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Arrives at Weatherford 8:52

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Constitutional Nonsense.

To THE LEADER:
In the issue of the Dallas News
of Sunday the 3rd., the subject of a
constitutional convention was treated
and interviews published giving
the ideas of several prominent citi-
zens of Dallas upon the advisability
of having such a convention to re-
model our constitution and bring
that worthy instrument "up to
date," so to speak.

There seems to be a very general
belief that the constitution should
be remodeled but the Dallas state-
men are afraid to attempt it. Judge
Aldridge says he is opposed to it
now "because there is too much
dissatisfaction among the people"
and he is "afraid the populists and
democrats with populist tenden-
cies will capture the convention and
give us a worse constitution than we
have now." Judge Chas. Fred
Tucker says he believes "we need
a new constitution but in the pres-
ent unsettled condition of public
sentiment it might be unwise to
have a convention at present." W.
C. Connor recognizes the need of a
new constitution but he is "not sure
that at the present time a conven-
tion could be elected that would
give the state just such a constitu-
tion as it needs." W. H. Hingworth
said he was "afraid the convention
would be manipulated by profes-
sion politicians who haven't sense
enough to bait a mouse trap."

Capt. W. C. Holland said, "the
people are all upside down and
haven't got sense enough to know
what they want."

Other opinion are expressed, some
of them in favor of a convention.
Col. J. N. Simpson said, "the inter-
est of the State demands a new con-
stitution and the people may be
safely trusted to elect a good conven-
tion. I favor one."

Now, without going into the mer-
its or demerits of our present con-
stitution or the advisability of mak-
ing a new one, it certainly does
strike the average American as a
strange state of affairs when we hear
men in high position—express a
doubt of the wisdom and the ability
of the people to govern themselves.

This doubt goes to the foundation
of republican institutions and it is
really an open admission of govern-
mental weakness. Afraid of "un-
settled conditions" "dissatisfac-
tion" and that the people "haven't
got sense enough to know what they
want." What would the ghost of
Jefferson think of such expressions?

The people of Texas have brought
the great State safely out of Mexi-
can domination and into American
statehood and on up through the
changes of years into marvelous
wealth and prosperity only to be
told at this late day by pseudo state-
men of Dallas that they are incom-
petent to further govern themselves!
"Unsettled condition of sentiment"
fearful! Can these gentry point
to any great reform that did not
grow out of "unsettled conditions" or
"dissatisfaction" of the people? Even
our national existence was the result
of dissatisfaction of the people, and
every important change since our
national birth has resulted from the
same source.

The greatest danger to our govern-
ment to-day is not the ignorance
and stupidity and incapacity of the
people, but it is the very sentiment
these men express; the leaders are
afraid of the masses; the people
must not be trusted; if given an op-
portunity they will go to the dogs;
they must be held down by organic
laws made to suit a past generation.
That is what the czar of Russia
thinks of his people and in some
measure his sentiment is shared by
the crowned rulers of all mon-
archical governments and "a phy-
sical, 'tis true" that far too many
Americans think the general public
incompetent to rule.

In the midst of these the reflec-
tions upon the people of Texas—we
should say insults to the general
public—it is refreshing to read the
expression of Col. Simpson that
"the people may be safely trusted
to elect a good convention." Yes,
they may always be "safely trust-
ed" or else our civilization is a fail-
ure and our institutions a farce.

The Free State of Van Zandt.

A curious state of affairs exists in
the "Free State of Van Zandt,"
and as it has become well known
that Van Zandt beats all counties
in Texas to present ludicrous situ-
ations, it will also be interesting to
know that she has now capped the
climax with the aid of a populist
Commissioner's Court. During the
two years preceding the late elec-
tion the county was under demo-
cratic rule. They owned a lot of
Archer county bonds of the per-
manent school fund. During the
time Judge Yantis and his court let
a contract to one Otto Kroeger to
build a court house at Canton and
let him have the bonds in payment
for the job. He went immediately
to work and got the foundation well
under way. In the meantime the
government of the county was turn-
ed over to the populists. The court
has filed an injunction to prevent
Mr. Kroeger from building said
court house. As Mr. Kroeger had
secured possession of the bonds he
just quit work and said all right,
gentlemen, pocketed the bonds and
pulled out. The democrats tried
to get him to make an effort to have
the injunction set aside, but he
smiled and said, "No, thank you,
if this suits the Van Zandt pops it
suits me; good day gentlemen."

Judge Yantis says the old county
seat fight is at the bottom of the
whole trouble. Myrtle Springs is
largely populist and wants the county
seat. Canton is democratic and
has the county seat. See?
It might be interesting to some
as to how Van Zandt county ever
gained the sobriquet of the "Free
State of Van Zandt." It came
about in this way: At the com-
mencement of the war, when Texas
passed an ordinance of secession,
being a free and independent state,
a portion of the citizenship assem-
bled in convention and declared if
Texas had the right to secede from
the Union, Van Zandt county had
the right to secede from Texas and
form the "Free State of Van Zandt,"
and the name has clung to the
county ever since.

Gov. Turney's contest for the
governorship of Tennessee is dis-
closing some peculiar phases of
politics daily. The returns showed
the election of H. Clay Evans, Re-
publican, but upon evidence of
fraud Gov. Turney refused to vacate
the office and contested the election.
Mr. Evans now submits to Gov.
Turney that if he will withdraw
the contest he will make the race
over again with him. As yet Gov.
Turney has not signified his accept-
ance.—Waxchachie Enterprise.

