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S. W. SCOTT,
Haskell Texas.

TAXES AND POLITICS.

Now, we say, where are we to get money for good roads if we don't have a bond issue? Why, we should do away with some of our politics and enforce the collection of taxes, for one thing. Now, in Fannin county we have land that sells from \$25 to \$75 per acre that is rendered to the assessor at \$8, \$10 and \$12 an acre. I say that the law should be enforced and the property in question should be assessed at its valuation. I am in favor of getting right after the black land farmers just as well as the railroads. If the assessors and collectors would do what they ought to do in this matter we would have money for these talked of good roads. I favor making every term of the collector and assessor four years and allow no man to succeed himself.—Judge Bradley at County Judges' Convention in Fort Worth.

There is undoubtedly much truth in what Judge Bradley says, and similar conditions prevail in other wealthy agricultural counties. The farmer is the last man upon whom any undue or extraordinary taxation should fall, because he has no possible way of shifting the burden. The merchant adds taxes to the cost of his goods; the insurance company adds them to the premium rate or deducts them from the dividends to policy holders; the railroad adds them to the freight rate—if the commission will permit; the landlord adds them to the rent—if competition will permit; but the farmer cannot add them to the cost of his cotton or his hog. Hence, in the equities of the tax problem something should be allowed to the farmer.

Still, in the present state of tax affairs in Texas, investigation will show that, as Judge Bradley contends, much farming land in Texas is assessed at only one-third or one-fifth its market value, and this is giving such land owners too much advantage over other property owners.

It is not only an injustice to other classes of property, but it is an injustice to other farm lands. In many of the western counties where land is cheap it is assessed at full value. The farmer who owns \$5 land is entitled to as much consideration at the farmer who owns \$75 land.

In some of the rich agricultural counties the assessments are held down by common consent because the prevailing rate on real values would yield more than the county would need for local purposes, and the custom is excused on the principle that a lower assessment and a higher rate produce the same result as a higher assessment and a lower rate.

That is correct enough as far as it goes. But the lower assessment for county purposes is the same as the assessment for state purposes. The state rate being low, the state is deprived of its fair revenue on account of these low assessments.

The fair thing for such counties to do is to raise their assessments and lower their local rates. That would, of course, increase the gross taxes to the state, but that is precisely the point of the contention. The lands owe the state more than they are paying, and it is not an injustice to require them to pay what they owe.

The Record believes that the owners of rich agricultural lands would not object to such a readjustment. Certainly they will not voluntarily bring it about; so long as the state permits it they are willing to take advantage of the situation and say nothing about it. But the farmers of the rich counties are fair and patriotic men and will freely assent to just rules of assessment.

As Judge Bradley intimates, the assessors are to blame. So long as they are candidates for re-election they will indulge the men who do the voting. Give the assessors a term of four years and make them ineligible; then reform the assessment laws by requiring the rigid investigation of values suggested by Governor Lauman, and in due time an ad valorem rate of 16-2-3 cents will yield all the revenue required.

Meanwhile raise the rate to 25 cents and lift the state out of its present humiliating condition.—Fort Worth Record.

We endorse what the Record says in the above except as to raising the tax rate. We have opposed and will continue to oppose raising the ad valorem tax rate for reasons frequently stated.

We believe that the laws can and should be so framed as to put all taxable property on the tax rolls at fair and reasonable valuations.

At the convention of county

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judges at Ft. Worth Judge Bradley and one or two other county judges from the blackland belt spoke on the same line as to the under valuations of the black lands. It is refreshing and a healthy sign to see men who are in the midst of the evil calling attention to and criticizing it. However, its existence has been a notorious fact for years, and we of the west have known that our lands have been rendered relatively two or three times as high as the black lands. But there are more things than black lands that escape at one-third or one-fourth valuation, or no valuation at all, and the legislature should proceed to root them out.

Where there is beauty Adams takes it, And where there isn't any he makes it. See him at his new photo gallery.

At the close of the prayer meeting at the Baptist church Wednesday night Mr. Y. L. Thomason invited those present to go to his office. Arrived there, Mr. Thomason announced that it was his birthday and passed around a dish of candies and some fruits. When these had been disposed of Messrs. Grover Simmons and Johnie Thomason sang a duet, Mr. Thomason gave a recital and Miss Emma Nicholson sang a solo. The party then joined in some religious songs and dispersed, thanking Mr. Thomason for the pleasant surprise he had given them.

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CALEB TERRELL, WATCHMAKER and JEWELER

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DONE IN BUSINESS SHAPE.

Messrs. J. A. Flournoy and J. W. Allen, the committee of two appointed to hold the cotton reduction meeting at the Idela school house last Saturday, were in town Thursday and left a written report of the proceedings of the meeting held by them. Their report shows a resolution adopted and signed by every farmer in their territory, except one, agreeing to cut their acreage this year 25 per cent under their last year's acreage, and each man states opposite his name the number of acres he had in cotton last year and number of bales made, and the number of acres he will limit himself to this year. The report also shows that nearly all of them paid 25 cents to the general expense fund.

We feel like congratulating Messrs. Flournoy and Allen and the people of Idela school community for the business way in which they have done their work.

If every community—the whole state—the whole of the South, will put the matter in this same shape it will show to the speculators and the mill men that there is no pretense in the movement but that straight business is meant, and it will produce the desired result. On the other hand we do not believe that all the mass meetings, all the speeches and all the unsigned resolutions that can be passed will have any effect. The thing must come to a business show-down.

The Corinth Cotton Meeting.

The secretary of the meeting held at Corinth school house, district No. 22, on last Saturday in pursuance of the call made by the Haskell mass meeting, has furnished us an account of the proceedings:

J. J. Pounds was elected chairman and E. W. Loe secretary.

After a general discussion of the cotton problem, the policy of reducing the crop was endorsed and expression of those present given to reduce the acreage to be put in cotton this year at least 25 per cent. below the acreage of last year. The following farmers were present, J. J. Pounds, E. W. Loe, E. L. Wilson, F. M. Canley, J. F. Sims, J. D. Reeves, L. F. Burdine, H. K. Jones, J. F. Deguire, J. A. Parish, G. W. Hutto, J. W. Pounds, J. W. Burdine, J. L. Dunlap, Oscar Hunter.

We received yesterday, too late to print it in full, a report of the cotton reduction meeting held at Mitchell school house, in Dist. No. 20. The report shows a good attendance at the meeting, which was called and presided over by Mr. J. F. Mitchell. A list of names is given with the acreage each had in cotton last year and that each expects to plant this year. The resolution adopted by the Haskell mass meeting was endorsed and adopted. There is a feature in this report that will have to be looked into further if the plan is to be made effective.

When You Have a Cold.

The first action when you have a cold should be to relieve the lungs. This is best accomplished by the free use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This Remedy liquefies the tough mucus and causes its expulsion from the air cells of the lungs, produces a free expectoration, and opens the secretions. A complete cure soon follows. This remedy will cure a severe cold in less time than any other treatment and it leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

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ALL OVER TEXAS.

Friday afternoon the little daughter of W. J. Shelton accidentally fell beneath a moving train, having both legs cut off.

Roberto Diaz, 12 years old, was caught between cars and almost instantly killed at the Olmos Coal mines near Eagle Pass.

The Citizens' Bank, of Justin, which has been doing business in the Rudd & Collins drug store for six months has broken dirt for a new brick building, which will be completed by April 15.

The injuries of Roland Jarrett, the young man who was accidentally shot while hunting near his home on Anderson Ranch, Ellis County, some days ago, proved fatal.

Messrs. Duke, Teal & Ayres of Dallas, who have racket stores in a dozen towns and cities, have bought the Arcade from Mrs. Lowenstein of Waco. Taking charge at once.

The Corsicana Cotton Mills management announce that they have in conwarehouse for the storage of cotton and also propose to expend about \$30,000 for equipment for the increasing of the capacity of the mill.

Dan A. Kivlin has been north some time arranging to form a circuit of Texas for high-class vaudeville. The circuit will embrace Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and probably other towns.

The Secretary of the Treasury has awarded to Tom Lovell of Denton, Texas, the contract for the construction of the United States postoffice and court house building at Ogden, Utah, at \$158,725.

Jeff Palmer, a negro, was given three years in the penitentiary on a charge of assault with intent to murder. The assault was committed on Savas Nydias, a merchant of Mexia, some time ago.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Bonham has received the large pipe organ purchased several months ago. It will be placed in the church building at once. This instrument cost about \$1,800.

The governor has appointed T. T. Kinder of Hale county, judge of the new sixty-fourth judicial district court in the Panhandle. D. C. Glasgow was named as district attorney. The senate confirmed the appointments.

Col. C. A. Keating, for thirty years a leading figure in the implement business in Dallas, has retired from the Keating Implement and Machinery Company, and will devote his time to his private business.

All the guards but three around the quarantined portion of Quaker, the negro settlement in Denton, have been discharged, and all the cases of the disease have been discharged except one. There was a total of seven cases.

Three additional work trains were put on the Dallas division of the Katy Friday and two more will be put on in a few days. Superintendent Sullivan states that the work of ballasting will be rushed as rapidly as possible.

Noah Alex, a well known old negro, died at Telico, east of Ennis, aged 106 years. He came here from Louisiana in the days of slavery and it is thought he belonged to the Pannill family, who lived at Chatfield.

In the district court, at Greenville, in the suit of A. A. Hawks vs. the Santa Fe Railroad for damages for the death of his wife alleged to have been caused by waiting for a train at Celeste, in a cold depot, the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant road.

Two men, Charles Harris and John Winston, are said to have engaged in a fight near Lorens, when the latter was dangerously stabbed in the left side, the blade penetrating the left lung.

Ben Van Hoeser, an engineer stuck his head out of the cab of his engine and struck a post he was passing, inflicting injuries, which he claims are permanently disabling, and a jury at Waco has awarded him judgment for \$19,000.

The Racine-Satterly Manufacturing Company of Racine, Wis., and Springfield, Ill., have recently opened up a Southwestern branch house at Dallas. The firm has leased half of the Rock Island Plow Company's building.

The Waco Milling Company, a new corporation, which recently acquired the William Cameron Flouring Mill, has awarded a contract to the Allis-Chalmers Company for putting in machinery for a 50-barrel plant, to be ready for the next harvest.

Mrs. Sarah Munden, aged eighty one years died at the home of her son, J. A. Munden, in Dallas. Mrs. Munden was born in Salsbury, Tenn., but she was an old resident of Texas, having come to this State in 1848.

Solons at Washington Program for the Week

Washington, Feb. 13.—The naval appropriation bill will be taken up by the House to-day as soon as legislation for the District of Columbia has been disposed of.

The naval bill is usually a subject of long debate, and the bill this year will be attacked on several grounds. There will be a general discussion as to the naval policy and issue is to be taken with the committee on its provisions for new ships. The topic of armor plate contracts is to fill its accustomed place on the program, while submarine boats and torpedo boats are to form the basis of offensive and defensive argument.

