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Bronte News.

Bronte is becoming one of the most prominent little towns in Coke County.

Our School building and Masonic Hall is complete and is a beauty, giving a finishing touch to Bronte as well as a credit to Coke County. One of the best counties in West Texas, and that's no lie.

Many other improvements are in construction in and around Bronte, building cribs, Corbels, Barns, Fencing, Feed-yards, wells Drilling, Tank-building, etc. every body is in the road to success.

Farmers are hawling in the corn and hawling in the feed.

It won't be long till Bronte will be in the lead.

Masonic meeting or lectures are some of Bronte's latest items, also Bronte will have a Chartered Masonic Lodge in the near future Prof. Jowers of Roby, Fisher Co. is in Bronte on business. Prof. Prof. Jowers will take charge of the Bronte school.

Mr. Hendrick of Ft. Worth, is receiving cattle at the J. D. O' Daniel Ranch which he bought of Dick Castleberry about 450 head.

A. J. Pettit reported that he had gained 113 bales up to last Saturday night. Woulford and Eaton have gained 113 bales.

Robert and Eddie Cumbie, Andrew Revell, Misses Lillie Stark and Fannie Catehen, and Cordie Crawford, treated the people around Bronte to some real nice music in the way of a serenade on last Saturday night. Saturday night as I lay on my pallet, watching the stars in the skies. I fell asleep and thought I had a fore-taste of Jacob's dream. I saw three beautiful white angels standing near me and something I took to be the ladder, the strains of sweet music pealed forth, Break the News to Mother, and I realized it was all a serenade.

Mr. Frank Robbins, one of Bronte's merchants now occupies the old T. E. Williams residence.

Prof. Jowers and wife will occupy the residence vacated by Robbins.

LUCENE.

Married.

On Wednesday evening Sept. 20th, at Blankett, Brown Co. Texas, Mr. Jno. S. Gardner and Miss Lucy Ben Kornegay, both well known to our people. The happy young couple took their departure at once for the groom's pretty home already prepared in Robert Lee. They spent Thursday in San Angelo, arriving home on Friday last. This handsome couple have the very best wishes of all our people. Mr. Gardner has resided in Coke for some eight years and enjoys the esteem and friendship of all his acquaintances. His accomplished bride has taught several successful terms of school in our County, the last of which was in the Robert Lee High School. The RUSTLER joins several hundred people in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Gardner a long and pleasant voyage on life's smooth sea.

Mr. L. F. Scarborough, of Sanco passed through town yesterday, going home from Angelo.

Winkler's Prices

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Before buying your fall bill of goods, come and get my prices. I sell closer than ever before, and if you buy \$5, \$10, or \$15 worth of goods, I make you a present of a useful article, such as a nice camp stool, a parlor table, nice picture or an elegant look-

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Parties desiring to sell will do well to list their Land with us.

Notice a few of our bargains listed in another Column.

Will prepare Abstracts of Land Title for our clients.

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- 210 acres of improved land on north side of the river within two miles of Robert Lee known as the Maddox place.
- 3000 acres of good pasture land, about 15 miles North of Robert Lee, known as the Glass Pasture. Fenced on two sides. A fine body of land for a ranch.
- 640 acres of well improved land, fronting on the river 12 miles East of Robert Lee, known as the old Will Hulse place.
- 480 acres of good pasture land about 3 miles East of Robert Lee.
- Town lots in different parts of the town of Robert Lee.
- One choice block 81-3 acres, in Eastern part of town, along side of the E. M. Good block.
- Between 4000 and 5000 acres of fine farming land from four to six miles south of Robert Lee in the Valley View neighborhood in tracts sized as suited purchaser from 100 to 1476 acres.
- 350 acres of fenced land one mile from Court House. 140 acres in state of cultivation, all fenced, good residence, barn, buggy sheds, etc.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

"What a life!" repeated the man to himself with almost a writhe. "Making bricks without straw all the year round. I wish—there, I wish to God I'd never learned how to write."

And yet it had paid him in solid coin, so far. One of his minor dreams was realized: the window of his writing-room overlooked a suburban roadway along which jarring wheel seldom rattled; he had got away from the whirr and drone of the town, where his nerves had been at tension all day long. He could compose in peace. And yet he sat with the bitter, idle stare, clutching a dry pen.

The door behind creaked; a woman glided in on tiptoe. "Don't start—it's only I," she whispered.

"Don't start!" He threw down the pen without turning. "It's all starts—or the strain of expecting them. I'm sick of it, I tell you—sick of it all."

"What is the matter?" She had paused half way, with hands together. "Can't you write?"

"Write! I've nothing to write. I'm drained dry. And I've promised a tragic story—with a half sneer—for that 'Society Sun.' Tragic! What's the time?"

"It must be nearly 6."

"Six? Dark in another hour—dark now! I've done nothing. And you—you never attempt to help me by so much as a word."

"Never help you?" she echoed, and repeated it to herself. "I never help him! But when have you asked such a thing? What good would be my ideas?"

"Oh, not much. Women seldom have real ideas—they're flitting superficialities. Still—"

A long silence. The door creaked again, but he knew she had only closed it and was still hovering behind him. He was somewhat surprised, but would not turn, vaguely conscious of the sneer's hollowness. Then—

"I never help you," she repeated, calmly. "Would you like me to try?—perhaps something has just come to

and checked her singing, and moved always so softly, so that he should never be disturbed at his work. You're not writing. Is it so busy?"

"Go on," he whispered. "There—there's nothing to write yet."

That went on for years. The man, deeper and deeper in his work, never saw that his wife was changing; that the light had gone out of her eyes. He forgot all he had meant to be—forgot after a time even to kiss her; and the girl—she could never bring herself to remind him, * * * eh? Still, she lived only for him, but he never cared what she wore, never thought that her work might be hard in its little way, and that there are some women for whom years of such silence and loneliness spells death—or worse. She was always crying at first, and never dared to tell him why if he did not see for himself, and kept out of his way so that his mind should not be spoiled for work. And he—say that he thought it was something else, and spoke harshly and sneered, and at last got so that he lived in a world of his own, and wouldn't open his door when—when he knew that her heart was bursting outside, longing for one kind word again. * * * Or—or—something like that. Could you begin anything with that?"

No answer. She could not see, but the man's outward stare was as if it would never again relax. She went on a little faster, her voice taking a thrill—just as though his silence implied that there might be real dramatic possibilities in her small inspiration.

"I think my husband could—yes! The world is used to seeing the man grow indifferent, and the woman cold and pale; but you—you might take the tragedy as it is within the four walls, and make it live and throb in there. You might put it that at first the man's mistake was in always straining forward to his goal, forgetting that the happiest time is now—forgetting how, when he looks at last he will not find just the same laughing girl as he married. * * * Often he left her, we will say; he wanted cheerful faces and



COME BACK TO ME.

my mind. It is silly, maybe, as I tell it, but you—my husband, might make it clever and interesting. You say your stories are always twaddle as you first set them down."

"Do I? Well, what is it?" he said, staring across at the opposite roofs. "This situation is novel. Go on. Never mind so long as there is anything at all in it."

"There is—there is a woman's heart in it, I think," she whispered. "Is that any good?"

"Oh!" he said. Her voice had talled off as if she had a real idea, but was afraid of the sneer. "Well, there usually is—that's one of the component parts of the average story. Even humor is the brighter for tragedy lurking in the background, you know. Anything in the heart? That's the point. Yes; anything in this heart?"

Another silence. "Couldn't I tell you just as it came to me, then?" she said. "I'm not clever enough to know. It's more of a sketch, perhaps. I—I imagined two lovers, very dear lovers. They got married and there was a beautiful world before them, with such peace at the end, if they knew! Make the man an artist. He lived for his art. The girl—the girl was only just a girl; she lived for the man. She hung on his every word, you might say; she prayed for his success when he was never there to hear, thought for him in ways that he would never know,

relaxation after his work, and the wife was only like a ghost creeping about the house. And so at last, for her the only alternative to a broken heart was a heart hardened to stone. And oh! she had so loved him—had so determined always to look her brightest and best for him! * * * That might have gone on until the end, as it often does; but there came a blow—one blow more than she could bear. We'll suppose—we'll suppose that one day the wife, somehow or other, heard him talking to a friend. The friend was quiet; he had asked: 'What's the matter with—with her? All the romance gone that you used to talk about?' Make it—make it that she held her breath for the answer, even then—even then; that even then she was hungering to put her arms around him, and tell him, oh, no, it was not gone! And supposing she heard him say: 'Her! Her! Poo, take no notice of her—always the same. Wish to heavens sometimes I'd never married—what with the expenses and the miseries at home. Can't make her out—not like other women. Given it up long ago. Don't you ever marry, old man!' * * * And supposing the wife stood and cried to God to take her on the spot, and that God did not answer, and that at last—at last, when something seemed as if it would snap in her brain—she crept into her husband's study, took out the pistol that he kept in his desk and put it to her forehead, and almost pulled the trig-

ger. * * * Wouldn't a paper accept a story like that?"

Still no answer. The man had craned still further forward, his hands gripping the desk, his face gray in the dusk, his stare widened. It looked—it somehow looked as if he feared for his life to look around, in fear of a hand waiting for his throat. It was not his wife's talking. It was Tragedy that had come creeping into the room—as it sometimes did when he wrote late, and something stood and breathed behind each shoulder.

The voice came again, as from a long way off.

"Yes! Say, she paused the moment and that saved her. She looked at his work and thought of his long struggles and the mind that always strained after something in life that is never to be found. But the thought had come into her head, and it stayed and stayed, and more than once, when he had passed her with hardly a word or look. No, my God! she could not bear it! God forgive her, she cannot bear it!"

The indescribable sob and a swift rush. A hand had plucked open the drawer at the man's side and something bright flashed out. Just in time he realized something and swayed up with a hoarse cry: "Winnie! No—no!" and faced the picture that was to eat into his memory all time.

The dead silence, the stare with which the wide eyes in her worn, white face seemed to search his soul wildly for a flicker of the truth! Then her hand dropped and her face began to twitch piteously. His arms were out—and the heart beat there yet.

"Winnie!" he had whispered—such a whisper—"don't! don't! Come back to me—come back!"

And for those two Time put back the clock. But the story—that was not for publication.—London Star.

MOCK HANGING IN A CHURCH.
A Gruesome Performance Entertains a Colored Congregation.

