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ON THE WING.

Editor Rustler.

Will give you some-what of a birds eye view of Coke County, and hope I can truthfully portray many of its points of merit, of beauty grandeur and worth.

The more one sees of Coke Co. the more apparent are its interesting and valuable features manifested.

Take Kickapoo creek, and its pretty and fertile valleys and its wild yet lovely mountain ranges dotted with rich farms and comfortable homes as far as the eye can scope and with a generous thriving people, who are in love with their abodes and glory in the welfare of the county.

Among the mountain existence, exists untold wealth of valuable mineral, awaiting the louch of capital and labor to develop its intrinsic wealth. It is not over two hundred feet to an immense deposit of gold, copper, iron and silver, at or near Kickapoo mountain at a depth of a fifty foot well, was found gold and little was thought of it and like the African diamond find years ago, no heed was given to the find. In a well bored 120 feet, a rich yellow metal was found near the dug well and no attention paid it. If people here would spend their idle moments (like they have had last November and December) in building water reservoirs or large tanks, the droughts would be no longer as much dreaded. If wells were dug there is water underneath the surface of this valley to water its soil cultivated and some day, sometime this will be done, why not in the near future?

Will assert that Coke county is the prettiest and most fertile Co. in West Texas and its people should pride themselves in keeping it a breast with the procession, in every respect. Take an interest in home affairs, in school matters, as well as the political and official connections of a county's welfare and take a quaver interest in the training and rearing of the children, for on them depend the future prosperity of our country.

Let us rally around our county News paper the RUSTLER, and aid it to go onward and upward true in its grand mission. It is the binding duty of every man to take his county paper, if he has to hire out for the dollar to pay for it. It is strange that some people are so careless and unconcerned about their county paper, the mirror and defender of their county. When you hear a man say, his county paper is no good, worth nothing, just measure that man's citizenship by the sent of a pole cat and you have sized up his worth as a citizen. He don't know the value of his freedom, the love of his home, the worth of his country, nor the joy of a life above a brute.

I am truly glad Coke County and town Robert Lee, has such a good journalistic representative as is the RUSTLER and I am going to rustle to get every man I can— who don't— to subscribe for it, when we buy a dollars worth of "grub," we soon eat it tobacco we soon spit it away,

clothing we soon wear out, but all we get with a dollar, from the RUSTLER abideth with us in time and eternity, what if we had no county paper, our life would be worse than to be without a rail road.

Well I will let you know how the RUSTLER stands with the people, so far as I know now, all speak highly of it and eulogize its merits with kind words and warm expressions of friendship and well they may, I will visit every neighborhood in the county and each little town and school, if it suits the kind Editor of the RUSTLER and we together will let the world know of Robert Lee, Coke County and the RUSTLER's worth.

Sorry to know Mr. Eskews wife's mother is sick and expect to die, Mr. Eskew received the dispatch and he and family left for Coleman Co. for the home of his wife's mother.

I am no weather prophet or son of one, yet, I look for no rain till in April and think then we are good for a big crop season. We have North moons and cool springs till June.

May your mission be a blessing, Coke Co. old RUSTLER is the prayer of,

Uncle Charlie.

Nanhattie.

Spring's sure come.

A big musical entertainment at Bro. G. W. Tubb's last night. Good music and much fun. Miss Rada Page (312 years old) did part, and a good part of the singing.

Uncle Tom says the Union people are talking of organizing a S. S. That's right. Let the good work go on until there is a good S. S. in every settlement.

We are sorry that we didn't give Bro. Ballock better directions. We just didn't know any better.

Our "spees" are getting to old for us; or, something else the matter. For we couldn't find the proceedings of the Commissioners Court in last week's RUSTLER.

The two J. C. Suddays, father and son, of the West end of the burg, will start next Monday with a bunch of steers for Thomas Brenand Sr. They go N. W.

I. C. How.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hanaford, the handsome groom and pretty bride from near Hayrick, were in town one day last week.

That staunch Democrat, I. J. Good, was in town one day last week.

The Secretary of the County Democratic Executive Committee, H. H. Hayley, was in town last week attending the Odd Fellows lodge here.

Tom Chaney has opened the round front since the beginning of Court week.

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Whose intrinsic rays of wealth and love Magnify the treasure of earth.

With classic features and sculptured form

It exists as a reigning belle, And secure from every wrathful storm

Its song and story time will tell.

Yea our Robert Lee—an honored name

Capitol of our County—Coke, Is inscribed upon the scroll of fame Though fools may view it as a joke.

Aye, the noted name of Coke and Lee

Will honor our county and town, While the valorous, true brave and free

Wear Liberty's glittering crown.

Then hurrah! for Robert Lee and Coke

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EXCITING TIMES IN METROPOLIS.

Peers and Laborers Wave Union Jacks, the Streets are Crowded and All Else Relegated to the Rear.

London, March 2.—When the news of the relief of Ladysmith became generally known London literally went mad with joy, and throughout England the scenes witnessed have no parallel in the memory of this generation. The pent up jubilation at the relief of Kimberley and the defeat of Cronje could no longer be controlled, and with Thursday's crowning triumphs the national trait of self-restraint was thrown to the winds.

The lord mayor of London immediately telegraphed his congratulations to Gens. White and Buller. When the Queen received the news at Windsor the bells of the curfew tower of the castle were rung in honor of the event.

This storm of jubilation centered around the Mansion house and by noon thousands of persons blocked the main approaches to the grim building. It was a dense, black mass, composed chiefly of business men, the majority of them carrying little union jacks. Never before was there such a sale of flags. Through this cheering throng there was only one avenue open to traffic, and this was utilized by the busses going from east to west. All traffic in other directions was stalled for hours. Grave old financiers weaved and yelled frantically and clambered the Mansion house steps because England's honor had been saved.

The strain that for 118 days had kept the nation in terrible anxiety was removed. The lord mayor showed himself at a window out of which hung a huge city volunteer flag, and the crowd yelled itself hoarse. Staid magnates grabbed flaring posters from newsboys and brandished "Ladysmith Relieved" to the roaring throng. All thought of business was forgotten. Nothing could be done on the stock exchange except singing "God Save the Queen," and cheer. Business at the Baltic (wheat market for cargoes) closed at 1 o'clock. No one wanted to trade on such a day as this. The stores put up their shutters and gave their employes a holiday. Great ensigns floated in the sunlight from hundreds of buildings and little union jacks lit up the murky city windows.

The Lord mayor of London at once as follows:

"My sincerest congratulations on your gallant husband's achievement."

All over the United Kingdom there scenes were duplicated. At Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham, Edinburgh and in fact in all the cities, big and little, flags float everywhere, whistles tooted, bells chimed and crowds paraded the streets singing patriotic songs. Business was given up for the day, the schools were closed, in the harbors all the vessels dressed ship, and at the military and naval depots scenes of the wildest enthusiasm prevailed.

At Liverpool, the lord mayor addressed a crowd of 20,000 people assembled around the town hall.

March Outing.
Outing, the apostle of fresh air and sunshine, of healthful exercise and exhilarating sports, defies, in its March issue, the conventional aspects of winter and dispels its influence. Whilst other publications are rendering the feelings with human slaughter in South Africa, it presents the peaceful landscape and the ways of "Big Game in Matabeleland," its forests, its flora and its fauna, with illustrations that are a revelation. It follows the "Leaping Tuna" in our Pacific Waters; describes "The Irish Wolf Hound," destined to play a notable part in ridding the northwest of a scourge.

Filipino Ambush.

Manila, March 2.—One hundred insurgents seven miles from San Fernando de la Union ambushed ten men of the third cavalry who were en route a provision train. The Americans scattered, and while returning to camp one man was killed. The insurgents captured four horses and a quantity of provisions. A subsequent reconnaissance of the locality developed the fact that there were entrenchments and a force of Filipinos estimated to number 800.

"CAPT. CLARK'S" CAPERS.

The Crescent City Treated to a Succession of Sensations by a Stranger.

New Orleans, La., March 2.—The arrest at the St. Charles hotel Thursday of a man partly dressed in the uniform of the United States army and representing himself as "Capt. Clark" of the battleship Texas, developed a sensational and interesting romance, in which a beautiful girl of Cincinnati is the principal victim.

