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A Retrospection.

Continued from last week.

Among Robert Lee's most successful business firms is Harrison and Webb. This firm carries the second largest stock in town and sold twice as much general merchandise in '99 as the previous year. The Post Office is located in their store, Mr. Harrison being the Post Master.

The Lee Hotel and the Wright Hotel are the leading hostleries of the town and are presided over by Mr. A. L. Lewis and Mrs. Wright respectively. Both hotels have good patronage.

H. E. Johnston, Abstractor, is carefully preparing a full and complete abstract of all the land titles in the County. He is prepared now to furnish complete abstracts of title on short notice.

Our Boot Shoe and Harness Repair shop is well attended to by R. A. McFarland, recently from Sterling City. He does good work and charges a moderate price.

The town has four ministers of the gospel. All pastoring churches. They are all good men, and zealous workers, and the RUSTLER backs them up, as much as possible in their campaign against sin and for religion, morality and good manners.

J. H. Burroughs has a first class carpenter shop next door to the Lee Hotel.

E. Powers is our local photographer and sometimes travels out into the country on social and money-making trips.

Mr. Bradford has recently opened a cold drink and confectionary store next door to the Wright Hotel.

D. O. Maddox and Horace Boone are running a meat market next door to Pearce's Drug Store. Their business profitable.

D. L. Buchanan has just opened a stock of fresh groceries in his handsome new store house.

(To be continued.)

He Fooled The Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick 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 Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the World. Surest Pile cure on Earth 25c a box at Pearce's Drug Store



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A New Book.

An Illustrated History of the of the five wars of the United States is being sold in Coke County by Elder J. F. Richardson. This book is printed on white paper and is both ornamental and instructive. The price is \$2 and in finer bindings a little more. All who love history will appreciate it, and those who enjoy looking at pictures will also enjoy the book.

From Ero. Fair.

Mr. Editor and Readers:— If you will excuse my long silence, I shall attempt to interest you with a few items.

1st. I wish to say that the RUSTLER is eagerly looked for by us all every week, and we read it closely, with much interest, because it tells us of our dear relatives, and many friends, some of whom we never hear from through any other channel. It tells us what is going on in the different neighborhoods of the county, of Sunday Schools, churches, preaching, picnics, singings, schools, Institutes, meetings births, deaths, farming stock raising, sales of cattle and horses, sheep, prices of land, and many other things which interest us.

The neighborhood correspondents add much to the interest of the paper. Thank you Mr. Editor for such a grand paper.

2nd. During the interval since my last communication, to the present, we have passed through some great and sore. The death of

our Niece—Little Miss Oma Pearl Fair, who had been with us sixteen months, made our home lonely, and our hearts sad. She was such a sweet child, intelligent, good and kind—just past fifteen years of age, she possessed knowledge like a grown woman, and her christian character was well developed. But her short life was not in vain—It impressed its self on our hearts for good, she was a pecee maker.

Then the news of my only Aunt Mrs. H. E. Code, of Tenn., having deceased Jan. 27th, in the 76th year of her age. Then one of my Cousins, Mr. Edwin Le Earley dying on the coast below Houston. Then the sad news of the death, so sudden of our grand child, Clafa Boykin came—crushing in upon our already almost broken hearts almost over come us. Oh! how fast we go into the spirit world.

In the midst of life we are in death. We should heed the command of the Proghet, "Prepare to meet thy God."

There is considerable sickness in our community, but very little fatality.

3rd. I shall now give you some of the doings of the people and etc.

Farmers are planting corn stockmen are looking after their stock, Merchants are laying in their spring goods and the rail road is shipping off horses and mules for the British army. Prosperity seems to be coming, horses, mules, hogs, sheep, cattle, grain and cotten advancing in prices, with the prospects of fifty, or more cotton mills being put up in our state this year, thus giving employment to thousands of people, and insuring a good price for cotton. I see no reason why the farmers and stockmen should be discouraged, but many reasons why they should be encouraged. If they will be industrious, economizing, saving and wise in their management, success is sure to crown their efforts. I long to see the day when the farmers will be the most independant people in the country.

Spring is here, in its lovelyness grass is green, flowers are blooming, trees are budding, birds are singing and all nature seems to smile and invite us to walk out and enjoy its sweet odors, varigated flowers, and hear the sweet music of the oerial songsters.

May happiness and prosperity come to all the readers of the RUSTLER.

Geo. F. Fair.

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TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Summer and winter last week.

Itaska is to have an old fiddlers contest.

Bishop Johnston of the Episcopal diocese of West Texas has been very ill.

Corsicana is to have a packing house.

The Salvation Army held its first meeting at McKinney on the 12th.

Morris and White, colored, sentenced to hang on the 23d at Bonham, were baptized.

The post office at La Porte will become a residential office on April 1; salary \$1100.

John Dunn, aged 18 years, while drawing a revolver to kill a rat, shot himself fatally in the bowels.

The Colorado editors were royally entertained at the different places they stopped in the state.

An effort is being made by Sherman citizens to have a Tennessee woolen mill remove to that city.

The cornerstone of the Jewish synagogue at Marshall was laid with imposing ceremonies on the 14th.

The infant son of Rev. Hancock, near Mullen, was given morphine by mistake and died in a few hours.

W. O. Loman, a conductor on the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway, was found dead in bed at Texarkana.

Sam White was jailed at Mexia charged with shooting John Davis in the stomach. Jealousy is the alleged cause.

During a fire in the sheds of Wm. Kilgore's wagon yard at Gainesville four horses, two hogs and four buggies burned.

Waxahachie is making elaborate preparations for entertaining the members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church Chautauqua the coming summer.

The Wise County Coal company is sinking a prospect shaft. If it proves desirable, a shaft will be sunk and a mine, to be known as mine No. 2, will be opened.

The gross receipts for the postoffice at Dallas for February, 1900, were \$15,376, as compared with \$12,632 for the same period last year. This is an increase of \$2744.

At Sonora, while attempting to arrest a man charged with disturbing the peace, Sheriff E. S. Bryant of Sutton county was shot and seriously though not fatally wounded.

A mass meeting to honor the memory of N. W. Cuney, who died four years ago, was held by Dallas colored people on the 11th.

A meeting of the medical profession from Weatherford to Pecos has been called for Big Springs, April 5, to organize a medical society. An interesting programme is arranged.

T. N. Barnsdall of Bradford, Pa., who is the largest individual oil and natural gas producer in the country, has been looking over the Corsicana oil fields. He was en route from the California oil district home.

Corsicana received from St. Louis a shipment of sewer pipe for the extension of the sewer system West along Fourth avenue to Twenty-Fifth street. Property owners along the line will pay for the labor of laying the pipe.

A Greenville mill and elevator company let a contract for new machinery. The mill will be increased from 150 barrels a day to a capacity of 350 and two steel elevators will be erected with a capacity of 30,000 bushels each.

The remains of W. McDonald, a volunteer in the Spanish-American war were interred at Lonesome Dove cemetery at Grapevine, Tarrant county. He died early in the war from measles.

J. W. Hattom was awarded \$3100 damages at Hillsboro against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company by a jury. His son was killed in an accident at the south yards at that place last summer.

County Judge John Vesey has just invested \$6000 of the Kaufman county permanent school funds, that had recently become idle, in Van Zandt county courthouse bonds, drawing interest at 6 per cent., and maturing in 1934, paying for them 105.