Kansas City Journal: A most startling and unique entertainment, in which the principal feature was a gruesomely realistic imitation of an execution by hanging, was given in the colored Baptist church in Carthage the other night, and attracted a crowd which packed the big building to its utmost. An interesting account, given in the Press of the "tragic" affair is as follows: "The audience assembled in the basement of the church, where the gallows was erected, reaching upward about five or six feet. The drop was only a short one, but every other detail was carefully copied from a sure enough hanging scene. About 9 o'clock Peter Gibson and Sporting Willie Hancock came in, leading Art Irwin, the boy condemned to the gallows. A suppressed murmur ran over the audience, which waited with bated breath the finale of this strange scene. The lamps about the walls cast a shuddering gloomy light about the room, and a superstitious horror could be traced on many a face. But Negro good humor can not long be suppressed, and scarcely had the first feeling of awe passed away, when some lusty voice broken out in a hearty laugh. This soon spread, and the scene lost a large share of its gruesomeness. The convicted murderer was led up the steps of the improvised gallows, his arms and legs were tied and a rope was fastened to his neck, a black cap was adjusted, the trap sprung and the body dropped. So far as actual appearance went he might have been hanged by the neck. The body turned and twisted as the rope dropped, seemingly limp and lifeless, and was carried out on a stretcher amid a deathly silence. The affair, however, was not so realistic as it appeared, for before entering the room another rope had been carefully harnessed around Irwin's body, with a loop coming under his collar. This last rope was concealed by the boy's clothing, and although the rope appeared to encircle his neck, it was in reality fastened to the loop under his collar. After a few minutes in which to remove ropes, etc., Irwin returned to receive the congratulations of his lady admirers, who gathered around the little 'hero' in groups."

The Parent Before the Teacher.
Let us ask for a moment what it is "to deal honestly with a child's moral and intellectual life." Is it not to set before him a worthy example; to fill him with honest aspirations; to inculcate pure motives; to aid him in his endeavors to overcome evil influences? Is it not to give him a glimpse, even if it be only a glimpse, of the highest possible ideal? If this is put off until the child reaches school age, if it is not done in the home under the influence of the father and mother, if they do not persist in it while the child remains under the parental roof, it is often in vain to attempt it in school.—Teachers' World.

Liquid Air Crematory.
From the Medical Record. It is said that a company has been formed recently which will erect a crematory near Nyack, where the rapid consumption of dead bodies will be effected by means of liquid air.

Tiger Claws at Jewels.
Sol Frank of Petersburg, Ind., has a curio in the matter of tiger's claws which is in the safe of the Palmer House. The jewelry is made up of the vicious hooks on the feet of the king of the cat tribe, set in virgin gold. The gold clasps are molded to represent Indian gods and goddesses. There are bracelets, a necklace and earrings. The claws are perfect and are esteemed in India, whence they came more highly than rubies. The constant combats of the tiger in jungle life break his claws, so that a complete set of them is very precious. These are two inches in length and carved like scimitars. The boxes which hold them are two and fashioned out of solid ivory. The larger box is said to be the largest pieces of solid ivory known; it is as big as a cigar box and made from a single tusk.

The tiger claws and their setting have a curious history. The set was made in Trichenopolis, India, and bought in the bazaar of Marshidabad on the Ganges for £300. It passed through several hands and came into the possession of an American merchant in Peru, who lost his fortune in the Chilean war. It is now owned by an American, a friend of Mr. Frank. The latter has undertaken to bring it to the notice of jewelers. Marshall Field's private secretary is to see, and Mr. Frank is thinking of taking it to Tiffany.

Billiards in a Tomb.
At Allahabad is a magnificent mausoleum surmounted by three marble domes, wherein Jehangir, the ancient governor of the country, and his two sons sleep their last sleep. For years this tomb has been deserted and abandoned, but recently some English officers of the Allahabad garrison conceived the idea of turning it into a billiard saloon, and accordingly had the interior decorated and lighted by electricity, and installed a splendid billiard table. Soon the remains of poor Jehangir will tremble with fright at the joyous shouts of laughter which disturb their repose.—[Geneva La Suisse.

An Offer Declined.
"Now, Mr. Beefy," coldly said the handsome young widow who was doing her own marketing, "while I am fully conscious of the honor you wish to confer upon me, I must tell you that I have no present intention of marrying again, and am, therefore, compelled to refuse the offer of your hand."

"Bub-bub-but mum," stammered the astonished butcher, "I have never offered you my hand, and—ah—"

"Then why are you trying to weigh in on the scales with the meat, sir?"—[Spare Moments.

A Very Good Reason.
Nipples—Why does Witticus enjoy drinking in his own jokes so much?
Gripps—Because they nearly all have a whisky flavor.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best of all cough cures.—George W. Lotz, Fabucher, La., August 29, 1893.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.
Boston, Mass.—One and one-third fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan. Account of the Farmers' National Congress to be held at Boston, Oct. 3 to 6.
Cincinnati, Ohio.—One first-class standard fare for the round trip, Oct. 19 and 21, limited for return to Oct. 23. Account of National Convention of the Christian church.
Austin, Texas.—One fare for return Oct. 21. Account of State Convention United Daughters of the Confederacy.
Dallas, Texas.—Special low excursion rates from Sept. 26 to Oct. 22, with various limits, according to rate. Account of Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition.
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Wooling a School Teacher.
 "Yes," said a young man, as he threw himself at the feet of the pretty schoolmistress, "I love you, and would go to the world's end for you."
 "You could not go to the end of the world for me, James. The world, or earth, as it is called, is round like a ball, slightly flattened at the poles. One of the first lessons in elementary geography is devoted to the shape of the globe. You must have studied it when you were a boy."
 "Of course I did, but—"
 "And it is no longer a theory. Circumnavigators have established the fact."
 "I know, but what I meant was that I would do anything to please you. Ah, Minerva, if you knew the aching void—"

"There is no such thing as a void, James. Nature abhors a vacuum. But, admitting that there could be such a thing, how could the void you speak of be a void if there were an ache in it?"
 "I meant to say that my life will be lonely without you; that you are my daily thought and my nightly dream. I would go anywhere to be with you. If you were in Australia or at the north pole, I would fly to you. I—"
 "Fly! It will be another century before man can fly. Even when the laws of gravitation are successfully overcome, there will still remain, says a late scientific authority, the difficulty of maintaining a balance."
 "Well, at all events!" exclaimed the youth, "I've got a pretty fair balance in the bank and I want you to be my wife. There!"
 "Well, James, since you put it in that light, I—"
 Curtain.—Wichita Eagle.

A man whose wife is afraid to ask him for money will certainly bear close watching.

How prone mankind is to deride others' troubles.

Love, alas, is too often won by lucre.

A contented mind is something to be proud of.

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Answering His Own Question.
 Rev. Cortland Myers has just published, through a New York firm, a little book entitled, "Why Men Do Not Go to Church," and it brings up a passage-at-arms which occurred between him and General Horace Porter at a Washington's birthday banquet given in New York. The clergyman was called upon for a speech, and getting warmed up in his subject did not notice the flight of time until he was called to time by the presiding officer. He looked at his watch and saw that he had taken an hour, although the speakers had been limited to fifteen minutes.

He apologized to the audience and remarked: "Over in Brooklyn I am accustomed to speak for a long time to my congregation, and I often take two hours."
 General Porter was the next speaker, and he opened his address by saying: "The explanation by our reverend friend gives a complete answer to that hitherto mysterious question why Brooklyn people refuse to patronize their churches."

His satanic majesty smiles most diabolically when some men make their tax returns.

The Best Man Wins.
 Prize fighting may not be a pleasant subject but it teaches a lesson—the inability of man to hold the championship for any length of time. How unlike that great champion of health, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has for fifty years cured constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness and liver trouble.

A scandal monger should be carefully avoided.

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Worry is frequently the forerunner of insanity.

A MAMMOTH INSTITUTION.

To those who are accustomed to sending away from home for their goods it is of the greatest importance to know the character and reliability of the establishments selling goods to families from catalogues. The great emporium of the John M. Smyth Co., located at 150 to 166 West Madison street, Chicago, has been established for a third of a century, and has furnished over a half a million homes in Chicago and vicinity alone. This firm enjoys the confidence of the public by its many years of fair dealing. It issues an immense illustrated catalogue that should be in every family, as it describes and gives the price of every article required for household use. A sample of the extraordinary values offered by this firm is shown in the illustration of the lady's ulster in another column of this paper. These garments are indeed wonderful values, and yet they are but a sample of the thousand and one useful articles illustrated and described in the beautiful catalogue of the John M. Smyth Company.

Business is often slow, but interest double quick.

FIFTY CENTS FOR NOTHING.

What will the inventive brain of man do next? This is a question some one asks almost daily. There is one, though, who leads all others, who for a quarter of a century has been making fine laundry starch, and to-day is offering the public the finest starch ever placed on the market.

Ask your grocer for a coupon book which will enable you to get the first two packages of this new starch, "RED CROSS" (trade mark brand), also two children's Shakespeare pictures, painted in twelve beautiful colors, natural as life, or the Twentieth Century Girl Calendar, all absolutely free. All grocers are authorized to give ten large packages of "RED CROSS STARCH" with twenty of the Shakespeare pictures of ten of the Twentieth Century Girl Calendars to the first five purchasers of the "ENDLESS CHAIN STARCH BOOK." This is one of the greatest offers ever made to introduce "RED CROSS" laundry starch, J. C. Hubinger's latest invention.

Never Grip or Grippe.
 Don't open a door with an ar. us. a key! Don't open your mouth with medicinal pill poison, use Cascarets Candy Cathartic! Druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

The dog days have passed into his-

BURROWING ANIMALS.

Some Dig Holes for the Love of the Thing.