Among the visitors who came to New Orleans to the carnival were Mr. Alexander Aronson of Cincinnati and wife and the beautiful sister of the latter, Miss Bertha Warten. The party were apparently people of means and registered at the St. Charles hotel. Three days ago the young man in the army uniform, lounging in the lobby of the hotel, saw the pretty face of Miss Warten in the throng of visitors. It was a case of love at first sight on his part. He introduced himself as Capt. Clark of the battleship Texas by means of a note in which he confessed undying love for the lovely object of his affections. Miss Warten showed themissive to her brother-in-law. Delighted that so distinguished an officer should have been impressed so deeply at first sight with his fascinating sister-in-law, Mr. Aronson at once introduced them. Miss Warten was also smitten at first sight, and on Mardi Gras, when Capt. Clark proposed a walk through the carnival crowds she readily consented. During the walk Capt. Clark made desperate love, proposed marriage and received a conditional acceptance. When the couple returned to the hotel Miss Warten consulted her brother-in-law and sister and both agreed that it would be desirable to have a high officer of the army in the family.

Wednesday Capt. Clark got out a license and with witnesses proceeded to the residence of Dr. John Percival of the Church of the Annunciation, on one of the fashionable avenues of the city, and the couple were married. Mr. Aronson and his wife were present at the ceremony. After Mr. Aronson went down to the St. Charles and engaged a suite of rooms for the bridal couple, and Capt. Clark said that there should be a reception on the battleship and the Texas should be specially illuminated for the occasion. The reception was set for 7 o'clock.

Just before that hour Capt. Clark excitedly joined his little family party and announced that one of his lieutenants, George J. Colson, had died on the battleship, and that the reception was off. He had Undertaker Lynch called for and the funeral director responded with a coffin and embalming materials. Then Capt. Clark and Mr. Aronson jumped into a carriage and with the undertaker and his paraphernalia hurried out to the river. He was full of excitement and wanted a tug. One was gotten and the captain was hurried out to the ship. He boarded her and then, calling himself a captain at Jackson barracks, demanded to know if Lieut. Colson was really dead. The officers of the Texas, taking him for a lunatic, promptly hustled him ashore. When he rejoined Mr. Aronson and Mr. Lynch on the levee he said Colson was not yet dead, and, dismissing the undertaker, was driven back with Mr. Aronson to the hotel.

Aronson had "Capt. Clark" arrested. The bride is prostrated with grief.

"Capt. Clark" took his arrest coolly. When arrested he had many telegrams in his pocket. One he had written at the Western Union office when Mr. Aronson was with him.

It had apparently not been sent, but read as follows:

"Secretary Corbin, U. S. A., Washington: To-day wedded and happy. Texas illuminated for the bride.

"CAPT. CLARK,
"Commander of Texas."

Known at Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., March 2.—J. E. Moyse, arrested in New Orleans for impersonating Capt. Clark, is well known here. He was convicted in this city last summer of beating a board bill and sentenced to a term on the county farm. While here he passed himself off as an army officer and had a woman with him who posed as his wife. Moyse served about four months on the county farm, being released about Nov. 1 last.

Washington, March 2.—In the senate Thursday Teller's amendment, providing for a district court and judge in Hawaii, was adopted.

Mr. Clay of Georgia spoke to the Philippine question. The house refused to consider the Aldrich-Robbins contested election case from Alabama.

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We are permitted to publish an extract from a private letter written by a gentleman who has recently been devoting his time to the personal investigation of practical farming by irrigation in the west. His vivid portrayal of the advantages of that system will no doubt interest our readers. He says:

"There is a vast, an immeasurable difference between farming in the east and farming in the west. If the farmers of the east could only be made to understand the advantages enjoyed by their western brethren, I verily believe there would soon be no land for settlement in the great irrigation states. The irrigation farmer has absolute certainty of crop, and certainty of its perfect maturity. He never plants that he does not reap, and when I say reap I don't mean the reaping of scattered stands of half matured grain such as the eastern farmer cuts at the close of a dry season; but the reaping of fields that frequently average 50 bushels of wheat to the acre—every grain of which has reached the perfection of development. There is no anxious scanning of the skies for the 'cloud no larger than a man's hand' and fervent prayers that it may envelop the heavens and send down water to the thirsty fields. The irrigation farmer never thinks about rain. He watches his growing crops, and the day and the hour moisture is needed, he is out with his hoe flooding his fields with water from canals that skirt them.

"Everything grows in the west that grows anywhere else in the United States north of Tennessee. Potatoes frequently yield 500 bushels to the acre, and barley is grown far better than any raised in the east. The fruits are delicious. I never saw any to compare with those grown in Idaho, where apples, peaches, plums, cherries, pears, apricots abound, and where there are thousands of acres of Italian and German prunes which I am told have made fortunes for their owners.

"To my mind, Idaho is the best watered and most inviting arid state in the Union. I made a careful investigation of the great Snake River valley in that state, along and tributary to the Oregon Short Line Railroad, and saw there evidences of prosperity such as I have never seen elsewhere in the United States. This wonderful valley is said to contain over 3,000,000 acres of arable land. It is threaded with great irrigation canals in every direction, and there are vast tracts awaiting only the touch of the farmer to make them productive. The sun doesn't shine on finer or more fertile land. When I saw the happy homes, the well filled granaries, the sleek, fat stock, and the smile on the face of nature reflected in a smile of contentment on the faces of the farmers, my heart went out in pity to the thousands in the east who are struggling along from year to year, toiling against adverse climatic conditions, and never knowing how soon a drouth will wipe out the profits of prosperous years.

"Lands can be had in this Snake River valley almost for the asking, but they are going, day by day. The Oregon Short Line is making extraordinary efforts to bring the advantages of Idaho to the notice of eastern farmers, and is flooding the country with conservatively written descriptions of the state. Write to the General Passenger Agent of this Railroad at Salt Lake for printed matter about Idaho, and read it carefully. It will be a revelation to you and I sincerely believe will end in your removal to the west."

Business Acumen.

The clerk—By the way, I see the Anti-Superstition League opens its meeting to-morrow.

The boss—Is that so? Mark those \$12 over-coats up to \$13 in big figures and stick 'em in the window.

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Wedded to Wrong Man.

Miss Minnie Eddoss, of Memphis Tenn., who was supposed to have been married to Norwood Brown, a cattleman of Winfield, Kan., by telephone, a few days ago, and who failed to meet her alleged husband at Nichols Junction, as she expected, has discovered that she is married to another man who impersonated Brown at the Winfield end of the telephone. She was stranded at Springfield, Mo., and had to sell her rings to get money to proceed to Winfield. Now she writes to Marshal Taggart of Springfield from there that it was not Mr. Norwood Brown at the other end of the Winfield telephone. She has learned now that Norwood Brown has been in the Philippines for six months, and that some one learned of their love affair, impersonated Brown and married her. The reason that the alleged Brown went to Winfield is that Miss Eddoss has a cousin there who, was custodian for \$800 she had. After the wedding the groom called there and received congratulations. He said that his wife asked that he be given her money. This was done, which was the last seen of the groom.

The Superfluous Stomach.

Dr. Carl Schlatter, of Vienna, who not long ago showed that the stomach was a superfluous organ by removing that of a woman, who lived, and got along perfectly well without one, has cast further doubts on the use of our internal machinery. He recently removed six feet of the small intestine from an Italian who had been stabbed in a brawl. That intestine is believed to play an important part in absorbing food into the system. The Italian however, gained in weight after the operation and eight months after leaving the hospital reported that he had lost a few pounds, could not digest the solid food he had been accustomed to and didn't feel like working though he was in pretty good health. The Lancet admits that Dr. Schlatter's operation shows that a third of the intestine may be dispensed with, but is astonished at the wonderful powers of adaptation of the human body.

Polite Conductor.

"I was in Richmond not long ago," said a traveler to a New York reporter, "and, accompanied by a friend, went out to Hollywood Cemetery to see the grave of the late President John Tyler. His grave was unmarked until the cemetery authorities placed a small stone at its head, and I felt that it was my duty to show respect to a former President.

"Having taken off our hats at the grave of Tyler, we started to return to our hotel. The day was rather warm, and my friend remarked as we boarded a trolley car that he would like to have a smoke.

"The trouble is," he said, "I have no cigar."

"If you want to smoke very much," remarked the conductor of the car, who overheard the remark, "I'll fix that for you."

"At the next corner there was a cigar store.

"Run in there and get a cigar," said the conductor, as he stopped the car. "I'll wait for you."

"And that is just what he did. My friend brought out three cigars. He offered one to the conductor, who declined it, and we rode to our hotel enjoying a surprisingly good smoke.

"Why is it that you held the car for us?" I asked the conductor. "That seems unusual."

"Well," he replied, "there is very little doing, and it is just as well to be polite when you can."

"Your New York conductors need not hold cars while passengers buy cigars, but they can well afford to get some lessons in politeness at Richmond."

Tillman and Chandler.

