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Wipe Out the Telegraph Monopoly.

There are strong signs that Henry C. Payne's appointment as postmaster general was intended to pave the way for the government ownership of the telegraph and possibly the telephone lines.

Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines is the natural outcome of a government postal system and a thing eminently to be desired, but for the government to take over the enormously over-capitalized telegraph and telephone companies at their inflated valuations would be a swindle of the most gigantic proportions.

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Here is an Australian dog story from the back blocks: A sheep dog had been brought from the station into a small township and fretted after the sheep. One day not a child was to be seen about the place, and as evening came on the township became alarmed. Search was made, and the juveniles were found huddled up in the corner of a paddock, where the dog had rounded them up. He had no sheep to look after, so he took the children. The narrator of this lie guarantees it as a fact.

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No trouble to sell eggs. Oranges have a steady sale. Wisconsin has 317 creameries. Sweet potatoes find steady sale. Terra has handled over 20,000 bales of cotton this season. Loco is said to be appearing in portions of Hill county.

A heavy tide of immigration is pouring into Deaf Smith county, Texas.

S. Edwards of Seymour sold two carloads of hogs at Fort Worth at fair prices.

The scarcity of water is becoming a serious problem in a number of localities.

At a public sale of blooded horses in San Antonio some fine animals were disposed of.

Flaxseed receipts at the principal markets up to Jan. 1 are estimated at 21,459,000 bushels.

Wilson Bros. of Denton made a recent shipment of six cars of beef cattle to Kansas City.

It is estimated that there are 35,000 steers in the Pecos valley that will be marketable by spring.

Mart Adams of Pecos takes charge of Gibson & Baldrige's ranch as manager, vice James Adams, resigned.

South Dakota Horticultural society held a two-day session at Sioux Falls last week. The attendance was large.

Norris Bros. shipped eight carloads of cattle to Kansas City. They were fed at the Detroit, Tex., cotton seed oil mill.

Sugar beet farmers in the vicinity of Bloomington, Ill., are abandoning its cultivation, claiming the industry is unprofitable.

The Alabama Stock Breeders' association met last week at Tuscaloosa. The attendance comprised a number of prominent stockmen.

Mark Thompson, a Kaufman county farmer, in the Abner community, reports that green bugs have destroyed a large field of oats on his farm within the last three or four weeks.

According to the Boer agent, Gen. Pearson, the Texas mule is a valuable animal, as the general declares if it was not for the Lone Star beasts his people would soon triumph over the forces of John Bull.

Nearly every Illinois county was represented at the Illinois Corn Growers' and Stockmen's convention, which was held at the University of Illinois, in Champaign. The meeting was of vast benefit to those present.

The Texas State Swine Breeders' association meets at Hillsboro, Feb. 4-5. There are 20 members of the association, most of whom are expected to be on hand. An excellent programme replete with useful information has been prepared.

Dave Bosson, a farmer residing near Cresson, Hood county, while in Granbury, some days ago, said there were green bugs in the wheat of his section and that several fields of wheat had been badly damaged by the pests.

John Devine, general manager of the Cuban Live Stock company, is buying cattle in Texas to be shipped to Neu-rites, Cuba. He expects to make a shipment early in February. His object is, he says, to restock that portion of the island.

Lancaster, Dallas county, has made several cattle shipments to northern markets the past few weeks. The animals sent have been prime heaves and the prices realized of a satisfactory character. Other shipments will be made soon.

The North Texas Poultry and Pet Stock association held a meeting at Dallas. Henry M. Skelton was elected president and Arthur Emery secretary pro tem. Another meeting will be held Feb. 1.

J. D. McCutcheon shipped from Longview five cars of very fine cattle. They were sent to Kansas City. The animals were fed in pastures in the vicinity of Longview. They brought excellent prices.

The DeLeon Truck and Fruit Growers' association has been organized at DeLeon. The members intend planting a considerable acreage in Irish and sweet potatoes, onions, cabbage, peanuts and tomatoes. A canning factory is in contemplation also, at DeLeon.

The Admiral the Recipient of Tremendous Applause

FROM THE CITIZENS OF CHICAGO

Disclaims Any Political Desires and Says He Would Prefer the Love of His Countrymen to Office.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Rear Admiral Schley arrived in Chicago Saturday, and was greeted with a tumultuous acclaim from thousands of people who crowded the Baltimore and Ohio depot and thronged nearby streets for blocks. His reception here was the culmination of the demonstrations in his honor which have occurred all along the route from Washington.

At the depot the admiral was greeted by a delegation from the city council and a company of naval veterans of the Civil war. Alderman Frank Fowler, on behalf of the city council, presented resolutions laudatory of the admiral.

Mrs. Schley seemed to enjoy the demonstration even more than her distinguished husband.

A reporter ventured the remark, referring to the shouting crowds, that the admiral "had it all coming to him."

"It is as great a reward as can be hoped for on this earth," the admiral remarked, half to himself, "but in the skies above, boys, we shall all be judged and will receive our proper reward. The reward for the good we have done, I mean, and punishment for our misdeeds."

The admiral visited several clubs and was royally received.

The banquet was given at 6:45 o'clock in the Auditorium. Admiral Schley, arm-in-arm with E. A. Munger, the toastmaster, and Mayor Harrison, was the first to enter the hall. Gov. Yates sat near him at the speaker's table. In front of the guest of the evening was an immense bouquet of American Beauty roses. At each plate as a souvenir was a replica in plaster of the likeness of Admiral Schley. The same replica, done in bronze, lay before the admiral.

The guests sang "Maryland, My Maryland," adding two stanzas which had been written especially for the occasion.

Admiral Schley was the last speaker. He concluded as follows:

"I desire to say most emphatically that I have no desire to be other than a sailor. I have no aspirations for any civil office, however high it may be. (Applause.) My one ambition has been to serve you faithfully, loyally, devotedly (applause), and if I have succeeded in doing that, the measure of my ambition is full and my only other ambition is that I may retain for the rest of the years that may be vouchsafed for me, your love, your esteem and your respect. (Cheers.) I would not care to jeopardize that by seeking or accepting any office, and I would rather remain in the profession that I have chosen, where there are occasional opportunities to lead. (Applause.) That I want to say to you all from the bottom of my heart and with absolute earnestness of meaning. Gentlemen, I thank you."

Albert Garth, colored, who killed Minnie Woods, a negress, at Kansas City, Mo., was executed for that crime on the 21st.

Mrs. Richardson Acquitted. Plattsburg, Mo., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Addie Richardson was Saturday afternoon acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband, Frank W. Richardson, a wealthy merchant, who was shot and killed Christmas Eve, 1900, as he was entering his home at Savannah, Mo.

A dramatic scene followed the rendering of the verdict. Mrs. Richardson was overwhelmed with congratulations from friends, who crowded the courtroom to await the verdict of the jury.

Per Loss of Limb.

New York, Jan. 27.—A verdict of \$15,000 damages has been awarded by jury in the Hudson county, New Jersey, circuit court, in favor of Michael aganini against the North Jersey street Railway company, for the loss of a leg cut off by a trolley car Jan. 16, 1900.

Paganini is a violinist and a grandson of the famous Paganini. The car started as he was getting off the front platform.

Winona, Miss., had a \$50,000 fire. Six business houses burned.

Al Taylor was hanged at Friars Point, Miss., for the murder of Deputy Sh. Mt. Lewis.

Bill to increase salary of Mississippi state officials was killed in the legislature of that state.

Three unknown negroes attempted to beat a train to a crossing at Natchez, Miss., and were killed.

