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Giney Items.

Christmas has come and gone again. We are entering another year. The old year with its charms have flown. Each of us should form some new resolutions to guide us in our undertakings this year. Let us strive to live nobler and better this year than we did last.

Bro. Hill preached for us Sunday at eleven and Sunday night.

Olney has a Christian Endeavor Society that a much larger town might well be proud of.

Mrs. Marvie Averitt visited her mother during the holidays and returned to Olney Sunday.

School reopened Monday with four new scholars. Our school has been short of desks till this week. We can comfortably seat twenty-five now.

Jim Hutchings and family and Miss Lizzie Donnell returned last week from Collin county, where they have been visiting three or four weeks.

George Roach and wife have been visiting the latter's people in Clay county during the holidays.

W. D. Bolding and wife visited old friends in Archer county last week.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Haygood have recently moved with their families from Montague county to our community.

Mr. Shirly is wearing a broad smile this week. It is a boy.

Mr. McDonald and Miss Lou Edwards, who live near Farmer, were united in the bonds of wedlock and attended church at this place Sunday. They were accompanied by Miss Eva Webb. They all took dinner with Tommie Keen and wife. Our wishes for them is that their joys may be as deep as the ocean and their sorrows as light as its foam.

Miss Thirza Patterson, who is attending school at Graham spent the holidays with her mother and returned to Graham Saturday.

As the wagon yard business didn't pay well, Mr. Bloodworth has plowed up his wagon yard and quit the business.

Dr. Johnson has just about quit trying to shoot anything.

"PINDER."

WRITTEN FOR LAST ISSUE.

School has been dismissed for a weeks vacation, and the young people of Olney are having some pleasant social gatherings.

Last Friday night a good program was rendered by the M. C. Club. A large crowd was present and all seemed to enjoy the program.

The young people enjoyed a candy-breaking at L. S. Paschal's last Thursday night. Some may say that the Olney school patrons are not very careful about the time of having parties, but we wish to say that when the party was promised it was thought the school would be dismissed Thursday. We believe the Olney patrons are sufficiently interested in the school that no parties will be given that will conflict with the school work.

We had quite a nice Christmas tree, or ladder rather, Saturday night. Everything went off in perfect order and to the enjoyment of all present.

Sunday night a special pro-

gram was rendered at the church by the C. E. Society.

J. T. Hunt went to the Falls Monday for a load of school desks.

Elbert Hunt started for the West Monday morning. We understand that he expects to stay sometime.

W. D. Bolding and wife went to Archer City Monday to spend a few days during vacation.

J. H. Brown had his four sons-in-law and their families with him Saturday and Sunday. He treated his grand-children with a Christmas tree Saturday night.

The young people had a candy breaking at Mr. Rogers' Monday night. "PINDER."

Boggy Valley.

I see Uncle Si has quit writing from Boggy Valley I decided I would give you a few items.

Christmas is over, everything is quiet. We had no Xmas tree this year, but we have decided to have one next year and everybody is invited to bring their dinner and stay all day.

Plenty of cold weather now. We are glad to say that Edgar Tandy, who has been down so long is slowly improving.

The young folks have enjoyed several nice entertainments during Xmas.

Tom Keeter was down this week.

J. D. Carr's family have returned to Graham, after spending Xmas at their home.

Xmas morning Henry Keeter left Mr. Steadham's saying he was going to see his pa, but he was found to be at J. D. Carr's all day. We think we understand this.

Mrs. C. A. Harmonson of Indian Mound has recently moved to our community.

W. T. Steadham of Miller Bend, was visiting his brother M. H. Steadham this week.

The young folks enjoyed a musical at J. C. Reynold's Saturday night.

Messrs. Alvah Tandy and Aubry Wilkinson spent a few days in Graham during Xmas. They report a pleasant time.

J. M. Hughes' cotton patch looks as if it needed to be packed. S. B. Carr finished sowing wheat for J. W. Long.

Henry Keeter was seen going up the creek to-day.

Miss Etna Wilkinson will open school Jan. 2, 1899.

Sam Carr, Henry Keeter, Will Harmonson and Bill Steadham came in Saturday evening with lumber for Mrs. Harmonson.

Mr. Proffitt started a drove of hogs to the R. R. this week.

S. T. V.

Farmer Items.

Owing to the business affairs of life and old Santa Claus coming in our midst, ye scribe has failed to comply with his necessary task of writing to your valuable paper for a couple of weeks.

W. W. Farmer and E. P. Benson went to Ft. Worth via Jacksboro last week.

The young people seemed to have enjoyable times during Xmas week, attending sociables, pound suppers, oyster suppers, etc. There was a free entertainment given at the school house Friday night of Xmas week,

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Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

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which was a success. There were three prizes offered—the choice of two pictures to the prettiest young lady present, a nice cake to the prettiest little girl present and a nice cake to the ugliest man present. Each vote to cost 5 cents. Somewhere between \$30 and \$40 was soon raised. Miss Nettie Shearer getting the picture; little Maud Benson getting one cake, and Edlie Pritchett getting the other.

Joe Lemons and Willie Peery of Bellevue, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilson during the holidays.

Dr. J. D. Wilson and lady visited P. P. Cady and wife last week. Robt. Cady of Jacksboro, spent Xmas with home folks.

Ben Shumaker and family have been visiting in Farmer this week.

Rev. Rogers filled his regular appointment in the M. E. Church Sunday and Sunday night, (Christmas day) a large crowd was out at each service to hear him.

Prof. Hardgraves and lady were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Cook one day last week.

Joda Kennedy of Cottonwood, Archer county, was here Sunday.

Ollie Steen and sister Miss Myrtle, of Red Top, were visiting relatives near here Xmas week.

Mr. Green, the new mail contractor, came in on time Sunday evening and started to Jacksboro with the U. S. mail, at 5 a. m. Monday.

Mrs. Nannie and Hester Simons, of Little Wichita were visiting their parents here last week also Walter Keen and wife were visiting home folks last week.

Frank Prideaux, who is at school at Ft. Worth, is visiting home folks near here. He returns soon.

A nice oyster supper was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hunt last Wednesday night. Quite a crowd attended and report a most pleasant time.

J. W. Walker and wife of Archer county, P. P. Cady wife of the Huntsville community and Robt. Cady of Jacksboro were visiting at Dr. J. D. Wilson's Xmas day.

Hiram Drum has returned to the West where he has been visiting his brother Marion, a couple of weeks.

Rev. Buck Hawkins at the M. E. Church, J. A. Seals and to Jacksboro Monday. Prof. Underwood Farmer Sunday week with home county.

As the old year is away let us start resolutions for

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Antelope, Jack county, is to have a daily mail.

A. J. Lane's residence at Greenville burned, loss \$500.

The new telephone exchange building at Dallas was opened on the 26th ult.

Near Fort Clark while hunting, Robert Whipkey killed Max Schaber and wounded Henry Schaber.

Telephone communication has been established between Hillsboro and the Hill county poor farm.

Mrs. Cady, 87 years old, living with her son, F. M. Cady, one mile from Gatesville, was found dead in bed.

John Zuhn, a prosperous German farmer, expired suddenly near La Grange while assisting a tenant move.

Mrs. Davis, wife of Col. Robert A. Davis, one of Ellis county's wealthiest citizens, died at Waxahachie, aged 76 years.

Col. J. W. Whaley, one of Clay county's oldest pioneers, settling there in 1860, passed away near Bienvenue. He owned much property in the county.

Ed Malevansos, doing business as a fruit dealer, at Houston, made an assignment to J. N. Taub, trustee, for the benefit of his creditors to the sum of \$2392.

Midland recently donated \$500 to Baylor college to assist in the education of poor, deserving girls who are unable to prepare themselves for the duties of life in an educational way.

Ben S. Lemmon, of Dallas, of the editorial staff of the Texas State Journal, and Miss Iona Bell Griffith were united in marriage at Luton, Mo., the bride's former home.

Conductor W. H. Cummings, who had the misfortune to lose his left hand a few months ago, has been appointed by the Santa Fe as general yardmaster at Fort Worth.

John Copeland, Esq., of Marshall, referee in bankruptcy for Harrison county, has issued notice to all creditors of I. Brisker and Max A. Bernstein that the first meeting will be held in that city January 7, 1899.

W. S. Browning, the walking evangelist, was married near Alto, Cherokee county, to Miss Mattie L. Mason. Rev. Mr. Browning says that from this date Alto will be his headquarters instead of Dallas.

"Uncle" John McMinn, aged 90 years, a resident of Collin county for fifty years, died near Nevada, that county. He lived in Lamar county several years previous to moving to Collin.

