his hand, which rested on the back of the chair. Mrs. Ingersoll asked him how he was feeling and he replied, "Oh, better."

These were his last words; a second after they were uttered he was dead.

### Five Sicilians Hanged.

New Orleans, La., July 22.—Five Sicilians were hanged yesterday by a mob at Tallulah, a town of several hundred inhabitants in Madison parish, about seventeen miles from the river.

The dead are: Joe DeFatta, Chas. DeFatta, Frank DeFatta, Sy Deferech and Joe Cynero.

The five victims were strung up to trees for supposed complicity in a plot to murder Dr. Hodges, a prominent physician of the place, who was shot and fatally wounded by one of the Sicilians. In addition to this, several acts of lawlessness that have occurred in the neighborhood recently were attributed to the gang. Several of the men are believed to have families in Europe.

Quiet was restored immediately after the lynching and the grand jury began an investigation of the affair, but because of the feeling against the men, it is doubtful if action is taken against any of the members of the mob.

The following is the report of the grand jury:

"To the honorable judge of the Seventeenth district court: We, the grand jury of Madison parish having been instructed by your honor to investigate the occurrences of the night of July 20, which resulted in the shooting of Dr. J. Ford Hodge and the lynching of five men who were charged with the shooting at Tallulah, after due consideration, beg leave to report."

Here follows the details concerning the occurrences of the 19th and 20th of July.

In conclusion the grand jury says:

"It is evident from the facts brought to our knowledge that the men who were lynched had formed a conspiracy to kill Dr. Hodge, and the mob, learning the facts, took the law into its own hands. After diligent inquiry we have not been able to learn the names or identity of any of the men composing the mob. J. W. JORDAN, Foreman."

The Columbia Tap is now open for traffic as far as Chenango Junction, but regular train service has not yet been restored. The water is receding very slowly, but it is expected that trains will be running to Angleton soon.

### Shot by His Son.

Birmingham, Ala., July 22.—Frank Suzie, a Portuguese, was shot and mortally wounded at Carbon Hill yesterday by his 10-year-old son George. The father had just returned from serving a sentence in the penitentiary for assault, and was on a drinking bout. His 7-year-old step-daughter offended him and he threatened to kill and wipe out the whole family. The son interposed objection and the father rushed at him angrily with a knife. The boy picked up a pistol and shot his father as he approached.

### Venezuelan Commission.

Paris, July 22.—Maitre Provost opened the case for Venezuela at yesterday's sitting of the British Venezuelan boundary arbitration commission. Maitre Provost cited authorities on international law to show that the right of discovery gives prior rights under conditions which he claimed Spain fulfilled. Spain had occupied and settled points on all the important rivers between the Orinoco and the Amazon in 1620.



#### Large Crowd at McKinney.

McKinney, Tex., July 24.—The corner stone of the new Masonic temple was laid here at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon with the impressive and appropriate ceremonies of the ancient order.

Invitations were sent to the lodges at Dallas, Sherman, Greenville and intermediate points, besides to the twelve other lodges in this county to attend as the guests of John's lodge and participate in the occasion, and as a consequence every arriving train unloaded numbers of visiting members in our city.

All visiting brethren were cordially received by a big reception committee and made to feel at home by the warm welcome accorded by the local fraternity, assisted by the citizens in general. Special arrangements had been previously made with the leading hotels; also with the Ladies' Parsonage and Home Mission society, which served meals and plenty of ice water across the street, just opposite the new temple.

At 1:30 p. m. Grand Master Sam R. Hamilton of Farmersville of the grand lodge of Texas called the latter body to order and formed the procession, which marched to the site of the new temple in the following order: Ladies of the Eastern Star chapter, entered apprentices, fellow-crafts, master Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templars and grand lodge officers.

All the committees discharged the duties devolving upon them with great ability and in a way that reflected much credit on St. John's lodge and all taking part in the event.

