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## Gold Standard Times.

The Sun would like to talk confidentially to its readers for a few minutes, and let us each forget for the moment, our partisan prejudices. Let us counsel together for mutual benefit.

Do we like these times with gold standard prices. The republicans inaugurated the scheme by demonizing silver, and we are sorry to say that a democratic administration has carried out the scheme and to-day the gold standard is upon us.

Do we like it? What is it? It means that the primary money of the country is reduced one half. Silver is no longer primary money whilst the government that coins silver dollars refuses to pay it out on equal terms with gold. The government discredits its own issue. Silver is true passes current, among the people, but the great capitalists and creditors of the government refuse to accept it and demand gold.

What are the consequences? The results are that inasmuch as one half the primary money of the country is blotted out of existence, prices shrink accordingly. Wheat is worth but 50 cents a bushel; corn is 20 cents; oats 15 cents, and pork 3 cents per pound. Last year it was not quite so bad, but as the volume of circulating medium is contracted, so must prices of products decrease.

These are cold facts, and democrats as well as republicans are interested in them. It is also true that if the policy of the present administration is continued, things will not get any better. It is also true that if Ben Harrison had been elected, the results would have been the same, for Harrison is as much of a gold standard man as Mr. Cleveland.

This brings the question of silver to the front. The farmer, who produces for his products, or they will hold out for business. They cannot hold up under it. The great body of mechanics and laborers cannot support their families with gold standard wages. The business men cannot prosper because the people have no money. There are great stores of wealth produced, but not enough money to effect exchanges, and to keep labor employed. The gold standard system is a failure!

These are all facts, and observations drawn from facts that cannot be contradicted. The great capitalists are prosperous but the people are not prosperous. They do not get enough for their products of their labor and many of them are unable to secure employment at any price.

There is not money enough in the country to transact the business for seventy millions of people. There is only about eight dollars per capita of gold in the United States, and the great capitalists have made the government admit that gold is the only honest money in the world.

It is an alarming state of affairs. It looks as though capital had conspired to rob the people of everything. If the farmers cannot conduct their business at a profit, it is only a question of time when capital, the owners of gold will own all. If workmen cannot win a fair support, they will have to bend to the control of those who control the gold of the world.

What are party ties or partisan organizations compared to the freedom of the citizen?

The situation is alarming! There must be a change, and that very soon, or things will be worse. Prices will go lower, for the gold power is inexorable. It has no pity nor remorse of conscience.—Ottumwa (Iowa) Sun.

The Iowa supreme court at its recent sitting established several new precedents. It defined a subscriber to a newspaper as one to whom it is sent by his order. Where a paper is sent to a person who has not asked for it he is not a subscriber.

Four thousand pounds of rabbits were taken in a big round-up near Concordia, Missouri, a few days ago.

## Want to Convert a Town.

The good people of Wapello county, Iowa, have engaged Dwight L. Moody and two other evangelists to convert the inhabitants of Eddyville to christianity. It is said that they do not believe in the existence of God or hell, decline to take an oath or attend a church service. Evangelists have invaded the town and labored for weeks without gaining a single convert, but when Robert G. Ingersoll lectures the entire male congregation turns out, laying aside everything else to hear the famous speaker. City officers elect have been known to refuse to take the ordinary oath of office because it contained the sentence, "So help me God."

At present fully two-thirds of the business men of the town are unbelievers. Eddyville has a population of 1,500. Last summer Billy Sunday, the evangelist held a series of meetings there lasting an entire week, and he failed to get a single convert. He remarked that he had never before preached in a town with so little success.

Major Broderick, foreman of the Wapello county grand jury, adjourned that body last week in order that he might hear Ingersoll lecture.

In the death of Allen G. Thurman the country loses one of its ablest statesmen and the democratic party a strong, pure and noble leader. He was one of the last of the old school of statesmen. As a representative in congress, a judge and senator he was upright, faithful and able. His character and his public services, and especially his defense of the rights of the people against the great railroad corporations, should have insured him a place in the cabinet of any president.

and in a measure, and his nomination for vice-president. The party had, however, been foredoomed to defeat, and the "Old Roman" could not save it. He leaves an unsullied fame and an inspiring example as an honest man and a true democrat.—N. Y. World.

