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With "Declining Respect."

"I have a declining respect for platforms. I would sooner have an honest man on any sort of a rickety platform you could construct than to have a man I did not trust on the best platform which could be made." The language quoted here are the words of Jefferson Davis, used by him in debate with Stephen A. Douglas two weeks after the democratic party split in the Charleston convention in 1860. To Davis Douglas retorted in the following manner: "If the platform is not a matter of much consequence, why press that question to the disruption of the party? Why did you not tell us in the beginning of this controversy that the whole fight was against the man and not against the platform?"

But Jefferson Davis was correct in the matter of having a man of the right kind of character upon the ticket. Platforms can be and are often disregarded. But the item of first importance in naming candidates for official trust is to know that you can trust the man you are voting for and that he is honest and intends to do right.

The Times-Star editor has never attached so much importance to the platform expression of a party as he has to the honesty, ability and capability of the candidate. Platforms are often framed to please various sentiments and different interests and more reliance, therefore, is to be placed in a man of known views and convictions, with character and ability.

It may be said that men, too, are able, and frequently change views after a long record on a question. This too, is true, but is not so frequent as you will find provisions in platforms that were inserted for the purpose of justifying an element here and there, but with no serious intention of purpose of carrying them out.

All political parties are guilty of making platforms to catch votes. For instance, the populist platform of Texas, in 1894 declared that they were in favor of proportionate representation. They meant by this that they were in favor of giving to the negroes representation in all legislative bodies equal to their pro rata strength of population and a division of all other offices nominated by their party on the same basis. This was merely a bait thrown out to catch the negro vote and the populist orators and campaigners used it to effect with the colored voter. They said they were going to make school trustees of the colored voter and give him other offices. But they didn't do it in their conventions. As far as we have heard they nominated only one negro to office in the whole state in 1894 and he was for constable of a Navarro county precinct. Likewise the democratic national platform declared for the repeal of the ten per cent tax on state bank circulation to satisfy an element in the party that favored state banks as a substitute for national banks. But a bill to repeal the law by congress was largely voted against by democratic members. And the republican party is just as guilty. They indorsed prohibition in Kansas and Iowa and then winked at its violation. And so it goes with platforms. No wonder Jefferson Davis had a "declining respect" for them and preferred to trust a man of the right sort—one he knew to be honest and competent.—Terrell Times-Star.

In response to an appeal made by Judge Miller of Wichita Falls to let the law take its course with the bank robbers, some one in the crowd replied: "Oh, yes, there will be a continuance, then an appeal, then a reversal, then bond, and final liberty." As long as there is just cause for such criticism of our criminal courts and their slow and uncertain actions, just so long will the pages of Texas history be darkened by a recital of such scenes as were enacted at Wichita Falls. While the law is supreme in meting out justice the people appeal to law, but when the people doubt the efficiency of the law they become a law unto themselves.—Mineral Wells Graphic.

The Party Wreckers.

That the cuckoo and gold standard crowd, led by the two Newses, has set about with the deliberate determination to disrupt the democratic party by encouraging an open revolt against the officials of the party, can not be denied. The tactics adopted by the opposition are everything but creditable. From the very beginning until this good day, misrepresentation has been the principal argument employed by them. Not contented with denouncing the advocates of true bimetalism as "free silver lunatics" and other like names, the gold bug press of the state has published from time to time under the head of "news" fabrications of the basest sort relative to the friends of silver. Direct reference is made to the rot which they have printed about the visit of Mr. Blake, Chairman of the State Bimetallic Executive committee, at Austin during the meeting of the state democratic executive committee. It was heralded that Mr. Blake went to Austin at the instance and direction of Mr. Sibley, a promoter of an independent free silver party, and the generally understood candidate for president of that party. Nothing could have been further from the truth. In fact, it was a campaign canard promulgated for the purpose of driving the more timid advocates of silver to the support of the single gold standard or administration crowd. This story was promptly denied by those who were in a position to know. It was repeated and efforts made to bolster it up. Not only this, but the News endeavored to prove by its staff correspondent at Austin that the plan was laid to deliver the democratic vote to the new silver party. The reasonings and deductions made by the Austin correspondent were all as false as the original Sibley story. Not only have they stopped here, but day in and day out the regularly organized democratic executive committee is pursued with relentless fury and persecuted for doing that which was exactly in the line of duty.

No opportunity is lost by the enemy to throw discord if possible into the ranks of the regular democratic party and to rebel against the mandates of its authorized committee. The object of this is to confuse the democratic masses and to stifle and prevent untrammelled expressions from them. Let democrats everywhere, whether they be for free silver or not, who are in favor of a fair deal prepare to go to the polls on the 6th of June and administer a rebuke to these interlopers and would be iconoclasts in the democratic household. That they are urged on by self interest and rule or ruin spirit, can be seen by the least observant citizen.—Texas Bimetalist.

The First National bank of Wichita Falls was robbed at 2:30 p. m. on Tuesday of last week by Foster Crawford and Younger Lewis. Cashier Frank Dorsey was killed and P. P. Langford, book-keeper, was wounded by the outlaws. The robbers were pursued and captured about 16 miles from Wichita Falls. On Wednesday night they were taken from the jail by force and both hanged to a telephone pole in front of the bank and were left hanging all night.

Cashier Dorsey leaves a widow and three children. Some weeks ago he was informed that the bank was going to be robbed. He took the matter seriously and said to President Kemp: "If the bank is robbed I will be killed; I know it." The robbers were desperate characters and died cursing God and man.

Miss Elizabeth Flagler, daughter of Gen. Flagler, chief of ordnance, United States army, who last spring shot a colored boy named Green, son of a treasury department messenger at Washington, D. C., was arraigned in court one day last week. She was found guilty to "involuntary manslaughter" and was sentenced to three months in jail and to pay a fine of \$500. Gen. Flagler paid the fine and the young lady was conducted to jail, where she served the three hours.

Settled the Bill.

Suicides are never wanted by hotel proprietors. Each one costs a hotel a considerable sum of money, and for months the room in which it occurred is shunned. At one of the leading hotels of this city lately a guest acted strangely, and the proprietor made up his mind that the man was going to do something desperate. So one night he went to the guest's room. There was no answer to his knocks, and the door was locked. A look over the transom showed the guest writing a letter, a pistol at one side and a bottle of poison at the other.

"Let me in or I'll break open the door," called the landlord. The door was opened after a little hurried work disposing of the things on the table.

"I don't want any suiciding here," said the landlord, entering.

"What's the matter with you, anyway?"

"Out of money, out of work and can't get out of town," sullenly said the guest.

"Well, how much cash will you take and agree to get out of town?" asked the hotel man.

"I could get home for \$20," was the reply.

"Here's the money, now pack your grip and take the first train." The man went. It was a good business transaction for the landlord.—Washington Star.