After laying the corner-stone the procession reformed and marched back to the lodgeroom, where a love-feast was held, consisting of various kinds of music, short talks by prominent Masons, etc.

The proposed new brick temple, whose corner-stone was laid Saturday with such impressive ceremonies, is to cost about \$10,000 when completed, is to be 42x80 feet in dimensions and three stories high. It is properly situated, as contemplated by the hoary custom of Masonry, from east to west, near the northwest corner of the square, and when completed will be the handsomest and most convenient meeting places for the craftsmen of the ancient order in all Texas.

#### State Tax Commission.

Austin, Tex., July 24.—The state tax commission has been in session just one week, and it is impossible to ascertain what work they have done in revising our tax laws.

The three members of the board—Gov. Sayers, Comptroller Finley, State Revenue Agent Jameson and Expert Colquitt—all refuse to divulge what the commission has done in any instance, and it has been understood among members of the commission that if there is anything to be given to the press the governor will do it. Upon being asked for information concerning the commission's work, Gov. Sayers stated that the commissioners were busy drafting a skeleton bill, and that it would be premature to give out at this time anything about it, because the entire matter will be gone over again, and that perhaps there will be numerous changes made, and the public would be misled by publishing anything at this time.

The commission in its work has one end in view, and that is taking the burden of taxation off the land of the country and equalizing it elsewhere.

None of the members of the board have any idea as to how long they will be in session.

#### Applying for Provisions.

Marlin, Tex., July 24.—There seems to be no abatement in the number of persons applying at the county judge's office and representing themselves as flood sufferers in need of provisions. Judge Hunnicutt is using all diligence to see that none but the needy are given aid. All applicants are viewed with a critic's eye. A great many people not entitled to assistance according to the object for which the charity fund is intended have endeavored to take advantage of the situation and obtain either food or money.

#### Swallowed Rough on Rats.

Marshall, Tex., July 24.—The 18-months-old boy of Ollie Wood of this city, while playing around his home Saturday, found some rough on rats that had been mixed with molasses to kill rodents. The little fellow was discovered eating the poison. A physician was hurriedly called, who administered an emetic. The little boy was pronounced out of danger Saturday night.

#### Red River Booming.

Denison, Tex., July 22.—Red river is on a boom. The river has been steadily rising for thirty-six hours, with a slack-up yesterday morning for a short time and then a further rise. The rise has been occasioned by the cloud-burst on the southern branch of the river in Childress, which sent down a great flood of water.

It has been raining heavily on Mill creek and the Pennington, two feeders of the Washita, in the Chickasaw nation, and also on the Washita, and that river is on a high lonesome and the cloud-burst on the southern branch of the river in Childress, which sent down a great flood of water.

The Washita empties into Red river twelve miles north of Denison, and has added to the flood of water. Red river is higher now than it has been at any time in several years, but on account of the water having been tolerably low at this point when the flood reached here, it has not done any damage.

There is a great deal of driftwood running, and many uprooted trees are floating, an indication that the flood has been so strong in many places that it has swept them up by the roots. The river is about bank full, and threatening to overflow, but those who have observed the rise believe that the water has gained its highest point, and that it will now subside.

None of the ferries are running, on account of the high water.

Some of the oldtimers, who have lived on the river for a great number of years, look upon the rise as beneficial, as they say it will clear out a great deal of the driftwood that has accumulated for several years, and make the stream almost fit for navigation when the water is up.

The Washita river, Pennington and Mill creek are reported to be bank-full and so high that they can not be crossed.

Vernon, Tex., July 22.—Pease river is on a big boom. It has washed about the north pier of the county bridge north of town, causing the pier to settle ten or twelve feet, letting the north end of the north span of the bridge down that distance.

The river fell three and one-half inches during Thursday night, but is rising again.

Trains are still crossing the railroad bridge northwest of the town, although some of the wooden part is shaky.

It has rained every day this week, and the end is not in sight.