The Bank of Hartford at Hartford, Ky., was burglarized, the safe dynamited and nearly \$3000 taken.

Miss Hannah McGowan, a well-known business woman, died at Little Rock from the effects of a surgical operation.

After traveling all night in a snow-storm Miss Kate Bouden, 17 years old, and J. L. Vance, who eloped from Frizee, Va., arrived at Bristol, Tenn., and were wedded.

Dr. John L. Crawford, secretary of state of Florida from 1881, died at Tallahassee on the 24th, aged 86 years. The governor has appointed deceased's son.

A. C. Moon, a planter near Strayhorn, Miss., was shot by Sam Bowle, a negro. The negro was taken from the officials by a mob and shot to death.

Mississippi supreme court decides that it is no violation of anti-trust law for a book company to contract to make even exchange of old books for new ones.

Lewis Jackson, who killed Marshal Richardson of Gulf Port, Miss., and Victor Johnson, who murdered a little girl at Pass Christian, same state, were hanged from the same scaffold at Mississippi City.

Track laying commenced at Batesville, Ark., on the White River branch of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain system. This will make a through line for the Gould system from Memphis to Denver.

Maj. Warren Viley, aged 85 years, proprietor of the Stonewall farm, near Versailles, Ky., is dead. In 1864 the major pursued the noted guerrillas, Mundy and Quantrell, twenty miles and recovered the race horse Asteroid.

The Texas and Pacific Railway company filed at Natchitoches, La., a trust deed in favor of the Mercantile Trust company of New York to cover an issue of \$7,000,000 gold bonds on its Louisiana division and branch lines.

Prof. Emil Scheffer, one of the best known chemists, died at Louisville, Ky., his home. He was four score years old. Prof. Scheffer discovered the formula for liquid pepsin, and two years later prepared the dry or powdered form.

A. I. Shields and Howard Shields of Cleveland, O., purchased 170,000 acres near Vidalia, La., stretching from the Mississippi to Black river. The purchasers will rent the land, which is some of the best in Cordelia parish, to western settlers.

On the 23d Mobile, Ala., celebrated the 200th anniversary of the first permanent settlement of the French on the Gulf of Mexico coast. The exact spot where Bienville located is twenty-seven miles above the city. Bienville founded both Mobile and New Orleans.

Private Robert W. Adams, whose home is at Brackettville, has been promoted to the second lieutenant of company I, Twenty-first infantry, in the Philippines.

Confesses the Crime.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27.—William Strother, the negro attendant at the Vista Turkish bath house at Grand and Franklin avenues, has confessed to the murder of Alexander Dean Cooper, the millionaire.

The confession was made before Chiefs Kiely and Desmond and a police stenographer. Strother signed the confession when transcribed.

Fire With Fatalities.

Mobile, Jan. 27.—Fire early Saturday morning in the wholesale business district destroyed property to the value of at least \$300,000 and caused the death of two people—Richard H. Vidmer, one of the leading society men of Mobile, and Bat Thomas, a negro laborer from New Orleans. Three firemen were also injured.

Vidmer was a prominent Hoo-Hoo and was once vice-gerent snark for Alabama.

ACCIDENT IN MINE.

Gas Ignited From Powder and an Explosion Followed.

TWENTY-ONE LOST THEIR LIVES

And Eight Others Sustained Injuries—The Victims Were Nearly All the Heads of Families.

Oskaloosa, Ia., Jan. 25.—As a result of a terrible explosion at Lost Creek Friday twenty-one bodies were put in an improvised morgue and eight persons in temporary hospitals.

The explosion occurred at noon and was what was known as a dust explosion. The miners had just fired their usual noon shots, one of which proved to be a fizzle. The burning powder ignited the gas and the explosion followed.

Smoke and debris were blown out of the shaft 200 feet high. Part of the topworks was torn away and the fans and cages were partially wrecked. This made the work of rescue very slow and it was 3 o'clock before the volunteers dared to venture into the entry where the explosion occurred.

When the party fought their way in a horrible sight greeted them. The dead and injured were terribly burned and mutilated, some of them almost beyond recognition. Fire had broken out and this added terror to the spectacle.

The flames were finally controlled and after several of the rescue party had succumbed to the fumes all the dead were found and carried to the top of the shaft.

It was nearly 6 o'clock Friday evening when the last of the dead was taken out and screams of anguish among the relatives of the men were pitiful. Nearly all the men were married and leave families in poor circumstances.

SINGLE STATEHOOD.

The Representatives From Oklahoma Ask for Such Legislation.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Public hearings in behalf of statehood for Oklahoma before the house committee on territories were concluded Friday morning with addresses by Col. J. E. Havens, Justice Bresford of the Oklahoma territory supreme court, and Delegate Dennis T. Flynn of Oklahoma. Members of the committee and gentlemen present in the interest of single statehood propounded a number of questions to the different speakers concerning the effect upon the Indian Territory, present and prospective, of the admission of Oklahoma to statehood at this time. These questions served only to emphasize the position of the advocates of the Flynn bill on the point that they want separate statehood for Oklahoma and do not desire now or at any other time union with the Indian Territory. Col. Havens was the only exception to this rule.

Ransom on Rents.

Sereia, Macedonia, Jan. 25.—The bearers of the ransom of Miss Ellen M. Stone and Madame Tsilka, having with them \$72,500, reached Demir-Hissar, Roumania, Jan. 21, and proceeded to the mountains on horseback, accompanied by a strong escort.

Holds Hoosier Record.

Dublin, Ind., Jan. 25.—Phillip Veildegberg of Madison county, undoubtedly holds the record in Indiana for marriages. He is 55 years old and has been married twelve times. He is the father of thirty-two children. It is said Veildegberg hopes to live long enough to marry his thirteenth wife. He was born in Germany, and came from a family whose ancestors settled in New York during the colonial period.

Ordered to Colon.

Washington, Jan. 25.—As a result of the renewed activity of the Liberal forces of Colombia on the isthmus of Panama, Secretary Long has ordered the gunboat Marietta to proceed to Colon, on the gulf side, in order to cooperate with the cruiser Philadelphia on the Pacific side in keeping a close watch on any developments which may threaten United States interests or treaty rights and in stopping them when they take that course.

AMENDED PETITIONS.

They Have Been Presented in Court at City of Austin.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 25.—In the district court Friday an amended petition was filed against the John H. Kirby Lumber company, in which penalties aggregating nearly \$10,000,000 are sought to be recovered for alleged violation of the anti-trust act. The original petitions were amended by making the directors of the company's parties to the suit each individual responsible for the full amount of penalties.

The directors of the John H. Kirby Lumber company, who are now included as defendants, are: John H. Kirby, John T. Kirby, James L. Kirby, S. B. Cooper, Jr., B. F. Bouner, Marcellus E. Foster, F. A. Reichard and H. E. Rice, each of whom is sued for penalties of \$5000 per day from July 1, 1901, the date they are alleged to have conspired together to form a combination to suppress competition and in restraint of trade, to Jan. 23, 1902, when the amended petition was filed.

The amount asked from the directors is \$8,280,000. The company is sued for \$5000 a day from July 10, 1901, when the company was incorporated, to Jan. 23, amounting to \$985,000, making a total of \$9,265,000 penalties against the company and directors. The violation of law complained of is the agreement to purchase between the different directors and the purchase by the defendant company the properties of the Texas Tram and Lumber company, the Reliance Lumber company and the Beaumont Lumber company, all of Beaumont.

