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A Retrospection.

Robert Lee has done much in the way of improvement since the present Editor ascended the journalistic tripod in Coke—Among a great many improvements we remember and feel constrained to notice the following:—

In general business and in the sale of merchandise the town did more in 1899 than in any previous year. J. W. Reed & Co. alone, sold about thirty thousand dollars worth of goods, and are expecting to do even more this year—This enterprising firm, with its push, energy and fair business methods have been of inestimable benefit to the town all along.

Messrs J. E. Stewart & Co. are doing a good business in the general merchandise and feed line. They too, are selling more goods than ever before.

Mrs. M. B. Ingram has sold millinery goods and Ladies Hats here several years giving satisfaction to her customers and netting a neat profit all the time. We believe that this will be her best year.

Our cotton gin and corn mill is of great benefit to the town, and we understand its manager, L. H. McDorman, expects to do a good year's work before Jan. 1, 1901. This gin and mill has been enlarged and repaired considerably during the past eighteen months—

Among other things of material benefit to the town has been the erection of the handsome and commodious two story school building. Prof. W. T. Savage, an experienced educator, who holds a diploma for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, is teaching a subscription school now which will expire in about two weeks. We believe the new trustees who will be elected early in May, would do well to secure the services of Prof. Savage again, if it is possible to do so.

The town has two good blacksmith shops owned and operated by Vestal and Ashley and Tom Cross—Don't need any more blacksmiths.

J. P. Angel and J. L. Barron and G. C. Lasswell have grocery stores each carrying about a thousand dollar stock and each doing a good paying business—Two of these gentlemen run wagon yards.

Pearce's Prescription Pharmacy is at present the only drug store—it is owned and operated by H. H. Pearce and has a capital of about \$1500.00. Another drug store of equal capital is in prospect in the near future.

The town has three physicians, all of whom enjoy good practice.

Robert Lee has five lawyers, Messrs Perryman and Averitt, Merchant and Patteson and Gid Graham, the last named gentleman being our County Attorney.

R. P. Perry, Tom Cross, Eld. J. B. Hooten, J. J. Vestal and J. C. Newton have all built new residence which adds much to the town.

We have two barber shops that would do credit to any rail road town in West Texas—J. N. Buchanan and E. Powers are the tonsorial artists.

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Nanhattie.

Mr. Geo. and Miss Lula Strickland have a brand new organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrick, who have been on an extended visit at Nanhattie, have moved to Searry Co., where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. Westfall went to Sterling City this week. Her two little girls and her little Nephew accompanied her.

Constable Brown, of Sauco, was up two days this week on official business.

Mr. Green, of Cedar Hill, was up with us to day.

Harvey Martin has gone to Colorado on business.

Shingling last Sunday night at Mr. Tom Stricklands.

Prof. Cooper is teaching the Silver school.

When do we elect trustees?
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Will the RUSTLER please tell us who wants to be elected next fall?

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BLOCK BURNS.

Work of the Fiery Demon at Two Other Places, in One Case Fatally.

Yoakum, Tex., March 12.—News has been received here to the effect that the principal business block of Sweet Home, six miles from here, was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. As near as could be learned the fire was discovered in a feed store owned by Dr. Ross, about 3 p. m. It spread rapidly and soon every building in the block was a mass of flames. Among the heavy losers were H. C. Middlebrook, merchant; Ledbetter & Sharber, druggists; Morgan, merchant. The latter is said to be partly covered by insurance. Five buildings and most of their contents were destroyed. The fire spread so rapidly that but little time was given to save goods. The losses are estimated at over \$10,000. Origin of fire unknown.

Girls Scorched.

Sanger, Tex., March 12.—F. M. King's residence, one mile west of Sanger, together with all the contents, was destroyed by fire Saturday evening, and his two daughters, Ella and Maggie, aged 12 and 10, were painfully though not seriously burned. Mr. King was away on a distant part of the farm when the fire occurred, and there were only his two little daughters, who kept house for him, at home. The little girls had built a hot fire preparatory to ironing. In some way the dry shingle roof caught fire. One of the little girls climbed to the roof and succeeded in extinguishing that part, but the flames burst out in the ceiling. Loss on house \$250 and contents \$750. No insurance.

Suffering Ended.

Malakoff, Tex., March 12.—About ten days ago, in the Trans-Cedar country, about eight miles west of this place, a Mrs. Steele was fatally burned. She was engaged in burning heaps of brush in a new-ground clearing near the house, when her dress came in contact with the flames. She was literally roasted before assistance could reach her. After lingering several days and suffering agony and torture death relieved her at 2 o'clock Saturday morning.

Flag Buried With Her.

Waco, Tex., March 12.—Confederate veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy, wearing the badges of the respective orders, attended the funeral of Mrs. Mattie Howe, who died Friday night, Sunday afternoon. The coffin was wound up in Confederate colors and the old flag owned by Pat Cleburne camp was carried in the procession and waved over the grave until the mound was raised and all the rites were ended. Mrs. Howe was the widow of Dr. Samuel D. Howe, who was a surgeon in the Confederate army. She was devoted to all the traditions of the south and was an active member of Waco chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, the members of which order heaped flowers high up on the grave of the honored lady. Mrs. Howe assisted in organizing the first Episcopal church in this city. One of the Confederate flags buried with her was the work of her hands. She made the flag, looking to her death, and ordered that it be buried with her as a token of her undying love for the Lost Cause.

Visiting Texas.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 12.—The Texas excursionists of the Arkansas Valley Press association, which held its third annual session at Trinidad, Col., reached here over the Fort Worth and Denver at 6 o'clock Sunday night. The party was met by the Fort Worth Press club, Secretary T. O. Bateman of the Fort Worth board of trade, W. F. Sterley of the passenger department of the Denver road, and other local railroad men.

The excursionists remained here Sunday night in their private Pullman car, leaving over the Houston and Texas Central this morning at 8 o'clock for Houston and Galveston, in charge of H. M. Mayo, chief of the literary bureau of the Southern Pacific railway. The party returns here Friday, remaining the entire day, which will be devoted to various entertainments and sight-seeing, under the auspices of the local press club.

Ben Lewis, a noted Indian fighter and a full-blood Chickasaw, died near Mill Creek, T., aged 87 years.

Colored man, women and children 184 in number were immersed in one pool at New York.

Gen. Wheeler's resignation has reached the war department.

DEFENDANT DENT.

Acquitted on the Charge of Swindling, but at Once Re-arrested.

Dallas, Tex., March 9.—"We, the jury, find the defendant not guilty."
"D. E. PHILLIPS, Foreman."

This was the verdict returned Thursday morning at 9 o'clock by the jury in the case of the state of Texas vs. W. J. Dent, who was charged by indictment with swindling.

When the verdict was announced, the defendant's wife, who has been by his side all during the trial, threw her arms about his neck and kissed him passionately many times in a transport of joy. Dent returned the salutation with compound interest. For a time they formed the center of attraction.

When the jury was discharged, they filed by Dent and shook hands with him. Their names are: D. E. Phillips, foreman; O. A. Gilliam, P. L. Markham, J. M. Evans, Marsh Winn, W. B. Fortune, E. A. Davidson, E. J. Ranft, H. Cross, T. D. Powers, A. G. McLaughlin and S. H. Broadnax.