Although they are the best of friends personally, Senators Chandler and Tillman never let the opportunity for rapping each other go by unheeded. Both are quick at repartee, and both like to give and take blows. Chandler's sarcasm delights Tillman, and the New Hampshire senator is attracted by the directness and frankness of his colleague. A few days ago they had some fun at each other's expense.

Senator Tillman had been waiting for some time for recognition by the presiding officer in order to begin his speech, and protested when the senate proceeded to the consideration of bills upon the calendar.

"I am sorry that the senator is so modest, that he cannot ask to be recognized," said Senator Cockrell.

"I suppose he is so modest," chipped in Senator Chandler, "that he really wants us to notify him when we want him to begin. There is no doubt of the fact," he added, sarcastically, "that everybody wants him to begin, for the sooner he starts the sooner he will be through."

"If the senator will stay and listen to me," promptly retorted Tillman, "he will laugh on the other side of his mouth before I get through."

But Chandler didn't stay.

Strong Man Stricken Down.

Overcome by a Malady which Sapped His Strength—Had to Stop Work.

Cut down by disease in the flower of his youth. This is the misfortune that befell Mr. Joseph Renowden, 277 Fulton St., Buffalo, N.Y. Things looked dark and gloomy to him, hope was almost gone, his means of livelihood cut off, and all was black despair. But the means of restoration to health was finally put in his way. In his own words he tells most graphically how he was rescued from this almost hopeless condition and made again into the strong and healthy man that he is to-day. "Two years ago," he says, "while employed at the freight warehouse on the Erie R. R., my health began to fail. I noticed it first by a feeling of weakness, this was followed by extreme nervousness, then I commenced to lose flesh. I became so pale that I looked as though I had not a drop of blood. Finally I grew so weak that I was unequal to the heavy work imposed upon me by my occupation, and I was forced to lay idle.



"All the while I had been taking different kinds of medicine trying to build myself up but they failed, and when I had to quit work and was unable to earn any money things looked pretty blue and hope grew dim. But there were better things in store for me. A friend one day told me to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I had heard of them before but I was so hopeless that I even doubted their power to cure me. However, on the recommendation of my friend I determined to make one more trial. There was no disappointment awaiting me this time, for soon after I started to take them I could see an improvement. I continued with them and gradually grew in strength, the healthy glow was restored to my cheeks, nervousness all left me and today I am strong and well as ever, and never lose a day's work on account of sickness. "I consider my cure most remarkable, and am indeed grateful for it. If I had but used this wonderful medicine at first I would have saved much suffering and much expense."

JOS. RENOWDEN.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June, 1899.

A. T. COATSWORTH,
Notary Public.

All the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves are contained in a condensed form, in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. At druggists or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

No nation can stand whose gospel is greed.

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.

There is an auditor in every man's life to check him up.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY, Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature on each box.

Honor and virtue are two jewels without price.

FITS Permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

He who would crush a banana peel, is likely to slip up.

MAN'S MECHANISM

Delicate Machinery That Needs Constant Care.

Absolute Cleanliness and Regulation as Necessary for Any Other Kind of Machinery. How to Keep it in Working Order.

There's a screw loose somewhere! One little screw in the big machine gets a trifle loose and the whole apparatus clogs, balks and refuses to work properly. A skillful engineer can tell by the "feel" of his engine when there's a screw loose. Occasional constipation—call it costiveness or biliousness—needs prompt attention. It clogs the whole delicate mechanism of man, and must be removed skillfully without force or shock. Only a vegetable laxative should be used, and Cascarets Candy Cathartic, which you can eat like a piece of candy, are the most agreeable, natural and effective of all laxatives.

Cascarets are the only antiseptic cathartic, and not only make the liver lively, remove obstructions in the bowels, strengthen the intestines, but kill all germs of disease in the body. Therefore prevent as well as cure.

Buy and try Cascarets to-day. You'll find that it's what they do, not what we say they'll do, that will please you. All druggists, 10c, 25c and 50c, or will mail for price. Send for booklet and free sample. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago; Montreal, Can.; New York.

This is the CASCARET tablet. Every tablet of the only genuine Cascarets bears the magic letters "C C C." Look at the tablet before you buy, and beware of frauds, imitations and substitutes.

Hadn't Had the Experience.

Bobbie (entertaining Mr. Vincent while his sister Ethel dresses)—I say, Mr. Vincent, how did you feel when you were in the oven?
Mr. Vincent—In the oven! What do you mean, Bobbie? I never was in any oven.

Bobbie—You weren't! Why, only just his, minute when Norah took your card upstairs, mamma said "that Mr. Vincent is only just about half-baked."

Loss of hair, which often mars the prettiest face, prevented by PARKER'S HAIR BALM. HENDERSON'S, the best cure for curds. 15c.

If the lion were muzzled some people might have lived longer.

Santa Fe Excursion Rates.

Waco.—Account of Republican State Convention, round trip tickets will be sold on the distance plan, no rate to be higher than \$5.00 from any point in Texas. Tickets on sale March 4 and 5, limited for return March 10.

Fort Worth.—Round trip tickets will be sold on the distance plan, no rate higher than \$5.00, on March 12 and 13, limited for return March 15; account annual meeting Cattle Raisers' association.

Reduced rates to St. Louis and Chicago and return on certain dates in February and March on the certificate plan; account Merchants' Association meetings.

If the liars were muzzled some people they would leave their children for somebody else to look after.

You Can Get Allen's Foot-Ease Free.

Write today to Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y., for a free sample of Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to shake into your shoes. It cures chilblains, sweating, damp, swollen, aching feet. It makes new or tight shoes easy. A certain cure for Corns and Bunions. All druggists and shoe stores sell it; 25c.

Our home should be our greatest attraction.

I believe Piso's Cure is the only medicine that will cure consumption.—Anna M. Ross, Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 22, '95.

Love's eyes flash many heliograph messages of happiness.

Send for "Choice Recipes," by Walter Baker & Co. Ltd., Dorchester, Mass., mailed free. Mention this paper.

On life's highway are thorns, thistles, blue-bells and butter cups.

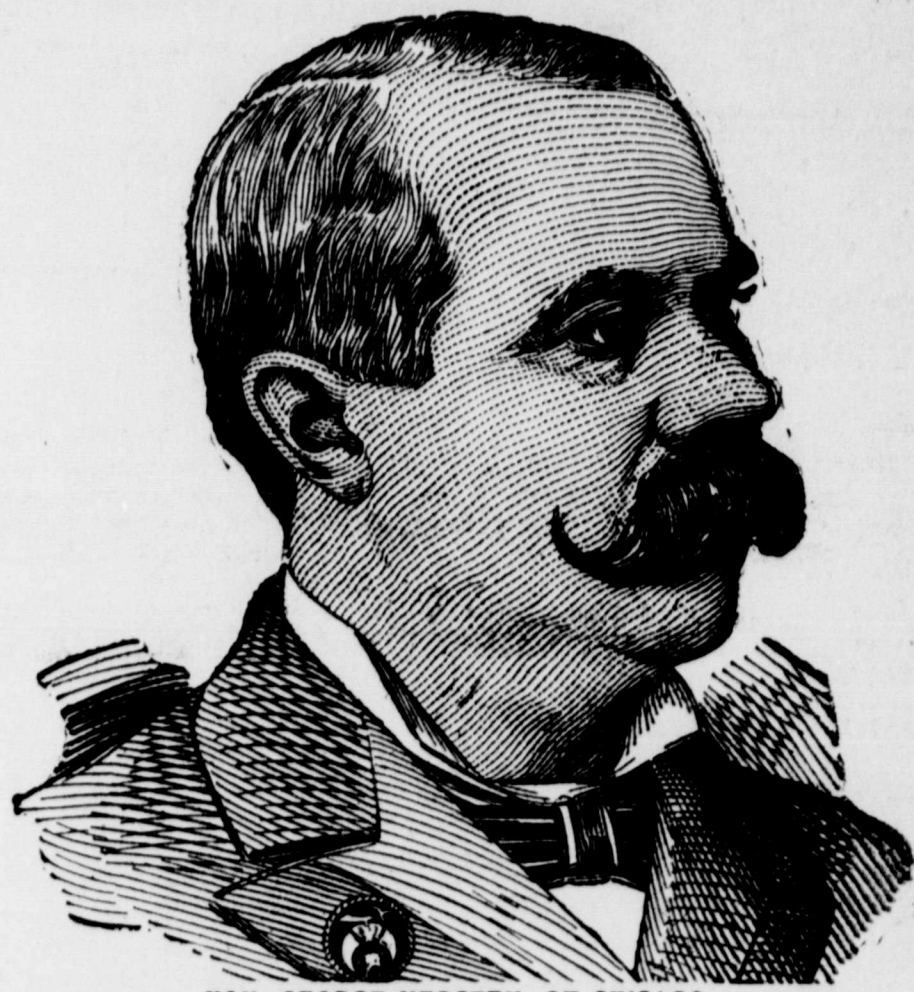
Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A character wound is harder to heal than many bodily ones.