More than nine-tenths of the people of this country feel that the face which is going on in dumping gold, or pretending to dump it, into the United States treasury, and then raising it out again into the coffers of gold bond oppressors, syndicates and villains, is about the most gigantic and infernal game that has ever been played in the annals of human history, and yet it goes on with the sanction of our President and legislators, and with the stupid, surly submission of over sixty millions of over-riden and pauperized people. The Senator who dared say on the floor of the United States Senate the other day that these sixty millions of oppressed men would conclude one of these days to march up to Washington with rifles in their hands, may be scouted as a "blatant and black guard," but he spoke out the gathering sentiment that surges and swells from sea to sea, and that will sooner or later burst in dreadful revolutionary storms, if the great crime against our long-suffering people is not abated. None of us want to see such a culmination, great God prevent it!—but all who understand anything of human nature and human history know that the ship is heading straight for such breakers. And yet our leading men and newspapers declare it a "billingsgate" to speak out the whole plain truth. So said King Louis, his Queen and Court, up to the hour of their ignominious flight from Versailles.—Word and Works.

If the old maids and the young maidens, to say nothing of the "widowers," ever expect to get in their matrimonial gearing, this good leap year of 1896 is the time to act. Nineteen hundred and four will be their next opportunity, and an interval of eight years mean much "agin'em." Their teeth will begin to ripen and their faces will be subsided with wrinkles. Girt up your garments, ladies, and go ye forth, seeking whom ye may hitch with. Be not backward, but rather shove the question, for faint heart will never lasso a buffalo buck. Be up and doing, or in the the grand procession of get-theres you will not hear the drum tap.—Ex.

Believing that by fasting and prayer she could cure herself of dyspepsia, Mrs. Valentine Kurts, of South Dansville, N. Y., has abstained from food for forty-six days. She says she once before cured herself of an ailment by similar treatment. She had been confined to her bed for a year and a half, she says, when she tried the faith cure and soon recovered. She seems to be standing the strain remarkably well. She is weakened and emaciated and is confined to her bed, but she can get up herself.

What Weatherford Gained.

Last week, in response to an insinuation in the Mineral Wells News that Weatherford had sustained serious loss by adopting local option, we admitted that the city had lost some things by the measure, and mentioned the losses, and promised, if the Daily News or its readers wished it, we would, at some future time, tell them what Weatherford had gained since local option went into effect. And while the Mineral Wells News has been silent as the grave on the subject ever since, many of the readers of this paper have asked us to give the second chapter in the drama that (according to the anti speakers, outside of the county, where prohibition contests are being waged) has killed the city of Weatherford. In attempting to enumerate the gains Weatherford has made since local option went into effect, we want it distinctly understood that we do not pretend to assert these good things are all due to prohibition alone, for such an assertion would not be in accordance with the fact; but we do assert that in nearly all cases, prohibition has been a factor, and in a number of instances, the largest factor, in the rapid progress that has been made; so much so that no reasonable and observing man can view the result, and look you squarely in the face, and say that prohibition has killed Weatherford, or that it has even been crippled thereby. But as to the gains:

Since the 1st of August, 1894, when local option took effect, Weatherford has gained in the volume of trade, for the year, as compared with the twelve months immediately before local option was adopted, \$148,025, as shown by the certificate of Mr. A. N. Grant, cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of this city, a gentleman whose veracity no one who knows him would think of calling in question; and too, when cotton, one of the staple articles of our commerce, was selling at from 4 to 6 cents per pound, a price lower than ever known in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. This is a gain of 14 per cent. over the last year, when cotton was selling at 6 1/2 to 8 cents per pound, and to a reasonable man, looks extremely lively for a dead town.

Weatherford gained from May 1, 1894 to May 1, 1895, twenty-five persons and firms in mercantile vocations, that are required to pay an occupation tax, more than it had for the year from May 1, 1893, to May 1, 1894; which is a gain in actual dealers or trading establishments, of about 30 per cent, in round numbers, or speaking mathematically correct, to a fraction, a gain of 29.76 per cent. Not a bad showing for a town that has been starved to death by local option.

Weatherford had gained in the first ten months of local option a decrease of 50 per cent in drunkenness, as shown by the official certificate of D. C. Bratton, city marshal, from a carefully prepared paper, made by him from the record of the mayor's court, and signed officially. The cases for drunks, and offenses immediately growing out of drinking, from August 1, 1893, to May 1, 1894, were 404; and those for like causes from August 1, 1894, to May 10, 1895, were only fifty—not a bad start at reform, when we have it continually thrown in our faces that "prohibition does not prohibit," and that in dead towns, that prohibition kills, "there is much more whisky drunk than when it can be had in the open saloon."

Weatherford has gained since local option went into effect, between forty and fifty new dwelling houses, many of which are beautiful residences, that would be an ornament to any city.

Weatherford has gained by local option, improvements in two splendid college buildings, and their new equipments, between \$15,000 and \$18,000, nearly all of which was donated by the far-seeing business men of the town, whose faith in the city as an educational center was confirmed by adoption of local option.

Weatherford has gained since

local option went into effect, between 350 and 500 additions to her various churches, who are clear-headed men and women, the former of whom are ready to "vote as they pray," while the latter, with their counsel and prayers, and hearts of gratitude to God for His beneficence, are giving them woman's inestimable moral support.

Weatherford has gained an atmosphere of moral purity, where boys are growing up to be sober, stalwart men, free from the contaminating influence of a traffic that drags more souls to the brink of perdition than every other agency known among civilized nations. An atmosphere where Christian homes, with their refining influences, are doing the work of "moral suasion" to perfection, with the aid of the strong arm of the law, to detect and punish evil-doers, that moral suasion can neither detect nor arrest.

Weatherford has gained a dissolution of a partnership the city formerly had with a traffic covered all over with iniquities, and from which it derived a large per cent of the money taken from women and children through thoughtless husbands and fathers, from the fund that ought to have been expended in food and raiment for them.

Weatherford has gained the power to banish, and has banished, the habit of treating and "social drinking," that annually made drunkards of the brightest and best young men of the country.

Weatherford has gained, by local option, the right to be called the most orderly, the most moral, the most sober and the most religious town in Texas, and the best educational point to be found in the country.

Weatherford has gained a large percentage of increase in the attendance in her three colleges, and such an influx of families that have moved here from other counties to educate their children that one of the School Board (who, by the way, voted against local option) told the writer, only last week, that the public school buildings (and there are three ward school buildings for white schools, and one for the colored schools, all commodious houses, and one splendid two-story central building that cost \$22,000) were wholly inadequate to accommodate the children within scholastic age.

Then, to recapitulate, Weatherford has gained in a business way, in the matter of immigration, in schools and churches, in morality, in sobriety, and in religion, and, in fact, everything that is desirable to peace, happiness and prosperity. And if the town is really dead, as the anti tell us, it would be a good thing if every town in Texas could catch the same disease, and die, just as Weatherford has died—die to the iniquity of the liquor traffic, and all its concomitant evils, to live a new life of material prosperity, that puts money in the pockets of fathers, peace and plenty in every home, and bright smiles and rosy cheeks on the faces of women and children, who formerly showed the pinched poverty of polluted and polluting drunken husbands and fathers.—Parker County News.