Geo. W. Bordeaux, dealer in gents' furnishings, made an assignment at Palentine for the benefit of his creditors. Wm. Broyles was appointed trustee; assets \$13,000, liabilities about \$11,000.

A. M. McDaniel of Red Water, killed an eagle worthy of note. It measured from tip to tip of wings exactly seven feet, was two feet ten and half inches from beak to end of tail feathers and its claw spread was eight inches.

A boy baby two or three months old, was found on the door step of a citizen at Waco and given shelter and such other attention as he needed. The little one was in a stupor from drugs administered to keep it quiet.

Lieut. George Webber of the battleship Montgomery was at Texarkana, spending the holidays with his father, Col. Thomas E. Webber. Lieut. Webber's departure was from Norfolk, Va., where the vessel is in for repairs.

Sergt. Charles Carlson, second gunner of the battleship Oregon, left Texarkana for Pensacola, Fla., where he is to resume his duties aboard ship. He is visiting friends in Texarkana.

A number of the Sherman volunteers mustered out of the immune regiment at Galveston have notified Lieut. Lauch, who is recruiting for the seventh for service in the Philippines if they desire to re-enlist. They are most excellent material.

The annual banquet of the Bonham department was a grand success. After the banquet an interesting program was carried out, consisting of songs and recitations and talks by prominent business men of the city. Attendance was quite large.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

Brief Reports of Important Matters Throughout Both Eastern and Western Hemispheres.

Evacuation Ceremonies.

Havana, Jan. 2.—The sovereignty of Cuba passed from Spain to the United States yesterday.

The form of the transfer was simple, consisting only of an exchange of speeches in the salon of the palace, the hauling down of the Spanish flag and the raising of it in its stead the flag of the United States on the flag-staff on the palace roof. Salutes were fired from the heavy guns of the forts and the warships before and after the change of flags. The raising of the stars and stripes was greeted with cheers by the people, who covered the roofs of the buildings around the palace and plaza.

Maj. Gen. John R. Brooke, governor of Cuba, and Maj. Gen. Ludlow, governor of the city of Havana, accompanied by their staffs, arrived at 11:30 in carriages, Gen. Brooke and Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, Gen. Brooke's chief of staff, in the first carriage. In each of the other carriages rode a Cuban general with American officers. The Cubans were Gens. Lacret, Mario, Meocal, Mayla Rodriguez, Serafin Sanchez, Jose Miguel Gomez, Nodarte, Rafael de Cardenas, Agramente and Vidal and Col. Vallente.

At 11:45 Maj. Gen. Lee, military governor of the province of Havana, with his staff, joined Gen. Brooke.

On entering the palace the American general went to the salon facing the plaza, which is on the second floor.

Capt. Gen. Castellanos entered the salon without ceremony from the left and greeted Gen. Brooke and others. After shaking hands Gen. Brooke sat upon a sofa, while Gen. Castellanos moved toward the group of Cuban generals.

British Vice Consul Jerome introduced him to Gen. Maria Rodriguez.

At the last stroke of 12 the boom of a gun brought all eyes to the point in the room where stood the captain general, who was talking with an American officer. Immediately all was silence.

Capt. Gen. Castellanos handed the manuscript of his speech to Capt. Hart, interpreter, and began to speak.

Addressing himself to Gen. Wade, president of the United States military commission (though he seemed to look at the floor, Gen. Castellanos said:

"Gentlemen: In compliance with the treaty of Paris, the agreement of the military commissioners of the island and the orders of my king, at this moment of noon, Jan. 1, 1899, there ceases in Cuba Spanish sovereignty and begins that of the United States. In consequence, I declare you in command of the island, with the object that you may exercise it, declaring to you that I will be first in respecting it. Peace having been established between our respective governments, I promise to give all due respect to the United States government and I hope that the good relations already existing between our armies will continue until the termination of the evacuation of those under my orders in this territory."

After Capt. Hart had translated the address, Gen. Wade said to Gen. Brooke:

"I transfer this command to you."

Maj. Gen. Brooke said:

"I accept this great trust in behalf of the government and the president of the United States, and (addressing Capt. Gen. Castellanos) I wish you and the gentlemen with you a pleasant return to your native land. May prosperity attend you and all who are with you."

Gens. Brooke and Castellanos then shook hands, after which Gen. Castellanos and staff retired from the room.

Ordered Mustered Out.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary Long has ordered that about 800 sailors, volunteers, who enlisted solely for the war be mustered out. Only about 200 of the volunteers are now left in the service. The department made this order reluctantly for the effect will be to compel many of the vessels to be put out of commission at a time when they are needed, but under the law the secretary had no discretion in the matter.

The steamship Algiers sailed from New Orleans for Havana with 13,391 sacks of flour.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Mayfield, Ky., had an \$18,000 fire.

Gov. Johnston of Alabama pardoned and paroled fourteen convicts.

Joe Caldorina, a boy, was run over and killed by a cane car at Lusher, La.

At Owensboro, Ky., a farmer named Wayne Smith was killed by Pud Terrill, a barkeeper.

The dry goods store of Henry Wessel at Baltimore, Md., was entered and \$7000 taken in money and checks.

Frank Hurley, a carpenter, fell from a building forty feet high at Cerullian Springs, Ky., and fractured his skull.

The Louisiana State Agricultural society will hold its annual meeting at Shreveport on the 25th.

Shreveport is making an effort, through the Order of the Orient, to have the Mardi Gras this year.

The Baptist institute at Danville, Morgan county, Alabama, burned. The building cost \$5000 and was uninsured.

At Haynes, Ark., J. J. Hughes, a merchant, shot and killed Dr. W. N. Scott. This is the third man that Hughes has slain.

Rev. George T. Chandler, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Knoxville, Tenn., has accepted a call to Kosciuski, Miss.

The remains of Mrs. John Whiting, a prominent Alabama lady, aged 90 years, who died at Birmingham, were interred in Montgomery.

A committee of Pine Bluff, Ark., business men will go to Washington to urge an appropriation from congress for improving the Arkansas river.

A \$10,000 monument, erected by the school children of New Orleans to the memory of John McDonogh, a philanthropist, was dedicated in the Crescent city.

Brooke in Command.

Havana, Jan. 2.—After the ceremonies were over in the palace Gens. Brooke and Chaffee, with others, stepped upon the balcony and looked down upon the plaza. A big American flag over the arsenal was in full view and further away the stars and stripes could be seen over Cabanas fortress. Meanwhile the officials of Spain were saying farewell to their nation's seat of power in the new world.

Turning to his officers, Gen. Castellano said, with tears in his eyes:

"Gentlemen, I have been in more battles than I have hairs on my head, and my self-possession has never failed me until to-day. Adieu, gentlemen, adieu."

Then, with arms upraised, he moved away.

Gen. Brooke held a reception in the palace, attended by thousands of Cubans. Cuban generals were introduced and Gen. Brooke told them he expected their assistance. Gen. Lacrete assured them this would be done.

The parade of United States troops was a grand one. Many houses were decorated. The stars and stripes were run up at Morro Castle and Cabanas and Spanish troops marched out.

As Capt. Gen. Castellanos was escorted to the wharf by Gens. Clous and Chaffee the band played the Spanish Royal march.

Gen. Castellanos thanked Gen. Clous and as he stepped into his launch wept. Crowds of Spaniards, men and women, all dressed in black, sat on the wall and silently watched the fleet pass out. There was not a shout, not a handkerchief was waved. Men and women wept together. The Spanish squadron, which sailed to rendezvous at Martinique, consisted of the Rapido, with Admiral Manterola on board; Galacia, Marquis de Molinas, Vincente Yanez Inzon, Marquis de Ensenada, Vasco Nunez and Patriota, the last towing the transport Filipinos.

Gen. Wade received the following:

I congratulate the commission upon the successful termination of its mission and the peaceful occupation of Cuba by the United States.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Mexican Ambassador Dead.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senor Don Matias Romero, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, died at the embassy here at 4:10 o'clock yesterday morning. On Wednesday last an operation for appendicitis was performed upon the ambassador, and although the operation was entirely successful the resulting shock proved greater than he could bear. Up to 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning, however, it was thought that he was in a fair way to recover, but at that time a high fever set in and he sank rapidly until his death. About his bedside were his sister, Mrs. Garcia, and his aunt, the secretaries, and other attaches of the embassy, his physicians and ex-Secretary and Mrs. John W. Foster.