A NOTED JUDGE SAVED BY PERUNA.

Had Catarrh Nine Years—All Doctors Failed.



HON. GEORGE KERSTEN, OF CHICAGO.

Hon. Geo. Kersten, a well-known Justice of the Peace, of Chicago, says:

"I was afflicted with Catarrh for nine years. My catarrh was located chiefly in my head. I tried many remedies without avail. I applied to several doctors, but they were not able to cure me. I learned of the remedy, Peruna, through the daily newspapers. After taking the remedy for 18 weeks I was entirely cured. I consider my cure permanent, as it has been two and a half years since I was cured."

Any man who wishes perfect health must be entirely free from catarrh. Catarrh is well-nigh universal; almost omnipresent. Peruna is the only absolute safeguard known. A cold is the beginning of catarrh. To prevent colds, to cure colds, is to cheat catarrh out of its victims. Peruna not only cures catarrh, but prevents it.

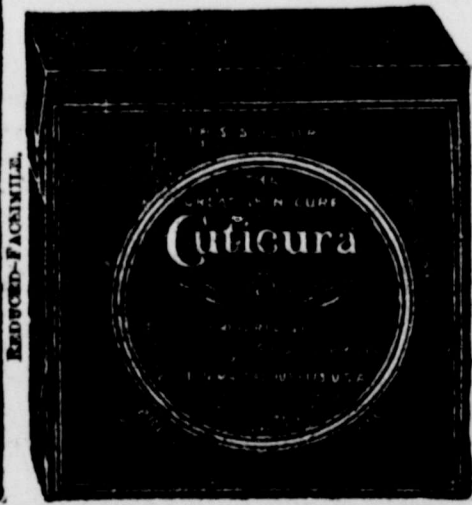
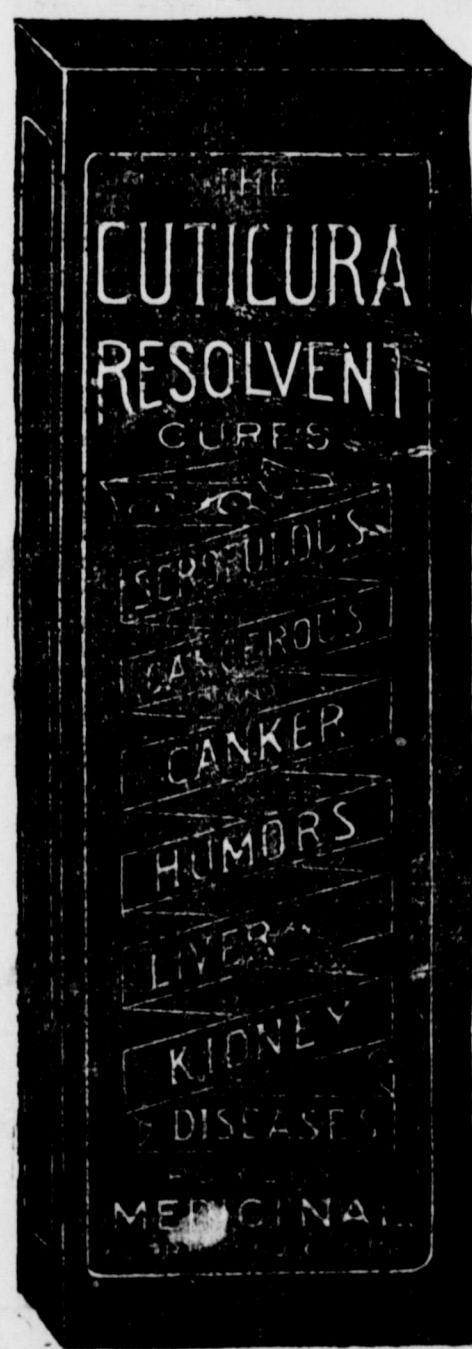
All families should provide themselves with a copy of Dr. Hartman's free book entitled "Winter Catarrh." This book consists of seven lectures on catarrh and la grippe delivered at The Hartman Sanitarium. It contains the latest information on the treatment of catarrhal diseases. Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

SPRING HUMORS.

Complete External and Internal Treatment \$1.25

Consisting of CUTICURA SOAP (25c.), to cleanse the skin of crusts and scales and soften the thickened cuticle, CUTICURA Ointment (50c.), to instantly allay itching, irritation, and inflammation, and soothe and heal, and CUTICURA RESOLVENT (50c.), to cool and cleanse the blood. A SINGLE SET is often sufficient to cure the most torturing, disfiguring skin, scalp, and blood humors, with loss of hair, when all other remedies fail.

Sold throughout the world. FORTY D. & C. CO., PROP., BOSTON. How to Cure Spring Humors, free.



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If your merchant doesn't handle, send us \$1 and get prepaid to any part U. S. or Canada. VAN VLEET-MANSFIELD DRUG CO., MEMPHIS.

"La Creole" HAIR RESTORER. Is a perfect hair dressing and...

LOCAL CHIPS.

Byron Robinson was over here Monday.

Lee Hamilton has just returned from San Angelo with a load of lumber for Mr. Buchanan's new store.

Mrs. J. C. Newton is convalescent after a severe illness lasting several weeks.

Robert Lee is having a run of the whooping cough.

Judge H. L. Adams, of Saneo, was in town a day or two this week.

After laying out a few days Will Foster returned and gave himself up to the officers. He was immediately sent to the San Angelo jail by Sheriff Murray.

Hon. C. C. Drake, of Eagle Pass is the Republican nominee for Congress in this district. He was nominated by acclamation at Del Rio on March 3rd. He will make things "hum," on the stump this fall.

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

Miss Janie McInish, of Comanche, is visiting friends at Robert Lee and relatives at Saneo.

Bro. E. F. Montgomery was in town Tuesday and, while here, instructed us to engrave his name on our roll of honor. He seems well pleased with his new home near Saneo.

Dr. Latham is fitting up his office in the rear of the Drug Store.

Marriage Licenses were issued on the 6th to Mr. McCarry and Miss Robinson both of Ft. Chadbourne neighborhood.

Mrs. W. R. Boykin and the children have moved to town. They now live in the W. A. Stepp house. Mr. Boykin is still at Austin and gradually improving in health.

J. J. Vestal has put a residence near H. E. Johnston and moved into it Tuesday.

M. H. Havens was in town Wednesday after medicine for his boy that has been very sick, but is better now.

W. B. Harrison, Co. Chairman of the Republican party of Coke Co., left Lee Saturday morning for the State Republican convention which convened at Waco, Monday, March 5th.

H. E. Johnston is spending the week with his family, out at the ranch.

Miss Ada Fry says she is going to Arkansas sometime in the future; but we don't think she can stay away from Coke long.

J. W. Kidd, who has been ill nearly all winter, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Ramin were shopping in town last Saturday.

Go to J. E. Stewart & Co for Glassware and Queensware—They have the largest stock in town.

A. C. Gardner passed through town Monday, on his way to Sweetwater, where he will deliver the sheep that he sold.

Miss May Stewart spent part of last week visiting at Hayrick and reports a very pleasant time.

A Quick Marriage.

On last Wednesday, the 7th, Mr. D. D. McCarry and Miss Gertrude Robinson drove into town about one o'clock and within thirty minutes were married at the L. & E. Hotel, by Rev. N. D. Ballock, pastor of the first Baptist Church here. The bride is one of Bro. W. H. Robinson's pretty daughter, possesses all the attributes of lovely young womanhood and is worthy the best efforts of the handsome, lashing and blushing young groom. The Ruetler wishes Mr. and Mrs. McCarry a long and happy voyage on the matrimonial sea.

Banker Rout A Robber.

J. R. Garrison, Cashier of the bank of Thoraville, Ohio, had been robbed of health by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand." Don't suffer with coughs, colds, or any Throat, Chest or Lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottles free at Pearce's Drug Store.

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.

"This is truth the poet sings That a sorrow's crown of sorrow Is remembering happier things."

Isn't that what a woman thinks who finds herself practically laid aside in the heyday of life? A few years of marriage, a couple of children, and she is worn out.



And as she lies weak and suffering, she remembers the days, only such a little while behind, when she tiptoed along the top rail of the worn fence, as active and blithe as a squirrel.

But there's something wrong about this condition. One word expresses it—"unnatural." It's against nature to be in such a condition. It is the unnatural drain, the irregularity, the ulcerations and inflammations which sap woman's strength. Cure these and health comes back with all its joys.