There is a good deal of useless complaint about the gradual but sure increase of taxes in this country. It may as well be understood now as later that taxes will continue to increase until the limit of the power of the people to pay is reached, and the tax eaters will take what the people make above a scant subsistence, and kick them for their inability to make more. But is there no remedy for this? Yes, but will the people apply it, or will they kick the whiffletree until their heels are sore, and then go pulling the load along? We must muster a vast multitude of office holders out of service, as a warning to the rest that they must regard the interest of the people or walk the same plank.—Farm and Ranch.

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Opening exercises, 10 o'clock a. m., to be arranged by resident teacher.

Recitation—Miss Hattie McJinney.

Paper—"Why Teachers Remain Unmarried"—Miss Ida Jarvis.

Recitation—Miss Mildred Jewell.

1. "Women as Teachers"—Misses Georgia Jewell, Grace Holmes, Prof. Fowler, Stinson and Grant.

Recitation—Miss Alice Stewart.

Paper—"Daily Trifles"—Miss Alice Lindsey.

Recitation—Miss Sallie Chism.

2. "The Teacher's Relation and Duties to His Profession"—Misses Mollie McJilton, Lee Blakey, Profs. Davis, Lindsey and Johnston.

Recitation—Bertha Horton.

NOON.

Recitation—Fay Clark.

Paper—"The Moral Equipment of the Teacher"—Prof. George Compton.

Recitation—Lou Mabry.

3. "Some Ways of Teaching"—The Pouring-in Process, Drawing-out Process, Waking up Process—Misses Mary Graves, Lillian Earnest, Profs. Lindsey, Compton and Fairlie.

Recitation—Blanche Gallaher.

Paper—"My School, How I Manage It"—Prof. T. K. Timmons.

4. "The Pressing Needs of Our Country Schools"—Misses Alice Lindsey, Clara Ellis, Etta Wilkinson, Prof. Gray, Hill and McLaren.

NIGHT SESSION.

Recitation—Miss Florence Matthews.

Paper—"Bringing the School and Home into Closer-Relation"—Prof. W. A. Davis.

5. "Exciting Interest in Study, or Incentive Proper and Improper"—Misses Emma McGrand, Grace Darling, Marcie Johnson, Profs. Davis, Lindsey and Johnston.

Recitation—Miss Lella McJinney.

Paper—"The Schools and School Systems of Greece and Rome"—Prof. H. Fowler.

Recitation—Miss Janie Stafford.

6. "The Power Behind the Throne; or Side-lights Thrown upon Denominational Influence in the Employment and Retention of Teachers"—Profs. H. Fowler, Robt. Johnston, W. P. Stinson, J. E. Moreland, Chas. B. Gant and Geo. McLaren.

Recitation—Miss Cleo Hindman.

SATURDAY.

Opening exercises 9 o'clock a. m.

Recitation—Alice Stewart.

7. "For What Should the School Fund be Expended?"—Profs. J. N. Johnston, W. A. Davis, C. B. Gant, Misses Mary Graves and Grace Holmes.

Recitation—Hattie McJinney.

Paper—"Some Pedagogical Curiosities"—Miss Mollie McJilton.

Recitation—Mildred Jewell.

8. "What is the Extent of the Teacher's Authority in Punishing a Pupil?"—Misses Ida Jarvis, Mary Graves, Prof. Gant, Davis and Compton.

Recitation—Sallie Chism.

Miscellaneous Business.

Recitation—Fay Clark.

NOON.

Recitation—Miss Lella McJinney.

Paper—"Some Pen Pictures, Do You Recognize Them?"—Prof. H. Fowler.

9. "Summer Normals, Their Use and Abuse"—Misses Lee Blakey, Clara Ellis, Profs. Lindsey, Johnston and Davis.

Recitation—Miss Cleo Hindman.

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A New York doctor contends that civilization begins in the kitchen.

Frank Cook, an Ellis county farmer, raised a hog that weighed 732 1/2 pounds.

Ex-Congressman Harter who committed suicide, carried \$200,000 life insurance.

The senate passed a bill pensioning the widow of the late Secretary Gresham \$100 per month.

Free thought, free speech and free press are the safe guards to American liberty and American safety.

The Turkish government objects to Miss Clara Barton's movement to distribute relief to the needy at Zeitoun.

The New York police force costs the city about \$7,000,000 per year. The Police Department carries up on its pay rolls nearly 4,000 men.

Hillsboro has been a dry town for two years. An election will be held on March 7, to decide whether it shall remain dry two years longer.

Since Mary Ellen Lease has quit the stump for the pulpit, the Hon. John J. Ingalls is quietly letting it be known that "Barkus is willing" to again enter politics.

A New York man married two wives, and when confronted with the two together, declared he loved them both. But his tenderheartedness has not saved him from trouble, for both have begun legal proceedings against him for bigamy.

A Kansas populist is at work on a new scheme to increase the sum of human happiness. He is trying to cross the milkweed and the strawberry, so that people may raise strawberries and cream on the same vine.—N. Y. Tribune.

Hon. Rufus Hardy, the boss of the gold democrats in Texas, nominates Hon. A. J. Baker, the present land commissioner, for governor. Mr. Baker is the only member of the present official family who has been a consistent gold democrat.

Some of Mrs. Cleveland's most intimate friends have been particularly curious of late to know how much she actually weighed, but they were not altogether prepared for the statement she made the other day to one of her friends that she now tipped the scales at exactly 196 pounds.

With three populists out of four county commissioners the commissioners' court awarded a printing contract without inviting competing bids, that robbed the tax payers of Tarrant county of over \$2000. What defense can the great reform party make to such business.—Fort Worth Mail-Telegram.

The New York Sun has the following from London: "There is excellent reason to believe that the home secretary has decided to liberate Mrs. Maybrick, who was convicted some years ago at Liverpool of poisoning her husband. An official announcement to this effect will probably be made next week."

The virtual killing of the tariff bill by the senate and of the silver bill by the house would seem to suggest to congress the economy of adjourning. While each body may have done a meritorious act, neither body has done anything but keep up commotion. Under the existing entanglements it would be well if the British system of dissolving parliament could be applied to our congress.—Texas Sifter.

The sporting world is indebted to an enterprising citizen of Cleburne for a new sport, the jack rabbit chase. A tournament of this kind was successfully pulled off at Cleburne yesterday. The idea of domesticating and training jack rabbits is a novel one, to say the least, but there is no limit to possibilities in this direction. For years, the jack rabbits have been considered a nuisance, but hereafter, perhaps, he will be supplied with a pedigree and all the accessories of a thoroughbred sporting animal.—Dallas News.

Lesson Upon Lesson.