The death of Mrs. Romero, which occurred some months ago, was a great shock to the ambassador and on his return from Mexico, whither he had taken her remains for interment, his friends remarked that he was greatly broken and showed unmistakable signs of falling health. While in Mexico at the time Mr. Romero was stricken with fever, and although he was soon able to return to the United States he never fully regained his health.

At the special request of the president and other high officials of the Mexican government, they were kept constantly advised of Senor Romero's condition and immediately upon his death yesterday morning telegrams announcing that fact were sent.

Senor Romero probably was the best known member of the diplomatic corps in Washington and was for some time its dean. When Great Britain raised her mission to an embassy she added rank placed Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, at the head of the corps, though a junior in years of service to Senor Romero, who was raised only recently from the rank of minister to that of ambassador, Mexico taking advantage of an act of congress providing that the president should have power to raise our foreign ministers to the rank of ambassadors whenever a foreign government should raise the rank of its accredited representative.

Great Britain, Italy, Germany, France and Russia set the example, which Mexico followed in order to honor the diplomat who had represented her so ably at Washington for more than twenty years in all, and had served her faithfully and well in other capacities at home.

Troops Sail.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 31.—Nearly 2000 United States troops sailed from Charleston to Cuba yesterday. The transports Minewaska and Manitoba went out on the morning tide and the Ward line steamer Saratoga went to sea later in the day. On the first named ship there were Gen. Bates, his headquarters staff, the brigade hospital and the sixth regiment of Ohio volunteers, bound for Cienfuegos; the Manitoba carried Gen. Sanger, his headquarters staff and the twelfth regiment of New York volunteers, while the Saratoga carried 450 men of the first regular infantry. In addition to the troops each vessel carried an immense quantity of supplies, provisions, baggage, lumber, etc. The Saratoga goes to Havana, while the Manitoba takes Gen. Sanger and his staff to Matanzas, of which city and district he will have military charge.

Miss Mills Marries.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The marriage of Miss Frances Mills to Lieut. George Richards, United States marine corps, at the Covenant church, was a brilliant military event. The bride was escorted by her father, Senator Mills, and attended by Miss Beulah Parsons as maid of honor. Lieut. Rufus H. Lane, of the marine corps, was best man. Rev. Dr. Ennis, of New York city, an intimate friend of the bride's family, officiated with Rev. Dr. Hamlin. Only the bridal party and relatives attended the reception which followed the ceremony at Senator Mills' home on S street. The couple are taking an out-of-town trip and will be this winter at the navy yard.

Shafter-Sampson Squabble.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Shafter is incensed over Admiral Sampson's statement respecting operations at Santiago. He has reported to Secretary Alger, but the report is couched in such strong terms that Secretary Alger withholds it. Shafter claims Sampson failed to carry out the plans made at the conference.

The London Saturday Review says the United States is a world power.

Cuban Manifesto.

The Cuban delegation to the United States has just prepared and sent to Cuba an elaborate appeal in circulation form to be widely distributed to all natives to remember that they fought for independence and not for annexation.

The manifesto reviews the struggle to throw off Spain's tyranny and recounts the glories of the victory and refers to the action of congress in declaring that a stable government shall be established.

"If annexation were to be desired it would be better to have it brought about now than later and for that reason it is desired that the question should be settled finally at the present time. Yet it is sufficiently known that the Cubans made war and fought for independence, not for annexation and that all the precious blood that has been shed and all the hardships endured and all the suffering were to gain independence and nothing short of that.

"It is ridiculous to try to answer the accusations that the Cuban people are indolent, that they are uneducated, unfaithful and unable to govern themselves. Their industry, labor and energy have made Cuba in many respects one of the most productive countries of the world.

"Their duty now is to stand by the lone star banner which signifies independence and liberty, the greatest blessing of heaven.

"Remember that Cuba has not fought and endured for a change of masters, but that her people may be their own masters.

"We are none the less grateful to the people of the United States for their aid and support and in doing what they have done to free Cuba from Spain they have but repaid the great debt which they owed to humanity, justice and the right for aid they received from Lafayette and France during their war for independence."

Filipinos' Reply.

Hong Kong, Dec. 31.—The Filipino junta here has replied to the report of Commissioner Harden, who was sent to the Philippines by the government of the United States to report on the conditions there prevailing, as follows:

"We deny that Aguinaldo will be satisfied if made a major general in command of five native regiments and that if this is done the national army could be disarmed and disbanded.

"We repeat our appeal for an impartial inquiry by an able commissioner and implore the American people to refrain from a hasty decision.

"The Filipino government views with alarm Commissioner Harden's proposal to impose in American a high protective tariff against Philippine products.

"Iloilo surrendered to the national army, which is the completion of the occupation of the island of Panay. There is no truth in the reported establishment of an opposing republic in the Viscayas. All the officials in the Viscayas hold Aguinaldo's commission.

"The Filipinos are yearning for a peaceful settlement of all questions. To their brothers across the sea the Filipinos send greeting and earnest prayer that with the New Year will come a day when a new era of peace, prosperity and good fellowship with the free and beneficent people of the United States. Though but an infant among nations, yet are we strong if assured of the good will of the great American nation."

Decided to Yield.

Havana, Dec. 31.—The Cuban patriotic committee, consisting of 150 leading Cubans, lawyers, doctors and business men, at a meeting which lasted until 4 o'clock yesterday morning decided to yield without reservation to the wishes of Gen. Brooke and Gen. Ludlow in the matter of postponing the six days' celebration and has approved a manifesto to the Cuban population of Havana on the lines of Gen. Ludlow's reply on the subject of the proposed celebrations, quoting some portions of it and paraphrasing others.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 31.—The destruction of the Sulphur Lumber company's mills at Sulphur station was the heaviest loss that has been noted in the lumber circles of this section for years. The institution had just undergone elaborate renovations and had an equipment that was worth \$50,000. The total loss in machinery and appurtenances is listed at \$65,000 with an additional loss of \$2,000,000 feet of dressed lumber.

the United and sent to in circula- tributed to that they and not for he struggle ny and re- lectory and ongress in government desired it it brought r that rea- question the present known that fought for xation and e that has ships en- g were to hing short answer the people are meducated, vern them- or and en- many re- productive and by the nices inde- greatest has not change of le may be grateful to States for in doing free Cuba repaid the ed to h- ight for aid ette and independ- e Filipino report of was sent overment ort on the s follows: to will be general in ments and onal army ended, an impar- missioner people to a. nt views Harden's can a high Philippine e national on of the of Panay. ported es- g republic officials in 's commis- ing for a questions. ie sea the ad earnest Year will i of peace, ship with ple of the an infant strong if the great

Robbins Sworn In.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—Hon. J. W. Robbins became treasurer of the state of Texas Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at which hour he was sworn into office by Judge R. E. Brooks of the district court here. His bond of \$75,000 was approved by the governor earlier in the day. The formal induction into office of Mr. Robbins was witnessed by the outgoing treasurer W. E. Wortham, and a few clerks of the department. Treasurer Robbins' new force of clerks have already arrived and will enter upon their duties immediately. Mr. Robbins has retained the following clerks, who served under Mr. Wortham: J. R. Brown, H. L. Haynes, R. C. Lomax, A. L. Kirksey and J. T. Wortham.

Mr. Wortham retires from the treasury department after twenty-five years' continued service, the last eight years as treasurer. He is now cashier of the First National bank of this city.

Text Book Board.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—The state text-book board met Saturday and formulated a report, as required by the following section of the text-book law: "The board shall prepare and submit to the governor before the twenty-sixth legislature shall convene, a report, wherein it shall discuss the feasibility of state publication of common school text books, and submit estimates of the probable cost to the state of such publication."

The board agreed to report to the governor that it does not at the present time see the feasibility of state publication, as the present contracts have not been given a proper test, and the state publication is reported to be a failure.

Charters Filed.

The following charters were filed in the secretary of state's office at Austin:

Independent Society of Charity, Love and Harmony of America, principal office in Paris, Tex., no capital stock. Purpose, benevolence and charity. Incorporators, Wm. Davis, W. D. Scott, Ben. Green and Lee Green.

Hico oil mill of Fort Worth, capital stock \$50,000. Purpose, the construction, erection, maintenance and operation of cottonseed oil mill. Incorporators, Winfield Scott, Robert McCart, E. R. Harold and others.

The Patriots of Yoakum, no capital stock. Purpose, the support of a library for the use of its members and for social and literary pursuits. Incorporators, A. G. Steere, A. W. Turner, George T. Southwell and others.