#### Annual Celebration.

Leonard, Tex., July 22.—Nineteen years ago to-day the first lot of what is now the town of Leonard was sold. It has ever since been the custom of the citizens of Leonard and the farmers of this part of Fannin county to celebrate the anniversary by holding a big basket picnic in a grove around the edge of a large lake about a quarter of a mile east of town. Thousands attend. Last year over 10,000 were on the picnic grounds.

The nineteenth annual picnic was begun here yesterday, and will not come to an end until to-night.

Visitors are here from all parts of Fannin, Grayson and Hunt counties, and their number is variously estimated at from 8000 to 10,000.

There is no set programme beyond a little speech-making under the arbor in the center of the grove. Each merry-maker brought his own basket, listened to the music of brass and string bands, took a ride on the small steambot on the lake, and otherwise enjoyed himself.

Yesterday afternoon Hons. J. R. Gough of McKinney and V. W. Grubbs of Greenville delivered speeches.

#### Guarding Trains.

El Paso, Tex., July 22.—Reports said to be reliable have been current here for several weeks that members of Black Jack's gang have assembled in the mountains somewhere in this locality and were preparing to hold up a train.

Not to be taken by surprise, all passenger trains on the Galveston and Harrisburg, the Southern Pacific and the Texas and Pacific railways are now carrying armed guards. The sheriff's office here has not been officially notified of the supposed proximity of the outlaws, but the officers said that trouble was anticipated.

Black Jack himself is supposed to have been killed.

The grand jury has indicted Roland B. Molleaux of New York for the murder of Mrs. Kate Adams.

Baroness Nathaniel Rothschild died suddenly at Paris, France, of heart disease.

#### Second Day's Session.

Mexia, Tex., July 21.—The second day of the eleventh annual reunion of Joe Johnston camp No. 94, United Confederate Veterans, opened yesterday, with perhaps the largest crowd ever seen on the grounds in the early morning.

Wagons were coming in all day, and many have arrived, until it seems that the whole surrounding country for a radius of fifty miles has been depopulated to furnish the vast crowd that is now in camp under the sheltering oaks and elms. In fact, "the woods are full of 'em," and still they come, not "single, but in battalions," and those who have attended in past years say it is the largest crowd of any previous reunion, and is estimated at about 8000 souls.

At the meeting of the Sons and Daughters addresses were delivered by Commander J. C. Scheid, Mr. Adrain Odom, Mr. Albert Allison, Prof. Looney of Trinity university, and Mrs. Hope Hawkins of Groesbeek, after which the following officers were elected: Commander, W. A. Keeling of Groesbeek; first lieutenant commander, W. W. Wright of Groesbeek; second lieutenant commander, E. L. Duke of Mexia; third lieutenant commander, Aaron Rennolds of Mexia; adjutant, Lee M. Vance of Mexia; sponsor, Miss Mattie Watson of Mexia.

Committees were appointed on memorial resolutions on deceased members and also on the death of Miss Winnie Davis.

At night there was an entertainment by Tehuacana talent that was attended by almost the entire encampment, besides many who came out from town for that special occasion.

There were instrumental selections by the orchestra, Misses Eula Mitchell, Flora Watkins and the college quartette, vocal solos by Prof. Campbell and Miss Adelaide James, and a beautiful recitation by Miss Emma Randle, the elocution teacher, the entertainment closing with a pretty and soul-stirring presentation of "The Fall of the Alamo."

The programme yesterday morning consisted of a business meeting of the camp, music by the band, handshakings among the old veterans, visiting by the residents of the camp and other means of whiling away the hours of the cool, refreshing morning.

Gov. Sayers was on the programme for an address, but wrote that it would be impossible for him to attend on account of official business requiring his presence at the capital.

#### Clay Ford Hanged.

LaGrange, Tex., July 21.—Although Sheriff Loessin had announced that the execution of Clay Ford, the negro condemned to death for the murder of the colored octogenarian, Matilda Winston, would be private, thousands came from all portions of Fayette county to witness the first legal execution in twenty years and the second that ever took place in the history of the county.

