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Omaha World-Herald.

their disgraceful purpose."

the avent that free coinage shall siderably raised." prevail. Here it is:

The owners of real estate and of tangible personal property will tion in the money standard. Hence every one who has money at his disposal can protect himself against loss by converting his money into land, houses and merchandise of various kinds. If, besides, he borrows more money and uses it for the official paper of the county. the purpose, he will make a profit on the transaction at the expense of the man from whom he borrows. \$10,000 will be worth \$20,000; a sented for the work. bushel of wheat now selling for 50 cents will sell for \$1, and sugar coffee, tea, and similar articles will advance in the same proportion.

The Sun's article is interesting for other reasons. The Sun advises that hereafter the creditor should require the gold chause, But the Sun warns its creditor readers thus:

It is to be observed furthermore that in contracting for payment in gold it will not be sufficient to say merely "gold" or "gold coin." The expression used should be 'gold coin of the United States of

Now this is a pretty howdy-do. tained that the word "coin" on our Daily Reporter, Aug. 12. greenbacks and bonds meant gold, now insisting that even the words explicit.

support of Johan Most and othershould adopt gold as the only man. lawful form of money. And yet the newspaper that makes this The constitution of the United states provides that no state "shall let McKinley and Hobart have all This is not gold OR silver; it is of Texas, as well as that of the "gold AND silver" 'gold AND silver'

If the legislature of New York has there been such a unanimous should assume the authority to one-sided business.—Bonham News override the federal constitution

would have its hands full. We invite a careful reading of the Sun's article.

The populist in the west say they are going to vote for Bryan and tional election on hand the crop ought to bring 10 cents. do or not that they are satisfied that the democrats will carry the south anyhow.

"In one respect the Galveston News! people will overwhelm McKinley stands without a rival. It publish that he refuses to make pledges of es everything but the facts." any kind.

London Statist on Bryan.

its now famous confession con- by Congress and silver made the done before. A foreign load com- ing them. A great deal of money cerning the effect of free comage. only metallic money which the pany, with local officers at Sring-changed hands, and it was due, it The World-Herald took these Treasury could pay out, the impres- field, this state, held a mertgage on is said, to the fact that the money extracts from the Chicago Tribune sion on the rest of the world would a farm near here. The mortgage leaders had loosened their purson of July 19. The Tribune, no less probably be great. It seems reas- fell due recently and the agent came strings and let it go on gilt-edge than the New York Sun, is pro- onable to infer that the Indian mints down and demanded payment in securities, without asking a pledge nounced in favor of the single would be opened, and it is not im- gold as the mortgage read "payable of the borrower to pay it back in probable that several embarrassed in gold." The mortgagor was made gold. Immediately following the The World-Herald reproduces in countries, like Argentina, would to believe that nothing but gold Bryan nomination, the majority of another column the entire article declare that a standard of value would suffice. As not enough gold real estate agents and money leadtaken from the Chicago Tribune. good enough for the United States | could be found in the town to satisfy | ers insisted on the "gold clause" in It was intended as a strong gold wold be good enough them. If that the indebtedness, the farmer was all transactions where there were argument, but we commend it were to happen, silver might rise advised to make a tender in silver deferred payments. Would-be borto the thoughtful consideration of very considerably. "When the dollars and such other legal tender rowers were confronted with this every citizen. The reader will ob- Indian mints were closed and the money as could be had at the banks. bugaboo when they asked for money, serve that the Sun does not en- Sherman act was repealed, silver This was done but the offer was and many of them were scared tertain a very high opinion of the never went below 27d per ounce, refused. people of this country when it says and although the Indian mirts The only alternative test was to repeated calls since, and the marthere exists "an uneasy suspicion have been closed for three years and find the gold, which was done by ket became crowded with real estate that the rogues may be in the America has not been buying, to making a trip to Springfield, over holders trying to get money withmajority and cannot be backed of about 31 1-2d per ounce. It seems thirty miles. This is the first in- out a promise to repay in gold. It will be observed that the Sun the American mints open and the ing the practical working of the gold clause in their deals, and they proposes an interesting plan for the Indian mints likely to be opened, gold standard system as now in were soon borrowed out. A few protection of men with money in the price of silver would be con- force in the United States. A great others gave way to the presure, and

### Gee Whiz.

Taylor county is democratic by neither lose nor gain by any altera- populiar vote but at the last general election three populist commissioners were elected because each precinct selects its own commissioner. Naturally enough the Sentinel,

the populist paper, was chosen as

deceive, though.

Yesterday the Sentinel presented its bill for the modest sum of \$432. For eight years prior to this deal

there was paid to the democratic papers the sum total of \$404.75 for the present standard of weight and this work, or an average of \$50 per annum, against \$432.00 for what?

