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Grandpa McCutchen is Dead

Madison McCutchen, the subject of this sketch was born in North Alabama March 12, 1823. He emigrated to Texas in 1853 settling in the unorganized portion of the state now known as Coryell county. He assisted and was one of the leading spirits in the organization of that county. He was a member of the first Commissioners Court of the county. At the expiration of his first term as Commissioner, the citizens of the county honored him with the office of County Judge, which office he held for eight successive years.

He resided in that county twenty-five years, then removed to Coleman and from there to this county where the writer formed his acquaintance ten years ago.

He made a profession of religion when young, joining the M. E. Church with which he remained until the time of his death. I knew him during my entire acquaintance as an humble Christian man.

He was the father of thirteen children, eight of whom are still living, six sons and two daughters. Five of the sons and one daughter live in this county. An unusual citizen. His son W. W. McCutchen is Assessor of this county, this being his second term in office.

Brother McCutchen departed this life on the morning of November 15th. Thus we see he was 77 years 8 months and 1 day old at the time of his death.

His was an eventful life and a triumphant death.

His remains were followed to the grave by a large Concourse of friends and friends where the funeral services were conducted by Brother C. Cantle. Then we laid his body away to await the resurrection of the righteous.

His aged companion, whose heart is broken, still remains with us.

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Hear some noise from Salt river camp borne to our ears over the salty rippling stream.

Mr. Jim Weathers seems to have made a success with horses in the east.

We are glad San Angelo has succeeded in getting the new R. R.; now for Robert Lee and Coke county could the road possibly be induced with "the widow's mite" to come to Lee; or will the very scheme that was instigated in Lee be the means of its death.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Horticultural Observations.

We notice in an exchange an attempt to make the Gano apple something else than a variety of the Ben Davis. We doubt if the attempt will succeed. According to the reports of extensive growers of the Ben Davis, here and there are trees in nearly all Ben Davis orchards that bear apples of the depth of color of the Gano. It is the color alone that distinguishes what is called the Gano from the Ben Davis.

The German government has removed the prohibition as to the importation of American dried and evaporated fruit. For several years past this fruit has been admitted into Germany only after much delay and vexatious inspection for the San Jose scale. At last the officials of the American government have convinced the Germans that the scale could not be a danger to the German consumers after it had undergone the evaporating process.

The winter meeting of the Indiana State Horticultural Society will be held at the state house, Indianapolis, Dec. 18 to 20. On previous years this meeting has frequently been held at the same time as the meetings in other states and this has prevented attendance from other states. We urge that farmers from other states as well as from Indiana attend this meeting. The meetings of this society are always profitable and one cannot attend them without being well repaid for the money and time spent.

We wish to commend the promptness of Professor Troop, of the Indiana State Horticultural Society, in the sending out of the notices of the meetings of the society two months in advance of the time. We can name societies in the west whose secretaries do not send out notices of the meetings in time to get them published before the holding of the meetings. We have frequently called attention to this matter. Such meetings need to be well advertised, and it is impossible to secure this advertisement if the announcements of the meetings are delayed till the last week.

In this year of large apple supplies our foreign market should be carefully watched. When crops are large there is a tendency to send fruit that is not the best in size. When crops are small the average of quality is generally high, due to the bearing of a small number of apples on each tree. It is then not so hard to keep up the quality in our foreign shipments. Now, however, we are faced with the tendency to send abroad fruit inferior in size. As the Europeans have formed a good opinion of our fruit so far, it is desirable that that opinion be held. Carefully sorted fruit only should be permitted to cross the ocean.

The Pewaukee pippin is an apple large in size and in color yellow and red streaked. It is of medium size and quality and is good for both kitchen and market. It originated in Wisconsin, but the best reports from it come from eastern Canada. It does fairly well in Wisconsin and westward to California, but does not seem to be very popular. In some situations it has proved a failure. If reports as received by the American pomological society are reliable it illustrates the fact that a fruit does not always thrive best in the locality where it originated, as this apple has done best in a part of the country a thousand miles from the locality of its origin.

Growers of apples on the Pacific coast are looking westward for a market that they can control without having to face severe competition. It is doubtless true that for apples the markets to the west of California, Oregon and Washington, present great opportunities, but those markets will have to be systematically developed. The Hawaiian Islands, Japan, the Philippines and China contain considerable numbers of white people who have already formed a taste for the apple. A plentiful supply of this fruit at fair prices is certain to lead to greatly increased consumption. The people on the west coast of the United States have the advantage of growers of apples east of the Rocky mountains in that they can depend wholly on water transport, which means a very low rate and good service.

The fall is a good time to begin preparations for a horse-radish bed. A spot should be selected where the soil is deep and strong and contains a fair amount of moisture. At this time of year the soil should be pulverized to a depth of two feet or thirty inches. This is necessary, as the root requires a good deal of room in which

to develop. Into this soil barnyard manure should be worked to the depth of a foot or more. We notice that some say well-rotted barnyard manure, but unrotted manure is good if it does not contain too great a proportion of straw. If the manure is put in fresh this fall it will have become largely incorporated with the soil by spring, when the cuttings of the horse-radish plant are to be put in. These cuttings should be about twelve inches long and be placed eighteen inches apart.

Pedigreeing Seed Corn.

A communication from the University of Illinois says:

Corn responds to selection as readily as cattle. There is no longer any doubt that varieties of corn can be further improved by the same methods that have developed our breeds of live stock. Little attention has been given to a systematic study of corn, as regards the adaptation of varieties to peculiar conditions of soil and climate, the breeding out of sterile plants, the adaptation of varieties for particular purposes, as for feeding, starch factories, production of corn oil, human food, or to the fixing of variety characteristics with a standard perfection. Extensive experiments have proved conclusively that corn is subject to great variation and that by taking advantage of these variations by intelligent selection, almost any improvement desired can be brought about. An illustration of the effect of such selection among other plants than Indian corn can be found in the development of the sugar beet. Vilmorin, a French plant breeder, by selecting for growing seed those beets having a higher per cent of sugar than the ordinary field beet, gradually increased the per cent of sugar in the beets from about 3 per cent to 16 per cent, making it possible to profitably manufacture sugar from this source.

Highly bred corn has been developed. There are at present a few distinct varieties of corn with widely different characteristics which have been developed by careful selection during a quarter to a half century. From the fact that we have had no standard of perfection for these varieties, in fact have not known their history or peculiar characteristics, this improvement has been very slow. The university has secured a large number of samples of these established varieties with the object of determining the variety characteristics and making a standard for each variety. When this has been accomplished, it will be possible to supply pedigrees for these varieties, which must mean, as it has meant in the breeds of live stock, a rapid improvement and fixing of the characteristics of the varieties now in existence. The university is also collecting the authentic history of these varieties as far back as they can be traced.

The specially selected seed corn will never be used to plant the corn fields of Illinois. This seed must always exist in small quantities which can be used to grow the 1,000,000 or more bushels of stock seed that will be needed to plant the general crop for Illinois. This stock seed will be of high grade, but one generation removed and should differ but slightly from the best selected seed. This seed can only be developed by corn specialists, because it requires continued and careful breeding. It will never exist in large quantities because of the close selection to which it should be subjected.

The Trimble County Hen.

We have read of Maud on a summer day, who raked, barefooted, the new-mown hay; we have read of the maid in the early morn, who milked the cow with the crumpled horn; and we've read the lays that the poets sing of the rustling corn and the flowers of spring; but of all the lays of tongue or pen, there's naught like the lay of the Trimble hen. Long, long before Maud rakes the hay the Trimble hen has begun to lay; and ere the milkmaid stirs a peg, the hen is up and has dropped her egg; the corn must rustle and flowers spring if they hold their own with the barnyard ring. If Maud is needing a hat and gown, she doesn't hustle her hay to town; she goes to the store and obtains her suit with a basket full of her fresh henfruit; if the milkmaid's beau makes a Sunday call, she doesn't feed him milk at all, but works up eggs in a custard pie and stuffs him full of chicken fry; and when the old man wants a horn, does he take the druggist a load of corn? Not much! He simply robs a nest and to town he goes—you know the rest. He lingers there and he talks, perchance, of true reform and correct femance, while his poor wife stays at home and scowls, but is saved from want by those self-made fowls; for while her husband lingers there she watches the cackling hens with care, and gathers eggs, and the eggs she'll hide till she saves enough.

Then hail, all hail! to the Trimble hen, the greatest blessing of all men! throw up your hats and make Rome howl for the preserving barnyard fowl; Corn may be king, but it's plain to be seen the Trimble hen is the Kentucky queen.—Milton (Ky.) News.

Milk Organs.