Ford bade his mother and his wife good bye Wednesday night at 11 o'clock and then slept soundly until daylight yesterday morning. He breakfasted and was then shaved and dressed in a suit of black.

Sheriff Loessin adjusted the black cap, hands and feet were tied, and the rope which first broke the neck of John Shaw at Cleburne was placed around the neck, and quick as a flash, Sheriff Loessin pulled the lever and Clay Ford paid the highest penalty known to the law. The trap was sprung at 11:19. Thirteen minutes later the doctors pronounced Ford dead.

#### Bitten by a Fly.

Hillsboro, Tex., July 21.—T. W. Speer, a farmer living eight miles west of here, was here yesterday consulting a physician for a fly bite. Wednesday morning about daybreak a common house fly bit him on the back of the right hand in a small scratched place between the first and second fingers. It gave him some pain, and about 11 o'clock it developed into a severe pain. The hand began to swell and inflame until the swelling reached the elbow. It pained him so he slept little all night.

#### Killed by a Snake.

San Antonio, Tex., July 21.—Bowen, a farmer living near this city, died yesterday after seventeen hours of agony from the effects of a rattlesnake bite. The reptile struck Bowen four times, in the calf of the leg while at work in the field Wednesday afternoon. Although the usual antidote of whisky was administered the poison could not be counteracted and the man died suffering intense pain.

#### Waco Conventions.

Waco, Tex., July 20.—The seventh annual session of the County Clerks' Association of Texas met yesterday morning in Pat Cleburne hall. The attendance was considerable, about 100 clerks answering roll call. The mascot of the association is little Hazel Hornsby, daughter of Clerk John W. Hornsby of Travis county. Hazel was elected a member of the association at the sixth annual meeting, held last year at Galveston. She is in her fifth year, and her bright eyes, rosy cheeks and chestnut brown curls graced the floor and brought smiles to every face.

The officers elected last year at Galveston, Lee Blanchett, president, and Lorenzo Boykin, secretary, were present at their posts, both performing their official functions with graceful ease.

L. M. Tuck, the treasurer, submitted his report at the morning session, showing all members paid up to date, all bills settled and a neat balance on hand to begin the year with.

The following is the personnel in full of officers of the County Clerks' association of Texas:

Lee Blanchett of Jefferson county, president; Albert Jackson of Dallas county, vice president; Lorenzo Boykin, of Jefferson, secretary; Lon M. Tuck of Grayson county, treasurer.

During the temporary absence of Secretary Boykin, Sam Butler of Tarrant county was elected secretary pro tem.

New members were elected yesterday morning as follows: A. Lasswell, W. H. Holly Joe Chisholm, Lewis Terry and C. A. Shelby.

Honorary members were elected as follows: Robert Clark, A. C. Pepple, J. T. Franklin, C. J. Milligan, W. E. Milligan, S. L. Jones, M. B. Davis and Lee J. McMahan.

The discussion bore upon topics of special interest to county clerks, such as bonds of liquor dealers, probate business, convict labor, civil and criminal dockets, ledger and blank forms, marriage records, and all public concerns coming within the purview of the county clerks of Texas.

R. W. Finley, state comptroller, wrote a polite letter, which was read, hoping the convention would have a good time and effect much toward the betterment of all matters the clerks seek to improve, and giving reasons for non-acceptance of the cordial invitation sent him to be present.

Clerk Albert Jackson of Dallas county, chairman of the committee on probate law, explained methods on the part of executors, administrators and guardians, some of which need changes for the benefit of all parties concerned.

Waco, Tex., July 20.—The County Treasurers' Association of Texas met in the council chamber. President F. W. Burger of Waco called the association to order and read his annual address, an interesting paper bearing largely upon the best methods of handling county funds and safeguarding the public interests.