Dr. Carroll Resigns.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 2.—At the close of one of the ablest sermons of his life yesterday morning Dr. B. H. Carroll tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the First Baptist church. It was a great surprise to nearly all the members of the congregation. The First Baptist church of Waco is one of the first of the denomination to be organized in Texas. It has grown under Dr. Carroll's preaching during a long course of years to be a powerful and influential body. The congregation met yesterday afternoon and accepted the resignation. A committee of fifteen was appointed with Dr. Carroll as chairman to select a new pastor, thus giving the retiring pastor the leading voice in the naming of his own successor. The doctor says after so long service he desires to withdraw from the active ministry.

Reed Will Attend.

The death of Senor Romero, the Mexican minister to Washington, will prevent the attendance of President Diaz and also President McKinley upon the inauguration ceremonies of Gov. Joseph D. Sayers.

Although the two above-mentioned persons can not attend, Speaker Tom Reed and several other prominent members of congress have promised Maj. Sayers that they will be present at his inauguration.

Store Burns.

Celeste, Tex., Jan. 2.—T. P. Debenport's store burned yesterday morning about 2 o'clock at Lane, five miles west of here. The building was owned by J. P. Pierce, the postmaster. T. P. Debenport lost goods valued at \$3000; insured for \$1500. J. P. Pierce's loss on building \$350. Mr. Pierce was insured for \$200. The postoffice was in the building. Everything was burned and the building was falling in when the fire was first discovered. Origin of fire not known.

John A. Grogan, postmaster at Quitman, died from the effects of a burn he received.

Fifty-Third Anniversary.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 31.—The fifty-third anniversary of the admission of Texas into the Union was celebrated with music, oratory and recitations. The speakers were: O. L. Stribbling, T. A. Blair, J. W. Davis, O. H. Cross, Pat Neff, Dr. Suhler, Mrs. Work, department president of the Woman's Relief corps; Dr. Wiess, Dr. Page and others. The speeches were short. The tributes to the dead governors interred at Oakwood cemetery, Coke and Ross, were very eloquent.

The celebration brought out historical incidents overlooked by most students of Texas history. The attitude of pro-Spanish settlers in Texas during the struggle was described by sons of colonists who possess invaluable records of the epoch in which Texas was being transferred from Mexico to the United States. There were citizens of sterling worth and purest patriotism who believed the best plan for Texas was to become again a dominion of Spain. A Spanish lady wrote to Gen. Houston on the subject, but got no encouragement. During the heat of the opposition in which Henry Clay led, France and England sent agents to the capital of the Texas republic offering patents of nobility to the Texas leaders, grants, land and armies to defend the frontiers, all of which offers the patriots rejected.

Sent for Scurry.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 31.—The announcement from Washington that Maj. Thomas Scurry of the first Texas volunteer infantry, now at Havana, has been ordered to report to the war department for special duty, was read here with much interest. Maj. Scurry, as is well known, was appointed adjutant general of Texas by Gov.-elect Sayers, and it is reported that his resignation as major in the volunteer army was recently forwarded to the war department with a request that it take effect Jan. 15. The object of calling him to Washington for assignment to special duty is not understood here, but it is believed by some that it means that he is to be transferred to the regular army. It is said that the major has long had that ambition, and in the event of its realization, he will not, of course, become adjutant general of Texas.

Bankruptcy Petition.

The New Year's Ladies' Home Journal gives assurance of a purpose to make that magazine more useful and helpful, and stronger in its literary and artistic features, during 1899 than ever before. It contains a number of practical articles, besides a score of features of lighter interest, and opens with a full page drawing by W. L. Taylor, illustrating Longfellow's Village Blacksmith. Early Colonial social life is mirrored in "The Most Aristocratic Social Event in America"—the annual ball of the Philadelphia "Assembly," an article that will be read with unusual interest.

Prairie Fires.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 31.—Late information confirms the report of an epidemic of diphtheria at Shelby. About twenty cases have been treated up to this time and six deaths occurred, three of these in one day. The disease is of a most malignant type. There is nothing like a panic in this city, but many citizens think all communication for the present at least between that stricken little village and Brenham should be prohibited, and the city council will probably be asked to use all necessary precautionary measures.

Sawmills Destroyed.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 31.—W. S. McBee, a grocer merchant of Sherman, filed a petition for bankruptcy in the office of the clerk of the United States court here. The leading creditors named are Dallas Mortgage company of Dallas, \$1440; C. M. Davis of Denison, \$800; Patty-Joiner-Eubank company, Sherman \$1022; C. C. Franks, Sherman, \$490; Diamond Mill company, Sherman, \$547.50, and there are also a number of smaller creditors. The property in the hands of Mr. McBee is scheduled at about \$5000.

Heavy Loss.

Cedar Bayou, Tex., Dec. 31.—For the last few days the prairie has been on fire constantly. It is estimated that nearly 100 square miles have been burned off. Very little range remains for cattle, and if the winter becomes severe many of them will die. A good many fences have been burned, also barns and outhouses. Mr. Andy Smith's barn, containing his corn and cotton crop, was consumed by the flames, and proved a total loss. Men, women and children have been out fighting fires.

Heavy Robbery.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 30.—The Wells-Fargo Express company is out a package containing, admittedly, \$60,000 and the driver of its local money wagon has been missing since 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The money was sent to the city by the Southern Pacific Railway company from Houston, Tex. for its paymaster to use in meeting the pay roll from here to the west as far as El Paso.

The pay car, in charge of Paymaster Patrick J. Tudor, arrived in the city from the east Wednesday afternoon and met the roll here with money it brought. It was to receive the money dated and proceed west this morning.

At 1 o'clock that afternoon it was turned over to the money wagon driver, Charles A. Beeler, for transmission to the Southern Pacific depot. Beeler started in the direction of the depot, for he was seen to turn a corner driving along in that direction about two minutes after getting the money. About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon an old colored man drove the wagon up to the local office, stating that while hunting he had found it with the horse badly driven and abused and almost lifeless tethered in a thicket five miles west of the city.

A telephone message was at once sent to Paymaster Tudor, who answered back that no delivery had been made.

The officers were at once quietly notified. No trace of Beeler or the money has been found.

The place where the horse was found by the old man is within half a mile of the Southern Pacific tracks, along the route westward from this city.

While rumor has it that the loss is far greater than the figure given the Wells-Fargo officials say that \$60,000 was the sum received and now missing.

Beeler was practically raised in west Texas, and had been with the company's local office here for nine years past, and since Aug. 20 was driver of the money delivery wagon. He enjoyed the absolute confidence of his employers, and during all the years of his service little in the way of fault had been found with him in any way. He has a wife and child who occupy a humble cottage in the eastern portion of the city.

A warrant was sworn out charging Charles A. Beeler with embezzlement. The express company has offered a reward of \$5000 for the recovery of the money and the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who secured it. The company also offers 10 per cent of any part of the money recovered.

Marlin Fire.

Marlin, Tex., Dec. 30.—The old Wrenn hotel, a photograph gallery and two two-story brick buildings on the southeast corner of the square were destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock yesterday morning and another two-story brick badly damaged. Loss estimated on buildings and contents about \$10,400. The hotel building and gallery belonged to W. T. Fannin. Loss \$1500, not insured. The hotel was occupied by R. E. Bland, whose loss on furniture was \$800, insured for \$500. Wade Bros. occupied the photograph gallery and had their fixtures insured for \$250; a total loss. The corner brick belonged to Mrs. S. S. Ward, loss \$2000, insured for \$1500. The Ball office was damaged.

Shot Himself.

Palmer, Tex., Dec. 30.—News reached this city that A. J. Maris of Clemma, Tex. three miles north of here, committed suicide at an early hour by shooting himself with a revolver. Justice of the Peace A. J. Sanders of this city was called by telephone to hold an inquest and rendered a verdict in accordance with the above. Deceased was a single man, and for some time has not been apparently in his right mind.

Gave Bond.

Aspermont, Tex., Dec. 30.—Dug Harrow, who was indicted in October, 1896, charged with the killing of W. H. Clinton of this county on July 4, 1896, came in and surrendered to Sheriff Bardner and had a habeas corpus hearing before District Judge P. D. Sanders, and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$6000, which he readily furnished and was liberated.

Purchased Fire Engine.

Honey Grove, Tex., Dec. 30.—The city council has purchased of the American Fire Engine company of New York a No. 3 Silsby steam fire engine, 700 gallons capacity, 1000 feet of hose and forty-five feet of hook and ladder truck.

PASTURE AND FARM.

A regular down-pour rain visited the panhandle on the 23d ult., followed by heavy snow.

Farmers around Blue Grove, near Henrietta, rounded up and killed 300 jack rabbits in one day.