Perhaps the Sentinel is not ac-Here is the New York Sun, a customed to this kind of pie. If newspaper that has always main- so, let us be charitable.-Abilene

Mark Hanna has been in Chicago for the past few days. He suggests 'gold coin" are not sufficiently that the manufacturers have republican smakers speak to the working The Sun makes another sugges- men in he shops. This is a repubtion which entities it to the cordial lican scheme to keep the laboring Truly, the infection is spreading. men in the dark, and to cause him to vote blindly for the Republican distinguished goldbugs of his class. party. But the workingmen are The Sun proposed that in the after Mark Hanna and the Repubevent that bimetallism shall tri- lican party, which has been faithumph "states like New York" less in its promises and an enemy it any wonder that the farmersof the

Political enthusiasm is at its as anarchists. A more flagrant political market, and the way evattack upon the federal constitution erything now appears, it seems as by a state could not be possible. if they will carry every state in the make anything but gold and silver of the entire vote of Rhode Island coin a tender in payment of debts." and the sympathies of the Clarkites before during a national canvass

> It is not likely that the cotton crop will reach 6,000,000 bales this season. In fact not a half crop will be made in the United States. With plenty of money and no na-

Bryan's nomination was accomplished without deals or intrigues. No politican has any special access The Galveston Opera Glass says: to him, He feels so sure, that the Now For Free Silver.

Omaha World-Herald.

New York, Aug. 3.—The London Marshfield, Mo., August 3.—An The only new feature in reality Statist, commenting on the pos-incident occurred here to-day which circles last week was the increase

a reasonable inference that were cident that has occurred here show- Some agents have never used the many had read of like occurrence last week nearly all the big firms elewhere, but this incident right loaned sums of from \$1,000 to \$10,here, in their homes has already 000 without any provision for the caused many person who were kind or class of money to be returntormerly gold standard advocates ed, in one to five years from now. to change their position and come The general impression is that this out unqualifiedly for free siver .-- government will never issue any

The Salt Lake Tribune thinks at a discount .- St. Louis Republic. that Mr. Foraker will not make any-The time came around when the tring by saying that Mr. Bryan puts it is "Bryan-Government of delinquent tax list was given out made himself by one speech, be- the people, for the people and by Under the reign of silver at 16 to for publication, and the time also cause Mr. Foraker cannot answer the people.' McKinley, Govern-1 a farm or a house and lot worth came around when the bill was pre- the arguments made by Mr. Bryan ment of McKinley, by Hannah and in New York to save his life. He for \$yndicates." And the Journel Now, these pop papers have talk- cannot go before any jury picked at just about "hits the nail on the ed about pie-eaters and pie-counters random from among the men of the head." so long and so loud that the people United States and successfully were all but ready to believe that combat one proposition that Mr. they would scorn pie.if offered them; Bryan made on the financial quesif they took any at all it would only tion in his masterly speech at Madbe a small bite. How easy it is to ison Square Garden .- Houston

The bugs are pretty bad this season and the farmer is having a tough time, according to an excange. The 16 to I men are silver bugs, the prohibitionists are water bugs, the woman suffragists are lady bugs the sound money men are gold bugs. the mugwumps are humbugs-and the potate bugs are eating up all was postponed. the Paris green.

Johnson county commissioners made a cut in the ex-officio salaries | was sold at auction under of their county officers, at the meeting last week, of \$1,000 per annum

Wheat is selling in Kansas at thirty-five cents a bushel, corn at fourteen cents, oats at twelve cents and pork at \$2 50 a hundred. Is to every right sacred to the poor west are fighting the gold standard when it takes three bushels of wheat to buy a dollar under the existing gold standard, which the republisuggestion denounces bimetallists bighest pitch, but is all one way. can party pledges itself to continue in operation?—Oxford Leader.

No Gold Clause,

many questions asking for the date sible election of Mr. Bryan, says: as causing farmers to scratch thier of loans and the absence of the on which the New York Sun made "If a free silver bill were carried heads and study as they have never "gold clause" in the papers recordaway for a time. They have made kind or class of money that will be

The way the New York Journal

Judge Sam Hunter, the free silver man, was nominated for judge of the second supreme judicial district instead of Wallace the goldbug. Judge Wallace is an able jurist, but the democratic party has little sympathy with goldbugs just now.

Geo. L. Walton of Travis leave the pops and returns to the Den

Near Hicksville, Ohio, tran drove wedding guests from a hom and took possession. The marra

An unnsual spectacle was nessed at the courthouse steps ... Elizabethtown, Ky., when a ma vagrancy law recently. The grant was Lawrence Peak, a white man, who had been convicted b the circuit court. A large crow was present to hear Deputy Sheris Williams cry the sale. There w only one bidder, John Cedil, farmer. He bid \$12.55 and Pe was knocked down to him. Ce has now control of Peak's service for six months, but he must clothe and feed him just as slaves we

Sam Small, the noted evangeli will take the stump for Bryan.



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### Democratic Ticket:

FOR PRESIDENT. WILLIAM J. BRYAN, Of Nebraska, FOR VICE-PRESIDENT, ARTHUR SEWALL, Of Maine.

Presidential Electors. STATE AT LARGE. WILBUR PIERCE, of Bell County. T. S. SMITH, of Hill County.