Diseases of the delicate womanly organs are positively and permanently cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Thousands of women are on record as living witnesses to the truth of that statement.

Sick women be incited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter without charge. Every letter is held as private and its story guarded as a sacred confidence. All answers are mailed in private envelopes bearing no printing upon them. Address Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. H. A. Abbe, of Austin, Lonoke Co., Ark., writes: "After five months of great suffering I write this for the benefit of other sufferers from the same affliction. I doctored with our family physician without any good results, so my husband urged me to try Dr. Pierce's medicine which I did with wonderful results. I am completely cured. I took four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, four of his 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two vials of his 'Pleasant Pellets'."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure biliousness.

Honor Roll.

Of Paint Creek School for month ending March 1, 1900.

Bulah Gardner, Lottie Blackwell, Ora Collier, Preston Blackwell, Pitt Gardner, Charlie Benson, Bessie Benson, Pearl Wian, Belle Winn, Eliza Vest, Alvia Vest, Thomas Whitt, Tom King, Joda Key, Frank Walling, Effie Walling, Lucy Benson, Mary Benson, Lula Blackwell. The above named pupils received a general average of 96 per cent. This also includes conduct, attendance and punctuality.

B. U. Smith

Large German MILLT SEED for sale by L. H. McDorman at seventy five cents per bushel.

Institute Programme.

- 1 Opening address J.A. Thom- as.
- 2 Respose W. T. Savage.
- 3 Music By Bronte String Band
- 4 Necessity of cooperation of Patrons with teachers—J. L. Ross.
- 5 Recitation.
- 6 Essay, Miss Thompson.
- 7 Music.
- 8 The need of higher education
- 9 Recitation.
- 10 Exercise by Rock Spring's school.

Saturday morning.

1 When to begin and how to teach primary Geog. Mrs. J. D Jowers.

2 When should doublecolumn addition be introduced. J. B. Her- rill.

3 Teory v.s.B. U. Smith.

4 Elementary Algebra. Jno. A. Stewart.

5 Memory Training. F.E.Thom- as.

6 Nature Study in Primary grade Miss Alvia Ingram.

7 Duties of Teachers out side school room. F. K. Popplewell.

8 Query Box.

Report from committee on res- olutions were as follows.

Where as there exists a need for the awakening of more interest in the subject of school and education throughout the county the teachers of the institute of Coke County hereby adopt the following resolutions.

Resolved 1st. That we join in an earnest appeal to patrons and trustees throughout the county to encourage the teachers in their work by frequent visits to the school.

2nd. That we urge upon all teachers the importance of attending the County Institutes believing it to be highly beneficial to the improvement of the schools.

3rd that we request that patrons and trustees especially attend our institutes where ever practicable.

W. T. Savage Chairman.
Alvia M. Ingram Sec't.

What's Your Face Worth!

Sometimes a fortune, but never if you have a sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin—all signs of Liver Trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills give Clear Skin, Rosy Cheek, Rich Complexion. Only 25c at Pearce's Drug Store.

FOR SALE: One good Jack, five years old, Black Warrior and Maltese stock. Will sell for cash or trade for cattle or good notes. A. J. Pettit, Bronte, Texas.

Eggs for hatching from pure bred Bonze Turkeys, Pekin Ducks, Barred Plymouth, Rocks and Brown Leghorns, at \$1.00 per sitting. For sale by A.R.Nisbet, San Angelo Tex.

J. C. Arnett, of Edith, was in town last Saturday.

Charlie and Willie Thomp- son, of San Angelo, are visit- ing their grandmother, Mrs M. B. Harrison.

Mr. Mabry, who has been here some two weeks, classifying lands for the H. & T. C. R. R. Co. left yesterday. Mr. R. J. Patteson ably assisted in the classifying, and it is very likely that a good lot of the land will be placed on the market at once.

M. W. Martine

Dealer In

Furniture, Carpets And House Furnishing Goods.

Next door to Press office, Chadbourne Street, San Angelo Texas.

No Trouble to Show Goods, and our Time shall be Yours.

Hotel Royal,

(The Old San Angelo re-opened.)

Mr. G. W. Davis, late of Houston, has taken charge of this popular hestelry.

COKE COUNTY TRADE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITD.

Rates \$1.00 Per Day.

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

R. A. McFarland.

BOOT, SHOE, SADDLE AND HARNESS REPAIR SHOP.

Your repairing requested. All work Guaranteed. Next door to Post Office, Robert Lee, Texas.

The People of Coke

Are invited to patronize the PEARCE HOTEL, when they have Occasion to visit Ballinger, Texas. H. D. PEARCE, Prop.

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

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

FRED SCHMIDT,

THE PARLOR SALOON,

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Horse Shoeing. All work guaranteed.

We also keep Lime for sale. Shop On SouthEast Corner Square Robert Lee — — — — — Texas

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For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies.

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JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.

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A BOON TO MANKIND!

DR. TABLER'S BUCKEYE PILE CURE

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A New Discovery for the Certain Cure of INTERNAL and EXTERNAL PILES, WITHOUT PAIN.

CURES WHERE ALL OTHERS HAVE FAILED.

TUBES, BY MAIL, 75 CENTS; BOTTLES, 50 CENTS.

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Our General Catalogue quotes them. Send 10c to partly pay postage or expressage and we'll send you one. It has 1100 pages, 17,000 illustrations and quotes prices on nearly 70,000 things that you eat and use each week. We constantly carry in stock all articles quoted.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Paris hackmen want more protection. Half a company of recruits at Fort Slocum, Ill., deserted in a bunch.

Bishop Vidal, the Roman Catholic prelate of the Fiji islands, is in this country en route to Rome.

The calaboose at Forrest City, Ark., was destroyed by fire and two prisoners confined therein cremated.

Col. Wm. C. Elam, editor-in-chief of the Norfolk Virginia Pilot, died at his home in Louisa county, Virginia.

John Johnson, an old Colorado miner, has found what is expected to be a fine lead of copper ore six miles north of Kenton, Ok.

The Platteville powder mills at Platteville, Wis., were wrecked by an explosion, killing three men and badly injuring another.

Richard Croker has been compelled to defer his return from London to New York until the latter part of May. He is still on crutches.

Hamilton H. Greyson, who died in Philadelphia, spoke five languages, and aided in building a railroad to the top of the Andes mountains.

The British ship, County of Edinburgh, which went ashore near Manassan, N. J., a couple of weeks ago, was floated without serious damage.

Fires destroyed three buildings of the Troy Malleable Ironworks at Troy, N. Y. Loss \$150,000. Fully 1000 employees were thrown out of work.

The 5-year-old daughter of A. Wagon, living near Burns, O. K., was burned to death by her clothing becoming ignited from burning grass.

In the criminal district court at Philadelphia, Pa., Frederick Kahler, a book dealer, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for selling "Sappo."

While running a corn crusher, Hon. H. A. Todd, an ex-member of the Oklahoma legislature, living near Fort Reno, had an arm drawn into the machine, crushed and partly torn off.

J. D. Hayne of Adell, Ia., who was visiting at Fenton, La., while walking along the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf allway company track at the latter place intently perusing a newspaper was run into by a backing train, and crushed to death.

Wm. Butterfield, the celebrated English architect, is dead in his 86th year. He first attained distinction by the introduction of color into ecclesiastical and domestic buildings by the help of bricks, marble and mosaic.

Dr. A. R. Wright, one of the foremost homeopathic physicians of America, died at St. Joseph's hospital, Chicago. In 1898 he was chosen president of the American institute of homeopaths.

It is now definitely determined that a monetary convention will be had at Kansas City on the 4th of July. It is said some six or eight hundred delegates will be in attendance from all the states and territories of the Union.

The United States transport Sedgewick arrived at New York from Mantanzas, Cienfuegos and Havana, with twenty-seven cabin passengers and forty-six discharged soldiers. The Sedgewick also brought a quantity of baggage, fifty-four soldiers' bodies and \$230,000 in specie.

Mrs. George F. Field, traveling from Donaldson, Ark., to Fair Haven, Vt., died in the union station at Indianapolis, Ind., surrounded by her three small children. The father had died, and the mother, suffering with consumption, was trying to reach her old home.

The long boycott of the postoffice at Hogansville, Ga., has terminated by the appointment of Miss Flora Jones to succeed Isaac H. Loftin, colored, whose appointment met with disfavor from the white people. Loftin has secured a Washington appointment.

Stampedes are reported to have been of frequent occurrence during the winter at Cape Nome. Below and southwest of Nome furnished the best reports on the Bonanza district, there having been reported a rich strike in coarse gold.