The milk organs are quite intimately concerned in the productive capacity of the cow, as it is in these that the milk and butter fat are finally elaborated from the food. It is not altogether clearly understood how the milk is made in the gland, but it seems quite probable that it is produced by the epithelial cells within the udder. So far as is known, the quantity of milk that can be produced depends in a large part upon the number and activity of these cells. The number of such cells is limited by the size of the udder and the amount of fatty tissue it contains. The dairy cow should therefore have a large udder capacity, the larger the better, but the size of the udder should not be due to any large amount of fat or flesh. There should be an elasticity of the tissue, with a shrinkage of the udder when empty. The udder should have considerable surface, extending far forward and well up behind. It should be well balanced and symmetrical in shape, indicating good development in all quarters; for the more perfectly developed the organ is, the larger the amount of milk it will be likely to yield. It should be spread considerably from side to side also, while the teats should be even and squarely placed. To make room for such a capacious, well-developed udder, the hind legs of the cow should be wide apart, the thighs should be thin, and the flanks high arched.

The activity of the udder, or the amount of work done in it, is indicated to some extent by the quantity of blood that passes through it, which depends quite largely upon the capacity of the blood vessels which are connected therewith. It is important, therefore, that there should be a strong and full development of the arteries and veins of the udder and abdomen. The milk veins should be large and elastic, should extend well to the front, and should enter the abdomen through large or numerous orifices, thus permitting a strong flow of blood through them with a minimum of resistance as it returns to the heart. Besides these veins, there is a network of them in the fore quarters of the udder, and still others pass upward behind, which, when large, indicate considerable productive capacity.—Bulletin 20, Storrs' Experiment Station.

Poisoning Gophers.

A professor of the Kansas Agricultural College says that the pocket gopher digs its runs three to four inches under the surface, cutting off the roots which happen to lie in its path, but worst of all it throws up a chain of mounds along the run which render mowing very difficult. If unmolested, this pest will carry on its depredations to such an extent that the field will have to be plowed up. They also feed on alfalfa roots. No preventive has been found. Trapping may be employed against them, but it is tedious and generally unsatisfactory. Poisoning is perhaps the easiest and most satisfactory method of destroying the gopher, and if properly done they may be almost entirely exterminated. To poison them, as soon as a fresh mound is seen, get some potatoes and cut them as they are usually cut for seed. A bottle of crystallized strychnine, which may be obtained by any adult at a drug store at 50 cents per bottle, should be at hand. Then, with a pocket knife or old case knife, slit the pieces and drop a crystal of strychnine not larger than a wheat grain in the slit so it will lodge near the middle of the potato. The potato being moist, the strychnine will soon be dissolved and carried all through it, and it should be used as soon as poisoned. Take a spade and a wagon rod and the potatoes and proceed at once to the "gopher patch." With the rod poke into the ground around the fresh hill until the run is located, and open with the spade. Drop in a potato, cover up and proceed to the next hill. Gophers are very fond of potatoes. One dose usually kills the gopher. If too much strychnine is used, or the potatoes are not used as soon as prepared, the poison is not so effective. If the field is gone over once a week, the old hills leveled down and the new ones given a potato, the gophers' work will soon be very much lessened. Now and then one will be too smart for the potato and will keep at work. Try to trap him.

Fork from Horseflesh.

The western ranchmen have found a new outlet for otherwise worthless horseflesh. The ranges of western Montana have for a long time supported large droves of wild horses of no particular breeding and worthless for commercial purposes. Their hides could be sold for about \$2, and the ranchmen sometimes bought the animals from the Indians at a nominal price. Recently a ranchman that was feeding a large number of hogs commenced buying horseflesh. So he started in buying at \$1.75 all that the Indians would bring him. He sold the hides for \$2 each and fed the horseflesh to his swine. At last reports he had disposed of about 500 horses in this way. As the horseflesh costs him practically nothing it should be a paying business.

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Sid Pitt, on trial at El Paso for murder was acquitted. The jury was out thirty minutes.

The University of Texas football team defeated at Austin the Kansas City Medicos 20 to 0.

Thieves entered the house of Jesse Scott, colored, near Tyler, and stole \$1249 and three silk dresses.

Edward Carroll, an old resident of Hill county, is dead. He was a scout in the United States army during the civil war and several Indian wars.

Joe Badjero, 11 years old, while at the blackboard in a Mexia school, was seized with convulsions and died later.

Henry Zerkowak and Ben Russell, Mexia boys, played with an "unloaded" gun. The wounds in young Russell's face and shoulder are serious.

The barn of Gene Allen, five miles from Blossom, was struck by lightning and burned. A large amount of hay and grain was destroyed, also a mule, horse and a lot of hogs.

Near Earlywine, Washington county, three boys hunting sought shelter in a cabin from rain. Jesse Ferguson, one of them, slipped and fell. His gun was discharged and the lead penetrated his body, killing him instantly.

T. J. Eddings, in charge of the Pull-Worth, goes to Mexico to take charge of man Car company's business at Fort of the company's business there. The City of Mexico will be his headquarters.

Devoured by a Panther.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 26.—Jesus Luterio, foreman of the ranch of Viejo, near Cotulla, lost two children aged 18 months and two and a half years, through the ravages of a panther. The first child disappeared early in the forenoon and no trace of it was ever found, though vigorous search was made. The mysterious disappearance was solved later in the afternoon, when the mother was horrified to see a panther spring upon and carry away the other child.

On the ranch at the time were George E. King of Taylor, Jourd Irvin and W. C. Irvin. These gentlemen began a relentless hunt for the child and beast. The dogs though badly fatigued, caught the panther. Before the man came up four hounds were killed before the beast was laid low with a rifle. The crazed mother was brought here for medical treatment.

Mother St. Louis Dead.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 26.—Mother St. Joseph's founder of St. Joseph's died at the infirmary. Her St. Louis' family name was Anna Montaeffer, and she was born in France in 1840. She took the veil in 1863 when she was 18 years of age. In 1868 she came from her native land to Galveston, and made her perpetual vows the following year. The deceased founded St. Joseph's infirmary in this city on March 11, 1887, and was mother superior of that institution until 1896, when she was transferred to Galveston. She remained in Galveston until the recent storm, when she was transferred back to Houston.

Deluged With Letters.

Paris, Texas, Nov. 26.—In its Paris correspondence a few days ago, a Texas paper published a dispatch to the effect that Judge J. C. Hunt of this city might participate in the distribution of an estate of \$5,000,000 back in England, known as the Philpot estate. Since then his mail has been flooded with letters from Arkansas, Missouri and other states, besides scores of points in Texas. All of the writers claim that when they were children they heard their grandfathers and grandmothers speak about property coming to them back in the old country that they could get if they had the money to pay a lawyer or to refrain the expense of going to see after it. Many of the writers address him in dearing terms and are confident of being able to prove up heirship.

Platform Fell.

Flotonia, Tex., Nov. 26.—At 12:05 Saturday morning a tornado struck here from a southwesterly direction, passing through from the southwestern corner to the northeast corner of the town destroying much property. The wind was accompanied by a heavy rain, also much lightning. It seems a miracle that there is no loss of life, as the wind was blowing between six and seventy-five miles an hour. Several business houses sustained much damage.

The people who pride themselves on being determined are in many instances only contrary.

'Tis pleasant to know there is one person on earth who tells you she loves you before all.

When a cat washes her face, it is a sign of bad weather; when a small boy scrubs his countenance, it is a sign of a maternal storm.

Making Mamma Glad.

It has recently become strictly necessary to subject little Percy to harsh treatment for his own good. Being an only child, he has succeeded in getting himself pretty thoroughly spoiled wherefore, his mamma has during the past week or two been operating as a spanking machine about every thirteen minutes, and applying hamamelis to keep the spots from blistering.

Each chastisement has been accompanied by almost tearful appeals for reform.

"It breaks mamma's heart to do this," is about the regular form; "but mamma must! If her little boy only knew how it hurts her he would be better!"

Yesterday afternoon he rushed into the house from the yard, and called out:

"Hurry, mamma, and get the bottle!"

"What do you mean?" she asked.

"Get the bottle down and rub some on me quick," he said. "I was playing store and one of those little cups that Aunt Gertrude gave you got broken. But you needn't feel bad, mamma. I spanked myself. Ain't you glad?"

No Chicken.

At a fashionable colonial wedding, asser's the Australasian, some doubt existed as to the age of a bridegroom who was leading to the altar a bride just out of her teens.

During the ceremony in the church a titter went round the party. Kneeling on the raised platform, the bridegroom displayed the soles of his boots, on each of which had been clearly written by the "boots" at the hotel where he had slept, "49."

"Ah!" whispered a malicious dowager, "I knew he was no chicken."

Etruscan Art in Perugia.