An amended petition of the same character was also filed against the Shippers' Warehouse and Compress company of Fort Worth. In this suit penalties aggregating \$2,500,000 are prayed for. The directors of this company are Neil P. Anderson, B. L. Anderson, C. J. Sorrells, P. R. Freeman, Richard Clark, W. E. Campbell and F. J. Phillips, from each of whom and from the defendant company penalties of \$5000 for sixty days, aggregating \$2,400,000, and prayed for, and in addition the forfeiture of the charter.

Lady Maccabees.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, supreme commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, and Miss Bina West, supreme record keeper of the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World, will make a tour of Texas soon in the interest of the order. The following is a list of the cities Mrs. Hollister and Miss West will visit, and a schedule of dates: Feb. 10, Galveston; Feb. 11, Houston; Feb. 13, Palestine; Feb. 15, Dallas; Feb. 17, Fort Worth; Feb. 18, Waco; Feb. 20, Austin; Feb. 21, San Antonio.

No New Policy.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The Democratic members of the house of representatives met in the hall of the house at 8 o'clock Friday evening, and after a short but spirited contest, in which Mr. Henry of Texas figured prominently, adopted resolutions declaring that they were without power to promulgate a platform of principles for the party, owing to the binding character of the party platform heretofore regularly made at a national convention.

Swallowed Match Heads.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 25.—Bruno Carmono, a murderer under life sentence, attempted suicide by biting the heads of sulphur matches and swallowing them. Three physicians, by dint of hard work, partly restored Carmono to consciousness, and he may recover.

Succumbed to Injuries.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 25.—L. C. Hawk, a freight brakeman on the Fort Worth and Denver City, fell between moving cars at Hodge, the result of which was that both of his legs were crushed. He was brought here and died Thursday night. His home was near Decatur, and he leaves a wife and two children. The remains were taken charge of by the local Order of Railway Conductors and were shipped to Chico, in Wise county, on Friday.

Quicksilver Output.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 25.—According to information which has reached here from the quicksilver district of Brewster county the new fifty-ton furnace has been "blown in," and the output of quicksilver will be greatly increased by the operation of this new concern. The development of the district continues at a most gratifying rate, and plans are on foot for the erection of other large furnaces for the treatment of the ore.

Washington Letter

(Special Letter.)



He was elected chairman of the Democratic national committee in 1896, was elected chairman of the Democratic caucus of the senate in 1898, and in 1900 was re-elected chairman of the Democratic national committee. There is little recreation for him at any time during his waking hours. Public business almost continuously absorbs his entire time and attention. He is a hard and persistent worker, and when he tackles a proposition it is worked to the end.

The new quarters of the house committee on naval affairs, of which Representative Foss of Chicago is chairman, are the most gorgeously and luxuriantly furnished rooms in the capitol. The rooms are large, light and airy. The interior decorations are costly and artistic. Furnishings have been provided on a scale of costliness that is not equaled by any committee room on the senate side of the capitol. Mr. Foss has a private office which is

Among the historians who have been here attending the sessions of the American Historical association a good story is current, with Andrew Lang as the hero thereof. Some time ago Mr. Lang received from an unknown correspondent, who wrote upon a letter-head of the "Western Reserve University," a letter asking a few simple and personal questions, such as: "What time do you get up in the morning? What is your favorite breakfast dish? What is your favorite hour for composition? Do you use stimulants? Do you write with a pen or a typewriter? Do you smoke? If so, what and how much?" and so on. Mr. Lang took the letter, struck out the word "university" from the printed title, and wrote: "If this is a specimen of western reserve, may the fates preserve us from western impudence!"

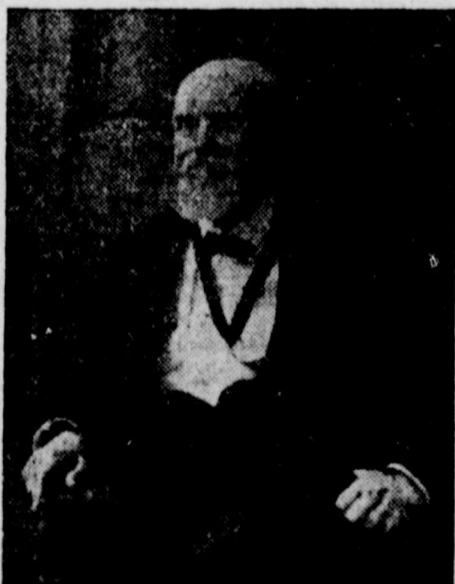
Among President Roosevelt's callers recently was a lad from the Groton School in Massachusetts, who is spending the holidays with his parents here. "So you are from Groton?" said the president to the boy. "My boy Theodore goes to Worcester."

"Yes, and we licked Worcester at football," chirped up the young caller. There was a momentary expression of disappointment on the president's face. "Well," he remarked, "Theodore had his collar bone broken in the game, so he did the best he could. 'I had my arm broken,' added the visitor.

"Good boy!" exclaimed Mr. Roosevelt. The president was then asked for his autograph, and as he wrote it, the lad observed that it might inspire him to be president some day.

"Don't you try to be president, my boy," said Mr. Roosevelt. "Anybody can be president. If you want to be really famous see if you can't get to be captain of your football team. Why, some years ago, General Louis Fairchild, then Governor of Wisconsin and a famous soldier of the war, went down to Boston to make a speech. He was surprised to learn that every one had heard of him. He was a famous man even in New England. But it wasn't as the hero of the war or the governor of Wisconsin they knew him—it was as the father of Quarter Back Fairchild of the Harvard eleven."

As Senator Frye is the most prominent Republican senator, so is Senator James K. Jones the leading member of his party in the senate. Senator Jones



Senator J. K. Jones.

entered the 47th Congress as a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Arkansas, and after serving three terms in that body was elected United States Senator, taking his seat March 4, 1885, and has been twice re-elected since then. His present term of service expires in March, 1903, and his successor will be selected at the Democratic primaries to be held next March. Senator Jones is again a candidate for re-election, and is making a vigorous campaign all over the state.

No man in public life takes a deeper interest in national questions and in party politics than does Senator Jones.

He was elected chairman of the Democratic national committee in 1896, was elected chairman of the Democratic caucus of the senate in 1898, and in 1900 was re-elected chairman of the Democratic national committee. There is little recreation for him at any time during his waking hours. Public business almost continuously absorbs his entire time and attention. He is a hard and persistent worker, and when he tackles a proposition it is worked to the end.

The new quarters of the house committee on naval affairs, of which Representative Foss of Chicago is chairman, are the most gorgeously and luxuriantly furnished rooms in the capitol. The rooms are large, light and airy. The interior decorations are costly and artistic. Furnishings have been provided on a scale of costliness that is not equaled by any committee room on the senate side of the capitol. Mr. Foss has a private office which is



Mrs. McLaurin.

as big and roomy as the average committee room. His clerks are provided with quarters which are more than ample for their purpose. The room are the delight as well as the envy of Mr. Foss's associates in the house.

Mrs. McLaurin, whose husband returns to the senate from South Carolina, is well known in Washington because of her interesting family. One of their seven children, Miss Belle McLaurin, will take her place among the society buds of the capital. She was graduated from Bellhaven college with the degree of bachelor of arts. In 1894 when Mr. McLaurin was appointed by the governor to serve as senator, his wife accompanied him to Washington where she made many friends.

There was a fire in a local boarding house the other day and among the tenants who were obliged to make a hasty exit was a newspaper man whose wit is considerably greater than his worldly possessions. He met a friend who congratulated him on his escape from harm and asked him if he lost any property.