Ventilation, or rather the want of it, must be a difficulty in the underground life of almost all mammals. The rabbit and the rat secure a current of air by forming a bolt hole in connection with their system of passages, but the fox, the badger, and many of the field notes and mice seem indifferent to any such precaution. There is no doubt that whatever gave the first impulse to burrow, many animals took upon this to us most unpleasant exertion as a form of actual amusement. It also confers a right to property. Prairie dogs constantly set to work to dig holes merely for the love of the thing. If they can not have a suitable place to exercise their talent in they will gnaw into boxes or chests of drawers and there burrow, to the great detriment of the clothes therein contained. In an inclosed prairie dog "town" they have been known to mine until the superincumbent earth collapsed and buried the greater number. A young prairie dog let lose in a small gravel floored house instantly dug a hole large enough to sit in, turned round in it, and bit the first person who attempted to touch him. Property gave him courage, for before he had been as meek as a mouse. It is noticeable that the two weakest and least numerous of our mice, the dormouse and the harvest mouse, do not burrow, but make nests, and that these do not multiply or maintain their numbers like the burrowing mice and voles. But the fact that there are members of very closely allied species, some of which do burrow, while others do not, seems to indicate that the habit is an acquired one. In this connection those which do not burrow at other times form burrows in which to conceal and protect their young, or, if they do burrow, make a different kind of a more elaborate character. Among these nursery burrows are those of the dog, the fox, and sandmartin, the kingfisher and the sheldrake. Foxhound litters never do so well as when the mother is allowed to make a burrow on the sunny side of a strawstack. In time she will work this five or six feet into the stack and keep the puppies at the far end, while she lies at the entrance. Vixens either dig or appropriate a clean burrow for their cubs, which is a natural habit, or, at any rate, one acquired previously to the use of earth by adult foxes.—London Spectator.

OUR SCOTCH INDIANS.

Signs of the Infusion of Blood from Across Sea in Cherokee Veins.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat; Cherokees come well by their stubbornness, their shrewdness and their love of controversy. As Indians they had these traits to begin with. As the result of a strong infusion of Scotch blood they added to the strength of the characteristics. It is Scotch history that after the battle of Culloden many Scotchmen left their native land rather than accept English sovereignty. It is Cherokee history that numbers of these sturdy Scots found homes and wives with the Cherokee Nation before the enforced migration of the tribe from Georgia to the Indian Territory. John Ross was one of these Scotch exiles who accepted Cherokee citizenship. He became a chief and was given the name of "Coo-is-coo-ee." When the nation moved to the territory one of the districts into which the reservation was divided for government purposes was named "Coo-is-coo-ee." Ross founded a family which became powerful in Cherokee councils. He and his son were frequent visitors to Washington and had much to do with the treaty making which gave to the nation the strong legal position it holds in its relation with the United States. A descendant of Ross, the Scotch exile, is one of the officers of the nation today. The Adairs are another influential Cherokee clan established by a Scotchman who came over after the battle of Culloden. As the descendants of Adair by his Cherokee wife grew up they were sent away to American colleges and given the best of opportunities for education. McNair is another of the familiar Scotch names introduced into the Cherokee Nation by this Scotch infusion. The McNair who came over after Culloden was a Highlander. One of his descendants lives on a magnificent estate of 1,500 acres in the beautiful valley of the Grand river. Duncan is another Scotch name found among the Cherokees. The head and front of the Cherokee opposition to American citizenship is a Duncan, whose claim to Cherokee citizenship would not be guessed by any physical characteristics. He is Scotch in looks and Scotch in his love of a controversy.

THE Ills of women overshadow their whole lives. Some women are constantly getting medical treatment and are never well. "A woman best understands women's ills," and the women who consult Mrs. Pinkham find in her counsel practical assistance. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.

MRS. MABEL GOOD, Correctionville, Ia., tells how Mrs. Pinkham saved her life. She says:

"I cannot thank you enough for what your medicine has done for me. I can recommend it as one of the best medicines on earth for all women's ills. I suffered for two years with female weakness and at last became bedfast. Three of our best doctors did me no good so I concluded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking a few bottles of your medicine, I was able to do all my house-



PRACTICAL HELP FOR SUFFERING WOMEN

work. I know that your medicine raised me from a bed of sickness and perhaps death, and am very thankful for what it has done for me. I hope that every suffering woman may be persuaded to try your medicine."
 Get Mrs. Pinkham's advice as soon as you begin to be puzzled. The sick headaches and dragging sensation come from a curable cause. Write for help as soon as they appear.
 MRS. DOLE STANLEY, Campbellsburg, Ind., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I was troubled with sick headache and was so weak and nervous, I could hardly go. A friend called upon me one evening and recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, saying that she knew that it would cure me. I then sent for your medicine and after taking five bottles of it, I was entirely cured. I cannot praise it enough."

John M. Smyth Co.

MAMMOTH MAIL-ORDER HOUSE

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 W. MADISON ST. CHICAGO.

In Time of Sunshine Prepare for Rain.



Our Facilities are such that we are enabled to quote prices that always interest economical buyers. Our goods are the trust-worthy kind that always give satisfaction. Our values are the unapproachable kind that never can be reached elsewhere.

No. 110. Ladies' Royal Cape Mackintosh Coat, made of high grade double texture wool cashmere in navy blue or black, lined throughout with fancy plaid, full sweep double-breasted detachable cape, with fine pearl buttons, inland velvet collar, Olga plait in back; new shape skirt with one outside pocket and opening in side seam to allow access to dress pocket; buttonholes are worked with silk and all seams strongly sewed. The manufacturer's guarantee for entire satisfaction stands back of every garment; this coupled with the way down price we name should settle all doubt as to the value. A good Mackintosh is a wise investment, whereas a poor one is money thrown away. Our strong points are practical knowledge of quality and buying in large quantities at the lowest cash prices; these advantages we extend to our customers. One of these mackintoshes will protect you from rain and dampness and give the best of satisfaction. Sizes 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches long, no larger. Price

\$3.45

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

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Editor.

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Made known on application.

Entered at the post-office at Robert Lee, Texas, as second-class matter.

Bronte now has four stores handling groceries, three handling dry goods, and everybody happy.

W. L. Hayley will erect a new drug building at Bronte at once, being now gone to Ballinger for the lumber with several wagons.

The Ozona Courier of last week is a warm, west Texas production.

The San Angelo merchants, some of them, want the Coke County trade as can be seen by looking through our advertising columns.

Cotton is climbing up in price.
Our Brownwood Trip.

Combining business, pleasure curiosity, we spent last Saturday in the large and thriving city of Brownwood. This fine city is rapidly taking on metropolitan manners and proportions. It is now the Dallas commercially and the Sherman, educationally, of the best farming portion of West Texas. It has some six dozen stores and inhabitants and is becoming quite a manufacturing town. Besides a number of schools and colleges, it has four newspapers all working harmoniously for the enlightenment of the people and the advancement of the city and country. Hon. S. M. Vernon a veteran newspaper man and pleasant gentleman shapes the course of the Pecos Valley News and makes it "bang." He also holds the important position of Census Supervisor of the 4th District composed of 54 counties. Mr. Vernon's district is lucky to have him manage the Census taking, and will get justice.

The Banner-Bulletin is another of the big newspapers of the city and is presided over by Hon. Will H. Mayes, President of the Texas Press Association. Mr. Mayes is a gentleman of pleasant address and is ably assisted in his editorial department by Prof. C. H. Vincent, who wears an exceedingly big hat, and and is a courteous gentleman. With such newspaper men and such pleasant gentlemen to converse with as Col. Goodwin Judge Edwards and cousin John Morgan we spent a very pleasant day and didn't have time to look up half of our old friends.

May Brownwood continue to grow and her people continue to be happy.

More Local News.

Our public school is moving along nicely and the teachers seem to be working well together for the good of the school.

D. E. McCallum, one of the best business men, who ever stopped off at Robert Lee, went to San Angelo.

FOR SALE: A good box house one and a half stories high, a good storm house in yard, three lots 100x140 feet, garden, cow-pens, etc, all situated in eastern part of Robert Lee, will sell for mostly cash, or will take good wagon and team in part payment, will give time on nearly a hundred dollars for full particulars call on B. F. Meeks the owner, or H. H. Pearce.

640 acres of land, about 75 acres under fence, 15 in cultivation, good dirt, tank, Dwelling house, about 9 miles north of Robert Lee For farther information call on Perryman & Averitt.

Mrs. W. B. Jones, wife of our friend W. B. Jones of Tennyson, this county, died at Stephenville, Texas, on the 15th instant. Mrs. Jones trouble was that dread disease Consumption. She was an invalid for a long time and was confined to her bed about a year before her death. She bore her sufferings with true Christian fortitude. The RUSTLER joins the many friends in extending sympathy to Mr. Jones and his sorrowing family.

Nanhattie.

By reading the RUSTLER I learn that the Lee gin grinds corn every other Saturday. But now we, country folks don't know which Saturday that is. Don't you know that if you grind on Saturday, we'd have to come home on Sunday?

The Rustler of the 15th says that Col. Marsh was Col. of the 17th Texas Infantry, that must be a mistake. Col. R. T. P. Allen was the first Col., and Col. G. W. Jones was second and last colonel of the 17th Texas Vol. Infantry.

Prof. Ranny was up at Nanhattie the other day. He got within five miles of the widow; but his team was tired and his buggy was dry, so he set her his best wishes and turned back.

Bro. Lamb and his family passed for burg, the other day, going up in Sterling County, visiting.

Nearly every body are courting but me. I am bacheling.

I. C. Now.

STOP THIEF!

It is an old trick among the light-fingered fraternity to divert attention from themselves by raising the cry of "stop thief" and so putting the public on a false scent.

There is a certain kind of advertiser who is expert in similar methods. One of his tricks is to tell women that it's "revolting" to write to a man in consultation about disease. "Women should write to a woman." The remainder of the advertisement invites women to write for advice, and is carefully worded to convey the idea that the advice offered is that of a physician. But a close examination shows that there is no physician's advice offered and the whole clamor of "write to a woman" is caused to divert attention from the fact that the woman offering advice is not a doctor, and therefore not competent to give medical advice.

For the advice of an unqualified woman is just as dangerous as the advice of an unqualified man.

Women who are sick can obtain medical advice free by letter, by consulting Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. As an expert in the treatment and cure of female diseases Dr. Pierce takes the highest rank. In over thirty years' experience he has treated half-a-million women and of that great number ninety-eight per cent. have been perfectly and permanently cured. Each letter is held as private and its contents guarded as a sacred confidence.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes Weak Women Strong and Sick Women Well.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

Merchant & Pattenon,
LAWYERS, LAND AND COLLECTING AGENTS.
Office, North Side Square,
Robert Lee, -- Texas

Latham & Toliver,
Physicians and Surgeons.
ROBERT LEE, -- TEXAS.
Office at Lasswell's Drug Store.

Estray Notice.
Reported by J. C. Newton, Commissioner Precinct No. 3 Coke County Texas.