The queen city of the Umbrian hills, Perugia, is a city replete with the story of feudalism and with the genius of artists, scholars and painters. A mountain town, situated 1800 feet above sea level, on what was originally a rocky acropolis, there are parts of it that antedate Rome. The foundations of the walls were laid more than 3000 years before Christ by the Etruscans—a mighty race in their time, but now almost forgotten—forgotten but for their art. It may be said that, dying, they have never died.

At This Season of the Year

it is necessary to take some medicine to tone up the system, and no other medicine will do this as effectively as Wolfe's Aromatic Schlemm Schnapps. It has a most pleasant taste and once used no family will be without it. It has cured thousands of obstinate cases of Colic, Flatulency, Pains in the Stomach and Bowels, and is a specific for all cases of Kidney and Bladder troubles. Ask your druggist for it. Refuse worthless substitutes and insist on having Wolfe's Schnapps.

There is such a thing as being entirely too unselfish.

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An illustrated catalogue of 264 pages, and 3,500 engravings, has just been issued which must interest all who read this notice. It is issued by the Mermord & Jaccard Jewelry Co., Broadway, corner Locust st., St. Louis, and it is full of new and desirable articles suitable for Christmas gifts, ranging in price from 25 cents to \$1,000. It is so complete that one cannot buy Christmas goods to advantage without consulting it, especially as the house is known by the well-earned title of "The Lowest Priced House in America for Fine Goods." All that is new and desirable in diamonds, watches, silverware, cut glass, clocks, china wares, umbrellas, art wares, optical goods, fine stationery, etc., are contained in this great catalogue, and St. Louis is brought right to your doors, as the firm sells at St. Louis prices and pays express charges to any part of the United States. To each of the first 10,000 who send in their names and addresses, a copy of this catalogue will be mailed, postage paid. Write at once to insure receiving it.

Do not be controlled too much by dyspepsia.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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Best for the Bowels.

No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right. CASCARETS help nature, cure you without a gripe or pain, produce easy natural movements, cost you just 10 cents to start getting your health back. CASCARETS Candy Cathartic, the genuine, put up in metal boxes, every tablet has C. C. C. stamped on it. Beware of imitations.

Perfume is a god thing, but it should be used sparingly.

Agents—It's out: "Destruction of Galveston"; most pathetic description of the greatest disaster by water since the flood of Noah, in song; agents get rich quick. For song or agency address the author, J. L. MERRITT, Tecumseh, O. T.

Spelling bees and stinging bees are warm members.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES are fast to sunlight, washing and rubbing.

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Is used by millions, which is a sure proof of its quality. Send for free booklet, "Inkings." Address Carter's Ink Co., Boston, Mass.

One can have no higher ideal in life than to be good.

Primley's California Fruit Gum contains the most delicious qualities of western fruits.

Small boys are on the look out for Santa Claus.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. ENDSLEY, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

You can't blame the star actor for trying to run the show.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SODA. Strongest, best and perfectly pure. Makes the lightest biscuits. Insist on having it.

Birds of a feather flock together, particularly sparrows.

Lustrant hair with its youthful color assured by using PARKER'S HAIR BALM.

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My son has suffered with stone in the bladder eight years. I have taken him to several watering places, also to Cincinnati, New York, Chicago and Nashville, where he was put under eminent physicians, with no improvement; on the contrary, it was gradually getting larger, until I lost all hope of getting him cured, when I was told of Smith's Sure Kidney Cure. I had him try it, and to my surprise he began to improve at once, and he was cured with two bottles. His general health has improved wonderfully.

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A fair form sometimes conceals a foul heart.

"A plain duty for stockman," says R. W. Hall, Esq., of Vernon, Texas, with reference to the International Livestock exposition. Santa Fe route will sell excursion tickets to Chicago for this occasion.

An envious nature is certainly to be pitied.

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He who earns his own education appreciates it.

MARRIAGE PAPER. Best Published—FREE. J. W. GUNNELS, Toledo, Ohio.

Some men's political fields are potato patches only.

"University for Stockman"—the International Livestock exposition at Chicago, Dec. 1st to 8th, 1900. Ask Santa Fe agents about low excursion rates to Chicago.

Oklahoma Opportunities

Is the title of a little book published by the Passenger Department of the Great Rock Island Route, giving detailed description of the Kiowa and Comanche Reservations, commonly known as the "Fort Sill Country," which is to be opened for settlement in the near future. It also contains the laws under which settlers can obtain homesteads, together with other valuable information for those who propose to obtain a home in the fertile Indian Territory.

Copy of book will be mailed free upon application to

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"It is to the cattle interests what Yale is to the educational interests"—International Livestock exposition. Reduced rates to Chicago and return for this occasion. Ask Santa Fe agents about it.

A woman who had bragged she "made" her husband, now seeks a divorce.

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

Courage is a good quality, but avoid rashness.

Atk ns' Rattle Snake Oil—Most powerful liniment known. Cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Sprains, Backache, Crick in Neck, Headache, Lumbago. Texas Drug Co., Agents, Dallas.

To an even-tempered person life is a constant blessing.

When we have malaria it is surprising how many bad tastes we can have in our mouth at one time.

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

All things have an end, even a protracted visit.

Save money by using Russ' Bleaching Blue, the famous bag blue, each package equals 25 or 50 cents worth of any other.

Remember, that we all have failings without adding to same.



The ordinary every-day life of most of our women is a ceaseless treadmill of work. How much harder the daily tasks become when some derangement of the female organs makes every movement painful and keeps the nervous system all unstrung! One day she is wretched and utterly miserable; in a day or two she is better and laughs at her fears, thinking there is nothing much the matter after all; but before night the deadly backache reappears, the limbs tremble, the lips twitch—it seems as though all the imps of Satan were clutching her vitals; she goes to pieces and is flat on her back. No woman ought to arrive at this terrible state of misery, because these symptoms are a sure forerunner of womb troubles. She must remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is almost an infallible cure for all female ills, such as irregularity of periods, which cause weak stomach, sick headache, etc., displacements and inflammation of the womb, or any of the multitudes of illnesses which beset the female organism.

Mrs. Gooden wrote to Mrs. Pinkham when she was in great trouble. Her letter tells the result.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am very grateful to you for your kindness and the interest you have taken in me, and truly believe that your medicines and advice are worth more to a woman than all the doctors in the world. My troubles began with inflammation and hemorrhages from the kidneys, then inflammation, congestion and falling of the womb, and inflammation of the ovaries. I underwent local treatment every day for some time; then, after nearly two months, the doctor gave me permission to go back to work. I went back, but in less than a week was compelled to give up and go to bed. On breaking down the second time, I decided to let doctors and medicines alone and try your remedies. Before the first bottle was gone I felt the effects of it. Three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and a package of Sanative Wash did me more good than all the doctors' treatments and medicines. I have gained twelve pounds during the last two months and am better in every way. Thanking you for your kind advice and attention, I remain, Yours gratefully, "MRS. E. J. GOODEN, Ackley, Iowa."

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A. S. GANTT, Furniture, Wall paper, Paints, Oil and Glass. San Angelo, Texas.

LOCAL CHIPS.

Mrs. D. T. Avritt visited her sister, Mrs. A. B. Blackwell, of near Dallas, the latter part of last week.

NOTICE.

Any one wanting fine Berkshire pigs call on A. J. Crockett, 212 miles south of Robert Lee, price \$4 per pair.

J. Hudame, of Bronte, made the RUSTLER a call while in town Tuesday.

Heating and Cook Stoves, at C & G Hagelstein Co., Angelo.

Notice the ad of H. V. Schultz in this issue.

Miss Ina Vestal was among our callers this week.

Canton Disc Plows, at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

Born, on Tuesday night of last week to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Crockett, a girl.

Born, on Monday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Dunlap, a boy.

Bain, Mitchell and Peter Schmittler wagon, lowest prices, at Hagelstein, Angelo.

Tom Cross has his shop completed.

A. H. Higginbotham was in town Monday. He still carries his arm in a sling.

Sewing Machines, Hagelstein's Angelo.

Waver Black, of Sterling City, filed his regular appointment at the A. E. Church Sunday night.

All kinds Farm Implements, at Hagelstein's, Angelo.

Uncle Jimmie Byrd was in town Monday, and handed us some change on subscription.

Yellow Kid Single and Double Disc Plows at Hagelstein's San Angelo.

Miss Emma Hall was a pleasant caller Monday morning.

Mr. Joe Hall made the RUSTLER a pleasant call Monday morning.

Genuine old Casady Sulk, Plow at C & G Hagelstein Co. Angelo.

H. E. Johnston went to San Angelo Monday to meet his mother-in-law, who is going to spend a few weeks with them.

Wardmill and Well Supplies, at C & G Hagelstein Co., Angelo.

C. L. Hughes made a business trip to San Angelo the first of the week.

I have only the best skilled workmen, and do not turn out any "side" work on saddles, and guarantee them not to crack or break or hurt.