The Wichita incident of Wednesday simply added another lesson to a long accumulation of its kind in a lamentable school of experience. Judge Miller stood by the temple of justice and appealed eloquently to the enraged crowd who had gathered in Wichita Falls to lynch the murderous robbers. He told them he had seen the widow and three little orphans of Frank Dorsey, the man whom the robbers had murdered, and that it was their prayer and wish that the law take its course. He assured them that the men would be tried within eight weeks. Then flashed out like a tongue of flame the accusatory instruction of these lynchings. One of the hearers, replying to Judge Miller's speech, said: "Oh, yes. There will be a continuance, then an appeal, then a reversal, then bond and finally liberty." This apprehension had certainly much to support it in events of the past and in the current testimony of expert and reliable authorities. For example, Judge Parker of Fort Smith testifies that the number of homicides in the United States for a year past was not less than 10,500. There have been 43,902 homicides in the past five years, and in the same period there have been 727 legal executions and 1118 lynchings. Judge Parker says increase of crime is "chiefly due to immunity extended to murder by the courts, and especially to the obstruction of justice in murder cases by the appellate courts." The present method of delay and uncertainty has burdened the people with hundreds of convicts who should have been hanged, and even this is not the worst of it. It has enlarged upon the people persons whom justice loudly claimed for the halter or the electric chair and whom the state has thus licenced to endanger society. A most vital question confronting the people of this country is thus clearly presented for consideration. The safety of society demands some radical improvement in the courthouse. Judge Miller and all other good citizens want the law fairly applied, but their arguments will amount to very little until something is done to render more speedy and certain the legitimate and proper work of the stand of justice by which they stand. The lynching spirit will not abate in the land and cease from troubling the ministers of this temple while notorious facts of experience continue to diffuse and intensify an intelligent suspicion that it is less a terror than a refuge and a comfort for malefactors.—Dallas News.

There has never been a time when men were wanted, or I might say needed, more than to day. There has never been a war where men were needed so urgently as does the present urgently need them. Our country is in the mire, up to the hub, in a slough of ill management, and men are needed to lift her out. Men are wanted who can forever silence the disgraceful slogan that only a demagogue or rogue may hold office in America. In looking over the field for candidates the leaders of each party find few men eager to enter the race, and those who have consented are found to be men who from office holding have become greedy. Men are wanted who have the courage of their convictions and not afraid to voice them. When this generation of so-called statesmen passes away, what will the harvest be? That question the boys must answer, and some of our Cornerites will be called upon. "To the Macedonian cry of, "Men wanted," let us strive to be of the right sort.—Texas Farmer.

The man who says he will not go to the democratic primaries is no democrat and we care not if he proclaims it from the house tops, to the contrary. The true blue, rock-ribbed democrat is always a democrat, and obeys the behests of his party when properly constituted. The man who wilfully remains from the primaries and yet claims to be a democrat, will need an endorser to make good his claim.—Weatherford Democrat.

Secretary Morton has modified his recent ruling in the Texas cattle quarantine line, and the line will be changed from the southern boundary of Kansas to a line running from East to West through Central Texas. Gov. Culberson and quite a number of other prominent Texans called on the Secretary and urged the change.—Ex.

Spain is Red Hot.

Latest dispatches from Washington state that intense interest is centered there showing the demonstrative feelings existing in Spain against the Americans regarding the Cuban question and the statement that the government is increasing its naval force.

SPECIAL CABINET MEETING.

Washington, March 3.—The Spanish-American situation growing out of the reports of riots in Barcelona and other cities in Spain was regarded so seriously by the president that a special meeting of the cabinet was held last night. Mr. Olney read a letter from Minister de Lome, inclosing a cable message he had received from his government. This directed the Spanish minister to inform the United States government that Spain was exerting all her power to protect the United States legation and consulate and that he could give assurances that they would be protected from any harm. Also that Americans visiting or residing in Spain would be made safe from attacks of mobs and other riotous assemblages.

The communication from the Spanish minister was couched in pleasant and friendly terms.

Secretary Olney submitted another communication which created profound surprise. It was a message from the Spanish minister of foreign affairs in Madrid insisting that the United States government disavow the action of the senate as a condition precedent to continued friendly relations between the two governments.

This was something the administration had not expected and the president and cabinet ministers were inclined to excuse it to some extent on the basis of ignorance of even the Spanish ministers of the United States and its form of government.

The only result of the conference was the practical agreement that the secretary of state should promptly respond in kindly terms to the communication of Minister de Lome, and through him thank his government for its readiness to protect Americans and American interests in Spain.

The secretary of the navy, purely as a measure of precaution, will bring an efficient fleet of war vessels near enough together to mass them promptly at any point that may be threatened.

Dispatches from Chicago express the opinion that the democratic delegation to the Chicago convention in July will be for free silver coinage. It is stated, though, that a contesting gold standard delegate will be elected in every district and present a contest. Dispatches from Indianapolis say also that the delegation from Indiana, it is thought, will be for free coinage and that Gov. Claude Matthews, of Indiana, who is a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, is strongly in favor of free coinage. If so, this will make him a formidable candidate before the convention. He is a successful planter and enjoys the confidence of his party in his state.

When a catholic takes the oath that makes him a priest, he swears (if necessary) he will bear false witness against the protestant faith or do any damnable deed that will aggrandise his church.—Heidenheimer Sun.

The above item has been published by several reputable newspapers, and is a disgrace to the intelligence of the editors. We know but little about the creed of the Catholic, the Episcopalian or any other church for that matter, but we do know there is not a christian denomination on this earth to-day that would tolerate a man as its pastor or priest who would take such an oath.—Comanche Chief.

Notwithstanding the fact that Cleveland and his administration have been so severely criticised by the silver men and drubbed by populists and charged with accomplishing so little, it must be admitted that Grover has killed a great many ducks and caught a vast quantity of fish.—Sherman Courier.

Send your contribution however small, to Mr. George Sealy, treasurer of the committee appointed by Governor Culberson to raise a fund for the purchase of a suitable testimonial to be presented to the battleship Texas, and don't be slow about it. The greatest state in the union should do something handsome for its marine namesake.

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For Sheriff.
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JOHN C. CASBURN.
J. W. CORNELIUS.
F. L. THOMAS.
C. C. MAYES.
T. J. LAMONS.
I. B. PADGETT.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

Mrs. W. T. Finch has been quite sick for several days.
Mrs. E. H. Wade has been seriously ill this week but is now convalescent.
P. A. Martin left Tuesday for Palo Pinto, where district court is in session.
E. W. Johnson is building an addition to his residence on North Oak street.
Dr. J. Kendall, formerly a citizen of this place, has located at Archer City.

Mrs. Lasater has re-angled and repaired her house on the corner of Oak and Sixth streets.
Mrs. M. E. Beckham has been quite sick for several days, but is now convalescing slowly.

There are several cases of sickness in town, but none of a very serious nature so far as known.
Vol Crawford and Tom Putman were in town this week and each of them looked as natural as ever.

W. D. Isenberg, a prominent attorney of Seymour, was in the city Sunday en route to Palo Pinto.
Rev. G. T. Douglas, of Wichita Falls, is in the city and is conducting services at the Episcopal church.

Mrs. J. E. Mayes, who was attacked a few weeks ago with a serious illness, is still confined to her room.

John H. Wood will leave next Sunday on a visit to his mother and other relatives in Van Zandt county.

The town has been rather quiet this week; farmers being busy and the weather too unfavorable for them to come in.

Don't forget the entertainment to be given at the court house on the 7th of May for the benefit of the cemetery fund.