One brown mare, five or six years old, branded VE on left shoulder. Also one brown ball faced mare three years old, with brown colt, branded VE on left jaw. Above stock running in W. S. Tripp's pasture. This Sept. 8th 1899 J. W. Barnett Co. Clerk. Coke County.

Estray 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.

Dr. G. W. Martin,
PHYSICIAN and OBSTETRICIAN.
Offers his professional services to the people of Robert Lee and surrounding country.
Leave calls at residence or Pearce's Drug Store.

Robert Lee, -- Texas.

J. J. VESTAL
Blacksmith, Woodworker and Wheelwright.

Robert Lee, -- Texas.

Divide Doings.
Health of the community not very good. Messrs. J. W. Ashurst and Sam Chapman and also Mrs. Cunningham have been on the sick list but we are glad to report they are all improving.

Rain is still on demand and would be thankfully received by all. Crops have been cut very short on the Divide on account of the drought.

Stock are not doing well and unless it rains soon they will enter the cold season in very bad condition.

Our singing was well attended last Sunday, we have singing every Sunday evening.

Several of our neighbors went to Robert Lee to attend court this week.

Mr. J. W. Ashurst is having his flock sheared, he is thoroughly energetic and attends to his flock well and his efforts has been crowned with success.

Our school is progressing nicely, Miss Thompson is our teacher, she seems to command her army in perfect order.

Miss Ola Rushing, sister of Messrs. Harman and Green Rushing, is here on a visit from Louisiana, and will probably make this her home.

Success to the RUSTLER and its many readers.

LITTLE JOHNIE.
Buy your groceries from G. C. Lasswell.

MRS. M. B. INGRAM.

Dealer in
MILLINERY, Trimmed Hats, Etc
Also carry the State School Books, and other School supplies.
South Side Square, Robert Lee, Tex.

Furniture!

Large Line and LOW PRICES.
Bed room suits, \$16.50 up. Rocking Chairs, \$1.50 up.
Solid Oak High back cane seat dining chairs, 90c up.
A GOOD LINE OF WINDOW SHADES AND MATTINGS.
IRON BEDS A SPECIALTY.

Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald,
Opposite Post office, -- San Angelo, Texas.

Mrs. T. Brown, Milliner & Dress Maker.

LATEST STYLES AND FITS ALWAYS GUARANTEED.
Coke County trade solicited, and satisfaction given.

San Angelo, -- TEXAS.

Hotel San Angelo, Joe S. Cotten, Prop.

Rates \$1.00 Per Day.

A quiet place, near the business part of the city.
OFFICE AND ENTRANCE, NEXT TO CONCHO NATIONAL BANK.
San Angelo, -- -- -- -- Texas.

New Goods.

Look for our circular and complete price list, also our salesman who will visit your town in a few days with line of samples and take your order and deliver the goods at your door at the same price you would pay for them in San Angelo.

Owing to our not having in all of our goods, cannot give price list now. Look for the WOODEN MAN SIGN in front of our store. We have placed this as a guide to those that cannot find our place of business, or remember the name. Think of the Wooden Man Sign, and you have the right place.

Millinery : Millinery:

We are better able than ever to please you in this line, as we have employed one of the finest trimmers in the State she having worked in St. Louis and other large cities for a number of years, so do not fail to attend our opening, which will be the 20th or 25th. Will announce later the days. Don't fail to come and see our goods and get our prices.

Yours to Please,

MISTROT BROS. & CO.

\$3.20 Buys four full quarts (one gallon) of the very best Whiskey, better than Haynor's.

Cash with order, and if the goods do not give entire satisfaction, notify me and get your money back.

FRED SCHMIDT,

THE PARLOR SALOON,
SAN ANGELO, -- -- -- Texas.

Look Here!

We have the BEST, CHEAPEST, NEATEST AND CLEANEST line of
**DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
Boots, Shoes, And
GENTS FURNISHINGS.**

Ever brought to the county. Drop in and take a look at Our prices and quality. It will pay you.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

Crayton & Robbins Bros
Cotton Bayers, BRONTE, TEX.

UNDERBUY and UNDERSELL, is our motto.

Look below and compare our prices with other so-called cheap houses. We have a complete line of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, and Millinery. No one need leave our store for any place in West Texas. We can fit you up from head to foot—Lady, Gentleman, Boy or Girl.

THE MOST IMPORTANT PART TO YOU IS PRICES, WE GIVE THEM BELOW.

Dress Goods.

A beautiful line, and we give you a padded and pressed down value for every cent you invest.

Silks, plains or brocades, at per yard 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Crepes, charming designs; the pieces run from per yard, \$1.25 down to .50c

M hair, Bedford Cord, Fancy Worsteds, Coverts Satins, Plaids, Peade 80c, all lovely goods, 50c, 75c \$1.00 and \$1.25

A beautiful line of Henriettes, Vienna cloths, Suitings, Plaids, Jacquards, Novelties, at per yard, 1c, 15c, 25c, 3c and .35c

Fancy Outings, all colors, at per yard .10c

Resembling sateen, new goods, from 35c down to .10c

Black Brocades, at from 10c to .35c

Percales, a handsome line, pretty patterns, the price per yard ranges from 7 1/2 to 15c

Standard prints, oil red, blues, grays and fancies, per yd, 5c and 4c

Chambrays, all colors at per yard .10c

Canon checks, per yard from 7 1/2 to 5 1/4, 4 1/2, 4c, and .4c

Domestics, unbleached, per yard, 3 1/2 to 4c, 1 1/2 to 5c and .7 1/2 to 1 1/2

A beautiful line of ladies Tailor made skirts, "a warm number" the price is the only small thing about it; actually worth more, but we sell them for \$1.25, \$1.00, \$2.25, \$3.75, \$5.00, \$5.75, \$6.00, to meet Crepons, at \$4.75, \$10.50 and \$12.00

Underskirts in latest shades each at \$1.25 to \$3.00

Also for goods making same per yard .15c

Bleached domestics, 30 to 42 inches wide, at from 10c down to .5c

Jaconet Finish, per yard 12 1/2 to 7 1/2

Canon Flannel, heavy fleeced prices run from 10c to .35c

Shoes.

We have undoubtedly struck a gold mine in this line. Do you want a shoe of fit. See this; the easiest glove-fitting, most comfortable shoe to be had; pleases eye, body; this line ranges in price from \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00 to \$3.75

They are worth from \$1.00 to \$5.00 a pair, and you'll say so when you wear a pair.

Next week we expect a shipment of cheap children's school shoes, which we will sell at 75c and \$1.00

We have a fine boot, \$3.50 value, we sell it for \$2.75

\$5.00 value for \$3.75

We have bought and expect within a few days, the prettiest line of wraps that can be found. They will range in price each from about 35c to \$10.00

Underwear.

We have the best line of Underwear that ever struck West Texas. Here are a few items.

Infants' Fleece Undershirts, good full weight, from 25c to .50c

Misses' and ladies' Vests, each, 10c, 15c, and .25c

These are exceptional values.

Children's, misses', and Ladies' Union Suits, extra good values, the prices run, 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00

A small line of Woolen Union Suits, ranging from \$2.00 to \$1.25

Four line of Gents' Underwear we cannot say too much. We have certainly hit the bottom and you get the benefit.

A heavy fleece lined Shirt, Drawers to match, worth in any man's country \$1.00 per suit, we propose to run 'em out at .85c

Millinery.

We have Mrs. Gaston, well known to the ladies of San Angelo, and the entire Concho Country, in charge of this department, and with her experience and our low prices, we expect to make things burn in the millinery world. The ladies are especially invited to visit our store and get prices before buying elsewhere. We can please you, both in price, quality, and style.

Notions.

We give some smashing values for very little money. See these figures:

Beauty pins, usually sold for 5 and 10c each, we ask, each .1c

Good quality pins, per paper .1c

Better quality, brass per paper, 5c and .1c

Safety pins, per dozen .2c

Lead pencils, superior quality each .1c

Black Mourning pins, per box 1 1/2 to 2c

White Agate buttons, per gross .5c

Good middling Quilting Cotton, long staple, per pound .10c

Pearl Agate Buttons, per dozen .1c

Pearl dress buttons, good quality, superior goods per dozen 10c, 8 1/2 to 10c

Needles, fair quality, 40 in paper per paper .1c

Superior quality Needles, same number in paper, per paper .4c

Shoe Strings, the kind that last, per pair .1c

Handkerchiefs fair size and quality, each 5c, 2 1/2 to 3c

Knitting Needles 2 for .1c

White Stay Binding, per roll, 2c and .1c

Dress Binding, all colors, per roll .5c

Knitting silk, good quality, 1-2 oz. spools, per spool .5c

Knitting silk, standard quality, all colors, per spool .10c

Hair Pins, 100 for .5c

Rubber hair pins per dozen .5c

Side Combs, Celluloid, per pair 10c and .5c

The latest find in Pompadour Combs 2c 1/2 and .10c

The latest thing out with brilliant Side and Pompadour Combs, these are beauties, from 50c down to .15c

Garter elastic, per yard .2 1/2 to 10c

Kid curlers, per dozen .5c

Smoothing braid 6 yard bunches 25c, 10c, and .5c

Trimming Braid, from 10c per yard down to .1c

Hair nets each .6c and .8 1/2 to 1c

White Quilted bibs each 25c

Full line Belt Buckles ranging in price each from 75c to 1c

Ribbon, full line runs from 75c per yard down to .1c

Towels, a good size, 18x46 inches actual measure, honey comb, a hammer worth 20c we sell 'em for 1c

A beautiful line of Esaueters, ice wool and zephyr latest weaves and colors, ranging from \$1.25 down to .25c

Envelopes, fair quality 2 packages for .5c

Better quality square or long; per pkg .5c

Note paper fair quality 48 sheets for 5c

Lace, a good line ranging from 10c per yard down to .1c

Ladies Stock Collars, beauties, from 50c each to .25c

Combs, fine and coarse, ranging from 20c down to .5c

Jewelry.

This line we strictly guarantee. You run no risk in buying from us.

Solid Silver Bracelets, with heart pendants, 1.25 to \$1.00

Filled Cymra Chains, 5 years guarantee, 2.50 to \$3.50

Gold Filled Bracelets, warranted 10 years worth 5.00, to 8.00, we ask only 3.50 and \$5.00

Baby pins, with chain, 2 in set .75c

Plain gold Filled Rings, 5 years guarantee, each 1.00, 1.50 and \$2.00

Clothing.