IN DIRE DISTRESS.

Puerto Rican Women Call Upon the Governor General To

SAVE THEM FROM STARVATION.

The Poor Creatures Presented a Condition that Was Truly Pitiable in the Superlative Degree.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 19.—At a special meeting of the chamber of commerce, it was decided to close all business houses to enable the merchants to attend an open air meeting on the plaza with the object of drawing up a petition to Gov. Gen. Davis, demanding immediate congressional decision on the tariff one way or the other. Telegrams were sent to all towns throughout Puerto Rico, requesting like meetings. The feeling of uncertainty regarding the tariff holds business practically at a standstill, the merchants being afraid to order goods or to advance funds on the planters' accounts. The meeting was conducted in a calm and business-like manner. The merchants here will be satisfied to accept any decision of congress, either free trade, the 25 or 15 per cent tariff, but they ask for a settlement of the question so that business activity may be resumed. They decided to take this unparalleled step only after mature deliberation.

Sixty country women marched from Naranjito, and petitioned Gov. Gen. Davis to save them from starvation and to provide work and food. The women presented a most pitiable sight. They were barefooted and ragged, half naked, dusty and weary from their journey. Some of them were lame and are discouraged. The petition which they presented to the governor general tells the story of the depressing times, no work and the price of rice, beans and bread beyond reach, fruits destroyed and the relief supplies discontinued, bringing them and others where they came from almost to starvation.

Gen Davis promised relief to the party, and requested the mayor to provide transportation. His reply was that there was not a peso in the treasury, and that the police were yet unpaid for their last two months' work.

The party of women dispersed quietly, some retracing their steps afoot, others begging easier conveyances home, which is twenty miles from San Juan, a portion of the road being almost impassable.

Similar parties are expected from other towns.

Celebrated in London.

London, March 19.—Shamrock day promises to vie with Primrose day in the hearts of the people, judging from the enthusiasm with which for the first time in the history of the nation's loyalists all over the United Kingdom celebrated and everywhere the green was conspicuous. From Windsor castle, where the queen observed the day by wearing a sprig of genuine four-leaved shamrock, to the east end of the slums of London, where the ragged urchin gloried in his morsel of green weed, nearly every one sported something in the shape of a green favor. A word from her majesty has turned the emblem of semi-loyalty into a badge of honor, and she has made the shamrock the most prized of all the plants in the British isles.

Scenes of Disorder.

Dublin, March 19.—The lord mayor's procession Saturday was interrupted by many scenes of disorder caused by those who objected to his attitude toward the queen. His carriage was stoned at various places along the route, windows were smashed and the enormous crowds were excited. The police were powerless to deal with the outbreaks. Several arrests were made. The mayors of Sligo and Drogheda, who at first accepted invitations, refused to participate.

Boer Flags.

New York, March 19.—The green flag of Ireland divided honors with the national, state and municipal colors on public buildings in New York Saturday, while many business buildings and private houses also flew the ensign of the harp. The flag of the South African republic was conspicuous in the parade, and many of the paraders wore Boer buttons.

White and Wessels, the Boer representatives, rode in a carriage.

Satisfactory.
London, March 19.—The news from South Africa to-day is entirely satisfactory to the British public. The relief of Mafeking is not yet announced, but it is extremely probable that this is already accomplished by Col. Plumer's advance, Lady Charles Bentinck at Cape Town has received a telegram from her husband in Mafeking dated March 12, saying that he expected to join her shortly.

The actual movements have not been publicly developed in detail, but it seems that Lord Methuen only started very recently and is rather engaged in dispersing the Boers of the district than aiming at actual relief.

Col. Peakman has dispersed 500 Boers at Fourteen Streams.

Lord Roberts probably ascertained from Mr. Fraser, the new mayor of Bloemfontein, before dispatching Gen. Pole-Carew southward, that, in all likelihood, the railway was clear. The next move will be to collect at Bloemfontein by railway sufficient stores for the immense army Lord Roberts will have when the Orange river forces have joined him. This will probably occupy from two to three weeks. Therefore the next important operations may be expected in Natal.

The cavalry brigade which Lord Roberts has sent to Thaba Nchu, thirty-five miles east of Bloemfontein, is desired to cut off some 2000 Boers who are escaping from the southward.

The Boers are reported to have destroyed the railway in the neighborhood of Kroonstadt.

Lord Kitchener is quietly organizing in the northeast of Cape Colony. Predictions and betting are beginning here that the war will be ended by the middle of May.

Dispatches from Durban, Pietermaritzburg and other South African towns declare most enthusiastic celebrations on St. Patrick's day.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Bloemfontein says:

"We are getting rifles surrendered faster than a factory could turn them out. It is quite certain that if a British official can reach the national laagers with Roberts' proclamation the whole Boer population will declare for peace."

For Mafeking.

Lobatsi, Saturday, March 17.—It is reported that Commandant Eloff, with a commando, has left Zerust for Mafeking.

Commandant Schwartz, with 150 men, is threatening the railway near Aasvogel Kop, north of Lobatsi.

A British patrol, who reconnoitered within fourteen miles of Mafeking, found the railway uninjured and telegraph wires untouched north of Pitani.

Gone South.

Washington, March 19.—Admiral and Mrs. Dewey left here Sunday night for a trip south. They expect to visit Savannah, Macon, St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Palm Beach, taking in the larger Tennessee cities on their return trip. The admiral and Mrs. Dewey probably will not return to the city until the latter part of next month, at which time it is said they will sail for Europe, visiting the Paris exposition some time during the summer.

Both at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., March 19.—The two governors of Kentucky were entertained in this city Sunday. Messrs. Taylor and Beckham both insisted that they had come to Louisville on purely personal business and that their visits had no political significance. They spent the day quietly, though both received numerous calls from their political and personal friends.

Peace Rumors.

London, March 19.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Bloemfontein says:

Events have occurred which induce some to predict that the war will last only so long as it takes to march to Pretoria. The educated Boers, even the Transvaalers, are ready to accept the inevitable.

I am told that a corps of 2000 women has been formed at Pretoria. It is called the Amazon corps. All the members are uniformed in kilts and are armed.

Postponed.

Frankfort, Ky., March 19.—The examining trials of Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers, W. H. Coulton and John Davis, set for hearing before Judge Moore to-day, will probably not be held until later in the week.

County Attorney Holgrove said Saturday night that, owing to the fact that the commonwealth's witnesses are scattered over the state, it would be impossible to get them here sooner than Wednesday.

PLEA TO PRESIDENT

A Memorial Will be Forwarded to Mr. McKinley

BY GOV. TAYLOR OF KENTUCKY.

The Parties Charged With Complicity in the Assassination of Gov. Goebel Have Engaged Attorneys.

Frankfort, Ky., March 17.—Gov. Taylor spent Friday at the executive mansion in conference with Republican leaders, principal among whom were John W. Yerkes of Danville and D. W. Lindsay of this city. It is understood that a memorial to President McKinley, asking him to intervene and take a hand in the political contests, was the subject of this conference, but as several of those called into the conference did not arrive, a decision was not reached as to the exact terms of the measure that would be sent to the president. Gov. Taylor refused to state the contents or the import of the appeal to President McKinley, but it is said that Gov. Taylor has expressed a desire for the assistance of a small body of troops, and also for support in the way of recognition of him as governor.