Waco, Tex., July 20.—The County Judges' Association of Texas held its convention in the city courtroom, Judge J. F. Stout of Navarro county presiding and Judge J. N. Gallagher of Waco acting as secretary. The county judges of the overflow territory were in most cases absent, as the duties the flood caused made their presence at their respective homes necessary.

Waco, Tex., July 20.—The District Clerks Association of Texas held its convention in the city hall auditorium. The officers elected were W. C. Pratt of Denton, president; D. F. Amnette of Lamar, Mack Watson of Fannin and T. C. Stafford of Milam county, first, second and third vice presidents in the order named, and W. S. Kemble of Ellis county, secretary.

#### State Tax Commission.

Austin, Tex., July 20.—The state tax commission began its regular sessions yesterday, and it is understood that that they will be held daily from now on until the work before them is completed. Both the forenoon and afternoon sessions were behind closed doors and nothing definite as to the nature of the deliberations can be stated.

It is stated, however, that Hon. O. B. Colquitt's bill, which relates exclusively to the subject of state taxation, was presented and part of it read. This bill is probably the most exhaustive measure ever drafted. It not only embraces what is believed to be the best features of the taxation laws of other states, but those of Texas as well, and makes some new departures which will probably be considered somewhat radical, particularly by corporations interested, when the time comes for them to be considered by the legislature.

There is one thing every married woman has the greatest contempt for: a young girl's faith in a man's promises.

#### Still More Countering.

The Secret Service has just unearthed another band of counterfeiters and secured a quantity of bogus bills, which are very cleverly executed. Things of great value are always selected for imitation, notably Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitators but no equals for disorders like indigestion, dyspepsia and constipation.

The only nice feature about the Fourth of July is that it is a holiday

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A girl's idea of disloyalty is to keep a secret from a friend.

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A pretty shirt waist, properly laundered with "Fautless Starch," makes a woman look sweet and wholesome and adds greatly to her attractiveness. Try it. All grocers, 10c.

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**List of Lands and Lots Delinquent on March, 31st, 1899.**

For the Taxes of 1898, in Coke County. Reported under the provisions of Section 10, Chapter 103, Laws of 1897.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF COKE. I, L. B. Murray, Tax Collector of Coke County, do hereby certify that the within report of lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of said County for the year 1898, and delinquent for the taxes of 1898, and that I am entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon. (Signed) L. B. MURRAY, Tax Collector. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of May, 1899. (Signed) J. W. Barnett, County Clerk.

**CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF COKE. In Commissioners Court. We certify that we have examined the within report of lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of Coke County for the year 1898, which are delinquent for the taxes of 1898, and find the same correct, and that L. B. Murray, Tax Collector, is entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon, as follows, to-wit: State Ad Valorem Tax, 44.99; State School Tax, 36.39; State Poll Tax, 3.09; 10 per cent penalty, 8.86; County Ad Valorem Tax, 55.99; County Special Taxes, 112.01; County Poll Tax, 5.4; District School Tax, 38.81; 10 per cent penalty, 29.75; Total State and County Taxes, \$235.16 Given in open Court this 11th day of May, 1899. (Signed) M. H. Davis, County Judge, J. H. BURROUGHS, M. L. HAYENS, J. C. NEWTON, G. W. PAYNE, Commissioners. (Signed) J. W. Barnett, County Clerk.