At a small railway station in the hilly part of Alabama an old man, carrying a carpet bag and accompanied by his wife, boarded a train. They took the first seat, the old lady sitting next the window. It was apparent that this was their first railway journey. The train started, and they both looked eagerly out of the window, and as the speed increased, a look of keenest anxiety gathered on the old lady's face. She grasped her husband's arm and said, in a voice plainly audible to those about her: "Joel, we be goin' awful quick. I know 'tain't safe." A few minutes later the train ran on to a long trestle. With a little shriek of terror the old lady sprung to her feet and seized the back of the seat in front of her. There she stood, trembling from head to foot, staring from the widow. Meantime the train sped onward, and was once more on solid earth. The old lady was quick to note the change. Her features relaxed and she sunk into her seat with the fervent exclamation: "Thank goodness! She's lit again!"

Only a very few years ago it was no uncommon thing to hear people assert that this was no hog country. A few people went ahead, however, and gave the hog a trial on a small scale, and now, as a result their experiments, we find that the hog is very popular animal. Our farmers say that they find them practically free from diseases and that they can raise them here at less expense than in any other place they ever lived. Nearly every farmer now has enough fat porkers for home use and many have quite a nice surplus ready for slaughter.—Haskell Free Press.

Gpn. Don Carlos Buell, about whom comparatively little has been heard since his retirement from office, is devoting his time and attention to the conversion of the Shiloh battlefield into a national park.

## Onions for Diphtheria.

"Why don't they use onions? For goodness sake, why don't they use onions? Where do they live? I will go up there to-day and tell them to use onions!" Such were the exclamations of our mother when we reported yesterday at dinner that a child of Mr. Dudley was dead, and the whole family including himself, alarmingly sick with diphtheria. Mother was moved to these earnest and interested expressions by a firm belief that she knows several lives saved by the use on onions in diphtheria. In these cases raw onions were placed in a bandage and beaten into a pulp, the cloths, containing onions, juice and all being then bound about the throat and well up over the ears. Renewals may be made as often as the mass becomes dry. In the cases noticed the result was almost magical, deadly pain yielding in a short time to sleepy comfort. We wish this remedy might have a wide enough trial to fully test its usefulness.

It is given out on what is said to be good authority that the Hon. Benjamin Harrison does not devote his whole time to posing with his hand in the lap of his coat in easy reach of the presidential lightning, but that he unbends every once in a little while in the direction of the pink-tinted ear of a fascinating widow, and at such times is real coltish and frisky. Indeed, they say it is settled that he is soon to wed again. The fair and fascinating widow is welcome to Ben, presidential boom, grand-father's hat and all, but we would suggest that some thoughtful friend slip in a soapstone foot-warmer among his bridal presents, that is if Ben's feet match his hands, and we presume they do.—Georgia Cracker.

A Missouri man, who married a widow, has invented a device to cure her of eternally praising her departed husband. "Over the No. 2 merely says, 'Poor old man! How I wish he hadn't died!' and the lady immediately thinks of something else to talk about.

## Programme

Of the Fifth Sunday meeting of Macedonia Baptist Association, to be held with Ming Bend Church, Young county, Texas, beginning on Friday, Dec. 27, 1895, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

1. Introductory sermon: R. C. Farmer; R. Lindsey, alternate.

2. Saturday, 10 o'clock A. M.—Divine service conducted by the pastor of Ming Bend Church.

3. Organization; select time and place of next meeting.

4. Discussions: 1st. Was John's Baptism Christian Baptism? I. H. Cunningham; R. Lindsey, alternate.

(2) Was it the organic union of God's people for which Christ prayed in the 17th Chapter of John? B. C. Farmer; Warren Cunningham, alternate.

(3) Does the organic union of God's people exist to-day? O. P. Starke; G. W. Black, alternate.

(4) Duty of the Church to the world: P. B. Keeter; J. C. Welch, alternate.

5. Sabbath school, divine service.

6. Sabbath exercises: (1) 9 o'clock A. M. Sunday School Mass Meeting, conducted by Supt. Sunday School.

(2) 11 o'clock A. M. Missionary sermon and collection for Missions by G. W. Black; O. P. Starke, alternate.

(3) 8 o'clock P. M. Mass Meeting in the interest of Buckner Orphan Home, conducted by Miss Hettie Cunningham.

## A Pastor in Trouble.

His strange translation of church discipline and utterances from the pulpit have brought Rev. F. E. Beebe, a Baptist minister of Delaware, O., into trouble, and his ordination papers have been asked for. He has retired thirty or forty of his wealthy parishioners because they belong to Knights of Pythias lodges and Masonic organizations. Although the Mt. Vernon Baptist association has voted his "silent," Mr. Beebe refuses to deliver up his papers. He is a wealthy man, being considered worth \$60,000, and owner of considerable land in Dakota, Indiana and Illinois.

