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## B Retrospection. <br> Concluded.

## "Then" and "Now."

Some years ago Robert Lee, at one time had two saloons, and for several years, one saloon. Thesa business places were conducted by urbane gentlemen of good busthess ability, most of whom are still residents of the town, and also frinds of the writer. At any rate there has been no seloon for two or three years past; abont the time the M.E. Church house was built the saloon passed out. Since the first year of its existence, the town has nver improved to any notable exiant, until it became a certainty that the town was realy for prohibition. Lasi year (when the town went for prohibition almost two to one) marked in epoch in the history of improvements and general confidence throughout the county. Before that time the great major ity ot the solid people of the County looked with suspicion on almost anything eminating in town. Since the people came out and expressed their desire for a change, business has been better and ol 1 accounts(that were made in the saloon days) have been paid, and our people are generally a bappy, contented lot.
A very few, who were unable then, to pay their grocery and dry goods bills, are now able to pay the cash at any time of the year.
Homes that were almost bare, are becoming quite coanfortable; and people who wore patched clothes then, are easily able now to dress warm in the winter time, women whose heads were then often bowed down in sorrow, are now happy.

The above differnces do not apply, by any maans, to the patrons of saloons. Every business man, and every one to whom a drinker ever owed a cent, are helped by the prohibition in, Rotrert Lee. There is not twenty per cent of the liquor shipped into the town, that would be sold here if : saloon was open. A carful estimate places the amount o liquor that would be sold in Robert Lee at two thousand dollars a year, possbly ten per cent of that amount would cover all that would be $c f$ real bentfit, for medical use. The leaves a clear balance of $\$ 1.80 c .00$ a year for our people to spend for other purposes, which would perhaps be spent for liquor

## Now gentle reader, if you have had the pleasure of visi-

 ting the town then, and now, can't you easily see where this eighteen hundred dollars a year has gone. .We firmly believe it has gone into more improvements, more comforts hetter clothing, more flowers, more fruit trees, more houses, more paints, more wall paper and canvas, and more of many other things too numerous to mention. Attributable to Prohibition, is the very noticiable decrease in crime in and about the town. Since the last prohibition election there has been less complaints found than ever before in the history of the town. Only five true bills were returned hy the last Grand Jury and they were mostly misdemeanors and nearly if not all, against persons not residing in town. That will speak volumes for Cokes capital, It is a well knowt law of great seience. Physics, that there is not an atom more or an atom iess, of matter now. than thousands of years ago. It is also ntterly indestructible. Since matter only changes forme let us do with out that form of corn which has l,een distilled into expensive liquid poisons and sold to us at a hundred times the price of the corn it is of. If we buy a "quart" it is soon gone and money can never recovered. If we had spent the cash far a good book it may have done some good. It spend a dollar for beer it is gone forever. If we buy a sack of flour with it, it is of some ber, efit.In conclusion we desire to say that we have no "crow to pick" with any one (if any) who may differ from us in opin ons abont the above facts. Many may believe it just happened so, and that Edueation ane had nothing to ato with it, etc. We have just as much right to our opirion as any body, whether it is worth anything or not.
W. C. Hayley was in town Wednesflay a few hours. He's as lively as 8 or 10 years ago it seems.

## Notice

On the first Saturday in April each school District through out Coke County will hoid an election for school trustees. Only one trustee will be elected in each district. Those trustees in each district that drew number one" after the last election step out, and the ne elected in each district takes his place. signed M. H Davis Ex
Schools.

## Importent Molice!

To the voters of the Roie Lee High School District:

By aulhority vested in me Ex.Offico Superintendent public Instrnction, and in accordance with the late haws, pussed
b z the recent called sension by the recent called sossion of the Legislature, I hereby call an election, to be held on Saturday May the 5th, 1900, for the purpose of electing seven (7) Trusteen for the Robert Lee Inde pendent High Sethool Distriet. The polls to be open from A. M. $106 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$.