"Lose any property?" repeated the brand saved from the burning. "Well I should say I did. Why, I lost fifty-three pieces of property."

"Fifty-three pieces!" said the other in amazement. "Why, that must have cleaned you out. What were they?"

"A deck of cards and a night shirt," said the other. "Give me a light."

Dog Cleared Track for Train.

It is a matter of history that a shepherd dog was an important aid in operating the trains that ran on the first railroad built in the territory of Washington. When Dorsey S. Baker constructed a strap railroad from Wallula, on the Columbia river, to Walla Walla, the trading center of the inland empire, horses and cattle covered the "thousand hills" and blockaded the valleys through which the pioneer line ran. A dog was kept on the engine to clear the track when brutes became so numerous as to bring the train to a standstill. There are many early settlers living in the northwest who tell the story of the usefulness of this little shepherd dog in operating trains on the Dr. Baker railroad. The dog was used several years and was known by all the miners of Idaho and Montana who traveled that way. While doing duty on the track in front of the engine one day the faithful animal was run over.—Portland Oregonian.

Historical Treasures Sold.

At a recent sale of the literary possessions of the late Gen. Adam Badeau in New York the original of Grant's telegram to Secretary Stanton announcing the surrender of Lee brought \$760. The original of Lincoln's telegram to Grant on April 7, 1865, "Sheridan says 'If the thing is pressed I think that Lee will surrender.' Let the thing be pressed." was sold for \$75 and a lot of letters written by Gen. J. M. Wilson, including one speaking of the capture of Jefferson Davis, saying "the plight of Davis is even more ignoble than I told it," went for \$195.

FEARFUL

Fight of Feudists Takes Place at the Bellville Depot.

THREE MEN LOST THEIR LIVES

And a Fourth One Was Mortally Wounded. The Parties Had Met to be in Attendance on a Murder Case.

Bellville, Tex., Jan. 23.—A terrible tragedy occurred at this place Wednesday evening in which three men were instantly killed, on man fatally shot and three others slightly wounded. The dead are: F ymond G. White, Milam Odom of Wallis and Henry Dittert of San Felipe.

Walter Pennington of Wallis was shot through the bowels and will die. His father, Elihu Pennington, is slightly wounded about the head.

Antone Dittert, a liveryman of Bellville, has a flesh wound through his thigh.

John Hackbarth, a prominent merchant of Sealy, had the instep of his foot crushed by a shot.

It was a battle with six-shooters between Elihu Pennington and his son, Walter Pennington on one side, and Odom and his half brother, Raymond White, on the other.

A large crowd was at the depot awaiting the arrival of the southbound passenger train. The fight began in the midst of them without warning, and before the people could escape to places of safety one of their number was shot dead in his tracks and two others wounded by stray bullets. Not less than twenty-four shots were fired.

The tragedy is the outgrowth of a killing which occurred at Wallis two years ago, when Walter Pennington killed James C. Odom. Walter Pennington was to have been tried in the district court here for the killing of J. C. Odom, but his case was continued. A large crowd of citizens from Wallis and vicinity were here to attend the trial and the parties to the existing feud were brought together at the depot while waiting for the train.

NEW DISTRICT.

Bill for Another Federal Court in Texas Introduced by Mr. Ball.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Representative Ball has introduced the bill providing for a new Federal judicial district in Texas, with the courts located at Houston, Galveston, Brownsville and Laredo. Under the provisions of the bill Galveston is detached from the Eastern district and Brownsville and Laredo from the Western district, while Houston is added and the four put in the new district, which is called the Southern. Waco is detached from the Northern district and placed in the Western and given a ten weeks' term of court.

The bill, as introduced by Mr. Ball, is satisfactory in essential respects to all the members of the delegation, and it is not believed there are any serious difficulties in the way of the passage.

Mr. Lanham will look after the bill in the judiciary committee, and will secure a favorable report.

Some Captures.

London, Jan. 23.—Lord Kitchener in a dispatch from Johannesburg, says Gen. Methuen overtook a Boer commando near Boschpoort Jan. 20 and after a running fight of eight miles captured all their wagons and cattle and twenty-four Boers.

Gen. Bruce Hamilton made a night march against Gen. Botha near Witbank, Jan. 18, but the Boer commander had left the camp when the British reached spot. Latter captured twenty-seven prisoners.

Mexican Central Bonds.

New York, Jan. 23.—Contemplated bond issue of Mexican Central railway, concerning which many erroneous reports have been published, will be for \$10,000,000 and in the form of a collateral trust issue, carrying 4½ per cent interest, the bonds being due in five years, but redeemable on any interest day before that at the option of the company. The bonds will be secured in part by deposit of \$16,000,000 Mexican Central railway 4 per cent bonds.

Postmaster Burroughs of Fort Worth has been confirmed.

CUT OFF HORSES.

Boys in New Mexico Fired on by Eight Men.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 23.—John, Fred and Dick Spikes, brothers, were at work near Liberty, N. M., taking down some fencing near the Spikes home. About 2 o'clock they mounded their horses and started home to dinner and when within a quarter of a mile of home a party of eight or ten men stepped out of hiding and opened fire on them with Winchesters at short range. Dick Spikes and his horse fell at the first fire and he was supposed to have been killed outright. Fred and John wheeled and started to retreat, with the firing party following and keeping up a constant fire. After they had gone about 200 yards John fell behind and his fate is unknown.

Fred Spikes has a slight wound in his left side and a very dangerous one in the lower part of the body. The doctors say that the ball which passed through the lower part of the body severed the connection between the kidneys and bladder. They pronounce his case as almost hopeless. The shot that wounded Fred passed through his saddle and lodged in his horse's head, so that he soon had to abandon the horse. Weak from loss of blood he fainted, but rallied again and made his way on foot to a Mexican house, where he hired a conveyance to the home of a neighbor, who brought him to this place.

MULES THE OBSTACLE.

Gen. Pearson Says American Animals Prevent Success of Boers.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 23.—General Samuel Pearson, head of the Boer representation in the United States, arrived here from Washington, where he was in consultation with President Roosevelt. General Pearson comes direct from the Boer legation of Brussels, from which seat the war in South Africa is being directed, and he returns to America as an envoy extraordinary.

In Washington Gen. Pearson appealed to the president to interfere and stop the shipment of American mules and horses to South Africa.

"We can lick the British in four months if you will cut off the supply of American mules being shipped by the British through the port of New Orleans," declared Gen. Pearson.

"I had a conference with President Roosevelt," he added, "and he told me the proper way to stop the traffic is through the United States courts. I have come to institute such proceedings on different and new lines than when here before. Of my plans I cannot speak."

Gen. Pearson says 700,000 head of western mules and horses, purchased in the United States, have either died or been killed by the Boers in South Africa.

ALL APPROVE.

Every Nation Represented at Pan-American Conference Favors Canal.

City of Mexico, Jan. 23.—The Pan-American conference, at its session Wednesday, dispatched a great amount of business. It passed the recommendations for the preservation of archaeological remains, the indorsement of the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase exposition, a message of congratulation to Buffalo on the success of the Pan-American exposition, international copyright and approval of the inter-oceanic canal.

The following is the text of the resolution with respect to an inter-oceanic canal, which was carried unanimously by acclamation:

"The republics assembled at the international conference in Mexico applaud the purpose of the United States government to construct an inter-oceanic canal, and acknowledge that this work will not only be worthy of the greatness of the American people, but also in the highest sense a work of civilization and to the greatest degree beneficial to the development of commerce between the American states and the other countries of the world."