The best estimate that can be made is that at least four days will be consumed getting legislative action on this bill in the House. It is to be followed immediately by the river and

harbor bill, which has been on the calendar for several days, and usually occupies several days once it is taken up. Should the decks be cleared at any time, the proposed legislation on the Panama Canal project, which is the continuing order, will be discussed.

The attention of the Senate during the present week will be divided between the Swayne impeachment trial and the appropriation bills. The trial will be taken up each day at 2 o'clock and will continue to receive attention until 5 o'clock. Before and after the period between those hours the appropriation bills will be considered.

The agricultural bill is still under discussion, and as soon as it is disposed of the bill making appropriations for the District of Columbia will be taken up, to be followed by the diplomatic and consular bill.

OLD BOREAS BREAKS ALL PAST RECORDS

Dallas, Feb. 13.—The coldest spell this season, and the coldest for several years, came down Saturday night, raged all day yesterday, and shows no abatement this morning.

Texas, and in fact, a large portion of the southern and western sections of the United States, is in the clutches of a blizzard of unusual severity.

In this State it is the third and worst of the present year, and all reports indicate that it covers practically the entire Southwest.

The Western Union Telegraph Company says that the temperature at Amarillo is 10 degrees below zero. The Postal Telegraph Company furnishes advices of snow at San Antonio, the fall being unusually heavy.

Dispatches from Eagle Pass are to the effect that thermometers there register 26 degrees above zero, and Corpus Christi has sent out notices that there had been a fall of over twenty-five degrees during the day, the weather being the coldest known in five years.

Nearly all of the reports added that zero weather was expected before this morning.

The blizzard caused intense suffering. Many persons caught unprepared for such weather are in a pitiable plight. One reason for this is the lack of fuel. Their usual supply has

ing been exhausted during previous blizzards, they were unable to procure more because of the conditions of the roads.

From Oklahoma and Indian Territory come reports of deaths from cold. Fears are entertained for the safety of the various tribes of Indians who are known to be easily susceptible to pneumonia.

On the Western cattle ranges, it seems that the loss of live stock has been heavy. In some instances this is estimated to be as much as 25 to 30 per cent.

Serious delays in traffic have been caused. These are due, not alone to sleet on the railroad tracks, but to drifts of snow, and, in some instances, it has been necessary to operate "double-header" trains.

In Dallas, according to the record kept by G. A. Eisenlohr, voluntary observer for the United States Weather Bureau, the maximum temperature for the day was 11 degrees above zero and the minimum 7 degrees above. His prediction is that it will be clear and colder today and that there is promise of zero weather during the next twenty-four hours.

Reports similar to the foregoing come also from New Mexico and Colorado and from practically every point between here and St. Louis or Kansas City.

INDIANS ARE IN DANGER OF FREEZING.

Guthrie, Ok.: On Sunday and Monday Oklahoma suffered from the coldest weather in many years. The temperature early Sunday was 5 below and ranged at zero all day. From all parts of the two Territories come accounts of suffering and death as the result of the sudden norther which began yesterday noon.

The last previous blizzard of equal severity occurred six years ago, when the thermometer showed 17 below zero. The territory is covered with a coat of ice and snow, ranging in depth from three to eight inches, and this will serve as a protection to the wheat and fruit crops, but the live stock and in some instances the people of the Territories are suffering severely.

Sam Washington, a negro, aged 29, froze to death here during the night, being found on a load of wood early Sunday. His team had probably covered several miles since Washington died. Several additional deaths of people from exposure are rumored.

A six inch snow accompanied the blizzard in the northern part of the Territory and all traffic is indefinitely delayed.

Cattlemen here state that range stock will suffer the greatest loss in years, and some place the loss as high as 50 per cent on the ranges in Beaver and Woodward counties.

Great anxiety is felt for the numerous Indian tribes whose members are known to be in no condition to withstand the severity of this storm. Especially is this so of the Sac, Fox, Eucabee and some of the Osage, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. The Indians of the Sac and Fox, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are subject to pneumonia and experts say that dozens of them will die as a result of this blizzard.

Twelve trains are reported tied up in snowdrifts in Kansas owing to heavy storms, and the passengers are being fed by the farmers living in the vicinity of the blockades.

Historic Hotel Burned.

Mobile, Ala.: Fire broke out in the fifth story of the Battle House at 10:40 o'clock Sunday night and spread rapidly. The flames soon ate their way through the roof and shot high in the air on the St. Francis street side. The firemen worked at a disadvantage and were unable to make any progress in checking the conflagration. The hotel is a total loss and adjoining property is threatened. The damage will exceed \$250,000.

Farmers' Union Meeting.

Fort Worth: The annual meeting of the State Farmers' Union will convene Tuesday. The following program has been arranged: Addresses of welcome by Mayor T. J. Powell on behalf of the city, and Secretary B. B. Padlock on behalf of the Board of Trade, C. W. Woodman will welcome the body for the Trades Assembly, and Representative Grant Hamilton of Denver, Colo., for the American Federation of Labor.

Sanger Elevator Fire.

Fort Worth: The loss in the destruction of the Sanger Grain and Elevator Company's elevator in North Fort Worth Sunday morning was about \$20,000. The insurance was \$9,500, \$4,500 of which amount was on building, \$2,500 on machinery and \$2,500 on the grain contained in the elevator. C. S. Henderson, the general manager of the company said the elevator was closed down Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Hanging in Mississippi.

Water Valley, Miss.: Edward Gammons, a young white man, was hanged here Saturday for the murder of Louis Kinzie, a well known farmer, and his daughter, Fannie Kinzie, in April, 1904. Kinzie objected to Gammons' attention to his daughter, and the double tragedy occurred. Gammons was hanged in a blinding rain storm in the presence of a large crowd.

Washington: Since the passage of the act allowing National banks to organize with capital stock of less than \$50,000 and down to \$25,000 in 1900, there has been a remarkable increase in the South and especially the South-Indian Territory as of the South, that part of the country has organized 785 National banks, with a total capital stock of \$37,461,000. Texas leads with 260 banks organized with capital stock of \$11,645,000.

The Humphreys Mill and Elevator Company, at Lawton, Ok., has purchased additional ground just west of their present site, and is making preparations to erect a 150-barrel flour mill.

The election held at Hughes Springs to determine whether or not bonds should be issued in the independent school district for \$8,000 carried by a vote of 94 for the bond issue and 29 against it.

GUNS STILL ROAR.

Students in Moscow Make Revolutionary Demonstration.

London, Feb. 14.—The Standard's Moscow correspondent reports that astounding occurrences happened Saturday night at the annual ball of the Engineering Institute, held in the hall where the assembly of nobles sits. After the customary concert, instead of dancing, the whole gathering drowned the orchestra by singing the "Marseillaise." Then the students arose in quick succession and made revolutionary harangues, which were enthusiastically applauded. Proclamations were distributed broadcast amid cries of "Stop the war!" and "Down with the Autocracy!"

The scenes continued unchecked and increasing intensity for two hours. The police formed a cordon around the hall, but were powerless to interfere, as the nobles' assembly hall possesses an ancient privilege against arrest.

The proclamation, which was admirably printed, declared that the war of the working classes is not against Japan, but against Russia's worst foe, namely, the Emperor's government.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14.—The war office has no confirmation of a report from Mukden today saying that the Japanese are preparing to retire from their positions on the Shakhe River. On the contrary, Gen. Kuropatkin's official dispatch says the Japanese continue to bombard Poutloff Hill.

The wrecking of a railroad bridge between Mukden and Harbin is considered to be the work of a daring raid which crossed from Chinese territory. The damage has already been repaired and traffic resumed.

The mystery surrounding the cause of Gen. Gripenberg's sudden departure from the front has not been cleared up and is continuing to be the subject of much irresponsible gossip.

Gen. Kurbars has been shifted to the command of the Second Army, and it is thought Lieut. Gen. Biderling will take over the command of the Third army.

News brought direct from the front by a foreign attaché is to the effect that the Russian Army is in fine condition and numbers almost 400,000. The attaché left before the recent attempt of the right flank, but he says the movement had already been projected, thus putting aside the theory that it was undertaken by orders from St. Petersburg after the affair of January 22.

Col. Jake Hodges Dead.

Paris: Col. J. C. Hodges died at his home in this city at 1 o'clock Monday morning. Col. Hodges was a well known criminal lawyer and was a prominent figure in Texas politics. Colonel Hodges had been in failing health for some time and his death was in no wise unexpected.

Died of Grief.

Waco: Grieved over the death of her young son, who was killed by accident about two months ago, Mrs. Mattie Bellamy, a widow fifty years of age, died Saturday. Her health broke down after her son was killed, and she grew worse and worse until her death.

Married on the Train.

Greenville. A young couple came up from Rockwall on Saturday and hurried to the county clerk's office the young man secured a license. The couple were Mr. W. A. Dumas and Miss Madge, daughter of Dr. J. T. Benbrook of Rockwall. Justice Campbell accompanied them into the passenger coach of the Shreveport train and married them before the train pulled out.

Fire Losses at Marble Falls.

Marble Falls: Fire destroyed the First National Bank. Loss \$6,000; insurance \$3,000. George Christian, general merchandise; loss \$9,000, insurance \$4,000. W. H. Andrews & Son, hardware and undertakers; loss \$6,000, insurance \$2,000. Miss Ida Houch, millinery; loss \$1,000, no insurance. The fire originated from the explosion of an oil stove in the Martin Telephone Exchange. E. G. Michels & Co., drugs, damaged about \$1,000.

Pioneer Settler Dies.

Fort Worth: Mrs. Sarah E. Lucy, a pioneer citizen, aged 82 years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lulu Wheeler, after a lingering illness. The deceased was the mother of a most interesting family, and her husband was prominent in early Texas politics and entertained leading public men of the State, including Gen. Sam Houston, former Gov. James T. Throckmorton and numerous other lesser lights.

To Go 2,500 Feet for Oil

Lawton, Ok.: The Illinois company who have been at work boring for oil for some time are incorporated with a \$25,000 capital stock, fully paid up. They are now down about 1,900 feet and are still working. They expect to put this hole down 2,500 feet and if nothing is obtained they will pull up and go down elsewhere. So far they have struck a little gas and a strong flow of artesian mineral water.

President Invited.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 14.—The Texas House of Representatives to-day unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, it has come to our knowledge that his Excellency Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, contemplates at an early day a visit to Texas; therefore be it

"Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That we hereby extend to the President in the name of the people of Texas, whose wishes and sentiments we thereby express, a sincere and hearty welcome to our borders. We extend to him a cordial invitation to visit this, the Capital City of the State, and we hope that he will afford us the opportunity of greeting him here in our legislative halls.

"Resolved further, That the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be requested to convey this invitation to the President."

It was signed by Representatives Sharpe, Heslep, Brown of Barnes, Peeler, Love of Dallas, Onion, Cobbs, Blanton, Winter, Terry, Witchee, Holsey, Wenock, Anthony, W. J. Bryanan, Kennedy, Hill, Hancock, Bennett, Thompson, Brown of Wharton and Webb.

Land Thieves in the Toils.

