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Nanhattie.

More rain
Mr. John Leudday has moved down from Mitchell to the old Bob Powell ranch. This ranch is in Sterling county but it is in the suburbs of Nanhattie. The holidays are about over.

The young folks Nanhattie have had a good time.

We expect Bro. Cumbie here next Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Tubb is still lame with his sprained ankle.

Louis Dawson is hunting him a nuch. He is tired of block 97.

Yes there's another red-head at Harvey's. it's a big girl.

Mr. Price Myrick will move from Mitchell to Coke in a few days.

I. C. How

From Bro. Fair.

Mr. Editor and Readers

I presume to give you a few dots from this part of the state.

We have rain down here; how is low is it up there? We have had rain and cloudy weather nearly all the time for the last three weeks. Wheat is fine and grass green, but oh! the mud, how bad it is. I made a flying trip to Sipe springs via Brownwood and Comanche Christmas week; Met many old friends among them Hon. L. H. Brightman, and Dr. Toliver's family. The Dr. was in Neworians attending Lectures. Beaxto Toliver was sick but better the morning I left there-I staid all night with Bro. Brightman, sister Brightman's Father was there. He thinks Coke is the best county in the State. Dr. J. O. Toliver and Bro. Brightman have each built a nice house in Comanche.

When I Bordered the car at Comanche, the first man to recognise me was Bro. G. W. Webb of Robert Lee, on his way home from a visit to his Mother, Brother, and Sister; in the I. T. To hear him talk one would think he was just returning from Paradise. I know he enjoyed his visit to his mother, from personal experiences, of similar character. He thinks that a great county. We traveled together to Brownwood. Christmas, in this part of the country was enjoyed by our people both young and old a Christmas tree in the Methodist church was the chief occasion of enjoyment, in which all united. The object was for every child in the community to receive a present, which was very well carried out.

We have local option here, hence but little drunkenness. Some sent off and got enough "red eye" to bring them to the ground.

Mr. Editor; The bill of fare in the last issue of your paper was splendid. Uncle Tom is an interesting writer. I wish uncle Tom and his Sunday school much success. I wish to congratulate two of my old bachelor friends in finding their missing ribs as published in your last issue. I refer to G. W. Hanniford and Temp Whitesides. It has been aptly said that a man without wife is like one blade of a pair of scissors, of no use.

Success to the Rustler, and all readers. A happy New year to

Yours Truly.

Geo. F. Fair.

Lometa Tex. Jan. 10th 1900.

The first part of an athlete's training relates to the care of the stomach. The nourishing quality of his food is considered. The quantity he eats is carefully weighed and measured. It is curious that this care of the stomach is looked upon as an extraordinary thing only to be practiced in special circumstances.



It should be every one's care. Life is a struggle for the prize of success. The man who wins must take care of his stomach. It is not lack of energy or exercise that has caused so many a break-down in the race. It is neglect of the stomach.

Increment dull headache aggravated by eating, flatulence, gasping in the stomach, heartburn, acid eructations, coated tongue, bad taste in the mouth, nervousness, mental depression, sleeplessness; these are only a few of the symptoms of a weak stomach and an enfeebled condition of the digestive and nutritive functions. Not all these symptoms will be experienced at once, but any one of them means danger.

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"Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whisky or other intoxicant. Its protracted use does not create a craving for stimulants.

The dealer's after the dollar and the customer's after the cure. Its dealer with his eye on the dollar who proposes substitution. Let the customer keep his eye on the cure and insist on "Golden Medical Discovery."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets do not gripe. They effectually cleanse the system of accumulated impurities.

Teachers Proceedings.

Institute called to order by Chairman. Permanent secretary elected Miss Alvia Ingram, After which the program was carried out.

1st. Primary Number work discussion opened by Mr. Herald followed by Messrs. Savage, H. T. Carter, and F. E. Thomas.

2nd. Mr. Shamblin read a very interesting paper on "Hygiene in School."

3rd. Mr. C. C. Cooper then read an interesting paper on "What to do with a child who willfully neglects his lessons;" followed by a few interesting talks by other members of the institute.

4th. Subject. How to teach Long Division, Discussion opened by Mr Fortune followed by Messrs Merchaut, F. E. Thomas, W. T. Savage, and Miss Alvia Ingram.

Teachers present. Misses Thompson and Ingram, Messrs. W. T. Savage, H. T. Carter, Fortune, F. E. Thomas, C. C. Cooper, Herald, Merchaut, Shamblin, Jno. Ross, J. A. Thomas, Allen Baldwin, S. B. Williams, Asa Ross and J. A. Stewart.

Visitors, Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Tom Hooten, and Misses Birdie Pearce, Scottie Ingram, Emma Stickney, Roxy Ingram, Lisle Roe and Annie McCabe. Rev. Bullock and Messrs. Elton Durham, Edgar Savage, Bredford.

Business session called place of meeting, and Robert Lee Declared as place of meeting.

Program committed appointed; F. E. Thomas, Herald, S. B. Williams, who submitted the following report.

Friday night Feb. 9th 1900
Welcome Address, Old Graham, Response. Prof. Jowers.
Song. Our Country. By all.
Station, Mrs. Averitt.

Quartette, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gardner, Mrs. Averitt and Prof. Savage.

Address. Prof. H. T. Carter.
Instrumental Music. J. S. Gardner, Fred Lewis, and Tom Cross.
Further entertainment to be arranged by Prof. Savage.
Saturday Morning 9 o'clock,
Language vs Grammar, Miss Alvia Ingram and Miss Ruth Thompson,
Compound Proportion, E. B. Williams.
Essay. General Culture, Miss Nelms.
Allegation. Prof. Jowers, and F. E. Thomas.

Are our institutes accomplishing desired results? General discussion introduced by J. B. Herald.

Institute adjourned to meet February 9, and 10th, 1900.
W. T. Savage, Chairman.
Alvia Ingram, Sec.

Union Soldiers

I will purchase additional rights of all who homesteaded less than 160 acres prior to June, 1874, even if they abandoned their claims. Will buy fractionals, if ever so small, also Forest Reserve Rights and Government Land Warrants. Great inducements offered agents.

R. K. Kelley, Kansas City, Mo.,
Coke County.

Is the place for the home-seeker to pull up his reins and stop. Land suitable to make small and medium sized farms and ranches can be had here at from \$1.00 to \$4.00 per acre.

Improved farms and ranches can be purchased at from 2 to \$6. per acre.

Town lots in Robert Lee or Bronte can be purchased at from 15. to \$100. according to size, location, etc.

The Colorado river runs diagonally through the County from North-West to South-East. Other streams north of the Colorado, are Boozer, Big Silver, Little Silver, Yellow Wolf, Mess-box, Mountain, Mechatch Indian, Cow, Turkey, Double-barrell, and the three Kickapoos. All of these streams have living water in them almost all the time and have people living in their valleys, who have made a success in home-building.

South of the Colorado River are found Grape, Pecan, Paint, Salt, Wild Cat, Buffalo, Live Oak, and Mule creeks, on each of which can be found prosperous ranchmen and stock-farmers, many of whom have made fairly good fortunes in Coke.

Coke has a number of farmers who have successfully battled against the time honored illusion that "this County is no good for grangers." Many have made a good living and paid for their land, besides year by year, buying land adjacent.

Any person desiring further information can address the undersigned, who pledges immediate reply, and will furnish any information concerning the country desired.

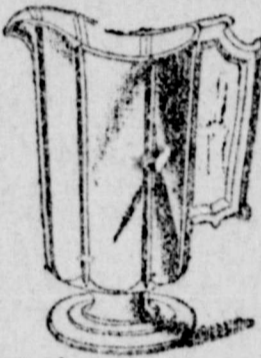
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Call on us when in need of Groceries, Dry Goods, Books, Shoes, Hats, Furnishings, Saddles, Harness, Hardware, Etc.
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ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.



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DEALER IN
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Feed, Dry Goods, variety of 5 and 10 cent goods.
Call and examine this stock and the price.
Half gallon glass pitcher, 30 cents.
SOUTH SIDE SQUARE, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Perryman & Averitt,

Lawyers and Land Agents,

Will answer all inquiries about Lands in Coke County.
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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The Newest Goods in town. Everything priced right.
Give me a call when you want any thing in my line.
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Free Wagon Yard. Close Prices. Polite Treatment.
WEST SIDE SQUARE, ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

Cattle for Cuba.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 15.—Upon application of F. Benemelis, charterer of the steamship Nile, which was loading at Pier 35 with cattle for Cuba, Judge E. D. Cavin of the fifty sixth district court issued a restraining order against Harbormaster Thomas H. Sweeney, enjoining him from interfering in the loading of the ship while at this port.

The applicant alleged in his prayer for an injunction that the harbormaster ordered him to shift his vessel to make room for another ship that wanted to load at the same pier, and that upon refusal to obey the order of the harbormaster that officer threatened to move the vessel by force. Complainant alleged in his petition that his vessel was loading 1100 head of cattle for Cuba, valued at \$25,000, and that the loading was at a heavy expense and could not afford to be delayed or interrupted.

He averred that if his vessel was shifted five feet it would necessitate the discontinuance of loading, as it would move the ship away from the chute which was used in the loading of the cattle. Petitioner further stated that a delay of twenty-four hours meant a cost to him of \$5000, and a delay of forty-eight hours a cost of \$10,000. If the ship was moved it would enforce a delay of two days, as yesterday being Sunday, the ship could not leave port until the cattle were secured on board.

Judge Cavin granted the injunction and issued a restraining order upon Harbormaster Sweeney. The Nile finished loading and sailed yesterday evening. The sailing of the vessel vacated the order and there will be no further hearing of the case in court.

Historic Churches.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Jan. 15.—Rev. Ellis Smith, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at this place, has some interesting and peculiar religious relics or souvenirs. They are pieces of wood or timber sawed out of a post oak log that served as one of the sills of the original old log church at McMahan's chapel, in the western edge of Sabine county, about thirteen miles east of the old town of San Augustine, erected at Protestant organization in Texas was born in September, 1833, was long ago replaced by a more respectable one, and this in turn by a third, which now stands upon the same hallowed spot. There was a Methodist church built in the town of San Augustine in 1838, the first Protestant church in Texas, and General Rusk made a speech at the Masonic ceremony of laying the corner stone, but shortly afterward came the building of McMahan's chapel. The pieces of wood are intended for walking canes. The historic details are given in Thrall's history of Methodism in Texas. Rev. Mr. Smith is a grandson of the famous Rev. Littleton Fowler, who officiated in these events.

Red River Navigation.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 15.—President H. H. Kirkpatrick of the Paris Commercial club is in receipt of a letter from Capt. A. P. Seamon of Fulton, Ark., an old steamboat pilot, in which the writer shows his faith by proposing to put a boat on the stream and take the chances of getting it up and down the river if he can secure traffic. He says: "I am willing to put a suitable boat in the trade, either on a bonus or based on freight."

Frank G. Bonfils, who was shot at Denver, Col., is reported in a critical condition.

School in Good Condition.