> 1st. J. C. BUFFINGTON 2nd. W. M. IMBODEN. 3rd. NED MORRIS. 4th. H. F. O'NEAL 5th. E. L. AGNEW. 6th. H. POWELL. 7th. D. H. HARDY. 8th. M. M. SCOTT. MR. T. B. COCHRAN

13th. A. M. THURMOND. 12th. MILTON MAYES. 18th. S. P. HUFF. for Congress-13th District, JOHN H. STEPHENS. Mor Representative 104th District,

10th. S. H. HOPKINS.

T. B. C. PEERY. Pc County Judge. O. E. FINLAY,

per County and District Clerk. CHAS. GAY.

For County Attorney, JOHN C. KAY,

For County Treasurer. J. A. DIXON.

H. C. WILLIAMS.

For Tax Assessor, S. H. JAMES.

For County Surveyor. ELISHA T. HIGGINS.

A. J. WHEAT. For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2.

G. W. HUNT.

H. L. LEBERMAN.

ALLEN C. CASEY.

The democrats, populists and free silver republicans in Iowa have in our part of the state its lack of will increase to 50,000 in the fall. fused. Ex-Gov. Boies and Gen. J. B. Weaver are the electors for the that the small boy, instead of using State-at-large.

The Tammany tiger has curled his tail and joined the procession that is following Wm, J. Bryan of

Very few of our local gold-bugs are going to have anything to do with the new Democratic party. will of the party and are good enough Democrats to lay down their views and abide the judgment of the party and vote for the neminees.

the so-called "pivotal" states of forever seal your fate, unless you

Hot dry winds and short crops are reported from all parts of the

Sept. 1st.

Lock McDaniel, a prominent republican of Houston, Texas, will street last Friday night. The support-Bryan and Sewall.

cratic party in Texas.

carried off the belt snd the gate fees.

mlev and pie.

In the Enemy's Camp.

Wm. J. Bryan is waking the hoes in the state of New Yorkcarrying the war into Africa as it were. His canvass of the state includes all the principal cities. Vast crowds of interested people listen to the "boy orator of the Platte" as he discusses the great assue of \$1.00. the day. His efforts are having a wonderful effect upon the people and it is sate to say that before November rolls around the so-called 'free silver craze' will have New H. Reagan, L. J. Story and Allison York safely in the democratic col- | Mayfield. umn, in spite of the efforts of the listic papers of the state. It is way commissioner. already conceded that the New York convention will heartily endorse Bryan and the platform, convention. The fact is that the people of the east are just now beginning to awaken to the importance of the tee for the next two years. double standard and the absolute necessity of combating monopolies. masses of the people.

Bryan's speeches are going un- people. answered because they are unanswerable. He will make a few speeches in Ohio on his journey back to Nebraska and he will doubtless make the "Napoleon of Protection" tremble in his boots. McKinley has no mortgage on the electoral vote of either. New York

North Texas never did need good democratic daily as it does now. The Dallas News is a good ular line, but its eternal abuse of the democratic party and its antagonism to all the people believe to be to their best interests has won for the News a very undesirable pororate capital is very kind to Texas. reputation for truth and varacity in political affairs. The News is In Tenneesee last week the dem- popular as a vehicle of general inveracity has become so proverbial the old expression, "that's no lie," ers may talk as they please, the now puts it, "that's no Dallas great part of the yoters of the pop-

Did it ever occur to you that it was a good Government you wanted instead of pie? If so, this is the year for you to show your patriotism. If a gold bug President represent the interests of the people. is elected you will have bonds Chicago platform as the expressed refunded for fifty years, payable in neck in a heroic effort to create a gold; the national banks re-char- dimple under her chin. tered for fifty years and a continnation of the gold standard, and those curses of the Government within the next two or three weeks will reduce you and your children if the weather continues favorable: Chairman Jones has established to penury, and the lowest condition If this opinion is the correct one the Demogratic campaign headquar- in serfdom and slavery. Now is then it is very evident that the the Demogratic campaign headquar to settled and slavery. The lightest in many years ters at Chicago, and the active work the time to right the wrong with and the price of the staple it of the campaign is now on. The your ballots, while you can, for seems, will necessarily have to go strongest efforts will be put forth in four years rule of goldbugism will ap-Whitewright Plow&Hanmer. course, but it is the intention of the use harsher means. Don't let the campaign committee to have a thor- prospect of a little pie, or pure ough organization all over the coun- contrariness keep you from working to the interests of the masses of the people.-Ex.

It would be well for all our readers to know that the appli-The County Clerks' Association cation of ice to the head of man or will meet in Galveston, Tuesday, animal when stricken with heat is a proper treatment. One horse was saved in this way on our horse had fallen. His head was placed on the sidewalk and covered The Dallas News is working with with cracked ice. In an hour and all its might to break up the demo- a half the cold did its work and the horse was able to stagger to its A snake and a billy goat fought feet. Soon it was able to walk to at Waco recently and the billy goat its stable. Hundreds of persons cold wind take Scott's Emulwatched the scene and the humane sion and it makes good blood, man who applied the ice to his improves the appetite, in-The rank and file of the populists best friend's burning head was creases flesh, furnishes bodily of Texas are for Bryan and free sil- cheered to the echo when the warmth, and prevents the ill ver, while the leaders are for Mc. horse revived .- Farm & Fireeide.