## Ingered Too Long.

"When I made my first appearance as a public reader," said Burns, "the papers fairly went wild over me. Now they don't notice me at all. They are not treating me fairly." "If you want them to go wild over you again," suggested Nagus, "announce your next appearance as a public reader."

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## The Appointing Power and the Spoils Brokers.

The Florida Times-Union says of the bill recently introduced by Congressman Bailey of Texas:

"Its purpose is to secure the independence of the executive and legislative departments. As a means of accomplishing this end it is proposed that senators and members of the house be prohibited from soliciting, directly or indirectly, the appointment of any person to office. Viewed in any light the proposition seems entitled to favorable consideration. It is more than likely that senators and members of the house would be very much pleased to see such a law passed, though it is also probable that many of them would be afraid to vote to put it out of their power to serve their friends. The congressman who recommends a candidate for office generally disapproves and disapproves many while he gratifies one. But so long as congressmen are permitted and even expected to recommend candidates for appointment to office it is to their interest to keep on good terms with the appointing power. When it is known that a congressman can not secure favors for his friends, while other congressmen can secure favors for theirs, the congressman without influence with the appointing power loses, to some extent, his strength at home, and thus it is to a great extent in the power of an administration to defeat a congressman it does not like. This power to dissatisfy and alienate friends gives to officials who have the appointing power an influence over congress that they should not possess. There is danger that this will make congressmen subservient to the executive department in matters of legislation. There is also danger that the executive branch of the government will too often make appointments a reward for subserviency, and that men who attempt to do their duty, as they see it, to their appointments will be deprived of it."

There are other reasons in favor of ending by law or otherwise the pitiful work in which the professional place-finders, office-brokers and garden seed peddlers have been wasting their time, interest and energy for many years. A congressman is paid \$5000 a year. His time belongs to all the people and not to a few impertunate lieutenants and partisan or personal relatives. He is chosen to perform duties of great importance, not to race from department to department with applications for fat favors for his friends. The legitimate duties of a modern congressman are enough for any person to undertake. He should be left alone to study public questions, to improve the federal legislation of the country. The chief reason why the important work of congress has been so slow and unsatisfactory for many years past is to be found in the general habit with spoilsmen of devoting their time and attention to the low service from which Mr. Bailey's bill is intended to divorce them. The Times-Union thinks that members would be "very much pleased to see such a law passed." This, as regards the average of the house and the senate, is exceedingly doubtful. The habitual spoilsman in congress, of whatever party, will consider the bill the work of an enemy. Under the present method of playing congressman no statesmanship or very close study is necessary. Any sharp campaigner who knows how to dodge dangerous questions can hop from stump to stump and, with future postoffices, clerkships and other appetizing expectancies, including public documents, trade himself into a seat in the house. To proceed thus is much easier in most instances than it would be to prove one's merit or to demonstrate one's statesmanship. Having relied upon and graduated in the former method of getting in, to think of abandoning expectant customers is to contemplate political suicide. Few spoilsmen will prove their willingness to quit the

brokerage business by voting for the Bailey bill. If a law of this kind is ever passed it will be after the people have demanded it very emphatically, both before and after election. Congressmen are doubtless greatly annoyed by applicants, but it is the price many of them pay for the high offices they hold. Many more of them would repudiate their campaign debts if they were not afraid to do so. Others really prefer to spend their lives passing the spoils around here and there where they will do the most good.—Dallas News.

It is said that the lands along the Louisiana coast are sinking into the Gulf of Mexico. By the government water gauge it is shown that the land at the mouth of the Mississippi river is one foot lower now than it was in 1877, and that the water of the gulf is one foot higher than it was eighteen years ago. The sinking of land is reported all along the coast of Louisiana and is contrary to what was expected, as the accumulations and accretions were expected to make much land. But it is said that at one time in the recent past, when the Mississippi river was low, that the waters of the river were actually eighteen inches higher at the mouth of the stream than were the waters of the river, and that salt water flowed up the river in such quantities as to encrust the engine boilers using river water with salt.

There is a beautiful old legend that at creation's dawn an angel came down to the earth seeking something to take back to heaven. It returned with a bouquet of flowers, a baby's smile and a mother's love. When it reached the pearly gates of paradise again the flowers had withered, the baby's smile had vanished, but the mother's love was as pure and eternal as the waters that flowed by the heavenly throne, and the angels exclaimed: "There is nothing on earth pure enough for heaven but a mother's love!" What have such influence they would be the very men who are likely to be deprived of it."