Bonham, Tex., Jan. 15.—Superintendent Foster of the city public schools has published his monthly report of the condition and progress of the schools. In this report it is clearly shown that the schools are advancing thoroughness with each month.

Since Christmas several new pupils have been enrolled last month. Now that number is increased to 330. In the colored schools the increase for one month, and the total enrollment in white and colored schools is 11,041.

In view of the fact that the attendance was increasing in this manner, the board of trustees saw fit not long since to add another teacher to the schools.

Mr. Specht of Iowa Park has 1300 acres in wheat, 300 in oats, 300 in corn and 200 in African millet, sorghum and other feed crops. He is now pasturing 75 Hereford calves on 30 acres of rye on his ranch.

The Holmes Case.

Brownwood, Tex., Jan. 12.—Mrs. T. M. Hayes, wife of Dr. T. M. Hayes, principal witness for the state, whose evidence was given Wednesday, was the principal witness yesterday morning. She testified that she was a sister to the defendant, Mrs. Carrie Holmes. That she attended the funeral of Walter Holmes, deceased, at Coleman. That she rode up there in a buggy with her husband, but that at the request of defendant rode back in another carriage and that defendant rode with her husband. That the funeral took place on Thursday. That Dr. Hayes was absent that night for a considerable time. That he said he was going to visit a patient, but that defendant told her he had gone to Coleman. That she was present at an interview between defendant and Hayes at their house on Saturday next following the killing. That in this interview, defendant confessed that she was in love with J. F. Hamlin and that they were to marry in December following, and on being pressed by Hayes she admitted that she killed him. That she told both her mother and father about this. Did not know at that time that Dr. Hayes suspected of having killed Walter Holmes and did not so testify on a former trial of this cause, nor on the Hamlin trial.

Drs. Brown and Alexander both swore that they knew where Walter Holmes was buried; that they assisted in exhuming his body Feb. 20, 1897. That they took out the stomach, liver and about six inches of the intestines. That they cut the liver into two parts. That it was cut transversely and as near the middle as they could judge it by the eye. That the lower half of this liver, the stomach and small intestines were placed in two bottles and sealed with sealing wax. That these bottles were subsequently turned over to the sheriff of Coleman county.

That this exhumation took place at the instance and under the direction of J. K. Baker, county attorney of Coleman county; T. T. Crosson, district attorney of the district, and Justice of the Peace Lewis.

Sheriff Saunders testified that he was sheriff of Coleman county in February, 1897. While acting as such officer he assisted in taking up the body of Walter Holmes. That he was given a small box by Drs. Alexander and Brown, said to contain the parts of the body taken out by them and directed to Prof. Chase of Fort Worth. That he delivered this box to Chase in person.

Prof. I. C. Chase testified that he was professor of chemistry of the medical department of Fort Worth university. That he held such position February, 1897. That Sheriff Saunders of Coleman county turned over to him on the night of Feb. 21, 1897, a box containing two bottles which contained a part of the liver, the stomach and about six inches of the small intestines of a human body. That he subjected these parts to many of the standard tests for the discovery of arsenic (giving tests used). That he found in this stomach 1.93 grains of metallic arsenic, or the equivalent of 2.54 grains of white arsenic. That in one-half of the liver sent to him, or one-fourth of the whole liver he found .6426 of a grain of white arsenic, making at this ratio 2.57 grains of white arsenic in the whole liver. Stated it as a fact that had arsenic been inserted in the mouth, or under the skin of the person after death, the analysis would have been practically the same as had the arsenic been taken during life. Remembered the circumstances of Mr. Jenkins' visit to him at Fort Worth. It is a fact that I refused at that time to tell what would be my evidence in this case.

Passenger Train Wrecked.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 12.—The Santa Fe flyer northbound arrived at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, nearly 3 hours late, and met with a disastrous wreck after entering the yards. Just north of the Frisco roundhouse where the track makes a curve to turn into the depot the engine took one of the rails at a frog and the tender tipped the other. The latter was derailed and thrown crosswise of the track. One or two wheels of the engine were also derailed. The mail and baggage cars got entirely off and the passengers were shaken up, but nobody was injured. The accident disabled the engine to such an extent that it will have to go to the shops. There was a small wreck at the same spot Wednesday night in switching freight cars, and the track where the wreck occurred yesterday afternoon had just been repaired.

Texas Pecan Crop.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 13.—Shippers at this point are paying from 8c to 11c a pound for pecans, the outside figure being for a choice article, and the offerings are larger than was expected when the season opened, the gatherers of the wild pecans having found some good fields along the western end of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe and in some of the counties traversed by the Fort Worth and Rio Grande and the Texas Central.

Mr. V. Kemendo, who has been watching the pecan crop of Texas for ten years says that the output of the year 1899 will exceed that of the previous year, and is nevertheless a short crop. He says the shippers paid from 21-2c to 5c when the crop was good about three years ago, and could easily supply themselves at those prices, whereas at the present high figure the offerings are by no means large.

The pecan crop, Mr. Kemendo thinks, will ultimately be worth as much as the cotton crop to the state of Texas, because pecan trees are peculiarly adapted to the climate and soil of the western portion of this state and the nuts possesses a flavor which recommends them over the product of any other state, in all the markets of the world, France, England, Germany and Italy and Russia are ordering Texas pecans and are glad to get them for use in the confectioneries of the foreign lands, and also for the sake of the oil they yield, which commands the highest price in the world in the matter of oil for the finest lubricating purposes and also as a dietary article in costly delicacies. The wild pecan crop of Texas this year was supplemented by the produce of the orchardists, which amounts to a good deal, Brown county leading in the production of the cultivated pecans, which sell at fancy prices and can be disposed of in any quantity as fast as offered. Mr. Kemendo remarked that the pecan interest would never reach its highest point of profit until elevators are established at central points for assorting, polishing and sacking the nuts and placing them in the highest mercantile order for shipment. The unassorted nuts put on the market in the rough state, just as they come from the trees, suffer considerable discount, and when they are passed through the modern processes at the elevators they gain largely in price. Pecan elevators should be established, he thinks, at all the largest business centers and pecan literature should be freely published to encourage the people to plant orchards of pecan trees and to desist from cutting down the wild trees, which furnish a very superior nut for certain classes of trade.

Serious Accident.

Longview, Tex., Jan. 13.—At 3:15 p. m. the wringer of the Longview steam laundry exploded with great force, seriously injuring three men who were standing at the wringer. D. W. Simpson, the proprietor, was hurled against the floor with a bruised hip and both hands mashed.

Harry Kemper, a painter, who was looking on, was hit in the side and legs by a large piece of casting and badly crushed, his watch, perhaps, saving his life.

W. J. Padon, a railroad man, standing near, was hit with a large piece of casting on the legs and thrown violently to the floor. It is thought all will recover.

The outside casting, half an inch thick, was blown in many large pieces, striking the floor and walls, and many of the laundry force narrowly missed instant death.

Want Artesian Water.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 13.—Commissioner Wm. Barr made his report to the county commissioners' court yesterday in reference to the cost of a special artesian water supply and electric light plant for the county's use at the courthouse and jail. The report placed the lowest bid on water supply at \$542.25 and on electric plant about \$2,100. He figures that the county will save \$143.12 per year in having and operating plants of its own.

Selling Cattle.

Denton, Tex., Jan. 13.—T. K. Blewett has returned from San Antonio, where he took a carload of native full-blood Durham bulls, and left again yesterday afternoon with another car of the same class of stock. The first car, he said brought a good price, the San Antonio buyers saying the Denton county bulls were the best shown on the market.

PASTURE AND FARM.

Wheat is doing well.
Rice culture is all the rage.
Pastures are in fair condition in Bee county.

Good grazing is reported in many localities.

A truck growers' association has been formed at Millican.

Collin county will have a large onion acreage this season.

Feed is reported high in Crosby county despite its abundance.

At an agricultural experiment station in Oregon 243 varieties of grain are seen.

R. H. B. Holmes of Luling recently shipped 370 head of fine steers to Chicago.

All north Texas was well soaked last week, as well as other portions of the state.

C. C. Walton of Corsicana shipped to Chicago eleven carloads of fat steer cattle.

Dr. W. A. Adams of Fort Worth has bought two standard bred mares, paying \$1000 each.

Salvation weed and wild rye, both good cattle feed, are growing finely in Knox county.

Arrangements have been made to feed 1000 additional cattle at the Abilene oil mill.

Gen. Miles pronounces the Porto Rican ponies so small as only fit to pull baby carriages.

The Fruit Growers' association of Wood county is looking into the matter of railroad transportation.

E. P. Rugeley picked a mess of Lima beans from his garden at Matagorda a few days ago. He also has snap beans.

Something over 40,000 bales of cotton are booked to be shipped through Sabine Pass this season, and other shipments are being negotiated.

Several farmers met at Matagorda and agreed to raise this year broom corn to the combined extent of 104 acres.

The Fruit Growers' and Gardeners' Association of Northeast Texas has decided to put in an increased Irish potato acreage this year.

Among recent trades was the sale of Ed Corkill of El Sordo to Archie Parr of Benevides. This sale embraces 1000 head of cows, terms private.

A Waco man has shipped to California three peacocks and five hens. He has fifty on hand, and says they are more profitable than turkeys.

A number of McLennan county farmers who raised tobacco last year are increasing their acreage of the crop and are now burning plant beds.

M. A. Price of San Angelo, and T. B. Wilson, bought the Doak ranch, Sterling county, seven sections, 310 head of cattle, stock horses, mules, etc., for \$6900.

The inclement weather last week put a quietus on farming operations and rendered the roads so muddy that farmers could not go to the cities and towns.

W. J. Cox, one of the heaviest shippers of Mexican cattle to Cuba in El Paso, attributes the slump in the Havana market to the importation of cattle from Venezuela.

Farmers report a number of horses having died recently with blind staggers or some kindred disease around Holland, Bell county. Several have died in the past few days.

Preston Austin is accredited with having purchased from Denis O'Connor of Victoria 3000 cows and between 300 and 400 head of steers. The terms of sale could not be ascertained.

A number of farmers who have been disposed of their lands in the Indian Territory by the government will soon go to Corpus Christi with a view of locating in the coast country at an early day.

The acreage to be planted by the Camp County Horticultural association this season will be more than doubled. A great deal more cantaloupe and tomato seed, in particular, will be put in.

There is a disease prevalent among horses at Tanglewood, Lee county, fatal in all cases so far. The people call it "sleepy staggers." The animal attacked becomes droopy and refuses feed, then goes blind in one eye, usually the right one, and when made to move, moves in a circle. Death occurs in thirty-six to forty hours.

Regarding the necessity of securing correct figures on the production of cotton, the number of bales annually raised and everything that relates to cotton, Mr. Charles L. Sanger of Waco thinks that it should be a matter of legislation by congress.

TEXANETTES.

Paris wants better streets.
Clarksville wants waterworks.
Amarillo's streets are being gravelled.

McKinney is to have a \$30,000 flour mill.

Wills Point has voted \$15,000 waterworks bonds.