Portland, Ore.: The United States Grand Jury late Monday returned an indictment charging United States Senator Mitchell, Congressman John N. Williamson andlinger Hermann and others with having conspired to have created the Blue Mountain forest reserve in Eastern Oregon, with the intent of defrauding the Government of public lands, and of also conspiring to obtain possession of more than two hundred thousand acres of public and school lands located in several States of the value of over \$3,000,000. In the indictment are implicated John H. Mitchell, Binger Hermann, John N. Williamson, Frank P. Mays, W. N. Jones and George Sorenson.

Died in the Blizzard.

Ennis: A stepson of John Schetka, aged 32 years, wandered away from home Saturday night and it was learned that he had come from their home at Alsford to Ennis. The young man's condition rendered him an object of constant care and Mrs. Schetka came here searching for him. Learning here that he had probably gone to Corsicana, the searching party proceeded there Sunday and found the young man dead. He had left the Central train at Rice, and it is supposed that he walked on toward Corsicana and was overtaken by the blizzard Saturday night and perished in the cold.

To Promote Navigation.

Denison: A company formed here some time ago to push the project for the navigation of Red River, has received a naphtha launch to be placed on the river. The purpose of this launch is to run up and down the river chiefly to investigate conditions, and to gather statistics such as may be necessary to forming a large boat company to put boats on the stream.

London to Paris in a Baloon.

New York: Three aeronauts, who made an ascent from the Crystal Palace in London at 6:45 o'clock Saturday evening, have arrived in Paris, according to a Herald dispatch from that city. They passed over the channel at a speed of seventy miles an hour and arrived at 1 o'clock Sunday morning at St. Denis, near Paris, beating the previous record for an air voyage between London and Paris.

Packery Enlargement.

Fort Worth: The work of excavating for the construction of the five-story additional lard refinery and cooling room of Swift & Co, has been commenced. It will be built of brick and will cover ground space of 140x157 feet. The work of construction will be pushed as rapidly as possible, and will be completed within the next few months. The building of this addition will necessitate the employment of a large force of hands.

Negress Burned to a Crisp.

Lufkin. A negress, Ella Brown, was found burned almost to a crisp Sunday night. Her clothing ignited from a heater, she rushed into the yard of D. A. Campbell to where he was sleeping, thence into the room occupied by his mother, and thence back into the yard near a cistern, where Mr. Campbell, with the assistance of his son, put out the flames, not however, until both were badly burned about the face and arms.

Cotton Mill to Be Sold.

Denison: The Denison Cotton Mill plant, in South Denison, one of the largest cotton mills in the South, is to be sold early next month to satisfy a judgment outstanding and to pay the bonded indebtedness outstanding against the company. Several experienced mill operators have been in Denison looking at the plant and it is thought there will be a revival of the mill after the sale and that it will be opened and operated again.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

N. E. Meador has been appointed receiver of the Mexia Water Company and will take charge of the business at once.

J. B. Lewis died at his home in Greenville Friday night from the effect of a fall on the ice Monday morning.

Edward Bruce, a former deputy criminal district clerk of Galveston and Harris counties, was appointed criminal clerk to succeed the late R. A. Burney.

August Black, aged about 50, and living near Jones' Prairie, Milam county, died suddenly while carrying in a turn of wood, it is supposed from the rupture of a blood vessel.

The application of L. S. Darling, W. M. Cardwell and others to organize the First National Bank of Seagoville, with \$25,000 capital, has been approved by the Controller of the Currency.

The prize court has adjudicated the Austrian steamer Siam (seized by the Japanese off Hokkaido on January 21 while bound from Cardiff for Vladivostok with coal) and her cargo to be legal capture.

Two saloons in Silver City, in Freestone County, two miles from Mexia, closed Thursday night at 12 o'clock that being the time for local option to go into effect in that precinct.

Powhattan Varnell, one of the first settlers of Hill County, is dead at his home four miles east of Hillsboro. He settled there fifty years ago and acquired large possessions of land and stock.

Fire Thursday morning destroyed the store and postoffice building of Mongan Bros., at Sparta. The building and its contents were a complete loss, estimated at \$6000 with only about \$2000 insurance.

T. C. Phillips, president of the First National Bank of Bowie, Tex., bought the private bank of Sunset, from Sam Furman. Mr. Phillips will run the bank and Mr. Furman will go south on account of his health.

Commencing March 17th, the Rock Island trains, Dallas to Fort Worth, will handle mails. This service will insure to the great benefit of the Panhandle and the Territories and to Dallas business men.

A man giving his name as Charles Malinde, a Russian, speaking no English, riding on the rods of a train from the north, fell at Palestine and was so crushed as to lose his left foot and sustain other injuries.

A well defined movement is being agitated at Austin for the construction of a trolley or interurban railroad between Austin and Fredericksburg via Dripping Springs, a distance of about seventy-five miles.

Roland Jarrett, the young man who accidentally shot himself Saturday week while out hunting, died last Thursday morning at the home of his father, W. A. Jarrett, about ten miles south of Waxahatchie.

Coleman is preparing for a big carnival and street fair beginning Feb. 20 and lasting one week. The carnival is under the management of the Board of Trade. Low rates have been promised on the railroads.

President Roosevelt has been chosen an honorable member of the league of former German University students, an honor accorded to only one other, the Grand Duke Baden, uncle of the Kaiser and rector in chief of the University of Heidelberg.

Charles Jean Jacques Macrau, the distinguished French statesman and judge, is dead. He served as minister of justice in 1886 and was appointed first president of the court of Cassation in 1890.

Louis A. Bacon, aged 26, died at Waco of appendicitis. The deceased was a member of the association of soldiers who served in the United States Army in the war with Spain. He won distinction in the campaign in Cuba.

Heavy rains have started all the Alabama rivers on a rampage and the flood stage is reported at all points. Warrior River is now fifty-five feet and is expected to reach sixty. People living in the lowlands are moving out.

In a collision between a passenger and freight train at Carneros, Mexico, Friday, thirteen persons were killed or received injuries from which they died soon after the accident.

A solid car of poultry left McKinney Friday for the East.

One of the oldest boxers in the world, Benjamin Van Slyke, is dead at his home in New York. He was eighty-seven years old and had been an instructor in boxing on Broadway for the last fifty years.

A letter from Eddy states that many birds, especially doves, either starved or froze to death in that section during the late spell, and were found lying about. In Waco many people fed the birds to keep them from starving.

Good Roads Movement Great Meeting at Dallas

Dallas: The good roads train now touring Texas has come and gone. As at other places visited, and as will occur at places yet to be visited by those gentlemen representing the National Good Roads Association, there was much speaking, some of which showed that the politician and the man looking for "snaps" was on hand. The gentlemen representing the National Association were enthusiastic and had their subject well in hand and are managers of men. The grafter and the politician played his wiles, as usual, but Dallas County has an organization composed mainly of broad-browed, big-hatted men of affairs.

The ground embraced in the building, control and maintenance of public highways was fully covered. Material, its preparation, handling and application were duly elaborated. The needed legislation was discussed; methods of precinct, County and State organization were detailed; repairs and care of roads were ably and fully treated. Concluding the meeting, which, notwithstanding the severest sleet and cold weather this section has known for many years, a complete county organization was formed and officers for each precinct were named. The

enthusiasm, which has been on the leave for some time is now at full heat. The recent bond issue of \$500,000, besides the regular expenditure in cash and otherwise of about \$80,000 per annum by the county will do much toward starting the ball rolling in this county for a campaign of actual road construction.

The committee on permanent organization submitted its report, which was adopted. The name of the organization is to be the Dallas County Good Roads Association, and the following officers were elected:

President—Dr. A. W. Carnes, Hutchins.
Secretary—R. R. Ellis, Lancaster.
Treasurer—J. M. Cochran, Dallas.
Vice Presidents at large—R. S. Kimbrough, Mesquite; John T. Jones, Garland.

Vice Presidents—Precinct No. 1, M. H. Mahana, Dallas; Precinct No. 2, Newton Stults, Richardson; Precinct No. 3, Jasper Rupard, Garland; Precinct No. 4, S. B. Marshall, Mesquite; Precinct No. 5, F. F. Hammond, Lancaster; Precinct No. 6, Dr. C. A. Carroll, Cedar Hill; Precinct No. 7, Dr. J. E. Paine, Grand Prairie; Precinct No. 8, C. G. Miller, Irvine.

STATE EXPENSES FOR NEXT TWO YEARS.

Austin: The amounts asked for the support of government and its institutions and enterprises for 1906 and 1907 are as follows:

Executive Department—First year \$20,806, second \$18,806.
State Revenue Agent—First year \$2,675, second \$2,675.
Mansion and Grounds—First year \$4600, second \$1650.
State Department—First year \$14,410, second \$13,500.
Treasury Department—First year \$28,480, second \$28,480.
Comptroller's Department—First year \$60,815, second \$60,815.
Attorney General's Office—First year \$17,970, second \$17,970.
General Land Office—First year \$85,145, second \$85,145.
Education Department—First year \$17,200, second \$17,400.
Buildings and Grounds—First year \$28,540, second \$28,540.
Purchasing Agent—First year \$4,700, second \$4,700.
Adjutant General's Office—First year \$40,110, second \$40,110.
Public Printing—First year \$25,220, second \$25,620.
State University—First year \$154,928, second \$154,928.
Medical Branch—First year \$44,896, second \$44,896.
North Texas Normal—First year \$40,250, second \$40,250.
Sam Houston Normal—First year \$40,250, second \$40,250.
San Marcos Normal—First year \$37,500, second \$37,500.
Girls Industrial College—First year \$29,550, second \$24,250.
Agricultural and Mechanical College—First year \$71,000, second \$71,000.
Prairie View Normal—First year \$37,500, second \$37,500.
Department of Public Health—First year \$46,640, second \$46,640.
Penitentiaries—First year \$63,110, second \$63,110.
Fish and Oyster Commission—First year \$2400, second \$2400.
Live Stock Sanitary Commission—First year \$13,000, second \$13,000.

Supreme Court—First year \$19,640, second \$19,640.
Court Criminal Appeals—First year \$22,430, second \$22,430.
Court Civil Appeals, First District—First year \$12,150, second \$12,150.
Second District—First year \$12,550, second \$12,550.
Third District—First year \$12,550, second \$12,550.
Fourth District—First year \$12,700, second \$12,700.
Fifth District—First year \$12,400, second \$12,400.
Judiciary—First year \$607,600, second \$607,600.
Confederate Pensions—First year \$218,555, second \$215,675.
State Orphans' Home—First year \$47,220, second \$47,220.
Austin Lunatic Asylum—First year \$186,050, second \$186,050.
San Antonio Lunatic Asylum—First year \$128,290, second \$128,290.
Terrell Lunatic Asylum—First year \$214,890, second \$214,890.
Epileptic Colony—First year \$75,400, second \$75,400.
Blind Asylum—First year \$55,740, second \$55,740.
Deaf and Dumb Asylum—First year \$99,859, second \$99,859.
Railroad Commission—First year \$31,599, second \$31,540.
State Reformatory—First year \$37,105, second \$37,105.
Confederate Home—First year \$71,674, second \$71,674.
Deaf and Dumb Asylum (colored)—First year \$21,695, second \$21,695.
Department of Agriculture, etc.—First year \$18,488, second \$18,488.
Miscellaneous appropriations—First year \$25,000, second \$25,000.
The total of the amounts asked by the committee is for the year 1906, \$3,104,724.66; for 1907, \$3,092,994.66.
The estimate receipts of the State Government is for the year 1906, \$3,500,000; for the year 1907, \$3,500,000.
Add to the appropriations for the year 1906 of \$3,104,724.66, the deficit of approximately \$1,000,000 and \$4,194,724.66, or \$1,000,000 less than the revenue for that year, is obtained.