The Baylor County Banner hits the nail square on the head in the following: "You may find honesty among thieves, truth among liars, virtue among harlots and wisdom among fools, but you'll never find a spark of manhood or principle in a meddler. The thief may become honest from fear, the liar may chronicle the truth by mistake, the fool may say wise things by accident and the fallen woman may go her way and sin no more, but the man who noses around and mixes up in other people's affairs will ever remain the same contemptible, unprincipled cur. Them's our sentiments."

Elk are numerous in Chehalis county, Oregon, this winter, and the settlers thereabouts are having great sport and profit out of the fine animals. A band of twelve elk was seen within three-quarters of a mile of a settlement one day last week. They average in weight about five hundred pounds each.

Rev. G. R. Beamish, curate of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, Canada, has baptized the oldest person who has ever received the sacrament of baptism in modern times. This was Mrs. Orr, now an inmate of the House of Industry, who has reached the age of one hundred and ten years.

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## A Word in Season.

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A bill authorizing the president to appoint a commission to investigate the Venezuelan boundary, as suggested in his late message, passed both houses of congress in a rush. The bill appropriates \$100,000 to pay the expenses of the commission.

A Financial Crisis. Owing to war talk and to the perpetual withdrawal of gold from the treasury the president has sent in a special message to Congress begging them to do something immediately for the relief of the treasury. He says that if something is not done a panic is imminent. He asks congress to make some provision before an recess for holidays. The latest from Washington is that the republican majority of the ways and means committee in the house propose a tariff increase of 15 to 20 percent on all articles except sugar, and a tariff of 8 cents per pound on raw wool and woolen goods. It is also said that they will report a bill for the issuance of short time bonds to meet emergencies in the treasury department.

A mining boom almost equal to the California gold fever period seems to have struck Colorado. The phenomenal growth of the mining business in the Cripple Creek district bids fair to be duplicated in a new camp some fifty miles northwest of Denver.

We can not endorse all the political opinions of Grover Cleveland, but his recent manifestations of maintaining a vigorous foreign policy meet our views to a T. If the nations of this earth do not respect America and American ideas and institutions, they must be taught to fear them, until the day shall speedily come when no state or country dare to assail the meekest citizen when under the shadow of the Stars and Stripes and when that shadow shall, constructively, follow every American, wherever he may choose to go.—Weatherford News.

Although Kentucky is generally supposed to be a temperate state, and the people are supposed to use bourbon as a steady drink, there are thirty counties in the state where no saloons are allowed and the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicinal purposes, is strictly forbidden.

According to the secret service bureau there are about as many secret stills in New York and Brooklyn as there are in the Tennessee mountains, and it would seem, therefore, that a man may be a moon shiner even when he walks in the gaslight.

"Happy?" murmured the bride. "Ah yes. I have a good noble husband and just think of the number of people I got even with by not inviting them to my wedding?" and there shone in her eyes the strange, terrible light that revealed The Woman Who Did Somebody.—Detroit Tribune.

A report from Terre Haute, Ind., says that at a conference of populist leaders a plan was formulated for a combine of the silver element in all political parties. This is to fight an alleged combination of the "gold bug" democratic and republican force on a gold standard candidate. Whether or not there is any foundation for the Terre Haute report, the present status of the political situation seems to plainly indicate that the next presidential contest will be waged chiefly on the money question, and that the opposing candidates will respectively represent the combined silver and anti-silver element of the different political parties regardless of previous party affiliation.

"THE COMMON PEOPLE." As Abraham Lincoln called them, do not care to argue about their ailments. What they want is a medicine that will cure them. The simple, honest statement, "I know that Hood's Sarsaparilla cured me," is the best argument in favor of this medicine, and it is what many thousands voluntarily say.

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WAR TALK.

The boundary dispute between the Republic of Venezuela and the British Province of Guiana in South America is about to embroil this government and that of mother England in a serious quarrel which threatens to lead to a war between the two nations. It seems that the boundary in question has been in doubt for half of the century or more, and Venezuela has made effort after effort to get a peaceable settlement of the line. But Great Britain, on the other hand, has refused to arbitrate the matter and has lately threatened to forcibly take possession of the disputed territory and eject Venezuela therefrom by force of arms.

The United States offered to act as arbitrator in the matter and Lord Salisbury, the prime minister of England, refused our friendly offices and intimated that it was none of our business. Thereupon Secretary Olney addressed a very remarkable letter to the English Government through Minister Bayard in which he took a very decided stand in favor of the Monroe doctrine and informed the government of England that any forcible occupation of Venezuelan territory on the part of England would be considered an unfriendly act toward this government, and that this government would feel itself bound to resist such an act as a violation of the Monroe Doctrine. Lord Salisbury replied to the effect that the dispute was a question between England and Venezuela and that it did not involve any violation of the Monroe doctrine whatever, and that said doctrine was not recognized in the law of nations anyway.