Terrell's volunteer fire department is to disband.

Joe Suwart was shot and killed near Ennis. A party was arrested.

J. A. Garrett of Quanah fell dead on a sidewalk there.

The Dallas Artillery company has been fully equipped.

Leopold Eppstein, a pioneer citizen of Denison, is dead.

The Circle Belt railway is again coming to the surface at Gainesville.

Dr. C. M. Rosser of Dallas has been appointed surgeon of the Texas and New Orleans railroad.

Last year the county clerk of Hunt county issued 394 marriage licenses, against 388 the previous year.

W. H. Brewer had four fingers so badly cut in a Terrell planing mill that they had to be amputated.

Amos Phillips of San Angelo had a leg lacerated by his horse running with him into a barbed wire fence.

Miss Hennie Holland, a Marshall milliner, has filed a bankruptcy petition. Liabilities, \$2400; assets, \$2000.

Theodore Goldman, an International and Great Northern railway conductor, died at the Sealy hospital, Galveston.

Mrs. H. M. King, owner of the King ranch in southwest Texas, was painfully burned by the explosion of a lamp.

Lawry Laughlin was caught in the shafting of a Terrell flour mill, whirled around several times and badly bruised.

The date for the execution of Will Jones, colored, convicted at Bonham of murdering his wife, has been set for March 9.

A lamp explosion resulted in the Commercial hotel, a new structure at Pittsburg, being destroyed by fire. Loss, \$5000.

J. M. Loyd & Son's store at Italy was burglarized and fifteen dozen pocket knives and a number of razors taken.

Andrew Mitchell, colored, was thrown off a horse and fell under the wheels of an electric car at Austin, meeting instant death.

At Miles Station, near San Angelo, Rev. J. D. Williams, while attempting to cross a railroad track, was run over and killed by a freight train.

The following is a comparison of the postal receipts of Terrell: In 1898 they were \$7,909.76, in 1899 \$9,367.78, showing an increase for the year 1899 of \$1458.02.

The board of managers of the North Texas insane asylum, at Terrell, have elected Dr. G. F. Powell of Terrell third assistant physician at a salary of \$1250 per annum.

Since the old fiddlers' contest was pulled off at Paris letters have been received in that city from Sedalia, Mo., Natchez, Miss., and other points asking about the programme.

S. F. Willie, who ran the first Frisco train into Paris, was there a few days ago. It was on Jan. 15, 1887, and he still holds the old order which he received at Fort Smith, Ark., to take charge of the train to Paris.

J. P. Jackson, for twelve years secretary of the Dallas Young Men's Christian association, has resigned to accept a position with the New Orleans organization. He is succeeded by W. A. Wynn of North Carolina.

While Messrs. Louder and Boenker were returning home in a wagon from Brenham their team became frightened and ran away, throwing both men out of the wagon. Boenker's neck was broken and Louder was badly injured.

The Greenville rifles have received their new equipment from the adjutant general at Austin. The equipment consists of regulation hats, leggins, etc., and new guns, the best guns the company has ever had furnished. The company is hard at work drilling every night.

Officers report that there is considerable counterfeit money being passed at Tyler. Recently two \$1 bills have been raised to \$10 and passed. Two arrests have been made, but the evidence was not sufficient to hold the parties and they were released.

Col. W. S. B. Hopkins died at Pine-hunt, N. C., the other day.

New Cable Lines.

France is dependent upon England for news of the Transvaal war, because the cables are under their control, and she is ready to spend a vast sum of money to free herself. This is like many people who have dyspepsia, spend a fortune seeking deliverance. They should try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It never fails to cure dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness.

What a rude awakening from scenes of dreamland to those of this mundane and terrestrial sphere.

A husband and wife should always be lovers.

THE GRIP CURE THAT DOES CURE.
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets remove the cause that produces La Grippe. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

More employment will greatly lessen the number of crimes.

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Courthouse windows usually dress in light clothes, cemetery windows in black.

I am Past 80 and Not a Gray Hair

"I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor for a great many years, and although I am past eighty years of age, yet I have not a gray hair in my head."—Geo. Yclott, Towson, Md., Aug. 3, 1899.

Have You Lost It?

We mean all that rich, dark color your hair used to have. But there is no need of mourning over it, for you can find it again.

Ayer's Hair Vigor always restores color to gray hair. We know exactly what we are saying when we use that word "always."

It makes the hair grow heavy and long, too; takes out every bit of dandruff, and stops falling of the hair. Keep it on your dressing table and use it every day. \$1.00 a bottle. All druggists.

Write the Doctor

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ANCIENT SCIENCE.

FACTS ABOUT ENGLISH BUILDING IN 1577.

Most of Them Were of Wood and Chimneys Were Few and Far Between—"Commonly Strong and Well Timbered."

It may appear strange to those who are acquainted only with the present state of English towns to be told that in the reign of Queen Elizabeth William Harrison, chaplain to William Lord Cobham, in his "Description of England" prefixed to Hollinshed's "Chronicles," stated that "the greatest part of our building in the cities and good townes of England consisteth onnellie of timber, for as yet few of the houses of the commonaltie (except here and there in the West Countie townes) are made of stone, although they may (in my opinion) in diverse other place be builded so good cheape of the one as of the other." Here, we see, brick is not even hinted at; but when the writer comes to speak of country mansions, he mentions it as recently introduced. "The ancient manours and houses of our gentleman," he says, "are yet and for the most part of strong timber, in framing whereof our carpenters have bene and are worthilie preferred before those of like science among all other nations. Howbeit, such as be latelie builded are commonlie of either bricke or hard stone, or both." "There are old men," he afterward adds, "yet dwelling in the village where I remaine which have noted three things to be marvellouslie altdred in England within their sound remembrance; and other three things too, too much increased. One is the multitude of chimnies latelie erected, whereas in their young daies there were not above two or three, if so manie, in most uplandish townes of the realme (the religious houses and manour places of their lords alwaies excepted, and peradventure some great personages), but each one made his fire against rededesse in the hall when he dined and dressed his meat." The second change was "the great amendment of lodging," that is, accommodation and furniture for the night's rest; the third, "the exchange of vessell, as of treene platters into pewter, and wooden spoones into silver or tin." The same writer in two places sets forth a very marked distinction between the dwellings in the champaign and the woodland parts of the country. "The houses in the first lie uniformlie builded in everie towne together, with streets and lanes, whereas in the woodland countries (except here and there in great market townes) they stand scattered abroad, each one dwelling in the midst of his owne occupieng." Again, there was this important difference in the materials and style of construction: "In the wooddie soles our houses are commonlie strong and well-timbered, so that in manie places there are not above foure, six or nine inches between stud and stud; but in the open and champaign countries they are infored, for want of stufte, to use no studs at all, but only frankeposts, raisins, beames, prickposts, groundseels, summers of dormants, transoms or such principalls, with here and there a girding, whereunto they fasten their splints or radels, and they cast it all over with thicke clay to keep out the winde, which otherwise would annoie them." Of cottages built in this miserable fashion there are many specimens remaining in some of the midland counties, as well as the memorable cob-walls of the west; and of the ancient timber manor-house of "post and pane" many exist in Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, etc.—Architect, of London.

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Effect of Altitude.

Perhaps no state in the union has climate so much to do with the character of the people as in Colorado, is the contention of a writer in "Ainslee's." He says in part: "Go into Colorado; climb the long ascent from the level of the Missouri, and then as you emerge from the train into the handsomely improved streets and among the unsurpassed brick and stone residences of Denver feel your head swim with the lofty altitude and the rarefied air; then realize that the miners went on a mile further into the air, that they are working and taking out millions of dollars of gold to the present day a mile higher in the air, at Cripple Creek, at Leadville and a dozen other places; it will make you pause to think what exaltation there is in dwelling there always, what staying powers the pioneers must have had. Wait a day or so, until the vertigo has passed away, and the exhilaration comes to you that always comes when you have climbed a mountain and stood upon its top and gazed out over a wide world that expands below you; then you will begin to feel that electric, that nervous surcharge, that indomitable, undiscourageable, almost towering spirit of elevation and still further elevation that makes Colorado almost the liveliest, the most irrepresible, the most determined element in the American body, social and politic."

Reaction.
"Come in, blank, blank you!" roared Mr. Spotcash in response to the third rap at his office door. "How many more times do you need to be told?" The door opened, and Captain Mary Smith of the Salvation Army came in. "Hem!" coughed Mr. Spotcash. "Er—never, I'll take a War Cry. Here's \$1. Never mind the change."—Chicago Tribune.

Donald's Christmas Present.
From Brooklyn Life: Ruth—Did you get anything from Santa Claus, Donald? Cousin Donald—You bet I did. I got a good lickin' fer callin' him pa an' pullin' his beard off!

At the close of formal dinners in Japan guests are presented with any portion of the meal they may fail to eat, which they are expected to take home.

The comptroller has registered \$24,500 of Hood county courthouse refunding bonds.

"DRUV INTO DECENCY."

Policeman's Story of the Change in London's Wicked Slums.

I stood at Seven Dials and heard the policeman's account of what it used to be. Seven Dials is no more like the slum of old than is the Five points today. The policeman's story rambled among the days when things were different. Then it was dangerous for an officer to go alone there at night, says the Atlantic. Around the corner there came from one of the side streets a procession with banners, parading in honor and aid of some church charity. In it marched young men and boys with swords and battle-axes, and upon the outskirts skipped a host of young roughs—so one would have called them, but for the evidence of their honest employment—who rattled collection boxes, reaping a harvest of pennies from far and near. I looked at the battle-axes and the collection boxes and thought of forty years ago. Where were the Seven Dials of that day, and the men who gave it its bad name? I asked the policeman. "They were druv into decency, sor!" he said, and answered from his own experience the question ever asked by faint-hearted philanthropists. "My father, he done duty here afore me in '45. The worst dive was where that church stands. It was always full of thieves"—whose sons, I added, mentally, have become collectors for the church. The one fact was a whole chapter on the slum. London's way with the tenants we adopted at last in New York with the slum landlord. He was "druv into decency." We had to. Moral suasion had been stretched to the limit. The point had been reached where one knockdown blow outweighed a bushel of arguments. The rear tenements were chosen for this purpose. They were the worst, as they were the first of New York's tenements. The double-deckers had, with all the evils, at least this to their credit, that the death rate was not nearly as high as that of the old houses. That was not because of any virtue inherent in the double-deckers, but because the earlier tenements were old, and built in a day that knew nothing of sanitary restrictions and cared less. The mortality of the rear tenement had long been a scandal. They were built in the backyard, generally back to back with the rear buildings on the adjoining lots. If there is an open space between them, it is never more than a slit a foot or so wide, that gets to be the receptacle of garbage and filth of every kind, so that the windows in these walls become a source of greater danger than if there were none.

THE ROYAL HOSTESS.