I heretry appoint J. R. Patte. son. W. E. Ingram, G. W. Webb and G. C. Lasswell to hold said Thection.
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(Signed) M. H. Davis,
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S.B.Williams was in town,Satu day.
Kuox Barfield was in town last Saturday.
Frank li Harris was in town Cw hours last Saturdar
E. W. Escue was in town last Saturday:
J. O. Service was in from Hay rick last Saturday. He has a fine stand of corn up.
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Mr.,B.F.Montgomery of anco
was seen on the straets tast Sat. M. K. Sheppard of Olga, Nolan Co, was down last Saturday - He says Rabert Lee in as cheap a market as Sweetw
Stewart Ackelson was iu tow Saturday.
W.R.Pressler was down last Fri day.
W,a.Copeland and son Charlie din town last Friday.
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## The Wild Cat Fire

urued Thi Cat Schoolhouse wa wight. I ote,atoout $\$ 250.00$. It is theng the house whs set on fire, and atrong suspicione are intertained in the minds of some of the par tier interested
None of the neigh bors seemed to know of it antil Wednesday morning, when the teanerer Prof Carter and quite o uuber of the thilder rrived to find te tho ind This is a sad calamity for that lit. the communty

Banker Routs 4 Rober

## J. R. Garrison, Cashier of the

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per and is both ornamental per and is both ornamental and in finer bindings a little more-All who love history will appreciate it, and those who enjoy lookiug at pictures will also enjoy the
book.

## HERCULES

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Stationary and Marine Engincs
PALMER \& REY TYPE FOUNDSY

Mrs. A. L. Lewis and Mies May Stewart were pleasant caliers las Saturday.

Mr., Edd Fleteher was seen on
he streets last Saturday.
Mr.,Foot Boyksn was
he streats last Saturday
Mr., Albion Hayley of Hayrick
was seen on the streets last Sat
Misses Iua Vestal and Rhoda
Fetcher were very pleasant ca!
ers Inst Saturday. Mr. Calloway a nice young man Who has been out near Midland several year was in town a few minutetes last Saturday on his way to his mothers near Rock Springs. He will remain at home this year.
Mr Rushing from up on the
Divide was in town one day last
Mr. Charlie Copeland one of the most handsome young men of Edith was seen on the streets ast Friday.
Mins Flora Phillips, a beutifu oung lady rfom up on the Di vide was
Saturday.
Mr. Horace Boone wos a very pleasant caller last Snturday. A party at D. O. Maddox' o Tuesday night.
Also ond at J. D. O'Daniel's,
down the river, Wedneaday night down the river, Wednesday night.
It was in honor of Miss Louise Wilkins.
A. Fiendish Attack. Anattack was lately made on C. F. Collier of Chernkee, Iowa that nenrly proven fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he zold not stoop wihont great pain, nor sit in: chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effect"d such a wonderful change that he writes be feels like a new man This marvelons modiciue cures backache and kiduey*tronble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c at Pearce's


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globe cleaninas.
Secretary Root has returned. Actress Julia Arthur has retired. One thousand families located in OkThe Chicago Baseball club has go into spring training at Selma, Ala.
The statue of the late Senator
Vance of North Carolina is to be unveiled at Rakeigh July 4
A life-size gold statue of Maude Adams, worth s187,000, has
for the Paris exposition.
While preparing to shave a customer, B. W. Gilchrist, a Chicago barber, was assassinated by a person out-
side the shop. Admiral Dewey has promised to visdays after the anniversary of his vietory at Manila.
J. F. Allen of New Orleans has pur-
chased $1,000,000$ admission tickets to the Paris exposition. He secured them at half price.
near San Jacinto. Cal.. a mountain 4000 feet high disappeared into a
yawning abyss.
Dr. Charles Piazxi Smith, astronomer royal for Scotland, who died re-
cently, was an uncle of Col. Badencently, was an uncle
Powell of Mafeking.
From June 1, 1898, up to Feb. 19,
1900, the actual marality in tean army in the Phillippines was 65 of-Ex-Gov. Oates has retired from the enatorial race in Alabama, which
leaves Senator Morgan and Gov. Johnstor the only candidates on the Democratic side.
Andrew Bolter, the noted entomologist, said to have had the first collec-
tion of beetles, butterflies and other tion of beetles, butterfiles and other
insects on the American continent, inseets on the
died at Chicago.
Frank W. Elliott, editor of the Troy
(Kan.) Timbes, a Democratic weekly newspaper, was abot at by an unknowa assailant as be alighted from a Grand Island passenger train at that place. The long stanging suit over the pos-
session of Daly's Londor theater be-
tween the Daly heirs and Georg Tween the Daly heirs and George Ed-
Edwards may have to refund $\$ 50,000$. The woik of the Mexico, Cuernavaca
and Pacific ralliroed is belng rapidly pushed toward the coast, 2000 men being at work on grading. The Pacific
terminus of the road will be Schuetenaco, instead of Acapulco.
Mrs. Joseph Thompson, who wae Cotton States exposition, held in At lanta in 1895, has been appotnted by Gov. Chandier as special woman
commissionar from Georgia to the Paris exposition.
At Chicago. Richard Oliver pleaded
guilty to having used the mails for fraudulent purposess and was fined 81000 and ordered to refund nearly
85000 , which, it is alleged, he secured from his wanted-to-get-rich-gulck cus-