TWO MORE STARS RISE TO ILLUMINE OLD GLORY.

Washington, Feb. 8.—After a continuous sitting of nine hours the Senate at 8:45 o'clock last night passed the joint statehood bill. As passed the bill provides for the admission of the States of Oklahoma, to be composed of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and

New Mexico, according to the present boundaries, with Arizona eliminated. The long session was characterized by exciting incidents and many surprises. No intoxicants are to be sold within the State of Oklahoma for a period of twenty-one years.

Youngest Confederate Major Dead.
Denver, Colo.: Edwin Fitzgerald, assistant general freight agent of the Southern Railway system, died in this city Tuesday night after a severe attack of grippe, from which he was suffering when he arrived here about a week ago. Major Fitzgerald was a well-known railroad man and fought through the Civil War on the Confederate side. He was the youngest Major in the Confederate Army.

Died from Burns.
Fort Worth: The little daughter of F. S. Werner and wife, who was burned to death Saturday night at Center, Tex., was an adopted child, placed in that home by Rev. I. Z. T. Morris of this city when she was 6 months old. Dr. Morris received a letter from a friend of the family, stating that the foster parents of the little girl were almost heart broken over the affair.

Twelve and a Half Million Bales.
Washington: The report issued by the census bureau shows the quantity of cotton ginned from growth of 1904 to January 16 to be 12,767,000, counting round bales as half bales. These consist of 12,524,777 square bales, 289,037 round bales and 98,110 sea island bales.

Unusual Manner of Death.
Beaumont: Edward Parr, 40 years old, died at the Sisters' Hospital Tuesday night as the result of injuries sustained in an accident at Spindle Top at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He was employed by Henry O'Neil as oil driller and was tightening a screw on a pipe which he was adjusting when a large wrench flew back, striking him in the head and fracturing his skull.

The exact returns of the local option election held in Rains County on Jan. 28 show a majority of forty-four votes for local option.

C. R. Houman, a pioneer groceryman of Denison, dropped dead Sunday night.

Waifs for the West.
St. Louis: Thirty-two boys, ranging in age from 12 to 20 years, most of them orphans and all of them picked up on the streets of New York, have passed through Union Station on their way to Texas to become ranchmen. They were sent from the New York Farm Memorial School by the New York Children's Aid Society and are to be placed with ranch and farm owners in the neighborhood of Woodbury.

Smallpox Epidemic in Neighborhood.
Austin: An epidemic of smallpox is prevailing in New Sweden, a village in Travis county. The disease broke out about four weeks ago and at present there are twenty-four well developed cases. This village consist entirely of Swedes and nearly every family is more or less affected. The disease is of a mild form. The patients have been isolated and are being given good care and attention.

TRYING THE GAUNTLET.

The Senate Statehood Bill Now Hangs in the House.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Republicans in the House of Representatives yesterday decided in conference that the House statehood provision shall prevail or no statehood legislation will be enacted by the present Congress. The resolution which, it is said, sets forth this position, and which was adopted by a vote of 112 to 33 after three hours' debate, is as follows:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that the action and policy of the Republican caucus held April 15, 1904, touching the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territories as one State and New Mexico and Arizona as one State, as provided in the bill of the House, No. 1479, which bill has been amended by the Senate and is now pending in the House Committee on Territories, be insisted upon, and that we insist upon such preliminary proceedings as can be had by a majority of the House or a special order by the majority of the House under which the aforesaid policy of the Republicans of the House will be worked out."

Speaker Cannon is the author of the resolution.

Delegate Rodey of New Mexico made a strong appeal for concurrence in the Senate bill. He, however, did not make any motion to this end. Other speeches were made by Messrs. Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Hamilton of Michigan, chairman of the Committee on Territories, and Powers of Maine. Delegates McGuire of Oklahoma pleaded for action whereby at least Oklahoma and Indian Territory might be added.

There is some talk among House members that the Senate might accept the House bill and negotiations with this end in view have been in progress. To make it impossible for the House committee to take any action until some understanding has been reached, the committee yesterday adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman and no meeting will be held until a call shall be issued.

The Free Pass Bill.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 11.—The subcommittee of House Committee on Common Carriers has agreed upon an anti-free pass bill. Although it will be reported to the main committee as a committee substitute for the Senate bill, it may be substantially the same as Mr. Mays' bill except as to penalty. The penalty provided in this bill was the forfeiture of the charters of railroads violating the statute. In the judgment of the subcommittee this would be too drastic, so they have adopted the penalty provided in the Senate bill, namely, a fine of \$5,000.

Unlike the Senate bill, the measure to be reported by the House subcommittee will provide that railroads may issue transportation to the families of their own bona fide employees. It will contain no inhibition against railroads providing their attorneys with transportation, nor against railroads paying newspapers for advertising in mileage books.

Concerning the point raised by Sam H. Cowan, general attorney of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, to the effect that the provision of the senate might be construed as prohibiting railroads from giving transportation to men accompanying shipments of cattle, the subcommittee decided to take no action. It is their view that such transportation is not free, the consideration for it being included in the freight rate upon cattle.

Gubernatorial Appointments.

Austin: The Governor Friday morning made the following appointments: Edwin H. Bruce of Galveston, to be clerk of the Criminal District Court at Galveston. Judge L. S. Kinder of Plainview, Hale county, to be Judge of the recently created Sixty-Fourth District Court. D. E. Glasgow of Dickens City, Dickens county, to be District Attorney of the Fiftieth Judicial District. These appointments were confirmed by the Senate.

New Snaps for the "Faithful."

Washington: The Senate Committee on Appropriations has reported the diplomatic and consular bill, carrying appropriations aggregating \$2,158,017, an increase of \$50,950 over the bill passed by the House. The bill includes provisions for new consulates at Hermosillo and Jalapa, Mex.; Colonia Uruguay, and Port Dietrich, Nicaragua. Provision is also made for the creation of the position of Minister to Morocco.

Dr. A. A. Johnson Dead.

Dallas: Dr. A. A. Johnson, one of the pioneer citizens of Dallas and one of the first medical practitioners in Texas, is dead after an illness covering a period of two days. Dr. Johnson was for many years an active and prominent practitioner in Dallas County. He came to Dallas from Bardonia, Ky., in 1854. When the war between the States began he enlisted with the Confederates and served as surgeon.

RIOT AND BLOODSHED.

Scenes of Anarchy and Blood Marks the Czar's Policy.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—The apprehension of further trouble with the strikers was partially justified yesterday when the whole of the workmen of the Putiloff Iron Works and those of the Franco-Russian Works struck because the directors were unable to promise them a work day of eight hours. The men at the Putiloff works, who had announced their intention of trying to enforce an eight-hour day, reported at 7 o'clock, working an hour, and then demanded to see the director of the works, who conferred with the men's delegates. The latter demanded no discrimination against the promoters of the recent strike and pay for the week's strike. The director declared he was unable to accede to their demands, and thereupon 13,000 men of the Putiloff works went out.

The employees of the Franco-Russian Works took similar action. In both cases the men marched out quietly and formed groups in the streets.

Sosnovice: On Thursday a mob invaded the yard of the Katherinern works demanding that the workmen issuing in charge of the electrical machinery join in the strike. A company of soldiers intervened and a Polish officer repeatedly called upon the people to disperse. They refused to leave unless they were accompanied by the workmen.

It is said that a rioter menaced the officer with a knife whereupon he gave the order to fire with the result that twenty-eight persons, including a High School pupil, who happened to be passing, fell dead, and thirty-six were seriously wounded. These latter were removed to a hospital, where five of them have since died. A number of others were slightly wounded. Many were wounded in the back and evidently they were trying to escape.

A large quantity of dynamite has been stolen from the explosive stores of the Cassimir mines, it is supposed, by strikers.

Once Prominent Citizen Hanged.

Charlottesville, Va.: J. Samuel McCue, a former mayor of this city, was hanged Friday morning for the murder of his wife Sunday, September 4, 1904. McCue made a confession. McCue was pronounced dead in eight minutes after the trap had been sprung. Immediately after the execution McCue's three spiritual advisers gave out the following signed statement: "J. Samuel McCue stated this morning in our presence and requested us to make it public that he did not wish to leave this world with suspicion resting on any human being other than himself, that he alone was responsible for the deed, impelled to it by an evil power beyond his control, and he recognized his sentence as just."

Washington: Augustus L. Shaffer was hanged in the United States jail Friday for the murder of his wife. The crime which Shaffer expiated Friday was the killing of his divorced wife, Katherine Ivley, daughter of the bookkeeper in a local bank, by cutting her throat with a razor on the night of August 22, 1903. The murder was premeditated and unaggravated save by jealousy.

Governor Lanham has signed the bill declaring Jefferson Davis' birthday a legal holiday and the bill giving railroad companies two more years in which to complete the construction of their lines.

Sefton Hero Collie Dead.

New York: Sefton Hero, by many dog fanciers considered the most typical and greatest collie ever shown, is dead at the kennels of J. P. Morgan, Highland Falls, N. Y. The dog has won many championship ribbons here and in Europe. He was brought from England nine years ago and was fifteen years old. The animal was valued at \$4000.

During the last few weeks on an average of forty cars of fruit from California per day have passed through Fort Worth and are distributed here for various points north and east.

During the month of January there were more than 5,200,000 bushels of corn shipped through the port of New Orleans as against about 2,500,000,000 through the port of New York. Happiness is not in possessing much, but in hoping and loving much.

Judge Frank Houston Lea, aged 65, United States Commissioner and one of the oldest residents of the Pecos Valley, died at Roswell after an illness of several weeks.

Ancient Deposit of Ice.

Railroad men, while digging graves in Black Butte mountain, near Lisos, Slayyou County, Cal., came recently upon an immense buried mass of ice, believed to have been there from time immemorial.

Freight Regulation Passed Roosevelt the Biggest Man

Washington, Feb. 10.—After nearly four days of discussion the House by a vote of 326 to 17 passed the Esch-Townsend bill providing for the regulation of freight rates. The negative vote was made up of eleven Republicans and six Democrats.

The closing hours of the debate were occupied by Messrs. Williams of Mississippi, the leader of the minority, and Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the committee which reported the bill. Mr. Williams while supporting the minority measure, even though he said he knew it could not pass, complimented the Republicans for bringing in a bill which was much better than was expected would come from them.

The speech of Mr. Hepburn was rather in defense of himself. He said his deeds and acts were a sufficient answer to the "lies and slanders" which had been heaped upon him. The bill, he said, had been prepared by the attorney general and he only yielded to his colleagues on the committee on the Esch-Townsend bill because he did not want the committee to be the target for scribbles who wanted sensational headlines. He devoted some time to a strong presentation of the merits of the majority measure.