**LAND.**

Name of Owner.	Abt. No.	Certif. No.	Survey No.	Original Grantee.	No. Acres Assessed.	No. Acres Delinquent.	Total Taxes
J. W. Warren	1143	No num.	1	J. E. Warren	100	100	8.97
N. L. Stewart	629	No num.	1	N. L. Stewart	100	100	8.97
N. L. Stewart	1266	No num.	No num.	J. O. Benson	42	42	10.82
F. C. Walker	994	30-192	No num.	B. B. & C. R. Co.	100	100	2.17
Wm. L. Waite	994	30-192	No num.	B. B. & C. R. Co.	100	100	2.17
E. C. Dapree	597	1992	2	E. K. Lavender	990	990	31.34
Unknown	195	1348	1	J. T. Hanson	314	314	9.53
Unknown	200	No num.	2	L. B. Harris	100	100	6.21
Unknown	373	39-4688	209	H. & T. C. Ry Co.	619	649	23.41
Unknown	857	115	291-2	W. P. Smidall	144	144	2.93
Unknown	779	37-4063	450	P. W. Hudman	320	320	9.36
Unknown	789	37-4063	450	N. C. Lucas	320	320	9.36
Unknown	1003	No num.	No num.	W. L. Truitt	100	100	7.92
Unknown	1299	No num.	No num.	Wm White	100	100	4.98
Unknown	1275	No num.	No num.	B. T. Hancock	131	131	4.39
Unknown	1322	No num.	42	J. E. Adams	80	80	2.93
Unknown	1399	299	2 1-2	John Chew	357	357	10.30
Unknown	1414	39-25	2	R. B. Higgins	100	100	2.34
Unknown	1431	38-1332	336	Geo. W. Moore	480	480	7.92
Unknown	1441	42-5354	10	D. P. Ridgill	67	607	9.47
Unknown	1496	28-28	119	W. C. Ry Co.	649	640	17.72
Unknown	1476	39-4916	480	E. P. Woodward	649	640	9.36
Unknown	1244	651	No num.	H. Henck	200	200	8.79
Anna Kempner	39	39-4921	278	L. M. Bennick	640	640	9.36

**TOWN LOTS**

Name of Owner.	Town.	Lot No.	Block No.	Total Taxes
P. B. Mason	Robert Lee	2	4	20
J. H. Reynolds	do	12	43	30
J. M. Murphy	do	10	13	124
V. Martin	do	7	14	186
Unknown	do	23	2	16
do	do	17	17	14
do	do	8	41	16
do	do	6	42	11
do	do	7	43	14
do	do	29	48	18
do	do	13	53	14
do	do	5	57	14
do	A. N. L. & C. Co's Ad. to Robert Lee, Lots Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in Block number 35.			75

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**Tennyson Notes.**

On the 19th we had an ice-cream supper at J. Kiser's. A splendid good time.

On the 21st there will be another at Jim Hale's. The crank is sorry that he can't be there.

Sister Jones and her sister got to their father's in Hamilton Co. all right. Stood the trip fine.

W. R. and J. D. Hale and Bro. Jim Saynor went to Angelo today.

Bro. Powers will preach next Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night, on the doctrines of the Missionary Baptist Church.

The neighbors have killed about 15 wolves and plenty left. Our melons show they are not all dead.

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.

**Bronte News.**

Jack Miles and family, some of Coke's prominent stock people, visited J. D. O'Daniels Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Buchanan, from Merkel, began her music class Monday morning with a good attendance.

J. D. Baown, of Merkel was in Bronte this week.

Capt. Hutchison, from the beautiful Kickapoo Mountains, in company with several of his good neighbors are fishing on the Colorado River. Fishing is the order of the day.

Farmers are all up with their work and every body and his kin-folks are having a nice time fishing. A number of Bronte people had a nice fish fry, they report having a nice time, and a beautiful supply of fish and a place left over for the Editor if he had been on hand.

Some of Bronte's young people attended the S. S. picnic at Ft. Chadbourne on last Saturday report having a nice time, and were well entertained. Uncle Tom is a good man in the right place.

Miss Bertie Clark, of Ft. Chadbourne, is visiting her uncle Dr. Clark, and having an enjoyable time with her many friends at Bronte.

A. J. Pettitt is putting a new press in his gin.

M. H. O'Daniel sold between 350 and 375 head of Stock Cattle at \$15.25 per head.

The Bronte citizens will meet next Monday to build an arbor to hold the protracted meetings under. All who can are requested to help.

W. L. Lewis, of near Bronte brought in the first big load of watermelons for sale, July 17th.

The sound of the sickle is heard in the land cutting Dr. Key's oats

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