Geo. Work, the clubman and pigeon shot of New York, died in Switzerland of consumption, aged 42 years. His two sisters, Mrs. Burke-Roche and Mrs. Cooper-Hewitt, were with him when he died. He held the amateur pigeon shooting record.

TRANSVAAL AFFAIR

Matters as They Now Stand in that Country.

REPORTED RETREAT OF BOERS.

It is Given Out that President Will From This Time Pursue a Strictly Defensive Course.

London, March 5.—Beyond the signs of a general retreat of Boers throughout Cape Colony, there is little news from the front. Lord Roberts, in his dispatches to the war office thus far published, says little, but he is undoubtedly active in some direction.

The Onsland, the organ of the Afrikanerbund says: "The Boers will now confine themselves to the defensive, abandoning an offensive policy."

Abrahams Kraal, as shown in the war office maps, is a group of three kopjes, situated at the junction of Kraal Spruit with Modder river. It is a natural point of concentration which the Boers could make exceedingly strong, but after the proofs of the mobility of the army of Lord Roberts, it may be doubted whether they will make a really serious attempt to bar his advance there.

A noticeable feature of all the recent operations at the theater of war has been the active employment of colonial forces, which is in marked contrast with the policy adopted at the beginning of the war. The Australian colonies have decided to provide the 2000 men Mr. Chamberlain recently asked for.

It is now seen how near Ladysmith was to starvation and the exhaustion of ammunition. The town could hardly have withstood another Boer assault or have held out much longer. The Daily News has a dispatch from Ladysmith which says that the supplies on hand were only enough to provide full rations for four days. The town might have held out another week, but scarcely beyond that.

Attacking Boers.

Dordrecht, Cape Colony, Sunday, March 4.—Gen. Brabant's colonial division, after a night's march, is now attacking the Boers in a strong position at LaBuschanges Nek, on the road from Dordrecht to Jamestown.

The engagement is proceeding with great vigor and the Boers are gradually retiring before the British shell fire from three positions.

A heavy rifle fire is being exchanged where the British are engaging the Boers on the right flank.

So far the Boers have had no big gains in action. By evening Gen. Brabant's advance had been most satisfactory. After marching and bivouacking over night the force reached the strong entrenched positions which they no woccupy and hold, the Boers being on the opposite hill.

The British will remain to-night in the captured positions, although the Boers have brought two guns into action and made determined efforts to retake them.

The British losses are six killed and eighteen wounded.

Rev. Homer T. Wilson has resigned the pastorate of the Third Christian church of Fort Worth. Rev. J. S. Myers of Philadelphia is his successor.

At Hanover, Germany, a British flag was torn down.

Red Flag Run Up.

Omaha, Neb., March 5.—An incident of the heated municipal campaign was the tearing down and destroying of an American flag and the substituting thereof of a red flag on a flagpole in Mayor Moore's yard some time Saturday night. Sunday morning the mayor was astounded to see the red cloth flying where erstwhile the stars and stripes floated.

As the rope was cut his honor had to call on the fire department to run up a ladder and take down the red cloth.

Charged With Drunkenness.

Washington, March 5.—Sensational charges are contained in an anonymous letter received at the navy department from Manila. The communication relates to the wrecking of the Charleston and makes the serious statement that a number of officers of the vessel at the time of the disaster were under the influence of liquor. The correspondents who furnished the information claims to have verified the allegations by diligent inquiry among the officers of the Charleston.

BEFORE THE BUCKEYES.

President McKinley Delivers an Address at the Gotham Banquet.

New York, March 5.—The Ohio Society of New York held its fourteenth annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Saturday night. Wm. McKinley, president of the United States, was the guest of honor. More than 400 covers were laid.

Before the banquet President McKinley, with President M. I. Southard of the society and Henry L. Burnett, chairman of the banquet committee, held a reception and shook hands with members of the society and guests.

President McKinley spoke in part as follows:

"There are unfortunately those among us, few in number, I am sure, who seem to thrive best under bad times and who when good times overtake them in the United States, feel constrained to put us on bad terms with the rest of mankind. With them I can have no sympathy. I would rather give expression to what I believe to be the nobler and almost universal sentiment of my countrymen in the wish, not only for our peace and prosperity, but for the peace and prosperity of all the nations and peoples of the earth.

"After thirty-three years of unbroken peace, came an unavoidable war. Happily the conclusion was quickly reached, without a suspicion of unworthy motive or practice or purpose on our part and with fadeless honor to our arms. I cannot forget the quick response of the people to the country's need and the quarter of a million men who freely offered their lives to their country's services. It demonstrated our mighty reserve power and taught us that large standing armies are unnecessary when every citizen is a 'minute man' ready to join the ranks for national defense.

"No great emergency has arisen in this nation's history and progress which has not been met by the sovereign people with capacity, with ample strength and with unflinching fidelity to every honorable obligation. Partisanship can hold few of us against solemn public duty. The national sentiment and the national conscience were never stronger nor higher than now. There has been a reunion of the people around the holy altar consecrated to the country newly sanctified by common sacrifices. The followers of Grant and Lee have fought under the same flag and fallen for the same faith.

"There can be no imperialism. Those who fear are against it. Those who have faith in the republic are against it. So that there is universal abhorrence for it and unanimous opposition to it. Our only difference is that those who do not agree with us have no confidence in the virtue or capacity or high purpose or good faith of this free people as a civilizing agency, while we believe that the century of free government which the American people have enjoyed has not rendered them faithless and irresolute, but has fitted them for the great task of lifting up and assisting to better conditions those distant peoples who have through the issue of battles become our wards. Let us fear not. There is no occasion for faint hearts, no excuse for regrets. Nations do not grow in strength and the cause of liberty and law is not advanced by the doing of easy things. The liberators will never become the oppressors. A self-governed people will never permit despotism in any government which they foster and defend."

At Brambleton, Va., a burglar assaulted G. W. Miller seriously. Also Mrs. Miller. Mr. Miller may die.

Boer Sympathizers.

Chicago, Ill., March 5.—A mass-meeting was held in Central Music Hall Sunday, the 122d anniversary of the birth of Robert Emmet, under the auspices of the Irish Nationalists, to protest against the war waged by Great Britain in the Transvaal and to express sympathy with the Boers. Miss Maude Gonne was the chief speaker of the evening and her address evoked great enthusiasm. The hall was filled with an audience of 2000 people.

Fatal Fire.

New York, March 5.—Five persons were burned to death and three injured Sunday morning in a fire which occurred in a seven-story lodging-house at 44 to 48 Bowery.

Dead: Charles Butte, 40 years of age; John Clark, 50; Edward Doyle, 35; Henry Jackson, colored, 35; one unidentified man, about 50 years of age.

Stephen Carney, 75 years of age, was burned about the body, face and hands and died.

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Taken at His Word.

"Here," said the timid caller to the editor, "is an article that I have written on 'The Value of Time.' Let me read it to you. 'The fool may waste his own time, if it pleases him to do so, but he has no right to take the time of others. The...'

"You're right. Never mind the other ninety-seven pages. Good day."

Genius Encouraged.

"I at least have the satisfaction of knowing," said the poet, "that when I die my work will live after me." "Yes," the poet's wife wearily replied, "your work being inanimate will, of course, be beyond the danger of starving to death."

C. F. E. Immigration Literature.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has just issued two excellent immigration pamphlets for 1900—"Western Canada" and "British Columbia"—which contain a great deal of useful and accurate information about the country west of Lake Superior, and are of special interest to those who contemplate settling either in the Canadian Northwest or British Columbia. Large editions of these pamphlets are distributed gratuitously in Great Britain and the United States, as well as throughout the Dominion, and are eagerly read by those who are seeking a new home and desire to know something of the best country in the world in which to find one. For pamphlets and further information address J. Francis Lee, Genl. Agt. Pass. Dept., 228 So. Clark st., Chicago, Ill.

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Beginning of Greatness.

"It was here in this old schoolhouse," mused the man in the fur trimmed overcoat, who had returned, after an absence of thirty years, to the scene of his boyhood days, "that I learned my letters! It was here I laid the foundation, so to speak, of all my success in life. Even then," he continued, "I gave indications of the business career I have since followed!"

"Yes?" said the old schoolmaster, with a note of interrogation in his voice.

"Yes," pursued the other, pointing with his cane to the paper wads still visible on the smoke blackened ceiling. "Do you see those?"

"Yes."

"Well, I threw them there."

"And now?"

"And now I am the owner of a large paper mill."

A Desperate Case.

"May I offer you a tract?" The speaker was a mild, benevolent-looking man, considerably past the middle age.