As a result of meetings held by a number of prominent citizens of Louisville it is announced that ex-Gov. John Young Brown has accepted the employment of chief counsel for the men arrested for the murder of the late Wm. Goebel. This action, its promoters say, is taken in order that no innocent man may be convicted through the agency of the \$100,000 reward appropriated by the last legislature.

Ex-Gov. Brown will be chief counsel and with him will be associated Hon. George Denny of Lexington, W. C. P. Breckinridge of Lexington, Hon. J. C. Sims of Bowling Green, Hon. A. E. Willson of Louisville and several others. These lawyers have been instructed to push the cases to an early trial and failing in that to institute habeas corpus proceedings in the state and federal courts.

New Enterprises.

Baltimore, Md., March 17.—Among the undertakings in the south reported in last week's Manufacturer's Record are the following: \$50,000 cotton mill, \$10,000 cotton mill and \$25,000 waterworks in Alabama; \$30,000 waterworks and \$6000 knitting mill in Florida; \$75,000 steam heating company, \$300,000 naval stores company, \$10,000 mining company, \$20,000 cotton oil mill, 30-ton oil mill, \$60,000 cotton mill and \$50,000 cotton mill in Georgia; 30-ton ice plant and \$12,000 bottle works in Kentucky; \$30,000 lumber mills and \$35,000 ice factory and waterworks in Louisiana; \$200,000 mining plant and \$100,000 manufacturing company in Maryland; \$30,000 cotton oil mill in Mississippi; \$10,000 cotton mill, \$10,000 furniture factory, \$13,000 brick works and \$400,000 cotton cloth and bag factory in North Carolina; \$200,000 cotton mill, \$5,000 foundry and machine company, \$25,000 furniture company, and \$200,000 cotton mill in South Carolina; \$20,000 manufacturing company, \$250,000 cotton mill and \$100,000 paving company in Tennessee; \$150,000 cottonseed oil mill, \$100,000 water works company, and \$50,000 oil company in Texas; 40-barrel flour mill and \$25,000 fertilizer company in Virginia; and \$150,000 oil and gas company and \$200,000 light and power company in West Virginia.

Out on Bond.

Frankfort, March 17.—Secretary of State Powers, Capt. John Davis, W. H. Coulton and W. L. Hazelipp, were arraigned before Judge Moore Friday and after some argument between the attorneys Hazelipp was released on \$10,000 bond. Judge Moore set the examining trial for Monday. County Attorney Polsgrove said he did not think the state could get ready for trial by that time, and in case they did not would ask for a continuance of two days.

Has a Perfect Eight.

Berlin, March 17.—Referring to the attack on American missionaries in China and to the orders issued by the United States to Admiral Watson to send a warship to Taku to look after the interests of the missionaries, a high official of the German foreign office said:

"Germany does not claim authority over the entire Shan Tung peninsula and the United States government has a perfect right to send a ship there for the protection of American citizens."

FOR PRETORIA.

Lord Roberts Will Soon Start in the Direction of that City.

London, March 17.—With railway communication to the Cape intact, Lord Roberts will, in a very few days, be in a position to begin the advance on Pretoria. His deep political intuition, combined with his bold strategy, is having the result desired in the southern sections of the Orange Free State, which are rapidly calming down.

Mafeking is now the only point for anxiety, and as it is known that a force left Kimberley, its relief may be announced before many days pass. The efficiency of the relieving column is heightened by the fact that it is partly composed of regulars.

In the lobbies of parliament Friday evening it was rumored that Lord Roberts is about to issue a proclamation announcing that the former system of government in the Orange Free State is abolished and promising Free Staters who immediately surrender due consideration.

It is understood that all the continental powers, with one exception, uncompromisingly refused to intervene. The exception was Russia, whose reply was couched in less firm language, although, like the others, she declined to interfere. It is said that the pope was appealed to, but he declined to do anything beyond writing a letter to the queen appealing to her to stop the further effusion of blood. Dr. Leyds' efforts with King Leopold were quite as futile.

The latest advices respecting the surrender of Bloemfontein show that the approach of the British caused a stampede. Thirteen trains, each composed of forty cars and all crammed with Boers hurried northward just before the line was cut. Mr. Steyn would have been compelled to surrender, but he pretended that he was going to visit one of the outposts and at midnight took a carriage which was waiting for him outside the town and escaped. The Boers got the bulk of their wagons and military stores away.

TERRITORY TALK.

On May 1 land appraisers will be put to work in the Choctaw nation.

While hunting, Luther McNair accidentally shot and killed John Bough near Wilson.

Poteau has been visited by a destructive fire, in which sixteen buildings burned.

In order to marry a Chickasaw belle and secure an allotment of land, a pale face must pay a license fee of \$1000.

Judge Gill at Wagoner sentenced Charles Walker, a Cherokee freedman, to twelve years' imprisonment for burglary.

Commander G. S. White of the Grand Army of the Republic has issued a call for the annual meeting at Ardmore on March 28.

There have been appraised in the Choctaw nation 2,350,000 acres, or about three-eighths of the public domain of that nation.

The elevator of the Rea-Read Milling company's new plant at Tulsa was wrecked owing to some defect in the structure, and it will have to be torn down and rebuilt. It will cost about \$7000 to repair the damage.

The executive committee chosen at the South McAlester convention has issued an address to the people of the territory urging them to help push the movement.

At Pauls Valley, in the case of T. T. Sanders, a bankrupt, Judge Townsend has recommended that he be committed to jail until he accounts for \$5000 worth of goods, which, it is alleged, were not turned over to the trustee.

Great Enthusiasm.

Jamestown, Cape Colony, March 17.—There was much enthusiasm at All-wal North when Gen. Brabant's troops occupied that place.

Commandant Oliver, the Boer commander, apologized for the action of the Boers during the last days of the occupation, saying he could not control his men.

The British are now entrenched on the Free State side of the Orange river, with the Boers holding an advantageous hill in front of them.

Passed Senate.

Washington, March 17.—After a debate, at times spirited, extending over parts of two days, the senate Friday passed the Puerto Rican relief bill. As passed the measure carries \$2,095,000, the president being authorized to use that sum for public education, public works and other governmental and public purposes in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Chilton compared the bill to the Little was done in the house. The Quay case is to be taken up April 2.

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PRESIDENT'S NAME IS HISSED,

While that of Bryan is Cheered—Says that Oom Paul Can Protect Himself Against Detractors.

New York, March 16.—There was a mass-meeting of Boer sympathizers at Cooper Union Thursday night, at which George M. Van Hoesen presided. Montague White, the Boer representative; John E. Mulholland, P. Louter Wessels, a representative of the Orange Free State, made speeches. Mr. Van Hoesen prophesied that "not until all the Boers are in their graves or all the English are in flight will the war be over."

President McKinley's name was disdained and hooted and the mention of Bryan's name brought cheers. Mr. White made references to Mr. Bryan that were cheered. Another remark of his that was enthusiastically cheered was: "I hope the day may be far distant when there is in reality a case of 'hands across the sea' to stifle the life and independence of America."

Referring to his interview with regard to the probable destruction of Johannesburg by the Boers, he said:

"A nation making war cannot provide a drawing-room for its enemy. The Boers would neither have lost nor gained by the destruction of Bloemfontein, but the case of Johannesburg is different, as it would provide splendid barracks accommodations for the British by reason of its location and other advantages, an invaluable base for operation."