Henry Hagelstein
San Angelo.

Mrs. Alf Key and daughters, Miss Vida and little Grace, were pleasant callers Monday.

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J. W. Cattle, of Marafon, was in town Monday.

Judge A. P. McCarty, one of Bronte's business men, called on the RUSTLER Monday.

PEARCE'S PRESCRIPTION PHARMACY

Of Robert Lee, Texas.
SOLICITS YOUR DRUG AND STATIONERY TRADE.

Fresh Drugs, accurate compounding and even-temperated good treatment of all, is our main reliance.

D. H. PEARCE.

When in town stop at the Lee Hotel. Meas 25-cs.

Will Taylor, a former resident of Coke county, now residing in X M, was in town Monday.

Before ordering a saddle else where call on or write to Henry Hagelstein, San Angelo, and get prices on the best line of saddles made.

Grandpa Winans made the RUSTLER a pleasant call Monday. He sends the RUSTLER to two of his relatives in other parts of the state.

When in Ballinger stop at the O. K. Wagon Yard. The best in Ballinger.

J. C. HILL, Mgr.

The best accommodations are to be had at the O. K. Wagon Yard.

J. C. HILL, Proprietor.

Any one needing a nice winter up robe can find just what he needs at Henry Hagelstein's saddle and harness store.

Canton Disc Plows, at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

Genuine old Casady Sulk Plow at C & G Hagelstein Co., San Angelo.

"CROWN" organs are GOOD organs.

There is no organ to be compared with a CROWN organ: you run a risk when you buy the just as good kind: Buy a "CROWN" and be safe.

GEO. ALLEN.

Factory agent for Western Texas since 1890.

San Angelo.

Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Phillips of Valley View, were among our callers Monday.

I buy low and pay top prices—Hides and furs. J. D. Rawls.

B. H. Winans was in town Monday.

Prof. H. T. Carter was in town a few hours Monday.

Hides and Furs are what they say J. D. Rawls is the warm medicine on.

Prof. John A. Stuart, one of the fine men from Bronte, was in town Monday. Mr. Stuart says Coke will turn out at least 5000 bales of cotton this season.

Wanted to buy a cheap farm in Coke Co. Address, C. A. ADAMS, Dublin, Texas.

W. A. Stokes and wife, of Cedar Hill, visited ye editors family Sunday night.

If J. D. Rawls was out of the ring how prices on hide and furs would drop in San Angelo.

Mrs. Tom Andrews sold her place four miles from town to Mr. B. F. Hall.

Still in the ring on hides and furs, and not the least disgraced.

Misses Fannie McCu Chen, May Gumbie and Lillie Stark were very pleasant callers Monday after noon.

ANOTHER APPEAL FOR SISTER W. O. BAKER.

I have now in money and pledged about \$150.00. I had hoped to get the matter before the convention when met at Waco but there was so much to be done in so short a time and such a press for time I could not get the matter before the people. Had I have got the matter before the brethren we would have raised the balance of the \$500.00 but now it is left for us to raise the money.

Brothers and friends the money must come. The friends and neighbors of Sister Baker have promised if we will buy a tract of land near town 160 acres 40 acres in cultivation, and the balance fine grass land costing \$700. If I will raise \$500 they will pay the other \$200.

Come let us raise the \$500, let every one who reads this help.

God has so abundantly blessed us this year let us show our appreciation by obeying one of his commandments to wit: visit the fatherless and the widows in their afflictions.

Contributing friend please leave money with J. A. Green at Robert Lee and Robbins Bros. at Bronte or send it to me at Ft. Chadbourne.

Let every one help a little. We hope to raise the amount by Dec. 29, 1909.

Let those who have pledged please leave the money with the above mentioned men.

D. W. TOWNSEND.

Fetch 'em along—your hide and furs—and get the most for them at J. D. Rawls'.

Mr. Pass Arnett, Miss McFarland and Misses Susie and Kelli Brown were shopping in town last Friday, and while in made the type a pleasant call.

Sewing Machines, Hagelstein's Angelo.

Misses Ina Vestal and Ada Fry are picking cotton for Bob Hayley these days.

Before ordering a saddle else where call on or write to Henry Hagelstein, San Angelo, and get prices on the best line of saddles made.

Miss Daisy Perry, of Panthe Gap, was in town Friday last.

Miss Amelia Caraway, of Hayrick, spent last Saturday in the city.

Try Goss Bro's, at Sango for Good Brooms. They guarantee workmanship and material.

An entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. Grey Reed last Friday night, was enjoyed by a goodly number of young people.

Insist on getting the Goss Bro's broom. They make the best brooms in the west.

A number of the most popular young men of Bronte were among the fair sex of Robert Lee Sunday.

Lost between Lee gin and Sango, one wagon sheet. Return and be rewarded.

Charley Goss.

If you are suffering from drowsiness in the day time, irritability of temper, sleepless nights, general debility, headache, and general want of tone of the system, use HERBINE. You will get a relief and finally a cure. Price 50c at H. H. Pearce's drug store.

H. D. LEFFEL,

The Jeweler.

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Fine Repairing.

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NEW BROOM FACTORY
 We make as good BROOMS as can be found any where. Merchants will do well to examine our brooms and get prices before buying. We Guarantee satisfaction in Quality and price.
GOSS BRO'S
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J. L. BARRON
 Dealer in
 — Groceries — Grain — Hardware —
 The Newest Goods in town. Everything priced right.
 Give me a call when you need any thing in my line.
 West Side Square, — — — — — Robert Lee, Texas.

MRS. M. B. INGRAM.
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MILLINERY, Trimmed Hats, Etc
 Also carry the State School Books, and other school supplies.
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The People of Coke
 Are invited to patronize the PEARCE HOTEL when they have Occasion to visit Ballinger, Texas. H. D. PEARCE, Prop.

City Barber Shop.
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 Courteous treatment and good work at all times.
 When in town, come in and try this well known shop.
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 Also Handles Iron Fencing.
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 C. H. MURPHY, Salesman. SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Constipation means the accumulation of waste matter that should be discharged daily, and unless this is done the foul matter is absorbed and poisons the system. Use HERBINE to bring about regularity of the bowels. Price 50c at H. H. Pearce's drug store.

"A PLAIN DUTY FOR STOCK-MAN" says R. W. Hall, Esq., of Vernon, Texas, with reference to the International Live Stock Exposition. SANTA FE ROUTE will sell excursion tickets to Chicago for this occasion.

If you have sore throat, soreness across the back or side, or your lungs feel sore or tender, or you are threatened with diphtheria or pneumonia, apply BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT externally, and use BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP.

Robert Turner was in with a bale of cotton Monday.

Bro. Denton was in town Saturday.

Bro. Clark was sent back on this work. We wish him success.

H. H. Hayley was in town Saturday.

W. R. Pressler was down Monday.

Read The Rustler.

Coke County Rustler

J. C. NEWTON, Proprietor.

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

TEXANETTES.

All Terrell negroes are being vaccinated.

The furnaces at Rusk are turning out thirty tons of pig iron daily.

The Lampasas National bank, capital stock \$50,000, has been organized.

Several cases of small-pox are reported at Barnes City, Cooke county.

A Mexican and two negroes had a fight at Deulson. One negro was killed.

The Northwest Texas Methodist conference meets next year at Corsicana.

The Port Arthur Milling company has increased the capital stock to \$100,000.

Capt. G. W. McCauley, a Confederate veteran, who lost an eye at Shiloh, died at Devine.

Through mistake Mrs. Fred Guffy was given carbolic acid at Belton. She had a close call.

A marriage license was issued to a couple at Dallas, the groom being 85 years old and the bride 54.

The Northwest Texas Methodist Conference, in session at Georgetown, decided not to divide the same.

A seven-story building is to be erected at Dallas. It will be the largest wholesale saddlery house in the world.

Judge L. H. Scrutchedfield, a Texan since 1849, and the first county judge of Bosque county, died at Valley Mills.

Martin Irons, the labor leader, who figured prominently in the great Southwestern railway strike, died at Bruceville.

John Langford, a resident of Fanin county for forty years, died at Telephone. A son passed away a few hours before, and both were buried in the same grave.

Leigh Burleson, an attorney of San Saba County, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities \$13,276, assets \$6500, claimed to be exempt.

Jack Summer of Fort Worth sues Morrison & Fourny of Galveston for \$5000. He charges that said firm in their Fort Worth directory classify him as "colored."

J. M. McWilliams, president of the Texas Farmers' Alliance, died at his home, near Braselle, Navarro county. He was an ex-member of the legislature and well known all over the state.

Mrs. Burgman, a wealthy Swedish woman, purchased 50,000 acres of farming land about ten miles southeast of Texarkana, on which she proposes to settle a colony of her countrymen.