Some people in Michigan still beScott's Emulsion has been endorsed by the
Scottless Jerry Simpson is now lieve in witchcraft, and believe in
a candidate of the Democrats as it strongly enough to expel an enwell as of the populists.

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The Democratic State Convention met at Fort Worth last week and re-nominated the present State of Of ill health, despondency and despair ficers for re-election, as follows:

Governor-Chas. A. Culberson. Lieut. Governor-J. T. Jester. Attorney General M. M. Crane. Comptroller\_R. W. Finlay.

Treasurer-W. B. Wortham: Land Commissioner-A. J. Baker. Supt. Public Inst\_J. M. Carlisle. Rail Road Commissioners-John

The only contest made was upon Wall street bankers and monopo. the nomination of Mayfield for rail-

> C. L. Potter, of Cook county, was permanent chairman of the

> Hon. J. W. Blake was elected chairman of the executive commit-

The platform fully endorses and pledges the support of the party in trusts and combines of capital. Texas to Bryan and Sewalland the The south and west suffered first, Chicago platform, and it specially but now the vampires of capital endorses the Chicago declaration have begun to turn their attention upon the income tax. The adminto those nearer home and nothing istration of Gov. Culberson was albut free silver will prevent the so endorsed. The platform also complete enslavement of the great declares for the election of U.S. Senators by a direct vote of the

"There was no special car, ' says the dispatches, "provided for the man upon whom the Democratic party thrust thegreatest honorwithin its power." He did not even of the Democratic nominee for presride on a pass when visiting his. home in Illinois, but "bought tickets for him selfand wife." Mr Bryan is not the candidate of the ing railway magnates and trusts, which flourish by pulling Uncle Sam's leg, he is the candidate of the peonewspaper and great in its partic. ple. Cleveland has not paid a dollar of railway fare in 12 years-from the day of his first nomination private cars have been placed at his those whom it kows it can use .-Brann's Iconoclast.

any political event it is taken with state judges last week, over the a pinch of snuff by the reader, and fusion, republican and populist, freedom.

> The "middle of the road" leadulist party prize principle above party and they will support Bryan and Sewall. These people everywhere are giving expression of their intention to support the men who thankful. It is such results, of which then

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of the cotton crop will be gathered

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> Mrs. Phube Thomas, of Junction City, th, was teld by her doctors she had Conunntion and that there was no hope for her at two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovved her life. Mr. Thes. Eggers, 189 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dread ul cold, approaching Consumption, tried ithout result everything else then bought as bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and are samples, that prove the wonderful effica-cy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Akin & Co's Drug Store.

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There is an effort being made to get up a

about twenty-five scholars have been prom-

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their fall and wister stock of goods.

success in the school room.

a visit to relatives in Georgetown.

The drouth is once more broken, It

The water tanks are all full and the ground

etc, at actual cost. See them.

studies next month and have their certificates

on THE LEADER and deposited a wheel.

month's vacation in eastern Texas.

since the rain of last Saturday and Sunday.

is a great rain. It began about sun-

ranches were filled and the thirsty earth

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nd water for fall and winter, feed

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rain last Saturday night.

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Counterfeiters.

LEADER J. V. Cunningham, Sheriff and deputy U. S. Marshal, deputy Sheriff Williams, of Shackelford county, and Jas. Melton, guard, brought in Tuesday J. N. Delvan and two others who gave their names as Henry Ward and John Russell, who were arrested near Albany charged with counterfeiting gold coin. They had a preliminary trial before Commissioner Girand, and their bail bonds were fixed at \$500 each. Failing to give bond they were taken to the Abeline jail.

They had a complete outfit for making the money, but none of the spurious coin was found in their possession. The moulds looked as if they had never been used, but every. thing was complete and ready for work.

The Sept. number of Demores 's Family Magazine has arrived with its monthly treat. Besides the usual beautiful colored plate and a number of portraits of prominent persons, this number contains a characteristic story by Stephen Crane and a nicely illustrated article on "Summer Days at Asbury Park." Then there is the Girls Department, Fashion Mirror, and a portion devoted to the World's Progress. Altogether it is a bright sparkling monthly and is always a welcome visitor. Published at New York by Demoprivate school in Graham. We understand cost Publishing Co., at two dollars a year.

Lary and Chester Pratt of Eliasville, were pleasant callers at THE LEADER office yes- them to Henrietta. Crawford says he will start his gin to-day. | terday.

But little cotton has come in yet, and the Cotton sold on the streets Wednesday in prospect is that the crop will be very light. the seed for \$2.25.

> J. H. Smith, formerly of this county, now of Brisco county, was a pleasant and substantial caller at this office yesterday.

James Melton, mine host of the Albany Lelia, returned last Saturday from a visit to House, Albany, Texas, gave THE LELDER a pleasant and substantial call last Tuesday.

Lacy Locals.