We are proud of this line. We bought 'em right, and propose to sell them to you on the same plan

Men's suits all grades, ranging in price from 15 to \$3.50

Boys' suits all sizes, from 3 year old to 17, at 1.00, 1.50, 2.25, 2.75, 3.25 and \$5.00

These are worth 25 per cent more money.

Men's Pants, 75c value for 60c

Men's pants 1, in value for 75c

Men's Pants 5, in value for \$3.50

Men's overalls 'Red-hot' brand, worth 75c our price 50c

Men's Overalls w. E. brand worth 85c our price 60c

Boys' Pants from 3 to 15 years, 20c 25c 35c to 60c

Gloves.

We are full on these lines.

Gents' Dogskin Gloves, 50c and \$1.00 to \$2.00

Genuitid Buckskin Gloves, from \$1.00 to \$2.00

Ladies' Kid Gloves, black and tan 75c, \$1, \$1.25, and 1.50

Ladies' Gauntlet Gloves, 50c, 75c, 1.00, and \$1.25

Knitted Mittens and Gloves, from 10c to .25c

Work and Negligee Shirts.

We are in a position to offer you the best value in work shirts of any firm in San Angelo, and we say this without any hesitation. Our prices range from 25c to \$1.25, and in the line is included some exceptional values in negligee shirts.

To Merchants.

We want to say a few words to merchants who contemplate handling holiday goods. In the spring we placed an importation order in Germany; France Austria and England; for a full line of Dolls Toys and Fancy Goods for the holiday trade. You can save freight from New York by buying from us. Bring your N. Y. and Chicago catalogues and compare prices. Goods are now arriving and will be ready for your inspection within the next two weeks. We also have a line of school tablets we wish to unload now; They are bargains.

We admire competition, And like opposition, And under no condition, Will budge from our position

WINDOW DRAPERIES.

Fancy Window Draperies, lovely patterns, per yard, 10c, down to 8 1/2 to 10c.

HATS AND CAPS.

We have a fine line of Hats and Caps for men and boys, all qualities, ranging in price from 25c to \$3. These are big values for little money.

LACE CURTAINS.

A beautiful line; 3 and 4 1/2 yard lengths; per pair \$2.50, \$1.25, 1.00 and 75c.

We are the cheapest store in San Angelo.

Remember US WHEN YOU VISIT

San Angelo.

Yours Truly, THE FAIR, San Angelo, Texas.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Watermelons are very near gone in Coke.

Don Green is doing some painting on his recently purchased home.

Dr. Tolliver expresses an intention to move to Comanche. His many friends here will regret his leaving. We wish the Doctor success.

Prof. F. E. Thomas was selling groceries for J. P. Angel last week.

F. Villipigue, a Dallas drummer made this territory Wednesday.

Eld. B. F. Meek made a trip to Angelo last week on business.

For Lime call on J. J. Vestal.

W. R. Walker from Silver, was in Wednesday and found the Rustler in a pleasant and acceptable manner.

L. M. Nowell, a good citizen from across the river, was in town and visited the Rustler Wednesday.

Arkansaw Smith says he wants to see every man from Coke that wants to buy a bill of groceries. He's got the goods and they are paid for, and he's going to sell.

Capt. J. P. Hutchinson was in town a few hours Wednesday. He's as young as Claud any day.

See Asa Cordill's Jewelry ad. Asa is a good fellow and an up to date Jeweler.

H. Dickinson, of Rannels Co. did some surveying near Maverick this week.

See the fine large ad of The Fair, at San Angelo. These are good people and want some of our trade.

With every \$5 worth of goods sold by C. Winkler, of San Angelo, a premium is given. Your choice of child's knife, fork and spoon set, or a camp stool worth 50 cts.

Eld. G. C. Berryman, Baptist Pastor, will begin a series of services at the M. E. Church tonight (Friday). Every body invited.

Mrs. M. B. Ingram has gone to Dallas to lay in her stock of winter Millinery goods.

S. C. Wilkins and J. E. Stewart made trips to Angelo first of the week.

Dillon Dannelley has 'vamoosed' to Ballinger. Says he spent a pleasant summer in Robert Lee, as well as a profitable one.

Arkansaw Smith says he has no bill collector, no book keeper, and everybody well pleased. He has the only cash house in the great West. He will save you money every time. Try him.

Misses Lucy and Ellen Mobley spent Sunday in Lee, the guests of Misses Lada Newton and May Stewart.

Dr. J. O. Tolliver has returned from his trip to central Texas.

Mr. Don Green moved his family to his recently purchased Lasswell residence, southern part of town, Saturday.

P. L. Brown, a tobacco drummer, made our town yesterday.

J. F. Cole, of Saneo, was in town Tuesday.

Will Stewart bought D. Dannelley's building on South side.

J. P. Angel has had some more painting done on his store house.

J. R. Patterson has had his residence painted which adds much to its appearance.

B. L. Aeres was in from Hayrick Tuesday, on his way to Angelo.

See Arkansaw Smith's prices before you buy. You will find him under anybody else. Why? Because he sells only for cash.

G. C. Laswell and family have moved into the house recently purchased from Gid Graham near the Shool house.

Gid Graham has recented the building near his old place and moved family there in.

The Editor and family and Miss Birdie Pearce, the Rustler compositor, returned from Ballinger Monday.

Call and see samples of cheap and fine tailor made clothing, at Lewis Bros. fit and satisfaction guaranteed.

F. L. and R. H. Harris will give \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person killing or stealing any of their stock.

J. D. Davis has had the artist to touch up his two story residence with a few coats of paint. It looks better.

W. L. Hayley, W. F. Cathey, and J. J. Fry are all gone to Ballinger after lumber and nails to build the new drug store at Bronte

Notice the new ad of Fred Schmidt, the gentlemanly saloon man of Angelo, who gets so much Coke County trade.

Coke has had more rain than Tom Green or Rannels Counties.

Edd C. Rawlings was in last week from Bronte.

Press Stark from Bronte was in Angelo Friday.

Mrs. T. Brown's San Angelo Millinery Opening will occur Oct. 2nd. and 3rd.

Cash for Ponies.

We will be in Robert Lee on Oct. 7, 1899, to buy Polo ponies. We want smooth, good-looking ponies between 14 hands 2 inches and 14 hands 1 inch high. The ponies must be fast, quick well reigned and easy to stop and turn either way. Not under six nor over ten years old. Fast well trained cutting ponies preferred. We will pay good prices for ponies that suit.

SAVAGE & CONOVER.

J. E. Stewart and Emmett Reed were in San Angelo last Friday.

A fine art Medallion Picture given away to every customer purchasing \$10 worth of goods of C. Winkler, San Angelo, Texas.

We now have a new and complete stock of merchandise at prices to suit the short cotton crop. J. D. Collier and Co. Edith, Texas.

The Robert Lee gin will gin Wednesday and Thursday of each week and will grind corn every other Saturday.

L. H. McDorman & Co.

C. Winkler's ad.

J. C. Newton was in from his ranch Wednesday.

Steve Parker and Sam Lewis from Valley View were among us last week.

J. W. Hasting, W. H. Campbell, and J. H. Campbell all of Saneo were down last week.

R. B. and J. L. Ross were down from their mountain home last week.

Squire P. W. Hudman is visiting friends in Coke.

J. F. and Silas Connor of Silver were among us last week.

Jeff D. Hale, of Tennyson was in last week. Also Jim Hale and J. H. Allison.

Prof. J. A. Thomas, G.D.P. Clark and T. C. Batwin all from Ft. Chabourne were among last week.

G. W. Davidson was in town the other day and made the Rustler man happy.

District Court adjourned Thursday evening.

Notice.

All our accounts not otherwise arranged, are due Oct. 1st. Please come forward and settle.

J. W. Reed & Co.

Notice.

Having purchased the entire stock of groceries of J. L. Barren and took his old accounts, I ask all his old customers, who may be indebted to him and have any accounts in the books, to come up and settle at as early an instant as possible.

J. P. Angel.

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PASTURE AND FARM.

Tomatoes are still on the market. Cotton is rolling in to market rapidly.

The cotton carnival at Calvert was a success.

Corn sells at Lampasas at 20 cents per bushel.

Stock shipments are commencing at Carlsbad, N. M.

The Boerne Post reports a good rain in Kendall county.

A bee tree and left the fire burning, causing the damage.

Sterling, Midland and Glasscock counties have had good rains.

Heavy shipments of cattle will be made from Wyoming this month.

Some spring calves in Moore county have been contracted for at \$17.50 a head.

Fine rains have fallen in Hartley county, enough to ensure a good crop of winter grass.

The Bar V ranch sold to A. Page of Clarendon 3000 head of young steers. The price was withheld.

Fire on the Bustin ranch on Brady creek burned four sections of grass, near San Angelo. A bee hunter cut

Forest fires in Indian Territory have driven large numbers of deer, wild turkey and other game across Red river.

The recent rain in Dickens county has made the country look green again and has given some supply of surface water.

A flouring mill with a capacity of 200 barrels a day is to be built at Taylor, and will be ready to handle next year's wheat crop.

Tadlock & McCormick of Blooming Grove, have bought 160 head of Hill county steers to put on feed at their oil mill. The price paid was \$32.50 per head.

Lee and Ed Good of Fort Worth have bought from C. C. Herndon of Shreveport, La., 1100 two and three-year-old steers for November delivery; terms private.

A stalk of June corn, measuring 15 feet, was exhibited a few days ago at Hearne. It was grown in the overflowed Brazos bottom, and was planted June 12.

A. G. Mills sold his ranch in the upper part of the Concho valley, together with 7000 head of sheep, to Chief Justice Mills of Las Vegas, and Gov. Otero of Santa Fe.

D. R. Grabill, who ranches in Edwards county, sold 768 head of Uvalde county stock cattle to Cloudt Bros. of Kimble county, at \$14, with 50 calves thrown back in the bunch at \$5.

E. L. McMullan of Scurry county, sold 200 Polled cattle to Mr. Fawcett, of Scurry county, at \$20 around. He also purchased 100 yearling steer calves from Mr. Fawcett at \$12 around.

Eighteen cars of feeder steers from the San Angelo county, belonging to Geo. Simpson of Stephens county, were received at Corsicana by the Edens Bros. Sunday and were put on feed.