The British ship city of Florence with a cargo of nutitor San Francisco Halt Moon bay within 200 yards of the which went ashore of the New York, bay two years ago.
Eight ladies of the Constantinople palace have been sent into exile for
machinations in connection with the sultan's fugitive brother-In-law, Mahmed. The palace secretary, Klamil The reason has not been made public. Winston Churchill in a dispatch
from Pletermaritzburg warmly resists the contention that the rellet of Ladysmith rose out of Lord Roberts' oper-
ations. He says Gen. Buller greatly assisted.
Shooting and sprinting were Indulg
ed in at Kansas City, ed in at Kansas City, Mo., as the outelection judge and three canvassers Investigating alleged fraudulent regisThe 200
The 200th anniversary of, the opening of the Acad\&my of sciences at Berof the royal caste. Emperor Willam
made a speech during which he paid tution.

His Startiling Sworil Statement as Related in a Kentucky Gourt Room.

Frankfort. Ky., March 26.-Saturday, In a crowded courtroom, $F$. Wharton lows: He was in Frankfort on Jan. 14 and hen went to Laurel county for two or three days, from there returning to rankfort. Fille?" asked, Attorney Campbell. I won't answer that.
"When did you have
with Secretary Powers?"
"When Mr. Powers and I left here Hariand and tell Postmasterc John Hirst to send d
"How were the
"hontest case."
lected, and in what manner were the o come?"
"Rgular
"
"Rgular mountain feudists."
"Give the exact conversation betwe you and Secretary Powers relative to
getting witnesses in Harlan county., "He told me to go to Harlan county and tell Mr. Hurst to send down ten
men, who were regular mountain feud ists,"
After some parleying, Mr. Golden
said: "We wanted men who stand up, and if necessary go into that legislative ball and kill of enough to make it in our favor."
"I saw Hamp Howard. I told him we wanted ten regular mountain feud
ists for witnesses. That is all that told him. I told Hamp the kind of good Colts."
"Were the Colt 45 s to be put in e
dence?" asked Attorney Campbell.
"Most ass
"Did you have any further conversa
on with Powers regarding the work to be done by the men remaining here?"
"No, sir: we understood what they "No, sir; we understood what they
were kept for. We knew that those men were here to go into that executive
pall, if necessary to clean out those fellows."
"What fellows?"
The Democrats-enough to make majority on our side."
The answer created a

## he courtroom.

Golden sald he was in the executive thg. He met Caleb Powers in Gov. Taylor's anteroom. Powers asked him go to Louisville that day. He told
John Powers he was going to Louisville with Caleb Powers.
During a lengthy argument over a
technical point, Golden became ill and court was adjourned to $1: 30$ o'clock. Golden resumed his testimony at the
fternoon session. He sald he saw John Powers and a red, black-mu tached man talking concerning the
cosing of Secretary's Powers' office uring the latter's absence. "I had my back turned," said Golden,
but when I turned I saw John Powers give the key to the man. John be killed this morning.' I said, This
, The must not be done.' He sald 'Don't get
exelted; I gave that man the wrong exetted; I gave that man the wrong
key. I sald, 'We must go and see Cakey. I said, We must go and see Ca-
leb.' John Powers saw him; I did not."
Paesed and signed.
Washington, March 26.-In the senate Saturday, atter a lengthy colloquy by Senators Foraker and Allen, the former's motion to commit the bill pro-
viding elvil government for Puerto liding eivil
Rico. prevalled.
In the house, by a vote of 135 to 87 , after a lengthy discussion, the conferpropriation bill was adopted.
President MeKinley signed the meas-
ure promptly.
$\qquad$ Richmond, Va., March 26.-At Emporia, Butler county, Bob Cotton, colored, sho, according to his own conessiou, killed Sanders and Welton,
and $O$ Grady, the white man with him, Were laken from jail and lynched.
Coton was frrst taken out by a white
mob. and then a band of negroes, declaring that both should swing. se-
curred orgrady and launched him also
into eternity. A military company
into eternity. A military company
that had been sent from here had just
left Emporia. British party was hit.