Afterward, the defendant declared that the verdict was nothing but what he had expected and was but another triumph of justice. He was not released from custody, however. The officers will hold him for transportation to Cherokee county, where he has been indicted for accessory to murder. This charge grows out of the indictments connected with the famous "forged pardon," by means of which, it is alleged, a convict of the name of Isaacs, sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, secured his liberty and to this day has not been re-apprehended.

An application for a writ of habeas corpus on this charge was filed by Dent's attorneys soon after the result of the trial for swindling was made known Thursday. Arguments and evidence in this connection have not yet been heard by Judge Clint, and will not be until he satisfies himself as to the question of venue in the case. Attorney R. B. Seay said Thursday evening that no intimation had been given by the court as to the ruling that would be made on this matter.

Mr. Dent claims to be a cousin of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Back Rentals.

Austin, Tex., March 9.—Mr. Gilbert C. Wright of Dallas, for Col. C. C. Slaughter, and Mr. Robt. Slaughter of Dallas were here Thursday ascertaining the amount, if any, is due the state, and adjusting such claims, unleased public domain and school lands occupied by Col. Slaughter's herds. The state land agents have examined only part of the pastures and figure out that thus far the state is entitled to between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in back rentals.

Amputation Necessary.

Orange, Tex., March 9.—About three years ago J. N. Olds, agent for the Southern Pacific railroad at this place, was riding up Fifth street when his horse fell, rolled on his right leg and bruised his knee. Mr. Olds gave prompt attention, but since then he suffered almost constantly from the injury. The joint enlarged and recently he decided to have it amputated. Physicians took off the limb about three inches above the knee.

University's Attendance.

Austin, Tex., March 9.—The attendance at the University of Texas has now reached 900 students. All in the academic department are over 16 years of age, students of the medical department are 17 years and over, while no student of the law department is under 19 years of age. The average age of the students of the university is about 22 years. Of the number more than 200 are young women.

Lottery Tickets Seized.

San Antonio, Tex., March 9.—Two hundred and fifty lottery tickets were seized in a news store late Thursday evening by Special Custom House Officer W. F. Rattorea of Del Rio. The tickets ranged in value from 25c to \$1. The seizure was made in accordance with section 16 of the Dingley tariff law which prohibits the importation and sale of lottery tickets in this country. It is the first seizure made in this city.

Visiting Editors.

San Antonio, Tex., March 9.—One hundred members of the National Editor's association on their pleasure jaunt to California spent Thursday in San Antonio. The party was taken in hands by a committee of citizens and shown the town. They were regaled with an ostrich roping contest, an artillery drill, and later attended a special religious service within the walls of the old Alamo.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Tarrant county wants a fair.

Celeste is to have a cotton factory. The Paris public schools close May 11.

Corsicana is to have a fine sidewalk system. Sherman had fourteen deaths in February.

O. V. Carter, superintendent of the Fannin county poor farm, is dead. The San Antonio Gun Club has set April 23 and 24 for a state shoot.

Wild geese are reported plentiful on Red river near Paris. West, McLennan county is to have a \$50,000 cotton factory.

One of Dallas' school directors says that owing to lack of room, there are 500 pupils in that city not attending school.

A typographical union has been organized at Corsicana with a membership of seventeen. All the printing offices but two recognize the organization.

A company has been formed in Fort Worth whose purpose it is to enable persons of limited means to build homes on the monthly installment plan.

Mr. W. H. Mandeville of Olean, N. Y., a prominent oil operator, is in Corsicana taking observations in the oil fields.

The Misses Willard of Auburn, N. Y., have given their second donation of \$1000 to the proposed Presbyterian university of Texas.

J. W. Spillers was killed at San Angelo while erecting a windmill tower, by part of the frame falling and striking him on the head.

Ground has been broken at Commerce for a flouring mill of 150 barrels capacity, and one is to be built at Wolfe City of 100 barrels capacity.

A. W. Freyer, doing a general dry goods business at Yoakum, went into voluntary bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$8000 to \$10,000; assets, \$4000 to \$5000.

Peter McCarthy, an engineer on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, died at Denison. He was a highly respected citizen and leaves a wife and six children.

The store of C. F. Stevenson was burglarized at Caddo Mills and \$150 worth of jewelry stolen, consisting of watchchains, finger rings and lodge charms, all solid gold.

Preliminary work has been commenced on the \$1,000,000 smelter to be erected by the Federal Smelter company one mile east of El Paso. The company owns a 100-acre site.

The Mary Connor college, established in Paris four or five years ago for the higher education of girls, was sold at public outcry to satisfy a mortgage for \$1700. It was bid in by O. C. Connor for \$2000. It is worth \$10,000.

A new cotton oil mill company, with \$50,000 capital, C. H. Allyn, president, and R. L. Hamilton of Ennis, general manager, has been formed at Corsicana. All the capital is paid up. Work on the new mill will begin at once.

Geo. S. McGhee, a well-known citizen of Tyler, died of heart disease. Mr. McGhee arose seemingly well and went about the place superintending work. He died in a few minutes after being taken sick. He leaves a wife and several children.

Negotiations have just been consummated for a large flouring mill for Lancaster, which will be erected in the northern part of town. It will be of 100-barrel capacity, three stories high, 36x60 feet, besides basement, with an elevator and two tanks.

R. J. Parks, who was painfully injured some two weeks ago by a Cotton Belt passenger train running into his wagon at Corsicana, has filed suit against the road, seeking to recover \$5000 damages for the injuries alleged to have been sustained.

The aged widow of the late ex-State Senator Rutabaga Johnson dropped dead at her residence in McKinney of heart failure. She was the mother of Judge M. W. Johnson, formerly a resident of Paris, Tex., but now of Pauls Valley, I. T.

Jim Clinkscales of Eureka, Hill county, picked up a pistol to examine it and it slipped from his fingers. The hammer struck the floor and discharged a cartridge. The ball passed through his foot making a serious wound.

At a meeting of the committee of arrangements at Paris the contract was awarded for eight decorated floats to be used in the firemen's carnival and street fair parade. The carnival parade will be on the order of a Mardi Gras procession.

We have many prophets as well as losses.

Our Nation's Wealth.

The material wealth and strength of our nation is in iron, the most useful of all metals, just as the wealth of a human being lies in a useful stomach. If you have overworked yours, try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It will relieve the clogged bowels, improve the appetite and cure constipation, dyspepsia and biliousness.

Self-interest is a great mover of some people.

AMERICAN TRANSVAAL FUND.

To Aid Widows and Orphans of the Boers.

A pathetic appeal of the committee of Africander and Bond members of parliament was issued at Cape Town, Oct. 10, 1899, signed by Messrs. N. F. DeWaal, Joseph N. Hoffman, J. H. Hofmeyr, Thomas P. Theron and D. J. A. Van Zyl, which says among other things:

"What may, what can, we colonial Africanders do in this sorrowful time? Join in the work of warfare with the weapons? The law and our duty as British subjects forbid this, even should other circumstances not oppose such a course of action.

"But what neither the law nor the duty of the subject forbids, and what, moreover, agrees in every respect with all principles of religion and humanity, is the offering of help to the wounded, to the widows and the orphans."