Concerning Lynching.
Gov. Fishback, of Arkansas, in
his message to the state legislature,
recounts the recent utterances of
the Governors of Texas and Alaba-
ma concerning lynching. "While
the laws of Arkansas are believed to
be as well executed as any other
State in the Union," he says, "yet
lynching by mobs has occurred six
times within the past two years.
Only four of the participants, three
negroes and one white man, have
been convicted and punished. The
fault lies with the officers of the law,
and the legislation." Whatever
difference of opinion there may be
as to the advisability of capital pun-
ishment it is undoubtedly true and
when the states takes a life, even by
the regular course of law, it has a
demoralizing effect in that it thinks
that human life is not entirely sac-
red. And if this be true, how
much more demoralizing is it for
an irresponsible mob to take the
life of an unconvicted man, and go
unpunished therefor! It is a hope-
ful sign that the Governors of three
of the States where lynch law has
most prevailed, have spoken thus
righteously and fearlessly.—Chris-
tian Evangelist.

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ed eyes, scum over eye-ball, wild hairs,
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It is told on one of the promi-
nent Texas ministers that he writes
sermons in his sleep. He has sev-
eral lawyers in his congregation
who even up things with him by
sleeping while he preaches.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.
Did it ever occur to you, reader,
what an "amusing cue" the aver-
age "blowhard" is? He, as a rule,
lies with no intent to harm, and
may be said to tell his falsehoods
to hear the sound of his own voice,
upon which he is badly "stuck."
Vernon Guard.

A Liberal Offer.
The American Publishing House,
3860 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia,
Pa., will send to any address, Part
26 of Young People's Bible History.
This number contains 12 Magnifi-
cent Full-page Engravings with a
Bible History of each. If you want
this beautiful number send them
your name and post-office address
by return of mail.

The Floral Guide.

The Floral Guide, published by
James Vick's Sons, of Rochester,
N. Y., is again at hand, and as usual
is a costly and handsome publi-
cation of greatest interest to all
who love flowers or are interested
in Gardening. This annual cata-
logue is invariably the largest and
most expensive publication in the
country. This year it offers sev-
eral novelties, among which are the
Vick Branching Asters in several
colors and rivaling Crysanthemums
in size and beauty. Then there is
the Sunset Hibiscus and a new Hy-
pericum of great beauty. The
Vicks have a new Sweet Pea, which
is distinctly a double flower, and
they are taking votes upon the se-
lection of a name from half a dozen
which have been suggested. The
voters get chances of winning sev-
eral prizes in cash for the best
guesses at the number of votes the
favorite will get. The guide costs
ten cents by mail, but this price is
deducted from the first order for
seeds.

Robert Louis Stevenson, the
great literary genius who has just
died in Samoa, at the early age of
44, obtained his wife in the most
unusual as well as in rather a ro-
mantic way. It came about in
this way: There lived in San
Francisco a man named Osbourne,
whose wife went to Europe occasion-
ally. On her last trip she met the
gifted author. She wrote back to
her husband telling him of her new
acquaintance and of an affection
she had formed for him. Osbourne
evidently thought his affection only
a platonic one for he wrote his
wife that if she loved Stevenson, to
come home and obtain a divorce.
She did so as soon as she could and
in a short time after the divorce
proceedings were ended, invitations
were sent out for the marriage of
her and Stevenson. The ex-hus-
band was a guest at the wedding
and extended his congratulations.

The daily press of St. Louis has
just published some interesting and
encouraging figures, furnished by
the Excise Commissioner of the
city, regarding the late decrease in
the number of saloons and the fall-
ing off of the consumption of beer
and whiskey. Eighteen months
ago there were 2,500 saloons in St.
Louis, each of which paid a city li-
cense fee of \$400. Since that time
about 500 of the 2,500 have closed
their doors, and the commissioner
predicts that on Feb. 1st, when the
payment of the annual license fee
is due, 250 more will close up, leav-
ing only 1750, or one saloon to every
343 inhabitants, counting the popu-
lation at 600,000. The amount of
liquor consumed in the city has al-
so greatly decreased. The sales of
the St. Louis Brewing Association
for the year ending Sept. 30, 1894,
were 89,239 barrels less than the
sales of the previous year, and sales
of distilled liquors have decreased
proportionately. The Globe-Dem-
ocrat, commenting upon this de-
crease, says: "No more mark of ex-
ample of the far-reaching efforts of
this great decrease in the drinking
habit can be found than the pages
of the police records. The long-
prevailing theory that a large per-
centage of the crimes committed are
due to liquor seems to be borne out
in the practice by the decrease in
the number of arrests. Classing
misdemeanors, breaches of peace
and the numerous offenses for which
arrests are made, under the general
head of crime, for the sake of con-
venience, it is safe to say that there
has been a decrease of 20 per cent
in crime in St. Louis. In the third
district, which has long borne the
reputation of being the most lawless
quarter of the city, the number of
arrests has decreased fully 50 per
cent since 1892. The police credit
the improved condition of affairs al-
most entirely to the decrease in the
canning of beer by the lower class-
es, and the falling off in the amount
of liquor of all kinds drunk by the
denizens of that ballwick."—Chris-
tian Evangelist.

Sebastian on Deck.
During the legislature preceding
this one, Hon. W. P. Sebastian
secured the passage of a bill requiring
all sheriffs and trustee's sales to
be advertised in the local news-
paper, in which the sales were order-
ed. This has caused many a poor
man from being unceremoniously
ousted by a greedy land shark, as
was the custom in the good old days
when a notice was stuck up in ob-
scure corners. Emory Smith of
Depton, introduced a bill into the
Senate repealing the Sebastian law,
and strange to say the bill passed.
It was sent to the house and refer-
red to the proper committee, where
Sebastian appeared in fighting role
before the committee and offered a
substitute. The substitute reduces
the price paid to publishers for pub-
lishing the notice of sale.

A Great Success.
The recent change made by the
New York Weekly World in issu-
ing two papers a week in place of
one is meeting with great favor.
The people appreciate the change
and are taking advantage of it.
Why pay a dollar a year for a
weekly paper when you can get
the New York World twice a
week for the same price? Keep
informed of what is going on in the
world and particularly in your own
country. Congress is now in ses-
sion. Every movement will be of
the greatest interest. Keep abreast
of the times by reading the Twice-
a-Week World—two papers a week
—104 papers a year for \$1.00
If you will send us \$1.50 we will
send you the World and the LEADER
both for one year.