As to the reported statement of the British that President Kruger would be held personally responsible for any destruction of property, he said:

"President Kruger is very well able to take care of himself, and if he is not I call upon you to take care of him."

Mr. Wessels spoke briefly. He charged England with supplying the natives with guns to use against the Dutch, with falsifying surveys in order to gain possession of diamond fields; with misusing the natives and Boers and with other reprehensible things. He concluded with an appeal for America to intervene and stop the hostilities and reiterated that the European powers would have intervened if they had but known how the United States would stand.

No resolutions were offered at the meeting.

Montague White, in an interview on Chamberlain's warning to President Kruger against destroying Johannesburg, said:

"I recall that Moscow, the holy city of the Russian empire, was burned. As a strategic necessity the blowing up of Johannesburg would be justifiable. President Kruger could not afford to leave barracks, munitions, supplies and all else to the benefit of the enemy."

"As for the threat to hold President Kruger personally responsible and to try and condemn him for an act of vandalism, that is absurd. The civilized world will stand much at times, but I doubt if it would stand that."

"As for the evacuation of Bloemfontein, it was never intended seriously to defend it. It has not the natural advantages for proper defense. The great fight will be at Pretoria."

Snow and Hall.

Washington, March 16.—About eight inches of snow fell here. There was a driving hail. Considerable of the early snow melted as it fell. The record probably is unprecedented for this locality for this season of the year.

Reports received at the weather bureau show that the storm has prevailed over a great extent of the territory east of the Mississippi river, beginning with a light fall in northern Louisiana. Quite a heavy fall of snow occurred in New York. The storm has reached the borders of New England and promises to extend through that region.

Cisco has secured the Eastland county summer normal.

Chief Quannah Parker was initiated into the Improved Order of Red Men at Fort Worth.

SENT TO CONGRESS.

President McKinley Transmits Mediation Correspondence.

Washington, March 16.—In response to a resolution the president Thursday sent to the senate the correspondence relating to the requests for mediation in South Africa. The first document is a dispatch from Pretoria dated March 10, which states:

"Am officially requested by the governments of the republics to urge your intervention with a view to a cessation of hostilities. Similar requests made to representatives of European powers. Answer confirm receipt."

"AMERICAN CONSUL."

Mr. Hay responded: "Your telegram asking offices of the United States to bring about cessation of hostilities has been made subject of friendly communication to British government, with expression of president's earnest hope for peace. HAY."

Secretary Hay telegraphed Mr. White, secretary of the American embassy at London:

"By way of friendly good offices you will inform British minister for foreign affairs that I am to-day in receipt of a telegram from the United States consul at Pretoria, reporting that the governments of the African republics request the president's intervention with a view to the cessation of hostilities, and that a similar request is made to the representatives of European powers. In communicating this request, I am directed by the president to express his earnest hope that a way to bring about peace may be found, and to say that he would be glad to aid in any friendly manner to promote so happy a result. HAY."

Mr. White replied to Secretary Hay, under date of March 13: "I communicated yesterday to the under secretary of foreign affairs, having been unable to see Lord Salisbury, the contents of your telegram dated 10th instant; to-day I have had an interview with his lordship, who requested me to thank the president for the friendly interest shown by him, and added that her majesty's government cannot accept the intervention of any power."

Mr. Hay telegraphed the consul at Pretoria, under date of March 14, the following:

"Your communication of request of intervention of the president to cause cessation of hostilities was at once conveyed to the British government, with expression of the president's gratification could he aid to promote peace. Our embassy at London replies that Lord Salisbury thanks the president for friendly interest shown, and adds that her majesty's government cannot accept the intervention of any other power. HAY."

The president's message is simply one of transmittal.

Sixteenth Amendment.

Washington, March 16.—Representative Ray of New York, chairman of the house committee on Judiciary and the head of a special sub-committee on trusts, Thursday introduced the following joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution:

Resolved, etc., that the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several states as an amendment to the constitution of the United States:

Article XVI. The congress shall have power to regulate and repress monopolies and combinations; to create and dissolve corporations and dispose of their property; to make all laws necessary and proper for the execution of the foregoing powers. Such powers may be exercised by the several states in a manner not in conflict with the laws of the United States.

The Plague

Washington, March 16.—Surgeon General Sternberg has received a report from Maj. B. D. Taylor, the surgeon in charge of the military hospital at Honolulu, under date of March 1, showing that since his last report, Feb. 24, there have been two new cases of plague, both of which resulted fatally, making in all sixty-four cases, with fifty-five deaths.

"The board of health and the people," says Maj. Taylor, "have done good work."

The Pears Case.

New Orleans, La., March 16.—Dr. Wm. Godfrey Hunter, minister to Guatemala, and Honduras arrived here from Kentucky. He says the celebrated Frank Pears murder case has been reopened, and he is instructed by the department at Washington to demand \$10,000 indemnity from Honduras. Frank Pears was from Pittsburg.

THE MORMONS DID IT.

WHAT WE OWE TO BRIGHAM YOUNG'S FOLLOWERS.

They Were the First to Put Into Operation the Idea of Irrigating Arid Regions—Has Grown Into Vast Proportions.

(Boise, Idaho, Letter.)

Criticise the Mormons as you will, they must be credited with the wonderful system of irrigation by which the wastes of the western states have been redeemed. On July 24, 1847, Brigham Young and his little band of pioneers began the construction of the first irrigation canal ever built in the United States.

Irrigation made of Utah's desert wilderness the garden spot of America. It is doing as much for Idaho, where the mountains are so located that ample valleys, and plains of millions of acres, may be easily and economically watered. On the Nile, in Italy, Spain and elsewhere in Europe, irrigation has prevailed for centuries. Indeed, 60 per cent of the world's bread-stuffs and cereals are grown by irrigation.

Where "the vine-clad hills and citron groves" around Vesuvius in sunny Italy are found, a great population has been sustained for many thousand years—and the land has never worn out—its wonderful vitality being due to underlying strata of lava which by some curious chemistry renders the soil immortal.

Idaho's wonderfully productive soil covers lava strata deposited by volcanoes long ago extinct. The rejuvenation of the land results not alone from this lava, but from rich fertilizers annually brought to it by the irrigation waters. It is almost an aphorism that land is good where sage brush grows. Marvelous must therefore be the fertility of Idaho, for everywhere the green of the sage is seen. Wheat, corn, oats, barley, alfalfa, timothy, rye, flax, tobacco, broom corn, sorghum, sweet and Irish potatoes, beets, cabbages, hops, and fruits, such as prunes, apples, pears, plums, peaches, cherries, apricots, nectarines, grapes and all of the small bush products, grow profusely. Particularly do the apple, pear and prune attain to perfection in size and flavor.

Alex. McPherson of Boise City realized \$600 per acre from apples. Geo. L. Hall of Mountain Home sold \$800 worth of peaches from one acre. T. J. Pfifer of Boise City realized \$900 from two acres of Italian prunes. Instances like these can be multiplied ad infinitum.

But Idaho does not depend entirely upon agriculture. Its mountains are filled with mining camps which furnish a home market for far more agricultural products than the state is now able to produce.

Snake River Valley contains about 3,000,000 acres and some of the finest pastoral scenes there presented are in the midst of gold placer mining operations. Many farmers there realize handsomely for work during spare hours—washing shining powdered gold from the river's bed.