Less than twenty-five members were in their seats when the debate opened by Mr. Pierce of Tennessee, who after announcing that the President, on the subject of rate legislation, was the greatest leader that has lived in the Republican ranks since the civil war, said he would support the Esch-Townsend bill. He, however, based his support upon the fact that William J. Bryan and the Democratic party had declared for just such legislation.

The closing remarks for the minority were made by Mr. Williams of Missis-

issippi, who at the outset congratulated the House upon the fact that not only in the matter of rate legislation, but in several other particulars, President Roosevelt, nominated by the Republican party and elected by the people, was beginning to assume a distinctly Democratic attitude. He said he had begun to hope that the President would recommend revision of the tariff and that the President would see that it was altogether absurd to keep 20,000 more soldiers than was needed.

Addressing himself to the Republican side Mr. Williams said they needed nothing more than the marking out of the pathway to follow the President, not because he was President or a Republican, but because he was outlining the proper policy for the American people.

Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, closed for the Republicans. He explained the difficulties of preparing such a measure as the bill reported, saying no two men entertained the same opinion either as to what was in the bill or what ought to be in it.

The bill, said Mr. Hepburn, he regarded but a rough draft after conferences with the President and members of his Cabinet. He denied that the Townsend bill was an administration measure, nor was any bill he knew of an administration bill. He was loudly applauded as he took his seat.

The substitute bill of the minority was then defeated, 151 to 186, Messrs. Gaines of Tennessee, Rider and Scribner of New York and Livernash and Wynn of California voting with the Republicans.

The roll then was called on the Esch-Townsend bill, which was passed, 326 to 17.

PEACE HOPES BLASTED.

A Decisive Battle Is Now Imminent.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The army organ publishes official statistics of Field Marshal Oyama's forces based on the regimental numbers of the uniforms of Japanese killed during the engagements with Gen. Kurapatkins forces. According to this report, Gen. Kuroki, commanding the Japanese right, has seventy-six battalions, eleven squadrons and 206 guns, about 85,000 men, besides seventy to eighty reserve battalions. Gen. Nodzu, commanding the center, has sixty battalions, six squadrons and 198 guns, or 65,000 men. Gen. Oku, commanding the left, including Gen. Nogi's forces, has ninety-eight battalions, twenty-three squadrons and 342 guns, or 110,000 men. The number of reserves with Gens. Nodzu and Oku is unknown. The total of Field Marshal Oyama's regular troops is placed at 265,000 cavalry and infantry and 850 guns. The total number of reserves is probably 100,000.

Military men estimate Gen. Kurapatkin's superiority at about 150,000 men without including the sixteenth army corps, which is not yet in the Far East. These figures are likely to dash the hopes of the peace party, which has distinctly been acquiring influence in high quarters during the last few days.

Tokio: The impression prevails here that the impending battle between the armies of Field Marshal Oyama and Gen. Kurapatkin will occur before any material thaw takes place, which would convert the count-

try into a slushy bog and render the movement of guns, ammunition and stores impossible until the roads hardened.

Atlanta the Storm Center.

Atlanta, Feb. 10.—(By Special Messenger to Montgomery, Ala.)—Atlanta is cut off from the rest of the world by wire communication as completely as if no wires had been struck. In Atlanta at the present writing (noon Thursday) the city is isolated, both telegraph companies being without a wire to points beyond the limits of their operating rooms.

The Western Union company reports 3000 telegraph poles down within its jurisdiction. The Postal company reports similar damage and its officials here confirm the report that Atlanta seems to have been the center of the storm troubles. The situation is about the worst in the memory of the oldest inhabitant.

Besides the damage to wires in the city, the loss to shade trees has been enormous. The ice-laden branches have bent and broken in every part of the city, delaying and shutting off completely all street car traffic and telephone communication. Six thousand telephones are reported out of use and perhaps weeks must elapse before normal conditions can be resumed. Supplies of staples are normal.

Capt. John Smith, aged 71, an old pioneer citizen of Galveston, died from pneumonia. He came first to Galveston in 1857. He has followed the sea for the greater portion of his life.

Collision at Sea.

New York: After having collided with and sunk the Norwegian steamer Leif Erickson, off Cape Romale, Fla., in a dense fog on Feb. 4, the Standard Oil company's steamer, City of Everett returned to this port Thursday bringing twenty of the crew of the sunken steamer. The other two members of the Erickson's crew were drowned either in the collision or when the crew took to boats.

Ramsey's Battery Invites Roosevelt.

Washington: Ramsey's Confederate Battery, an organization which distinguished itself at the battle of Gettysburg and during other conflicts of the Civil War, has invited President Roosevelt to attend a reunion of the battery, which is to be held in North Carolina next May. The invitation was tendered the President Thursday by Representative Klutz of North Carolina. The President expressed his pleasure at receiving the invitation.

Done for His Dough.

Shreveport, La.: J. S. Milburn of Terrell, Tex., was robbed of \$60 Wednesday night. Three men invited the Texan, who is a cripple and had just been discharged from the sanitarium, to join in a card game. After losing several dollars, Milburn realized the situation and getting up returned to the depot. When about to purchase a ticket he found that his pocketbook containing his money was missing.

Woman is Shot.

Houston: At Houston Heights at 11 o'clock Thursday morning Mrs. John Clouston was shot and severely wounded. The wounded woman was struck in the side above the hip. It seems that Mrs. Josephine Leoni and Mrs. Clouston became involved in a difficulty during the progress of which Mrs. Leoni called on her little son Joseph to run in the house and get a weapon. The wound is not considered dangerous.

Powder Mill Explodes.

Birmingham, Ala.: A terrific explosion at the dynamite plant of the Dupont Powder Company at Boyles Gap, five miles north of this city Thursday night, wrecked the plant, broke windows and extinguished all lights within a radius of two miles, but so far as learned no one was killed. The shock was distinctly felt from one end of James Valley to the other, a distance of twenty-five miles.

Practice Games for Texas.

Shreveport: A Texas trip, carrying with it seventeen practice games has been arranged for the Shreveport ball team. The following are the dates for the trip: Dallas, March 31, April 1 and 2; Fort Worth, April 3 and 4; Austin, April 5 and 6; San Antonio, April 7, 8 and 9; Houston, April 10 and 11; Galveston, April 12 and 13; Beaumont, April 14, 15 and 16.

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AS TO "BOOK FARMING."

Beville Bee: The cotton growers who wield the pen more often than they guide the plow have been in session at New Orleans this week. While nothing is accomplished by these conventions, no particular harm is done. Farmers generally trust to luck and the Lord rather than to the admonitions of the professional agriculturists.

The farmer who depends wholly upon luck and the Lord is in danger. Luck is nearly always against the man who does not take experience and common sense into his calculations, and the Lord defends those who manifest a disposition to defend themselves. The successful farmer plows as well as prays, and he must also read and think and grow in knowledge just as he plants and hoes and reaps his crops. The men who composed the convention referred to are men who have fought their several ways up from the plow beam. It was once a common practice to have fun with the "book farmers" and the experimenters in agriculture, but the day has passed, happily, when brains and business methods are considered out of place on the farm. Let us trust nothing to luck and our souls to the Lord. God offers spiritual salvation to those who deserve it and seek it, but He does not promise physical sustenance to those without enterprise enough to win it for themselves through the agencies He provides.—Dallas News.

The News has the broad and the sensible view of the matter.

As a rule those who have not gotten over their narrow prejudice against the "book farmer" and the experimenter are back numbers, or if they are fairly successful it is because of improved methods they are practicing which have come to them in a second hand and round about way as the result of the investigations of scientists and the experiments of intelligent and progressive farmers who have given the information as to their discoveries and demonstrations to the press for the general good. Many are using such information without a thought as to the source from which it came and are at the same time sneering at "book farming" and scientific investigation. Such men have used their opportunities to read and exercise their brains too little to learn that ninety-nine out of every hundred of the improved varieties of field crop, fruits and vegetables have resulted from years of study of plant growth, hybridization and intelligent selection of the fittest by men who have made such work a specialty, and that all of the successful methods of treating insect pests, plant and animal diseases, etc., have been discovered by men of scientific education. The work of these experimenters and scientists has been published in book form and in the newspapers for the information of all.

It is true that much of such information is not susceptible of universal application as a whole. What is needed in the individual is sufficient general information and intelligence to be able to assimilate and adapt such information to his own surroundings of soil and climatic conditions.

LAW TO TURN CRIMINALS LOOSE
The state senate has passed a bill to exclude or prevent the use of confessions of persons accused of crime from being used as evidence on trial of the case, unless the confession was reduced to writing and signed at the time it was made. The bill has gone to the house and is being favorably considered.

It seems to the FREE PRESS that no more dangerous law, none better calculated to turn criminals loose, could be enacted. In scores of cases a few words

spoken to a sheriff or other officer making an arrest, while the person arrested is under excitement and before he has had time to concoct a plausible story, throws such light on the case and serves to so connect disjointed facts and circumstances as to bring about conviction that could not have been reached without the admission of the confession to the jury. The majority of such confessions are made under circumstances which will not permit of them being reduced to writing, or, if they were, and the party were called upon to sign them, he would upon a little reflection decline to do so.

The principal reasons given for the enactment of such a law is that sheriffs, deputies and other peace officers when permitted to testify as to oral confessions have it in their power to fabricate confessions and swear—perjure—away the lives or liberties of accused persons. Of course a sheriff may now and then be found who would do such a thing, but it must be a rare case, far more rare than the cases in which criminals are acquitted on the perjured evidence of secret accomplices or sympathizers. Men to be elected as sheriffs or other officers are usually selected for their good character and probity and it seems to us a very severe reflection upon the integrity and veracity of a set of men who must at least be as reliable as the average of the country when we solemnly enact a law to refuse their testimony on the ground that the little pecuniary or other interest they have in convictions will influence them to falsely swear away men's lives or liberty.

We can see nothing but a grave mistake in the enactment of this proposed law.

Plant trees and ornament your home.

Arbor day is coming, let every body plant a few trees.

Why do not the farmers on the prairie sow their fence rows down in mesquite?

The Hackberry will grow any where in Haskell county, and it can be successfully transplanted.

Have some of the lawyers in the senate got clients whose lives or liberty depend upon the proof of confessions made by them?

Mr. J. Z. Wheat, a saloon-keeper of Fort Worth in reply to a question by Mr. Blanton, the author of the pure food bill now before the legislature said that it would not be advisable to amend the bill so as to require pure beer and liquors, because, he said it would practically amount to prohibition. That it would be impossible for dealers to procure the pure stuff. Outside brewers oppose the amendment because it would be impractical to inspect bottle beer.

Helpful Reading

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of The Semi-Weekly News to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

The Farmers' Department

Has helped many. It is not the theory of farming written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't fit Texas. It is the actual experience of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

Special Offer

If you are not taking The Free Press you should be. It is helpful to the best interests of your town and county. For \$1.75, cash in advance, we will mail you The Free Press and The Galveston or The Dallas Semi-Weekly News for twelve months. The News stops when your time is out.