President Cleveland thereupon recommended to Congress an appropriation for a commission to investigate the differences between England and Venezuela. Congress promptly passed an act appropriating \$100,000 for the purpose, and upon the report of the commission to be appointed by the president depends the future course of the United States in the matter to a great extent.

Public sentiment all over the country seems to heartily endorse the course of the president in upholding the principles of the Monroe doctrine, and it is safe to say that our government will at least see that there is fair play between the stronger and weaker governments. All parties agree that the United States must either uphold the Monroe doctrine or else that enlightened statesmanship will find a peaceful way out of the difficulty.

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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.—She—"Have you loved anybody else, Harold?" He (apologetically)—"Well—you know how it is yourself."—Somerville Journal.

—Maggie—"They tell me Jones is a very devoted husband." Burgess—"Yes, indeed. Why, he actually goes to his own wife's afternoon teas."—Philadelphia Record.

—His Way of Putting It—"Is there one fountain pen better than another?" "Well, no; I should say, however, that there are a good many fountain pens worse than others."—Chicago Record.

—"What on earth have you been doing, my child?" exclaimed Fannie's mother as the little girl came into the room with her hair all a-wavy and her dress torn in a dozen places. "Playin' grocery store and carried it ten blocks, an' we've opened it it was full o' soap."—Philadelphia Record.

—Mr. Ferry—"I see that at a wedding at Quincy, Ill., the man promised to obey instead of the woman. I wonder how the match will turn out?" Mrs. Ferry—"Oh, about like any other marriage. I don't suppose he meant it, any more than the woman does when she says it."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

—Strange that it should be said that this is a hard, unforgiving world. It is a bright, beautiful world; at least just before election, when one is all the time meeting the most amiable of men with faces all smiles and with a hand held forth in eager pursuit of another hand to fondle and caress.—Boston Transcript.

The National Financial System.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The following message from the president was sent to congress late this afternoon:

To the congress: In my last annual message the evils of our present financial system were plainly pointed out and the causes of the depletion of the government gold was explained. It was therein stated that after the efforts had been made by the executive branches of the government to protect our gold reserve by the issuance of bonds, amounting to more than \$162,000,000, such reserves then amounted to but little more than \$79,000,000; that about \$16,000,000 had been withdrawn from such reserve during the month next previous to the date of that message, and that quite large withdrawals for shipment in the immediate future were predicted.

The contingency then feared has reached us, and the withdrawals of gold since the communication referred to and others that appear inevitable threaten such a depletion in our government gold reserve as brings us face to face with the necessity of further action for its protection. This condition is intensified by the prevalence in certain quarters of sudden and unusual apprehension and timidity in business circles. We are in the midst of another season of doubt, caused by our dangerous and fatuous financial operations. These may be expected to recur with certainty as long as there is no amendment in our financial system. If in this particular instance our predicament is at all influenced by a recent insistence upon the position we should occupy in our relation to certain questions concerning our foreign policy, this furnishes a signal and impressive warning that even the patriotic sentiment of our people is not an adequate substitute for sound financial policy.

Of course there can be no doubt in any thoughtful mind as to the complete solvency of our nation, nor can there be any just apprehension that the American people will be satisfied with less than an honest payment of our public obligations in the recognized money of the world. We should not overlook the fact, however, that the aroused fear is unreasonable and must be taken into account in all efforts to avoid public loss and the sacrifice of our people's interest.

This can only be averted by a complete change in our financial scheme. Pending that the executive branch of the government will not relax its efforts nor abandon its determination to use every means within its reach to maintain before the world an American credit, nor will there be any hesitation in exhibiting its confidence in the resources of our country and the constant patriotism of our people. In view, however, of the peculiar situation now confronting us, I have ventured to herein express the earnest hope that the congress, in default of the inauguration of a better system of finance, will not take a recess from its labor before it has by legislative enactment or declaration done something not only to remind those apprehensive among our people that the resources of this government and a scrupulous regard for honest dealing afford a sure guarantee of unquestioned safety and soundness, but to reassure the world that with these factors and the patriotism of our citizens, the ability and determination of our nation to meet in any circumstances every obligation it incurs does not admit of question.