Aunt Mel Richardson is no better at this

The long looked for and much needed last Tuesday and will open school next rain fell Saturday night. The people will Monday. We prodict that Joe will be T get a rest from drawing stock water. Sowing turnip seed is the order of the day.

some are trying gardening again. White and Walter Ganaway have gon ast to hunt cotton picking. cluding every novelty of the season

Pete Hawkins and John Byrd have to close, at prices heretofore unturned to Denton County accompanied by auut Sallie; Miss Clara and Willis Hawkins Quite a number from this community are It is thought the late rains will greatly attending the protracted meeting at Farmer, benefit the cotton crop. It we should be Uncle Joe Young has gone to Henrietta favored with a late fall, the cotton will turn | with about 200 head of nogs.

out much better than was expected two The people are all busy gathering what A. SWITHIN. Miss Belle Graham returned Monday from

A Cook Book Free.

"Table and Kitchen" is the title of a new commenced raining here Saturday evening cook book published by the Price Baking the city yesterday. continuing all night and until noon Sunday. Powder Company, Chicago. Just at this The stock men are wearing bright smile time it will be sent free if you write a pos thoroughly wet. Quite a number of farm- tal mentioning THE GRAHAM LEADER, ers are planting sorgham and millet for This book has been tried by ourselves and is one of the very best of its kind. | Besides Ladies waists, vests, silk mitts containing over 400 receipts for all kinds of pastry and home cookery, there are many hints for the table and kitchen, showing how to set a table, how to enter the dining room The Clear Fork people had a fish fry and etc.; a hundred and one hints in every branch pienic last Friday and from all reports it of the culinary art. Cookery of the very was a success. Col. Finley and Sheriff Wil- finest and richest as well as of the most exliams attended and they say the fish were nomical and home like, is provided for, The Board of Examiners for teachers' cer- sent, postage prepaid, to any lady sending tificates met last Friday. There were only her address (name, town and State) plainly two applicants, J. E. Simpson and J. M. given. A copy in German or Scandinavian Hughes. They were examined in 3rd and will be sent if desired. Postal card is as good 2nd grade studies and both got 2nd grade as letter. Address Price Baking Powder certificates. They will take the first grade | Co., Chicago, Ill.

SAVED THE BABY.

Mr. J. T. McAlister, of Atlanta, G., says: Who Has a Small Farm for Sale? "Lust summer Germetner saved our baby, Paul, carriedshim safely through an extreme ly bad case of dysentary and teathing, and An interesting protracted meeting at Center Ridge, conducted by Revs. M. L. Moody has made him a great big solid chunk of thirand B. R. Wagner, was closed out by the ty or thirty-gve pounds.

Disease attacks the weak and debilitated. J. J. Scrugg, of Siddon, Miss., says: "Our Keep yourself healthy and strong by taking little girl 6 moths old, was in a very low state from summer complaint and Germetuer W. G. Price, of Shackeltord county, is made ber as fat as a pig." visiting relatives in Graham. He called

GOV. RENFROW OF OKLAHOMA. Street commissioner Jno. Taylor has been

The testimonials in behalf of Hood's Sarsaparilla are not only from people who canputting in some good work on the streets not afford costly professional treatment but they con e also from persons in official sta-tions. Nor is Hood's Sarsaparilla praised only by those who have learned in their own Prof. H. Fowler has returned home after experience of its wonderful curative powers, but men of the highest intelligence and soun-dest judgment are ready to speak in its fa-When at Mineral Wells stop at CC Mineral Wells Wagon Yard. vor His Excellency William C. Renfrow, Governor of Oklahoma, in a recent voluntary letter, writes us: "From its general repuaturday evening and continued until 11 tation I know of none that I would prefe Jek Sunday morning. Over two inches to Hood's Sarsaparilla if we should need a blood purifier or remedy for general debility" o fell. The tanks and cisterns, creeks

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> The Cnildress Index tells the young mon of its town why they are out of a job. It says:

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Facts From Farmer. News is scarce this week. It has rained

and several are sowing turnip seed. Misses Eva Hodge and Bulah Spruill, both of Archer, were visiting Mrs Etta Hawkins last week. Miss Bulah will teach in Archer High school this year.

Mr. Crumb has gone to Seymour. Uncle Joe Young bought several head of

Harne Cunningham has gone to Oklaho-

ma to live.

Luther Wann will start to Jacksboro school the first of next month. Push on, Luther, you will "get there" after while. Joe Peters, who has been in Parker county is now at home.

The Base Ball Nine went to Olney Saturday but didn't play.

Slayton Baker, the young evangelist, preached at the Methodist church last Thursday night. He and his elder brother are holding a series of meeting at Archer now. G. E. McNew went to Weatherford last

Frank Fowler has gone to the territoryhe "skipped"-left Saturday night in the

Justice Court met Saturday. The case on trial was a damage suit-Walter Cato vs. McDaniel; R. E. Taylor was for the plaintiff and Joe Akin for detendant. The Court decided in faver f the de endant. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Walker were visiting

Mrs. J. D. Wilson last week. Mr. Baily, the fire insurance agent, is i

town now. Married: at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Seab Chestnut and Miss Tennie Andrews. . There were only a few intimate ittle crops they have, hence not much news friends present. The bride and groom are both well and favorably known in this comnunity, and have a host of friends who join in their congratulations,

Messrs. Ep and Willie Simmons were in

rovements on his residence(?) Dr. J. D. Wilson will be at home next ucation is worth more than the gold or sil-SOMETIMES. | ver standard.