In the name of the Africander bond, on behalf of the citizens of the South African republic and their noble ally, the Orange Free State, I appeal to all Americans to show their sympathy with the brave people who are now, in the words of John Hancock, literally offering all that they have, all that they are, and all that they hope to be, upon the altar of their country, fighting to the death the arrogance and imposition of the great British empire, in order to remain free and independent, as did our American forefathers in 1776 and 1812. THERE WILL BE NO BOER WOUNDED ON THE BRITISH-AMERICAN HOSPITAL SHIP.

Send to me your subscriptions, small and large, and I will send the amount to Mr. C. C. de Villiers, Cape Town, the honorable treasurer of the committee of the Africander bond, to be expended under that appeal. I sent \$2,000 on Feb. 23, 1900.

GEORGE W. VAN SICLEN,
American Treasurer.

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Feb. 24, 1900.

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Will give you a good appetite, purify and enrich your blood, overcome that tired feeling, give you mental and digestive strength and steady nerves. Be sure to ask for HOOD'S, and be sure that you get Hood's, the best medicine money can buy. Get a bottle TODAY. All druggists. Price \$1.



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A good attendance of our county teachers expected.

Eld. Jno. F. Richardson, of Borden County, is visiting in Coke and will while here canvass for "Hero Tales of the American Soldier and Sailor," a book artfully illustrated, and describing all the five wars in which the United States have been engaged. We have subscribed for the book. It is all right.

Announcements.

We are authorized to announce S. E. Taylor as a candidate for the office of District Attorney for this, the 51st judicial district. Subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are hereby authorized to announce C. E. Dubor as a candidate for District Attorney for the 51st Judicial District subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Maverick News.

Dear RUSTLER,
I will write you a few lines as I don't think Eddie will write this week.

Rev. Bawden, of Winters, preached here last Sunday eve and also Sunday night. There was a good crowd out to hear him.

Ed McAulay and chum, are plowing for W. L. McAulay this week.

Mr. Frank Castleberry is having a well drilled on his place. Frank is preparing for a drought.

Mr. Ed Faucher bought S. M. Francis two year old steers, prices not known.

Mr. T. L. Bawden, our merchant put him up a wind mill last week Hurrah for T. L.

Misses Alice Caperton, Hortense Thaxton and Leona Grimes are visiting Mrs. McAulay this week.

Mr. J. W. Mayfield is killing prairie dogs around his field. He is preparing for a large crop.

Mr. Alfred McAulay and W. C. Castleberry have gone to Ft. Worth to the Stock Convention Good to them.

Mr. Earl Oinger, the first class wind mill man, was visiting friends at Bug Scuffle last Sunday.

Quite a number of Bug Scuffle people attended the debate last Saturday night. Come again.

O. L. Woods, B. F. Marshall and R. L. Castleberry left for Miles Station Sunday night—Hope the river isn't up.

Mr. Snider, of Ballinger, will put up a store here at once.

Mr. M. L. Caperton underpinned the Maverick School House last week.

Mr. S. B. Caperton visited relatives at Lapan Flat last week.

Farmers are all up with their plowing and I am up with my writing.

If I see this in print I will come again. Success to the RUSTLER and its many readers.

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FARM AND FLOCK.

Corn planting progresses.
Range horses in Wyoming sell at \$18 per head.
Oklahoma raised 16,202,000 bushels of wheat last year.
Corn planting is progressing rapidly in Grayson county.
Many vegetables are being shipped cut from Corpus Christi.
Texas sheep have done remarkably well the past winter.
Apples and pears have fair prospects in Grayson county this year.
Wharton county farmers will plant broom corn extensively this year.
One million dollars' worth of wool will be shipped from Phoenix, A. T.
Dr. J. L. Jones of Denison says the peach crop will be a large one this year.
Several bales of long staple cotton recently sold at Norfolk, Va., at 12½ cents per pound.
A number of stockmen and farmers have erected substantial dwellings in Young county this winter.
The Huasteca Cattle company of Tampico, Mex., capital \$100,000 has been allowed to do business in Colorado.
Blind stagers is said to have caused the loss of several hundred head of horses in Travis county within the past few weeks.
Half Bros. of the J. M. ranch, from Green county, will commence shipping 200 cars of cattle to the Indian Territory about the 25th.
Canada exports \$18,000,000 worth of cheese per year, while the United States export trade in this article only amounts to \$3,000,000.
For \$19 per head Thomas Coleman of San Antonio, has sold his interest in the stock cattle on their ranch in Dimmitt to his partner, Ben Tumlinson.
Geo. Bates, a Navarro county farmer, has a hen which recently hatched out a brood of chickens and also laid an egg each day except Sunday while she was thus engaged.
Receipts of hogs at the Chicago market for the month of February, 781,000, are the largest February receipts since 1895, when the number recorded was 733,586.
The cold weather injured the vegetables some in Fayette county, but the damage was confined to such vegetables as were just coming up. Corn planting has begun.
A large number of wagons loaded with corn from the Indian Territory were in Gainesville several days ago. The corn sold readily at 35c and 37½c per bushel in the ear.
The Boston Fruit company has recently bought 198,000 acres of land in Havana province, Cuba, at \$3.75 per acre. The land will be used in growing sugar cane and oranges.
Judge Jno. Stevens of Hillsboro, has a hen which has just laid an egg weighing five ounces and which measures 3½ inches in length and 6½ inches in circumference.
The nurserymen of Oklahoma and Indian Territory have organized for the purpose of acting intelligently in the matter of selecting nursery stock suitable for the different sections of country.
Cabbage is now being shipped from Beeville by the carload and the crop will be larger than was expected after the freezing spell of weather in January. Preparations are also being made for a large acreage in melons.
An Australian is running the first and only dairy in the Philippines. He is milking fifty cows at Manila which he brought with him from Australia, and can not supply the demand at \$2 per gallon.
There is soon to be sport around Carrizo Springs and Dimmitt county. Coleman & Keran have purchased four full blooded greyhounds with which the cowboys around there will chase the coyotes.
The broom corn crop for 1899 was about 25,000 tons, or 15,000 tons less than for several years previous. A syndicate has purchased nearly the entire output, paying the farmers about \$60 per ton for it.
Irvin Stator of San Angelo will ship 4000 cattle to the Indian Territory this spring.

SERIOUS SITUATION

After Leaving Frankfort Parties Arrested at Lexington.

PARDONS IN THEIR POSSESSION.

Fears are Expressed that More Bloodshed Will Result and the Excitement is Intense.

Frankfort, Ky., March 12.—Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Capt. Davis, for whom warrants were issued Saturday charging complicity in the murder of Gov. Goebel, after spending the day in the statehouse, to which the civil officers bearing the warrants were refused admittance by the soldiers on duty, left town in disguise. Powers and Davis slipped aboard a Chesapeake and Ohio train at 8 o'clock and speeded away toward Lexington. A squad of soldiers, coming from the governor's mansion at double quick, caught the train just before it pulled out. With them were Powers and Davis, dressed in soldiers uniform, and before the guard or deputy sheriffs became aware of what was going on, the train left.

On the arrival of the Chesapeake and Ohio at Lexington Secretary of State Powers and Capitol Policeman Davis and Lieut. Peak were arrested by the Lexington police and the sheriff and deputies. There was a large force of officers awaiting them there. Powers and Davis still wore the uniforms of soldiers and Davis had on false whiskers. There was a wild scene when the officers broke into the car and revolvers were drawn by all, but the small squad of soldiers were greatly outnumbered by the police force of that city and the large force of deputies with the sheriff, and the arrests were effected without difficulty.