It is said that all the new officials of Baylor county are bald as a billiard cue except the county attorney. This applies only to the outside of their cranium, however.

Several Grayson county Republicans sent to Gov. and Vice President-elect Roosevelt a gavel made of rawhide. It was accompanied by an appropriately worded letter of congratulation.

L. Nelson, the Dallas horse trainer, who was injured in a railroad wreck near Vicksburg, Miss., several days ago, has written to Col. Henry Exall a letter, in which he says his condition is not serious.

Sam Hager, a prominent citizen and farmer, living a few miles from Lake, was found dead in his wagon a few weeks returning from the gin at Easterly, where he had taken cotton. No marks of violence.

Rev. John Wilhams, colored, and his son, were accidentally shot at Clarksville while another one of his sons was carelessly handling a breech-loading shot gun. The old man was shot through the right arm and the boy in both hands.

In his charge to the grand jury at Edna Judge Thompson said the legislature should endow a chair in the University of Texas for teaching and promoting kind treatment to dumb brutes cruelly should be punished for the same.

A corporation owning several independent telephone exchanges in Texas has a representative at Austin, who will shortly apply to the council of Austin for a franchise to put in a system. A franchise was refused some months ago by a vote of 4 to 2.

FILIPINO FORTRESS

Captured by the Americans at Town of Pinauran.

OCCUPANTS DEPARTED QUICKLY

It Was the Stronghold of the Insurgent Chief, Geronimo, and Was Considered Impenetrable.

Manila, Nov. 26.—The fortress of the insurgent chief, Geronimo, at Pinauran, which the insurgents boasted was impenetrable, was taken and destroyed by a picked force of the Forty-second and Twenty-seventh infantry, and Troop G of the Fourth cavalry, under Col. Thompson. Geronimo and most of the rebels escaped. The leader has long harassed the Twenty-seventh infantry, operating in the vicinity of San Mateo, Alban and Novaliches. He was finally located at Tauran, twenty-nine miles north of Manila. His position was considered the strongest in Luzon. It was a stone fortress surmounting a steep hill, surrounded by canyons. The Spanish forces lost heavily in attempting to take it.

Col. Thompson mobilized landmen at Mount Alban. The place was attacked on four sides. Capt. Carey of the Forty-second advancing from the south, a detachment of the Twenty-seventh from the east, Capt. Casteel of the Twenty-seventh from the west and Capt. Sloan of the Twenty-seventh from the north. The ascents were steep, and the men climbed them by grasping the shrubbery. The enemy with a force numbering several hundred fled before the attackers reached the top. The Americans destroyed 1000 insurgent uniforms, scores of buildings and large quantities of supplies, and secured a barrel full of documents.

Private Hart of the Twenty-seventh and Private Knoppper of the Forty-second and two native scouts were killed and twelve of the attacking force were wounded. The insurgents could not be captured.

Lieut. Alstaetter of the United States engineer corps, who was recently released by the insurgents, arrived in Manila Saturday evening. He had been in captivity at Babal since Aug. 1. Gen. Funston surrendered the rebel, Maj. Vantuse, on the release of Lieut. Alstaetter. The latter is well and says he received fair treatment. He escaped on Sept. 21, but was recaptured.

It is unofficially reported that Gen. Torres, the insurgent commander at Bulacan, has been captured by Gen. Grant's scouts. Gen. Grant wired Gen. Wheaton that the entire garrison at San Jose had been captured, but that Gen. Torres was not among them.

The funeral of Baron Dumaris, the Frenchman who was killed by the insurgents while within their lines last year, where he had gone to intercede with Anginaldo for the release of the Spanish prisoners, took place Sunday in the great church of San Augustin in Manila. It was attended by a distinguished concourse, including generals, commissioners, consuls and hundreds of Americans, who were on each side of the catafalque in front of the altar. Archbishop Chappelle blessed the remains.

Four natives will be hanged at Dagupan, Luzon, next Thursday. They are under conviction for arson and murder, the victims of the latter crime including two American prisoners. The military courts are now returning numerous death sentences upon natives. Particulars have just been received from Holo of the battle of Oct. 30 of Bugason, island of Panay, when 200 bolomen and fifty riflemen attacked the Americans, who lost three killed—Lieut. H. M. Koontz, Sergt. Kitchen and Corporal Burns, all of company Forty-fourth infantry.

Cuban Protest.

Havana, Nov. 26.—At a meeting held in Havana by the opponents of Mgr. Sbarretti, bishop of Havana, Gen. Gomez presented a resolution that all the municipalities should send the bishop telegrams informing him that he was not to be considered as a representative of the Cuban clergy. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 10 to 2.

RAN INTO ROCKS

And All on Board are Thought to Have Been Drowned.

Quebec, Que., Nov. 26.—News was received here Saturday afternoon that the steamer St. Olaf, which has been coasting between this port and Point au Esquimaux, in the lower St. Lawrence, for the past two years, had become a total wreck off Seven islands and that all her crew was entirely lost. The first dispatch from Seven islands brought but very meager news, and it was only late in the afternoon that A. Frazier & Co., owners of the steamer, were informed of the extent of the disaster. Besides the nineteen men of the steamer's crew it was learned that seven passengers had also perished.

The Saint Olaf was an iron steamer of 305 tons, and was built on the Clyde at Port Glasgow in 1882. She was valued at about \$40,000 and insured for about \$20,000. The last news heard of the St. Olaf was that she had left Sheldrake on Wednesday, and shortly after the signal station dispatches reported rough weather with gales and snow, and it is supposed that during one of these gales the St. Olaf ran ashore on the rocks at the entrance of Seven islands, as the dispatch states she was wrecked on Boule Island.

As soon as the news of the wreck reached Seven islands a searching party went out to attempt to rescue any of the shipwrecked people if possible, but this was impossible, as every one aboard the vessel seems to have been lost.

News was received here later that the St. Olaf is lying on the rocks and at low tide two feet of her hull can be seen out of the water.

Alleged Bribery Attempt.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 26.—A man claiming to be J. E. Gibson, a building contractor from Logansport, Indiana, has been taken into custody here on an affidavit sworn out by Gov. Longino to the effect that Gibson had attempted by bribery to secure his influence to receive the contract for the new \$1,000,000 statehouse.

According to the governor's story related at the preliminary hearing, Gibson tried to induce him to open the statehouse bids on the day preceding the letting of the contract and furnish his firm with the figures so that they could prepare a bid lower than the others.

The governor testified that Gibson offered him any sum he would ask to do this.

At the preliminary hearing Gibson was admitted to bond in the sum of \$5000.

Confers With Towne.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 26.—William Jennings Bryan arrived in Chicago Saturday morning from Lincoln. He drove to the Auditorium Annex, where he did not register, but was shown to the room occupied by Charles A. Towne of Minnesota. There he remained in consultation with Mr. Towne and former Senator Fred T. Dubois of Idaho until Saturday night, when he returned to Lincoln. Mr. Bryan refused to say what was discussed during the meeting, but did not deny that the future policy of the Democratic party was one of the topics discussed.

To the question of what he thought of the proposed reorganization of the Democratic party, he said:

"I have nothing to say on that line at this time."

Terrible Storm.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 26.—A terrible storm did much damage. Trains are unable to get over the Knoxville and Ohio Valley track and east and west trains over the main line of the Southern railway are finding the same difficulty, the tracks being washed out. From latest reports there is continual fear on this account. The streams are rising rapidly and the greatest damage from the train already can not be estimated.

United States wants a coaling station in China.

Roberts' Request.

London, Nov. 26.—"We understand," says the Daily Express, "that Lord Roberts recently requested the government to send 20,000 regulars to South Africa to relieve the same number still in the field, but that his request was refused on account of expense. After condemning the government refusal as 'ruinous economy,' the Daily Express went on to describe Lord Roberts' 'drastic plan of operation.'"

CLOSE SCRUTINY

Will in Future be Exercised as to Admission of Emigrants.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Strong efforts have been made by the treasury department to prevent undesirable emigrants from entering this country. Some weeks ago a representative of the department went to Montreal, Canada, where he met the representative of the different shipping companies. He arranged with them to have a United States surgeon examine all passengers before they had left the boat. He made the further agreement that all passengers who were deemed undesirable should not be allowed to land, but should be returned to the country from which they sailed. This arrangement has worked very satisfactorily. The emigrants now coming into this country are of the better class. They can either read or write the English language and have money. This arrangement insures to the northwest and middle western states a class of citizens who at some future date will become a credit to the country. The United States inspection station is at Quebec in the summer months, but when the St. Lawrence becomes frozen over during the winter, the station is moved to St. Johns or Halifax. This will prevent any undesirable emigrants from entering the country during the winter.