German Emperor's Little Daughter Gives a "Five o'Clock Tea."
Princess Viktoria Luise, the only daughter of the German emperor and empress, celebrated her return from the mountains by entertaining all her little friends at a "five o'clock," where chocolate was served, and not tea. There are so few little princes and princesses of tender years that little people of less exalted rank were included among the invited guests. These latter, a little shy at their first introduction into imperial circles, were received by the gracious hostess in such an informal manner that they felt at home at once. She has inherited housewife capability from her charming mamma, and she insisted upon dealing out to each separate his or her share of cake and chocolate. As each child left it received as a souvenir a package of chocolate, attached to which was a small portrait of the fascinating little imperial hostess. It was all a very great success. She is not only beloved by her father, mother and six brothers, but the entire imperial household is at her feet. This little sprite can do with her father as she likes, and at the same hour every morning she runs into his study and delights him with her various accomplishments from day to day, such as a new verse in French, German or English, or anything that she thinks will please him. She is five years old, very blonde, with expressive blue eyes, and enjoys to the utmost every moment of her until now unclouded life. The mother and little daughter are inseparable, and in this way the little one has become quite a traveler, and she has seen more lands than many a grown person.

A Happy Thought.

Mother—What has become of Charlie? I haven't seen him this morning. Daughter—He is in Uncle John's room. Uncle John is taking Charlie's photograph by the instantaneous process, and that always takes several hours.—Tammany Times.

Keeping on Safe Ground.

Kansas City Independent: Dasherly—He's all the time harping about Ladysmith. Flasherly—Well, that's the only name over there in the Transvaal that he knows how to pronounce.

The Cotton Belt railway is improving its walks around the depot at Greenville.

MAKING A HEAVY GUN.

Takes Longer Than the Construction of the Ship That Carries It.

Mr. W. J. Gordon sketches Woolwich arsenal in the Leisure Hour. Among a host of interesting descriptions may be selected here what he says about the making of a gun: "In their early stages these guns are unexpectedly long and slender things, owing to their being without the coils and jackets that build them up to such bulkiness. They look their longest during their wiring, that modern process which enabled us to reduce the bulk of the gun so much that the podgy Woolwich infants have developed into graceful boys. There is something startling in finding a gun being treated like a bat-handle, the only difference being that instead of waxed thread you wind on a thin flat strip of steel having a breaking strain of 100 tons to the square inch, and wind this on in several layers instead of one. The gun revolves in a lathe as the cricket-bat does, but much more slowly, and in place of the wooden spool of thread there stands, at right angles to it, a huge iron reel, from which the riband or wire, as it is called, which is about a quarter of an inch wide, is wound on spirally at high tension, the spirals being knocked up tight to each other with a punch whenever they fail to wind on closely together. The gun is thus wrapped with literally miles of wire, mostly in the region of the powder chamber. Over the wire jacket come the hoops of cast steel cut out of ingots as disks, and forged into rings just a trifle smaller than the finger they are to fit; and when these are finished they are one by one, for there are many of them, heated just enough to expand them, and slipped over the gun to shrink and grip it as they cool, the gun being upright at the time, with a stream of water flowing through its bore to keep the temperature down. In this way wiring is all hidden, and the gun looks as though it were built up entirely of these massive hoops, as it used to be. The lathe work and other operations necessitated by all this may be imagined, and we cease to wonder why it takes longer to make a heavy gun than it does to build the ship that carries it."

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A New Sea Port.

There is a lustrous young city growing up down in Texas which is attracting widespread attention. It is La Porte, located at the head of Galveston Bay. It is being made the great seaport of the Gulf of Mexico, the meeting place of rail and water ways for the vast commerce of the west. The saving to western shippers via this export outlet will run into millions annually. The city has the most magnificent natural port on the southern coast of the United States and one of the best in the world. The U. S. government is completing a deep water channel through the bay to the gulf, which will soon bring the largest ocean liners to La Porte docks and wharfs.

The Ennis Organized Charities report fewer calls for aid this winter than last.

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Coke has had many warm days lately. Sunshine does all much good.

The Rustler has heard quite enough on the negro question for every one to form his own opinion. Any more argument will be likely to change no one.

The Rustler desires all its correspondents to devote more or all of their communications to news items. Religious or denominational arguments are productive of no good in the local county paper.

The Teachers Institute was well attended here last Friday night and Saturday.

To the Crank:
If you will prove that the lord made a man on the fifth day, you find in the very next verse the relationship he bore to Adam.
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Notice to Tax Payers of Coke County.

There will be ten per cent penalty, and six per cent interest per annum, collected on all taxes paid after Jan. 31st 1900.

Respectfully, L. B. Murray Tax Coll. Coke County.

Bro. Clark has instructed us to send the paper to a couple of his relatives back east.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hayley, of Bronte, were up Friday visiting the Editor's family.

Grandpa Dickey was in town Saturday, and while here dropped a line in answer to one of the Crauk's question.

J. W. Webb, Agent for the Hartford Life Insurance Co. was in town a few days, latter part of last week. He did considerable business as usual.

J. R. Smith and little daughter were shopping in town Monday.

Joseph Vowell will read the Rustler here after.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Copeland and little son, Newton, spent last Friday in town, visiting.

Our friend J. D. Sauls will read the Rustler for a year.

W. F. Shook, of Bronte was in town Saturday. He is one of Coke's best citizens who recently sold to Mr. Wilkins of Coleman Co. We hope Mr. S. will locate in Coke again.

B. N. Tannehill and O. K. Meek were in town last Saturday.

Elder J. B. Hooten preached interesting discourses Saturday night Sunday and Sunday night.

N. B. Stepp has struck medicated water in his well at home.

M. B. Sheppard and A. C. Gardner, both of Edith were here Saturday to attend the Masonic Lodge as well as other business.

Silas Conner, the fat and jolly cow man from away up on the river was down Monday.

T. A. Higginbotham and family of Bronte were visiting C. L. Hughes and family Saturday and Sunday.

E. Meneille, from the mouth of Yellow Wolf, was in town Monday.

Judge M. H. Davis has traded his Hotel property to W. B. Green, for the latter's residence here and his school land near Sanco.

Mr. W. H. Bell has purchased the Billie Green place near Sanco from Judge Davis.

D. B. McCallum, our popular merchant, made a business trip to San Angelo last week.

W. R. Pressjar, remembered the Rustler pleasantly last Saturday.

Clarence Jones the tall sycamore from Hayrick was in town last Saturday, and subscribed for the Rustler.

Uncle Johnnie Conner from near Silver, attended lodge here last Sat. night.

M. B. Sheppard of Edith attended the Masonic lodge here, Saturday night.

J. R. McDonald, an old friend, from above Bronte was in to see us Monday. He says the Rustler is all right and paid in advance into 1901.

Hon. W. W. Cutchen from Bronte was in town last Monday. He was accompanied by his brother, Joe. B.

Several of our people have recently secured life insurance policies.

The Cedar Hill Baptist Church

Was organized, in the Spring of 18-93 withal out 11 members. There were enough waiting for letters to increase the membership to 15. Eight others joined in July of the same year: four of them by baptism. Since then there has been 16 received by baptism and probably 17 by letter. There has been several dismissed by letter and one excluded. There are now 38 members: 14 males and 22 females.

The Church has had two pastors. The first and also the last was Elder G. C. Berryman. The other was the late Elder J. C. Averett.

The church now has no pastor. The above is written from memory and may contain mistakes.

J. I. Westfall

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Query Box.

How many different religious denominations have organizations in Coke? Ans. Six. Missionary Baptist, Primitive Baptist, Christian, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian.

What Church in Coke has most members? Answer: The Methodist Episcopal Church has more members in Coke than any other denomination. The strongest single Church is the Bronte Baptist Church which has over one hundred members.

Can you tell me how many Sunday Schools there are in Coke? Worker. We think there are four. Two Union schools at Bronte and Chadbourne, a Methodist school at Robert Lee, and a Baptist one at Cedar Hill.

Many of our people even some merchants, have a habit of sweeping out paper and other trash just outside their doors and leaving it to be carried hither and thither by the winds: thus making their town or home, look as if it needed a scavenger. This trash could as easily be burnt up and the dirt swept and thus much improve, not only the looks, but the sensation of their locality.

J. M. Sparks the well prill man from above Edith was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. W P Walling, and her little son Delbert was shopping in town Wednesday last.

J W Caudle of Valley View was in town wed.

Notice the new advertisement of Mr. Powers our new tonsorial artist in this issue.

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On Lying.

A "fiar" is one who does not always tell the truth. There are "liars" and "other liars" of different kinds. Now, over here in Coke, we have very few of any kind.

But, over in Maine, they are plentiful of all kinds.

1st. There is the one who continually prevaricates and who, it seems, can never tell the truth, at all. There is not much harm in him, because every body knows him and never believe a word he says. He is to be pitied more than condemned.

2nd. There is (over there) a liar, who can tell the truth about every thing except financial matters. His acquaintances soon find out his weakness and he is compelled to seek new fields of operations. He goes about over the earth, continually beating his neighbors, of every community, in which he lives. He generally dies "busted". Dishonesty seldom succeeds.

3rd. There is the person whose principal conversation is exaggerations or (as they say) "jokes". This is a pangerous class. They are continually magnifying or mistifying every thing that comes in their way. Their little mings see everything in one limited way, and as it pleases their fancy, they place their long tongue to wagging and soon send out a lot of rubbish quite foreign to what actually occurred. For example: not long since a gentleman came into town, and told me he was surprised to see me on the streets.

heard (out in the country) that I had been "cursed and run out" I told him I might have been "cussed" but I wasn't there, and surely I hadn't been "run out." Now the man who started that was the meanest kind of a liar, and had almost no grounds on which to build such a fabrication. All he had was this: he heard a certain man "cussing" some other fellow to me, and might have heard the same fellow cussing me to them. Then the "dangerous" liar goes out and tells his neighbors, So-and-so cussed out Mulligan. Some one asks, "How do you know?" He says, "I heard him." And so it goes on, this "dangerous" individual, who is long on lying and short on truth, long on tongue and short on brains, long on prejudice and short on fairness, never let's up at all.

Of all the abominations of earth deliver me from an habitual liar.
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Bro. J. F. Cole was in town a few hours last Monday.

Will Gunnels, was in town a few hours Monday.

L. F. Scarbrough was in town Monday, from his home near Saucedo.

Jewelry for sale at Pearce's Drug Store.

Miller Bird one of Saucedo's oldest citizens was down last Saturday.

The Hayden Cranfill conspiracy trial is on sale at Pearce's Drug Store. Price \$1.00

Byron Robinson the young cow man from Ft. Chadbourne was here again last week. Some kind of "loan" must be attracting him. We will keep his friends posted if any thing happens.

Dillon C Dannelley dealer in Dry goods, Groceries, Hardware, and confectioneries, Ballinger, Texas. Give him a call.

J. C. Newton of the Rustler force, attended church at Paint Creek, last Sunday, heard a fine sermon by Rev. Townsend, from Heb. 2: 10.

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 Rustler has been informed that Ed Allen of Edite has gone into the Insurance business, some call it dealing in futures.

Mr. Don Green, Judge Perryman, and Mrs. W. B. Harrison were pleasant callers at the Rustler Tuesday last.