In a state having so many productive portions to select from it is hard to suggest particular locations, but settlers will find room for any number of new homes.

Different state and private agencies are sending out printed information about Idaho. Perhaps the most conservatively prepared matter is that now emanating from the general passenger agent of the Oregon Short Line at Salt Lake City, Utah. This railroad permeates almost every agricultural region in the state and stands ready to furnish to homeseekers every courtesy in the power of its officers.

At the present rate Idaho will soon be as thickly populated as Utah. It is in the same latitude as France, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain and Italy, and its climate is incomparable.

Vast timber areas furnish lumber of excellent quality. Cyclones and destructive storms never occur. The winters are short and people work out doors all the year. The annual death rate is the lowest of any state in the Union.

Verily Idaho is a wonderful state and destined to become the home place of many times its present population.

The Clock and the Car.

"Is that clock right?" he asked after it had struck 11.

"Why?" she answered.

"Because if it is I shall have plenty of time to catch the 11:30 car."

"I remember now," she said, "that the clock is about twenty minutes slow. If you hurry you will just about catch the car."

During the twenty minutes that he stood on the corner he arrived at the painful conclusion that she didn't really love him as he longed to be loved.

New Siamese Twins.

A Saigon mother has just published a new edition of the Siamese twins joined together by an isthmus like the old ones, and it is proposed to send them to the Paris exposition, though a local French paper protests on the ground of inhumanity.

GLOBE CLEANINGS.

Congress may soon adjourn.

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St. Patrick's day was duly observed.

Hartmann, the Danish musical composer, is dead.

Mrs Perkins, sister of the late Henry Ward Beecher, died at Hartford, Conn.

The Joliet (Ill.) Limestone company has gone into a receiver's hands. Liabilities \$400,000.

The plant of the Davenport Canning company at Davenport, Ia., burned, with \$150,000 loss.

The department store of Effroyson & Wolff, at Indianapolis, Ind., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$80,000.

Fire destroyed the Rothschild tobacco factory at Miamisburg, O., and damaged adjacent property. Loss \$150,000.

It is reported that Lord Rosebery will soon be Great Britain's prime minister, as Premier Salisbury is soon to retire.

Three-quarters of a million dollars represent the capital of cotton mills organized in North Carolina in one week.

A soldier in the Philippines writes to Trenton, N. J., telling a story of the eating of the flesh of a dead soldier by the natives.

The people of Kansas are preparing to pay all the expenses of transporting the twentieth Kansas volunteers from San Francisco to their homes.

M. L. Harbison, the late Gov. Goebel's law partner will be the Democratic nominee for the Kentucky state senate from the Covington district.

The Mexican government has sent Attorney Castillo from the City of Mexico to Juarez to fully investigate the working of the free zone system.

The releases of John J. McGraw, Wilbert Robinson and W. Keister of the Brooklyn baseball club have been sold to the St. Louis club for \$15,000.

An investigation of the plot in Rio de Janeiro to overthrow the republic has disclosed the fact that almost all persons compromised have been arrested.

Judge J. T. Bearden, formerly a prominent politician of Camden, Ark., died at Los Angeles, Cal., of heart disease. He has lived in that city a number of years.

Mr. Ray of Arkansas has introduced a bill in the lower house providing for the trial in Oklahoma Territory of party, and cases in which an Indian agent is a party.

As soon as Secretary of War Root returns from Cuba he is expected to take action in the matter of the organization of a battalion of Cuban troops as the nucleus for a Cuban army.

A cablegram received in Washington announces the marriage of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett to Mr. Stephen Townsend, F. R. C. S., of the Inner Temple, Continental club, London.

Rear Admiral A. H. McCormick, who was assigned to duty as second in command of the Asiatic station, under Admiral Remy, has been placed on the retired list on his own application.

As the Katy flyer was speeding along near Durant, I. T., it hit a wagon containing Charlie Mixon, 12 years old. He was knocked forty feet, receiving a broken leg and some other injuries.

The French liner Aquitaine which arrived at New York some days ago, from Havre, brought three Frenchmen who say they intend to make the attempt to go to the Klondike by automobile.

An imperial edict just issued directs the imprisonment for life of Wu Shih Chiu for assisting the Pekin syndicate to get the Ho-Nan railway concession. The British minister has sought in vain to mitigate the sentence.

After a jury had been impaneled in Guthrie, O. T., in a murder case it was discovered that juror had been sentenced fifteen years ago to the penitentiary for grand larceny. A new jury had to be chosen.

Fire in the building of the Massachusetts Macaroni company on North street, Boston, caused a loss estimated from \$75,000 to \$150,000. P. J. McCarthy was instantly killed by a falling roof; Christopher Curran was injured internally.

A cotton mill company with a capital of \$100,000, at Griffin, Ga. W. J. Kincaid, president of the Griffin mills, will be the president. A charter will be applied for in a few days.

Many a man has acquired a reputation for honesty by concealing the truth about his actions.

Wireless Telegraph

Has had a new demonstration of usefulness by the captain of a lightship, who used it after ordinary signals had failed, to notify the shore authorities of danger. In a like manner Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the famous indigestion and dyspepsia cure, acts when other medicines fail. It regulates the bowels and improves the appetite.

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The Editor is on the stool of repentance this week, mostly for errors of omission.

The Press had a pleasant visit from Mr. H. E. Johnston, of Robert Lee, who is here making abstracts from the Tom Green county. He reports cattle in good condition, plenty of weeds and grass some time ago high enough to be killed by a recent frost.

San Angelo Press.

It doesn't cost a cent more to announce next week, than it will next October.

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Gid Graham Esq.

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By referring to our announcement column the readers will notice that J. W. Barnett offers for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk. Mr. Barnett needs no introduction or praise from the RUSTLER. The citizens of the county know what kind of an officer he has made for four years. Always courteous and pleasant, as well as impartial in dealing out information and never prostituting his public office for private or selfish purposes. He stands squarely on his record, and will appreciate your vote.

DIED. Little infant, the six old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Burroughs died Wednesday afternoon. The little sufferer had only been afflicted a few days. Spinal trouble and congestion were the immediate causes.

Our entire community deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs in this their second great loss within the past few weeks.

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Prof. J. A. Starnes Supt. of the Ballinger Schools and Pres. of the Concho Valley and Santa Fe Teacher's Association will deliver an address Saturday at 2 P.M. He was at the head of the schools of Brownwood for ten years as Supt. and Pres. and has a number of years experience in Institute and Summer Normal work. He is also a ready speaker, and will give an address well worth hearing. The teachers and patrons have made special preparation to entertain all who come. Call at the Post Office and a home will be assigned you.

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

We are authorized to announce Gid Graham as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke County, Texas, subject to the voters at the November election.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Barnett, for election to the office of County and District Clerk of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce S. C. Wilkins as a candidate to the office of County and District Clerk of Coke County, at the November Election.

Court House News.

Reported for the Rustler by H. E. Johnston, abstractor of lands

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M. E. Sunday School meets every Sabbath afternoon, at 3 o'clock.
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Plan of the Robert Lee Circuit.

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Boy Burned to Death.