J. S. Eliff and N. Blunzer lost 100 head of cattle on the salt flat near Nueces town, Nueces county.

According to the latest reports Oklahoma now contains 775,851 cattle, 203,975 horses, 38,887 mules, 257,740 hogs and 56,868 sheep.

A Dallas man has a lemon tree that has borne this season six lemons of average size and quality compared with those imported.

The report of the Illinois live stock commission states that tuberculosis is widespread in Illinois, and recommends an appropriation to stamp it out.

A farmer took to Waxahachie a collection of Ben Davis and Shockley apples. They were pulled from the trees, near that city, in October, and were sweet and juicy.

The slow soaking rain around Bandera, following the snows put a fine moisture in the ground, and greatly encouraged the farmers with their grain crops.

Stock on the range in Chambers county is in good shape and grass plentiful and so far the loss of stock from the recent cold weather is comparatively nothing. On the range there is about 50,000 head.

George H. Adams of Creston, Col., has thus far this season sold \$58,000 worth of yearling bulls, 158 bull calves, one pure bred bull and one pure bred heifer.

Most of the wheat sown in San Saba county has come up beautifully, and the farmers are feeling in good spirits over the present favorable prospects for a bountiful and profitable yield next summer.

Green Davidson a prominent stockman of San Antonio, is back from a trip to Maverick and Dimmit counties, where he reports range conditions as excellent and stock all doing well.

Messrs. Word & Son of San Antonio are feeding 700 heaves on corn at Hillsboro. They are also feeding 1000 head of hogs. They estimate that they will consume 20,000 bushels of corn.

A Durham milk cow belonging to W. H. Hook, the Santa Fe railway agent at Dougherty, I. T., gave birth to two strong, healthy, well developed female calves. The calves are half Durham and half Jersey, both about the same size and color.

Some of the leading business men of Houston are considering the establishment of a permanent fair at that city. Somewhat of the nature of the recent Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Festival, but conducted upon a more extensive scale is in view.

The Drovers' Journal believes that the advancing prices of grain are forcing many unfinished cattle to market. A Chicago cattleman said that the most feeders ever made was when corn was at 60 cents per bushel.

Ed. English sold to Felix Shaw the ranch and live stock of the former in Dimmitt county, 5300 acres of land, at \$2.25; 3500 head of cattle at \$15, everything counted, and 430 goats at \$1 a head, cash payments for everything.

The abundant moisture put in the ground by the recent snow and subsequent rainfall has made the condition of wheat better than it was at this season last year. There is also an abundant supply of stock water on hand.

The cattle in the Sabine Pass section are in fine condition all excepting the old cows being at. The range is in good condition. There are about 1000 head of cattle on range; the small number is accounted for by the fact that the market being high the bulk of them have been sold. There are none being fed for market.

The Beaumont Irrigation company has bought pumping machinery that can supply 92,000,000 gallons of water a day. The water will be taken from Pine Island bayou into a large flume, which will carry it five miles out on the prairie, there to be again lifted and delivered upon 15,000 to 20,000 acres of adjoining rice land.

At Chicago some time ago straight Texas steers sold at \$5 per hundred pounds with a demand that was far in excess of the supply. This was indeed gratifying news to the cattle raisers of the Lone Star state, causing buoyant spirits.

Two thousand turkeys were shipped from Lampasas in two days, most of them going to Galveston.

The Good

It will do you to take Hood's Sarsaparilla beyond estimation. It will give you warm, rich, nourishing blood, strengthen your nerves, tone your stomach, create an appetite, and make you feel better in every way. It is a wonderful invigorator of the system and wards off colds, fevers, pneumonia and the grip. The best winter medicine is

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Mrs. Young—Oh, they're not for me. I want something for my poor husband. He comes home night after night hardly able to stand or speak. He says everything goes around him, and he thinks it's indigestion.

His Experience.
"Ah," said the Boston spinster, "but you have never known what it is to have loved and lost!"

"I haven't, eh?" replied the man from Chicago. "Well, I guess I came pretty near it the time my first wife's father dropped every cent he had, on the board of trade, just three days before our wedding."

Many Large Towns.
Japan with a population of 45,000,000 has 220 towns that have more than 100,000 inhabitants. In 1886 the number of such towns was 117. Osaka has increased from 300,000 to 510,000 inhabitants in ten years, Yokohama from 89,000 to 190,000, Kobe from 80,000 to 185,000. Tokio has now a population of 1,300,000.

Needed More Paint.
"I know the pumpkin pie was rather thin as to filling," said the landlady, almost crying. "but I don't think he had any right to say what he did." "What did he say," asked the second table boarder.

"He asked me if I didn't think that the piecrust wouldn't be improved if it had another coat of paint."

The Very Man.
"Yes," said the rough old engineer, "it was Jim Forney fast enough. He was running away with that little music hall girl, Tottie Templeton."

"By George! Who will break the news to mother?"

"Soggy is the very man. He's been braking for the last twenty years!"

The Colon's Cat.
Senor Cristobol, the cat rescued from the Spanish cruiser Cristobol Colon after that vessel had been demolished off Santiago, was exhibited at the Chicago cat show. The cat was presented by the sailors of the Oregon, who rescued it, to Capt. Clark.

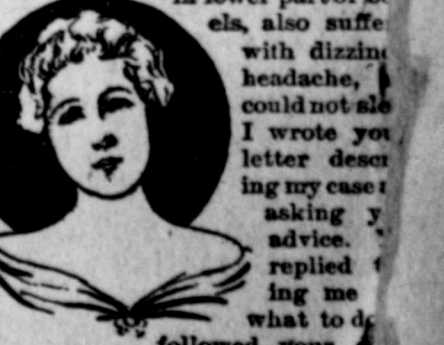
Chalk Settles.
"They say she takes a milk bath every day," said the rural spectator. "Yes," answered the urban spectator. "With a glass, one can see how the chalk has settled in her."

Clothes frequently savor of the spice of wickedness.

A LIVING WITNESS.

Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before using your Vegetable Compound I was great sufferer. I have been sick 6 months, was troubled with severe pain in both sides of abdomen, sore feeling in lower part of back, also suffering with dizzy headache, could not sleep. I wrote you a letter describing my case, asking your advice. You replied telling me what to do.



I followed your directions, and cannot praise your medicine enough for what it has done for me. Many thanks to you for your kind Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured me, and I will recommend it to my friends.—Mrs. FLORENCE HOFFMAN, 513 Roland St., Canton, O.

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The same can be said of Graham. If every man will put his shoulder to the wheel, we can have a city here.

If Gloomy and Nervous, and looking on the dark side of things, take a few doses of Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine, and the gloom will disappear.

Away up in a dark corner of Massachusetts, where hatred of the South has not yet been extinguished, comes a violent protest from the Mayor of Somerville against the president's suggestion at Atlanta that the graves of Confederate Soldiers should be cared for by the Federal government. That is near where Old Spoons Butler used to live.

To relieve Mental Worry, cure Despondency and give Refreshing Sleep use Simmons Squaw Vine Wine or Tablets.

According to the San Angelo Press, \$2,100,000 of cattle mortgages were filed in Tom Green county last week.

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Strengthen his plea for universal peace, the Czar of Russia given an order for 6000 new rifles.

Overworked girls and Feeble men, Simmons Squaw Vine Wine Tablets are nature's greatest boon.

Bryan remains to-day the matchless enunciator of Democratic policy, the student of Jefferson and Jackson, endowed with wisdom and humanity, and no man is clearer in an analysis of public questions and in laying bare the evil tendencies of the party in power than he. In quoting recently Blaine and McKinley against "forcible annexation," he only shows that the Republican party is in favor of expansion merely because the nation has had a taste of blood and demonstrated its power, and the leaders have begun to thirst for conquest.—Weatherford Republic

If Irritable, Out of Sorts, Depressed in Spirits, have a Dull Headache, take a few doses Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine for quick relief.

Quite an industry is practiced by some dairymen by packing butter in jars and furnishing it to special customers. Thus packed, it keeps longer than if furnished in rolls, or patties. Five-pound jars are a popular size, and after being filled may be covered with salt or parchment paper, or anything clean which will exclude the air.

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Messrs. George and Henry Leberman, prominent citizens of the Olney country, were in town Monday on business.

Tom Wallace, who suffered such a serious injury to his hand by the explosion of a cannon-cracker on the night of Dec. 24th, is now able to be up with his hand in a sling. He has only the thumb and forefinger left.

County court convenes next Monday morning with a very small docket.