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Old peopte who require medicine to reguate the bowels and kidneys will find the true emedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine cheaper than can be obtained elseloes not stimulate and contains no whiskey where. Work guaranteed. Remember "Table and Kitchen" will be nor other intoxicant, but sets as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bit ters is an excellent appetizer and aids digest tion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1.00 per bottle at Akin & Co's. Drug Store.

JOHN H. STEPHENS.

Nails Some Political Liars to the Cross.

Vernon, Texas, Aug. 15, 1896. Mr. W. A. Johnson, Memphis, Texas, DEAR SIR- -I am informed that my politienties are circulating the report in that courty that I am a gold standard man. This is wholly office as my record proves. I was a member of the state convention at San Antonion, in 1890 when Hogg was how long they have been sore, the Waterat the ratio of 16 to 1. I signed this report of the committee. Also in our county convention in 1892, we passed a free silver reso-

the free silver convention at Fort Worth and was again put on the committee on platform and resolutions and we drafted and passed one of the strongest free silver resolutions that we could find language to express, etc. I have made speeches in behalf of the democracy in every campaign since I have been a voter and in every one I have been a voter and in every one I have advocated the repeal of the law demonetizing silver in 1873 and demanded its free coinage. hogs from J. M. Keen last week and took No man in Texas has a better record on this subject than I have.

It is also reported that my old partner, A. L. Matlock, of Fort Worth, was in the legislature that passed the 50 cent land act and that he and I bought land under this act. This is also untrue in this much; Matlock was not in the legislature that passed the 50 cent land act. This act was passed in 1879 and he was not elected to the legislature un til 1880 and took his seat in 1881. We did buy land under this act in 1882, but he had nothing to do with passing it and I was never in the legislature until 1889, so I had nothing to do with this land law. Please give these facts as an editorial, refuting these lies on me, and oblige.

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nominated and on the committee on platform and resolutions, and we then and there declared in that platform in favor of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. I signed this report Graham, Texas.

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". Arrive at Mineral Wells 12:00 m.

No. 2 Leaves Mineral Wells 7:00 a. m.

Westherford 8:37 Arrives at Weatherford 8:37 Arrive at Mineral Wells 6:15 p. m. No., 3 Leave Weatherford -Arrives at Weatherford 4:30 p. m.

SUNDAY ONLY. Leave Weatherford Arrive at Westernord 9:00 a. m., hands high, brandou U on left jaw and S + on left thigh. Aug. 15, 1896.

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The Populists and Ring Rule.

The germ from which the pop- CUSHMAN'S MENTHOL INHALER sulists party originated was opposition to rings and cliques, and gtheir constant boast was that no Meader or set of leaders could dictate to them the men and meassures for whom they should vote. They averred and re-averred that principle was their guiding star nd policy was not in their vocablike the sight of water does a mad dog and the act of agreeing on delegates prior to the meeting of a convention was the great unpardonable political of a great unpartonable po commensurate punishment for

But the scene has changed! The pop is no longer the untamed, unbridled, fiery animal as of yore, careering over the broad prairies of andividual and political independence. He no longer pafar, raise his head and tail, give sforth a snort of defiance and dash away in the dim distance.

which was death by strangulation.

The revised edition of the pop thas been hypnotized. Resistance has given away to submission and the will of the clique is their will, and like the meck-eyed ox with a segont of heads any work for three years on the manner of the meck and the meck-eyed ox with a segont of her rands. Your Baim has cured them segont of her rands. Your Baim has cured them segont of her rands. Your Baim has cured them segont of her rands. Your Baim has cured them wax Go. wherever the ring see fit to take them. For instance, it seems anore than probable that, after all the viteperation they have been rations became to encourage the send four have and the viteperation they have been recommended to encourage the send four have rations became to encourage the send four have rations became to encourage the send four have rations became to encourage the send four have recommended. ed upon the republican party and the dire calamity they have predicted in the event of a perpetuation of the present financial poltheir votes will be cast for the McKinley electors in the coming election.

Verily, consistency is a strangor to the populist party.-Texas Sandwich.

Chickens come home to roost-The day before Watson was nomlove Billy (Bryan) but d\_his was his company.



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by wife used "MOTHERS' FRIEND" be with of her first child, she did not sher from CRAMPS or PAINS—was quickly dieved at the critical hour suffering but trie—she had no pains afterward and her ery was rapid. E. E. JOHNSTON, Eufaula, Ala.

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eay it "note like a charm." Please send four boxes
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The republican farmers of Illinois are all for free silver. Here is the scy, it now seems probable that way one of them puts it: "I have not left the republican party; it has leff me. I am voting as Lincoln, Grant, Blaine or Garfield would vote if they were alive to-day. They would vote for Bryan and free silver and I am going to do the

If there is any confusion in the are more devoted to silver than to Tom Watson they will not hesitate might prove an exception long as to the course to pursue .-Housten Post.