Waelder, Tex., March 19.—Joe, the little 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Beaver, living seven miles south, was burned in a barn of corn, cotton seed and hay, so badly that he died in two hours after being rescued from the flames by his father. All the family were at home, and Mr. Beaver was in the house reading, when he heard his little son making a strange noise in the direction of the barn. Nothing was thought of it, and in a few moments an older brother, playing in the yard, shouted, "Papa, the barn is on fire, and Joe is in there!" The father rushed to the barn, which was now in flames, and after diligent search saw the little fellow through the cracks of the barn lying still and lifeless in the smoke and flames, but could not get to him, as the fire was raging between the entrance and the boy, but by the aid of an ax the father effected an entrance through the wall and rescued the child from the flames, now burned almost to a crisp and beyond recognition. A bucket of water dashed over the body revived the little fellow in a manner, so that he breathed slightly for two hours, and then died. The boy was in the habit of striking matches about the place, and the theory is that he took matches into the barn with him on this occasion.

Conferred.

Austin, Tex., March 19.—County Judge Will F. Robertson and the county commissioners of Williamson county, with delegations from Taylor and Georgetown, headed by the respective mayors of the two cities, were here Saturday in consultation with the governor and state health officer in regard to the smallpox situation in Williamson county.

The smallpox patients are without physicians or supplies, the city and county authorities refusing to defray the expenses. The counties throughout the state are taking care of smallpox patients, but the commissioners' court of Williamson county, or at least three of them, refuse to agree to pay the expenses of the detention camp unless the city of Taylor pays one-half. This the city refuses to do, and will not agree to pay one cent toward the maintenance of the camp, and at present neither city nor county has appropriated anything.

The county judge and two of the commissioners favor taking care of the patients, and the other three are against defraying the entire expense. The county may be quarantined as a result of the present status.

Maj. Caskie Passes Away.

Galveston, Tex., March 19.—Major W. H. Caskie, for twenty-five years a well known citizen of Austin and Galveston, died at his home in this city Sunday. He was taken ill on Tuesday with a chill. Major Caskie was 64 years of age and a native of Richmond, Va. He served with distinction during the war between the states, in Pickett's brigade, Confederate States army. After the war he moved to Austin, and for the past thirty years has been an illustrator for magazines, periodicals and books. He was the original cartoonist for Texas Siftings, and his illustrations contributed largely to the success and before it was moved to New York. In later years he painted a good many pictures of scenes in the great battles of the civil war in which he participated.

Kruger has annexed the Orange Free State to the South African Republic.

France's union with Russia is said to grow stronger daily.

Finished.

Houston, Tex., March 19.—The corps of engineers of the Houston, Brazos and Northern railway has finished running the preliminary line to a point in Burleson county, and has now returned to this end to locate the road. They have advanced with the work about five miles from the city limits, where they are now established in camp. It is understood that it is not the purpose of the company to follow the old line of the Texas Western railroad.

Mexican Slain.

Fayetteville, Tex., March 19.—A Mexican by the name of Jesus Huron was killed on the Elbrigion place, about five miles north of here, He was shot with a shotgun in the region of the heart and also stabbed in the breast with a knife, and must have died instantly. Justice C. Bertsch was notified and held the inquest over the dead Mexican. A Mexican by the name of Othemia de Leon is under arrest.

CHAIRMAN'S CALL.

Mr. Bell Issues His Address to Democrats of Texas.

Fort Worth, March 17.—The following call was given out for publication: To the Democratic Electors of the State of Texas: The Democratic state executive committee of the state of Texas gives notice that there will be held in the city of Austin, on Wednesday, June 20 next, a convention of delegates from the various counties of the state for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national convention to be assembled at Kansas City on the 4th day of July next, and for the purpose of nominating Democratic electors for the state of Texas and the various districts therein, and that a like convention will be held in the city of Waco on Wednesday, Aug. 8 proximo, for the purpose of nominating a state ticket, and for such other business as may come before each of said conventions. The basis of representation will be one vote for each 300 votes and major fraction thereof cast for Hon. Joseph D. Sayers, the Democratic nominee for governor at the last election, each county to be entitled to at least one vote.

In pursuance of the resolution adopted by the last Democratic state convention, the executive committee recommends to the executive committees of the respective counties that primary elections or conventions (as they may determine) to select delegates to each of the state conventions shall be held in the respective counties of the state on Saturday, June 9, next. C. K. BELL, Chairman. JAMES HAYS QUARLES, Secretary.

Hanged at Kaufman.

Kaufman, Tex., March 17.—King Martin, a negro, was hanged here Friday at 1:10 o'clock. There was a large crowd in town to witness the hanging, but they were disappointed. The officers had caused to be built on a field at the poor farm an inclosure 20x20 feet in size and nearly that high. Less than sixty-five people, who were admitted by ticket, saw the hanging, though about two thousand were around the inclosure in which the execution took place. Martin was placed in a wagon at the jail and driven out to the place of execution. He was accompanied by two negro preachers who conducted religious services upon the scaffold. After a few songs and a prayer he addressed the people within the inclosure. His talk was rather rambling and disconnected, though he showed no signs of weakness. He referred but briefly to his crime. After his talk he asked that he be allowed to pray. When that was finished he said he wanted to sing his favorite song, "Amazing Grace." After the song he bade all of those on the scaffold with him "good-by" and thanked the officers for their kindness to him. At 1:05 the black cap was drawn over his face by Sheriff Stewart of Johnson county, and the trap was sprung five minutes later by Deputy Sheriff R. O. Anthony of this county. Just eleven minutes after the drop he was pronounced dead. His body will be buried on the county farm. The crime in which King Martin was hanged was a criminal assault on a 15-year-old girl living near Kaufman. The assault was omitted the 5th of last July. Martin had been working for the parents of the girl. The girl did not tell her parents until the next afternoon. The negro on that afternoon left with his wife for Terrell. The officers were notified and pursuit was at once begun. A large crowd soon followed Martin to Terrell where he was staying at the house of another negro. He left Terrell and was captured at Dallas.

Supposed Crime.

Mumford, Tex., March 17.—A human skeleton was found on the J. A. Austin farm in a thicket. From appearances foul play had been enacted; the skull bone had been broken in two places. Justice T. J. Smith inquested the remains and pronounced it a case of murder by unknown parties. The remains were supposed to be that of Allen Ray, a negro, who disappeared from here a few years ago and has never been heard of since.

Died on the Table.

Terrell, Tex., March 17.—Sam Broomsey, aged about 18 years, met with a horrible accident here Thursday. He was on the track of the Texas and Pacific railroad when he was knocked down by a freight car, the wheels of which passed over both legs and his left arm, making amputation of his limbs necessary. He was carried to a physician's office and while they were working with him he died on the operating table.

MEETS AT TEMPLE.

Young Men's Christian Association Convenes in that City.

Temple, Tex., March 16.—The seventeenth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. of Texas is in session here. The attendance is the largest in the history of the association, and many notables from over the state and from abroad are taking part in the proceedings. What strikes the visitors with wonder and admiration is the fine building and apparatus of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. of this city. Aside from the fine building here and the complete furnishing, the Temple Y. M. C. A. enjoys a grand distinction. It ranks fourth in the United States among railroad Y. M. C. A.'s in point of membership. It has 721 active members and employs six regular attendants at the building. Only Philadelphia, New York and Buffalo, in the order named, exceed Temple in membership. The ladies of the city are earnest workers in the plans of entertainment and all the delegates ate dinner at the Y. M. C. A. building. The convention was called to order Thursday night at 8:15 by State Secretary Lewis. Temporary organization was effected by the election of W. M. Lewis as president pro tem. and S. J. Brient of Palestine as secretary pro tem.