Keep it before the people: nine-
teen of the twenty-two pops in the
Texas legislature voted against the
bill proposing to reduce the amount
of railroad mileage heretofore paid
representatives to ten cents a mile.
Yet the populist editors persist in
arraigning a democratic legislature
for refusing to reduce the amount
of mileage paid the state's represen-
tatives. "Consistency, thou art a
jewel," but surely thy name is not
populism.—Weatherford Republic.

BETSY'S SUCCESS.

MISS ASH was a maiden lady of so
many years that she no longer hesi-
tated to wear her own grey curls,
but she was very well off, healthy
and spright as a dart and but for
one peculiarity would have been
a happy woman.

In these days, believing too little in
the general stumbling block and
many people deny almost everything
that can be mentioned, and are ex-
tremely proud of having faith in
nothing. But Miss Ash reversed this
state of affairs in the hour of her
rising to that of her retiring, the
most alarming things were constantly
occurring. The salt was spilled,
there were awful cracks in the look-
ing-glasses, and she picked up crooked
pins. The bread and cake came out
of the oven and the old scroant
heard steps on the stairs when no one
saw anyone outside when the door
was answered.

"Some put their faith in princes,"
we are told. Miss Ash put hers in
fortune-tellers. She had always done
so from the days when they spoke
confidently of "a fair young man,
with his heart in his hand," or a
"dark-complexioned young gentle-
man what fears to speak his mind."
The dark young gentleman, Miss
Ash had always presumed to be Mr.
Tomplins, who had let concealment
prey upon his damask cheek for sixty
years or so and then departed in con-
sequence of gout.

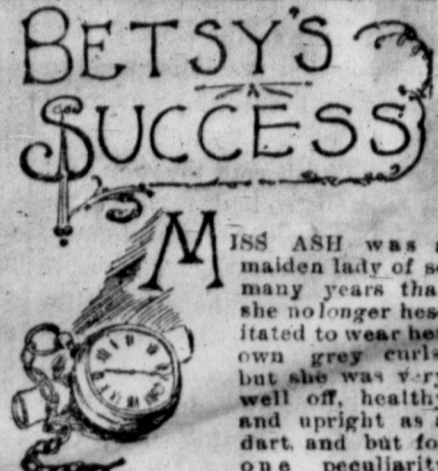
But with all these weaknesses, Miss
Ash was not a bad sort of woman.
She did a great deal for the poor, was
kind to her old servant, and had
taken in, out of charity, a poor young
French girl, whose father had died
upon the passage to America, and
who might have died herself, per-
haps, but for the pity Miss Ash had
upon her.

She loved her nephew Dick, too,
gave him many a present and kept
his pockets well filled with small
change. She instructed him in the
art of table-tipping, in which, having
even less veneration than most lady
of 15, he soon became an adept, and
so great a medium that he could offer
his aunt communications in the form
of cracks, snaps, tips or writhing
from all the celebrated personages men-
tioned in history.

As for the French girl, Estelle Noir,
she was a beautiful girl in her own
way, but it was a fearful way, which
made her shrink from peering into
futura.

Meanwhile Betsy Baker laughed in
her sleeve at the whole of it—table-
tipping and all, and racked her brains
for some pretext by which she could
turn her mistress' love and kindness
from the French girl, who had, as she
believed, stepped into her place, and
might perhaps, deprive her of her
long expected legacy.

Now and then, however, even in
this ghostly household, the real
usurper of the place of the unreal and



"I am a spirit from the
above," said the seeress, in a
trance.
"I am not come for to
only for to give this friend
and a warning."

"The youth will become
a great man," said Madame
climb the pliancies of fate,
he has eluded 'em, the valiant
will select him for Vice and
president. But there's a safe
danger before you, although two
be avoided. You have a mistress
heart and home a foe. It was seen
was."

"Now, there," said Miss Ash, who
sometimes argued with her spiritual
guide, "there you are mistaken. Mad-
ame Smith."
"It ain't me," said Madame suddenly
coming to herself. "It's a higher and
mightier power than what I am."
"Well, it's mistaken, anyhow," said
Miss Ash. "She'll turn out to be
nothing." "No, she won't," responded
the spirit in possession of Madame Smith.
"Look in your secret drawer when
you get home and see if your father's
gold watch is safe. She opened it
last night after you were asleep and
took it out. And she's pawned it or
sold it. It's gone."

Miss Ash looked horror-stricken.
She went home trembling and cold
with apprehension and rushed
straight to the secret drawer of her
escritoir. The watch she valued so
was gone—her father's watch which
she had treasured since her own
Estelle and her nephew Dick alone
knew how to open it. Even her
brother Baker had never touched
Estelle was the thief.

The girl sat sewing, and looked up
at her with a smile when she called
her.
"My watch Estelle my watch—
father's great watch, that I showed
you. Where is it? It's gone!"
"Ah, mon Dieu!" cried Estelle.
"Gone? Impossible!"
Her face was not that of a giddy
person, but Miss Ash never dur-
est her guilt for one moment.

"Estelle," she said, "the st-
have told me all about it. You took
it. Give it back and I'll not punish
you."
"Madame," cried poor Estelle, "I
have it not. I am no thief. I-I take
Madame's watch! I'm honest."
"And there were tears and prayers
and vows, but no confession."
Miss Ash would have believed no
living tongue that had told the tale,
but an angel from heaven had re-
vealed the truth and she could not
doubt it. After long hours, in which
she strove to force the girl to confess,
she took the course she had threat-
ened from the first—called a police-
man and said: "This way, is fond of
"I must have all stakes is always
said, as she loved of the queen, and
"A night in jail will be in I shall
never have faith in any one again."
Betsy Baker lay awake also, giddy
with triumph, yet half terrified.
There was no fair face rival in the
house now. But she was white-face
and miserable.