If you want Lumber, Shingles, &c., call on Lyons & Matthews, at Jacksboro, and you can get just what you want at the lowest figures.

The Misses Jones of Wichita, Kansas, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. H. Hill of this place for some time, returned home this week.

Call on W. Cline, East side of Square for your Photos. Try him.

The new mail from Jacksboro went into effect on Monday and we now get the Dallas News the day it is printed. The mail leaves Graham at 6 in the morning, arrives at Jacksboro at 12 and returns to Graham at 7 p. m., making connection with the mail train of the Rock Island from Ft. Worth.

Lyons & Matthews, of Jacksboro, will sell you Lumber as cheap as you can get it. They keep the best quality.

A. A. Obitz and family returned to Graham a few days ago from New York. It is hard for any one to stay away from Graham.

Jno. Bosworth is back from the Indian Territory, visiting old friends and relatives of this place.

We understand that Mr. J. C. Butler is so well pleased with Graham that he has sold out at Archer and will locate permanently here.

The general health of the community is exceptionally good for this season of the year. A few cases of grip and severe colds are the most serious ailments reported.

If you want good Bread try Electric Loaf Patent, manufactured by Jacksboro Mill and Elevator Co. Sold by Matthews, Tidwell & Norman, Graham.

Claude Wright who was working out a fine and costs for carrying a pistol on the public road, escaped from his guard, Bent Kramer, Wednesday morning while working on the Henrietta road a mile or so from town. He easily distanced his guard and made good his escape in spite of an iron shackle and bar which was attached to one of his legs.

W. A. Ribble, a prominent citizen of the south part of the county, was in town Wednesday on business.

W. Cline has opened a Photo Gallery on the East side of the square. He will make you six first class Photos for \$1.00, or one dozen for \$1.50.

R. F. Byrd of Bitter Creek, was in Graham last Monday and paid the LEADER a pleasant call. He says J. W. Peters formerly of Wood county, last year planted five acres of sod corn, and gathered 250 bushels of good heavy corn from it. Mr. Gunn of Wise county, was there visiting and bought four bushels of the sod corn and took it home with him for seed.

Misses Adel Johnson, May and Annie Norman, left last Monday for Sherman to re-enter school.

A few doses of Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine will do more for a Weak Stomach than a prolonged course of any other medicine.

Mr. Stovall, who has been employed in Morrison's store for some time, left last Monday for his home in Miss.

Prof. W. A. Adams, an old Young county boy now of Wheatland, Tarrant county, spent the holidays here with his aunt, Mrs. M. A. Wallace.

We handle Wind Mills and Pumps, Manufacture Tanks, Cisterns, Flues, Gutting, Bath Tubs, etc. When in need of anything in the Tin and Sheet Iron work call on Riggins & Hollingsworth.

The following persons have paid their subscriptions since last issue:

L. H. Tarr, Jas. Porter, J. H. Rutherford, V. M. Hale, J. E. J. Ford, Dan Carpenter, D. A. Ford, V. F. Gorrissen, W. H. Logan, J. S. McEntyre, Dr. J. W. Gallaher, W. G. Price, W. M. Matthews, Price Bros., P. E. Matthews, W. I. Tidwell, W. L. Willis, Preston Brooks, J. A. Dixon.

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While the Doctors are Doubting

Scientists have discovered the germs of many diseases, but, unfortunately, not as yet the means of destruction of these germs.

At present the "culture" and not the destruction of the deadly bacteria seems to absorb their attention.

However, they all agree that a well burished body and plenty of ozone are decidedly unfavorable to their development.

While the doctors are in this state of uncertainty, and even longer, would it not be well for the patient to have recourse to well tried Compound Oxygen, which is both germicide and vitalizer?

During the last 25 years it has cured cases pronounced incurable, and this statement is substantiated by those who have tried it.

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The Old and The New Year.

The silent hand of time has again marked the birth of a new year. '98 is now numbered with the years of the past. Its record book is sealed. The "Recording Angel" has recorded the events of the year. How much pleasure and how much sorrow, how much gladness and how much pain, how much joy and how much grief, will there be recorded against each and every one of us. '98 was ushered into the Calendar of time; its pages pure and white. Has a single page been blotted and blurred with "falsehood, slander," or otherwise? Let our own conscience and history tell. Strange, wonderful, great and small things have happened; wars and peace, curses and blessings, disastrous wreckage and wonderful successes, have each been presented in the panorama of '98. But the year '98 lies buried away in the sepulchral tomb of the past. Who would, and even if they could, roll the stone away? None, there is not one. We can only stand by the fading light of the past and endeavor to keep fresh in our memories, the pleasant places, the happy times, the joyous scenes, and the loving smiles of loved ones called away by the Master to a higher sphere.

We bid adieu to the old year and clasp hands with the new. We stand by the fading light of '98 and look forward with hope to '99. We rest upon the history of the past and drink sweet thoughts from the youthful fountain of the future. The history of man is beneath our feet and the bright skies of the future is above. Then why should the year '99 be otherwise than a successful year. In retrospect the past year, we gain confidence and higher aspirations as to the future. Hope rises in the breast of every one; as he look towards the star of the future, he is filled with ambitious hope.

"Hope that comporting gleam of hope, That helps us to see afar, And shows us that the delectable place To be gained or lost at the end of life's race."

We cannot tell what the year '99 has in store for us. It is well that it is thus, for if it was possible to look through the dim haze of the future, the sight would make us both glad and sad. Glad at the pleasures that are in store for us, and sad because of the sorrow that is yet to come. We hope to keep green the pleasant places, the happiness and the kind words of the past, and ever look forward with hope and expectations as to the future. He who sees nothing but disappointment and gloom will reap his reward soon enough, but he who looks forward and expects something will drink deep from the fountain of pleasure. Then we have no right to grow despondent. If we only look upon the bright side of the picture of life, how bright the star of our future grows and how clear grows the skies of '99.

Soon this year will pass away, the days will grow in weeks, the weeks into months, and the months into a year; but ere it has passed away it will have left the impress of its labor which time cannot efface. We believe with the profound statesmen, "That the skies of the future grows brighter." Our hope grows stronger as we look at the thousands of steeples pointing heavenward, the cheering words of our great and good men, and the merry shouts of the millions of lads and lassies on their way to schools and institutions of learning. "We would not base our

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hope upon fabulous resources but upon our moral and intellectual growth." The tablets of experience of the past stand as guide posts to pilot our feet through the future. These guide posts point out the dangers that can easily be avoided. The nations of Egypt, Babylon, Greece and Rome placed too much stress upon amassing and collecting of wealth, to the neglect of their moral and intellectual works—all fell to rise no more. We can profit by their experience, if we only pause and read the silent tablets which bear record of their fall. Some times in our eagerness to spread our wings and wash our plumage in every sea, we bring burdens down upon our shoulders, and soon the marks of care will be traceable. So our nation's statesmen can not be too careful, for what has proven a delusion in the past may prove so in the future.

Let us hope and trust that the year '99 will bring unbounded joys, prosperity to our country, peace to the world and happiness to the hearthstone of all.

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Sylph Freeman, the second son of T. F. Freeman, an old citizen of this county died Tuesday night of locked bowels. He was taken sick last Friday and though he had the best of attention grew rapidly worse until his death. He was a son-in-law of R. L. Farrar of Palo Pinto county, and leaves a young widow with one child to mourn his loss. THE LEADER extends sympathy to the bereaved.

The railroad is coming. Look out for the cars.

Mrs. G. W. Parker is recovering and otherwise improving her dwelling on Cherry street, preparatory to leasing it. Mrs. Parker is making arrangements to leave soon for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will make her home with her son Harry and family.

S. K. Patterson, Montague, Texas, writes: For 20 years have used Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine for Cramps, Colic, and Sick Headache. In my opinion it is stronger and acts more naturally than either Black Draught or Zelin's medicine.

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A GOOD ONE.

Only one resolution for the New Year, but a good one: That is **BETTER WORK** for the same money than has ever been given the patrons of a Blacksmith Shop in Young county.

Experience, coupled with a willingness to do so, makes this an assured fact.

I am now building another forge in my shop that will be used by an experienced workman, thus insuring my customers quick service as well as good work. Wishing you a prosperous year,

I am, very respectfully,
HENEGAR the Blacksmith.

Shop East Side Square.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A delegation presented to the president yesterday two petitions, one from the great majority of the organized Protestant Christian churches of the world and the other from the Pan-Presbyterian alliance. The first was signed by the representatives of 145 national and denominational churches existing on all the six continents. Baptists, Congregationalists, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians unite in their approval of the petition. It asks for the reduction of the heavy armaments maintained by Christian nations, "ready upon provocation to go to war and settle their disputes by bloodshed," and also requests the influence of the government of the United States in favor of international arbitration as a substitute for war.