The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. G. S. Wyatt of Temple, and was responded to by R. Hayne King of Waco. Edward Watkins of Houston delivered an address on the opportunities of the twentieth century young men. W. A. Wynne of Dallas delivered a lecture on "My Duty as a Delegate." Fleecy Flakes Fall. Waco, Tex., March 16.—During Wednesday night snow fell, making the ground white, reaching a level of half an inch. There was no ice to be seen, and on the whole it is probable that the light snowfall did more good than harm. The snow was preceded by a cold rain and a piercing norther, but the temperature remained to the last above the freezing point, therefore no material damage occurred in consequence of this rear guard action of retreating winter. Snow fell at many places. Delegates Designated. Austin, Tex., March 16.—Delegates were appointed by the governor to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, to be held at Houston, on April 17-21, 1900, inclusive as follows: Geo. Sealy of Galveston, T. W. House of Houston, Walter Tips of Austin, L. R. Bryan of Angleton, T. B. Wheeler of Arkansas Pass, M. H. Aubrey of San Antonio, E. A. Fletcher of Beaumont, A. P. Duncan of Waco, F. B. Perkins of Dallas, D. C. Giddings, Jr., of Brenham. For a Cotton Mill. Cuero, Tex., March 16.—The citizens' meeting held here in the interest of a cotton factory was one of large attendance. After the usual amount of speechmaking the chairman, Judge S. F. Grimes, appointed a soliciting committee, who went to work at once, and before they finished for the evening had secured \$45,000 in cash subscriptions. The work will be pushed along to the completion of the mill. Col. C. M. Terrell of San Antonio attended yesterday's meeting and took much stock in the plant.

Split His Head.

Big Springs, Tex., March 16.—G. B. Smith and S. H. Reed became involved in an altercation over settlement at their home, eighteen miles northeast of here. Smith attacked Reed with a knife and Reed's brother, Will, interfered. Smith attempted to draw a sixshooter. Will and his brother being unarmed, Will struck Smith with an ax, splitting his head and killing him instantly. The men are stockmen, and brothers-in-law. In a Sack. Houston, Tex., March 16.—W. R. Hues, while working at the packing-house stockpens, which are on the north bank of the bayou, near the Cleveland compress, saw an object floating down the bayou which attracted his attention. He pulled it up near the bank and found that it was a child sewed up in a sack with two bricks tied to it. He did not open it, however, but later his assistant came to the place and cut the sack open and found the body of a male infant. W. T. Wells, a leading retail grocer of Dallas, has made an assignment. Liabilities approximate \$16,000, and assets \$14,000. There are seventy-two creditors.

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"We had already spent a great deal of money for doctors, and as it was just so much wasted, we did not feel able to throw away any more, and I scarcely knew what to do, when one day a friend calling at the house told me about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and induced me to try them. I did so, reluctantly at first, but soon noticing that they were helping me I continued with them and improved rapidly. I gained in weight, grew strong, my cheeks took on a healthy color, and I looked and felt like a different girl. In fact I was made well enough in three months to be able to accept a position and start to work.

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Wherein She Missed It.

The empress of China has put a price of 100,000 taels on the head of a reformer she wants to capture, although she has had a good chance to hold him up to ridicule by making it 30 cents.

How Wheeler Was Located.

The running about the rooms and corridors that Gen. Joe Wheeler does in the course of a day when in congress would wear out a less indomitable man, writes a Washington correspondent in the New York Sun. There is considerable method in that, however, as it enables him to escape many importunate constituents—they are never able to catch up with him. One day during the last session a stranger went to the room of the military committee and inquired if Gen. Wheeler was in. The affable attendant got into conversation with him and found him to be some one whom the general would like to see. The stranger said he had been up to the house two days hunting Wheeler, and just here, or there, or in the smoking room, but he never could find him. Said the attendant:

"Do you really want to see Gen. Wheeler?"

"I certainly do," replied the visitor.

"Then take my advice, sir. Pick out any spot on this side of the capitol—it doesn't matter where, and just stand there quietly for ten minutes, and I am morally certain the general will come by it, and thus you will have your opportunity to speak to him."

"I expect that's good advice," returned the visitor, "and I think I will stay right here for a while."

In less than three minutes Gen. Wheeler bounded into the room, and, seeing his friend, expressed the utmost delight in the meeting while the door-keeper looked on with an I-told-you-so air.

All Right.

The house was burning. People outside were yelling at them to hurry or it would be too late. The man grabbed up his loose belongings and saying, "Come on," started toward the stairway. When they reached it his wife stopped him, looked searchingly into his eyes as if to let him know that she would see through him if he failed to answer her truly, and said:

"John!"

"Yes, it's on straight," he replied, for he had been married five years and had studied woman.

The Rent Was Due.

"Step! Step! Step!" It was some one mounting the stairs. It was a slow and heavy step, and there was something grim and gressive about it—something to tell the listener that the sole owner and proprietor of the step was a lop-shouldered son of a gun without enough mercy in his heart to grease a sunflower seed.

"Tis he—the landlord!" gasped the woman who sat in the gloom of her garret room with white face and palpitating heart.

The step came nearer—the frail door was kicked open and Adamant Flintstone stood before her and said:

"Woman, I am here! If you cannot pay me my rent out you go!"

"Oh, Mr Flintstone, have you no heart!" wailed the unfortunate.

"Not a bit. Pay or go!"

"But think of your mother."

"I haven't any."

"Then your sisters."

"Never had one."

"Is it possible that because I owe you \$120 rent you will drive me out on the street on a night like this?"

"I am in the landlord business for money," was unfeeling reply.

"But can you expect that heaven will prosper a man that has neither pity nor mercy?"

"I can. I am making 14 per cent on my investment. Will you pay or shall I chuck you out of the old tenement?"

And pulling two \$100 bills out of her pocket she handed them out and received 80 in change, and Adamant Flintstone chuckled in his frozen heart as he turned away and left her trying to choke herself to death with a buttonhook.

His Thirst for Knowledge.

The secret of Lord Dufferin's wide range of accomplishments is that the little leisure time his political duties have allowed him he has always devoted to study. When governor general of India in 1884 he began to learn Persian, a language bristling with difficulties, and, as it was his custom to take a walk after the heat of the day was over with an escort of two native policemen, he selected for this duty men who were proficient in Persian, that they might instruct him in the language.

Mules and a Wife.

Charles Kabrich, a young farmer of Madison county, Ind., visited W. Clark for the purpose of purchasing a span of mules, but Clark's price was so high that Kabrich refused to pay it. He was asked to remain for dinner, and at the meal hour it developed that Clark was a bachelor, and was living with his hired help. Kabrich rallied his host on his celibacy, and Clark turned to him and said:

"I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll give you those mules if you'll find me a good wife."

"I know a widow," replied Kabrich, "that'll suit you, if she'll have you, and she's a mighty good woman, too."

After some further conversation, Clark hitched the mules to a buggy, and, following Kabrich's direction, drove to a farm house some ten miles distant, where Clark was introduced to Mrs. Etta Shoemaker, a young and prepossessing widow. Clark was struck with her appearance, and bluntly informed her of his offer to Kabrich, in explanation of his visit. Mrs. Shoemaker at first demurred, but Clark pressed the suit with so much ardor that she accepted him, after a conference with Kabrich, to which Clark was not admitted. Inquiry then developed the fact that Mrs. Shoemaker is Mr. Kabrich's sister, and the daughter of the Rev. J. M. Kabrich, a retired minister. Clark returned home the next morning without his mules, and the wedding was arranged to take place in the next Tuesday.