At dawn, or a very little after,
came a rapping at the door of Miss
Ash's house. A policeman stood there.
"About the young gal that took the
watch, mum," he said.
"Has she confessed?" asked Miss
Ash.
"Not exactly," replied the man.
"But it points that way."
"I don't wish to prosecute," said
Miss Ash. "Only to get the watch
back."
"Ah," said the man. "Well, there'll
be no need. She's dead."
"Dead?" screamed Betsy Baker on
the stairs. "Dead? Dead?"
"Hung herself," said the man.
"Put her hair up in puffs, first, as
made herself neat as a picture."
"Yes—dead!"
Betsy Baker gave another cry and
threw herself screaming on the floor.
She tore her hair, gnashed her teeth
and howled and had convulsions; then
she avowed that she saw stas standing
at her elbow and went off again.
Finally coming to herself, she put her
hand into her pocket and gave Miss
Ash a note, greasy at the edge and
smelling of smoke.
"I went to Madame Smith and told
her what to say," she said. "I paid
her \$5 to say it. As for your watch,
read that."
And Miss Ash, tearing the envelope,
read those lines in Dick's hand:
"DEAR AUNT—Please forgive me
I've got your watch. I wanted one
so bad. I'll take good care of it, and
bring it back when pa gives me a
new one. Your affectionate Dick."
Miss Ash read the words and fainted
away. She came to again, however,
and went to poor Estelle's funeral
and platted flowers over her grave.
And Betsy Baker did not die at once,
as she would in a play, though she left
the house that day. But fortune-
telling had no charms for Miss Ash
any more.

Snuff to Cure Cough
M. Tateosov states that he re-
cently had a case in which he suc-
cessfully combated pharyngitis
accompanied by cough or prostrated
by making the patient take snuff
until sneezing set in. Its action was
immediate, the prostrated ceased
the continued use of the snuff cured
the disease to disappear.

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In one more month President Cleveland will have a Republican congress to deal with, but no legislation of any importance is expected.—Comanche Chief.

If so, the republican congress can take to itself the sweet consolation that it has disappointed no one, but that the present congress do so.

Sebastian has introduced a bill in the House making an abusive epithet an assaulting the first blow. The present law a fellow you and if you resent it, you are a gentleman can be pulled for assault.—Chief.

A whole lot of Lorse above. There is many a blatherskite who is able to heap abuse on decent citizens who are the way the present law is. He resents it as any man ought to, he will be dragged in to police courts to pay a fine as the price of preserving his dignity as a man. By all means let it become a law.

Local news are scarce.—Throckmorton Times.

We don't know what else "are" scarce about the Times office but it is evident that there is a dearth of grammar some where in that locality.

Last Friday the President sent to Congress the third message dealing with the financial question. It is a reiteration of his well known position along that line. He urges Congress to give him power to issue 4 per cent gold bonds. He has arranged for the sale of \$62,000,000 worth of 4 per cent coin bonds and is to have such a premium as will reduce the interest to 3 3/4 per cent. The president has shown Congress due consideration in leaving the bond deal open for ten days under that it may substitute 3 per cent gold bonds, but it is not that congress will esteem the privilege very highly. The president claims the latter scheme would result in a saving to the government of something like a half a million dollars per annum.

Wm. Whitman of Boston, Mass., is in Denison inspecting the cotton mills at that place. He has bought the property under conditions. This is one of the largest plants in the world, excellently equipped with Lowell, Massachusetts, in the number of spindles.

Some enterprising capitalists who own watered lands in Mexico are taking Alabama negroes there under a five years contract to till the land for half, supplies advanced taken out. Mexico seems destined to be filled up with United States enterprise yet. It is indeed the place of all places to which the negroes may go. It is warmer than Kansas, Oklahoma, or other places to which the negro has been induced to emigrate, and they go as tenants for moneyed white men, which suits a negro exactly for he is then assured of plenty of work and plenty to eat.

As the thermometer is 25 degrees below zero in North China, where the Japs are now operating, it will require rapid operations, for them to keep warm. They have found it more difficult to overcome the weather than their pig-tail enemies.

The fifty-third congress is drawing to a close. It has done nothing and will do nothing. The sooner it is ended and a new set comes to front the better. They can do no worse, and may do much better.

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THE STATE CAPITAL.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Feb. 8, 1895.
When the legislature first met, a joint resolution in compliance with a recommendation in governor Culberson's message, a joint resolution was introduced in both houses looking to redistricting the state into Judicial districts, the process to eliminate about a dozen or even more districts from the present list. The resolution was discussed in the senate all Saturday morning without action.

Senator Smith said the Senators on the committee had reported the proposition favorably had done so to please the governor. They were opposed to it and that when they visited the governor for the purpose of securing from him some definite line of procedure looking to a redistricting of the state, that he could give them none. The speaker dwelt further on the danger of transacting the important legislation at the instance of glittering generalities and the absence of a definite line or logical reasoning out of which good might be developed.

Senators Coquitt, Steele and Beall made able arguments in favor of the resolution, arguing that a reduction could be safely made in the judicial districts and a large saving in money be accomplished.

Senator Steele said the offices of District Judge and District Attorney were created by law and not by the constitution, and the legislature had the power to abolish them if it thought it to the interest of the people.

Quite a number of gentlemen in the lobby seem of the opinion that the action of the senate in opposing Culberson's well known plan of redistricting the state, is a case of throwing the gauntlet down to the governor on all his propositions. The senators are not slow in expressing their disapproval of trying to curtail state expenses by whacking at such a vital point as the judicial districts, and there is every indication that the members propose to follow out their own views on this question, irrespective of a governor's dictation.

The question will come up again and it is hard to tell what its fate will be. It is a good guess, however, to say that it will be defeated, as the sentiment in favor of a constitutional convention this year is strong and it, of course, is opposed to the legislature taking a hand in redistricting the state.

General News.

Dr. George Brown, of Atlanta, nephew of the late Senator Joe Brown, has tendered his services as a surgeon to Mexico in case of war with Guatemala.

Lawrence Maxwell, solicitor general of the United States, has resigned. Strained relations with Attorney General Olney are thought to be the cause.