AGAINST DEALING IN FUTURES.

A Washington dispatch says that in response to the request of the recent convention of southern cotton planters held at New Orleans, Senator Clay of Georgia today introduced a bill to prohibit dealing in options and futures, in raw or unmanufactured cottons, wheat, corn, oats, rice, barley, flour, pork, lard and bacon.

The bill defines operations in futures, declares them to be obstructions and a restraint upon commerce and provides that anybody a party to any option or future contracts, as defined, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$1,000 and in addition shall be imprisoned not less than one, nor more than three years.

The bill prohibits the use of the mails to any person or persons, corporation or corporations, for the purpose of entering into or carrying out of any contract known as options on futures as described, and such is declared a misdemeanor with the same punishment as provided above.

We believe there can be no doubt that such a law properly enforced would have a very wholesome effect on the morals of the country at large as well as protect the producers and bona fide dealers in staple products.

Dealing in futures produces artificial conditions of the market and causes constant fluctuations in prices against which it is nearly if not quite impossible for the small inland dealers and producers to protect themselves. It is clearly a species of gambling, a betting on the rise or fall of the market, and the glittering prospectuses and circular letters with which the country is frequently flooded by commission brokers, etc., rob the unwary and the uninitiated of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

We think Mr. Clay's bill or something similar to it should be enacted into law.

Haskell county collected 928 poll taxes in 1905 against 890 in 1904, which speaks well for Haskell, showing progress and patriotism both. However, 239 more were assessed than were paid, but Taylor county did not come up to that per cent. by a whole lot.—Merkel Mail.

We notice from reports from many counties and cities through out the state that fewer polls were paid for 1905 than were paid for 1904. We presume that the fact that there is to be no general election this year accounts for the shortage. But there will be various special elections in which every citizen should take part, such as local option elections, school tax elections, stock law elections, elections to incorporate towns for municipal or school purposes, elections to authorize issuance of bonds, etc., etc., and many of those who failed to pay their poll tax may have cause to regret it.

A VALENTINE PARTY.

On Tuesday evening at 8:30 Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Neathery, whose residence is a mile or so south of town, opened the doors of their commodious and hospitable home to the young people of Haskell, with their son and daughters, Mr. Orphie and Misses Fay and Vera as host and hostesses. Those who had the pleasure of attending were: Mr. Roy Cummings and Miss Jessamy Ellis, Mr. Willis Buchanan and Miss Maggie Pierson, Mr. Thomas Sowell and Miss Elsie McConnell, Mr. Walter Hicks and Miss Mable Wyma, Mr. Ross Hemphill and Miss Geneva McWhirter, Mr. Caleb Terrell and Miss Kate Lemmon, Mr. Jack Simmons and Miss Docia Winn, Mr. Chester Neathery and Miss Hattie Wilfong, Mr. Neal Bowie and sister, Miss Jimmie. Mr. Lou Post being an unlucky fellow took his dog along for company.

When the crowd had all gathered the girls were invited into the dining room and their profiles sketched on paper. The boys were then called in and these "pictures" were exhibited one at a time and the first one to guess whom the picture represented took her as his talking partner for a time. Soon the partners were changed by passing a card to each boy with a girl's name on it and one to a girl with a boys name on it. These cards also had drawn on them a picture of the persons whose names they bore and each one was requested to write on the reverse side a description of the boy or girl, as the case might be. Needless to add, some descriptions were ridiculous and amusing and provoked no little laughter, but of course it was all taken in good humor, as was intended, and each one sought his or her partner and exchanged cards.

After some other amusements and a merry all around chat the crowd dispersed at 11:30 to their respective homes, having had a delightful time and voting Mr. Orphie and Misses Fay and Vera most pleasant entertainers. ONE OF 'EM.

TO MY FRIENDS, CUSTOMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

I am receiving large shipments of General Merchandise, consisting of full lines of

STAPLE DRY GOODS! NOTIONS OF ALL KINDS! BOOTS, SHOES AND HATS!

Gents' Furnishing Goods and Suits!

MILLINERY! Ladies' Skirts! MEN'S OVERCOATS! TRUNKS! VALISES, ETC.

— AND A BIG LINE OF —

Rubber and Duck Goods!

Which are just the things for the cotton picking season and heavy work generally.

NOW AS TO MY

GROCERY DEPARTMENT!

I have to say that I intend to keep one of the best and freshest stocks that will be found in Haskell. In the matter of prices

LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE

For I will GUARANTEE ANY PRICES you can get ANY PLACE—including Stamford. In other words, will say that I intend to

CUT AND SLASH PRICES ALL TO PIECES!

So do not go to Stamford and say you bought there because they were cheaper than Haskell until you get MY PRICES. I run my own teams, haul my own goods, have no city taxes, rents, or anything of this kind to pay. SEE!

LOOK OUT FOR TROUBLE! Yours for business,

T. G. CARNEY.

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Singing, Dancing, Magic,
Moving Pictures, Illustrated Songs,
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PRICES 10, 20 and 30 CENTS.

A Solid Week of Play and Fun.
Nothing to Offend the Morals of Any Person.

It is stated that the negotiations have been completed for the establishment of a large wholesale paint manufactory at Dallas.

"An Act to Provide for the Turning Loose of Criminals" would be a proper title for the senate bill to exclude proof of oral confessions.

START RIGHT

By buying your grocery supplies of

Williams

The "Tell The Truth Grocer"

I have found that it pays to keep the best and freshest groceries. I might buy some thing one-fourth of a cent to a cent cheaper per pound by buying in large quantities, but I prefer to buy in smaller quantities, buy oftener and thus keep my stock fresh and sweet, because I find that my customers appreciate such goods. I probably make a little smaller profit on this plan, as I sell as cheap and sometimes cheaper than the other fellow, but I will sell more and more as the people become acquainted with my method.

I now call your attention to my complete line of

Staple Groceries

and my well selected assortment of

Pickles, Sauces and Flavoring Extracts.

Fancy Cakes and Crackers, Fruits, Candies and Nuts.

Fresh Mackerel

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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

We have the best

JOB OFFICE

- in -
West Texas.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Mr. A. P. McLemore was here yesterday.

Miss Lee of Stonewall county is visiting Mrs. R. E. Sherrill.

Red Rust-proof Seed Oats at Keister's.

Have your horses shod at Stuart's.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pierson on Thursday evening.

Mr. M. R. Hemphill has sold his blacksmith shop to Mr. J. B. Furnace late of Bell county.

Mr. T. G. Carney made a business trip to Fort Worth and other eastern points this week.

Mr. W. T. Hudson made a shipment of beef cattle to Fort Worth this week.

We have some houses and lots in Haskell for sale. Sanders & Wilson.

Mr. S. S. Cummings went to Fort Worth this week with a shipment of beef cattle.

License to wed have been issued to Mr. M. A. Taylor and Miss Nina Nixon.

2000 bundles of sorghum for sale, W. H. Parsons. 7-2t

Messrs. G. M. Clayton and J. M. Williams favored us Thursday with a cash renewal for the paper for another year.

Mr. K. D. Simmons was in the county capital Thursday and dropped in another installment on subscription.

Messrs. T. L. Green, C. C. Smith and S. M. Singleton are new subscribers to the FREE PRESS this week.

Hot baths, warm room, keen razors and clean towels at W. H. Parsons' Tonsorial Parlor.

Misses Bessie and Allie Gossett of Seymour visited Mrs. J. L. Jones and other Haskell friends during the past week.

Fresh groceries always at the Blue Front grocery store, east side of square. J. B. Haah.

Mrs. E. J. Hunt left Wednesday for the Eastern dry goods markets to lay in a big stock of spring dry goods.

I can let you have all the money you want on land. T. G. Carney.

Our line of shoes are in. If you need a comfortable pair of shoes, call on us. C. M. Hunt & Co.

Mr. D. W. Fields, the boss corn farmer of the Marcy neighborhood, was in the city Thursday.

See us before you buy your groceries; we think we can save you money. Our stock will be full and complete at all times. W. W. Fields & Bro.

If you want to trade for a young thoroughbred Kentucky jack, see me in Stamford. B. M. Durrett. 7-2t

We are requested to state that the Methodist quarterly conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25 and 26th.

Singers, dancers, musicians and comedians will make fun for you every night next week, at the court house—Brazilian Novelty Co.

Mr. J. C. Holt, one of our new citizens from Coryell county, had his name enrolled on our subscription list the other day.

Mr. W. B. Tucker of Louisiana, who purchased Mr. Ed Carter's residence some time ago, has moved in with his family.

Mr. W. E. Sherrill as organizer and Messrs. Albert English and Henry Alexander as assistants, went to Throckmorton Thursday to organize a lodge of Knights of Pythias.

The tricks and illusions to be shown by Prof. Edington and wife, with the Brazilian Novelty Co., are startling eye-openers which you will wonder over and talk about for weeks to come.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Darrow, who reside four or five miles out on the Rayner road, received a valentine on Tuesday. It was a girl baby.

Dr. E. V. Zollars, president of the Texas Christian university, will lecture at the court house in Haskell on the 25th instant. His subject will be "The Making of Men."

Marriage license was issued Monday to Mr. G. F. Stubbs and Miss Minnie May McKee of the Marcy neighborhood.

The Keister Grocery Co. have just received another car load of Red Rust-proof Seed Oats, represented to be clear of Johnson grass.

Mr. Jud Roberson of the northwest part of the county was in town Thursday and said that cattle had stood the cold weather remarkably well.

FOR RENT—65 acres of land 3 miles from Haskell and a place 9 miles east of Haskell. Apply at this office.

Mr. W. A. Earnest of Munday is in Haskell and will remain for some time superintending the construction of the public school building.

Mr. Sam Pierson has moved out to the Pierson farm on the Stamford road, where he will try to "make two blades of grass grow where formerly only one grew," or words to that effect.

Judge A. N. Kirby of Abilene was in Haskell several days this week. The Judge is being favorably mentioned in several quarters as a candidate at the next election to succeed Judge Stephens on the Fort Worth court of appeals, whose term expires in 1906.

If you would enjoy an evening of laughter, song and story, attend a performance by the Brazilian Novelty Co., any night next week.

It takes money to run a shop. If you owe me treat me right and pay me. When you needed work and had no money, I accomodated you, now it is your time, so pay me what you owe me. B. Stuart.

Mr. R. B. Williams was in the city Wednesday and cashed up for the FREE PRESS another year. He said that while he was not a great reader himself his wife and the children couldn't do without the county paper.

We have plenty of money to loan. If you need it, come and see us. West Texas Development Co.

Mrs. H. S. Wilson has ordered the FREE PRESS sent to her grandmother, Mrs. Julia Reynolds, in Kentucky.

I have for sale fifteen pigs from six to ten weeks old, Berkshire and Poland China cross. Eight miles northwest of Haskell on Marcy road. J. R. Johnson.

Mr. J. A. Graham, who was in from the Marcy neighborhood Thursday, said the weather had been so cold lately that it had stopped farm work and about everything else in his section.