My agency in procuring the passage of the Natonal Bank Act was the greatest financial mistake of my life. It has built up a monopoly that "Can't you throw some water on it?" effects every interest in the coun-try. It should be repealed, but be-"It's the roof. I s'pose it caught fore this can be accomplished the with a spark from one o' them pesky people will be arrayed on one side ingines; bein's 's everything's dry's tinand the banks on the other in a der. Ain't nothtin' to git scairt about, contest such as we have never seen in this country .- Salmon P. Chase.

TWO GOOD TURNS.

BY WALTER LEON SAWYER.

Mr. Balcom rose early that morning and he hurried off to the city as soo e had swallowed breakfast. That not his way, and Mrs. Balcom w but, being a good wife, she asked no questions. Before she had fully accomodated herself to the novel event, the nan-of-all-work gave her another sur-orise, presenting a telegram which set orth that his sister was ill and needed Of course Mrs. Balcom let him go. not occur to her that the double

rture left her and the children unotected, and if it had she would have smiled at the idea of danger. She did not know that there was a burglar in Mr. Balcom did know. As he came up

from the train the evening before, his eighbor Jones had stopped him to bisper that the Hartshorne house had cen entered and judiciously ransacked. The Hartshorneswere in Europe. Their aretaker had been sojourning in that ther foreign land, a drunkard's paraise; but as soon as he came out of it e discovered the robbery and hastened e ask Jones' advice. Jones, who had a pervous mother in-law, suggested that he matter be kept as quiet as possible; and he wanted to know if Mr. Balcom-"You did just right!" Mr. Balcom inerrupted, when the story had gone hus far. "These country constables ould frighten every woman into hyseries, but they wouldn't catch a urglar once in a thousand times. Pro-

nto the house and brough it as though he knew his business." "I'll back my burglar alarm against

"So I suppose. He seems to have gone

him!" Mr. Balcom chuckled, confilently. "How about Ben Ezra?" the neighbor sked.

"No fear of him. You see my stable as well protected as my house," Mr. lalcom explained. "Fact is, I'd sooner se half there is in the house than that orse. Little off his feed, the poor felow is. I had a veterinary out yesterday o look at him, but I can't drive him for week. I guess 7-

"I suppose we ought to do some thing," Mr. Jones ventured to hint. He enew if allowed to go on, Mr. inleom would talk about his horse until he burglar-and the listener-died a natural death.

"Oh, of course we must trip the fellow efore be goes any further. Tell you what: I know a private detective who as on the Poston force for yearsing enough to get acquainted with very ruscal in the country. I'll bring its home with me to-morrow to look ver the ground. It would be better to bay him a bundred than have the thing get out and bedevil the women." "Yes, indeed!" said Mr. Jones, fer-

vently. Soltwasdecided. And after the neigh m the dryness of the season and the ced of rain, Mr. Balcom sauntered oneward, calm in the contentment thich a managing man has a right to cal. He kissed his wife and children. and then he went out and caressed his horse. He looked carefully to the locks and the slarms. They were perfect and in order. He went to bed in peace.

That night, however, he had a horrid ream. It seemed that Ben Ezia was tolen; that he had expended his fortune in seeking the horse; that finally. when he had sunk to a beggar's outcast te found the wreck of Ben Ezra hauling garbage cart! The dream so wrough! pon Mr. Balcom that he awoke in a old perspiration. He rushed to the table, and proved it only a dream. Bus t might be a warning! That superstiious faucy lingered with him throug! he hours of dusk and dawn, and the arly glare of an August sun did not lispel it. It hurried him to the city, as as been told-

Looking at it in the light of his new nowledge, Mr. Balcom could see many asons why Maple Park should attract burgler. Its isolated and unguarded ocation is one; the smallness and sleepness'of the town that it fringes is another. Seekonket has only two con stables and one hand fire-enginethough, to be sure, it has four churches and the aristocratic residents cur themselves off from all these blessings by building on the farther side of Greeneaf's hill. As Maple Park holds aloof from Seekonket, Seekonket keeps away from Maple Park; and Mr. Balcom wondered, the longer he thought of it, that some frowsy Napoleon did not organize his army of tramps and obliterate Maple

Mrs. Malcom was not imaginative. and no such terrors ever oppressed her. She was young enough to enjoy her money, and old enough to appreciate her health; and since her daughters had situation the populists have created her health nor her money seemed in it, and it is for them, not the demo- danger. Of course, she should have crats to solve the problem. It is been, as she was, a happy woman. She company." Next day Watson for them to determine whether spent her day as the truly happy must they will indorse the democratic in small activities that amuse one and ticket by voting for it, or throw make one feel useful but not fatigued. away their votes by supporiting separate Watson electors. If they peared excitedly before her she was slow to realize that this particular day

"The stable's afire, Miss Balcom!" the cook proclaimed.