William Flynn shot and killed John H. Sullivan, who he claimed had enticed his sister away from home at Leadville, Colo. Flynn was arrested.

H. C. Evans has had himself sworn in as governor of Tennessee. He declares the contest law enacted by the present legislature unconstitutional.

Bill Cook and "Cherokee Bill" were tried at Fort Smith for participating in the Red Fork train robbery. They were fully identified and convicted. They will now be arraigned jointly for the robbery of two stores.

In the boundary dispute between Brazil and the Argentine Republic, Brazil won.

President Cleveland vetoed the bill appropriating \$136 for the relief of H. H. McConnell, postmaster at Jacksboro, Tex.

A petition asking that the prohibition question be submitted to the people by the state is to be sent to the Kansas legislature. It will contain 40,000 names.

W. H. Harris, the well known sporting man and horseman formerly a resident of Fort Worth, suicided at Kansas, City.

R. H. McAlpine assigned at Amarillo. Assets and liabilities unknown.

Senator Coke is to be given a complimentary dinner in New York City by Senator Murphy, when the Texas statesman retires from the senate in March.

Farmers say that the wheat under the snow is in fine condition. A number of them have made examinations and say it is all right.—Wichita Herald.

Assistant Attorney General Locket has decided that in municipal election the aldermen cannot be legally elected by wards but must be elected as representatives of the whole municipality. It would be well for the citizens of Graham to look after this matter in the coming spring election. There is no question of the illegality of the boards of alderman that were elected by wards and some belligerent citizen with a flimsy excuse could cause a deal of trouble for a number of cities if they were so disposed.

Last week a bill passed the United States senate providing for a submarine cable to be laid from the Pacific coast to Hawaii. There was \$500,000 appropriated with which to begin the work, which will cost about \$3,000,000. The president was authorized to contract for the work. This bill, which we think a good one, was passed by the republican senators, only six democrats voting for it. It is evident that Hawaii will sooner or later pass in to the hands of some foreign power, and it will be better for the United States to be in a position to "bag the game" when the opportunity presents itself, and a cable from the Pacific coast to that country would add undoubted strength to the claim of the U. S. Government, if claim it may be termed. Hawaii is the strategic point in the Pacific ocean, situated so that it can virtually command the traffic in those waters, and it would add immensely to the power of the United States with other nations, if she finally gains possession of it. The democrats opposing the cable scheme is only another instance of party prejudice rising above patriotism. Not that we favor the U. S. taking any advantage of Hawaii, but as we have said Hawaii, cannot remain a sovereignty within itself many years and when the time comes for some foreign country to take possession thereof we are decidedly in favor of Uncle Sam taking her in out of the wet.

A report from the judiciary committee of the lower house of the legislature was adopted last week providing for the redistricting of the state into judicial districts. It is said some of the Solons were opposed to it but the influence of Gov. Culberson over came their objections and the report was adopted in a whoop. The work will require about 4 weeks constant labor and will probably reduce the number of judges from five to forty, which means a saving of the state of some thing like thirty thousand dollars annually.

Justice Cummings has written a letter to the Fort Worth Gazette urging that the standard of qualification requisite for admission of young lawyers to the bar be raised. If they will just require all lawyers to have brains that will raise it high enough as well as disbar a lot who would with proper tutelage make good men to irrigate the North end of a soured bound mule with a black snake while holding the plow handle with the other hand.

At last account the Semi Weekly was resting tolerable well; it snored a little loud last Saturday.—Cisco Apert.

Take hold of its nose, Bro. Wilson.—Bastard.

Yes, take hold of it and you'll be like the man who tickled the panther's toes.

One of our religious editors explains in this wise on the death of an old brother who contributed a good round sum to the church: "O, for others to follow his generous example." We are not appraised as to whether he meant the dying or the giving. We suppose both.

A week or so ago the colored folks of the Methodist church called on the white people for assistance to pay transportation expenses of their pastor's wife from Tennessee to this place. The assistance was given and the Rev. M. Lewis' wife arrived first of the week. Tuesday night the colored folks, assisted by their "Masters," pounded the parson and wife with all kinds of provisions. Rev. Lewis says he wishes to thank all the people for their kindness shown him. We wish the parson gospel speed and add if he is successful in getting the meanness out of some of the city dorkies his Maker will give him a reception far exceeding any earthly poukling.—Whitewright Plow and Hammer.

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No Bonds Payable in Gold.

Editor Constitution—Are there any United States bonds now outstanding payable only in gold of a certain weight and fineness?

INQUIRY.
In answer to the above communication we have to say that all the U. S. bonds now outstanding are payable in coin, that is gold coin or silver coin, at the option of the government. There are no outstanding gold bonds of any description.

The only authority now existing for bond issues is the resumption act of 1875, and even that authority is questioned. According to that act bonds may be issued as described in the act of 1870, and are payable in coin of the standard value of 1870, which was a gold dollar of 25.8 grains, or a silver dollar of 412.50 grains.

John Sherman, when Secretary of the Treasury in 1877, issued bonds under the act of 1875 and desiring them to be gold bonds, asked Attorney General Devens if he could make them payable on their face in gold, on the ground that gold was then the sole standard. General Devens replied that he could not do so, as all bonds issued could be discharged by coin of the standard value of 1870.

Mr. Cleveland's two bond issues were made by virtue of the act of 1875, and in compliance with the act of 1870, as will any others he may make, unless Congress changes the law.—Atlanta Constitution.

Toots From the Ram's Horn.

It takes both grit and grace to get along pleasantly with people who never make a mistake.

Never did any harm, eh? Well, neither did a rotten egg.

"Money talks," but it often fails to sell the truth.

A moderate drinker is like a man who sleeps on the brink of a precipice.

A great deal of stealing is being done that does not go by that name.

When you go to war with a snake the battle ought to be with the end where the head is.

The man who is constantly thinking evil finds a thousand ways to speak it.

It is hard to please the man who never knows what he wants.