The second petition is from the Pan-American Presbyterian alliance which also united in the first petition and which includes eighty national and denominational churches throughout the world. The second petition asks for a "permanent and peaceful method for the settlement of all controversies arising between the peoples of the British empire and the United States of America."

The delegation in presenting the petition emphasized the fact that both originated in the United States, the first for universal disarmament in the year 1890 with the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, south. The delegation also stated that they were not to be regarded as "the advocates of a policy of peace at any price," or with maintaining the opinion that all war is sinful.

The signers of these petitions represent more than 80,000,000 Christians in all parts of the world, 25,000,000 of whom are Presbyterians.

The president responded cordially to the delegation, saying that he favored arbitration as between Great Britain and America. He also said that he had responded promptly to the czar's proposal for disarmament, but that under present circumstances the armaments of the United States could not be lessened, but would in any event be no less than would satisfy European nations.

Miller Arrives.

Manila, Dec. 30.—The expedition under Gen. Miller arrived at Iloilo Tuesday and found that the Spaniards had evacuated the place on Saturday. The steamer Churrua transferred the Spanish forces to Mindanao.

In accordance with an agreement the rebels entered the city and trenches on Monday at noon. They immediately established a municipal government. Guards were placed over foreign property. Everything is quiet and orderly. There was some looting during the night, but five natives were shot and this had an exemplary effect.

The only foreign ship in the harbor was the British cruiser Irene.

A new Filipino cabinet has been formed, the personnel of which is as follows:

President of the cabinet and minister of foreign affairs—Senor Babini.
Minister of war—Senor Luna.
Minister of the interior—Senor Araneta.

Minister of agriculture and commerce—Senor Bencomino.
Minister of public works—Senor Canon.

Oppose Pensions.

New York, Dec. 30.—The following resolution, offered by Comrade Beasley, formerly of North Carolina, was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Confederate veteran camp of New York:

Resolved, that the Confederate veteran camp of New York condemns in unmeasured terms the efforts of Senator Butler of North Carolina (who is not a Confederate veteran) to debauch the manhood of the south by seeking to obtain pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers from the United States and any similar effort by any southern member of congress will be abhorrent to the camp and meet with unqualified condemnation.

Elevator Burns.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Elevator X, on the Hastings and Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, at Eleventh avenue, south, burned yesterday. The main elevator with its annex and 250,000 bushels of wheat with its contents, and the loss will be at least \$200,000. The insurance is ample to cover the loss, which will be \$75,000 on the building and \$125,000 of the wheat.

Toronto, Can., Dec. 30.—The Toronto World, which opposes the present Liberal government at Ottawa, has a startling editorial under the heading, "Canada on the Brink," in which it warns the people of this country that times are critical, so far as the maintenance of Canada as a free, independent and integral portion of North America is concerned.

"Unless Canadians," declares the World, "are fully alive to the situation and speak out in no uncertain way, they will find themselves between a grasping annexation movement in the United States, having for its end the domination of the whole continent, and a great party in England is prepared to make almost any sacrifice to the United States in consideration of some kind of support of England in her race with Russia, France and other European powers."

The World then refers to the recent speech at Macon, Ga., of Maj. Gen. James H. Wilson of Delaware, in which that gentleman expressed the hope that he "would see the day when our starry flag shall float everywhere, from the frozen north to the sunny clime of Central America."

"We believe," the World proceeds, "that these words of Gen. Wilson only show too well the opinion of a great number of Americans when once their appetite for expansion is aroused in the direction of the north, and if once they get it into their heads that they only have to go far enough in their great game of bluff, which seems to be their best and their strongest card in diplomacy will force Canada into annexation."

In conclusion the paper says: "We are nearer the absorption than ever we were. Do Canadians realize it?"

Anti-Breakfast Fad.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—The anti-breakfast fad has gained so many converts in this city during the past few weeks that there is serious talk of organizing a society of the breakfast abstainers. Those who are practicing what they call the "new health rule" are some of the most intelligent and cultured people of the city, and are confined to no particular class or profession. It is claimed by them that the human system can easily subsist off two meals per day and that many of the stomach derangements are brought about by the habit of taking a heavy breakfast immediately after arising. The fact that the converts to the hobby are all enjoying good health at present seems to be an argument in favor of their belief.

Resumes Old Command.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—Official notice has been received by Maj. Gen. Merriam that Gen. Shafter is to be again assigned to the command of the department of California. It is expected that Gen. Shafter will take charge about the 10th of next month. Gen. Merriam has not yet been assigned. He may go north again to the department of Columbia. The impression prevails, however, he will go to Denver to command the department of Colorado and the department of California and Columbia will be combined under Shafter.

Priest as a Pythian.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Father Walsh, a Catholic priest of this city, has been elected a member of a local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His application for membership was made in the usual manner and being favorably passed upon by the lodge his election followed without question. He admitted that he had been elected a member of the organization with his consent, but said that he had not yet been initiated, and until this latter ceremony had taken place he could not be considered in any sense a member.

The gold shipments from Australia for the year 1898 amounted to £12,820,000. The shipments to America increased by £2,000,000.

Dan A. Stuart says Corbett sprained an ankle in the fight with Sharkey; that he examined the injured limb.

Sayers Calls on President.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Sayers, governor-elect of Texas, saw the president yesterday to say farewell. Mr. Sayers will leave for Texas in a few days and will be inaugurated governor the 17th of January. There has always been a warm friendship between the president and Gov.-elect Sayers. They served together for years in the house.

Louisville, Ky., is to have a winter race meeting.

Prickly Lettuce.
One of our worst weeds is Prickly Lettuce, an illustration of which we publish on this page. On the Pacific Coast the plant is known quite widely as Chinese Lettuce, under the misapprehension that it came from China. It is in reality a native of Europe. It is not known at what date it was brought to America, as it probably obtained a foothold here long before it was noticed by officials competent to determine its character. It seems to have been first observed in Massachusetts in 1868. Thence it made its way quickly westward, being able to spread rapidly on account of having an awned seed that can travel long distances before the wind. It is now spread all over the country. When it gets into the grain fields it sometimes entirely smothers the grain.

This plant grows from one to six feet high, branches laterally, as shown in the cut. The flowers are yellow. The plant has a milky juice and by some has been mistaken for a "milk-weed." Its production of seed is very prolific, a single plant having been known to produce over 8,000 seeds. The eradication is very difficult, on account of some characteristics of the plant. It



is so deeply rooted that on fair soil it is almost impossible to pull it up. To cut it off with a mowing machine or even with a scythe is impractical, as the stump sends out new shoots that soon flower and bear seeds. Where land is badly infested it may be used for hoed crops or often for pasturage, especially of sheep. The plants must not in any case be allowed to go to seed.

A Cheap Ice House.

No expensive structure is needed for an ice house, though there is an object to have no wasting away, it should be made tighter than where this does not matter so much, says a writer in the Country Gentleman. Slabs from the saw mill do very nicely for the roof, and the sides may also be of rough boards. Where desired the ice house may be one corner of the woodshed partitioned off, in which ice will keep quite as well as in a more costly structure. Even stacking is often resorted to, by laying down rails for a floor, on which to stack the blocks comparatively. Cover heavily with some material which is non-conducting, such as straw, hay, etc., finishing the top so as to shed rain, bracing the sides with boards and rails to keep covering in position. Care must be taken in getting at the ice, always to open at same place and cover up thoroughly, or some hot day will turn it to water. In putting in the ice no matter where it may be, always surround it with non-conducting material like sawdust.

Utilizing Bog Lands.—Covering bogs with a layer of sand or gravel 4 to 6 inches thick has been successfully practiced in Ireland and European countries, but it is doubtful whether this method is generally applicable in the United States. Oats, potatoes and buckwheat have been found to thrive better than wheat or clover on recently reclaimed bogs. The grasses generally have been successfully grown on such soils, and, as already stated, they seem to be well adapted to celery and onions and are extensively used for the growth of these crops. In Europe sugar beets are grown with good results on such soils.—Bulletin 78, Department of Agriculture.

Too Late Melons.—Every year, when frost cuts the tender leaves of melons and stops further growth, the cultivator finds a great number of melons unripe, and therefore worthless. For an unripe melon, being mostly water, and having very little substance, isn't worth much as feed for stock and is not, indeed, as good as a green pumpkin of the same weight. Of course all this extra growth of vine and the unripe melons on it is wasted plant food. If concentrated on the melons earlier started, it would make them larger and also make them ripen earlier. With a small amount of trouble both the number and value of ripe melons may be thus increased.—Ex.