S. B. Street & Co. have moved into their new building. They have one of the largest and handsomest stores in the country.

Miss Mollie McMillan has recovered sufficiently from her recent attack of pneumonia as to be able to be removed to her home in Goose Neck Bend.

Deputy Sheriff Preston Brooks was attacked Monday with cramp colic and was conveyed to his home. He has been seriously ill and is now in quite a serious condition.

Federal court convenes here next Monday and a large crowd of lawyers, litigants and jurors, are expected to be in attendance. There will be no grand jury.

The democratic executive committee of Young county met last Saturday and concurred in the action of the state committee by fixing June 6th as the date for the primary election.

Jno. E. Morrison & Co. have received a new safe, which is safely housed in their magnificent new building, together with a large stock of everything the people need in the way of merchandise.

To-morrow is election day upon the prohibition question. Every voter should cast a ballot in accordance with a conscientious view of the matter, as he sees it; not as others see it.

S. B. Street returned Sunday from a visit to St. Louis and Chicago, where he bought a big stock of reasonable goods for his firm. He was accompanied home by his son, Boyd, who is attending college at Quincy, Ill., but became ill and came home to recuperate.

When at Mineral Wells stop at the Mineral Wells Wagon Yard.

Eld. Ira Adams has gone on a tour of some of the western counties, but is expected home in time to vote to-morrow.

"For Prohibition" or "Against Prohibition" is the question to be voted upon to-morrow. Be careful how you ballot.

Winter has been lingering in the lap of spring for some time and the chances are that spring will linger in the lap of winter.

A. M. Horner, formerly a citizen of this county, has located at Archer City, where he has engaged in the drug business.

The weather has been variable this week and the people have been accommodated just as they would had they had it made to order.

Misses Nina Arnold and Beulah Wood will start Sunday for a visit to relatives, Miss Nina going to Houston and Miss Beulah to Corsicana.

Candidates are becoming more numerous. Some are full-fledged; some are in an embryonic state and some are anxious to run out are afraid of the result.

There will be no preaching at the Methodist church at 11 a. m., next Sunday, but will be at night. Bro. C. W. Daniels will preach at that hour. Quarterly conference will be held Monday night. Let all the officials, if possible, be present. All are invited. M. L. Moody.

I. B. Padgett announces to-day as a candidate for assessor and THE LEADER does not deem it necessary to give him a formal introduction to the public, for "Bird" Padgett has been a citizen of this community for twenty years and is one of the best citizens of the county. Should the voters select Mr. Padgett at the primaries there can be no question but the duties of the office will be honorably and efficiently discharged.

Capt. T. H. C. Peery of Seymour was in the city a few days ago interviewing the sovereigns in regard to his making the race for representative in the legislature from this district. So far as known Capt. Peery and Hon. W. P. Sebastian are the only aspirants for legislative honors. Either of these gentlemen would fill the position creditably to himself and to the district. The district is composed of Stephens, Young, Archer, Baylor, Throckmorton and Knox counties, and there are eight votes in the convention to nominate the representative, Stephens and Young having two votes each and the other counties one vote each in the convention.

Messrs. Bigham & Crain have moved their grocery stock to the Randolph building, next door to the R. G. Graham drug store, and invite their old customers and the public generally to call and see them in their new quarters. They have one of the neatest and best assorted stocks of staples and fancy groceries to be found anywhere. They make a specialty of staple and fancy groceries, such as confectioneries, fresh fruits, etc.; also fresh butter, eggs, country hams, vegetables, etc. They are reliable gentlemen and will endeavor to supply the people with everything needed in their line. The telephone office is located in their building and they have a room nicely fitted up for the comfort and privacy of all who wish to send messages over the line.

In this issue we announce the candidacy of Col. O. E. Finlay for the democratic nomination for the office of county judge. Col. Finlay needs no introduction to our people, but we desire to say of him that he would be an honor to the office he seeks and to the party under whose banner he expects to make the campaign. A great many of the best people of the county have solicited him to make the race, believing that it is an office that demands the best abilities of a good lawyer and feeling that Col. Finlay's long years of experience in the practice eminently qualify him for the position. The questions of law that arise for adjudication in the county court are just as intricate as those upon which the district judge is called to decide, and there is every reason why he should be just as well informed in the law. Col. Finlay's abilities also qualify him to make an able and intelligent campaign as the nominee of his party and his many friends believe that his nomination would make victory doubly certain. We bespeak for him the consideration of all who affiliate with his party in the primaries.

Meeting of Executive Committee. The Democratic Executive Committee of Young county met last Saturday, pursuant to call, with the following precinct chairmen in attendance: A. T. Gay, county chairman, present and presiding, M. N. Hardy, C. A. Speer, J. A. Woolfolk, J. W. Horner, E. C. Turner, J. S. Watson, T. F. Donnell and S. M. Wann.

Convention being called to order, T. F. Donnell was elected secretary. On motion the following committee on resolutions was appointed: F. M. Durham, J. S. Watson and C. A. Speer. Said committee brought in the following majority report which was adopted.

Resolved, That we, the Democratic Executive Committee of Young County in convention assembled, do hereby endorse the action of the State Democratic Executive Committee assembled at Austin, Texas, on the 5th and 6th of February, 1896, and request the democrats of Young county to stand by and abide by their action.

Resolved, That at the primary election to be held on the 6th day of June, A. D. 1896, candidates for county officers shall be voted for, and those elected shall be the nominees.

Resolved, That at the primary election to be held on the 6th day of June, 1896, a chairman of the democratic executive committee shall be elected, also the precinct chairmen, who shall hold their respective offices for two years.

F. M. DURHAM,
C. A. SPEER,
Committee on Resolutions.

Moved and seconded that the democratic papers in Graham be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting—carried.

Motion made to adjourn—carried. T. F. DONNELLS, A. T. GAY, Secretary, Chairman.

The following is the minority report which was tabled.

MINORITY REPORT.
Resolved, That a primary convention be and is hereby ordered held in each voting precinct in Young county at the usual place of voting therein, on the 6th day of June, 1896, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to a county convention to be held in Graham on Saturday, June 13th, to elect delegates to the State (national) convention which convenes in Austin on June 23rd, to elect delegates to the democratic national convention which meets in Chicago on July 7, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President.

Resolved, That all persons claiming to be democrats and who will pledge themselves to support the nominees of the national democratic convention shall be eligible to vote in said primaries, and that those refusing to so pledge themselves shall be deemed ineligible.

Resolved, That the basis of representation in said convention shall be one vote for every 25 votes cast for C. A. Culberson for governor in 1894 and one vote for any fraction over one-half that number of votes; provided, each precinct shall be entitled to at least one vote in convention.

Resolved, That a primary election for the nomination of county officers shall be held on August 1st. In each precinct in Young county, and that the precinct chairman in and for each precinct shall on that day at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., call a mass meeting of the democrats voters of his precinct for the purpose of electing delegates to a county convention now called to meet in Graham on the 8th day of August for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention which meets in Fort Worth on Aug. 18th to nominate candidates for State officers.