Otero Confirmed.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of M. A. Otero as governor of New Mexico. Senator Morgan spoke again for more than an hour in opposition to the nomination. When he concluded the vote was taken without division.

Syndicate Formed.

A syndicate has been formed in New York for purpose of searching for an estate of \$20,000,000 said to have been left by the late Bishop Martin Horwitz, of the Greek Catholic church. Horwitz' life story reads like fiction. He was born a Hebrew in Poland in 1822 and when a young man fell in love with the daughter of a count. His love was reciprocated, and as he could not marry her while a Hebrew he changed his religion for her sake, for the girl's family interfered and

Married in December.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew prepared a remarkable biography of himself which appears in the Congressional directory. It is one of the longest in the book, notwithstanding his term of service as a senator is one of the shortest of all the members of that big solid body. As one senator put it: "Depew's biography is as long and as interesting as one of his after dinner speeches." The most interesting part of the biography is that conveying the information that he was married in December, 1901, to Miss May Palmer.

To Amuse Them.

The amusement programme provided by the superintendent of one of the Massachusetts insane asylums includes picnics, dances, concerts and other diverting entertainments. At one of the dances there were thirteen sets of four couples each on the floor for the quadrille, and out of 250 women 102 have taken part in the dances. The masculine inmates have not been permitted to attend the dances in the same proportion, owing to their more excitable condition. Nevertheless, they all share more or less in the treatment afforded.

No Such Delicacies.

Any one who has visited the sand-pit at Mobile Point, which is the government reservation, and whereon is situated Fort Morgan, will appreciate this story. The commander of the garrison asked his negro caterer the other day whether he could get some chickens and brighten up the bill of fare a bit. The darkey replied: "I declare major, yo' ain' gwine ter find no such delicacies as dat on dis here desolation!" The old darkey managed to gather in some.

An old negro man is usually very resourceful.

Chinese Proverbs.

A woman that is not loved is a kite from which the string has been taken; she drives with every wind and cometh to naught but a long fall.

A woman that respects herself is more beautiful than a single star; more beautiful than many stars at night.

Woman is the ease for that which pains the father; she is balm for his troubles.

A woman who mistakes her place can never return to where she was; the path has been covered up from her eyes.

Looped the Loop.

A suit for \$50,000 damages has been commenced against the company operating the "loop-the-loop" at Coney Island. A girl of 17 took a ride on this crazy machine and became delirious soon after returning home. A day later her mind gave way, and she is now in a New York state hospital. In bringing suit her guardian declares that the machine is directly responsible for her condition, and that it is dangerous to life and reason, and that these facts were known to the company before they permitted the girl to take the risk of a ride.

IRRIGATION IN TEXAS.

The importance of a regular and adequate supply of moisture to all agricultural products intended for market, has in late years led to the institution of expensive irrigation projects and plants in Colorado and California, particularly in the latter state, where it has made possible the conversion of arid territory into wonderful and prolific sources of wealth, as exemplified in the magnificent fruit and vegetable farms and vineyards of the "Golden State." Only recently has Texas attempted to apply irrigation to agriculture, and the innovation is largely due, if not altogether so, to the recent cultivation of rice and the building of canals and lateral ditches to carry water to the cereal. Irrigation, aside from rice, however, is being applied to the smaller crops, and particularly so in the dry sections south of San Antonio in the neighborhood of Beeville, where remarkable yields of garden truck has resulted from the application of the system, using the output from bored of driven wells. Irrigated from the output of the San Felipe springs, ten thousand acres at Del Rio on the Southern Pacific west of San Antonio, have been successfully cultivated for ten years, producing abundantly. The greater part of Texas is underlaid with an inexhaustible supply of water, which needs only to be tapped to afford a reliable moisture in times of drouth. The experience on the Collins farms near San Antonio, where several hundred acres of vegetables are irrigated by the output of two or three wells, demonstrated the unqualified success of the system applied to intensive farming, and its application on a larger scale to the cultivation of farm products in general would do much toward relieving the farmer from the harrowing experiences of a dry season.—Literary Bureau Southern Pacific, Houston and Texas Central.

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Cokeonians
People You Know and What They Are Doing.

What are we coming to? I don't know.
Will the farmers all come through? May be so.
Don't they need a heap of rain, so's to raise a little grain? Do they long for it in vain? Well, I reckon.
Are the candidates all broke? I don't know.
Don't it look that way, in Coke? May be so.
If they poney up the stuff for the RUSTLER for a puff, Will they get there, sure enough? Well, I reckon!
Notice Harrison & Co's 'add' in this issue.
Mrs. John Brooks is, and has been quite sick.
Stop at Posey & Bell's Wagon yard when in Robert Lee.
Bass Arnett, of Colorado, was in Robert Lee, Sunday.
Flour, Meal, Potatoes and grain of all kind at Posey & Bell's.
Mr. Claud Hayley, of Sterling county, is in town.
For grain and hay call on Posey & Bell the Wagon yard men.
Mr. John Davis, of Blanket, spent a few days in town the past week.
To arrive at Posey & Bell's on or about the 15, come fine Florida
Mr. Abney of Ballinger, made the Lee hotel his home for a white this week.
Boys if you want a nice livery rig try one of Posey & Bell's they keep first-class.
Mr. J. E. Durham, of Sanco, is spending the week in town.
Dave Woodley has rented the house formerly occupied by Thomas Durham.
Mr. Cochran, in the interest of the Weissinger Tobacco, was in our town Thursday.
Lee Good was up from Bronte on Thursday evening to attend the Odd Fellows Lodge.
Dr. Bursum has rented J. D. Collier's house and will take possession the first of February.
C. M. Taylor, of the Richardson Lubricating Co. of Quincy, Ill. made us a brief visit Thursday.
In the case before the justice court, continued from last week, the defendant in said case was discharged.
Mr. Alvin Calloway, who has been visiting his mother at Rock Springs, passed through on his way to Midland.
Mr. Fred and Miss Ella Blackwell, of Edith, attended the party at the home of Mr. H. H. Pearce, on Monday night.
J. Vestal has purchased another set of blacksmith tools from J. D. Collier and will run another forge and an assistant in his shop.
It has been cold enough this week, around this "neck o' the woods," to freeze icicles on the cook stove during meal time.
W. L. Hayley, Bronte's post master, neglected Uncle Sam's business last Thursday night and came to the county seat to see us.
Pleasant Storms, well known in Robert Lee, and a nephew of Mrs. Davis, of this place, is reported to have died with pneumonia.
S. H. Riley & Son are prepared to take care of your horses when you come to Lee.