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Eld. D. W. Townsend preached at Paint Creek school house last Sunday. Several from Robert Lee attended.

Mrs. McElroy and children, of Sweet Water, are visiting Mr and Mrs John Barron this week.

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Eld. R. M. Cumque, of Bronte, preached at Cedar Hill, last Sunday. He has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church there, one of the strongest in the county.

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W. C. Barron was in town Tuesday shaking hands with his friends.

J. F. Sturman was in town twice since our last issue.

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Jim Stewart has moved his store from next to the Post Office to the corner lot next to Mr. Ingram's.

If you want anything in the drug line. Call at Pearce's Pharmacy. If they haven't it, in stock they will get it for you.

Joe Lambert, from the A. C. Gardner ranch, was in town Monday, after medicine for one of his children.

The last session of the Coke County Teachers Institute, held here last week, was attended by more teachers than any previous session held in Robert Lee.

J. W. Webb the Life Insurance Fisherman, has gone. He fishes with great success.

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Mr. Frank Pressler, of Saucedo was in attendance at the Institute Saturday.

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Elton Durham, the tall young man from Saucedo, was among the teachers at the Institute.

Webster's Dictionaries (Unabridged edition) at Pearce's Drug Store.

Prof. Savage has taught the third week of his three months subscription school. Every one is satisfied with the Professor's work.

That "old Roman" Cap't J. P. Hutchinson, from beyond Hayrick was in town last Friday.

R. Tom Chaney, from near Saucedo, was in town last Friday.

Plenty of Glycerine, Vaseline, and Gum Assofoetida at Pearce's Drug Store.

Eld. D. W. Townsend passed through to his appointment at the Edith school house last Friday.

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Died

On Friday night, about dark Willie Stewart quietly passed away. He was a victim of that dreadful disease, consumption, and had been lingering on for nearly two years. His death was not unexpected. His father, J. E. Stewart, returned from a trip to Saucedo, about an hour after the sad death.

Willie was about 25 years old and retained consciousness to the last. He was well liked by his neighbors, all of whom have in various ways ministered to his wants, and assisted the family in their efforts to nurse him back to health for these many months.

His father J. E. Stewart, and the family, have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

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Wm. Scarbrough, L. F. Scarbrough, and W. R. Pressler all passed through town Wednesday enroute for home from Angelo, Wednesday.

M. Sikes, who recently had his leg broken, is improving.

B. F. Montgomery passed through town on his way home Wednesday. He lives near Saucedo.

M. L. Boulden, a mule buyer, from Brownwood was in town Tuesday, inspecting mules for sale. He bought one from W. H. Robinson, at \$35.00. The mule was six years old and 14 hands high. He bought four at Bronte of Monday.

D. O. Maddox and wife were shopping in San Angelo Monday.

We now have three physicians in town.

Mr. McNay, of Nolan County, was in town a day or two this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Boykin are traveling for M. Boykin's health.

Mr. McFarland has moved into above J. C. Williams house, just above J. L. Barron's.

Robert Lee now has a new physician in the person of Dr. Burnam late of Navarro County, Texas. He arrived Tuesday after noon with his family, and are located in the Dr. Toliver residence.

Mrs. Vest who has been quite sick at the grandma Stepp house, is we are glad to say better.

Frank Denton, the well drill man, was in town several days this week.

Joe Caperton, a time school-mate of the Editors, has been in Coke some time running a well drill.

Bro. Bullock has gone to Mitchell County, to fill one of his monthly appointments.

J. F. Sturman "remembered" the paper pleasantly, while in town a day or two ago.

Mr. Jim Reed, of Edith, was in town last Wednesday.

Church Directory.

BAPTIST. Services on first Sunday in each month. N. D. Bullock, pastor.

CHRISTIAN. Services on second Sunday in each month and Saturday night before. J. B. Hooten, pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL. Services on third Sunday in each month, L. A. Clark, P. C.

METHODIST PROTESTANT. Services on fourth Sunday in each month.

EPORTH LEAGUE. Meets Saturday night before the third Sunday, in each month.

M. E. Sunday School meets every Sabbath afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

All the above services are held in the M. E. Church-house at Robert Lee.

Official Directory.

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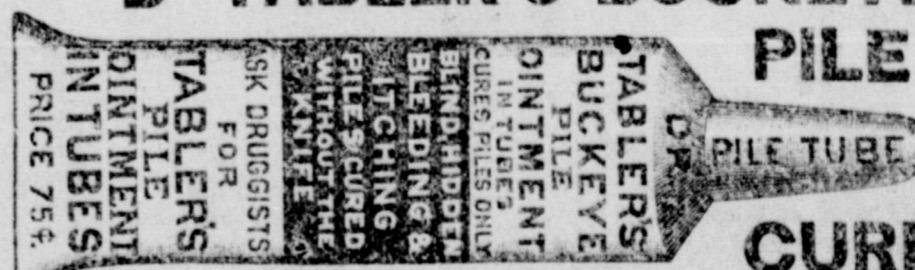
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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Lake Charles, La., has five small-pox cases.

Princess Henry of Prussia was safely accouched of a son.

The Newfoundland legislature has been prorogued until Feb. 1.

A recount of the stock of the Egyptian cotton at Liverpool shows a decrease of 25,888 bales.

The National Bank of Commerce and the National Union bank of New York have consolidated.

The directors of the Louisville and Nashville railroad declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on the stock.

The minister of finance of Brazil has been ordered to burn \$2,000,000 of paper money every week until \$50,000,000 are destroyed.

Wm. Jackson, the famous government scout and the courier who brought in the first news of the Custer massacre, died at Blackfoot, Mont.

Miss Cecelia Sherman Miles, daughter of the general commanding the army, and Capt. Samuel Reber, U. S. A., were married at noon at St. John's church, Washington.

The British steamer Glasgow collided with the British steamer Ormiz in Dover strait and sunk. The Ormiz sustained no damage. The passengers and crew were saved.

Gens. Raba, Miro, Lara and Castro were received on their arrival at Santiago de Cuba from Havana with great enthusiasm. More than 5000 persons met them at the wharf.

Sylvester Green, a prominent farmer living near Alva, Ok., rode into a deep ravine while returning home a few nights ago, and both he and his horse were instantly killed.

The transport Sedgwick arrived at New York from Cuba with 29 officers and 663 enlisted men of the fifteenth United States Infantry and a number of passengers and discharged soldiers.

A party of American railway surveyors who have gone ten miles into the interior of Colombia, report that they have been well received and hospitably treated by the Darien Indians.

Gen Otis informed the war department that First Lieut. Daniel T. Bowman of the thirty-seventh volunteer infantry while temporary deranged committed suicide by shooting himself.

At the opening of the diet Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, read the speech from the throne, wherein it was shown that the finances of Prussia are in a satisfactory condition.

The school ship Moltke of the German navy, a bark-rigged vessel of the old style of marine architecture, has arrived at New Orleans. She carries 460 officers and men, including nineteen cadets.

The German and French holders of Transvaal gold shares have decided to co-operate in resisting the reported gold mine tax of 30 per cent on the output. This decision was reported a few days ago.

Fishermen at Grand Lake, La., near Lake Charles, hauled in six wagon loads of fish in one day, weighing about 13,000 pounds. Almost without exception the fish were trout, and were of fine quality.

The allopathic state medical board of examiners of Louisiana has obtained an injunction against Adolph Meyers, a druggist of Lake Charles, by which the defendant is restrained from the practice of medicine until he obtains a license from the state medical board.

O. V. Shepley of Wynnewood, I. T., fell from the platform of the south-bound passenger near Paul's Valley, receiving injuries from which he died.

The United States court of appeals for the Indian Territory has adjourned its January term at South McAlistier until the first Tuesday in October on account of the prevalence of small-pox at that place and vicinity.

Jackson day was celebrated in several cities.

Julia Marlowe Taber, the actress, has been granted a divorce from her husband, Robert Tabor. Cruelty and intolerable severity were charged. The court granted Mrs. Taber's request for alimony, fixing the amount at \$3500. The divorce was granted at Hyde Park, N. H.

CAUSING ALARM.

Downpour of Rain Doing Serious Damage on Upper Pacific Slope.

STREETS OF KENT FLOODED

Hundreds of Farms are Under Water and the Mountain Streams are Raging Torrents—Trains Delayed.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 15.—A downpour of rain for three days, together with a prevailing chinook, is melting the snow, and has suddenly flooded several western Washington valleys and a greater portion of Latah county, Idaho. Hundreds of farms in Puyallup, Stock and White river valleys are under water, and the mountain streams are raging torrents.

The streets of Kent, lying on the banks of the White river, are flooded, and for a distance of three miles below town the river is out of its banks. The county bridge has been washed out at Sumner and two others are damaged. The Stuck has cut a new channel for itself across the Maloney fruit farm and into the Puyallup.

The Northern Pacific has been unable to get a westbound passenger train into Tacoma since Friday noon. Washouts at Canton and Croker and numerous small slides in the mountains held the overland train due here Saturday, at Hot Springs.

A special from Kendrick, Idaho, states that three children of Charles Hamblin and two other children are reported to have been drowned there.

A Northern Pacific freight train was caught by the rushing waters in the canyon between Moscow and Kendrick and swept into the raging torrent. The train crew escaped. A passenger train is reported caught between the floods below Kendrick.

Kendrick, a town of about 600 people, situated on the flat where the Potlach and Bear Creek converge in a narrow canyon, suffered the most. With a rush, the waters engulfed the town, and thirty frame houses and a number of dwellings were soon floating down the Potlach river. So people were caught in the flood and rescued with difficulty.

Communication with the flooded district by wire or rail has been completely cut off, and details as to loss of life are unobtainable.

The town of Julietta, also on the Potlach, when last heard from before the wires went down, was in imminent danger of being swept away, and a large tramway elevator filled with wheat had been carried away.

Lewiston reports that the Snake and Clearwater rivers are rising rapidly and threaten to overflow vast territory.

A Julietta dispatch says that for miles along the Potlach there is no vestige of track, ties or riadbed. Some believe the Northern Pacific will not be able to run trains over the branch before March. One informant says every bridge and yard of the track between Julietta and Clear water River have been washed out.

H. F. Bloom and J. F. Dwyer left El Paso for Galveston in charge of a train containing 820 Mexican steers for the Cuban market. This is said to be the last shipment of cattle from that section to Cuba.

Gale Still Blowing.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 15.—The gale has not yet blown itself out and the sea is still too rough to allow boats to get near the wreck in St. Mary's bay. As yet there is nothing to show the name of the vessel. Ten bodies have been located among the rocks, and others can be seen floating about. Plans have been made for the recovery of these to-day, or as soon as the weather permits. It may then be possible to get at the name of the steamer from pieces of boats wedged in the clefts of the rocks. The Roman Catholic priest of the district, while holding a service at Holy Rood, was given by a villager a photograph which had been washed ashore, apparently from the wreck. This represents a seaman wearing a cap upon which are the letters S. M. S. Falke. The priest was also told that the ship had slipped off the rocks into deep water and had disappeared except for the top of one mast, and that a guernsey with the letters "S. M. S." had also been picked up near the wreck.