"Is it?" the mistress absently answered. "Tell Henry to put it out, please. Oh, I remember; I allowed Henry to visit his sister." She closed

'cause the wind's away from the house. what little the' is. But the hoss is in the stable, you recollec'."

The South will cast her solid elec- Mrs. Balcom swept electrically through toral vote for Bryan and Sewall. the kitchen and out of the back door. | ing no less than \$6.31 per sere.

on't he? What will Mr. Ba!-? What can we do?"

take to git 'em here."

"Ben Ezra must come out!" Mrs. Balcom asserted; but there was an accent of despair in the words, determined as the

"Can't break that door down! 'n' that air paytent lock on-Mr. Balcom's got the key with him."

her like one fascinated into helpless ness. The servant's conscience would not let her rest until she had kicked the door and thrown herself against it. It did not even tremblé. She mopped her flushed face with her apron, and, shaking her head mourafully, drew back beyond the heat of the flames that were laying bare the rafters.

Though the stranger had seemed to spring from the ground he showed alacrity about coming further. He took time to survey the landscape before he climbed the fence. He looked past the women, not at them, as though he feared a possible somewhat behind; and when he had advanced to where they stood, though he abruptly took the manner of haste and impatience, his shifty eyes still seemed to cover every point of the horizon

"Now, then," he demanded, "where's your ax?"

Balcom's dejected reply. "N' it's a paytent lock!" the cook chimed in, tragically.

again to scan the hill road. Then he ran up to the door. "Huh! That thing!" the wome

The smoke flotted lazily off and left the vision unobscured, and the spiteful snap of flame overruled every other noise. The women looked and listened with an intentness that would have been painful had it long endured. From the bag he carried thestranger took of glittering something which he applied to the lock. Instantaneously, almost the door flew open. Stripping off his blouse, the man passed through, and when he reappeared the horse, safely blinded, uninjured, was with him. Mrs. Balcom finttered after as he led the trembling brute to a safer place. For once in her life she could not meet the ecasion with graceful words.

"Oh, I don't know how to thank you!" alues Ben Ezra sol I'm sure be'll

Mr. Balcom's eye was on his favorite. but his hand went into his pocket and brought out a roll of bills. "Thank ye, boss," the stranger said.

"Not-enough!" Mr. Balcolm found breath to add. "Come to morrow-my office-give you as much again!" The thought of another duty occurred to him at the same instant, and it made him face toward the road. "All right, Parker!" he called. "No hurry."

"All right!" The man who had just come into view moderated his pace. After the first keen, comprehensive glance in the direction of the others, he conspicuously ignored them, and look ng at the stable delayed his approach Mr. Balcom returned to the fondling of Ben Ezra. The horse's rescuer had een standing at the corner of the house.

Mr. Parker smiled serenely to himself said nothting. "Guess he must 'a' been in a hurry.

he cook put in: "he went off 'n' left his satchel. I s'pose I better lay it away. adn't I 'fore these 'ere firemen go to rampin' round?"

She offered the stranger's bag to Mr. Balcom, but Mr. Parker took it from his opresisting hand and coolly pulled it pen. Then he drew Mr. Balcom to one ide and bade him look in. "For," said ie, "you won't often see a neater set o'

he should have been; but it was evident that he was puzzled. He looked from the bag to Parker and back again. "Well," he suggested, at length, "he

any more, is he?" "I guess not," the detective made proud rejoinder. "He knows me-knew me's quick's I knew him!"

"Yes-well-you see-" Mr. Balcolm buttonholed Parker, in his turn, and led him still further from the crowd. "Of course I'm responsible I pay all the bills," he went on, with disjointed earnestness. "I-you-don't you understand, I haven't anything more for you to do here? Why, hang it all, man, he saved Ben Ezra!"

"Oh, I know how you feel," the detec tive answered. He spoke as though he really did. "I like a good hoss my-self. See? There's a train back to town in 'bout 20 minutese, ain't the'?" -Demorest's Magazine.

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o'know," was the depressing answer.

"I sent Jane to the corner a'ter the firemen: but the land knows how long it'll

Mrs. Balcom stared straight before

Ben Ezra must come out!" Mrs. Balcom said again. The horse's agonized whinny had broken the spell that was upon her. Her eyes filled at the sound, and she ran forward aimlessly and glanced desperately about her. "Man! You man!" she cried, all at

once. "Come here and get our horse."

"In the stable, I suppose," was Mrs.

"Hey?" The stranger started and stared at them suspiciously. He turned

heard him say, contemptuously.

she faltered, at length. "Mr. Balcom Why, here he comes! Oh, James!" she cried, as her husband-hatless, coatless and visibly perspiring-took the fence in a bound and dashed up to the group. "Oh, James! If it hadn't been for this this honest workingman, Ben Ezra would have been burned!"

No one saw him slip around it. "Sound as a dollar, Parker!" Mr. Balcom said a moment later. There was a aspicion of tears in his voice, and he blew his nose energetically before he Thanks to this worthy man- Why. where is he?"

s he bent to lift Ben Ezra's leg; but he

ourglar's tools than that is!" Mr. Balcom seemed less horrified than

ain't likely to hang around Maple Park



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