On entering the coach the officers found that it contained about twenty soldiers with Powers and Davis, the soldiers being under the command, apparently of Lieut. Peak. Lieut. Peak sprang to his feet at once and commanded the soldiers to clear the car. In an instant twenty revolvers were drawn by the officers and they were all levelled at Peak, who gamely tried to pull his own revolver, but as he drew it from the scabbard a policeman smashed him across the hand with his club and prevented what undoubtedly would have resulted in a tragedy. The sheriff commanded the conductor to cut off the car. The conductor remonstrated, saying that the train carried United States mail, and the demand was not then pressed.

A local attorney recognized Powers and also pointed out Davis. They were seized and hurried to the jail. As the procession swept toward the jail, some people started the report that there was to be a lynching and soon the streets were packed with people, an enormous crowd gathering about the jail. Davis, Powers and Peak were hurried to the upper cells, but Peak was afterward released on bond on a common warrant charging him with resisting arrest.

Davis and Powers were both disguised. Both wore regular soldier uniforms, complete, even as to leggings. Davis had shaved off his mustache and goatee. He had \$125 in money on his person and a revolver. There was found on Powers \$1300. In the inside pocket of each man was found a pardon from Gov. W. S. Taylor, duly signed and sealed. Attorney W. G. Dunlap, Postmaster Clay Elkin and Attorney R. C. Stoll called on Secretary of State Powers later and to the Associated Press correspondent they stated that Powers told Dunlap substantially that he was not fleeing from arrest. He was simply getting away from Frankfort to avoid lying in jail as Whittaker had done; that he had nothing to fear from arrest, as he was not guilty of the charge, and that he was going to Barboursville, in the eleventh congressional district, where Taylor's jurisdiction was fully recognized. Capt. Davis had little to say then except that he thought he had made a mistake in leaving home; that he had nothing to fear from the trial.

Neither explained his disguise.

Capt. H. S. Bishop of the fifth cavalry, stationed at Manati, Puerto Rico, sends in a report with Gov. Gen. Davis, making a strong appeal for food.

Stubborn Resistance.

Dreifontein, March 12.—All of Saturday was occupied in fighting. The Boers maintained a stubborn rear guard action along a running front of twelve miles on a very difficult ground. The British were advancing in three columns. Gen. Tucker, to the southward, occupied Petrusberg unopposed. Gen. Kelly-Kenny, after following the river bank, moved in the direction of Abraham's kraal.

At Dreifontein, about eight miles south of Abraham's kraal, the Boers were found posted in considerable strength on the ridges connecting several kopjes where they had mounted guns. The action began at 8 o'clock in the morning with an artillery duel. Gen. French's cavalry and Gen. Porter's brigade supported the British guns. The Boer artillery was accurately handled and the British cavalry found a task harder than they had expected.

Gen. Broadwood, with dogged perseverance, moved altogether six miles southward, trying to find a means to get around, but the Boers followed behind the rising ground and even attempted to outflank him.

Meanwhile the sixth division of infantry, advancing on the Boer left, slowly forced the enemy to retire. Had the infantry been able to move faster the Boers would have been enveloped.

The last shot was fired at 7:30 p. m. Sunday morning not a Boer was to be seen. The prisoners belonged to President Kruger's own command.

Treachery Charged.

London, March 12.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Asvoegekop, dated Sunday, says:

The white flag treachery was personally witnessed at Dreifontein by Lord Roberts, who was looking through a telescope when the Welsh were charging and saw the Boers hoist up their hands, show the white flag and drop their guns. He saw an English officer advance to receive their surrender, whereupon a Boer volley was fired and the officer fell.

Thrice Covered.

London, March 12.—The new war loan, which the stock exchange has christened "Khakis," has proved most popular and has already been thrice covered, exclusive of applications from the provinces of the colonies and the continent. It is understood that offers have been received from the United States to take up the whole, which it is expected will be covered ten to twenty times.

Dealings have taken place at 2¼ or 2½ per cent premium.

Relief Association.

New York, March 12.—George W. Van Sicien of this city, urged by Dr. J. W. Leyds, European envoy of the Republic of South Africa, Dr. Hendrick Muller, the envoy extraordinary of the Orange Free State to the Netherlands, and J. H. Hofmeyer, president of the Afrikanerbond and former premier of Cape Colony has formed the National Boer Relief Fund Association. Its officers are in St. James building, Broadway and Twenty-sixth streets. Men of all political parties are on the general committee.

What Taylor Says.

Louisville, Ky., March 12.—According to a statement made by Gov. W. S. Taylor to a correspondent of the Commercial, he has granted a pardon to each of the persons for whom warrants have been issued charging them with being accessories to the assassination of Gov. Goebel, including Secretary of State Caleb Powers and ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley. In this statement Gov. Taylor recites the conditions under which he claims to have been elected and charges the Democratic contestants for state offices with conspiracy to secure and control the government.

Houston and Insurgents.

Manila, March 12.—Thousands of organized insurgents are resisting Col. Houston's battalion of the nineteenth regiment at Antique, province of Panay, which is the only province that Americans do not occupy. The Americans lost seven killed. A battalion of the forty-fourth from Iloilo reinforced Houston's command.

One hundred and fifty Tagalos armed with rifles have surrendered at Capiz and have been transferred to Luzon.

Six Americans were killed in an ambush recently laid by the Filipinos at Aparri.

In the house Saturday in the Wise-Young contested election case from Virginia Messrs. Terry of Arkansas, Cooper and Burke of Texas resented the remarks of Mr. Weeks of Michigan relative to southern elections.

PUERTORICAN BILL

Discussed in the Senate by Messrs. Pettus and Foraker.

MR. CULBERSON'S RESOLUTION.

Upper House Passes the Texas Senator's Measure Relative to Survey of Sabine Pass Channel.

Washington, March 9.—Formal discussion of the Puerto Rico tariff and civil government bill began in the senate Thursday and continued uninterruptedly for four hours and a half.

The principal speakers were Mr. Foraker (Rep.) of Ohio, in charge of the measure, and Mr. Pettus (Dem.) of Alabama, but at various times during the debate lively colloquies occurred, in which other senators were participants.

Mr. Pettus spoke in opposition to the pending bill. He argued that it was unconstitutional and in violation of the principles of this government as laid down by the fathers of the country.

After Mr. Mason (Illinois) had entered his motion to discharge the committee on foreign relations from further consideration of his resolution expressing sympathy for the Boers, and it had gone over until to-day under the rules, Mr. Pettus addressed the senate. He congratulated the president on the position he had taken in his last annual message favoring free trade between the United States and Puerto Rico.

"No sordid politician's fingers had been put into the ink of that message," he said. "The president was honest and sincere when he distinctly advised free trade between the United States and the island of Puerto Rico."

"The public press is now trying to make us believe that the secretary of war is the author of the pending bill and that the president has acceded to the provisions of the measure. For one, I refuse to believe this charge against the president. Though he may desire re-election, he was a brave soldier, and is an able and generous man. He has acted for the common good of all the people. If he approves your bill, then I may believe any vile story against any good man."