The success of the arrangements thus made has led the department to make further inquiries. They are now talking over a plan to appoint a United States surgeon at Liverpool. Just how this arrangement will be made is not known, but the officials express themselves as well satisfied that such an arrangement will be made. When this is done no undesirable emigrant will be allowed to leave that port and the steamship companies will be saved the trouble and expense of reshipping them to the port from which they left. This inspector will make a point of examining the emigrants for the purpose of learning if they are diseased, indigent, or have criminal records. While this latter feature does not properly come under the head of a medical examination, it is urged that while the examination is being made the inspector may as well make a good job of it and thus save the inspector at this end a lot of unnecessary bother. It is expected that some arrangements will be made within the next few days.

Features for 1901.

Rudyard Kipling will have a new novel before the public in the early days of next year. It bears the odd and brief title of "Kim," and is the longest and most important work this world-admired author has yet written, besides being startling. It is a story of life in India. This story will appear in serial form in McClure's Magazine. During 1901 this periodical will publish also "New Deal Dialogues," by Anthony Hope, and short stories by such celebrities as Joel Chandler Harris, Robert Barr, Sarah Orne Jewett and Hamlin Garland. Special articles on popular science, biography, nature studies, new inventions and history by competent authorities will also be given.

In the December Century William N. Pethick, Li Hung Chang's confidential secretary, gives a vivid account of the Peking siege. He is an American.

"The Angel's Song," by Fanny Crosby, beautifully illustrated, is a December Delinicator gem.

Is Incalculable.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 24.—No additional windstorm fatalities have been reported in Monroe county. Advices from Clarendon say the greatest damage to farms occurred southeast of that place. Though some fatalities have been reported from that section, later reports indicate that none occurred, and that the several persons injured will recover.

The damage to farms, however, is incalculable.

Fighting at Last Accounts.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 24.—The British steamer Baradin, which has just arrived here from Colon, reports that severe fighting occurred Monday and Tuesday at Culebra. The government forces attacked the rebels, who occupied a good position, with the result that the losses of the former were heavy.

The fighting continued when the steamer left Tuesday night. The stores and restaurants at Colon were closed.

SAYS HE SAW FROST.

A Louisiana Man Says the Sheriff Asked Him for Employment.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 24.—A special from Shreveport, La., says:

The man who met and recognized a man in this city Monday as Sheriff Frost of Chambers county, Texas, is J. N. Hagan, superintendent of construction on the Shreveport and Red River Valley railroad. A statement made by Mr. Hagan, which is as follows, was in the Times:

"I am as positive that I saw John L. Frost Monday afternoon in this city as I know my own name.

"Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock a man accosted me and asked if my name was Hagan. I replied in the affirmative and he asked me for a position. I asked him if he had had any experience in the railroad business, especially in the construction department. He stated that he had not and I informed him that it would be impossible to use a man in the carpenter department. He introduced himself as Randall and, leaving me, went down to the new trestle and sat down. I was sure I had seen the man before and that his name was Frost. So certain was I of the name being Frost that I went toward the trestle to see him. I noticed him sitting there downcast. He glanced up and, noticing me coming, got up and met me before I reached the trestle. When we met he again introduced himself, at the same time, saying: 'I believe I met you before up at the shed.' We spoke a short time and finally I said: 'Why man, your name is not Randall; it is Frost, and you are from Wallisville, Tex.'"

"When I made this statement he turned pale and placed his hand on his hip pocket and at the same time he hurled an oath at me. I then left him and returned to my work.

"I have known Frost for the past seven or eight years. The first time I met him was in Wallisville in the winter of 1892-93, where I was employed by Cummings Bros. of Fort Worth, Tex., who erected the large mill which was built there during that time.

"Frost is about five feet nine or ten seven or eight years. The first time I met him was in Wallisville in the third finger of his right hand missing. The man whom I met answers this description in every particular. He was dressed in a brown suit of clothes, wore a light Stetson and had a few days' growth of reddish beard on his face.

"As I stated before, I knew Frost in Wallisville during the winter of 1892-93. While there I boarded with a family named Stamps and I am sure they will remember me."

"Mr. Hagan, when you met this man, whom you are positive is Sheriff Frost, did you know it was thought he had been murdered?"

"The first information I had that Sheriff Frost was supposed to have been murdered was after I had met him. At the time I knew nothing of the affair. As soon as I read a paper stating that it was thought that he had met foul play I immediately notified an officer that I had met and recognized him in this city. My candid opinion is that he is insane. His every action indicated such. When leaving me he stated he would go across the river and make an effort to secure a position in one of the mills. Whether he went I am unable to say."

The parish and city officials are working on the case, but so far nothing additional has developed.

Not a Muzzling Moment.

Denton, Tex., Nov. 24.—George Hammock and Bryce Hammett, young farmers, while returning home were held up and robbed by three men who, covering them with a shotgun, demanded their money on point of instant death. Hammock had \$44, all of which he gave up at the point of the gun, and Hammett was more fortunate in having but \$12, all of which he, too, gave up in the face of the shotgun without a murmur.

Caused by a Cotton Bale.

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 24.—A fatal accident occurred on board the English ship Matinea, Capt. Kehoe master, lying at Pier No. 10. James Fallon, a sailor, 20 years of age, was struck by a cotton bale, the force of which knocked him overboard.

He was taken to a hospital, where he died shortly after regaining consciousness.

KRUGER IN FRANCE

Historic Old Marseilles Gives Him a Warm Welcome.

BOERS WILL NEVER SURRENDER,

Says the Head of the Transvaal Government, but Will Continue the Warfare to the Bitter End.

Marseilles, Nov. 23.—Paul Kruger, former president of the South African Republic, landed here at 10:45 a. m. Thursday. Mr. Kruger can not but be elated at the warmth of his reception by the people of Marseilles. He may be said to have been borne on an irresistible wave of enthusiasm from the landing stage to his hotel. The broad streets and boulevards through which the route lay presented a perfect sea of human beings all gathered there prompted by the unanimous desire to welcome the aged Boer statesman. From the moment the white, twelve-oared barge left the side of the Gelderland with Mr. Kruger, who appeared to be in good health, sitting in her stern, surrounded by the Boer representatives, including Dr. Leyds and Messrs. Fischer and Wessels, a storm of cheers broke and never ceased until Mr. Kruger entered his hotel. Even then a vast concourse of people remained in front of the building until Mr. Kruger appeared on the balcony, where he had to remain for some time uncovered, acknowledging the exclamations of his thousands of admirers, who continued cheering until they were hoarse with shouting.

Replying to the storm of acclamations from the solid block of thousands of enthusiastic people, Mr. Kruger said the warm reception given him would do much to soothe the wounds in his heart. The Boers, he added, will never sacrifice their freedom. They will rather be exterminated to the last man. Replying to the addresses of welcome of the presidents of the Paris and Marseilles committees Mr. Kruger spoke in Dutch in a low voice, accompanying his words with energetic movements of his hat, which he held in his right hand. After thanking the committees for the warmth of the reception accorded him and expressing gratitude for the sympathy he had received from the French government he spoke of the war as terrible and barbarously conducted by the British. He said:

"I have fought with savages, but the present war is even worse. We will never surrender. We are determined to fight to the last extremity, and if the republics of the Transvaal and Orange Free State lose their independence it will be because they have lost every man, woman and child."

This declaration which Mr. Kruger made dispelled at once any impression that he intends to accept a compromise from the British government. His announcement was greeted with a roar of cheers and cries of "Vive Kruger," "Vive les Boer," "Vive la liberte."

The scene at the landing place was an animated one. The decks of all the steamers in the Lyons basin were crowded with sightseers. The crowds swelled to great proportions as the news spread through the city that the Gelderland had entered the harbor.

Noted Composer Dead.
London, Nov. 23.—Sir Arthur Sullivan the musical composer, is dead, the result of heart failure.

His death was very sudden. While he was laughing and talking in his house he fell down and died within a few minutes or heart failure.

Sir Arthur had been ailing since he returned from Switzerland, in the middle of September. He caught a chill there and his chest and lungs became affected. He took to his bed a fortnight ago, but was convalescing and sitting up in his bed just before he expired.

The afternoon newspapers print long eulogies of the deceased.

Saw Himself Impersonated.
Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 23.—W. J. Bryan saw himself impersonated on the minstrel stage Thursday night at the Oliver theater. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were the special guests of honor this being Mr. Bryan's first public appearance since his return from Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and Lee Lockstader of the minstrel company were Mr. Bryan's guests at the Oliver Thursday afternoon, and in turn accepted their invitation to attend the show.

SENATOR JONES' VIEWS.