The man who would be strong in mind must feed on facts.

The peacemaker need never be out of employment.

The more polish you put on a mean man the better the devil is suited.

It takes more courage to endure than it does to act.

A lie is often told without saying a word, by putting rotten apples in the bottom of the basket.

The treasurer of one of the big cotton mills in Lowell, Mass., writing for an eastern journal, says:

The fact is we can no longer make plain sheetings and drills at a profit in the North. Against \$2 per ton for coal in the South we must pay \$4 to \$4.50. The climate down there is milder, and it does not require so much coal to heat the mills. The manufacturers there can buy their cotton off the market wagon. We must pay freight and brokerage, giving them an advantage of one cent per pound on the raw cotton, which by itself is a fair profit for a mill making coarse yarn goods. The labor, too, costs 60 per cent. of what it does here, and down there the taxation is not quite one-half what it is in Lowell.

Italians Going Home.
New Orleans, La., January 31.—Now that the grinding seasons at the sugar mills is over the Italians are leaving Louisiana in large numbers and returning to their homes in Sicily and Italy.

Commissioner of Immigration Montgomery says the Montebello cleared yesterday with 425 Italians homeward bound. He attributes the general exodus to the failure of the planters to get their bounty and the consequent reduction of wages that followed necessarily. Some of the Italians could not earn more than 50 cents per day and those are going back to Italy, where they say they can do better than in this country. The commissioner also said that 400 had left Louisiana for home by way of New York.

Battle in Oklahoma.

Sherman, Tex., Feb. 5.—Sheriff Lake and posse of Panola county, Oklahoma, to day carried to Oklahoma City two prisoners, Robert and William Sheely, who were arrested in Panola county last evening. A pitch battle ensued before the arrests were made and as a result Bill Sheely is wounded in the leg, Posseman McCann is shot in the arm and Posseman Bland was shot in the fleshy part of the back.

Sheriff Lake held warrants against them for penal offenses, and went to their home and demanded their surrender. They refused to surrender and made resistance. The Sheriff told them to get all non-combatants out of the house and to look to themselves. During this temporary armistice a woman and two children came out and reached a place of safety. The officers, after again demanding a surrender, opened pretty lively firing and the Sheelys returned it from the cracks in the cabin. The sheriff finding after the exchange of not less than 200 shots the utter uselessness of his attack and the advantage the resisting men had, loaded a wagon with hay and pushed it up to the house and dumped it against the structure and set fire to it. This felled the besieged men to their senses and the fight was over.

The President, the Obstructionist.

Glen Rose Herald: Congressman Jo Abbott was at Waco this week, and in reply to a question about financial matters said: "The reason congress does not adopt a financial measure is the attitude of Mr. Cleveland, who proposes nothing but issuing bonds. Congress does not want to authorize bonds. The majority are in favor of recognizing silver in some way, and it is the belief of a large portion of congress that a silver bill authorizing silver coinage to a limited extent would stop the gold drain. The senate would adopt a bill of the kind suggested quickly if there was a chance to get it through."

The Pueblo Chief again rises to the situation when it says: "There is an opening for inventors in the matter of the delivery of newspapers. The paper leaves the office of publication a smooth, neatly folded, slightly journal, well printed, legible and all its lines in proper order. It appears in the home of the subscriber a mass of wrinkles—streaked with ink."

A new move, and a novel one, has appeared in the conduct of the strike in Brooklyn. In order to prolong their fight against the street car companies, the Motemen's Union propose to issue bonds, and by their sale procure funds to keep the members in food and clothing while they are on the strike. This is certainly a novel mode of fighting the corporations, but it would seem that if the order can float \$400,000 of bonds it is somewhat of a capitalistic organization, and we would have the unusual case of organization issuing bonds to make war upon other organizations. If these proposed bonds are issued and successfully placed, a new strike weapon will have been invented—one that may be of great power.—Nashville Semi-Weekly American.

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Well, that is one good thing, certainly, that the law has done.

A western editor says: "If men are the salt of the earth, the women are undoubtedly the sugar. Salt is a necessity, sugar a luxury. Vicious men are galathea, indifferent men are the rock salt, and nice men are table salt. Old maids are brown sugar, good natured matrons the loaf sugar and the pretty girls the fine pulverized white clarified sugar. Pass the pulverized sugar, please!"

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Messrs. W. L. Donnell, G. W. L. D., and B. V. Souther, J. J. Laws, W. P. Stinson, John Roach, L. M. Pratt, Robt. Johnson, S. J. Dinmore, Bony Oldham and others from the Eliasville country are attending district court this week.

Rev. W. M. Goode of South Bend, attended court this week and gave the LEADER a pleasant call.

The case of the State vs. Dr. Fowler for malpractice was dismissed on motion of the District Attorney.

Dr. G. C. Wells of Olney, attended Court this week as a witness.

Wm. Hall, a justice of the peace from Throckmorton county, is attending Court here this week.

Frank Tandy, from the northwest part of the county, was in town this week on business.

W. A. Morris, Dentist, over Beckham Bank. Artificial Crowns and teeth without plates. Modern Dentistry in all its branches.

On account of the inclemency of the weather the business meeting of the Epworth League did not take place last Thursday night but is continued until next Thursday night.

Job Wagon

I will be found ready to do any job hauling, about town, at any time on short notice, and on the most reasonable terms. Call on me when in need of any thing in this line. W. L. TRIVELL.

Miss Lizzie LeGrande returned home from Waco a few days since, where she has been on a visit for some time. Mrs. Dr. Tanner accompanied her home on a visit to the family of G. H. LeGrande.

The constant drop of water wears away the hardest stone.

The constant gnaw of Towser masticates the hardest bone; The constant cooing lover carries off the blushing maid; And the fine quality of Ford Bros.' Groceries Always carries off the trade.

The weather has been very cold for the past three weeks, and the ground covered with snow. This morning it commenced snowing again. The young folks, (and some of the old ones) have had a gay time skating on the ice.