Resolved, That all persons claiming to be democrats and who will pledge themselves to support the nominees of the State convention shall be eligible to vote in said primaries, and that all persons refusing to so pledge themselves shall be deemed ineligible.

Resolved, That the basis of representation shall be one vote in county convention for each 25 votes or fraction over one-half that number of votes cast for C. A. Culberson for governor in 1894; provided, each precinct shall have at least one vote.

Mr. F. M. Baldwin a prominent citizen of the Elvasville neighborhood, was in the city yesterday and said he wanted a county paper. Mr. Baldwin is a staunch populist and a good man, but he could not get along without THE LEADER.

Judge A. G. Woods left yesterday morning for Markley and other points to convey the necessary papers for the prohibition election to-morrow.

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ELECTION NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in Graham on the first Tuesday, (7th day) of April, 1896, for the purpose of electing five trustees of Graham Public School.
R. E. MARBY, Pres.
B. F. SHUMAKER, Sec.

Does Prohibition Prohibit? BONHAM, TEX., Feb. 27, '96.
Editor GRAHAM LEADER.

Dear Sir: No doubt the question is often asked in your county: "Does prohibition prohibit?" It don't in Fannin county, and in my opinion it will not in any county. Neither does the law against carrying pistols prohibit, as the court of records of Young county or any other county will show. I am satisfied that the prohibitory law is as well enforced in Fannin as in any other law, as some who are now paying the penalty in jail can testify. They tried to dodge the law and found it loaded at both ends.

The question then arises: What are the benefits under the prohibitory law?
1. The number of drunks is greatly reduced.
2. The cursing, yelling and loud-mouthed crowd generally is greatly reduced; and there is not one-half—possibly not one-tenth—as much boisterous conduct along the public roads as there is under the reign of the open saloon.

The above benefits are the only primary ones that I have noticed in Fannin county. Many others follow as logical conclusions.

I made my home in your county four years, and may do so again, hence I am greatly interested in the coming election in Young county, and I am, yours for prohibition.

B. L. ADAMS.

Fifth Sunday Meeting Program. The fifth Sunday meeting, Macedonia Baptist Association, will meet with the Baptist church at Graham, Texas, Friday, March 27th, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

PROGRAMME:
Introductory sermon, Eld. R. Lindsey; Eld. Warren Cunningham, alternate.
Saturday, 9 a. m.—Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. P. B. Keeter—thirty minutes.

"What is essential to the growth and development of a church of Christ?" Eld. A. E. Foster; J. L. Vaughan, alternate.
The duty of church members to the Sunday School. D. P. Still; Eld. J. C. Welch, alternate.

What are the scriptural prerequisites to church membership? Eld. I. H. Cunningham; Eld. W. H. Farmer, alternate.
7:30 p. m.—Prayer by Eld. W. H. Farmer, followed by a collection for Buckner Orphans' Home.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School Mass Meeting, conducted by the Superintendent.
11 a. m.—Missionary sermon by Eld. R. C. Farmer; alternate, G. W. Black.

N. J. TIMMONS,
JAMES M. WOOD, } Com.
G. W. BLACK, }

True Tidbits.
The Farmer base ball club crossed bats with True last Saturday evening. True came out winner by nine scores and wanted one inning of playing out. The Farmer boys hauled down their flags, but are invited to come again.

We had a spelling bee at the school house last Friday night. There was a large crowd out, and after the spelling was over the young folks had a party in town, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Eld. R. Lindsey preached here last Sunday to a large congregation. Jimmie and Rufe Chatot have been quite sick, but are now improving. B. N. L.

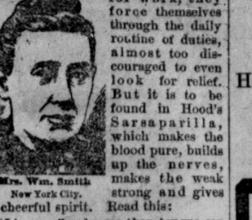
A protracted meeting will begin at the Methodist church on the 4th Sunday in this month, and will be continued indefinitely. All are most cordially invited to cooperate from the beginning and share in the fruit of our united efforts. We have the promise of ministerial help in the person of Rev. C. N. N. Ferguson, a good preacher, and earnest worker. Let all Christians of all denominations join in the prayers and efforts for the salvation of our friends. Yours for the work, M. L. Moody.

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STRAYED OR STOLEN. From Graham on the 17th of February, one small bay horse, 6 years old, branded "A" on left shoulder. A reasonable reward will be paid for his delivery to me or for information leading to his recovery. LUTHER HUGHES, Graham, Texas.

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A WEATHER KITE.

To Be Used in Ascertaining the Condition of the Upper Air.

Attached to a Captive Balloon It Will Add the Weather Clerk in His Observations to a Scientific Class.

The meteorologists have admitted for many years that some knowledge of the condition of the upper air will be very valuable as an aid to weather prediction. The upper air strata are peculiarly inaccessible in the case of an attempt to suspend meteorological instruments for many hours above any local point, owing to sudden gusts and equally sudden calms. A captive balloon during strong winds is apt to be disabled by the variable pressure upon its immense globe of confined gas. The wind, if very powerful, may drive the tethered balloon downward sidewise and force the gas out of its neck, causing loss of buoyancy.

According to recent drawings, made in London, Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau, is experimenting with a combination of the balloon and the kite, by which during dead calms the gas bags at the back of the kite may carry it upward while during strong winds the kite would take the pressure and protect the gas apparatus behind it.

The Moore kite, as drawn, has a tail, which may ultimately be dispensed with, as in the case of the kites devised by me in 1891, and says recently in the Sunday World photographic experiments above New York. The tail kites used by me on February 4, 1891, for probably the first thermetric kite observation in the world, were hexagonal, and carried upward a very steep string, almost equalizing the perpendicular ascending power of the tailless kite, the first experiments with which were begun in the spring of the same year.

Instead of a very large kite, such as the drawing of Prof. Moore's kite indicates, I used a very small kite, flying in tandem from one main line. Of course, in using tail kites, the branch line, extending to each kite, had to be about three times as long as that used for tailless kites, so as to prevent the tails of the upper kites from becoming entangled with the branching tandem lines below.

I found that when sufficient line was allowed to each kite there was no trouble in using tail kites with which to send up any thermometer. Prof. Moore's possible plan for sustaining a balloon by means of a tail kite is more likely to be immediately successful than if he attempted to balance in the air a balloon tailless kite, because I found during hundreds of kite ascensions that nobody knows what the wind will do next.

Since flat kites of light construction, in mild winds, require little tail, it seems to follow that a gas-inflated kite will need very small tail weights to balance it if the wind is light. In a strong wind a tail about 200 feet in length will be required. Prof. Moore's proposed line of experiment is interesting and valuable, and if all the weather bureau stations are equipped with such an apparatus the predictions would be more exact.

The experiments made with my kites at Blue Hill observatory, near Boston, where ink-recording instruments were held up in the air during successive days, amply established the fact that cold waves reach the upper air several hours in advance of their appearance on the earth's surface. I announced this theoretically in the American Meteorological Journal for July, 1891, but I had few observations from aloft in support of it, and I thought then that it might have been due to a coincidence. Since that time the elaborate experiments at the Blue Hill observatory in August, 1895, have reaffirmed it. The kites were carefully worked out at the observatory by H. H. Clayton, indicating that abnormal coolness of the air aloft denotes the approach of a cold wave which soon reaches the surface. When the air rushes up Mount Washington or Pike's Peak it carries with it the kite observations. A released balloon drifts away with the approaching cold wave, and so the decline of temperature aloft is not properly compared with the surface temperature.