He Characterizes Talk of Democratic Reorganization as Nonsense.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 23.—United States Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, spent Thursday here and left in the evening for Washington, D. C. Before leaving he said in an interview:

"The election result was a great surprise to all Democrats. All were so confident of success that the sweeping Republican victory came as a severe shock. Even on the evening of the day of election reassuring telegrams came from leaders that New York was safe for Bryan and from the leaders in other pivotal states that Democracy was sure to win. It was these forecasts which buoyed us up to the last moment and made the actual result more startling. But Mr. Bryan is a great man, one of the greatest in America today, and his influence will be felt for many years to come in American politics. He is a giant in intellect and simply indefatigable in the prosecution of a campaign. Whether he will be a candidate for the presidency in the near future remains to be seen, but it is not probable that he will. It is more reasonable to presume that he would decline the nomination even should it be offered to him.

"Reorganization? Oh, that's all nonsense. There's nothing in it and it will blow over in thirty days. It is precipitated by those who deserted the party and gave aid and comfort to the enemy and does not represent the strength or the spirit of genuine Democracy. What they would do is to adopt all the policies of the Republican party and be Democrats only in name. But, granting that there is cause or strength for so-called reorganization, who has the power within the party to do it? Not the disgruntled disorganizers who have raised the issue. If there is to be a reorganization of the national committee or platform it can not be done for four years, or until the next national convention. No one else can reorganize the party.

"As to the issues, that must depend largely upon the national and international developments of the next four years. It may be laid down primarily, however, that the Democratic party will never vary from its established fundamentals of a strict construction of the constitution and an unswerving adherence to its principles, and an economically administered government for the benefit of the governed. The silver question may solve itself. Should the amount of gold produced be ample to maintain a sufficient volume of metallic money and insure the stability of prices, the silver question will be made prominent. The question of imperialism may also find a solution outside the ballotbox. I believe the supreme court will decide against the Porto Rican law, and should this be done there will be a revulsion on the part of the Republicans themselves against the retention of the Philippine islands, but just what the issues of 1904 will be no one can predict with any degree of certainty."

Property Damage Great.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 23.—The property damage during the storm will reach thousands, the railroads suffering the most damage with the traction lines. Pomona and El Paso lines via Shorb were reported in a fair condition and on the Duarte branch train service may be restored by morning. The lines to Pasadena via Shorb to Santa Ana and Downey are washed away. The sunset limited, as well as the regular westbound trains due Thursday are tied up at Pomona. The Santa Fe, like the Southern Pacific, is tied up in all directions except the line practically tied up in all directions except the line to Red Lands.

Merchant Murdered.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 23.—The Herald says:

Charles S. Milford, the hardware merchant, was foully murdered. With the passage of the excitement and incident to the finding of the body on Wednesday morning the police have collected evidence to show that it was an assassination by a thief or an enemy who opened the door from the side and shot Milford.

Capt. William M. Smith, of Illinois, has been appointed chief of the engraving bureau.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Charles Hoyt, the noted playwright, is dead.

France reports a great increase in divorces.

Serious gas explosions are reported at Marion, Hartford City and Bluffton, Ind.

The closing session of the Spanish-American congress was brilliant.

Two men were arrested at Brooklyn charged with stealing 600 pounds of opium.

L. P. Sherman, brother of the late ex-Secretary Sherman, died at Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. C. C. Parker of Tipton, Ind., was terribly burned by an explosion of natural gas.

The United States supreme court sustains the legality of the Tennessee law against cigarettes.

George J. Gould sold his yacht, Atalanta, fully equipped as a war vessel, to Venezuela for \$125,000.

Florence, Ala., shipped 1000 tons of pig iron to Bremen, Germany. This was the third shipment in sixty days.

Capt. Peter Everett, aged 65, the famous Confederate raider, died at the asylum at Lexington, Ky., of erysipelas.

In a quarrel about the sale of a book Thomas Booth was hot and killed at Tuscaloosa, Ala., by her 14-year-old son.

The newspapers and theatrical managers of Pittsburg, Pa., are to open war all on account of the discontinuance of free passes.

Gov.-elect Durbin of Indiana is credited with saying that he has never promised protection to Kentucky political refugees.

Robert C. Brickell, ex-chief justice of Alabama, and for many years one of the most prominent jurists of the south, died at Huntsville, that state.

The Methodist conference of Virginia, in session at Norfolk, donated \$1318.30 for the relief of the denomination's churches at Galveston.

Mrs. Nancy Hollifield, said to have been the oldest woman in North Carolina, died at Ellenboro. Her age is given at 100 years.

Hoisting engineers at mines 8 and 11 near Brazil, Ind., went out on strike for an increase of from \$75 to \$80 per month and an eight-hour day.

The Epworth League of northern Indiana met at Marion with an attendance of 250, representing 200 leagues. Albert A. Small of Anderson presided.

Roachdale, Ind., has telephonic connection with all surrounding cities and towns, including Indianapolis, and now contemplates heating the city by steam at nominal cost.

Col. Charles Caughling, who was a member of Commander-in-Chief Vandervoort's staff and had been marine editor of the Toledo (O.) Blade thirty-six years, is dead.

The annual report of the government hospital marine service shows 2,076 patients, an increase of 133—the largest increase in its history—and predicts a total of 2,275 inmates at the close of the present year.

Rev. C. C. Morgan of New Court Congregational chapel, London, announced from his pulpit that he had accepted the pastorate at Northfield, Mass., in succession to the late Dwight L. Moody.

Two hundred and fifty-nine miners returned on the steamer Nome City to Seattle, Wash., which arrived from the gold fields. The vessel's cargo consisted of about \$100,000, principally the possession of individuals.

"Uncle" Allen Harrison, aged 90 years, of Scott township, Montgomery county, Indiana, on election day voted, and that night walked two and one-half miles to Ladoga and watched the bulletin boards until midnight, walking back home.

News was received at Fort Dodge, Ia., of the death at his old home in Ohio of Capt. J. A. O. Yeoman, who was one of the captors of Jefferson Davis. He was a prominent Democratic politician and well known in his state.

At a mass meeting held at Denver strong protests were made against the action of the Limon mob that burned John Porter, the negro murderer, at the stake. The meeting was presided over by C. M. Hobbs, president of the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Edith Booth, 23 years old, an actress formerly attached to Marie Burroughs' company, died in a mental hospital at New York from the effects of an accident which she met with some time since when she was thrown from a carriage in Central park.

FIELD AND FLOCK.

Wheat and fall oats look well around Midlothian.

A number of Hill county stockmen are shipping cattle.

Corn around Kempner averaged thirty bushels per acre.

Cotton in the Corpus Christi country is nearly all picked.

The heaviest rain of the season fell in Harrison county on the 20th.

Panthers are committing depredations on ranches around Van Horn.

Thirty-five tons of hay burned in the barn of Hodges & Barnett at Hillsboro.

Beville expects to soon ship out large quantities of cabbage and cauliflower.

At Sonora, Tex., Bob and Wilbur Miers bought of E. S. Birant 769 stock sheep at \$2 a head.

The Taylor County Poultry and Pot Stock association has been organized at Abilene. An exhibit will be given during Christmas week.

A few of the farmers on Red river near Paris, despairing of having their cotton gathered, are offering part of it to have the other part picked.

Cheatham & Owens sold a lot of forty bales of long staple cotton for 13c per pound at Clarksville on the 17th, the highest price paid up to that time.

A carload of Navarro county pecans was shipped from Corsicana to Liverpool, England, and other shipments will follow to the same place in a short time.

In a cotton picking contest at Good Hope, Ga., Warner S. Hale gathered 732 pounds of the staple. His friends claim he has established a record for one day.

There has been an unprecedented demand this year in the Indian Territory some nurserymen say, for fruit trees, as a great many orchards are being set out.

M. R. Birdwell of Mineral Wells shipped one car of mules to Fort Worth, where they were received by the agent of the British government for the Transvaal.

D. J. Williams, a Cooke county farmer, who shipped twenty bales of cotton to the Paris exposition, has received a gold medal and 100 francs, the first premium for the best cotton exhibit.

Mr. Dederich Knibbe, a large farm owner in the Twin Sister valley, Kendall county, has this season already had seventy bales of cotton ginned and probably will have 100 bales before the season ends.

A cargo of 360,000 bushels of flax seed insured at \$1.85 per bushel, representing a value of \$481,000, has been loaded at Duluth for Buffalo. The vessel is valued at \$350,000, making a total valuation of \$831,000.

Americus, Ga., reports the top cotton crop in southwestern Georgia is a total failure. Inspection of specimens were all destroyed by caterpillars as fast as they reached any size. Aberdeen, Miss., reports a killing frost.

Twenty-one thousand sacks of rice have been shipped from Taylor bayou rice farms this season to Beaumont and Port Arthur rice mills. Threshing on the bayou still continues, and altogether a very satisfactory season has been had.