Jas. Knight was arrested and jailed yesterday on a charge of complicity in the counterfeiting case of Lewis and Lem Knight. His examining trial came off to-day before commissioner Girard.

He was bound over to await the action of the Federal grand jury in the sum of \$500. Up to the hour of going to press the bond has not been made.

Lewis Knight gave bond the first of the week and was released from jail. B. P. Griffith and Frank Knight are his bondmen.

M. M. Burris of True, called on the LEADER to-day and ordered the best local medium in the county in connection with the Fort Worth Gazette.

The boys gave a ball at the Woods House last Friday night. Those who attended report a royal time, dancing all night. They had breakfast at early dawn and danced another set after which they departed to their homes.

Notice to Tax Payers.

Parties who have not paid their taxes are hereby notified that they must do so by Feb. 25 or they will be collected by law. H. C. WILLIAMS, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

A lively little scrap took place on the streets of Graham last Sunday, and of course the peace and dignity of State had to be patched up.

For Sale or Trade.

One good piano, nearly new, cost \$350. Will take \$175 cash or \$200 on time. A seventy-five dollar set of Maps and Charts for \$50 cash or good note.

A \$40 set school apparatus for \$30. Two fine office desks, worth \$60 each.

100 pound bell, worth \$18 for \$12.

A Revolving Book Case, worth \$7, for \$4.00.

Call on me when school is not in session.

J. N. JOHNSTON.

District Court.

Convened Monday morning with Hon. Geo. E. Miller presiding. District Attorney J. F. Carter was in attendance. Attorneys from abroad were W. D. Isenberg and J. H. Glasgow of Seymour.

The following named gentlemen compose the grand jury: D. C. Brooks, W. A. J. Akers, J. M. Briscoe, J. C. Bullock, J. C. Carmack, R. H. Ghout, R. J. Johnson, R. A. Dunlap, W. B. Hinson, P. A. Hogan, W. H. Logan and D. A. Ford.

The following named gentlemen compose the regular petit jury for the week:

F. C. Kramer, J. B. Shumaker, S. Dozier, R. M. Summers, R. L. Rickman, H. Hill, Jonas Ely, J. W. Douglas, Homer Mayes, S. B. Keeter, W. L. Donnell, J. M. McCluskey, R. F. Beard, Joe Birdwell, Lee Lassater, J. R. R. Cornish, J. J. Greenwade, E. M. Braddock, J. S. Fisher, G. W. Clifton, S. A. Daws, W. A. Eaton.

Lawrence McLaren, Thos. Higgins, and G. F. Parsons are riding bailiffs for the grand jury, and J. G. Hill is walking bailiff.

In the case of the State vs. Ed. Roach, for seducing May Parrott, the proceedings were abruptly terminated by the marriage of the parties, by Judge Miller.

Strayed.

From Birch Bros. pasture, 4 miles west of Graham, one paint colt, about 8 months old. No marks or brands. Address: GEO. COMPTON, Graham, Texas.

Commissioners' Court.

The County Commissioners Court convened Monday with Judge Timmons presiding. The Commissioners, Messrs. Wm. Reeves, J. T. Hunt, B. W. Drum and M. K. Graham, were all in attendance.

Road business was first in order. Reports were heard and overseers appointed. This was passed to take up accounts. Quite a number of them were approved. There remained some business in regard to the official bonds of the county officers, from last Court, which was finished up.

WHAT IS THE B.B. WAIT AND SEE. Something that will benefit every man woman and child in Young County.

Attention Teachers.

The Teachers Institute at Belknap will be held on February 23rd instead of the 16th, as heretofore announced. This action is necessary on account of the regular examination for teachers certificates falling on the 16th.

The program will remain unchanged. Let every teacher attend on the 23rd.

CHAS. B. GANT, Sec. R. LINDSEY, Pres.

Not many moons since and not many miles from Eliasville was a young gentleman who rumor said was going to be married to a certain fair lady of the community and of course "the boys" said they were going to chiveree the newly wed couple in great shape. Accordingly all the old cow bells, tin pans and other "implements of fuss" were gathered up and then proceeded to the home of the "supposed bride" but all was as still as death. Every body was asleep. It took the boys several days to find out how the joke was played and how badly they were sold.

Eagle Pass [Maverick Co.] Tex., Feb. 5.—Two hundred negro colonists, men, women and children, from Alabama and Georgia passed through here this morning bound for the land of "God and liberty" as blazoned on a large sign tacked on the outside of the special train that bore them. They will cultivate land near Mapimi station, in the well known Tlahualila cotton district.

Secure a Position.

Wanted: for office work, in most every county in the south and west, a young lady or gentleman. Those from the country also accepted. Experience not necessary; in fact, prefer beginners at a small salary at first, say to begin, from \$50.00 to \$60.00 a month.

Chances for rapid promotion good. Must deposit in bank cash, about \$100.00. No loan asked; no investment required. It is a salaried and permanent position. (Strictly office work.) The enterprise is strongly endorsed by bankers. Address P. O. Box 433, Nashville, Tenn. (Mention this paper.)

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Another signal triumph has been achieved by Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder. At the California Midwinter Fair of 1894, as at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, it surpassed all competitors.

An expert jury, after careful analysis and exhaustive comparison, awarded it highest honors and a special gold medal. The award was for highest leavening power, perfect purity and general excellence. It was sustained by the unanimous vote of the judges. Coupled with the victory at Chicago, the achievement at San Francisco confirms Dr. Price's as "The Foremost Baking Powder in the World." It now stands supreme.

Every reader can get a handsome briar pipe free. See adv. "Use of Duke's Mixture."

Watch and Clock Repairing.

MY patrons will find me at D. R. Akin & Co's drug store, ready to serve you on short notice. Prices are as low as those of any first class workman. J. E. JOHNSON.

Parents, have your children's teeth examined.

It costs nothing and may save them trouble and you expense. W. A. MORRIS, D.-D.-S.