Mr. Pettus maintained that the policy of the bill was bad, aside from the questions of law. "It is illegal," he declared, "and is hardly decent."

It violated the constitution, which declared that all duties shall be uniform throughout the United States. He also called attention to the amendment proposed by Mr. Davis, who, he said, was a most interesting specimen of the products of inventive genius.

"The senator proposes," said Mr. Pettus, "to send over to the Puerto Ricans the constitution in installments—a little now and a little then."

Mr. Morgan gave notice of his intention to move to lay the entire substitute of the senate committee of the house bill on the table.

Mr. Foraker occupied the floor during the remainder of the session. He explained the measure in detail. In his opinion, it was impossible for a direct tax to be levied upon the people of the island to support a local government, because of their present destitute condition. Then, too, it was necessary that the question of the extension of the constitution over our insular possessions should be determined by the supreme court, and by the very provisions of the bill it would be inevitable that the supreme court should pass upon that question. Puerto Rico and the Philippines, he said, were on the same basis, so that the court's decision would determine our right to levy a tariff on products of the eastern archipelago.

A concurrent resolution, offered by Mr. Culbertson of Texas, directing the secretary of war to report a survey and an estimate for cost for improving the main ship channel in Sabine Pass, Tex., was adopted.

Hundreds of women all through the country have taken up the latest fad of offering a year's subscription to The Ladies' Home Journal as a prize at progressive euchre parties. Awards without number have been made during the past winter. The fad has a humorous side to it, since last year the magazine insistently opposed the rage for women's card parties.

The Boer leaders say they will fight to the bitter end.

Boers Surprised.

London, March 9.—The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever, except that while in retreat they twice repulsed Gen. French's cavalry with rifle fire. As no report has been made of the capture of prisoners, the enemy probably got away with their entire force. Gen. French is still following them and keeping between them and Bloemfontein.

The evacuation of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now nearly complete. The British are in possession of the railroad crossings.

The military critics comment on the discouraging news from Mafeking. Col. Baden-Powell seems to be in grave need of outside help. Otherwise he would not allow the correspondents to send out information respecting the distress of the garrison.

A readjustment of some of the higher commands is taking place. Gen. White is to go to Stormberg to take supreme command of Gen. Gatacre's division and the tenth division, now in process of formation, which will be under the immediate command of Gen. Hunter, Sir George White's chief of staff.

The Daily News makes the following editorial announcement:

"It was rumored in London yesterday—and we have some reason for believing the rumor to be correct—that the two republics made informal and unofficial overtures of peace on the preceding day."

"Unfortunately the conditions suggested were of such a character as to preclude the possibility of leading to any result. Terms might have been gladly accepted before the war, in order to avert it, are impossible after the war, with all the sacrifices it has entailed."

The following has been received from Lord Roberts:

"Poplar Grove, March 8.—Two brigades of cavalry, with horse artillery and Kelly-Kenny's division, marched to-day ten miles eastward."

"The Boers were taken quite by surprise yesterday. They moved off so hurriedly that they left cooked dinners behind. We captured a Krupp gun and several tents and wagons. The total casualties were:

"Killed—Lieuts. Keswick and Friesly.

"Wounded—Lieuts. Bailey of the Twelfth Lancers and Descripsigne of the Second Life guards, both severely, and Lieut. Smith of the Shropshires, who is believed to have been picked up by a Boer ambulance. Two men were killed, forty-six were wounded and one man is missing."

"Gatacre reports that he intends occupying Burgersdorp to-day."

"Repairs to the railways toward both Stormberg and Sleysberg are being pushed."

"Clements now occupies Norvals Pont, on the south bank of the Orange river. The bridge was blown up March 6 and the enemy are holding the north bank of the river, but not, it is believed, in any great strength."

Queen Ovation.

London, March 9.—The queen's arrival in London and the commencement of her visit to the metropolis were marked by scenes of enthusiasm unparalleled since the jubilee celebration. Throughout the demonstration there predominated a note of triumph and cheers that made the murky streets ring in honor of the British victories in South Africa, as they were vociferous tributes of a loyal people to a monarch whose womanly sympathy has been so strikingly shown since the war began.

American vs. European Roads.

In spite of the pride of the American people in the development of our cities, and notwithstanding that their wealth enables them to have only the best, they have been slow to appreciate the value of thoroughly well-paved streets. As stated by Mr. Albert Shaw, European cities have been ahead of us in accepting the doctrine that "smooth and clean highways are a wise investment from every point of view, and that so long as the work is done in a thorough and scientific manner the result is worth having, regardless of cost.—Appleton's Popular Science Monthly for March.

Great Loss.

Lead, S. D., March 9.—A fire which broke out in the Dalckenberg saloon consumed forty buildings before it was extinguished and caused a loss which is estimated at \$500,000. The Deadwood fire department responded to calls for assistance. In addition to the combined fire departments, it was found necessary to blow up buildings in the path of the fire with dynamite in order to stop its spread. A high wind prevailed.

WATERING THE LAND

HOW IRRIGATION IS PROGRESSING IN IDAHO.

Heretofore Arid Regions Being Rapidly Transformed into Gardens—Farmers' Societies in Many Instances Own the Irrigating Works.

(Boise, Idaho, Letter.)

Most of the people who farm in the rainfall regions suppose that the irrigation of land is a complicated process and that the art of doing it can only be acquired after years of experience, whereas, as a matter of fact, it is about the easiest and most simple work the western farmer has to do. In most cases the children attend to it under the direction of their parents, and any boy of 10 or 12 can do a man's work when it comes to irrigation.

The western farmer is wholly indifferent as to rainfall. He doesn't depend upon it in the least. The water that interests him is that which flows down into the valley from the melting snows in the mountain ranges. These waters he diverts into great canals which run along the rim of the valley about the irrigable lands and are tapped at stated intervals by what are called "laterals" or sub-ditches which flow from farm to farm and out of which the farmer takes the water for his fields. In some cases the waters of these mountain streams are acquired by the community of farmers along their course, each one holding as many shares of stock in the co-operative canal scheme as he owns acres of land, and being entitled to so many inches of water for every acre of his ownership. This is the usual plan. But when the construction of the main canal, owing to engineering difficulties, is too expensive a piece of business for the farmer to afford, irrigation companies undertake the work and build the canal into portions of the country where large areas of land are to be reclaimed. These irrigation companies are "common carriers" of water and furnish it for a nominal price per acre per annum to the farmer. Sometimes these irrigation companies own large tracts under their ditch which they sell in small farms with the water right, to settlers at a nominal price per acre. In other instances they do not own land at all, leaving that to be acquired by the settler under the various acts of congress.

Perhaps no portion of the Union is now making such active progress in irrigation development, or is receiving so large a quota of immigrants as southern Idaho. There are millions of unoccupied acres in that state which only await settlement to become as productive as the lands upon the Nile. Efforts are being put forth by the state authorities to bring the advantages of these lands to the notice of the eastern farmer, and the several railroads of the state are engaged in the work.

Perhaps the easiest and the best way to acquire information is from the General Passenger Agent of the Oregon Short Line at Salt Lake City, from whence conservatively prepared pamphlets descriptive of irrigation methods and containing reliable information about the various localities now open for settlement, are being mailed free.