Mr. Bud Jones of Stonewall county was over trading with Haskell merchants Thursday—which shows that he don't mind travelling a few extra miles to find good goods and low prices.

In his new gallery with properly arranged lights and accessories, Adams can turn out as fine photographs as the city artists, and he does it for less money.

We have 75 acres of fine land on the north edge of Wild Horse prairie for sale cheap. Sanders & Wilson. 4 tf

Revs. J. T. Nicholson and J. H. Shepard are new subscribers on our list, by which token we are constrained to say that they are discriminating men—know a good thing when they see it—and good preachers.

"Some Things Essential to Success" will be the theme for consideration at both the morning and evening services at the Christian church Sunday. You are cordially invited to attend. J. H. Shepard, Pastor.

General plow work done for cash by B. Stuart the blacksmith.

If you are going to have to buy feed in any quantity, be sure to see us before buying. We will carry a full line of feed stuffs and make you very close prices. W. W. Fields & Bro.

Mr. W. O. McCada and Miss Mary Stacker came to town last Saturday, 11th instant, and were married, Justice J. T. Knowles performing the ceremony that made them man and wife. The FREE PRESS extends best wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

Mr. J. M. McCarty while returning from Haskell to his place in the eastern part of Stonewall county during the cold snap about ten days ago had one of his hands and one foot frozen. It is reported here that he will probably have to have his foot amputated and may lose some of his fingers on the frozen hand.

For sale cheap! Two good farms in the northeast part of Haskell county, near Ample. Who wants them? Sanders & Wilson.

The Brazilian Novelty Co. carry one of Edison's latest improved moving picture machines with which they feature many of their songs and acts, showing persons and scenes in animated motion as natural as life.

The weather having moderated sufficiently, contractor Dodson put his force of hands to work on the school building Wednesday. It is hoped that we will have no more weather to seriously interfere with the work, as the building is badly needed.

Another blizzard came upon us last Saturday afternoon and the temperature fell to zero Saturday and Sunday nights and did not rise above six degrees during Sunday, making it the coldest day experienced here for several years. The weather moderated and became pleasant by the middle of the week, but Friday evening it is turning colder and snowing again. Very little damage to cattle so far, but the present turn of the weather is making stockmen nervous.

I have for sale 45 acres of land with good timber on it, 10 miles north of Haskell. Who wants it? P. D. Sanders.

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I. O. O. F.—Haskell Lodge, No. 525.
ED. ELLIS, N. G.
M. E. PARK, V. G.
WALTER MEADORS, Sec'y
Lodge meets every Thursday night.

W. W. FIELDS & BRO.
Elmwood Camp No. 24.
T. B. Russell, Com. Com.
Joe Irby, Clerk.
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
Visiting sovereigns invited.

Rush Mitchell of the Lone Wolf alias the Badger, has filed his bond as a liquor dealer and it has been approved by the county Judge.

Mr. J. D. Stodghill, one of the progressive farmers of the Paint Creek neighborhood, was doing business in town Thursday.

To the lawyers and land agents: The FREE PRESS has in stock four forms of vendors lien notes, warranty deeds, deeds of trust, chattel mortgages, rental contracts, releases of vendors lien, promissory notes, etc. Prices same as in St. Louis or Dallas.

Sheriff Collins and Constable Debarb attended court at Coleman the early part of this week on official business. We learned from them that while they were there Elmer Tollett, well known here, was convicted of horse theft and given a term of two years in the penitentiary.

The old year is gone and the new year is here. Those I worked for last year ought to come in and pay up their accounts. B. Stuart.

Subscribe for the FREE PRESS, \$1. Adams can now make you as perfect and well finished photographs as you can get in any city gallery.

Lost Horse.

One dark bay pony horse about 14 or 15 hands, 8 years old, white spot in forehead, heavy mane and tail. Branded C on jaw and A on shoulder. Last seen on 4th of November about 8 miles east of Haskell on the Throckmorton road. A liberal reward will be paid for the return of this pony.
C. L. TERRELL.

What are They?
Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. A new remedy for stomach troubles, biliousness, and constipation, and a good one. Price 25 cents. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

JANUARY SALE

of

Winter Goods

Our January sale this year consists of an unusually large variety of choice winter goods which we have put at ridiculously low prices—prices that must induce you to buy if you need any thing in the line.

The following prices will give you an idea of the general range of reductions:

Outing Flannels that were 8 1-3 cents, NOW - - 5 cts.
do do do do 10 do do - - 7 cts.
do do do do 12 1-2 do do 8 1-3 cts.
do do do do 15 cents, do - - 10 cts.

All Fleece Lined Goods at proportionate reductions.

Broadcloth worth \$1.25, we are closing out at 85 cts. a yard.
All Winter Dress Goods are going regardless of cost.
Our Blankets will be closed out at losing prices to us—your gain.
OVERCOATS—well, you never had such an opportunity to get one so cheap.

Winter Clothing

We also have a few suits of good winter weight clothing that are on the list at very low cut prices.

Now is the time to make or save yourself some money and see us lose.

REMEMBER

It is our plan to clear out each season's goods so that we can put in a full brand new stock for the next season, and we are going to make a clean sweep of it this time if low prices will do it. Then look out for our spring stock in due time.

Alexander Mercantile Company.

Battle Creek Sanitarium.

Battle Creek! What memories that name conjures up—memories of other days—even the pioneer days, when the redmen of the northern lake region bent the bow and smeared their faces with keel-braided their flowing locks with feathers of the porcupine and wild eagle, that they might appear more wild, if possible, than before. And as they painted the cheeks and braided the hair, the squaw-women sharpened the flint arrow heads and shaped new bows, that their lords might do battle to the death with other redmen.

And here at Battle Creek, one day in Michigan, a great battle way up did occur, and when it was over, and the sun kissed the range to the far west, the tom-toms were muffled and the squaw-women wrapped their heads in varicolored blankets and wept, for with the going down of the sun, many brave passed to the proverbial happy hunting grounds.

But that was many, many moons ago, as the Indians measure time, and a new era has long since dawned. True, it is "Battle Creek" to-day, just as it was decades ago, but, instead of the cry of the savage, is heard the hum of industry; the throb of life, the greeting of men and women of the Anglo-Saxon race—the shouts of happy boys and girls, who know of Battle Creek's former history only by tradition. And here on the site of the famous battle between the redmen stands now one of the fairest cities of the great Northwest; a city sought out among thousands, for in it dwell, month after month, as the years come and go, men and women who find within the charmed circle that which they have long sought elsewhere—health.

When one speaks of health, the mind naturally wings itself to Battle Creek, for up there health is to be found as at few other places on earth.

Forty years ago there began in Battle Creek a return to nature movement, with purposes and principles in many respects similar to those which led to the famous "Brook Farm Experiment" twenty years before and to the Grahamite movement of that period. This movement, while religious, was avowedly non-sectarian, and was in a broad sense philanthropic, altruistic and reformatory. The immediate results were the establishment of a monthly journal now known as Good Health and shortly afterwards the erection of a health institution called "The Health Reform Institute." The chief features of the institute at this early period were diet reform, dress reform and the use of water as a curative agent.

In 1876 the present management took charge of the institution and with the consent and co-operation of the Board of Directors (the institution having been incorporated ten years before), a thorough reorganization was effected. Broader plans were introduced, the methods of treatment were placed upon a substantial and thoroughly scientific foundation, and the name was changed to the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Since this time the growth of the institution has been constant and rapid.

From year to year accommodations for patients and facilities for treatments were enlarged to meet the increasing patronage until February, 1902, when a great fire swept away the two principal buildings of the establishment. The erection of a new building was speedily begun, and the following year, May 31, 1902, the present fireproof main building, erected at a cost of more than \$200,000, was dedicated. The cost of the entire establishment, including equipment, twenty dormitories, cottages and other buildings has amounted to more than \$1,200,000.

The Battle Creek Sanitarium as it stands to-day is recognized the world over as the most complete and thoroughly equipped establishment of its sort and the headquarters for physiologic therapeutics or natural methods.

Connected with the Sanitarium is a Training School for Nurses, in which from two to three hundred nurses are constantly under training.

These principles and methods have penetrated to the remotest parts of the civilized world, and scores of men and women who have been trained in these methods are devoting their lives to medical missionary work in heathen lands.

The Battle Creek Sanitarium may be regarded as an epitome of the "return-to-nature" idea in practical operation. Its success in the restoration of sick people to health brings to it annually many thousands of men and women, many of whom have been pronounced incurable, but who, nevertheless, with rare exceptions, return a few months later to their homes prepared to enter again upon the battle of life.

There are many sanitariums in the world, but few, if any, that are conducted on the same plane as that at Battle Creek. This haven of rest and health is in no sense a money-making scheme, and every cent that is made from patients who are able to pay for their accommodations is used to help those who have nothing but broken health. All over this country, and even beyond the seas, branch institutions are springing up—branches from the mother plant at Battle Creek. One point in view is down on State street, in the center of the metropolis of the Middle West, Chicago, where hundreds of the city's poor are cared for as tenderly as if in the parent institution at Battle Creek.

In a few brief paragraphs one can tell but little of the good work of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, but a postal card will bring pamphlets that will tell all—except the knowledge obtained by actual experience, and that experience must be had at Battle

Creek to be appreciated to its full worth.

This institution at Battle Creek was not built up in a day—it took years of toil to reach the perfected state, and the work has but begun—the great work is to come from rising generations who are imbuing ideas from the Battle Creek Lome, and what it stands for.

For Three Decades.

For more than three decades the present institution has been the center of a wonderful educational, philanthropic and reform movement which has finally culminated in success undreamed of a few years ago, and in this connection a brief history is most opportune. In February, 1902, the two main buildings of the Sanitarium were destroyed by fire. For a short time the days were dark for those who had worked so hard to build it up. But strong hearts are not to be awed by misfortune, and a new building sprang from the ashes upon the old site.

The dedication took place May 31 and June 1, 1902. An elaborate program was carried out and many men of national reputation made speeches and highly complimented the managers and their co-workers on their good work. Invitations were sent to all patients, rich and poor, who had ever been at the Sanitarium. Many responded in person, and hundreds sent letters of regret.

One of the prettiest sights in connection with the whole event was the procession of nurses and matrons which formed on the college grounds, opposite the new Sanitarium building, and marched through the audience to reserved seats at the right and left of the speakers' stand. The matrons in their usual cream white uniform, the nurses in blue and white, and the gentlemen nurses clad in new white-duck suits presented a sight which moved the audience to one simultaneous burst of applause.

Sanitary Ideas.

As before stated there are many sanitariums in the world, but none just like that at Battle Creek, it being the first of the kind, so far as known, where an attempt has been made, and crowned with success, to bring together in one place and under one management all rational healing agencies, giving special prominence to those physiological or natural healing agents the scientific knowledge of which has been chiefly developed within the last century, especially hydropathy, electrotherapy, massage, exercise, diet, sunlight, mental and moral influences, rest, and general health culture.

Of course the first thing to be taken into consideration was the construction of the building to be occupied, for much depended upon that. But after it had been discussed pro and con a plan entirely satisfactory was adopted and the structure to-day plays no small part in the healing process that goes on from day to day at Battle Creek.