S. S. Dowty, representing the Temple Grocery Co., lit in Robert Lee on Wednesday, and, after a brief interview with our merchants, flew away again.
Woodley & Brooks having bought the entire stock of goods owned by Green Bros., this week, will take charge of the business on next Tuesday.
J. D. Collier has been doing considerable in the horse buying business the past week having purchased one from J. Vestal and another from Dr. Bursum.
Dennis Maddox, has taken charge of the ribbons on the San Angelo hack and will be the general passenger and express agent on that vehicle till further notice.
S. H. Riley & Son want your fresh butter, eggs and chickens. They will contract for them through a season of six months, to trade for them or market them for you.
Judge G. W. Perryman leaves on Saturday. The Judge goes to represent Robert Lee Odd Fellows at a meeting of the State Grand Lodge, to be held at San Antonio.
Wednesday morning we had snow. Not enough to snowball or to sleighride, but just enough to show us that there really was such a thing as snow. For further information about snow, write to Colorado.
See S. H. Riley & Son if you want any groceries, grain, fruits, etc. If you want anything they haven't got they send off orders daily by hack and 'phone 44 at Angelo. Hack drivers will serve you there. Quick sales and small profits.
Mignon Boykin, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. W. R. Boykin was seriously, if not fatally, burned last Sunday afternoon, by her clothes catching fire. She became frightened and ran out of the door, which caused her injuries to be more serious.
Mr. Tom Durham, former editor of the Coke county RUSTLER, was in Ballinger the first of the week. The prospects are good that Mr. Durham will shortly cast his lot with the Ballinger people, possibly abandoning the newspaper work for more lucrative employment.—Banner-Leader.
S. J. Chapman, who was county judge of Coke county, for two years, and one of our most able financiers, we are sorry to say, is very seriously ill. It was thought a few days ago that he was improving, but news was received Monday evening, that he had had a relapse. We trust that he may yet recover, as he is one of our best citizens.
"Society" here, has had a dizzy old time—Three parties within a week, attended by our young people and friends from Bronte, Sanco and other places. There was one at the home of H. H. Pearce, and another was given by Mr. Jeff Davis and lady, and still another was held at the residence of Mrs. McGinnis. We understand they had a way up time, anyhow, no body has registered a "kick," up to date.

Farming that Pays.
S. H. Riley, our hack line man and merchant, writes this letter to the San Angelo Standard:
"We have threshed our cane seed, having something over 400 bushels. Last year's crop, hay seed, and all, brought in the neighborhood of \$2,500. This together with 36 bales of cotton, reaches about \$4,000, and is very encouraging. As a result I am figuring on putting in 400 acres of land this year, in different crops; only 100 acres to be in cotton.
"I recently bought twenty-five head of cattle from Mr. W. E. Stowall. I am plowing up Johnson grass roots, which, together with the cotton seed and sorghum I have on hand, will winter fifty head of cattle all right.
"I am building a good dirt tank at my house. My well which used to afford a very little water, now has a splendid flow and will run a windmill all right.
"Some are beginning to cry a drought already; but I am preparing the ground just the same. It is my business to prepare the land for the seed and the Lord's business to give the increase.
"My son is getting along nicely with our business at Robert Lee."

Notice.
To all old soldiers in Coke county, in pursuance to call made by Captain P. S. Stark, the Richard Ooke Camp, U. C. V., No. 609, met in the court house at Robert Lee on January 18th and, after due deliberation, adjourned until Saturday, February the 15th. We hope to meet every old soldier in Coke county on that day at the court house, in Robert Lee, as there is some very important business to transact. Comrades bear in mind that the general reunion comes off in Dallas on April 22-23-24 and 25th, 1902, and it may be the last time the most of us, at least, will ever have a chance to attend a general meeting of the old comrades. So let us come together and make arrangements to be at Dallas. Be sure to come to the meeting on the 15th of February, at Robert Lee, and you will have everything explained. We want to make arrangements on that date for our Camp meeting in August. Comrades do not fail to be on hand, one and all, at the next meeting.
P. S. STARK, Com'r.
H. H. HAYLEY, Adj.

HEADS SHOULD NEVER ACHE
Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster, of Winnie, Va.—she writes "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of sick headaches I had suffered from for two years." Cure Headache, Constipation, Biliousness, 25c. at H. H. Pearce's Drug store.

Notice.
After February 1st 10 per cent will be added to all Taxes not paid by said time. Fair warning to all. L. B. MURRAY, Tax Collector.

FINDS WAY TO LIVE LONG.
The startling announcement of a Discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by Editor O. H. Downey, of Churubusco, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is the most invaluable remedy that I have ever known for Coughs, Colds and Grip. Its invaluable for people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread Pneumonia or Consumption. It's relief is instant and cure certain." H. H. Pearce guarantees every 50c. and \$1.00 bottle and gives trial bottles free.

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At MRS. FITZGERALD'S
We offer you Fine Swell Front Suits from the Cheapest to the Highest. Iron Beds in every color you desire Extension Tables and Dinners of every description, and at Prices to suit every one's Pocket book. In fact, everything that is Nice and Cheap can be found in my store, and a call is all that is needed to convince you that I have the Finest and Cheapest Line of Furniture ever brought to San Angelo.

MRS. FITZGERALD.

CONCHO AVENUE, San Angelo, Texas.

NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that I will prosecute, all parties found, hauling wood, fishing hunting or in any other way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by me—W. P. WALLING.

NEW CENTURY COMFORT.
Millions are daily finding a world of comfort in Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It kills pains from Burns, Scalds, Cuts Bruises; conquers Ulcers and Fever Sores; cures Eruptions, Sal Rheum, Boils and Felons; removes Corns and Warts. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25c. at H. H. Pearce's rug store.

Notice.
FOR SALE—Rock building, 26x 51. Good well of water on premises. Two business lots with building. Price—\$800.
J. J. VESAL, Robert Lee, Tex.

Notice.
Fine Rock Quarry on River one mile above Robert Lee. All persons wishing rock for chimneys, flues and etc. You can get it for 50 cents a load, already to haul. He also builds chimneys and guarantees his work to be satisfactory.
W. G. CHILDRESS.

Bronte Briefs.

Our city was on a boom Saturday justice court being in full swing. Justice being meted out to all citizens wishing said justice and having the necessary coffee prize to secure the heretofore mentioned said justice.

Mr. Tom Smith, of Robert Lee, secured judgment against Will Rutledge for \$12.50—by default.

A musical entertainment given by Miss Olga Schawe's students at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hutchinson, last Friday evening, attracted quite a crowd of music lovers.

We are informed that Eld. E. M. Cumble is quite sick—La Grippe and other complications.

Hudman & Walton are very busy these days, showing our country to home seekers. Look out for their "ad" in next issue of RUSTLER.

We are informed that Messrs. M. C. Vick and Albert Potts, have returned to their home in Hamilton county, after witnessing our little sand storm of a week ago.

We are informed that Miss Minnie Clark has returned to her home in Bronte, after an extended visit to Sonora where she has been as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks and other friends.

Mr. Eddie Coable made a business trip to Ballinger last week.

We are laboring under the impression that our Bronte vicinity was visited by a Huge Polio who roared around our streets and charged up the school house steps; kicked the doors and after being run off, created a few sniffs which sounded like the premature discharge of fire arms. We believe that if said Polio was captured it would somewhat resemble some mother's son, who had just stopped wearing knee pants and was sprouting a fuzz on its upper lips and will be sorry for his conduct when he becomes older.

Ye pon pusher believes our next sheriff will certainly give Bronte two deputy. It needs peace officers. Why? Because its young men are not law abiding citizens? Not because Bronte does more business than any town in the county and because there is more gatherings and more people to gather and some of our neighbors are very jealous of our flourishing little city and we believe that is the reason the boys from other neighborhoods can ever learn to act like gentlemen when visiting Bronte.

We learn that J. D. Jowers will move to Robert Lee when his school is out at Bronte.

Messrs. Joe Wilkins, Howard Wilkins, Ed Schawe and Joe Harrell made a visit to the Robert Lee courts Saturday night. Have't been informed of any matrimonial success but they say Robert Lee people know how to entertain visitors.

Quail hunting is the order of the day now in Bronte now and we can't get time to rustle news, so, au re voir.

Hobo.

CHADBOURNE.

EE. RUSTLER—After a quiet rest from criticism, etc., I will once more write a few lines for the rustling RUSTLER.