I ask at the hands of the congress such prompt aid that it alone has the power to give to prevent in a time of fear and apprehension any sacrifice of the peoples interest, and the public funds or the impairment of our public credit in an effort by executive action to relieve the dangers of the present emergency.

(Signed) GROVER CLEVELAND, Executive Mansion, Dec. 20, 1895.

Are You Going Home for Christmas? If so, see the Ticket Agent of the SANTA FE ROUTE, who will give you full information regarding rates, time and connections. On December 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1895, excursion tickets can be purchased via the Santa Fe Route to all points in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Florida at half rates. Tickets limited to thirty days for return. In addition to the also a Local Excursion Ticket between any two points in Texas and Indian Territory on the Santa Fe Line can be purchased on Dec. 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and Jan. 1st, limited to January 3rd, for return, at reduced rates.

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Man; of our subscribers are in arrears on their subscriptions to THE LEADER. Some are one year and others are more than one year behind. They are all good pay, but have neglected to keep square with the printer. If you are in arrears a cross mark will appear after your name for each year or fraction of a year that you owe. Now don't get mad and say we dunned you; but take the hint, square up and look pleasant.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, taken at this season, will make you feel strong and vigorous and keep you from sickness later on.

Wm. Taylor, of Essex, Mo., is visiting in Young county. He will remain a month or more.

Sam Haggard, who has been in Missouri for the past eight months, returned to Young county a few days ago.

Mrs. J. J. Price, of Le, took the stage here last night to visit relatives at Christ. She got tired celebrating the birthday of her husband and followed her Thursday.

B. J. Bryant took Thursday's stage to visit relatives in Arkansas. Apart from the pleasure of visiting his parents, whom he has not seen for fourteen years, this will be a novel trip for Dan, as he never rode a mile on railroad before.

The various mail carriers made an effort to get out Tuesday morning, but all streams were up, owing to the incessant rain which prevailed Monday night.

School desks for sale on long time. J. N. JOHNSTON.

Mr. Geo. Beard, of Arkansas, arrived Monday night and is visiting his brother, Robt. Beard, of the Norris Hardware Co.

Mrs. Julia Timmons, of Fort Worth, arrived Monday night to visit her son, J. W. Timmons.

Alma Timmons is spending the winter at Chicago.

Chinaware, China, Gorrissen's.

Neeley Butler left here on the stage last week on a visit to Rock wall county but was taken sick between here and Finis and had to be sent home. He is reported to have pneumonia.

Table Cutlery and Pocket Knives at V. F. Gorrissen's.

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Miss Nora Wright, daughter of Wm. Wright, of Connor Creek, is visiting relatives at Manhattan, Kansas. She will remain several months.

Useful presents are to be found in our dry goods department. GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

Saturday was a big day in Graham. Every man, his sister, his cousin, his aunt and his dog were in town.

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Joe Aynesworth and wife left Saturday morning for Waco, their future home.

Our corn crusher will be run for the public only on Thursday of each week. Charges for crushing five cents per bushel. GRAHAM MILLING CO.

Mrs. Henry Schlittler has been spending the week with relatives at Mineral Wells. Henry drives the stage all right enough while Mrs. Schlittler is at the other end of the line, and lets "the old man" rest.

Meals 25 Cents. From the 1st day of Dec. I will serve meals for 25 cents. Sundays Turkey, Cranberries and Mince Pie. Fresh Oysters 50 cents per dozen. Mrs. JONAS ELY.

J. R. Harris has resigned the position of city marshal and John Taylor has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Taylor makes a first-rate constabulary officer, but our people are so orderly that he has not yet been called upon to exercise his authority in preserving the peace.

Pictures. You will find them pretty, new and neat. Large stock, low prices, latest subjects, latest frames. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

## CHRISTMAS.

Graham celebrated Christmas as Graham usually does. The only feature different from other Christmas mases in the past was the fact that the recent birth-day of the meek and lowly Nazarene was a quieter day in Graham than it usually has been in the past. The boys did not fence up the streets and no cattle and horses were led into the saloons and pawed for drinks for the crows. There was but little drunkenness and only one arrest on Christmas day, and that was only for a too enthusiastic display of patriotic American spirit. The arrested man was making a speech in front of the saloon in favor of the Monroe doctrine, and becoming rather too fervent in his expressions of loyalty to American institutions and emity towards her British majesty, he was "pulled" by the City marshal and allowed to spend the night in jail and cool the ardor of his patriotism. The small boy got in his work with firecrackers and Roman candles as usual and had a big time generally.