Contest to Commence.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 15.—The hearing of the evidence in the contests for governor and lieutenant governor will begin at 9:30 to-day. The committee to try the contest in the case of the governorship is composed of Senators Frazier, Crenshaw and Allen and Representatives Hickman, Barton, Finn, Sledge, Lyon, Barry and Rennick (Dema.), and Yarby (Rep.).

The committee in the case of the lieutenant governor is composed of senators Collum, Sells and Waxen and Representatives Crawford, Alexander, Baird, Holland and Sharp (Dema.), and Representative Hickman is chairman of the committee trying the governorship case.

Under the rules already adopted by the committee the contestants are given four days in which to introduce their proofs. The contestants then are given 5 days in which to present their side and one day is allowed the contestant to bring in rebuttal evidence.

Both sides are to be given a reasonable time for argument by their respective counsel. In addition to Louis McQuown and John K. Kendrick, who will act as general counsel, Mr. Goebel will have special counsel who will look after his case when certain counts are being made.

Judge James P. Tarvin of Covington, Zach Phelps and Aaron Kohn of Louisville will be among Goebel's special counsel. Former Gov. W. O. Bradley, Judge W. H. Yost of Lexington, Judge A. P. Humphrey and David W. Forleigh of Louisville will be among those who will look after Gov. Taylor's case. The day here was quiet and several hundred witnesses are expected to arrive to-day.

Senator Blackburn, who has been in Washington for several days, will return to-day and his close friends pronounce as silly the stories that he has relaxed in his support for Goebel. It is stated that he will remain here and assist Goebel till the fight is ended.

The Republican leaders claim to have encouraging news from the eminent lawyers representing the Republican contestants. They claim to have assurances from that quarter that even should Gov. Taylor and Lieut. Gov. Marshall be unseated by the legislature they will institute proceedings before Federal Judge Evans at Louisville to restrain the Democratic contestants from taking the offices and that a year or more will elapse before the case can be finally decided, as the case will be carried up to the supreme court, no matter how it might be decided by the inferior courts. Meanwhile, they say, the Republicans will hold the offices.

Senator Goebel's attorneys and the Coebel leaders generally do not think there is anything in this claim, as they insist that no Federal question is involved, and the case, if filed, would have no standing in the Federal courts.

Ex-Gov. Bradley gave out an interview last night in response to the charge that he was in conference with the Republicans and the anti-Goebel Democrats at Louisville prior to the election. He said:

"The statement that I was the agent of a plan to confuse or terrorize the voters in Louisville or to carry the election by force of arms or money is a malicious falsehood. The statement that I was induced to take part in the campaign by promise of the senatorship is also a deliberate lie. I went into the campaign because I felt it my duty to party and country and politically after the opposition speeches and platform were leveled at my administration."

George & Cockrell's store at Terrell was robbed the other night.

Bold Robber.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 15.—In true western fashion a lone robber, masked and armed, cleaned out two restaurants in the center of the city at 6 o'clock yesterday morning under the glare of an electric light. In Lewis' restaurant, at 1210 Walnut street, he pointed a pistol at Stanley Brushwood, the cashier, and tapped the register, while he kept his revolver in plain view of two customers eating near by. The contents of the register had been transferred to the safe but a few minutes previously, and the robber secured only a handful of change. He then gave the waiter and the two customers a parting word of warning and skipped across the street to the restaurant of Robert McClintock. Here the robber covered Cashier Joseph Drysdale and commanded two waiters and three customers to hold up their hands. They complied promptly and the robber emptied the till in a twinkling.

AMERICAN TROOPS

Movements of Our Commanders South of Manila.

INSURGENTS WERE ROUTED

One American Soldier Was Killed and Two Were Wounded—Thirteen Dead Filipinos Were Found.

Manila, Jan. 11.—Reports from the movements of the American commanders south of Manila show that Gens. Bates and Wheaton are at Perez das Marimas and Gen. Schwan at Silang, all awaiting the arrival of provision wagons. Reconnoissances have shown that 2000 armed insurgents have retired to the mountain from the district between the Indang and Maig and that others have retreated along the coast from Noveleta toward Batangas.

Tuesday night Nolan's squadron of the Eleventh cavalry drove a body of insurgents from Maig. One American was killed and two wounded. Thirteen dead Filipinos were found.

The movement largely resembles Gen. Schwan's experience in the same country, except that the towns are now being garrisoned and that the insurgents refuse to fight, retreating southward and dividing into small bands, with the apparent intention of reassembling later. The plan of catching a large number between two brigades has failed. About a hundred insurgents have been killed, but comparatively few arms have been taken.

The region is full of amigos, who doubtless have been bearing arms which they have hidden. The women and children remain in their homes and the insurgents, as they fall back, release all prisoners they have captured.

It is asserted on high authority that Archbishop Nozaleda contends in his interviews with Mgr. Chapelle, the papal delegate on behalf of the Roman Catholic church and the brotherhoods, that the titles to all property held by the church and the brotherhoods in the Philippines should be recognized; that the existing religious orders should continue to administer to the parishes; that other parishes should be established under the same control and that the parochial control of cemeteries should continue.

He also lays stress, in his contentions upon the importance of allowing the church to administer its own affairs without state interference upon the necessity of a regime that will guarantee the liberty of European clergy, the establishment of a new college for the instruction of native priests and the continuation of indirect contributions for the maintenance of churches and clergy upon the expediency of maintaining the system of parochial fees, including revenues from births, marriages, funerals, dispensations and apostolic indulgences.

In addition, Archbishop Nozaleda advises the continuation of the church's control of pawnshops and certain designated hospitals and schools, together with the establishment of a special form of parochial administration exacted by the actual conditions in the Philippines. Finally, he makes a plea for the continuation of the present missionary work of the church.

Gen. Stanton, a retired army officer is very ill.

Excitement Still High.

Ripely, Tenn., Jan. 11.—Excitement over the double murder of Tuesday is still high, and the citizens of the county and Ripley are using every effort to bring to justice two of the worst criminals in Tennessee, Henry and Rodgers Gingery, the murderers, who are still at large. The bodies of the two brothers of the murderers are still hanging to a big gum tree and is directly opposite to that portion of the road in which the crime of Tuesday was committed. Hundreds of people visited the lynched negroes, many of their own race among the number. The blacks of the Durhamville district have become noticeably quiet, and not a citizen has been heard to protest or criticize. The crowd became so enraged that it was all the officers could do to prevent the other members of the Gingery family from sharing the fate of the murderers.

Ex-president Cleveland is coming south on a hunting trip.

Methuen's Condition.

London, Jan. 11.—There are many rumors in London about the physical and mental condition of Gen. Methuen. His recent messages to the War office are said to be strange, to say the least.

Two Colonels were reported to have arrived in London yesterday, having been sent home by Lord Methuen for refusing to obey radical orders. This, with letters from the front, all indicate a difference of opinion between Methuen and his officers, mainly Gen. Wauchope, who was killed at the Modder river.

The latter protested against Methuen's plan of battle at Magersfontein, but Methuen firmly ordered him forward, Wauchope went to his own death, and the slaughter of the Highland brigade followed.

The Daily Mail says editorially "There is now unquestionably no doubt that Lord Methuen's health is completely broken down."

Many columns of letters are being published showing that the Magersfontein slaughter was the result of a frightful blunder.

The Boer trap near Naaupoort into which the Household cavalry brigade fell on Sunday, but from which they managed to scramble out with small loss, causes more talk at the clubs and in society here than the big battle.

It is the first time these petted blues and horse guards have been under fire. They were expected by London society to gallop over the Boers, consequently their mishap creates much interest.

Every officer is a noleman or a rich society favorite.

Capt. W. F. Ricardo of the Horse guards, who was captured, is a leader of society and the best whip in London. He is a great polo rider and a prominent member of the Swagger Ranelagh Club. He will have to eat bl'long on the Pretoria racetrack for some time instead of dining at the swell restaurants in London.

It is considered that the cavalry got off lucky in losing only Capt Ricardo and four troopers as prisoners as a result of their little reconnaissance.

Miss Morrison Acquitted.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 11.—The last day of the trial of Julia Morrison James for the murder of Frank Leidenheimer of the "Mr. Plaster of Paris" company, of which they were leading man and lady, on the stage of the Chattanooga opera-house on the night of Sept. 23 last, began at 8:30 yesterday morning and ended at 4 yesterday evening, when, after one ballot, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. At the morning session two speeches were made which closed the trial, Col. Joe Clift speaking for the defense and Samuel Bosworth Smith for the state. The charge of Judge Estill was begun 11:30 and was a most impartial and lucid exposition of the law and the duty of the jury in the premises.

Miss Morrison, upon hearing the words which insured her freedom, leaned back in her chair with closed eyes and quickly changed color of face. Advancing to the speaker's platform she made a most dramatic speech to the court and jury.

Heavy Gales.

Paris, Jan. 11.—Heavy gales are blowing along the entire French coast and a number of small vessels with the crews have been lost, although several lifeboat rescues are reported. A fishingboat foundered off Boulogne, Sur Mer, nine of the crew perishing. The bark Jeanne Eugenis sank near Cherbourg and five persons were drowned. Heavy weather is reported from all Mediterranean ports.

Seized Flour Released.

London, Jan. 11.—The American flour seized off Delagoa Bay has been released. United States Ambassador Choate had an interview with the Marquis of Salisbury yesterday afternoon and received a verbal reply to the representations of the Washington government. The British note on this subject was sent later to the United States embassy. The gist of it was cabled to Washington. In brief foodstuffs are not considered contraband of war unless intended for the enemy.

Boers Have a Ship.

New York, Jan. 11.—The Journal's Atlanta special says: The Boers have an armed ship in the Winward Passage. Capt. Hill, who had charge of the dynamite cruiser "Netheroy" several years ago, has been offered the command, but refused.

Lieut. Craven, son of Admiral Craven, who is a graduate of Annapolis, is to take command and prey on British commerce.

GENERAL BULLER.

He is Thought to Be Advancing on the Boer Army.

BATTLE IS EXPECTED SOON.

The Death List from Fever and Dysentery at Ladysmith, Averaging Eight to Ten Daily, Causes Alarm.

London, Jan. 13.—Gen. Buller's twenty-eight words announcing his forward movement of Thursday, is interpreted as meaning that he has passed around the western end of the Boer lines at Colenso, and is now several miles behind them and within fourteen miles of Gen. White's outposts at Ladysmith. The Boers a few days ago had forces with guns at Springfield, where Gen. Buller dates his dispatch. These commands have been obviously dislodged, either by fighting or by maneuvers, the Boers retiring across the Tugela, as Gen. Buller advanced.

From Gen. Buller's dispatch, coupled with the fact that unofficial intelligence from the seat of war has virtually ceased since Monday, the deduction is drawn that important operations are in progress, as he can not move far without going against the Boer attachments.