E. P. Bomar of Gainesville, will feed 10,000 to 12,000 cattle at the oil mill in that city this fall, and is buying 100,000 bushels of corn as a part of this feed. He will have a corn-crusher with a capacity of 2500 bushels a day.

County Farm Superintendent McNeil of Williamson county lost one of his team of ponies from blind staggers, caused, he thinks by eating smutty corn. He says the grief of the pony's mate was pitiful and almost human in its intensity. The dead animal was 25 years old and its mate is 26. They flourish regardless of the drought.

Roasting ears, Mexican June corn, are plentiful in the Smithville market at ten cents a dozen. This corn sprouted and matured practically without a drop of rain. The tuff seems to grow and flourish regardless of the drought.

R. D. A. Andrews of Archer county, owns 300 native graded Durham stock cattle, which he is feeding, and contemplates selling them soon as the market justifies.

The latest crop estimate by the department of agriculture accounts for a grand total of 43,750,300 acres and a production of 497,404,000 bushels against 675,000,000 bushels produced in 1898. This is an estimated decrease of 177,596,000 bushels compared with last year.

CIVIL CAPITULATES

Naval Forces Silence the Guns of That Place.

A WELL EXECUTED MOVEMENT.

The Warships and Gunboats Did Remarkably Effective Work and the Filipinos Were Powerless.

Manila, Sept. 25.—The United States cruiser Charleston, the monitor Monterey and the gunboats Concord and Zafiro, with marines and blue jackets from the cruiser Baltimore, left Cavite Sept. 18, and proceeded to Subig bay to destroy an insurgent cannon there. Owing to the bad weather the operation was postponed until Saturday, when the warships for three hours bombarded the town of Olangapo and the intrenchments where the gun was situated.

Men from the Charleston, Concord and Zafiro were then landed under a heavy insurgent fire, proceeding to the cannon, which was utterly destroyed by gun cotton, and then returning to the warships.

The Americans had one man wounded during the engagement.

While waiting in Subig bay for better weather the Americans despatched Filipino reinforcements moving toward Olangapo. At 6:40 a. m. Saturday the Monterey began the advance upon the town, which was about three miles east of the monitor's anchorage. The Charleston anchored and the Zafiro followed.

At 7:25 the Monterey opened fire with her secondary and main batteries, the Charleston and Concord joining immediately.

At 7:38 the insurgent cannon was fired, the first shot passing close to the Monterey's smokestack. The gun was fired twice only. The American bombarding then became general.

At 9:30 the Monterey advanced to a range of 600 yards, using her main battery. Two hundred and fifty men were landed about 800 yards east of the cannon at 11 o'clock under a severe shore Mauser fire. The men from the Charleston were the first to reach the beach, but the Concord's men were the first at the gun, which they reached at 11:10. The cannon was found to be a 16-centimeter Krupp gun, presumably obtained from the Spaniards.

Meanwhile the warships continued to shell the shelving beach on the east and west sides to silence the insurgent fire upon the sailors from the trenches skirting the beach.

Gunner Olsen exploded fifty pounds of gun cotton, in three discharges, in the cannon, which had suffered from the fire of the warships.

Miss Grant Wedded to Prince.

City of Mexico, Sept. 25.—A sensational robbery took place Saturday in a suburb of this city. Guadalupe Vasquez, an old woman 85 years old, living with her widowed daughter, was the victim. These women were alone and employed no servants, which is unusual in this country among people having property. Every one thought them exceedingly poor, but this was only apparent, for they had a great sum of money in the house, there being kept in a steel box no less than \$50,000 in bank bills, the proceeds of the sale of a hacienda near the city. Besides this sum there was many thousands of dollars kept in wardrobes, stockings and between the leaves of books.

Platinum Discovered.

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 25.—The owners of the Cripple Hill gold mines, six miles from this city, have discovered platinum in paying quantities in their mine. The find was accidentally made while assaying for gold. The assays show six pounds of platinum to the ton. This metal is worth \$185 a pound. To be reassured as to the amount of platinum the ore contains, a sample of it has been sent to the assayer of the Malvern, Pa., platinum mines for treatment.

Big Hunt.

Guthrie, Ok., Sept. 25.—The Rogers ranch in Beaver county, Oklahoma, and the Childress cattle ranch in the panhandle of Texas, containing 200,000 acres and upon which 300,000 cattle are now grazing, has been purchased by R. L. Ellison of Fort Worth, Tex., for the Swift packing-house interests in Chicago. Titles to three other great ranches are being examined with a view to purchase by the Swifts.

In Seven's Memory.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 25.—Five thousand Virginians, West Virginians, old Confederates from nearly every southern state and men and women from as far north as New York witnessed the unveiling at Front Royal, Va., Saturday of a monument erected by the survivors of Col. John S. Mosby's command to seven of their comrades who were shot and hung at that place during the war between the states. Jeb Stuart camp of Confederates of Berryville, Stover camp of Strasburg, Turner Ashby camp of Winchester, Rosser Gibbon camp of Luray and William Richardson camp of Front Royal were in the procession. Over 200 of Mosby's men were in attendance, the largest numbers of members of this band which has been together since 1865. The monument is on an eminence in Prospect Hill cemetery, and around this gathered the great throng at 2:30 o'clock to hear the addresses. Col. Giles Cook made a short address, and the oration of the day was delivered by Maj. E. A. Richards of Louisville, Ky.

At the conclusion of the oration Martha Megath Strother, granddaughter of Capt. Thomas E. Anderson, one of the seven men to whose memory the monument was erected, and Mary Williamson greatniece of Henry Rhodes, also one of the seven, drew the cords which bound the veil hiding the shaft from view and there were mighty cheers from thousands of throats as the beautiful shaft stood disclosed.

An address in acceptance was made by Hon. R. H. Downing on behalf of the ladies of the Warren Memorial association.

Accurate Predictions.

New York, Sept. 25.—Dr. Luke D. Broughton, president of the Astrological Society of America, is dead. He cast his horoscope many years ago, predicted that the critical periods of his life were the 15th, 16th and 21st days of the present month and present year. His death, he predicted would occur on Sept. 22. Dr. Broughton was born in 1823 in Leeds, Yorkshire, Eng. He came from a family of astrologists and early began the study of astrology. Since 1859 he has practiced medicine in Philadelphia and New York. Dr. Broughton has made many successful predictions. On his advice his eldest son did not marry, as his father had predicted the exact time of his death in 1885. Mrs. Broughton also died as predicted in 1891. He wrote many pamphlets and one book on astrology.

Ranches Bought.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 25.—In accordance with the rites of the Russian Orthodox church, Miss Julia Dent Grant, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Frederick D. Grant, and granddaughter of Gen. U. S. Grant, and Prince Cantuzene, County Speranzky of Russia, were married last night.

Simple and impressive ceremonies were conducted by Father Holovitsky of the Russian church, New York, in the parlor at Beau Lieu, the summer residence of Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer.

Disorder in Spain.

Ferrol, Spain, Sept. 25.—Serious disturbances took place here Saturday. A mob of 600 stoned the Catholic club and townhall, smashing windows in both buildings.

The municipal guards charged the rioters, but were repulsed, eleven guards being injured, as well as many civilians.

Finally a squad of mounted gendarmes dispersed the rioters.

Fire's Work.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 25.—Plymouth, capital of the island of Montserrat, reports the destruction by fire of many buildings which had escaped the recent hurricane and most of the remaining ruins, greatly intensifying the distress of the population, which is growing demoralized by the tardy and inadequate relief. The laborers refuse to unload the relief cargoes unless paid double.

Havana workmen want an eight-hour day.

Lake Erie Storm.

Toledo, O., Sept. 25.—Lake Erie yesterday afternoon witnessed the worst storm of the season, the wind blowing at the rate of seventy miles an hour.

The blow came up about 4 o'clock and continued for an hour. Four yachts were capsized near the Maumee bay and the crews were rescued with difficulty.

Considerable damage to houses is reported in northwestern Ohio.

DECISIVE ACTION.

Such Will Probably be Taken by John Bull.

CABINET COUNCIL CONVENEED.

It is Now Generally Believed That Great Britain Will in a Few Days Issue an Ultimatum.

London, Sept. 23.—A cabinet council was held yesterday, beginning at 12:30 p. m. A large crowd assembled about Downing street early in the day. The cabinet ministers were loudly cheered, the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, receiving the lion's share of applause.

Previous to the meeting of the cabinet Baron Rothschild visited the first lord of the treasury, Mr. Balfour. The circumstance is unusual, and is said to be in connection with the money difficulties the government is encountering regarding the prospect of the military campaign.

When the cabinet went into session no new developments in the Transvaal situation had transpired. The dispatches from the Cape continued to be of a warlike tone and voiced the indignation of the British contingent against the Orange Free State and Afrikaner attitudes.

The impression here, though not based on anything tangible, was that, publicly, the cabinet would only take steps tending to protract the negotiations, while secretly it would prepare the details of an aggressive campaign, perhaps deciding to convoke parliament, though it was scarcely believed the latter determination would be announced immediately.

News from South Africa is eagerly awaited, as many think the cabinet council will be immediately followed by a Boer raid. The cabinet meeting ended at 2:40 p. m. The ministers were cheered as they came out of the foreign office. Nothing transpired regarding the action taken, though the general impression spread that a vigorous line had been adopted.

The secretary of state, the marquis of Lansdowne, and the first lord of the admiralty, Mr. George J. Goschen, immediately proceeded to the war office.

The Pall Mall Gazette has published a dispatch from Cape Town which says it is stated that the Boers have given a guarantee to their sympathizers in the Orange Free State and Cape Colony that the Transvaal will be the first to make war.

Immediately after the cabinet council Hatzfeldt Widenburg, visited the premier, Lord Salisbury, and had a long conference with him.

Not Discussed.

London, Sept. 23.—The United States ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, visited the foreign office yesterday. It was understood his visit was in relation to the Alaskan negotiations. In an interview Mr. Choate said:

Of course Lord Salisbury did not discuss the Transvaal crisis with me. I can say that the United States has made no representations of any kind regarding the Transvaal. The same applies to Germany, so far as I know. I hope there will be no war, but things are quite uncertain.

Ordered Horses.

Pretoria, Sept. 23.—The legislative council sat until 5 o'clock Thursday evening. A telegram containing President Steyn's reply to Sir Alfred Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa, was loudly cheered. A large order for horses has been given in the Orange Free State. The field cornets say that in the event of mobilization 4000 will be available at Pretoria alone.