The "Granger" has been keeping you pretty well posted as to our part of the county. There are some things that he has left untold, which I may mention.

In the first place, Mr. Jas. Lindley, one of our good citizens, has sold out and is now a citizen of New Mexico.

One of the oldest settlers of this county and of this neighborhood, has sold out and is now pretty well on his way to New Mexico. I speak now of "Uncle Mc" Lindley. Mr. Lindley had lived here for more than twenty-one years. "Uncle Mc," as we called him, was a good, quiet citizen and we hated to give him up.

William Clift bought the Lindley place. Mr. Clift sold his R. E. section to Mr. Brandon.

Mr. Henderson, of Erath county, is now living on the Grandpa Cosper place, he having bought the same.

Mr. Tom Sneed has bought out Mr. Wimberley, the Price or Fancies place, near Mr. Bob Kirk land's.

Mr. Wimberley bought out Mr. Jim Lindley, (the Hancock place).

So, you see, we have been making some changes.

Our Rock Springs school is getting on nicely. We have two good teachers, but the mumps are keeping some out of school.

Our Sunday school is doing good work, we trust, for the Master.

The Presbyterian people have a new preacher, Rev. R. E. Harden, of Gatesville, Texas. Mr. Hardin is a good preacher and holds services here the first Sunday in each month.

We are having a real hard spell of weather just now on cattle. A cold, drizzly rain which freezes as it falls. We all hope to have a good rain which would encourage us muchly.

AS THE COUNTRY GROWS We Shall Grow.

OUR SPRING GOODS ARE NOW ARRIVING.

CALL and See Us as We are Always pleased to see New Faces WE want to increase our BUSINESS. OUR object is to make this store the most POPULAR TRADING PLACE in town, and we ask YOU to help us make it so. WHY? Because we give you MORE GOODS and BETTER GOODS than any house in town, for your money. COME and see PREMIUM goods, on which we give you a reduction of 5 cents on the Dollar, for CASH TRADE. WE are headquarters for fine Boots and Shoes.

We are Yours for the Trade and Profit-Sharing plans.

W. B. HARRISON & Co.

We are pretty well blessed with good preaching as service is held four times each month.

There has been a good deal of plowing done here in spite of the dry weather. People seem intent on a good crop in 1902.

You will hear most all of the farmers say: "I am going to try to raise more feed; more potatoes; more of everything to eat." Well, if the people will stick to that, in my opinion, the time will come when we will be one of the most prosperous communities in West Texas.

Well, Mr. Editor, if you could succeed in awaking your correspondents from all over the county, and the candidates would arrange themselves, we might be able to have a twice-a-week RUSTLER.

I was glad to hear from our old friend, S. F. Fair, hope he may feel like writing for the RUSTLER. Hoping that the RUSTLER may rustle out each week on time, I am the same UNCLE TOM.

Memo. in 1.

The angel of death visited our community last Saturday morning and took from our midst one of our beloved schoolmates, Myrtle Holman, and since then there has been a cloud of sorrow hanging over our school and community. It seems that when death comes to earth for a jewel, he selects the fairest and most precious of her flowers. Just a few days prior to Myrtle's death she was in school; the joyful, lovable, open-hearted and rosy-cheeked girl, of yore, and we all had no idea of the great cloud of sorrow that would so soon envelop us, and while this cloud of sorrow hangs over our school, we feel so sensibly the words of the poet she delighted so much to sing:

"Thou art gone, our precious darling,
Never more shalt thou return;
Thou shalt sleep a peaceful slumber
Till the resurrection morn."

Again as we recall other stanzas, the bright sunlight from heaven seems to break through the clouds:

"There we'll meet you, precious darling,
There we'll clasp glad hands once more.

When we've met to part, no never,
On that happy, peaceful shore.

"There we'll spend the countless ages,

Ever by our Savior's side;
There we'll never know a sorrow;
There our tears will all be dried."

While her place in school can never be filled, and at play time, her merry shouts no more we'll hear, we think of the vacant place at home, and the gloom and sorrow that rests in each heart, and our deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

"Dearest one we have laid thee
In the peaceful grave's embrace,
But thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber;
Peaceful in thy grave so low.
Though no more will join our number,
Though no more our songs will know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee;
When the day of life has fled
And in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

A precious one from us is gone;
A voice we loved is stifled.
A place is vacant in our school
Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled
The boon His love had given,
And though the body moulders here
The soul is safe in heaven.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord
When love has bound the heart,
'Tis hard, so hard to speak the words;
We must forever part."

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New York and Texas Capitalists Are to Organize

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To Construct a Number of Pipe Lines that Will Extend from Beaumont to New Orleans, Houston and Fort Worth.

New York, Jan. 24.—Lewis Nixon, shipbuilder and temporary leader of Tammany hall, is to become a Texas oil magnate. With other prominent New Yorkers, capitalists and bankers whose standing in the financial world is pre-eminent, and who represent hundreds of millions of dollars, Mr. Nixon is about to organize in Texas a corporation with a capital of \$10,000,000, which they believe will revolutionize the present conditions in the oil trade. It is said on good authority that the big corporation will build great pipe lines from Beaumont to Fort Worth, Houston and New Orleans, and will also own a large fleet of oil tank steamers to carry the products of its Texas gushers to all parts of the world. That these ships will be built in Mr. Nixon's yards there is little doubt.

J. W. Swayne, of the Hogg Swayne syndicate, and a relative of Gen. Wanger Swayne, who has been in New York for the last five months arranging the details for the incorporation of the company, said that the report that Mr. Nixon would build the company's ships did not at present come under the corporation's plans, as this matter had not been fully determined.

Mr. Nixon was asked about his connection with the new corporation. He said it was true such a company had been formed; that he was interested in it, and that it would build pipe lines and ships for the transportation of its products from the oil fields. He would not say whether or not the company's ships would be built in his yards.

The plan is this: Oil pipe lines will be laid by the new corporation at a cash outlay of \$5,000,000 from Beaumont to Houston, from Houston to Fort Worth and probably another line to New Orleans.

These pipe lines will strike all the principal cities in the state of Texas, and will be from 500 to 750 miles in length. The pipe lines will also touch all the railroads of the state at as many points as possible, that the railroads may use fuel oil instead of coal. These lines will also touch all the large manufacturing and electric light plants, machine shops, water and gas works of the state. It is proposed by this enterprise to save 85 per cent to the Southern Pacific railway in transportation and an average of 50 per cent to the balance of the railroad interests of Texas. It will, it is claimed, save to the manufacturing interests of the state more than 50 per cent.

LAST CHANCE.

Enrollment in the Cherokee Nation Will End July 1.

Muskogee, I. T., Jan. 24.—The Dawes commission has received the following from Secretary Hitchcock:

"July 1, 1901, is hereby fixed as the date after which no more applications for enrollment in the Cherokee nation will be received."

The Dawes commission, after repeated attempts to negotiate an agreement with the Cherokees, failing each time, caused the secretary to take the matter into his own hands. The order means that if the 3000 recalcitrant full-bloods refuse to make application for enrollment before that date they will be forever barred from participating in a share of the public domain.

Texas at Reception.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Among those who attended the congressional reception at the white house Thursday night were Senator Culberson, Mrs. Schuiter and Miss Ethel Scruggs of Dallas; Representative and Mrs. Slayden, Representative and Mrs. Wooten and Misses Besale E. Green of Dallas, Marie Baldwin of Paris and Nannie Harrison of Sherman, Representative Henry, Representative and Mrs. Ball, Mrs. S. B. Cooper and Misses Willie, Margaret and Bird Cooper of Beaumont.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Prominent St. Louis Citizen Found With His Skull Fractured.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 24.—A. Dean Cooper, the millionaire, treasurer of the Graham Paper company, died Thursday morning as result of an assault, in which his skull was fractured while in the coolingroom of the Vista Turkish bathhouse at Grand and Franklin avenues Wednesday night.