"I suppose you may," replied the elderly citizen whom he had addressed, "but I don't believe I can use it in my business."

"I can think of no occupation, my friend, that should be beyond the reach of those influences that tend to lead men to a better life. If you are following an unrighteous calling there is all the more need of such influences. May I ask what your business is?"

"My business, sir, is as respectable as yours. I am a musical director. In my time, sir," responded the other, with evident pride, "I have taught eighty-three mandolin orchestras!"

"And you boast of it!" exclaimed the man with the tracts, passing his hand tremblingly across his forehead. "My friend, I—I have nothing in my valise, I fear, that can reach you."

And he walked away, dazed.

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BOBS AND BOERS.

The British General Confronted by His Opponents.

EXCELLENT TRANSPORT SERVICE

Of Gen. Roberts Surprises Military Authorities—Lively Operations Will Probably Soon be Resumed.

London, March 3.—Lord Roberts, at Osfontein, six or eight miles east of Paardeberg, faces the reformed Boer army, 5000 or 6000 strong. This may be merely a corps of observation, intending to retire on prepared positions. Doubtless it is receiving accretions from the late besiegers of Ladysmith and from other points.

Whatever the force may be, Lord Roberts has ample troops to cope with it.

As a heavy rain is falling on the veldt and the grass is improving, this will be a good thing temporarily for the Boers.

Lord Roberts has surprised observers by the excellence of his transport during the first advance and he is likely to do so again, although military men here think he must wait some days before going further.

The Boers presumably will use this delay for all it is worth, pulling their resources together. Dr. Leyds gives out the opinion that the British entry to Bloemfontein is daily expected, as Commandants Dewet and Delarey had been instructed to retard the advance of Lord Roberts only until the concentration under Gen. Joubert had been accomplished.

No adequate explanation is made of the 50,000 reinforcements that are preparing for Lord Roberts. Such explanations as are advanced tentatively suggest rather that the Cape Dutch have become more restive or that the imperial government has a hint of foreign suggestions as to the future status of the allied republics.

The admiralty board has telegraphed to the Cape commander an expression of admiration and thanks on the part of the lords of the admiralty, to the marines and blue jackets engaged in the war, "for the splendid manner in which they have upheld the traditions of the service and have added to its reputation for resourcefulness, courage and devotion."

Lord Roberts wires to the war office from Osfontein, under date of March 2, as follows:

"I have just returned from paying Kimberley a hurried visit. I was much gratified at finding the enthusiasm among the Kimberley people regarding the care of the sick and wounded. All the houses have been converted into hospitals and the men had been made most comfortable.

"I was struck with the friendly manner in which the wounded Boers and our men chatted together upon the experiences of the campaign."

From Buller.

London, March 3.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller:

"Ladysmith, Friday, March 2, 6:30 p. m.—I find the defeat of the Boers more complete than I had dared to anticipate. This whole district is completely cleared of them, and, except at the top of Van Reenen's Pass, where several wagons are visible, I can find no trace of them.

"Their last train left Modder Spruit about 1 o'clock yesterday, and then they blew up the bridge. They packed their wagons six days ago, moving them to the north of Ladysmith, so that we had no chance of intercepting them, but they have left vast quantities of ammunition of all sorts, herds, grass, camp and individual necessaries. They have got away with all their guns except two."

Rumors of Revolt.

Mobile, Ala., March 3.—Bearing upon the Washington dispatch telling of some fear that everything is not serene in Havana, the following from a correspondent of a local paper on date of Feb. 29 is of interest:

"I have inside information that there is to be a serious rebellion among the Cubans. Lately there has been a great demand for spurs, machetes and hammocks, the three principal implements of Cuban warfare. Several of the stores have sold out their entire stock of these goods."

Hon. W. J. Bryan made two addresses at Shreveport, La., on the 1st.

INDIAN TERRITORY ITEMS.

United States court will convene at Pauls Valley March 5.

Judge Yancey Lewis says Indian Territory conditions are fast improving.

Mineola has been shipping on an average one car of hogs per week to Dallas.

Ben Meeker, 17 years old, was fatally stabbed in front of the Broadway Methodist church, Ardmore.

Rails for the Frisco extension from Sapulpa to Denison have been purchased, and work will soon begin.

Chief Buffington and the Cherokee delegation have gone to Washington to urge the ratification of the Cherokee treaty, now pending.

The strict quarantine which has been enforced against the smallpox infected towns by Ardmore has been raised and that city again welcomes all comers.

J. C. Williams' grocery and contents at Rush Springs burned, also the grocery house of J. H. Haynes. The Landmark newspaper office was likewise destroyed.

Much enthusiasm prevails in many parts of the Territory over the work of the late South McAlester meeting, and the feeling is expressed that great good will result.

On a plantation in the bottom near Caldwell D. Fowler, a six-year old boy, had a lamp on the floor and was picking a splinter out of his foot. The lamp exploded and he was frightfully perhaps fatally, burned.

Will Little, in charge of the land appraisers, working in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, says the work of appraising is progressing well and there is considerable of it ready for allotment so far as the appraisers are concerned.

Dr. J. A. Sterrett, chairman of the Choctaw townsite commission, says it will require a long time to finish up the work of platting, appraising and selling the townsites in the Choctaw nation, and that upon the work of the commission depends the allotment of lands.

Puerto Rican Message.

Washington, March 3.—The president Friday sent the following message to congress:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: Since the evacuation of Puerto Rico by the Spanish forces on the 18th of October of 1898 the United States has collected on products coming from that island to the ports of the United States the duties fixed by the Dingley act and amounting to \$2,095,455.88, and will continue to collect under said law until congress shall otherwise direct. Although I had the power and having in mind the best interests of the people of the island used to modify duties on goods and products entering into Puerto Rico, I did not have the power to remit or modify duties on Puerto Rican products coming into the ports of the United States.

In view of the pressing necessity for immediate revenue in Puerto Rico for conducting the government there and for the extension of public education and in view of the principle of legislation just inaugurated by the house of representatives and for the purpose of making the principle embodied in that legislation applicable to the immediate past as well as to the immediate future, I recommend that the above sum so collected and the sums hereafter collected under the existing laws shall, without waiting for the enactment of the general legislation now pending, be appropriated for the use and benefit of the island.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Executive Mansion, March 2, 1900.

The reading of the message was greeted with Republican applause in the house, and Mr. Cannon asked unanimous consent for the immediate passage of a bill to carry out the recommendation. There was no objection, and it was agreed that there should be twenty minutes debate on a side.

El Paso Case.

Washington, March 3.—The following telegram was received at the war department:

Fort Sam Houston, Tex., March 2.—Adjutant General Washington: The following telegram was received from Fort Bliss:

Have all the guilty and evidence convict them except McElrey, who asserted. Corporal Powell confessed.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

Commanding.

McKIBBIN.

This refers to the recent riot at El Paso between some negro soldiers and jail officials.

T. J. Richards killed a man named McKay at Paducah, Collin county.

DONE WITH DYNAMITE.

Dastardly Attempt to Blow Up Colored People at Plano.

Plano, Tex., March 5.—About 9:30 o'clock Saturday night a stick of dynamite was exploded under the northeast corner of a one-story frame residence occupied by Ammon Drake, a colored man and his family, consisting of a wife and two children.

The weatherboarding on the north side of the building was torn loose for a distance of fourteen feet and about six feet above the floor line.

At the corner of the room where the explosion took place the ends of the floor were torn loose and the ends broken off for five or six feet and several pieces of weatherboarding on the south side of the house were torn loose, besides eighteen small window lights where the explosion occurred.

Drake's little 3-year-old boy and a girl 5 years old were asleep on a bed in the corner of the room where the floor was torn up and were pitched headforemost to the foot of the bed, seemingly unhurt that night, but the little boy Sunday complained of pain in his shoulder and chest.

Several slats in the bed where the children were asleep were broken and splintered and it is a miracle how they escaped being killed; their heads being directly above where the explosion took place.

About three minutes after the explosion took place in the yard of a negro cabin occupied by a negro named Smith about 150 feet south of the first explosion. The only damage done was a large hole in the ground.

The shocks of both explosions were felt all over town and greatly alarmed the citizens.

The scene of the explosion was visited by a large number of citizens Saturday and again Sunday and all denounce it as an outrage and most cowardly attempt to kill innocent people.

Drake has been in the employ of a milling company for the past three years and is an industrious colored man who attends strictly to his own business and is sober and pays his debts.

The dastardly attempt to kill him and his family can hardly be accounted for.

Strong measures will be taken by the citizens to find out the guilty parties.

How Bryan Spent Sunday.