The time is certainly not far distant when the unoccupied public domain of Idaho will be entirely taken up, a condition which will be most unfortunate to those who delay taking advantage of the rare opportunities now offered.

The Graduate Reporter.

The young man was fresh from college, and upon securing a position on a paper was made market reporter. He had only been on the street a few days when a fruit dealer received a consignment of the first crop of oranges. The fruit man told the reporter that they were of the navel variety, but the name evidently did not suit the young scribe. In his market report the following paragraph appeared: "The first umbilical oranges of the season were received by a local dealer to-day."

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DALLAS, TEXAS.

6,434 Letters a Day.

The John A. Salzer Seed Company, LaCrosse, Wis., received 6,434 orders last Monday, which is a monster day, but they expect to double this number by the middle of March. The firm is having a great trade in its specialties—potatoes, speltz, Bromus Inermis, rape, Big Four oats, Three-Eared corn and earliest vegetables. There is a wonderful demand for onions, cabbage, peas and bean seed this year. Early Bird radish and Lightning cabbage, the earliest of this kind in the wide, wide world, are having a tremendous sale.

HANGMAN'S HARVEST.

Four Men Go Down to Death by Way of the Gallows.

Beaumont, Tex., March 10.—Anthony Hopkins, alias Willie Jones, was hanged here Friday. The hanging was in the court house yard, and there was a crowd of between 4000 and 6000 people.

Jones passed his last night on earth in much the same way he has every one since his imprisonment. He slept until about 12 o'clock, after which he arose and spent the remainder of the night in prayer. He walked restlessly about his cell. He ate a light breakfast, after which his pastor called on him, and from then until he was led out to the gallows he spent the time in prayer and consultation with his pastor and friends. At 11:05 Sheriff Langham brought Jones from the jail. He was accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Langham, Constable Ras Landry, Dr. Levis, Rev. W. L. T. Boulding, Jones' spiritual adviser, and Rev. Wm. H. Bendford of Galveston. Religious services were held on the scaffold and a collection to defray the expenses of transportation of the body to Waco was taken up from the crowd.

Jones made a speech lasting in all about fifteen minutes. His remarks were disconnected. He dwelt largely upon his past life and in admonition to his friends to quit their ways of evil and thus avoid his fate. He was perfectly self-possessed—in fact, only at one time did he show any signs of weakening. That was when he was praying. But he rallied, and stood perfectly erect on the trap while the rope was being adjusted. Sheriff Langham sprung the trap at 11:38 o'clock, and amid the wallings and screamings of the women in the crowd Jones fulfilled the requirements of the law. At 11:48 the physicians declared the man dead. He died from strangulation.

In falling through the trap the rope slipped around his neck in such a way as to bring the knot directly behind his head, with the result that his neck was not broken. His body was cut down at 11:56 and taken in charge by an undertaker. Funeral services were held in the Baptist church in the afternoon and the remains were shipped to his mother at Waco at 7:20.

The crime for which Jones was hanged was committed on the night of May 3, 1899, when Jones killed his wife, Lou, a bride of a few months. About ten days prior to the murder Jones had brutally beaten his wife with a rope and driven her from home. She sought and secured board and lodging in a rooming house. On the night of the murder Jones went to the house and gained admission to his wife's room. Jones started toward his wife and she fled. Jones, with an open razor in his hand, pursued and dragged her out. She made an attempt to catch the hand which held the razor, and as she did so her hand closed over the blade, Jones at the same time pulling the razor through her hand, nearly cutting it off. He then knocked her down, and pushing her head back drew the razor first down one side of the throat and then slashed the other. Her head was nearly cut from the body. Jones was the first man to be hanged in Jefferson county since 1886, when a negro man named Bill Madison was hanged for the murder of a comrade.

Thomas Nathaniel, colored, was hanged at Thibodeaux, La.

Edward Williams, colored, was hanged at Trenton, N. J.

Wyman King, colored, was hanged at Pensacola, Fla. He helped erect the gallows.

Beagler Escapes.

Texarkana, Tex., March 10.—A burglar entered the residence of Ben Levy and was met on the inside by Mr. Levy who held a revolver. As the men came in close proximity of each other, Mr. Levy fired, but missed his mark. The man then made for the window, Levy following up. After he jumped out his pursuer fell in behind him, firing four shots as both men went down the street at a rapid gait. There was some blood brought, but the intruder managed to make his escape.

ARREST COULTON.

A Prominent Kentuckian is Charged With Complicity

IN THE MURDER OF GOV. GOEBEL.

He is a Republican, and Warrants Have Been Issued for Other Members of that Organization.

Frankfort, Ky., March 10.—W. H. Coulton of Jackson county, a clerk in the office of State Auditor Sweeney, was arrested and placed in jail Friday, charged with complicity in the murder of the late Gov. Goebel. The arrest was made by Chief of Police Williams. Warrants charging the same offense have also been issued for the arrest of Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Capt. John W. Davis, policeman of the state capitol square, but they have not been served. Warrants against ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley and John T. Powers, brother of Secretary of State Powers, charging them with being accessories to the Goebel assassination, have been sworn out and sent to Whitley county for service. Davis was in the city Friday night, but was not at his residence. It is not known if Secretary Powers is in the city.

Several witnesses, who testified at the trial of Harland Whitaker on Tuesday, swore that the shots at the time of the Goebel assassination were fired from the direction of Powers' office, and he and all of the parties for whom the warrants were issued Friday night have been under the strictest surveillance ever since the assassination. Capt. Davis was an appointee of Gov. Bradley and was continued under Gov. Taylor. He also kept a boardinghouse. Ex-Secretary of State Finley was one of the promoters of the mass meeting of the mountain men in front of the state capitol Jan. 25. He served as secretary of state during the four years when W. O. Bradley was governor. He was not in the city the day of the assassination, but left the day before. Coulton, the only one arrested was placed in a cell and not allowed to talk to any one.

The warrant on which Coulton was arrested, and for the arrest of the two Powers, Finley and Davis, were based on an affidavit made by Thomas Cromwell of Lexington, Ky., before County Judge Moore. Cromwell has been assisting the detectives in hunting down the case and it is said that acting under directions from Col. T. C. Campbell and Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin, he spent several days in Hardin, Bell, Whitley and Knox counties, where it is alleged the evidence against the parties arrested were secured.

Public admission to the statehouse grounds was denied to all by order of the military authorities, but whether this is to be enforced longer than is not known.

Called Him a Goldbug.

Nevada, Mo., March 10.—United States Commissioner Wight and Horace H. Blanton, who was a candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination in 1896, fought a pistol duel here. Both were hit, Wright sustaining a scalp wound and Blanton being dangerously wounded in the abdomen.

Wight's father, ex-State Senator S. A. Wight, is the Democratic candidate for mayor. Blanton had questioned his Democracy, accusing him of being a gold bug, and this led to the shooting.

Fifth Cavalry Back.

Washington, March 10.—The homeward movement of the fifth cavalry, which had been stationed in Puerto Rico since the Spanish war, will begin next week, and will be carried through as rapidly as possible. They will be sent to Jefferson barracks, St. Louis.

The Puerto Rican regiment now being recruited from among the natives of the island will replace the fifth cavalry in garrison duty in Puerto Rico.

Routed Them.