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Justified His Hypocrisy by Citius American Examples. "The ways that are dark and tricks that are laid" of the "heathen Chinese" are not exemplified alone in familiarity with the resources of the card sharper's trade. I will acknowledge that my determination to employ Hop Sing as my laundryman was largely influenced by the fact that he conspicuously displayed about his little shop were sundry Christian mottoes, such as "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; Blessed be the name of the Lord;" "It is that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord;" "God bless our home," and so on.

From this I inferred that Hop Sing was a brand plucked from the burning. I grew to quite like the fellow, and often had occasion to reproach myself that I fell so far short of his standard of imperturbable good nature and untiring industry. I never doubted the sincerity of his conversion until the other day, when happening to drop in with my weekly bundle of collars and cuffs for the wash, I found him tacking up some chromos of sacred pictures.

"Why, Hop," I said, delighted, "if this thing goes on you will soon be holding a Sunday school class of your own here."

I thought for a moment that I detected Hop in the act of winking his other eye at his companion, but I was probably mistaken.

"No," he replied with an expression of infantile candor, "no no teach Sunday school; me make trade good."

"Why," I said, when I comprehended him sufficiently to take in the purport of his answer, "do you mean to say that you put these things simply to attract customers?"

"Allee same likee Melican man," he replied with a grin, "allee same. Melican man takee Chinaman's joss signs, put 'em on tings, make us sell make us think Chinaman make em. Why for not Chinaman putte Melican man's joss signs round us shop; makee Melican man feel good; makee Melican man give Chinaman work?"

She was ready.

The train was full of ferocious robbers. Strong men sat in the seats of the cars and held their hands as high as possible. Women trembled and wept, with the exception of the spectacled young woman from Wayside Station. A robber approached her. "Don't you dare to touch me," she shouted, "I'll scream as loud as I can!"

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Three Indigestible Yarns Told by Joe West Versus "Timbers."

In a Virginia forest the other day a very large tree was cut down, near the heart of which was found a lock of hair, of rather two, intertwined of darker and lighter meshes. By carefully splitting the wood the initials "I. S." and "P. P." were discovered, faintly legible, in what must have been the bark several hundred years ago. By carefully counting the rings which covered the initials they were found to support the theory that the mystic letters stand for I-o-h-n, or "John Smith" and "Pooshantow Powhatan," whose locks of hair had been in some romantic mood intrusted to the keeping of the cleft bark.

Not content with slaughtering wild ducks in the usual method, Henry Jones of Currtuck, prepared a Gatling gun and loaded the cartridges with bird shot. Concealing himself, he waited until a large flock approached him at great speed with favoring wind. When they had nearly reached him he opened fire, the result of destruction was terrible, but the force of the wind that also flopped down upon his hide and beneath their mangled wings, perched miserably on the native vegetation.

A lady in Thomaston, cat—Fanny—which has heard her mistress remain kittens must all be drowned Fanny removed them one day to a safe hiding place. After a day or two she brought them back to the mistress with an air of triumph. It was seen that she had with teeth and claws torn to pieces an old canvas and cork life-preserver and had fastened a piece of cork around each kitten's neck. Moved to pity by the sight, the mistress said, "Fanny, these are your kittens shall ever be hart." At this the intell'gent mother took off the bits of cork and went to sleep in perfect confidence.

THE MAID OF HONOR.

A Titmouse Office, Which, However, is Always Eagerly Accepted.

The English queen has no difficulty in supplying vacancies in the ranks of the young women who select to be her companions. They are always the daughters of peers, who, if not themselves connected with the royal household, are personal friends of the queen. A letter is sent to the parents of the young woman selected, requesting the favoring reply, which, if not at court, and the request is never refused. The social cachet is absolute, the salary is \$1,500 a year, although existence is dull in court circles, it is endurable in the light of its ulterior advantages. When an honorable miss or Lady Somebody arrives for her first "walk," she receives at once her badge as maid of honor. This is a miniature picture of the queen set in brilliants, which she wears hung from a ribbon. Her duties are not very onerous, and she is less exacting, probably if these are more to do—and consist chiefly in being on hand if wanted. Just before the dinner hour the maid of honor in waiting stands in the corridor outside the queen's private apartments to receive her as she comes out. She carries a bouquet which, on entering the dining room, she lays beside the queen's plate. Her place as maid of honor is next to the gentleman on the queen's right hand, unless royal guests are present, when she is differently placed. After dinner, unless otherwise commanded, she retires to her own private apartments, but must be ready to answer a summons at any moment to go to the drawing room and read, sing, play the piano or take a hand at cards. The queen, by the way, is fond of cards, and a small stake is always played for. Nor will the queen touch any but the finest quality of money, so such members of the household as play with her have to be provided with coin that has never been in circulation.

Depths of Feeling in Italian.

Campanini and Annie Louise Cary were singing in opera together one night years ago, and the great tenor met with a distressing accident just as it was time for him to make his entrance. But he was equal to the situation. With a look that perfectly revealed the feelings of his company, he was imperceptibly, he sang in Italian and in his most impassioned tones, "Miss Cary, I have torn my trousers; what shall I do?" In the perfect contrast tones, in the parrot Italian, Miss Cary promptly sang, "Oh, poor fellow don't turn around." And then Campanini sang—the one inspired, and Miss Cary with charming tact picked up the bouquets.

No Incompetibility.

In a suit for separation, counsel for the plaintiff pleaded, among other reasons, incompetibility of temperament. He depicted the character of the husband as "brutal, violent and passionate." The husband's advocate rose in his turn, and described the wife as "spiteful, short-tempered and sulky." "Pardona me," interrupted the judge, addressing both litigants, "the law can not see gentlemen, where the incompetibility of temperament comes in."

When They Might Cut Deep.

The late Professor Henry Morley once told his class in University college, London, that it was possible to fix the date of a certain writer pretty exactly from an inscription carved with a knife on a school desk. "Now," said the genial professor to his hearers, "I don't want you to begin to carve your names on these desks, but if any of you know that you will be some famous one, you may cut there as deeply as you like."

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