The Texas Central railroad is building a dam at Stamford.

Reciprocity Wanted.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Sept. 23.—The local legislative council of St. Kitts, one of the five presidencies of the Leeward islands, has adopted a resolution asking the imperial secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, to enter into a reciprocity convention with the United States on behalf of St. Kitts, Nevis and Anguilla, constituting the St. Kitts-Nevis presidency.

Actress Slays Actor.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 23.—Julia Morrison, leading lady of the "Mr. Plaster of Paris" farce comedy company, shot and killed Frank Leiden, stage manager and leading man of the company, at 8 o'clock last night at the City opera-house on the stage just before the curtain rose for the performance to begin.

Three shots were fired at close range by the woman, all taking effect in Leiden's head. He sank to the floor and was dead in a few minutes. The woman was arrested and taken to the city jail.

A coroner's inquest was held, at which it was developed that trouble had existed between Leiden and Miss Morrison and yesterday she slapped Leiden. It appears that they quarreled over the woman's alleged bad acting. Leiden accusing her of being but an amateur.

The woman claims that Leiden repeatedly insulted her; that he had made improper proposals to her and in self-defense she shot him. The verdict of the coroner's jury was to the effect that the murder was premeditated and wholly unjustifiable. The woman claims to be from New Orleans and a man with the company named James she claims as her husband. James has been arrested as the instigator of the crime.

Dewey Home Committee.

Washington, Sept. 23.—A final meeting of the Dewey national home fund committee was held at the office of the secretary of the treasury yesterday. An account of stock was taken and plans perfected for closing the subscriptions before the arrival in New York of Admiral Dewey. The committee, composed of Assistant Acting Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip, Assistant Postmaster General Heath, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Allen, Adj. Gen. Corbin and United States Treasurer E. H. Roberts, were all present. A home will be purchased with whatever funds the committee may have at the end of next week. The time is now so short that those who desire to make an immense success of this work by making liberal subscriptions may indicate their wishes by telegraph to Hon. Ellis H. Roberts, United States treasurer, Washington, D. C., who is treasurer of the fund, and to remit by first mail.

For Gen. Miles.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 23.—Hon. George L. Basham, a leading Democrat of this city, received the following letter from Somerville, Mass. Dear sir: A call will soon be issued for a meeting of representative citizens from all parts of the Union relative to placing in the field as a candidate for the presidency Maj. Gen. Nelson A. Miles. This meeting will also elect a national committee, which shall prepare and carry forward the campaign in 1900. Hoping that you are in sympathy with the above and trusting for your hearty co-operation in the same, we have the honor to be, very truly yours, for the temporary committee, LEVI F. COOK, Chairman.

New Coke Fields.

Morgantown, W. Va., Sept. 23.—The scarcity of coke has caused the Federal Steel company and the American Steel and Wire company to go into the coking business and extensive new coke fields are to be developed immediately here. Heavy purchases of coal lands have been made in this county and the adjoining counties of Fayette and Green, in Pennsylvania. A contract was let for fifty double houses for miners and the price will be \$100,000. Contracts for 600 ovens have been let. These ovens cost \$200,000.

Awful Crime.

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 23.—The residence of Absolom Kessler, a miserly farmer aged 80, living on the West Virginia side of the river, near Pawpaw, was discovered on fire yesterday. Neighbors found Kessler and Albert Gross, his hired man, lifeless in the yard. The housekeeper, Anna Doman, was also murdered, but her body was consumed in the flames.

The object of the murder was robbery. The robbers secured about \$200.

No new yellow fever cases at New Orleans on the 24d.

Foraker on Trusts.

Hamilton, O., Sept. 23.—Senator J. B. Foraker delivered an address here yesterday. He declared for expansion and made an exhaustive argument on trusts. He said trusts were not due to the tariff, because they had their origin in England under free trade, and added: "If they were, the tariff, with its attendant prosperity and trusts, is better than free trade and idleness, ruin, want, hunger, scup houses and rags."

Dreyfus May Come to Texas.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 23.—Capt. Alfred Dreyfus and wife, accompanied by Madame Bertha Morre, a first cousin of Madame Dreyfus, and Misses Emmy and Ida Morre and Lieut. Max Rance Morre, late of the French army, will spend the winter in San Antonio.

Madame Morre will reside here permanently with her son, Dr. G. H. Morre. She has sold out her large estate in Nancy, France, and with her son Max and daughters Emmy and Ida is now preparing to leave France.

Capt. Dreyfus and wife will visit them here and on the representation of Dr. G. H. Morre will probably remain here for the winter to recuperate his health.

In a letter to Dr. Morre received here yesterday Madame Morre writes that not less than twenty-five influential Jewish families are selling their possessions at Nancy to come to America.

She says that exodus of Hebrews out of France will be very heavy.

Dr. Morre states that he is under pledge not to divulge his information as to the movements of the Dreyfus family, but when confronted with a statement made by J. H. S. Eteen, of Shreveport, La., as detailed above, he admitted that it is probable that Dreyfus and wife will spend the winter in San Antonio.

Eteen, is of a very prominent French family in Rennes, France, which place he left two days before the Dreyfus trial.

He met Madame Morre, who told him of her intended removal to San Antonio and Dreyfus' intended visit. Mr. Eteen's sister is an intimate friend of the Dreyfus family and was told by Madame Dreyfus that the famous prisoner is suffering from malarial consumption.

The Morres and Dreyfus families came from Mulhausen, Alsace. Mrs. Morre's father was a brother of Madame Dreyfus' mother, making the relationship first cousins.

Petroleum Outlook.

Sherman, Tex., Sept. 23.—Grayson county may enter the arena as an oil producing field. In the early part of this week a man at work in an ordinary well on the farm of Price McCool, about two miles southeast of Whitesboro, heard a hissing noise, which grew louder, issuing from a fissure in the rock opened by a blow from the pick he was wielding. The well was instantly filled with a suffocating gas and he was saved only by being rapidly drawn out. Petroleum is thought to be in the well.

Exciting Runaway.

Sherman, Tex., Sept. 23.—An exciting runaway occurred on South Travis street yesterday about 5 o'clock. The horse became frightened near the intersection of Houston and Travis streets and ran at a breakneck speed to the city stock pound, just south of Cherry street. There the animal turned into an open gate and striking a projecting timber literally disemboweling himself. Later an officer was called and shot the animal.

Opinion Desired.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 23.—The fish and oyster commission has submitted a question to the attorney general for his opinion. The commissioner and his deputies in performance of their duties have been boarding fishing vessels to examine catches to see if the fish are acceptable. The owner of a boat recently prohibited the boarding of his boat and the commissioner desires to know if the law contemplates his boarding the boats.

Dock Lollar had a foot mashed by a train at Bonham.

Killed in a Lunch Room.

Cleburne, Tex., Sept. 23.—About 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon J. W. Vidler, a farmer, was shot in the left side, the ball ranging downward and coming out in the back just to the right of the backbone.

Tom Ray, also a farmer, was arrested and placed in jail charged with the shooting.

The affair occurred in the lunch room of a saloon and caused much excitement.

Library Movement.

Sherman, Tex., Sept. 23.—A few months since just before the ladies of the Shakespeare club adjourned for their summer vacation a movement was started to raise \$1000 as the nucleus of a public library fund. Yesterday a joint report of all solicitors showed that the amount in view had been raised. There is little doubt that this amount will be augmented and a handsome library be the result of the movement started on the above scale.

Mashed to Death.

Denton, Tex., Sept. 21.—Tom Myers of Fort Worth, associated in business at that place with his uncle, E. B. Edwards, was killed at Mingo Station, five miles north of here, at about midnight Tuesday night in a freight wreck.

He was literally mashed to death, there being comparatively few marks and wounds on his body. Myers was en route from Fort Worth to Muscogee, I. T., on a freight train, having in his charge a valuable harness horse, Princess, and was in the same car with the mare.

The train on which he was traveling, an extra Missouri, Kansas and Texas freight, broke in two at a point just this side of the water tank at Mingo, and the front part slowing up, the trainmen not being aware of the break, the rear section collided with the cars in front with terrific force.

The car in which were Myers and the horse is supposed to have been the first car in the second section, and was followed by a car of very heavy green cross-ties. The last car in the head section was a loaded coal car, and when the collision occurred the coal car and the car in which Myers were were telescoped, the coal car being forced into the latter and both being badly torn up.

Myers and the horse were, it is supposed, both caught between the opposing forces and death was practically instantaneous, both being dead when the train crew reached them.

Myers had one bad looking cut on his forehead, from which the blood had flowed all over his bedclothes, and a number of smaller wounds, but Dr. Inge, the county physician, thinks that the direct cause of death was from being mashed.

Several other cars were also dented, so great was the force of the collision, but as the accident occurred alongside a siding, traffic was delayed only a short while. The wrecking crew spent the night at work clearing up the wreckage and debris, and the damaged cars were hauled in yesterday morning.

Quashed.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 21.—The cases against F. Marchalk, president, and W. W. Wade, secretary of the Fort Worth Trades Assembly, and A. H. Harrah, labor leaders of this city, charged with assembling unlawfully, were called in the county court yesterday afternoon. The prosecution, as heretofore stated, grew out of the dismissal of a reporter on a local paper who had written an anonymous communication during the recent strike, which, it was alleged, the Trades Assembly took exception to.

The joint indictment was on motion quashed by Judge Harris. The court held that the word "boycott" had no legal significance, as charged in the indictment, and without an explanation as to the effect the boycott, as alleged, might have on the position of the employment of the reporter, that he (the court) could not take judicial cognizance that the boycott was unlawful or illegal, or that the assembly was unlawful or illegal.

Started West.

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 21.—Lieuts. Geo. Curry and Chas. Ballard of eleventh cavalry were here with thirty-five recruits from Roswell, N. M., and started west. The recruiting office here has been closed and nearly a hundred men who were anxious to enlist were turned away. Curry sent fifty recruits west two weeks ago, who enlisted here for the eleventh, and now the report comes that they have been quarantined at Angel Island because of a suspected case of small-pox among them.

Mandamus Petition.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 21.—Charles Anderson, a land agent of this city, has filed a petition for mandamus in the district court to compel Land Commissioner Rogan to permit the public and petitioner to see a certain record in the land office. Mr. Rogan refuses to allow land agents to see an improvised index to applications for land for the reason that it is not a record proper of the office, but is kept to facilitate the clerks in their work.