Kites of light construction can maintain themselves aloft six days in seven at New York, and probably four days in seven at Cincinnati, where the wind is light, if night winds in both cities are included in the estimate. But Prof. Moore's kite, if he uses gas, would doubtless make the record almost continuous. Since there is often plenty of wind aloft and none at the surface of the earth, the facts are only approximately known at present.—N. Y. World.

FOR THE HOME DECORATOR.

How to Plan an Artistic and Inexpensive Room.

No woman ought to be her own paper-hanger if she can possibly employ or beg somebody to do the work for her. Running up and down the stepladder, the reaching, the standing, all are tiresome, more so to a woman than to a man, and particularly injurious to many women who are not well. But if a woman must be her own paper-hanger or live in rags and dirt, here is a way to secure cleanliness and artistic effect that is within reach of the amateur. Ordinary long roll wall paper, when hung by an inexperienced hand, looks like impudence on a flag-staff making faces at misery.

Listen. Don't buy long-roll wall paper. Ask your butcher where he buys his coarse, brownish wrapping paper that he rolls the meat in before he puts on the smooth, light muslin paper. Get one of the youngsters in simple mathematics at school to estimate how many sheets of this paper you will need to cover the walls of the room that needs papering, allowing each sheet to overlap the one next it. The butcher will buy the paper for you at wholesale less than you can buy it for. Get a supply of brass-headed tacks. Tack your eyes up to recognizing straight lines when you see them, and eschew the past pos.

Learn to drive a tack with a few short, true blows. Any woman can do this after ten minutes' practice out in the shed with a bit of soft board fastened on the wall for a target, no matter what man in his right senses.

Then paper your walls. If you begin at the top and lap the next lower

row up over the paper, each layer in time will collect tiny moldings of dust. Therefore, begin at the baseboard. Put one row all the way around the room and tack the side seams only. The effect when the room is all papered is amazingly good. If the ceiling is bad and you can't afford to have it tinned, cover it with fish or tennis net caught in the center and carried away to the corners and sides.

A jolly frieze for such a room as this is made of slender upright panels of creamy card bearing sprays of goldenrod painted by the artist of the family. There are so many kinds of goldenrod; no two panels need be alike. Instead of making the frieze continuous put a panel over each room merely.

An attic room in a house that has been decorated in this fashion, not for economy's sake, but because the proprietor of the apartment has a pretty fancy for novel things, has a yellow matting on the floor, with green figures scattered through it. The portraits are made of sage-green stuff and the glass draperies under the heavy draperies at the windows are made of a curious oriental-looking stuff, which is nothing on earth but mosquito netting dipped in yellow dye and wound in a twist about a small stick until dry, leaving it a mass of crinkly waves.—Jennens Miller Monthly.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The Schenectady Locomotive works are using for certain parts what is called "steeled iron," a mixture of 70 per cent. good iron and 30 per cent. steel, of which the castings obtained are about 25 per cent. greater in strength than common cast iron.

North Carolina has a mica output of 100,000 pounds a year. New Hampshire produces about 25,000 pounds, South Dakota 18,000 pounds and New Mexico 1,000 pounds. The mica of North Carolina is of the best quality and brings the highest price.

Our exports of iron and steel and their products for the first nine months of this year amounted in value to about \$22,000,000, the largest by over \$4,000,000 in the history of the country. Included in this sum were 135 locomotives, which were mostly sent to South America.

The world's record for lumber cutting is claimed for the Port Blakely mill of Port Blakely, Wash. During the ten months of this year up to the end of October, 53,572,212 feet of lumber had been cut at this mill, and it is estimated that the total cut for 1895 will be at least 105,000,000 feet. Loaded in regular car lots, this amount would make a train more than 90 miles long.

An apostle of physical culture, according to the Medical Record, says that nervous headache may be cured by the simple act of walking backward for ten minutes. "It is well to get in a long, narrow room, where the windows are high, and walk very slowly, placing first the ball of the foot on the floor, and then the heel. Besides curing the headache, this exercise promotes a graceful carriage."

The large part played by alcohol as a cause contributing to insanity receives fresh confirmation in the 10th report of the commission on lunacy, says the British Medical Journal. Included in this sum were 135 locomotives, which were mostly sent to South America.

DEER HUNTING BY LOCOMOTIVE

The Reason Some Adirondack Railroad Men Don't Fear an Engine.

Once in awhile the engineer of a train on Dr. Seward's Adirondack railroad has a race with a deer. Sometimes it happens that the frightened deer won't leave the track and is killed. One night in September, when Pat Cummings was pulling the through train down to Upton, he walked back to Conductor Clarke, while his fireman was taking water at Nehosepe, and said: "Bill, I killed a deer back there by the river. It was a fine big buck. He run ahead of me for a long piece, and I could see him plain. When I hit him he went up over the pilot higher'n he ever jumped before in his life. I bet he landed just out there in the ditch, and I had a notion to stop and get him, but I was afraid you'd kick."

"What you had stopped," said Clarke. "The next time you catch a deer that way you stop. It won't take so long to get him, and we can easily make up the time. Deer meat is too scarce and too high to let it go like that."

Cummings said he surely would stop the next time, and Clarke got the agent to telegraph to the agent at Horseshoe to send the section men down to the river with their hand car to get the deer. It was after 11 o'clock, but the section men started out, and after a smart pull got down to the river. They looked a long time, but could find no deer. Up and down the track they went, and at last were just about to give up in disgust when one of the men found it. It lay out on the bank of the ditch beside the track. It was a fine large yellow dog.

Now if you ask Pat Cummings if he has killed a deer lately you want to be ready to dodge, and dodge mighty quick, for Pat is a husky citizen.—N. Y. Sub.

An English View of It.

This is from the London Financial News, not a populist organ, but a journal published for the moneyed and trade interests of England:

"There is a plain moral in the remark that if the United States would venture to cut herself adrift from Europe and take outright to silver she would have all America and Asia at her back, and would command the markets of both continents. The barrier of gold would be more fatal than any barrier of a custom house. The bond of silver would be stronger than any bond of free trade. There can be no doubt about it, that if the United States were to adopt a silver basis to-morrow British trade would be ruined before the year was out. Every American would be protected, not only at home but at every other market. Of course the United States would have to suffer to a certain extent through having to pay her obligations abroad in gold, but the loss on exchange under this head would be a mere drop in the bucket compared with the profits to be reaped from the markets of South America and Asia, to say nothing of Europe. The marvel is that the United States have not long ago seized the opportunity. It has been a piece of luck that it has never occurred to the Americans to scoop us out of the world's markets by going on a silver basis, and it might serve us right, if irritated by the contemptuous apathy of our government to the gravity of the silver problem, the Americans retaliate by freezing out gold. It could easily be done."