The various Sunday Schools had magnificent Christmas trees, and as THE LEADER reporter could not visit all of them at the same time, he will say that all of them were refulgent with beauty, were largely attended and the hearts of the children, and many "old children," were made glad. Real live Santa Clauses appeared at the various Christmas trees, and it is hoped that many hearts have been relieved of some burden, and that the Christmastide has been a source of joy to all.

In this connection THE LEADER wishes all its patrons a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Prof. J. N. Johnston went to Whitt one day this week to visit relatives and friends.

Don't be Deceived. For the best goods for the least money, go to Jno. E. MORRISON & Co.

Sheriff Henry Williams and Mr. E. B. Norman returned Saturday night from a chase after "Mr. Smith" who swindled Mr. Norman of \$111.00 two weeks ago.

Celluloid, Toys, etc. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Virgil Tidwell left yesterday for Quincy, Ill., where he will attend the Gem City Business College for the next six months. Virgil is one of Graham's best boys and THE LEADER hopes to see him return loaded down with honors.

All kinds of Watch, Clock, Jewelry and Spectacle repairing done promptly. Charges moderate, satisfaction guaranteed. Movements or cases furnished. Old gold or filled or silver cases made over as good as new. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Prof. J. N. Johnston was awarded a first grade four-year certificate by the examining board last week. Prof. Johnston goes on record as having made a higher classification for proficiency in every branch, except penmanship, ever made by any teacher in the county.

Finest, cheapest, largest line of push, celluloid and combination novelties ever shown here. An inspection of our stock will convince you. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Pink Brooks has returned from a visit to his old home in Georgia. He says the old country looks natural enough, but that Young County, Texas, is God's country.

Jewelry, Jewelry, such as diamond rings, watches, bracelets, chains, etc., at prices to suit all, at V. F. Gorrissen's.

Capt. Jno. M. Wyatt of the Graham Mercantile Company, proposes to organize a company and tender his services to the United States in case of war with England over the Venezuelan business. When the British Lion hears that Young county will take a hand in the matter, all hostilities will cease.

Found. A bunch of keys. Owner can get same by calling at this office, describing property and paying for this notice.

The concert given at the Public School building last Saturday night was well attended, and the proceeds will almost, if not quite, buy a new bell for the Christian Church, for which purpose the entertainment was given.

For Trade. We have a number of work horses and mules to exchange for corn. ANNOLD & ARNOLD.

## Hymenial.

MASON-SLOAN: On yesterday at 11 o'clock A. M., Mr. G. S. Mason of Decatur, and Miss Pattie Sloan, one of Graham's fairest daughters, were united in marriage. Rev. Ira Adams officiating. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. J. F. Sloan, lately the hostess of the Bell House. The happy groom is a stranger to us, but we congratulate him upon getting one of the best girls in our city to share his future joys and sorrows, and we wish them much success in life.

Express and Passenger Service. We have appointed Mr. J. M. Wood, at the postoffice, our agent. He will handle all express matter carried by us and will collect all charges before delivery of same. He will also sell tickets for transportation of passengers on our line to Mineral Wells and intermediate points, and no one will be allowed transportation without having procured a ticket.

4. DEWEY & SCHLITTLER. Several boys were said to be "on a tear" this Christmas and on yesterday the Department of Justice made a searching examination with a view to prosecution. The result was the filing of one information against Guy Butler for giving liquor to minors.

Carpets, Carpets! Jno. E. MORRISON & Co. are showing a very handsome line of Carpets from sample, including Royal Wilton Velvets, Tapestries, Delhi Art Carpets, Art Squares, Cordova Brussels, Three Plys, Best Ingrains, together with the cheaper grades; all very cheap at Jno. E. MORRISON & Co.

We have an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of firecrackers, Roman candles, etc., on the streets. We give this information to the public for fear the people will not find it out otherwise.

Among other inducements to purchase of us, we claim to have the most courteous and attentive force of clerks in Graham or anywhere else. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Christmas. Fresh Candies, Nuts, Cocoa-nuts, Figs, Raisins, Oranges, Apples.

We sell them cheaper than any house in town. Christmas tree committees will save money by buying from us. GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

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## Lacy Locals.

J. A. Kieth's baby is improving. Mrs. Malugin, of Clay county, is visiting Walter Daniels.

White and Walter Ganaway have moved into their new residence. Messrs. Withrow and Stewart are pulling stumps for Midyett and McMellin.

Singing at W. A. Whittenburg's last Friday night.

Literary exercises at the school house every two weeks. The next meeting of the society is on the 28th inst. Come out, take part and let us have a good time.

Will Daniels and Clark Malugin went below Graham this week after cedar.