John Kocurek, who farms in the Yegua bottom, Burleson county, has just finished digging a big crop of fine sweet potatoes. One weighs twelve and one-half pounds and the other ten pounds and he further asserts that both came from the same vine.

Uvalde county farmers and ranchmen recently sold to a Tyler firm in one day 86,000 pounds of pecans at \$5.86 per 100 pounds. The yield of pecans in Uvalde county this year has been immense, 600,000 pounds having been sold thus far this season.

The Kansas assessors' reports for the year ending March 1 show that the value of poultry and eggs marketed within the year was \$5,060,332, a gain over 1899 of 19.3 per cent, and likewise the largest value ever reported for the state.

The department of agriculture has advertised for bids for furnishing seeds to the department for the usual distribution, the bids to be opened in Washington on Dec. 12, about three months earlier than the opening last year.

Cotton is practically all gathered around Caldwell and there is nothing left to be gathered. People are now, except the best method of fighting the Mexican boll weevil, which is expected to break loose with fury of next year's crop of cotton.

LEASE LAW LEGAL.

The Supreme Court of the State Holds that it is Constitutional.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 23.—The supreme court, in an opinion by Judge Gaines, sustained the constitutionality of the absolute lease law by refusing the mandamus application of W. M. Reed vs. Charles Rogan, land commissioner. The law was attacked on two points: 1. That it is violation of article 7, section IV, of the constitution, which provides for the sale of the school lands. 2. That it was not in conformity with section 56, article III, of the constitution, which requires notice by publication of the intended passage of a local or special law, it being contended that the lease law is local, because it applies only to certain counties, and that notice was not given of the intended passage.

With reference to the first point the court holds that as the constitution gave the legislature power to prescribe the times, terms and manner of sale, "the several legislatures are vested with unlimited discretion." The court says: "It is not conceivable that it was intended to prohibit the legislature from deriving a revenue by a lease of the lands until such time as in its wisdom it deemed proper to place them on the market for sale. But the question as to the power of the legislature to authorize leases is no longer an open one."

The court makes the following observation: "The only doubt that has been expressed is as to the validity of a law authorizing leases which would operate to prevent a sale of the lands where desired by a succeeding legislature. Whether one legislature can, by authorizing a lease of the school lands, prevent another from providing for a sale of the leased premises is a grave question, but we are not called upon to decide it in this case."

In overruling the second point the court, among other things, says: "The sales of the school lands of the state may be a matter of especial importance to the people who reside in the localities where they are situated. They are none the less a matter of interest to the people in general and to the state itself. Not only is the public school fund, of which the lands are a part, a matter of public interest, but also the provision in question confers upon a citizen of the state who is capable of contracting and who may comply with its conditions the right to lease or purchase the lands therein designated."

"To say that the legislature can not provide different conditions for the sale of the lands in one locality from those provided in another, except by a law passed under the constitutional restrictions as to local legislation, would be to say that it could not authorize a sale or make disposition of the landed property owned by it in its capital city without giving notice of the intention to apply for the passage of the law, as provided in section 57 of article III of the constitution. In such a case who is to give the notice? The simple solution of the question is that the people of the state, its people, are interested in the property of the state, and that a law that provides for its sale is a general and public law."

Explosion and Fire.

Corsicana, Tex., Nov. 23.—At Powell, nine miles east of this city, on the Cotton Belt road, between 12 o'clock Wednesday night and 3 o'clock Thursday morning burglars broke into the general store of J. B. Town & Bro. The burglars got tools from a blacksmith shop. They blew open a safe and got \$50 or \$60 in cash. The explosion that blew open the safe is supposed to have set fire to the building, as about 3 o'clock Thursday morning the store was discovered to be burning, and it was destroyed. From the Towns building the flames spread to the general store of W. W. Adams, in which the postoffice was located, and it was also destroyed, only a small portion of the stock being saved. All the wa burned.

For New Company.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 23.—This is the twentieth day of the telephone strike. Mercantile and residence phones are still muzzled, and new operators or linemen have been installed. The exchange is doing business on a limited scale. The strikers are soliciting phones for the new telephone company. Work is going on in a new exchange. It is claimed the strikers and their sympathizers secured 304 telephone contracts for the new company Thursday.

The Quarterly Report

Of C. I. Hughes, County Treasurer of Coke County Texas, for the quarter ending November 12th, 1900 having been examined in open court, it is ordered by the court that it be and the same is hereby approved.

Said report showing balances, receipts and disbursements and commissions, as follows.

JURY FUND, First class.

To balance	2.46	
By amount received during quarter	25.48	
By amount paid out during quarter		9.49
By amount per cent commission on amount received		.43
By amount per cent commission on amount paid out		.24
Amount to balance	17.61	17.61
To balance	27.94	27.94
To balance	17.61	

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND, Second class.

To balance	230.13	
To amount received during quarter	23.70	
To amount transferred from other funds	200.00	
By amount paid out during quarter		416.85
By amount per cent commission on amount received		.20
By amount per cent commission on amount paid out		11.16
Amount to balance	31.73	31.73
To balance	492.83	492.83
To balance	31.73	

GENERAL COUNTY FUND, Third class.

By amount to balance	555.55	
To amount received during quarter	58.46	
By amount paid out during quarter		6.50
By amount transferred to other funds		59.98
By amount per cent commission on amount received		2.24
By amount per cent commission on amount paid out		.14
Amount to balance	636.73	636.73
To balance	636.73	636.73
By balance	557.07	

BONDING FUND.

To balance	570.82	
To amount received during quarter	37.38	
By amount transferred to other funds		450.90
By amount per cent commission on amount received		.93
Amount to balance	177.29	177.29
To balance	628.20	628.20
To amount to balance	177.29	

COKE COUNTY BRIDGE FUND.

To balance	541.12	
To amount received during quarter	122.42	
By amount paid out during quarter		8.89
By amount transferred to other funds		200.00
By amount per cent commission on amount received		.46
By amount per cent commission on amount paid out		1.11
Amount to balance	561.92	561.92
To balance	568.54	568.54
To balance	561.92	

COKE COUNTY C. H. & J. FUND.

To balance	713.53	
To amount received during quarter	69.17	
By amount paid out during quarter		11.29
By amount per cent commission on amount received		1.27
By amount per cent commission on amount paid out		.39
Amount to balance	763.6	763.6
To balance	782.70	782.70
To balance	763.6	

TOM GREEN COUNTY C. H. & J. FUND.

To balance	605.92	
To amount received during quarter	21.39	
By amount paid out during quarter		4.21
By amount per cent commission on amount received		.47
By amount per cent commission on amount paid out		.11
Amount to balance	625.2	625.2
To balance	631.22	631.2
To balance	625.2	

TOM GREEN R. & B.

To balance	461.60	
To amount received during quarter	18.69	
By amount paid out during quarter		3.2
By amount per cent commission on amount received		.4
By amount per cent commission on amount paid out		.6
Amount to balance	475.9	475.9
To balance	478.09	478.0
To balance	475.9	

CONTINGENT FUND.

To balance	75.94	
To amount transferred from other funds	506.08	
By amount paid out during quarter		449.7
By amount per cent commission on amount paid out		11.24
Amount to balance	121.31	121.31
To balance	582.62	582.1
To balance	121.31	

We the undersigned Commissioner of Coke County Texas, do solemnly swear that the requirements of Art. 867, Chap. 1, Title 25, of the revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the act of March 29, 1899 have been in all things fully complied with at the November term, 1900 of said court and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the County Treasurers quarterly report made by the County Treasurer of Coke County Texas, and held by him for the coun-

ty, have been fully inspected and examined by us and that the amount of money in his hand is \$12.26 and the asset is \$1713.93.

G. Graham, County Judge, J. L. Barrington, com. prec. no. 1, B. A. Taylor, com. prec. no. 2, D. S. Cunningham, com. prec. no. 3, G. V. Payne, com. prec. no. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of Nov. 1900.

T. W. Barnett Co. Clk., Coke Co., Tex.

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Official Directory.

DISTRICT.
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Attorney, D. D. Wallace.
Clerk, J. W. Barnett.
Sheriff, L. B. Murray.
COUNTY.
Judge, G. D. Graham.
Attorney, W. C. Meredith.
Clerk, J. W. Barnett.
Sheriff & Tax Collector, L. B. Murray.
H. & A. Inspector, Will Perry.
Treasurer, C. L. Hughes.
Assessor, W. W. McCutchen
Surveyor.

Church Directory.

BAPTIST Services on 3rd Sunday in each month, N. D. Barlow pastor
CHRISTIAN Services on first Sunday in each month, J. Hooton pastor.
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METHODIST PROTESTANT Services on fourth Sunday in each month.

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

Coke County.

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

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

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

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

Editor Rustler,
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