Death Penalty.

Austin, Tex., Sept. 21.—The jury in the case of Sam Watrous, the negro charged with murdering Mr. and Mrs. George W. Engburg near Manor, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree and assessed the death penalty. Motion for rehearing will be made.

The other negro, Jim Davidson, indicted jointly, is to be tried next. Up to the time court adjourned three jurors had been selected.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the Harrison county court house.

Terrell Fire.

Terrell, Tex., Sept. 22.—Between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning this place was visited by a fire which consumed property to the amount of \$75,000. The following suffered total losses:

W. L. Martin & Co., stock of dry goods and clothing \$45,000; insured for \$25,000.

Matthew Cartwright, buildings, \$11,000; insured for \$5,000.

Oscar Price, building \$2,000; insured for \$1,000.

D. M. Purvine, building and stock of groceries \$6,000; insured for \$2,500.

S. C. Cleyett, stock of groceries \$3,000; insured for \$2,000.

T. B. Griffith, insurance office \$1,000; insured for \$300.

Dr. A. J. Stovall, library and instruments loss \$1,500; no insurance.

Dr. S. M. Gladney, loss \$500; no insurance.

Mercher & Rogers partial fixtures to meat market \$500; no insurance.

Dr. H. P. Ruddle, dentist, \$1,000; no insurance.

Dr. J. E. Parker, dentist, \$400; no insurance.

Electric light company's lines and poles \$500; no insurance.

Bass & Bro., damage to plate glass windows \$250; no insurance.

Frank White, colored, was given murder.

Bold Crime.

Denison, Tex., Sept. 22.—One of the boldest crimes ever committed in the city occurred in Sugar bottom Thursday night about 10:30 o'clock. About the hour named as J. A. Jennings, who runs a meat market in that location, was closing up his place of business for the night he was knocked in the head and robbed of over \$200.

Mr. Jennings related his experience as follows: "I was closing up my shop for the night and had taken all of the money collected during the day out of the money drawer, placing the currency in my pocket and silver and gold to the amount of \$100 in a canvas bag. Just as I blew out the last light I heard a slight noise behind me, but before I could turn around I was struck a terrible blow in the back of the head. That is all I remember until I saw father bending over me and asking me what the trouble was. The robber or robbers secured \$210 and some odd cents."

To Enlarge Fort.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 22.—Orders have been received here for the erection of a one-battery quarters, 120 men, at City Beach, just north of the city, where a battery of two eight-inch guns and eight twelve-inch mortars are now nearing completion. There will be six buildings and the cost is estimated at \$30,000. Gen. McKibben, commanding department of Texas, when in Galveston a month ago, recommended to the war department the need of these additional quarters. Work will be commenced in a few weeks. Battery G, now quartered in tents at City Beach, will occupy the new quarters.

Not Authorized.

Terrell, Tex., Sept. 22.—Dr. J. T. Wilson, superintendent of the North Texas Insane asylum here, was asked last night as to the report from Austin to the effect that he had tendered his resignation as superintendent of that institution to take effect on the 1st day of October. He would neither affirm nor deny the report, stating that there was no authority from him or the board of managers of the North Texas Insane asylum for the announcement of any such report.

Leading southern millers have gone to New York to hold a conference.

Cake Walk.

Gainesville, Tex., Sept. 22.—The Santa Fe passenger depot early and at night presented a lively appearance. A large number of colored men and women congregated on both occasions for the purpose of going to Valley View to a cake walk which was billed to hold out all day and all night. Men and women wore their best toggery and looked and acted and talked as though they were just upon the verge of a most glorious occasion.

Stood Him Off.

Mineola, Tex., Sept. 22.—Constable Hope of Hallville came here with a warrant for a colored man in Harrison county on a criminal charge. He located his man in a cotten field near here and went out in a buggy to bring him in. The negro pulled a big gun on the officer and made him drive back alone. Other officers went out, but the colored man had fled the country.

The French minister of war says the Dreyfus incident has closed.

Soldiers Pass Through.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 25.—Eight hundred recruits en route to the Philippine islands passed through here yesterday on the Texas and Pacific three trains made up of nine sleeping cars, as well as baggage and provision cars each, were employed. The boys in blue were mainly recruited in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee and Florida. A few scattering recruits were aboard from Illinois and Maine. They are a part of the twenty-ninth infantry, United States volunteers, and began organizing on July 12. Col. E. E. Hardin of the regular army commands the regiment, and passed through here on the first section. Capt. Stein and Major Case were respectively in charge of the second and third sections, the latter of which arrived here late in the afternoon.

The regiment was concentrated at Atlanta and expects to be at Manila in six weeks.

Mrs. Rich has appealed to Gov. Sayers to hasten her trial.

Heavy Loss.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 25.—Sunday morning between 3 and 4 o'clock the large two-story brick building at College station was found to be on fire. The fire department responded promptly to the alarm and did some good work, but the fire had made good headway before the alarm was turned in. The building was owned by H. A. Kahler and occupied by the T. J. Thurmond Medicine company and the Resume Publishing company, both under the management of Dr. T. J. Thurmond. Dr. Thurmond estimates his loss at about \$10,000—\$4,000 for the machinery, type and fixtures of the publishing company and \$6,000 for the stock of medicines and preparations stored in the laboratory.

Smothered to Death.

Bonham, Tex., Sept. 25.—A little child of D. K. Porter, who lives about ten miles northwest of here, was smothered to death in a pen of cotton one day last week. The little fellow had gone out to the field with his father and was left to play in the cotton pen while his father was at work. Several hours later he was found several feet under the cotton smothered to death. It is presumed that the child had dug a hole in the cotton pile and fell in head first and was unable to get out or make himself heard.

New Recorder.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 25.—Arthur C. Tompkins of Hempstead, grand master workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, has appointed Joe B. Reed grand recorder, which position was made vacant by the death of William P. Cole. The office of grand recorder will be now moved to Bryan, Texas, where Mr. Reed resides. Mr. Reed has been serving on the finance committee of this grand lodge since last session.

Valuable Horse Killed.

Corsicana, Tex., Sept. 25.—A bad runaway occurred on North Beaton street, which resulted in the death of a valuable horse belonging to Jacob Kolman. The team being left alone for a short time by the driver became frightened at some object and ran away, dashing into a pile of brick in front of the Odd Fellows' new building. The wagon jammed the team against the pile of brick and tearing one of the horses fearfully. He died in a short time.

Thomas Hammond was thrown from a wagon near Bremond, Tex., and his neck was broken.

Quite a Walker.

Ablene, Tex., Sept. 25.—Last week T. M. Richards, aged 65 years, performed a feat of pedestrianism that many younger men would not care to imitate. He was at a ranch 25 miles from town, and finding it necessary to come to town on business, and not having a means of conveyance, he walked the entire distance. He is an ex-Confederate veteran, and says that he could have walked 30 miles the next day easy enough.

Oil House Burns.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 25.—At 8:30 last night fire was discovered in the oil house adjoining the train dispatcher's office at the Texas and Pacific depot. There were about 1000 gallons of oil stored in the building, and in a short time the structure was in a mass of flames. The fire was promptly subdued, the buildings being little frame makeshifts that were to have been removed as soon as the new passenger station is completed.

TEXANETTES.

Dallas has 4710 public school scholars.

District court is in session at Abilene.

James O'Connor, an old resident of Dallas, is dead.

Revivalist Byron is conducting a revival at Jacksboro.

McKinney is to have a Young Men's Christian association.

Prof. Reed of Rusk, has been elected a teacher in the public schools of Tyler.

The Salvation Army celebrated its harvest festival on the 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th.

A runaway horse in Dallas caused four collisions and more or less damage to buggies resulted.

James F. Basham, one of the pioneers of Coryell county, died at his residence near Picoche in that county.

Seventy-five conversions are reported at the Liberty church revival meeting, near Texarkana, conducted by Rev. F. H. Williams.

Dr. B. T. Robertson, a prominent merchant and financier of Sulphur Springs, died in Maryland, where he had gone for his health.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company, having a capital stock of \$7,000,000, secured a ten-year renewal of its permit to do business in Texas.

Fifty divorce suits are docketed for the October term of the district court of Navarro county. The entire docket is one of the largest that county has had in many years, being of great length.

The commissioner of insurance qualified the National Aid association of Topeka, Kan., and the American Fraternal Insurance union of Buffalo, N. Y., to do business in Texas under the fraternal act.

The members of the Kaufman county bar met at Kaufman and elected Hon. Joseph Huffmaster special county judge to serve for the term on account of the continual illness of Judge Vesey, who is quite sick.

The new Texas and Pacific railway passenger station at Fort Worth, according to Contractor Thompson, will be ready for occupancy the 15th of October. A grand reception will signalize its opening.

Rev. Abe Mulkey, who has closed a successful meeting at Amarillo, is now at Tyler, conducting one and is meeting with flattering success. Great crowds are attending the services and many conversions made.

W. P. Cole, a leading official in the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Knights of Honor, died at Dallas after a long illness. His remains were shipped to Hempstead and buried beside those of his wife.

Robert Brockston instituted suit at Austin against the International and Great Northern Railroad company for \$19,675 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained as a result of being thrown from a train.

A meeting was held at the Young Men's Christian association rooms at Corsicana to organize a foot-ball team for the ensuing season and much enthusiasm was manifested. The club has a large membership.

As Policeman Harry Hooper was going to quell a disturbance in a negro quarter of Texarkana a stranger passed him and grabbed his pistol from his hand. The act was so unexpected that Hooper lost his hold upon the weapon and the man made away with it.

The executive board of the Lamar County Baptist association met at Paris and formulated a plan to reach all of the churches within the bounds of the association. The board will meet again on the 23d of October to place a missionary and colporter in the field for his entire time.

Hon. Fred T. Williams, who was hurt several days ago at San Angelo while looking after the loading of horses, was taken to Waco. His brother, N. W. Williams, Esq., went after him. The injured man was placed on a cot and brought home. He has never gained locomotion since he was hurt, and it is feared he is permanently injured. He was injured in the spine, but suffers very little pain.

Larger attendance as a rule is reported of the schools in all the cities and towns of the state. In some places additional schoolhouses were built and in others rooms added on. The growth of Texas' scholastic population is in deed remarkable.