Credit has wrecked more farmers than bad farming. Who ever heard of a farmer, who made and adhered to the rule to pay cash, and require cash, who did not prosper. This is simply because he gets nearly twice as much for his money as the credit buyer. The merchant will sell to him if his best offer gives even the smallest margin of profit. He dictates prices, and gets the cream of every bargain. But some say they can never get ahead unless they do not get ahead is rather because they buy on credit, and pay a price and a-half to two prices for what they get. It is simply a question as to which is best to pay, one dollar cash, or one seventy-five in November. Those who are not able to pay for every necessary, had better call them luxuries and do without for a season, and then take an even start with the world, and be their own masters, for there is no truer saying than "the debtor is the servant of the creditor."—Farm and Ranch.

Horses have been extremely cheap in some parts of the west for some time now, but it is thought bottom prices have been reached in southern California lately. A really good mare sold in San Bernardino recently for two dollars, while at an administrator's sale in Ventura county recently a horse was sold to a Mexican boy for 50 cents. He bid so high because he wanted the halter which went with the horse.

At a meeting last week of the principal holders of California prunes, representing fully 90 per cent of the stock remaining on hand in that state it was decided that, in view of the decreased supply, which it was estimated was barely sufficient for the domestic spring trade, they were warranted in advancing the price of the four sixes in sacks to 4 cents. The price is to become effective immediately.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

It wasn't a Missouri editor, but a Missouri printer's devil who was going through his first experience of "making up forms." The paper was late and the boy got his galley mixed. The first part of an obituary of an impecunious citizen had been dumped in the form, and the next handful of type came from a galley describing a fire. It read like this: The pall bearers lowered the body to the grave and as it was consigned to the flames, there few, if any regrets, for the old wreck had been an eyesore to the town for many years. Of course there was individual loss, but that was fully covered by insurance. The widow thinks the editor wrote the obituary that way because the lamented partner of her joys and sorrows owed him five years' subscription.

By the will of Casper Kronk, a fortune is awaiting the Kronk family. The testator died in Holland in April, 1796, and in his will was the proviso that the document should not take effect until 100 years had elapsed. The principal heir now resides in Haverhill, Mass., in the person of Winiflow Kronk, a painter, who is of the fourth generation. He has four sons who reside in that city and Bradford. The estate is estimated to approximate \$75,000,000.

Eighteen miles north of Ukiah, Cal., is an almost inaccessible mountain fastness of Mendocino county, live Mr. and Mrs. George Walters and their family of nine children—three sets of triplets. All the children are well and happy. Three years passed between the first and second sets and 12 years between the second and third. Mrs. Walters, who has been twice married, was born in Quebec 40 years ago. Her first husband was a Missourian named Oates.

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ESTRAY NOTICE. REPORTED BY J. T. Hunt, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, and left with Thos. Wells, one light bay mare, about 14 hands high, 8 years old, branded G R on left thigh, saddle marks, near on left shoulder and side. Feb. 18th, 1896. C. C. C. Y. C. T. By CHAS. GAY, Deputy.

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of Receipts, Expenditures, Indebtedness and Cash on Hand for the Year Ending February 10th, 1896, Young County, Texas.

JURY FUND—1st CLASS.		
Feb. 11, 1895.	To Balance (cash on hand)	\$ 200.87
	Am't Received during the year	1,861.16
	By " Paid Out "	1,672.62
Feb. 10, 1896.	To Balance (cash on hand)	408.01
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND—2nd CLASS.		
Feb. 11, 1895.	To Balance (cash on hand)	\$ 2,387.16
	Am't Received during the year	3,609.08
	By " Paid Out "	2,927.85
Feb. 10, 1896.	To Balance (cash on hand)	2,927.85
GENERAL COUNTY FUND—3rd CLASS.		
Feb. 11, 1895.	To Balance (cash on hand)	\$ 2,678.06
	Am't Received during the year	6,807.98
	By " Paid Out "	1,954.25
Feb. 10, 1896.	To Balance (cash on hand)	2,927.85
SPECIAL REPAIR FUND—4th CLASS.		
Feb. 11, 1895.	To Balance (cash on hand)	\$ 2,371.01
	Am't Received during the year	2,142.21
	By " Paid Out "	1,847.35
Feb. 10, 1896.	To Balance (cash on hand)	2,927.85
BOND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND—5th CLASS.		
Feb. 11, 1895.	To Balance (cash on hand)	\$ 794.45
	Am't Received during the year	1,954.25
	By " Paid Out "	1,428.82
Feb. 10, 1896.	To Balance (cash on hand)	1,428.82
PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.		
Feb. 11, 1895.	To Balance (cash on hand)	\$ 487.18
	Am't Received during the year	421.73
	To Balance (cash on hand)	908.91
AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND.		
Feb. 11, 1895.	To Balance (cash on hand)	\$ 105.8
	Am't Received during the year	6,174.36
	By " Paid Out "	600.64
Feb. 10, 1896.	To Balance (cash on hand)	6,672.79
AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND—APPORTIONED.		
Feb. 11, 1895.	To Balance (cash on hand)	\$ 5,726.82
	Am't Received during the year	8,914.76
	By " Paid Out "	8,978.85
Feb. 10, 1896.	To Balance (cash on hand)	4,748.50
TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR 1895—GENERAL COUNTY FUND.		
May 13, 1895.	To Amount Assessed	\$ 7,261.70
Feb. 10, 1896.	To " Uncollected "	2,925.29
May 13, 1896.	To Amount Assessed	\$ 4,184.65
Feb. 10, 1896.	To " Uncollected "	1,954.89
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.		
May 13, 1895.	To Amount Assessed	\$ 2,221.81
Feb. 10, 1896.	To " Uncollected "	914.46
SPECIAL REPAIR FUND.		
May 13, 1895.	To Amount Assessed	\$ 1,973.57
Feb. 10, 1896.	To " Uncollected "	685.55
BOND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND.		
May 13, 1895.	To Amount Assessed	\$ 1,878.57
Feb. 10, 1896.	To " Uncollected "	685.55

Indebtedness of Young County, as Shown by the Following Statement, to-wit:

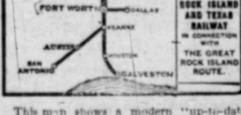
Outstanding Court House Bonds, dated June 25, 1884	\$ 10,000.00
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	28,000.00
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" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	14,300.00
Total	\$ 60,444.96

The Condition of the Permanent School Fund is Shown by the Following Statement, to-wit:

Amount of cash on hand	\$ 908.91
Ten Court House Bonds in this Fund	10,000.00
Three Registered County Bridge Warrants in this Fund	1,500.00
Amount of Vendor's Lien Notes, at 10 per cent Interest	2,877.62
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	5,246.96
Total	\$ 24,292.88

Eight thousand and thirty acres of school land in Baylor county unsold, but is leased to Dalton & Newton for \$650.00 per annum. Respectfully,

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O. J. KENDALL, Board of Medical Examiners, Henrieville, Texas, February 7, 1896.

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