Overreached Himself.

A builder in Glasgow, Scotland, having heard that his men did not start work at the proper time, thought that he would drop down some morning about 6:30 to see. Going up the yard he caught sight of a joiner standing smoking, with his kit unopened. Simply asking his name, which he found to be Malcolm Campbell, he called him into the office and handing him four days' pay told him to leave at once. After having seen the man clear out of the yard he went up to the foreman and told him he had made an example of Malcolm Campbell by paying him off for not starting at the proper time. "Great Scot!" exclaimed the foreman, "that chap was only looking for a job!"

The Chief Justice of Samoa Says Peruna is The Very Best Catarrh Cure.



Court Room Scene where Judge Chambers maintained the supremacy of the United States in Samoa. In a recent letter to The Peruna Medicine Co., Chief Justice Chambers says the following of Peruna:

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Nothing breaks down a person so quickly as loss of sleep, that boon of mankind which gives the exhausted system rest for repairs.

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You are nervous, have a load on your chest, are troubled with unaccountable anxiety and forebodings of evil, and roll and toss all night. Towards morning you have fitful naps from sheer exhaustion, awake in a cold sweat, unrefreshed, pallid, trembling, with a bad taste in your mouth and a feeling of great weakness.

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Bronte News.

Bronte was visited by a beautiful snow and rain last week which put the ground in fine shape for farming.

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The Literary Society was well attended on last Saturday night. After an interesting debate, the subject being resolved there is more pleasure in pursuit than possession. The judges being Dr. Clark, T. L. Nation and A. P. McCarty, rendered a verdict in favor of the Affirmative, each side made some able arguments. The Affirmative, R. F. Cumbie, E. G. Walton and J. Jay Robins Negative, Follen Key, W. L. Hayley and Frank Robins.

Miss May Cumbie delivered a nice patriotic address and beautifully portrayed the disaster of the Main, and the noble victory won by Dewey at Manila when he captured and sunk the Spanish fleet. The brave heroic Hobson, in sinking the Merrimac, and last but not least, the great victory won by Shley and his men in capturing and destroying the fleet of Severa, which virtually ended the Spanish and American War.

After which we listened to some nice essays by Misses Viola Allen and Fannie Clark, and recitation by Master Terry Stark and music by Bronte String Band.

Miss Lou Wilkins and her beautiful and accomplished Cousin Miss Georgia Bowen, the latter late of Coleman City, were present. Every one expressed themselves as having a nice time.

For an all around, up to date interesting time, Bronte is in the lead.

Rev. R. M. Cambie has returned from his visit to Erath County, and filled his appointment at Bronte Saturday and Sunday, Bro A. M. Lackey being present by request preached an able and interesting sermon, after which the church participated in the Lords supper. At 7 P. M. sermons by Rev. R. H. Hearrell.

MARRIED. At the residence of Tom Higginbothams, his beautiful daughter Miss Nadlie to Weaver Mitchel, Rev. N. D. Bullock officiating, after which the bridal party and guests attended services at Bronte. We wish the happy couple a long, happy and prosperous life.

BORN. To Mr. and Mrs. J. Jay Robins, a 9lb. boy.

Dr. W. F. Key, L. G. Phillips and Henry Key went to Galveston on an excursion.

J. R. McDonald is gone to Cor Christia to buy a home provided he is satisfied with that part of the world but I fear he will not find as good a country as this Coke is hard to beat.

Mr. Edd McAnuly, of Bronte, was casting an eye at the fair sex of Bronte last Sunday.

J. P. Brown and family, a well to do stock man and farmer, of Oak Creek, visited A. J. Adams and family, near Bronte.

G. D. P. Clark, of Ft. Chadbourne, has a very sick child.

Condy Wylie, a Rannels Co stock man is buying cotton seed to feed stock. He is paying 25cts a bushel, that is a good price for cotton seed.

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Three of the men of the same fourteen went thro' the Confederate War and all survived. Her remains were interred in the Hall Cemetery, the family burying place.

Miss Davis was a sister to Marshall H. Davis, who lives on the divide in Sterling County. She was also a sister to Mrs. Prudence Miller, of Sterling City, grandmother to the Fisher Brothers there. She was also an own Aunt to H. D. Pearce, of Ballinger, whose sister Mrs. J. M. Buchanan, of Sherman Texas, was present at the death of her much loved Aunt. May she sweetly slumber until the resurrection morn.

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Nanhattie.

Mr. Lee Martin and Miss Orpha Jameson were married last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wiley have gone to Angelo to take their baby to the Dr.

Elder Isaac Reed, of Silver, preached at the Cedar Hill school house, last Saturday.

I hear that the Sanco folks will organize a Sunday School soon. That will be right lets organize all over the county.

Mr. H. Lamb and family have been on a weeks visit to Mitchell county. They returned yesterday.

Mr. Stokes has gone to Colorado on business.

Several of the Nanhattie people and several of the Silver people went to Sanco last Monday. They are back now and they know more than they did.

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Bro. Townsend has gotten his house up and moved into it; his house is N. E. of Mr. Billingsleas store about 150 yards; it looks now like we were going to have a town.

Mr. W. B. Moore has the lumber on the ground to put up a dwelling house for himself, will lay the foundation to day.

Messrs R. E. Douglas, J. L. Robinson, Buster and Will Robinson went to Angelo last week.

Mr. Alsop and his son Henry, has gone back to Bosque Co, for his family.

The people are all about through planting corn; some corn is coming up.

Capt Daughest, of the Taconland and live stock Co., with an Engineer passed through our country on their way to Angelo, it is supposed on R R. business.

Mr. Dan McCarry and his handsome bride has been visiting relatives in Nolan Co.

Mrs. Taylor M. Peters has been quite sick for the past two weeks; we are missing Dr. Frank Moore now; he has gone I think to Galveston to attend the lectures, will be gone 60 or 90 days. Dr. Moore is getting himself ready for business, hope he may succeed.

Now Mr. Ed. and all the readers of the RUSTLER especially to those who live in Coke Co, a few words about the S. S. work I would like to see a S. S. organized in every school house in this county; I visited the New Hope S. S. and find they are having a good S. S., I will visit the Bronte S. S. next Sunday at 10 a. m. which is the 4th. Sunday of this month-will visit Union in the evening at 3.30. I want to go to Hayrick the first Sunday of April; this is what we want to do we want to have a convention some time in May. In this meeting we want to take in the following schools: Olga, Live Oak, New Hope, Hayrick, Rock Springs, Union and Bronte, each of these schools will send two or more delegates to the convention we will expect to invite people from all over the county; will have five or six topics for discussion dinner on the ground etc. I would be glad that some good brother would bring a map of Coke Co. showing each school house in the county; we would then locate the work. If any one would like to know more in regard to this convention system of S. S. work I will try to ans. all questions.

Will say right here that the people as well as the teachers of Rock Springs were very much disappointed in regard to the teachers institute, which failed to meet on account of bad weather; hope they will try it again. I believe in such meetings and would be glad that the institute could meet at each school house, I think it would stimulate the patrons and make them alive to the cause education.

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