London, March 10.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Poplar Grove, Friday.—Presidents Kruger and Steyn were both present at the fight on March 7 and did all in their power to rally their troops. The rout, however, was complete, the men declaring that they could not stand against the British artillery and such a formidable force of cavalry."

INDIAN TERRITORY ITEMS.

Chickasaw taxes are being paid.

Emet hopes to soon be a railroad town.

The Bryan Democratic club has been organized at Atoka.

The Baptist convention will meet at Durant on Sept. 1.

Schools in the Creek nation are reported as prospering.

The territorial Republican convention will be held May 3 at Purcell.

The docket of the United States court at Ardmore is overcrowded with business.

Minti Couri, secretary of the Syrian colony at Sherman, Tex., was accidentally wounded at Purcell.

The northern and southern Baptist missionary societies of the Indian Territory met at South McAlester.

About 300 teams are employed in grading work on the Frisco extension between Sapulpa and Mounds, ten miles apart.

Burglars entered the grocery and dry goods store of J. N. Barral at Ardmore and purloined \$100 worth of goods.

Tandy Folsom, a quarter-breed Choctaw, and a noted character, died at his mother's residence, eighteen miles north of Denison, Tex.

Johnson Jacob, a Choctaw Indian, sentenced to be shot five years ago for killing a woman near Atoka, but who escaped, has been captured and the sentence will be carried out.

Two masked men entered the Katy station at Durant and pointing pistols at Night Operator Rogers' head commanded "hands up." They got \$1.40.

Mr. Flora Beasley, late postmaster at Spiro, was arrested at Fort Smith, Ark., charged with embezzlement, and held for trial in \$1000 bail to appear for trial at Cameron.

Dr. Leo E. Bennett, United States marshal for the northern district of the Indian Territory, and Republican national committeeman, announces that he is not a candidate for re-election to the latter position.

The Platt bill, which amends the Curtis act so as to make Territory land leases void and requires all grazing lands to be fenced, it is thought will soon pass congress. The amendment is bitterly opposed by farmers in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations.

The Baptist convention of the Indian Territory was held at South McAlester with a large attendance. Rev. J. B. Gambrell of Dallas, Tex., was chosen chairman, and Dr. J. B. Armstrong of St. Louis, Mo., secretary. Considerable business was transacted.

Debs Accepts.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 10.—For president—E. V. Debs of Indiana.

For Vice President—Job Harriman of California.

This is the national ticket of the Socialist Democratic party which will absorb the Hilquitt-Harriman faction of the Socialist-Labor party by agreement.

The Social Democrats were happy Friday. They say the candidacy of Debs will attract hundreds of thousands of voters to their party. They profess to see the beginning of a great national victory.

The convention, in agreeing to unite with the Socialist-Labor faction, retains the party name, Socialist Democratic party. The candidates and the amalgamation are to be approved by a majority of each party, according to the referendum.

Probable Peace Proposals.

London, March 10.—It is learned that peace rumors were founded on the fact that President Kruger has appealed to Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hostilities, offering at length, by cable, the terms which he is willing to accept. This, however, is not taken seriously, as they include practically nothing more than what the Transvaal government offered prior to the issuing of the British ultimatum.

Terry McGovern knocked out Oscar Gardner at New York.

The Open Door.

London, March 10.—Answering a question in the house of commons Thursday, the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Mr. Broderick, promised that papers would shortly be presented to the house dealing with the subject of Great Britain co-operating with the United States in endeavoring to arrive at an agreement with the powers to secure equal opportunities for the trade of all nations throughout the whole of China.

Working Women

are invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham for free advice about their health. Mrs. Pinkham is a woman.

If you have painful periods, backaches or any of the more serious ills of women, write to Mrs. Pinkham; she has helped multitudes. Your letter will be sacredly confidential.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is known wherever the English language is spoken.

Nothing else can possibly be so sure to help suffering women. No other medicine has helped so many.

Remember this when something else is suggested.

Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.

Her helping hand is always outstretched to suffering women.

Her Loving Trust.

"Then, am I to understand," he cried desperately, "that I no longer sway your heart?"

"That's what," she replied, frankly, "and I may as well confess to you that for some time, at least, it will be controlled by a syndicate."



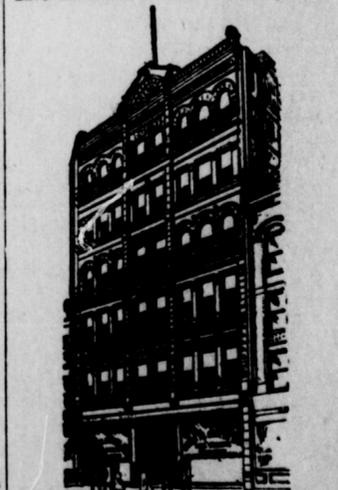
The above illustration shows one of the mammoth buildings occupied by the great Mail Order House of the John M. Smyth Company of Chicago.

For one-third of a century this Company has been in business. Beginning in a small way, they supplied their neighbors in the near-by towns, each year widening their field. They are now selling merchandise direct to the consumer at wholesale prices throughout the United States.

Some years ago they began supplying their customers with an illustrated catalogue. As the business expanded they were obliged to increase the size of this catalogue, until today it exceeds 1,000 illustrated pages, quoting the lowest wholesale prices on everything to Eat, Wear and Use. By a superior process of color photography they illustrate many of their goods in natural colors, bringing out the rich color value of curtains, carpets, draperies, and the latest designs in wall paper, etc., thus enabling the customer hundreds of miles distant to select goods at his own fireside, knowing by the description, illustration and price the class of goods he may expect.

This feature of their business is becoming more and more popular each year, for it not only saves long and tiresome railroad journeys but is a great time saver. It leaves out the profit of the jobbing houses, the retailer, the expensive commercial traveler, the general agent, the sub-agent and thus eliminates from one to four profits, saving this amount for the consumer. In short, it is a great wholesale store brought to the home. The mammoth catalogue referred to is a 20th century dictionary of economy.

The illustration below shows the recent building added to this great enterprise. The success of this Company seems incredible, considering the fact that they have advertised so little. Their spirit of



fairness and industry is the secret of this wonderful success. The quantity of goods they require in some lines enables them to handle train loads of merchandise secured at the lowest possible cost and freight rate.

When goods in the rough are coming from the mills and factories in the East, the lake steamers are pressed into service at a freight expense which is but little in advance of the iron ore rates. Their references are: Any bank or express company, or any man, woman or child in Chicago.

Bronte News.

The weeds on the range are springing up very fast and stock are doing splendid.

A great amount of gardening is being done in the Bronte community, more than ever before. Every body is busy, some planting corn.

Ed and Will Walton has a new tank.

Rev. R. M. Cumbie is having a large tank built.

Singing at T. L. Vaughn's last Sunday eve attracted quite a crowd.

Mr. Cox, from Tennyson, was in Bronte Friday, buying supplies at P. Starks.

John Brown Jr., of Oak Creek, passed through Bronte Saturday enroute to M. H. O'Daniel's ranch looking after his father's cattle which M. H. O'Daniel is pasturing.

E. Powers, of Robert Lee, (Photographer) was in Bronte the latter part of the week taking photographs. Among collection taken in Bronte was the great Cinnamon Bear which was on exhibit at that time.

The fruit is not damaged yet.