William Strother, the negro attendant at the bathhouse, who was on duty Wednesday night and who notified Mr. Cooper's family shortly after midnight of the assault, is held as a prisoner at the police station.

A diamond ring, valued at \$1500, and a diamond pin worn by Mr. Cooper when he entered the bath, were found in the basement of the bathhouse. They had been concealed under the flooring in a crevice above the top of a joist. A sledge-hammer bearing fresh blood stains was found in the basement soon after the police had been summoned to the scene of the assault. The hammer was one which is used in the basement for breaking up coal.

Strother told the police that two women and a man had called to see Mr. Cooper, who was proprietor of the place, shortly after 11 o'clock Wednesday night. They came in a carriage and were preceded by a boy with a note. The colored man said he had admitted them to the coolingroom and had returned to the basement. He did not know, he said, when they departed.

Strother also said two colored women—Josie Houston and Florence Banks—had visited him in the basement earlier that night.

Erastus Fountain, janitor of the Vista bath, says that the two women were in Strother's company at 9:30 o'clock when he made his last visit to the premises.

A few minutes after midnight Theodore Cooper, known as "Tod" Cooper, son of A. Dean Cooper, answered the door bell at the family residence, 3171 Washington boulevard. Strother was at the door.

"Your father has been hurt," said the negro to young Cooper. "He's over at the bathhouse now."

Without stopping to question the man closely Cooper hurried to the Vista block. In the coolingroom of the bathhouse on a cot in the middle of the long compartment he found his father covered by a sheet.

Doctors were immediately called and the police notified. The latter discovered the blood-stained hammer. Young Cooper told the police that the ring usually worn by his father was missing, and they made another search, finding the ring and pin in the cellar, as already stated. For some time the physicians worked over Mr. Cooper, who did not regain consciousness. They decided to perform an operation and remove the bones from the jagged wound in the skull that were pressing on the injured man's brain. This was successfully performed, but Mr. Cooper did not regain consciousness and died at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

To Consider.

Washington, Jan. 24.—House committee on Indian affairs appointed Curtis, Lacey, Sherman, Little and Stephens to confer with a similar committee on the part of committee on territories to consider the several bills having for their object a territorial form of government to Indian Territory.

Committee also reported favorably the bill permitting Rock Island railroad to extend from Chickasha to Fort Smith.

Sewell's Successor.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 24.—The Republican caucus to select candidate for United States senator to succeed the late Gen. Sewell selected on the nineteenth ballot John F. Dryden of Newark Thursday.

Mr. Dryden on the nineteenth ballot received exactly the necessary thirty-two votes. His principal rivals in the contest were State Senator Stokes of Cumberland county and former United States Attorney General Griggs.

Yeomanry Captured.

Pretoria, Jan. 24.—A few days ago a party of thirty-five natives were cutting grass at Lindique Spruit, escorted by twenty-five Imperial Yeomanry. The party was surprised by 150 Boers and after a gallant resistance, in which six of the Boers and one of the British force were killed, was forced to surrender. Four of the unarmed natives were shot in cold blood.

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One of the owners of this plant, G. A. Beeman, has taken editorial charge of the RUSTLER. The new management is contemplating a change in the size and business arrangements of the paper. We have decided to cut the paper down to four pages; the same four home pages that we have now, and leaving off the four ready-print pages which we do not print at home, but get from Dallas, already printed, thus giving us an all-home paper. Our reasons for doing this are, that we believe that we can conduct the paper, that way, with more success and give more satisfaction to the community, in general. If any of our patrons have any views on the subject we would be glad to hear from them. In the march of progress, we can assure our readers, that the RUSTLER will always keep abreast of Coke county or just a little ahead.

What helps one helps all. The thing to do, is to stand together, and help one another. Help the town, and you help yourself. The prosperity of one is the prosperity of all. Pull down your neighbor and you hurt yourself. Put a wire across the path of progress and you will break your own neck. Jump onto the rich man and you'll be poor indeed. Oppress the poor and you'll suffer from poverty. Be hopeful; big hearted; broad gauged. There is nothing hurts the town, the people and the business, more than the presence of a narrow contracted cross between a glue pot and a vinegar barrel, who never spends a dollar for his own or any other one's comfort.—Yellow Jacket.

An Arkansas contemporary gives the following wholesale advice to young men and boys: "My son, follow not in the path of the loafer nor example after him who is born tired, for verily I say unto you, their business is overstocked; the seats are all taken and the whittling places are all occupied. It is better to saw wood at two bits a cord than to whittle at a loafing match and cuss the government. My son, while thou hast in thy skull the sense of a Jaybird, avoid the cigarette habit, for lo, thy breath stinketh like a glue factory and thy whole appearance is less intelligent than a stone dummy. Thou art a cipher with the rim knocked off."

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Teacher's Institute.

Coke county Teachers' institute held its second session for the present scholastic year on the 17th and 18th inst.

The evening exercises were held in the court house, the welcome address being delivered by Judge E. T. Averitt and the response to the same made by Prof. J. D. Jowers, of Bronte High school. The following pupils of Robert Lee school entertained the audience and did themselves credit by reciting:

Miss Ollie Finch, Lila Roe and Jessie Evans.

Few teachers were present at the evening session. Prof. Evans and a few pupils patriotically tried to fill out the program by singing from memory, "Way Down Upon the Swanne River," and were prevented from entirely breaking down by the resonant and melodious voice of our deputy sheriff, W. B. Green, coming to the rescue just in the nick of time.

The Saturday session was quite interesting and profitable. Quite a number of the citizens of Robert Lee attended the sessions to the delight and encouragement of the teachers.

The following teachers were on the program and discharged their duty:

Prof. J. D. Jowers, W. J. McFarland, Miss Franie Payne and Mrs. T. D. Evans.

Most of the lady teachers of the county were present, but only a few gentlemen teachers.

The next session of the institute will be held at Bronte, February 21st and 22nd.

W. J. McFarland, Sec'y.

Program.

Coke County Teachers' Institute, Bronte, Texas, February 21st and 22nd:

EVENING SESSION.

Friday 7:30 p. m.

Song and prayer.

Question for debate—Resolved, That, as a class, the lady teachers of Texas are better qualified to teach in our public schools than the gentleman teachers.

Affirmative—J. B. McCutchen; Miss Ida Terry, Valdimer Key. Negative—Dr. W. F. Key, Miss Lulu Wilkins, Luther Terry.

General discussion. Music—Bronte string band. Adjourned till Saturday 9:30 a. m.

MORNING SESSION.

At 9 a. m.

Suitable closing exercises for the term.—B. S. Sullivan, Miss Amelia Caraway.

General discussion on current events—Joe Hall, W. J. McFarland.

General discussion on present trend of educational thought—N. C. Brown, T. D. Evans.

General discussion. EVENING SESSION. At 2 p. m.

Recitation—Miss Pearl Smith. "The Kind of Trustee that Suits me"—Miss Margaret Roberts, Williams.

General discussion on primary

number work—Miss M. L. Gorman, Fannie Payne. Adjourned.

J. D. JOWERS, FANNIE PAYNE, T. D. EVANS.

Program Com't.

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