Secretary of State Powers' Preliminary Hearing
being cooducted at capital
"After John had talked to Caltb was next done?
We all went back to the statehouse. ing. I can't say why."
"Do you know a coombs?" know a man named Dick Coombs:" asked Attorney Campbell.
"I do; be is colored, and lives in lee county contingent.
"Did you have any talk with Caleb John Powers about Dick Coombs? "No; but they had two niggers there o kill Goebel. John Powers told me o. They were Hocker Smith and Dick Coombs. I saw Coombs at the drug-
tore near the depot every morning for a week or so previous to the shooting. coombs, talking to a nan named Wal lace in my presence, said d-n him,
I know him as far as I can see him I know him as far as I can see him
and I can kill him as far as I can see and I can kill him as far as I can see
him.' He was talking of Goebel. This conversation was in the adjutant general's office. He also said. I know his every movement and I can hit him
with this as far as I can with this as far as I can see him.'"
"On Tuesday Caleb Powers "On Tuesday Caleb Powers was talk-
ing to Walter Day and Gov, Taylo ing to Walter Day and Gov. Taylor.
E. J. Howard of Harlan county came up and talked to Taylor. He insisted or saidor calling out the militia. Tay do something first,' adding, 'I can get the m
first.'
Attorney Campbell then took the witness baek, and Golden told of a conver sation he had with Caleb Powers on a
train in Laurel county previous to the
shoting "Caleb hooting. "Caleb, said, continue I understood by that remark that we had the Democrats down here and we could do as we pleased after we got there."
The witness then took up the events after the shooting. He said he saw
a man named Blakeman in Louisville. Blakeman and John Powers had a con versation.
Counsel f
Counsel for the defense strongly ob-
the commonwealth withdrew and anpounced that it was through with the
witness.
Golden, who was very weak from
ew minutes' rest, and he was accord ngly taken out by a Deputy Sheriff. Golden's illness proved more serious than at first thought, and after taken until to-day.

Montgomery, Ala., March 26.-Durng the meeting of the Montgomery county Republican convention here Saturday so disorderly became the proceedings that the sherif had Marshal Bryan, white, and Receiver of Public Money Leftwich, colored, had a personal altercation, during which the ormer shot the later in the left leg. treet, while the other repaired to another building
John Jordan. colored, 110 vears old the oldest resident of Harrison coun-
ty is dead.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 26.Col. W. J. Bryan addressed an enthusiastic audience of
expoestion Saturday night. Mr. Bryan
At Ogden that afternoon Mr. tuched on the money question.
income tax and imperialism
Gov. Sayers has appointed L. A
Clark of Greenville as judge of the Clark of Greenville as judge of the
eighth judictal district to succeed eight judicial Cemperton, who has
Judge Howard Templeter
been appointed associate justice of been appointed associate
the court of ciril appeals.

London, March 26.-Except for the
"unfortunate occurrence." as "unfortunate occurrence." as Lord
Roberts calls it, which resulted ioh the killing of Lletr Lygon and the found ing and capture of Lieut, Col. Crabbe ter, the campaign presents no new fea
tures. They met a party of five Boers tures. They met a party of five Boers
whom they tried to capture. The Boer
ook reane thok refuge on a kopje, where three of
their comrades were hidden, and with
in five minutes every member of the

Ind a Large Attendarce Present.-The Defense
Were Unsuccesstul in Having the Indietment @uashed.