The death lists from enteric fever and dysentery at Ladysmith, averaging from eight to ten daily, are considered more serious than the 420 casualties of Saturday's fight, as they indicate the frightfully unsanitary condition of the beleaguered town. A letter from Ladysmith, dated Dec. 7, says that even 90 out of 540 men in the battalion of which the writer was a member, were sick with dysentery or enteric fever, and according to a dispatch to the Daily Chronicle, dated Jan. 8, the patients and attendants in Tomb Camp, where the hospital is, then numbered 2800.

Remarkable scenes of patriotism were witnessed in London last evening after a short service held for the volunteers in St. Paul's cathedral. The vast audience was slow to disperse. Ladies stood upon the chairs beckoning and calling to brothers, sons and friends in the ranks, the latter signalling back. A scene of great animation ensued. The organist introduced a few bars of the national anthem in concluding the voluntary. The effect of this was magical. First the volunteers and then the congregation took up the strains and the vast cathedral was filled with enthusiastic song. These demonstrations were renewed by immense crowds outside. St. Paul's church yard and Ludgate Hill were black with people and it was impossible for the volunteers to march. Individual members were pulled out of the ranks by their friends and admirers, who raised them on their shoulders, and thus carried them down Fleet street. Those who escaped hoisting proceeded slowly, surrounded by clinging women.

Afterward at the various theaters, where the men were entertained, and yet later on returning to the barracks these scenes were renewed and the streets were filled until midnight with cheering people.

A young man by the name of Owens fell under a wagon at Commerce recently and was killed.

Fatal Tragedy.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 13.—The usual quiet of Southampton county was disturbed yesterday by a tragedy in which an inoffensive Quaker preacher and an insane negro lost their lives and several men were wounded.

A negro named Rix, while walking along the county road, met Thomas Hall and George Bradshaw, white farmers. He opened fire on them without provocation, wounding both.

Rix subsequently met Rev. Mills Rayford, a preacher, and shot him down. Death was instantaneous. A posse was organized and pursued Rix. He was overtaken and resisted arrest. Drawing his revolver he fired on his pursuers, wounding one or two of them. His capture being impossible without the use of firearms he was quickly shot down and died in a few minutes. Rix was deranged.

Col. J. H. Wood died at Hot Springs, Ark., the other night.

Steamer Lost.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 13.—The following comprises all the details regarding the steamer reported last night as wrecked on a reef in St. Mary's Bay and on fire:

The ship is a two-masted steamer of nearly 3000 tons, and probably carried a crew of sixty, with possibly some passengers. She went ashore before daybreak on Thursday, striking a ledge at the foot of the cliff, where escape was hopeless. The crew launched the boats, but during the panic some were crushed against her sides, others being swamped, and all the occupants apparently perished.

The ship was seen to be on fire by residents six miles away. Attracted to the scene, they found the after half of the wreck blazing fiercely, and the forepart under water. Kerosene in the cargo helped the blaze.

At that time, only three men were left on board. Two were on the bridge and one was in the rigging. Those on the bridge were safe until about 2 p. m., when they were washed overboard and drowned, the bridge being carried away. The survivor soon afterward left the rigging, swam to the rocks and twice endeavored to get a foothold. Falling in this, he made his way back to the rigging, where he died of exposure during the night.

Many dead bodies are visible in the surf. Those thrown up in a cove cannot be reached, owing to the heavy sea. One is thought to be that of a woman.

Boats and other wreckage are strewn among the rocks for miles. Yesterday was more stormy than the day before; and it was impossible to reach the wreck, which had gone to pieces to such an extent that it has sunk beneath the waves. A severe gale is raging, which is likely to reduce her to fragments. The wreck commissioner hopes to be able to obtain her name to-day. Residents along the shore made every possible effort to rescue the survivor in the rigging, but lacking proper outfits they were unable to succeed.

There is not the slightest prospect that any soul on board escaped, as the intense midwinter cold would kill any who escaped drowning.

A messenger who has just arrived from Peters river reports that a trunk filled with women's clothing has been washed ashore there, as well as a garment which is either a waterproof cape, such as used by a woman, or a man's overcoat. Near by was found some underwear, evidently a man's, marked with the initials "J. J." This seems to indicate that the ship had passengers.

McCoy Won.

New York, Jan. 13.—Kid McCoy got the decision over Joe Choyinski in a bout which lasted three rounds at the Broadway Athletic Club last night. Choyinski would have had the fight in the second round were it not for an accident as to time-keeping. He had floored the Kid four times, but the timekeeper pulled the bell as McCoy was counted for the limit of ten seconds, and this saved the Kid from absolute defeat.

Choyinski's cleverness outpointed and outshaded all of McCoy's clever ring work.

McCoy, having escaped defeat in the second round, was again lucky in the third, as the blow with which he sent Choyinski down and out delivered almost two seconds after the bell had rung for the completion of the third round. There was a great deal of noise in the building at the time the gong sounded, and undoubtedly neither man heard the clang of the bell. In the northeastern portion of the building there was a tumult caused by one of the spectators dropping dead.

Dinner for Bryan.

New York, Jan. 13.—Oliver H. P. Belmont yesterday issued invitations to a dinner he will give in honor of W. J. Bryan upon the occasion of the Nebraska leader's coming to this city. The dinner will take place on Monday evening, Jan. 22, in Mr. Belmont's home. Mr. Belmont has invited to meet Mr. Bryan on that occasion the leading men in Tammany Hall and the Democratic club. Richard Croker will be the only one of the Tammany leaders who will not attend.

Buying War Material.

New York, Jan. 12.—The Journal's Washington special says: Official reports from our naval and military attaches abroad show that Germany, France, Russia, England, and the Transvaal are making immense purchases of war material.

French and German gun manufacturers have refused to sell Krupp and French guns to England.

COTTON GROWERS.

An Interesting Session Held at New Orleans.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON OF

Texas Read a Paper on What the State of Texas is Doing in the Agricultural Line, Which Was Well Received.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 12.—The second day's session of the Cotton States' Association of Commissioners of Agriculture was called to order at noon yesterday by President O. B. Stevens. The following telegram from Memphis was read:

"We, the undersigned, interested in the prosperity of the cotton producers of the south, respectfully suggest that your association by resolution request the cotton exchanges of New Orleans and New York to change their contracts of future delivery of cotton to clearly define in each and every one the grade of cotton to be delivered, so that the buyer may know what he is buying and be placed on an equal footing with the seller. We do this because we believe that the present contract of basis middling is a lever being used to depreciate the value of our great staple, and instead we want the contract to be a merchantable transaction."

The telegram, which was signed by George Arnold, T. M. Norfleet, McNeal Bond, S. Lundee, Robert Wilkerson and H. S. Spinning, provoked considerable discussion. It will be further considered during the meeting.

A number of matters relating to the raising of cotton, concerning fertilizer, cotton manufacture and cotton oil, were discussed. There was also considerable discussion upon the subject of correct and reliable cotton statistics. Definite action in the shape of resolutions will be taken later on these matters.

One of the interesting papers read yesterday was that of Commissioner Johnson of Texas on "What Texas is Doing Agriculturally." He said Texas has more miles of railroad than any other state except Illinois and Pennsylvania. She produces more cotton than any three states in the Union, for 3,000,000 bales is her normal crop. The crop of 1899 will, in his opinion, be reduced to 2,600,000. There are several reasons for this. The first is diversification, which has reduced the acreage 8 per cent, and is one of the wisest things that could have been done, for the farmer who fails to make his farm self-sustaining is on the road to bankruptcy. The floods of the Brazos caused a loss of at least 150,000 bales, and following that calamity an unprecedented drouth further reduced the yield. "The resources of Texas are simply wonderful," said Mr. Johnson. "She is indeed the Empire State. Of 175,000,000 acres in her broad domain, no more than 15,000,000 are cultivated." Mr. Johnson discussed the various mining and agricultural industries of the state, and concluded:

"With deep water at Galveston, which is now the largest cotton exporting port in the world, and is rapidly forging to the front as one of the largest wheat exporting ports of the United States, we are prepared to receive and welcome the overflow population from the older states, and can assure them good homes, low taxes, just laws, schools not surpassed by any other state, cheap lands, richest soil, the most salubrious climate and churches to suit the religious views of all denominations."

Commissioner Redhead of Mississippi introduced a resolution stating that there was a well organized effort on the part of capitalists to enter free fruits from Cuba, Puerto Rico and Jamaica, to the detriment of the fruit growers of the south, and asking that the south's representatives in congress should be watchful in defeating the scheme adopted.

Coal Famine Feared.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 12.—Not in many years has New Orleans and the lower Mississippi been threatened with such a disastrous coal famine as the one temporarily averted by the arrival last night of the steamer Boaz with twenty boats from Pittsburg. The last boat of coal was in consumption when the tow arrived. Low water, fogs and accidents have prevented the arrival of this coal, which should have been here six weeks ago. Last night's tow comprises 500,000 bushels and will be gobbled up in a few days. Five boats were dropped out of the Boaz's trip at Vicksburg, Bayou Sara and Baton Rouge owing to fogs. Domestic Pittsburg is selling at 60c per barrel. The Raymond, Horner, Defender and John A. Woods tows are on the Mississippi and are being rushed as fast as possible.

Not Giving Out News.

London, Jan. 12.—The government is still concealing the news of the great battle of Ladysmith, and absolutely nothing has been allowed to come over the cables. The Daily Mail says it hears that the British lost fourteen officers and thirty-four wounded, while more than 800 of the rank and file were killed and wounded.

The Boer loss, this paper says, is believed to be over 2000, and adds that the hand-to-hand fighting accounts for these great casualties.

No movement of troops in South Africa is reported to-day, although Gens. Roberts and Kitchener arrived at the Cape yesterday.

The chief interest centers in Gen. Buller's army, whether Gen. Roberts will order him to move now or wait for further reinforcements.

The first militia that has left England since the Crimean war sailed yesterday from Southampton in the steamers Nile and Umbria. They were the Fourth Derbyshires, the Sixth Warwicks, the Fourth Durhams and the Fourth Lancasters, numbering 2800.

I am informed by the foreign office that while every respect will be given to the rights of neutral cargoes in African waters, especially to foodstuffs, according to the claims made by the American government, the work of attempting to stop food entering the Transvaal will not cease.

Lord Salisbury holds that if it is discovered that such cargoes are finally destined for the enemy, even though not so billed, the British ships have the right to seize.

Instructions are given that in such cases the full market value of the goods shall be paid to the owner by the British Government whenever the cargo stopped by the British warships proves to be from one neutral to another and not destined for the enemy.

The cargo shall immediately be released and compensation made to the owners for the delay suffered. The prize court of Durban is instructed to keep a sharp watch for subterfuges.

It will be difficult for the Government to prove ultimate destination of foodstuff consigned to neutrals and complications will undoubtedly arise.

Big Water Power.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 12.—Water power sufficient to operate the city pumping stations and municipal lighting plants for seventy-five years will be turned over to the city of Chicago by the Sanitary Board as a result of a joint conference yesterday between committees from the City Council and the Drainage Board. By the terms of the agreement all the water power previously generated at Lockport by the opening of the new drainage canal will be transferred to the city at the rate of \$4 per horsepower. The amount of power which it is estimated will be created at Lockport is about 25,000 horsepower, which will furnish the Drainage Board with an annual income of \$100,000.