It Was Bleached.
The lady professor suddenly reached forward and deftly picked a long light hair from her husband's coat. "Wretch," she cried, "whose is this?"

"One of your own," he answered stoutly. "We will see," she haughtily observed, and speedily vanished through a door labeled "laboratory." For an hour or more the sound of clinking of tubes and glasses was faintly heard through the heavy partition. Then the door suddenly opened and the lady professor stood on the threshold.

Her face was blazing. "Villain," she cried, "it was bleached!" But he had gone.

Old Servant's Devotion.
The blind devotion with which an old servant did his duty was illustrated on one occasion when his master had a dinner party. During the dinner Henry was very nervous and made two or three blunders.

His master showed his annoyance and cast angry glances at his servant, but the poor man could not settle quietly to his work.

At last when the dessert had been placed quietly on the table, he stole timidly behind his master's chair and said: "Please, sir, can you spare me now? My house has been on fire for the last hour and a half!"

Desired Ejection.
During the hearing of a case in court the other day a funny answer by the prisoner convulsed the court in laughter. "Silence in the court!" thundered the magistrate. "The next person who laughs will be instantly ejected."

At this the prisoner burst out laughing. "Stop that foolish noise!" said the magistrate. "Well, I do call that hard!" said the prisoner. "You said you would eject the next person who laughed, and I am only waiting to see you carry out your promise."

Poorly Paid.
According to a musical person who ought to know, church choirs in New York are poorly paid, if paid at all. The best paid soprano, he says, sings in one of the Fifth avenue churches. She gets \$50 a week. The average annual salary of a first-class soprano in a rich choir is from \$500 to \$1,200; tenors, from \$300 to \$1,200; contraltos, from \$600 to 1,000, and basses from \$400 to \$80. And the man or woman with a voice has to have a pull with the musical committees of the churches at that.

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For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind-colic. 25c a bottle.

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What He Got.
Says the editor of the Lost Creek (Col.) Lyre: "We were kept at the lodge on business Tuesday night until the howling coyotes announced the coming of day, and in the resultant dispute with our worse half received the facial blemishes which our dastardly enemies attribute to a less worthy cause. 'War is —!'"

May Bring Leprosy to this Country.
Our soldiers in Hawaii may contract leprosy and bring it to this country. While leprosy is to be dreaded, there are a thousand times as many victims to stomach disorders, but there is a cure in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Other ailments that the Bitters are a specific for are malaria, fever and ague. Sold at all drug stores.

Many brides' domestic plans run to canned goods.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 5, 1896.

Christmas has gone and so has the average man's money.

MANITOBA'S CAPACITY.
Enough Wheat to Supply Britain All She Requires from Abroad.

Toronto, Nov. 10.—The "World" comments on the report of the United Empire trade league on the capacity of Canada as a granary for Britain. The report refers to Manitoba as follows: Manitoba has an area of forty-seven million acres. Deducing ten million for lakes, rivers, town sites and waste land, 37,000,000 acres are left for farm cultivation or homes for 116,000 families on 320 acres each, and as up to now there are only 27,000 farmers there altogether, that leaves room in one province for 89,008 more wheat growers. Supposing, then, we got them there and each grew on an average 100 acres at 20 bushels to the acre; if you figure it up you will find it is quite possible for Manitoba alone to supply us with all the wheat we require from abroad. It is only a question of money and comparatively speaking not money either. The cost of one first-class battleship (about \$750,000) would put 5,000 families onto farms in the Northwest, allowing \$150 to each to find them in implements, seeds, horses, etc., and would keep them until their first crop was harvested. Five thousand farmers, averaging 100 acres of wheat each at 20 bushels to the acre, means an extra 10,000,000 bushels, for if that scheme is not liked Britain would put a duty on foreign wheat. In addition to the wheat lands of Manitoba there are the millions of acres in Assinibola, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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Preventing Hog Cholera.

Hog cholera is very prevalent this year in most of the great corn raising states. Every reader of this paper should exercise the greatest care in protecting his hogs from the disease, as preventative measures are much cheaper and more successful than curative ones. Cures for hog cholera are, to say the least, of doubtful value. The farmer may, however, do much to prevent his hogs from getting cholera. In the first place he may keep his yards and runs clean. This will not prevent hog cholera in all cases but it is believed that filthy surroundings make the coming of the disease more certain. The hogs should be kept away from streams that run through other farms, as it has been found that in the main hogs that drink from streams and rivers have the cholera to a greater extent than others. The hog cholera germs live in water for a long time and if a stream be exposed to the advent of the germ it proves a fruitful source of contagion.

Wherever possible the herd should be divided into small groups and kept apart. This may cost something both in time and expense, but it is one of the best preventive measures, especially if the groups can be placed on parts of the farm where hogs have not run and that are not near farms that have had cholera. If the disease breaks out, remove the well hogs and not the sick ones. The ground may have been already contaminated. In removing well hogs from an infected pen do not put them into pens with other well hogs, as they may cause the disease to be spread. The drinking water should be carefully watched to see that it is impossible that the germs be carried to the hogs in that way.

Many cures have been recommended, the best of which is probably that advocated by the department of agriculture, which however is not advocated in a very positive manner. It is only the best remedy that presents itself in lieu of a specific. It is as follows: 1 part wood charcoal, 1 part sulphur, 2 parts sodium chloride (common salt), 2 parts sodium bicarbonate, 2 parts sodium hypo-sulphite, 1 part sodium sulphate, 1 part antimony sulphate. These ingredients should be well pulverized and then thoroughly mixed. The dose is one tablespoonful to each 200 weight of hog once a day. It is best fed by mixing with bran, middlings or some other soft food. After having been induced to eat it once, hogs will usually return to it with a relish. It must not be understood that this is a specific, though there are on record many cases where it has apparently cured the disease.

The government is working with a serum in which the officials have much confidence, but we do not know that it can be obtained for use by our readers.

The doctoring of rumpy fowls by the North Carolina Experiment Station in its experiments with poultry diseases seems to have been very successful. This is a line that should be followed, and any results obtained will be sure to be widely published for the good of poultry raisers. We are aware that these experiences do not really prove the efficacy of the medicines used, as there are perhaps a number of diseases called by the one name of roup. It is possible that the disease treated at the station mentioned differs from some other cases of roup that might be cited. The fact that in one case a well bird was kept for weeks with a pen of sick fowls without taking the disease would seem to indicate that in that case the disease was not strongly contagious. We have known roup in such a form that everything seemed to fall before it. Whether this was due to a different germ or to the greater vigor of the same germ we of course cannot determine. Sooner or later the germ or germs will be isolated and we can then know with greater certainty the results of certain methods of treatment.

A Brooder Dust Bath. Have you ever wondered, asks an exchange, at the unerring instinct manifested by little chicks almost as soon as they come out of the shell? How quickly they scratch and dig and roll in the soft earth, and how they lark in the sunshine and go through the motions of taking a dust bath—if you but offer them the opportunity. And they will do this just as readily if their mother is a silent box, otherwise a brooder, as if they were running with a hen. But what delights a little chick most is to be constantly on the move, constantly feeding or sleeping. With what exceeding delight they venture out into the big world, their sharp little eyes spying out hundreds of minute insects and grubs. Do we take a hint and supply these conditions as far as possible? Or do we dump a lot of food before them to gorge on and coop them up in a little 3x4 pen?

Peculiar Present.

Many queer gifts come to the minister of a New England country church at the annual donation visit of his parishioners, but the oddest and creepiest thing of the kind was a present to the parson's wife which took the form of an obituary quilt. It was of patchwork, made in large squares, and on every square was a lettering worked in black worsted. In one square appeared the words: "Sacred to the memory of Solomon Tubbs. Died October 7th, 1867." In the next square was inscribed, "In memory of Martha Phillips. Born June 11, 1833. Died January 14th, 1864." On every square was an obituary notice couched in a style similar to the first one, and they covered a time running from 1851 to 1867.

As to Providence.

A country parson went to see a humble parishioner, and, if possible, to comfort him some little under heavy trouble which had befallen. The pastor found the homely old man in his desolate cottage alone. He said many things, and added that we must try to take all affliction humbly, as appointed to us by Providence. "Yes," said the good old man, who was imperfectly instructed in theology, "that's right enough, that is; but somehow that there old Providence have bin agin me all along, but I reckon as there's One above as'll put a stopper on he if he go too fur."

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