Frankfort, Ky., March 24.-The preliminary examination of Secretary of the assassination of William Goebel began Friday before Judge Moore. The courthouse was guarded inside and out by militia and scores of deputy
sheriffs, armed with Winchester rifles, to prevent, if possible, interference dom "mountaineers" who were reported on their way to Frankfort, but their presence was unnecessary, as the
mountaineers failed to appear and no disorder occurred. The witnesses included Warden
Eph Lillard, Detective D. E. Armstrong, Sherif Bosworth of Fayette county, who arrested Secretary Powars and Capt. John Davis, and Silas ones, who is now under bond, charg-
ed with complicity in the murder. The testimony tended to show that the shots came from that section of the executive building in which Secretary Powers' offlice is located, although no one swore that the shots were from the secretary's office. The strongest
cildence, perhaps, was given by Silas Jones, who was in Gov. Taylor's ante room when the shooting took place. No evidence was admitted tending to sho any conspiracy, but in one of the fre quent wordy disputes between the torneys for the defense and the commonwealth the fact was brought out that F . Wharton Golden, who is sald
to have made a confession, would be put on the wí
hearing ends.
An incident occurred during the aft ernoon that showed the feeling and al so how the people are prepared for
emergencles. A soldier in the rear courtyard dropped his revolver on the stone flagging and it exploded. In an instant every man in the crowded
courtroom was on his feet, fully a third of them with their hands to their rear pockets.
When the court
When the court opened ex-Gov Brown read the warrant against Pow ers, charging him with being an accesand asked dismissal of the defendant on the ground that the warrant was fatally defective in not alleging that the crime was committed in Franklin county and did not even show the of fense to have been committed in Ken tucky. County Attorney Polsgrove
said the warrant followed the lines laid down in the criminal code. Judge More overruled the obje There was a wrangle between the attorneys over the cuestion whether
witnesses who had been examined might remain in the courtroom. The attorneys for the defense objected to
allowing witnesses to remaln because many would be witnesses in the trial of Davis and Culton later on, in which
practically the same issues volved.
Judge Moore, however, ruled that
witnesess Judge Moore, however, ruled that
witnesses who had testified might re
main.
Sawmill Explosion. The James
Muncie, Ind., March 24. . Thil
Nickum sawmill, six miles southwest Nickum sawmill, six miles southwest of Muncle, was destroyed by an explo
siton Friday. Two men are dead, two ston Friday. Two men are dead, tw
more will die and three others were in jured. Sarion Carey, wealthy farm
Dead-Marion
er; Thomas sulivan, aged 46 .
Injured
Cliford Van Buskirk, aged Injured-Cliford Van Buskirk, age
18, will die: Lon Van Van Buskirk, engineer, will die; James Jagstrim,
gerious; James McCreary, head cut
leg leg broken, injured internally; Will
Green, head split open, leg broken.

Merida, Yucatan, March 24.-The latest news from the southern part of the peninsula confirms the demorall zation of the rebel indians, although Indicating that they refuse still to lay
down their arms. The Maya Indians general has been suffering from attack of alcoholism, and spends entire day
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 office and Buthan Sandford's store The scarlet fever scare having sub-sided, Ardmore's publte schools sieopened.
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The drug store of D. C. McCok at Ardmore was
about ssooe.
A meeting of the Inter-Married Cltizens' association has been called to
meet at Atoka. April 5 . Four business blocks burned at Southwest City. The Methodist church

was also consumed. Loss over $\$ 100$,| was |
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Near Slate Schools Harvey Gibson's horse dashed him against a tree,
crushing his skull and causing death crushing his skuin and
within forty minutes.
K. H. Skinner of Ardmore has sold his famous dancing donkey, "Weary Wilie," to G. W. Scott of Troy, O. As Terjsich
The committee appointed by the Choctaws and Chickasaws to audit the tween the two nations met at South McAlester.
The school board of the Choctaw nacompromise suggested by the interior department relative to the manageent of the schools
Census Supervisor Darrough has divided the territory into 178 districts, with one enumerator for each. Work begins simultaneously June 1, and confrom $\$ 3$ to $\$ 6$ per day. The business men of Eufaula have
formed a company to bridge the Canalian river five miles southeast of that town. It will be a suspension bridge and will cost in the neighborhood of 40,000.
Representative Stephens of Texas has introduced a bill providing for the
appointment of a register of the land office in and for each of the five civilized tribes of the Indian Territory. The the salary of each register $\$ 4000$ per annum.

London, March 24.-Lord Roberts main army continues walting at est in the fate of Mafeking has intensified, with Col. Plumer's forced reirement to Crocodile Poort, where he was two months ago. Relief from the north now dwindes to improbabinty. Lord Methuen is skirmishing with
the Boers at Warrenton, 167 miles the Boers at Warrenton, 167 milles
away. Although seemingly in force sufficient to do pretty much as he likes, he has not advanced these five days.
it is hoped that his military adminis tration has a pleasant surprise in preparation for the Britishers by rais ing the slege with a strong column of cavalry and artillery detouring to Mafeking, while Commandant Snyman
is drawn off to engage Col. Plumer Gen. French's cavalry and mounted infantry, according to a rumor, ar tein. This suggests more Boer bad news, as Commandant Oliviers commando, with 2000 wagons, is reported
on the Basutoland frontier, tolling northward through Kroonstad via La dysbrand. This enormous wagon train is supposed to be moving twenty-five
miles a day. Gen. French's cavalry miles a day. Gen. French's cavalry
posts stretch from Bloemfontein eastward to the mountains. Gen. Buller has not yet moved in
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No Application.
Washington, March 24.- Neither at can embassy here has any application