Messrs. C. C. Cunningham, L. M. Midyett, Joe Young, Jake Cross, Joe and Dow Hawkins visited Graham this week.

W. F. McMellin started to Weatherford Tuesday on business.

Mr. Splawn, from Archer county, has moved on Tom Grant's place. Henry Midyett and family are visiting L. M. Midyett.

Religious services at the church house Christmas at 11 o'clock. Lee Richardson went to Round Timbers, Baylor county, last week, and brought home a fat gobbler, saying it was a "wild one."

A. SWITHIN. Lacy, Texas, Dec. 20th, '95.

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Grand Opening. Every day at our store. Come, every one. GRAHAM DRUG CO.

Dr. E. F. Lewis is quite sick. He has pneumonia.

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Christmas is over and everybody has settled down to business again.

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## Teachers' Institute.

At Goose Neck Bend School House, Jan. 11, 1896.

PROGRAMME. 10 A. M.—Opening exercises arranged by resident teacher.

Recitation: Miss Mollie McJilton. 1. Advantages and defects of Graded School systems: H. Fowler, W. A. Davis, G. A. Gray, Misses Mary Graves, Ida Darling, Minta Allen.

Recitation: Miss Emma LeGrand. 2. How to make our Public Schools more efficient: R. Lindsey, Geo. Compton, W. T. Blakley, Misses Mollie McJilton, Lee Blakey, Henrietta Carr.

Recitation: George Hill. NOON. 1:30 P. M.—Opening exercises.

Recitation: Miss George Jewell. 3. The teacher in politics: J. N. Johnston, C. B. Gant, J. E. Moreland, Misses Lillian Ernest, Alice Lindsey, Mrs. Greenwade.

Recitation: Miss Ida Darling. 4. Are we called to teach? W. P. Stinson, Geo. McLaren, E. K. Timmons, Misses Ida Jarvis, Tina Wilkinson.

Recitation: Miss Mary Graves. NIGHT SESSION. 7 P. M.—Opening exercises.

Recitations: Misses Sallie Chism, Alice Stewart Fay Clark. 5. Some Educational Caners; Treatment and Cure: J. N. Johnston, R. Lindsey, W. A. Davis, Misses Mollie McJilton, Mary Graves, Martha Elkins.

Recitations: Cleo Hindman, Janie Stafford, Beaufort Wallace. 6. Do parent co-operate with you in governing your school? How? W. A. Davis, R. Lindsey, H. Fowler, Misses Ida Darling, Georgia Jewell, Lillian Ernest.

Recitations: Misses Blanche Galaher, Bessie Lyons, Beatrice LeGrand.

It May Do As Much For You. Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a Severe Kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called Kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began the use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure all Kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price 50c, and \$1.00. At D. R. Aikin & Co's Drug Store.

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## South Bend.

Christmas arrived in South Bend Dec. 25th. It left the next day. We hung up our stockings (No. 11), and Santa Claus expressed his goodness towards us by leaving in them a half bushel of pecans, a boot-jack, a tin horn, two boxes fire-crackers, a rubber doll and three pecks of popcorn. I'll bet he had to hold his nose, because we had neglected to take a foot-bath since he was around the last time.

Miss Alice Lindsey, of the Graham public school, is spending the holidays with her relatives, Messrs. Scott.

Elder Parker preached here last Sunday.

Jim Lindsey and wife, of Jones county, are taking Christmas very pleasantly in South Bend with relatives and their many friends. Mrs. Lindsey is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hale.

The farmers claim that there is a better season in the ground now than has ever been the case at this time of year in this part of the country.

Jim Darnell has moved to Mineral Wells.

Bob Holcomb moved this week, on the McBrayer farm.

Carri Reed and wife were shopping in Graham last Saturday.

The only professional butchers in this community is Bob Harrell and Elbert Keeter; but Elbert is the more proficient. He can locate the galleyst in a hog and have it desecrated before Bob can say "sketch-addle."

Wils Copeland and Harrison Norton returned this week from a business trip to Cleburne.

There was a grand ball given at the residence of James Keller Tuesday night.

Old Cupid has come amongst us again; this time it is Miss Cretia Herring of this community and Frank Norfon of near South Prairie, who were married in Stephens county last Thursday. This was an elopement—complete an unequalled. None of the bride's immediate relatives, except a younger brother, knew anything of the affair until the nuptial knot was tied.

The young lady was at school, and while at recreation, about the middle of the afternoon, her affiances drove up to the school house door with an attendant or two, making known their presence with a few jesting remarks.

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