Water in the north section of the drainage canal yesterday reached the top of the Bear Trap dam at Lockport, and within an hour after the first thin sheet of water began pouring over the top thousands of gallons of water under the pressure of the immense volume of water in the windage basin were speeding on their way to the Mississippi.

Contract Signed.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Representative Kleberg says that the contract with Charles Clark & Co. of Galveston for work on the jetty at Aransas Pass has been signed and mailed to Texas. Work will be soon begun there and pushed to completion and rapidly as possible. Mr. Kleberg also says that many representative citizens of Brownsville have been telegraphing him to urge measures of relief for Brazos Santiago. They say the recent shoaling of the bar at that point has caused the Morgan Line to take off its steamers, which has materially interfered with the commerce there. Mr. Kleberg has been very earnestly at work to obtain the needed relief for the people there and has had several conferences with Chairman Burton of the Rivers and Harbors committee, in company with Hon. T. H. Ball. He is making an effort to authorize the expenditure of an unexpected balance of \$57,476, which was formerly appropriated for that harbor.

The steamer Moana has been sent to quarantine at San Francisco.

John Stobb, an old settler of Southland Springs, Wilson county, fell dead the other day.

"A Miss is As Good as a Mile."

If you are not entirely well, you are ill. Illness does not mean death's door. It is a sense of weariness, a "tired feeling" a life filled with nameless pains and suffering. In 90% of cases the blood is to blame. Hood's Sarsaparilla is Nature's corrective for disorders of the blood. Remember Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Bad Bloody Tomahawk.

In the circuit court here yesterday the jury in the case of the state against Bloody Tomahawk, charged with cattle stealing, returned a verdict of not guilty.—From the Minneapolis Times.

Does It?

Bill—Hear that fellow? He sings to keep the wolf from the door.
JH—I should think he would be eminently successful.—From the Yonkers Statesman.

Some men are too lazy even to run in debt.

Some men never fail to attend all the fires.

AN APPEAL TO HUMANITY GENERALLY.

We need your assistance in announcing to the world the greatest remedy that Science has ever produced, and you need our assistance to secure relief for yourself and friends through Swanson's "5-DROPS."

A REMEDY SUPREME.

As surely as the American Navy has conquered and will conquer all that opposes it, so will "5-DROPS" unfailingly conquer all disease like Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Kidney Troubles, Lumbago, Catarrh of all kinds, Asthma, Dyspepsia, Backache, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Heart-Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Creeping Numbness, Bronchitis, etc., or any disease for which we recommend it. "5-DROPS" is the name and the dose. Trial bottles 25c. Large bottles, containing 300 doses, \$1.00 prepaid by mail or express. Six bottles for \$5.00. Why suffer pain and agony when for such small amount you can obtain the relief for which you have been so long waiting? Don't wait! Write now, and the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., 164 Lake St., Chicago, Ill., will immediately give your order attention.

You cannot live on Christmas presents or love.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known P. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.
West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Waiding, Kinnear & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Few persons take all of a bottle of medicine.

The Best Prescription for Chills and Fever is a bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

Only a very contented man can take the world easy.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, always cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Never take an enemy into your confidence.

A woman who is a good bluffer can badly scare a man.

Reliable Help Wanted

(Either sex.) The Humanitarian Home and Sanitarium for Invalids and Health Seekers, incorporated. Send 12c in stamps for full information. Address J. H. Teitelbaum, Treasurer, Las Vegas, N. M.

It is better to be bald-headed outside your head than inside.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Dr. H. P. Plummer*

In Use For Over 30 Years.
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Why is mourning so essential to women and not in men?

The Largest in the World.
Walter Baker & Co., Ltd., Dorchester, Mass., are the largest Mfrs. of Cocoa and Chocolate in the world.

Your character, not your crest is the proper American standard.

Two bottles of Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 26, 1895.

Love's golden dream oft has a silver lining.

WANTED—A traveling salesman in each Southern State; \$50 to \$60 per month and expenses; experience not absolutely necessary. For particulars, address Penicks Tobacco Works Co., Penicks, Va.

Every man hates the consequences of indiscretion.

Great Expectations

Brown—What are these two things that will make your Christmas happy?
Mrs. Brown—The one is to have Johnnie stop blowing his whistle and the other to have you swear off wetting yours.—From Judge.

As you throw away a cigar stub it seems easy to quit.

Delinquent Tax List

Of Taxes due the Robert Lee Independent High School District, and unpaid, on December 31st 1898.

RESIDENT ROLL

LAND. Owner, J. B. McCraw; Abst. No. 971; Survey No. 3; Acres, 120 Original Grantee, R. L. White; School Taxes, \$3.97;

TOWN LOTS. All located in Robert Lee, Texas.

Owner	Lot No.	Block No.	Amt. School Taxes
Ed Anall	9	28	.13
Tom Chaney (personal property)	do	do	2.68
Mrs. W. J. Dancer	do	do	.40
E. W. Isaac	do	do	.72
Jack Harris	Lot No. 1	Block No. 1	.05
R. B. Higgins	(personal property)	do	.88
J. N. Lindly	do	do	.45
J. B. Morris	Lot 2 in Block 35	(personal property)	.05
G. W. Martin (the barber)	(personal property)	do	.77
W. O. Merchant	lot 7 block 9; lots 2, 4 and 24 block 14; lot 4 block 16; do lots 2 and 8 block 19; lot 5 block 5; lot 7 block 51		1.37
J. A. Stuart	(personal property)	do	.90
L. A. Stepp & Co	(personal property)	do	2.25
J. F. Stuckey	do	do	.79
J. E. Smith	lot 9 block 73; lot 19 block 13; lot 1 block 54		.13
H. W. Walton	lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 block 34; lots 1 and 2 block 27; do lot 1 and 2 block 28		6.77
E. W. Yardley	lot 3 block 24		.79

NON RESIDENT ROLL

Owner	Lot No.	Block No.	Taxes.
M. E. Childress	2, 4, 6, 10, 12		.8
do	20, 22		.12
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24		.45
do	6, 8		.48
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12		.53
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12		.54
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12		.57
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12		.58
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12		.60
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12		.61
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12		.50
do	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12		.59
S F & L Kelley	18, 17		.18
do	7, 8, 11, 12		.39
Maud Kirby			.73
J. M. Murphy			.18
V. Martin			.14
F. B. Mason			.4
G R McHenry			.13
do			.23
do			.32
do			.39
do			.54
do			.28
J. W. Ratliff			.63
J. H. Reynolds			.43
Baney Garnett & Co.			.63
J. S. Shupert			.11
Land. Owner M. E. Childress and Junita Harris; Abst. No's, 189, 556, 559 Cert. No's, 8-376, 8-577; Survey No's 496, 972, 971; Original Grantee, C Hornbuckle, and S A Maverick S. A. Maverick; Acres, 80, 80, 80; Taxes \$3.24.			
Land. Owner, F. C. Woodard; Abst. No. 1336; Cert. No. 38-4383; Survey No. 440; Original Grantee, B. H. Carlton; Acres, 320; Taxes, \$8.75.			
Town Lots all in Robert Lee, All Unknown Owners.	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12, 77		.54
	2,4,6,8,10,12		.27
	2,4,6,8,10,12		.27
Lot No. 16, 17, 22, 23	3	.23	.81
17	3	.05	.83
23	4	.05	.27
3, 3, 11	5	.15	.27
1, 3, 5	6	.13	.27
8	9	.05	.05
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,18,23	12	.54	.27
21, 20, 15	13	.16	.27
3, 7	15	.16	.27
2, 3	16	.09	.09
4, 17	17	.09	.09
4, 6, 12	19	.13	.09
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	20	.27	
4, 8	21	.09	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 23	22	.45	
12	23	.09	
7	24	.05	
9	25	.04	
10	26	.05	
7, 8	28	.09	
4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12	29	.36	
1,3,5,7,9,11	30	.27	
1	31	.05	
4	32	.05	
2	33	.05	
1,2,7,11	37	.18	
1,3,5,7,9	40	.23	
1, 6	41	.11	
2, 4, 5, 6, 8	41	.23	
2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12	43	.34	
2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21	44	.68	
3, 11, 19	45	.23	
2, 1, 6, 7, 8, 10	46	.32	
1, 10, 20, 23	48	.23	
4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	49	.65	
3, 9	51	.09	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	52	.27	
11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20	53	.27	
4, 8	55	.09	
5	57	.05	
1, 3, 5	60	.14	
7, 9	62	.06	
1	63	.07	
3, 5, 10, 11, 12	64	.23	
2	66	.05	
3	67	.05	
11	73	.05	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	74	.27	
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	75	.27	
2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12	76	.27	

LAND. Owner unknown, Abst. No. 199; Sur. No 3; Original Grantee L. B. Harris; acres, 127; value, 500; Total Taxes, \$2.25.

LAND. Owner unknown, abst No. 200; Sur. No. 2; Original Grantee, L. B. Harris; acres, 100; Value, 500; Total Taxes, \$2.25.

LAND. Owner unknown; Abst. No. 542; Certificate no. 8-507; Survey No. 983; Original Grantee, S. A. Maverick; Acres, 3; value, 25; Total Taxes, 11c.

I hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and correct List of all taxes Delinquent and unpaid to the Robert Lee High School Dist- for 1898.

Witness my official signature this Jan. 2nd 1900.

J H Burroughs Assessor and Collector. Robert Lee School Dist.

Indian Creek Cullings

Mr. Editor: As you've not had any of the news from Indian Creek, I will try and give you some of the happenings from here though news is scarce.

Some of the young people attend. ed a supper and play party at Rev. J. A. Powers' last Wednesday night. Mr. Ed Akin also gave a party. Our school is progressing nicely. Well, as the Crank is so very anxious to know

something of the negro origin, we will just state for his benefit and consolation that God made all things. He asks the question, "What kin was the man, God made on the 5 day to Adam?" If our minds serve us right the Bible reads thus: and God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth which the waters brought forth abundantly after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind; and God saw that it was good. He said be faithful and multiply and fill the water. And the evening and morning were the fifth day. Gen. 1: 21: 23. Animal nature is the only connecting link. Cranks Q. What verse speaks of the Negro? Now there is more scripture to prove that God made the negro, than the white man. We find in Gen. 1: 26. God said let us make man in our image after our likeness. Gen. 5: 1: 2. This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man in the of God made be him; male and female created he them; and blessed them and called their name Adam in the day when they were created. Adam, according to the best authority means red. There's nothing said concerning the white man. In Acts. 13: 1. we learn this scripture. Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas and Simeon that was called Niger. Which if the Crank will go to the Bible dictionary of proper words will find means black. So if the black man is what he means by the word Negro here it is- So if this is not consigned to the waste basket we will take pleasure in answering your other two questions. But please tell us where the word White man is mentioned in the Bible.

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