Galveston, Tex., March 5.—Col. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan spent Sunday quietly in Galveston. They breakfasted at the home of their host, Col. W. L. Moody, and there spent the morning until they departed for the home of Col. Walter Gresham, where they dined. There were no other guests at the dinner. A daughter of Col. Bryan and a daughter of Col. Gresham are roommates at Monticello College, near St. Louis, and therefore they had an extra bond to draw them together.

The jetties were visited in the afternoon.

At the close of business of the Topeka (Kan.) capital countingroom Saturday night, the subscriptions for the Sheldon edition, beginning with the issue of March 13, passed the 10,000 mark, with a bushel basket full of letters unopened.

Ash Wednesday was generally observed by Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherans.

Greenville has had another destructive fire.

Ex-Sheriff Jones of Gonzales county was shot and killed near Medina City. A party surrendered.

Denied Bail.

Beaumont, Tex., March 5.—Jack Martin, who was first arrested in connection with the lynching of Peter Sweeney at Port Arthur, was given a hearing before Judge West of the district court Saturday upon habeas corpus application to be released on bail. The entire day was spent in the trial, and considerable evidence was heard, after which Judge West gave his decision refusing to grant a release upon bail. Attorneys for Martin gave notice of an appeal.

Itasca's Enterprise.

Itasca, Tex., March 5.—This little city has raised the money and about perfected all arrangements for the erection of a first-class cottonmill, with no previous agitation whatever. In one week's time a total of \$100,000 was subscribed by the citizens. Organization will be at once completed, a board of directors elected and a charter applied for, and from that date no halt will be made until the mill is in full operation.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE.

The Anniversary Daily Observed in Many Lone Star Cities.

Dallas, Tex., March 3.—The anniversary of Texas independence was observed here by the postoffice officials and the Shakespeare club.

At Corsicana.—The banks closed. Patriotic exercises were held at the state orphans' home.

At Ennis.—The railroad men gave an oyster roast at the city lake.

At Houston.—The Daughters of the Republic had a celebration.

At Mineola.—Anvils were fired and the schools closed.

At Sherman.—Banks closed and Texas flags were flung to the breezes.

At Greenville.—The banks and postoffice closed.

Indian Woman Burned to Death.

Mason, Tex., March 3.—An old Indian woman who has lived in this county for many years met with a horrible death on the road between Mason and Hedwig's Hill. She was in a little cart, or open buggy, which she often used, and it is supposed her clothing became ignited from her pipe. The horse ran away and when caught the front part of the cart was burned and the horse's tail was burned off. Poor old "Aunt Amy," as every one called her, was found a mile from where the horse was caught, burned almost to a crisp and already dead. Aunt Amy came here with her tribe, the Cheyennes, many years ago, and is said to have been over 100 years old.

Gulf City's Guests.

Galveston, Tex., March 3.—Hon. W. J. Bryan, accompanied by Mrs. Bryan and their little son, arrived in Galveston Friday night.

Mr. Bryan reached Houston from Shreveport Friday morning and spent the day in Houston awaiting the arrival of Mrs. Bryan from Austin. They were met at the passenger station by the local committee on reception. The committee had with it a brass band to aid in the demonstrativeness of Mr. Bryan's welcome and several hundred people crowded the station to catch a glimpse of the distinguished visitor. From the time he left the train until he entered the carriage he was greeted with cheers. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were driven to the residence of Col. W. L. Moody.

Worst of the Season.

Amarillo, Tex., March 3.—It began snowing here Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock and continued until dark that night and all the time a perfect gale blew from the north, causing the snow to drift in places as deep as six feet. All the cuts in the railroads were practically filled and in consequence the passenger train on the Fort Worth and Denver railway, which was due to arrive here at 9:40 Tuesday stuck in the snow in sight of town and had to be plowed out. Great alarm is felt by cattlemen, as the mortality among cattle is bound to be heavy. Each ranchman has an abundance of feed, however. This has been decidedly the worst blizzard of the season.

Horrible Accident.

Belton, Tex., March 3.—A horrible accident occurred at the rock quarry of B. Langtry & Sons Friday about 4:30 o'clock p. m., in which two men lost their lives. While at work loading rock on the cars the guy rope broke, which held the large derrick, and it fell, instantly killing two workmen named Jerry McCormick and Shorty Lynch. Several other men were at work there at the time, but no one else was hurt.

Narrowly Escaped.

Longview, Tex., March 3.—The residence of Dr. O. P. Ervin of this place was destroyed by fire at 4 a. m. Friday, due to a defective flue. The family narrowly escaped cremation. The bedclothes of the servants were on fire when rescued. Nearly everything was consumed. Loss \$1800 to \$2000, insured for \$1000. The adjoining residence of Dr. H. M. Lawrence was badly damaged by scorching and caught fire several times, but escaped destruction.

Mrs. Langford Dies.

Houston, Tex., March 3.—News came here of the death of Mrs. Bertha Lankford at her home, two miles below Harrisburg. A few months ago her husband, Dr. Lankford, was killed at this place. She was arrested and imprisoned, and on account of bad health was allowed bond. She was perhaps 30 years of age, and Dr. Lankford was her third husband. She leaves three or four little children, a brother and mother, all in this city.

HILL'S REPORT.

What He Has to Say in Regard to Penitentiary Matters.

Austin, Tex., March 2.—In a report submitted to the penitentiary board by Financial Agent W. M. C. Hill, he says that he has purchased machinery for a first-class furniture factory to be located at Rusk penitentiary at a cost of \$9750, less the belting, same to be delivered by about April 25. The report also states that two additional machines have been purchased for the furniture factory at Huntsville at a cost of \$1500, which will increase the output of that factory about 15 per cent.

In his report Mr. Hill also says that the contracts out for the delivery of furniture during the present year amount to about \$100,000, and that it will require both factories after the starting of the one at Rusk, which is calculated to start about the 15th of June or 1st of July, to complete these contracts. The report states that there is a large supply of material on hand for both of these factories, and that the Huntsville factory during the last ten months of 1899 shows handsome profits and a prosperous business. Referring to the furniture business, Mr. Hill says: "I regard the manufacture of furniture as a most profitable branch of manufacturing interest in this system. My contracts for furniture to be delivered during 1900 are at a reasonable profit to the institution, and I am very hopeful of the results to be obtained this season."

Mr. Hill also says: "I beg to report as to the cigar business; our sales have been entirely satisfactory, and the profit on tobacco on hand, at a price I had offered of 20c per pound, will net the state, by manufacturing into cigars and selling them to first hands, where there is no risk as to payment for same, at least 100 percent, or 40c per pound an upward for the tobacco."

Although the calamities, fires, floods, etc., cost the state \$215,000 there is to the credit of the penitentiaries an available cash balance on hand of \$112,072.43 and notwithstanding the heavy outlay of purchasing stock, tools, provisions, etc., for the inauguration and maintenance of the William Clemens farm, Mr. Hill states in his report that he will deposit \$15,000 with the state treasurer at once.

Thought Incendiary.

Waco, Tex., March 2.—Furious indignation arose here when it was ascertained that the residence of J. T. Franklin was burned by an incendiary, plain evidence that such was the case being discovered.

The fact that the torch was applied in a room below while Mrs. Franklin and children were on the floor above seems to indicate that the intention was to burn the family alive. The fact that Mrs. Franklin was severely injured and the children bruised in the wonderful escape heroically achieved by Mrs. Franklin added to the excitement when the description of the scene was circulated.

Acting upon information, Sheriff Baker made one arrest of a suspected party, a negro.

Mr. Franklin's loss above insurance is over \$5000.

Race Circuit.

Denison, Tex., March 2.—"The establishing of a racing circuit in Texas, commencing at Wichita, Kan., on Sept. 4, and closing at Houston, Nov. 15, will bring lots of good horses to Texas," said a horseman. "It will give racing a big impetus and be a big thing for the fair associations interested. Denison had a rattling good fair last fall and this fall it should be made one of the best in the state. Work should be commenced soon getting things in shape for the fair."

Broke Jail.

Hallettsville, Tex., March 2.—At noon Wednesday prisoners in the county jail disarmed the jailer and then escaped. The jailer's pistol was discharged in the scuffle. Mrs. Bennett, wife of the sheriff, heard the noise and gave the alarm. A white man and a Mexican were recaptured. William Reese, a negro, who had the pistol, has not yet been recaptured. Emmitt Townsend pursued and exchanged shots with him, but he escaped through a barb wire fence.

Damage by Wind.

Colmesneil, Tex., March 2.—Tuesday night Colmesneil was visited by the hardest windstorm, accompanied by rain and hail, that she has ever experienced. The wind came from the northwest, doing much damage to property. Several roofs were blown off houses and some buildings wrecked.