Prof. F. K. Popplewell, who has been in our midst five years and taught four successful schools at Bronte and one at Union, left Friday morning for Johnston Co. where he owns a farm, to look after his interest there.

J. D. O'Daniel and J. B. McCutchen are attending the Stock Convention at Ft. Worth.

Bob Cfield caught a fine cat fish in the Colorado River it weighed 36 lbs. dressed.

Bronte was a busy town last Saturday, as usual. Merchants all busy waiting on their customers. Our Bronte merchants are doing a fine business at Bronte.

Ed Rawlings passed through Bronte Saturday on his way home from Burnett.

Rev. N. D. Bullock visited Bronte the latter part of the week and was present at the organization of the literary society and at the request of Prof. Jowers gave us a short lecture. His opening remarks were I've heard a great deal of Bronte and her community and the hospitality of her citizens and of the Bronte High School but I must say the half has never been told. Bro. Bullock also preached an interesting sermon Saturday night.

Cyrus Jameson, of Coleman, visited the Wilkins Bros. last week.

Homer Wilkins sold to J. B. McCutchen 55 head of stock cattle at \$15.65 per head.

Prof. Jowers bought a (milk cow) and calf from Dr. W. F. Key, price \$39.00.

Miss Georgia Bowen, of Coleman City, is visiting her Aunt, Mrs. Wilkins.

Singing at T. E. Williams last Sunday night caught the most of our young people.

LUCENE.

He Fooled The Surgeons.

All doctors told Reuick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with Buckle's Arnica Salve, the best in the World. Surest Pile cure on Earth 25c a box at Pearce's Drug Store.

HOOD'S GUARANTEES a cure. What it has done for others it will do for you. Be sure to get Hood's Sassaaparilla.

ON THE WING.

Editor RUSTLER,

I was in the Olga neighborhood the past week I find farmers ready to plant, but the drouth keeps them waiting for rain, I like many others don't look for much rain till April, tho it may come, all signs fail in this country and none but a fool or "New Comer" will prophesy the weather here. If it falls to rain next week then we will continue dry till April, I see grass is greening in places and trees are budding and blooming.

In between Boozier and Antelope I found a thrifty set of farmers and a few good people too.

Mr. Whitesides is having a well dug, Will has a splendid ranch and is a worthy citizen with an excellent wife to green his home and then sweet little Oberabs to bless their Union a girl and two boy tots, Mrs. Whitesides mother "grandma Gibson," lives with them, who has several children over Texas, and are doing well, she is nearly 75 years old and seems to enjoy her old age happily, they have as good neighbors Rufus and Temp Whitesides, Mr. F. D. Copland, Ellis Sumrall, Mrs. Warren, Jno Craft, Will Warren, Judge Hanna, whose brother is on a visit from Iola here, Jno. McOlin, McFarland Bros., Med Parker, Neil Stepp, R. Johnson, M. K. Sheppard, Geo Hansford and J. V. Sumrell, the latter has a good ranch on top of the Kickapoo Mts on the Sweetwater and Robert Lee road, J. V. is a good iron and wood mechanic and has a good shop at his home, people should patronize him as he does good work, as I can testify. His aged mother lives with him she is nearing fourscore and a hale happy old soul, such landmarks show us the worth of times past, when people lived at home and boarded at the same place instead of as at present live in the stores and board at where they can.

Prof. Ben Ross, the teacher of the Olga school, held an examination the 9th inst., which was largely attended, Prof. Ross is a young man and said to be an excellent teacher, he has a good ranch over there and is ahead of the hounds of poverty, success attend his mission is the wish of all.

Well here's a sigh for every foe And a smile to every friend, And whether life be vent or woe May the RUSTLER have a lucky trend Uncle Charlie.

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.

Robert Lee needs a new church house. What association, or church will build it?

Elder Richardson, of Borden County, a Primitive Baptist, preached Monday night at the M. E. Church House.

Elder Gid Graham, Primitive Baptist, preached Tuesday night at the M. E. Church House.

There are enough Baptists in Coke County to build several church houses and never miss the money it would take to do so.

The Rustler will venture the prediction that there is not one member of the church at Robert Lee but would give something to erect a church house in any part of Coke.

Who can think of some things that pay for? Write your ideas, they may help you realize them. Write to W. H. WALKER, Editor, Rustler, Bronte, Texas. For your \$1.00 prize after you get 100 of the Rustler, I will send you a box of the Rustler.

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Eggs For Hat h.g.

Thoroughbred Barred Plymouth Rocks and Single Comb Brown Leghorns one pen of each \$1.00 per setting. F. E. Allen, San Angelo, Texas.

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. Herrall.
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 Alvin Ingram.
7 Duties of Teachers out side school room. F. K. Popplewell.
8 Query Box.

Report from committee on resolutions 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.

Alvin M. Ingram Sect.

Pandora, so runs the myth, let all the ills of life out of her box to pray upon mankind, but shut the cover soon enough to prevent the escape of hope. Hope remains to every sufferer but it is only an ignis-fatuus unless it takes on some tangible form. The hope of recovery is treasured by every one who suffers from weak or bleeding lungs, obstinate and lingering cough, bronchitis or similar ailments, which, if neglected, or unsuitably treated lead on to consumption. That hope becomes a practical and tangible thing when it is based on the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Such a hope is reasonable because thousands of men and women emaciated and weakened by disease have been made sound and well by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery."

Sick people are invited to consult Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N.Y., by letter. All letters are carefully and considerately read and answered. Each letter is held as a sacred confidence and every answer is mailed in a plain envelope without any printing upon it. Write without fear and without fee.

"I was taken sick in July last year, and was not able to do any kind of work until November," writes Mr. Neal W. Givins, of Lansing, Aiken Co., S. C. "Had been coughing up small, hard lumps of phlegm for about a year before I was taken down. I then called on a doctor, who attended me for two months, and said that one-half of my left lung was gone, and advised me to leave my home (Chippewa Falls, S. C.) and go to the country, but did not say what sort of disease I had. I thought it was consumption, and wrote to you for advice. I took four bottles of Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which I sincerely believe has done me more good than all the other medicines I have ever taken."

The use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets does not begot the pill habit.

Ballinger and Robert Lee

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Tombs, Tablets, Marble and Granite of All Kinds.

Also handle Iron Fencing.

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Washington, D. C. Mar. 8 1900

Coke County.

Dear Sir:

For several weeks I have been receiving a number of letters every day asking me that I do what I could to prevent any interference with the gratuitous distribution of Black-leg vaccine virus.

It appears that certain manufacturing chemists think that this distribution is an invasion of their rights and are urging the enactment of a law which will forbid its distribution by the Sec of Agriculture.

A few days ago I called on the Sec. Mr. Wilson, who assured me that unless he is prevented by an express mandate of Congress he will continue to send it out freely to all who may need it.

I do not believe that Congress will ever give any such orders and I think that our friends, the cattle men, may dismiss all uneasiness on that score.

The Secretary told me that he is experimenting with a serum for the cholera and that he believes that he has found a remedy. out of an infected herd he saved 80 per cent.

In order that all cattle and hog raisers who are interested in the efforts of the government to find a remedy for black-leg and hog cholera may be advised, I ask you to publish this letter.

Very respectfully,

James L. Shayden.

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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 strangers." 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.

Editor Rustler,

Bronte, Tex

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