A Return to Nature Movement.

The philosophy of the Battle Creek Sanitarium may be defined as the return-to-nature idea. The doctors teach the use of natural foods, natural life, the use of natural agents in the treatment of disease. A great amount of attention is given to dietetics. Fruits, nuts and nut preparations, cereal foods and easily digestible vegetables are the basis for the delicious menus which are daily served in the great Sanitarium dining room, at which sit down hundreds of intelligent men and women from all parts of the United States and even from foreign countries. Milk, eggs and other dairy products are also freely used. Great care is taken to provide the very best and choicest of everything edible, of which the physicians approve.

During the year which has just closed a vast amount of these things were required to provide for the army of patients who visited the sanitarium, for several thousand sufferers housed there during the twelve months of 1904. As to the expense for the past year it was considerable, amounting to a total of \$327,159.99, divided as follows: Nut foods, 59 tons, \$26,768.80; cereal foods, 101,994 pounds, \$9,521.19; bread, 65,026 pounds, \$2,657.43; canned goods, 2,699 cases, \$10,504.65; fruit juices, etc., made on the place, 11,430 gallons, \$2,039.50; fresh fruit, 5,763 bushels, \$10,203.46; vegetables, 5,137 bushels, \$3,695.20; sundry grocery items, 41,558 pounds, \$3,396.38; eggs, 25,301 dozen, \$6,789.45; butter, made on the place, 29,961 pounds, \$5,951.59; cream, 68,678 quarts, \$10,323.79; milk, 57,366 quarts, \$1,692.45; coal, 5,714 tons, \$20,000.00; labor, \$213,553.53; total, \$327,159.99.

The amount of charity dispensed during the past ten years at this sanitarium amounted to \$585,610. To care for the patients an average of 725 men and women were employed during each year, and an average of 559 patients are under treatment at this sanitarium every day in the year.

We have given our readers only a brief glance at the workings of this unique establishment. Another article would be required to give something of the details of the daily routine of a guest at the Sanitarium, and of the methods which have given to this institution its world-wide reputation as a Mecca for sick folks.

Must Marry to Get Prize.

An artillery volunteer won recently at a shooting match at Blackpool, England, a prize consisting of a wedding ring, gratuitous marriage ceremony, a wedding equipage, a polished cradle, and a bassinét. But he must marry within twelve months to get the prize.

WAS CURED RAPIDLY

RHEUMATISM IN TWO SEVERE CASES MASTERED IN FEW WEEKS.

The Remedy Used by Mr. Schroepfel and by Captain Lalfour in Great Demand in Vicinity of Their Homes.

In the winter of 1902-3 Mr. Schroepfel was confined to his bed by a severe attack of rheumatism. His doctor's treatment proved unsuccessful, but he subsequently regained his health by means which he describes with great enthusiasm.

"After five or six weeks of helplessness and pain," said he, "during which I was receiving regular visits from the doctor, I felt as bad as ever. Just then my mother, a woman eighty years of age, paid me a visit. She had received great benefit from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and she was confident they would help me. At her solicitation I gave up the doctor's treatment and took the pills in its place."

"And were you cured as the result of taking her advice?"

"Yes, quickly and thoroughly. Before the second box was finished I felt very manifest improvement, and within two weeks I was able to leave my bed and take up my neglected farm work. I continued to use the pills, however, until eight boxes had been taken, although long before that I felt that every vestige of the disease had been eradicated."

"Are there no traces left?"

"Absolutely none. For a year and three months there has never been the slightest return of the old trouble. For this happy result I and my family freely praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Within the bounds of Chino township, St. Clair county, Mich., there is no better known farmer than Mr. Henry Schroepfel. His cure has therefore naturally attracted a great deal of attention. One of Mr. Schroepfel's neighbors, Captain George Balfour, after hearing of the salutary results in Mr. Schroepfel's case, decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for an attack of rheumatism from which he was himself suffering. He took eight or ten boxes and now declares himself free from the painful ailment.

It is little wonder that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are much in favor in the community where Mr. Schroepfel and Captain Balfour are so well and favorably known. They are sold by all druggists and are equally successful in curing neuralgia, sciatica and partial paralysis.

Medical science has developed to such a point that when we view the dangers said to beset us on every side we can not understand how anybody ever lived.

The shorter a man is or brains the longer he is on collars.

Insist on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

Time improves everything but women; they, of course, have been perfect from the beginning.

A Father's Worry.

Your poor worried wife losing sleep night after night nursing the little one suffering from that night fever for children and horror to parents, Croup, should have a bottle of Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein, an undoubted croup preventive and cure for coughs, colds and consumption.

At druggists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

Ise heard ob howlin' successses, but I think er suck-aig daug is er howlin' failyer.

Twice-Told Tales.

Some tales never lose in the telling, and the tale of good that Dr. Caldwell's (Laxative) Syrup Pepsin will, and does do, to all poor, dyspeptic, bilious sufferers, is one of them. It positively relieves and cures all forms of indigestion, starts up the languid liver, regulates the constipated bowels, and restores the entire system to a perfect condition of health. Try it. Sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00. Money back if it fails.

The lobster salad resembles the poor; not "always with us," but still with us quite a while.



Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in ½-pound packages, and the price is the same, 19 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

To a man it is exceedingly difficult to give anything like an accurate description of a woman.

I. & G. N. Railroad.

Two fast trains daily after January 8th, between Texas and Mexico; 3½ hours (1½ days) San Antonio to Mexico City via I. & G. N. R. H., Larado & National R. R. of Mexico; 302 miles shortest, 15 hours and 20 minutes quickest. Correspondingly as quick from all Texas points via I. & G. N. New fast service between Dallas, Ft. Worth, Austin and San Antonio, after January 8th. Ask agents, or write D. J. Price, Gen'l Pass. & Ticket Agent; I. & G. N. R. Co., 201 Vice-Pres. & Gen'l Mgr., Palestine Texas.

Truth

They came with their dusty tomes. Scholar and priest and sage; They searched from dawn to dawn In the writings of every age.

If haply by pain and toil They might limit man's faith, define The bound between dark and light, Might fix it by rule and line.

Came by a dreamer of dreams Hand in hand with a child; A paper fluttered and fell, And the dreamer stooped and smiled.

And smiling, fashioned a ball From the scroll of the doctors gray, And tossed it down to the child— Who lost it, they say, at play. —Jesse, Billie Gillespie, "The Eastward Road."

On the Forward Deck

BY DAVID A. PLATT

They sat on the forward deck of a big Ohio river steamboat. He was a distinguished-looking man of the world. She was a pretty little thing in the full bloom of womanhood, with fluffly golden hair, deep blue eyes and a pearl-and-ruby combination of teeth and lips. The deck about them was deserted save for a tall, bronzed, bearded man, who sat several yards away, smoking absently and gazing thoughtfully out across the water. The man was watching her with his heart in his eyes. Presently he spoke.

"Millie," he said, wistfully, "are you going to keep me waiting much longer?"

The eyes she turned upon him were filled with compassion.

"I know you have been good and kind and patient with me, Ned," she said. "But I cannot say what you would like—just yet."

"I have everything that you could desire, and I could make you as happy as the day is long if only you would let me try, dear," he said, pleadingly. "Tell me, what is it—what mystery stands between us and happiness? I think you owe me that much."

She was silent for a time.

"I suppose I should tell you," she said at last, with a shadow of pain on her face. "It is right that you should know. It is a long story, but I could condense it into three words: There is another!"

The man's face went white, but when he answered his voice was firm.

"Go on," he said, simply.

"It was a long time ago," she began, reminiscently. "He was a college man, home on vacation. I was a school girl, and full of romance. We met at a lawn fete. Our meeting was quite conventional, but he was so big and strong and manly that I grew to—to care for him as much as he said he cared for me, and I promised to be his wife some day. We were together a great deal, and when he went away something seemed to have passed out of my life—you understand?"

The man nodded silently.

"We corresponded regularly, and built up a grand mansion of hope for a happy future together. But you understand all that, too. We were to be married when he had graduated and been admitted into partnership with his father. Then, one day, there came a letter—the last I ever received from him. I have it yet." Her voice broke a little. "His father, he said, had met with disastrous financial reverses, and would have to begin all over again. It would be hard, too—he was so old. But he was brave. He said he would never give me up. He would win for himself a name and a place in the world that I



She obeyed, and then—

years ago I met you, and—I tried to forget. But I could not. We can never be more to each other than the dearest of friends until I know that he is—dead—or—false!"

When she turned her eyes to the water again the man saw that a tear gleamed upon her cheek.

A potent silence fell between them. The dusk fell softly and the peace of the Sabbath night descended like a benediction. They could hear, with softened distinctness, the merry voices and happy laughter of children enjoying the cool of the waterside, the air was so dry and clear—and heard the barking of faithful watchdogs in dooryards near and far. Bright lights started into twinkling life on either shore. The incense from fields of growing grain floated to them across the water. The chug, chug of the paddle wheels, the insistent tinkle of the pilot bell and the asthmatic wheeze from the exhaust pipes were about the only sounds on board that rose above the drowsy voice murmur as the boat throbbed on.

The woman was weeping softly now. The man leaned toward her.

"Millie," he said, pityingly, "give up this—this memory. If he is not dead, he is—he wishes to forget you." His voice caught some of the subtle spell of the night. "Come, little one, let me lead you into happiness?"

She controlled herself with an effort.

"I cannot—I cannot!" she sobbed. "Leave me, please. I cannot bear to listen to you—now!"

He regarded her compassionately for a moment, then walked away with bowed head.

The big, bearded man came to her out of the shadows near the port rail, and laid his hand tenderly upon her bowed head.

"Millie," he said, and his voice was vibrant with happiness, "look up."

Like a startled, wondering child she obeyed, and then—

The other man, returning, saw and heard, and turned away with the gray shadow of despair in his eyes.



"Go on," he said, simply.

Wages Only Object.


"Lots of men are hunting easy berths," says a representative from Tennessee, "but multitudes of laboring men who are compelled to earn their bread by the perspiration of the frontal sinus ought to be able to appreciate the simple beauty of this advertisement, which appeared in a New Orleans paper:

"Employment—Steady work not so much an object as good wages."

"C. M. D."

As Bodily Nourishment

is one of life's necessities, so cuticle nourishment is essential to the health of the outer-skin.



WOODBURY'S FACIAL SOAP.

builds up and nourishes while cleaning. Its mission is curative, and lathering into a most effective shampoo, it forms a true scalp tonic. 25 cents A CAKE.

There may be a more delightful face balm than Woodbury's Facial Cream but try it before you decide.

INITIAL OFFER.

In case your dealer cannot supply you send us his name and we will send prepaid, to any address for \$1.00 the following toilet requisites.

1 Cake Woodbury's Facial Soap.	1 Tube " Facial Cream.
1 " " Dental Cream.	1 Box " Face Powder.

Together with our readable booklet Beauty's Masque, a careful treatise on the care of the "outer self."

Booklet free on application.

THE ANDREW JERGENS CO.,
CINCINNATI, O.

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THE GREAT SILK STOCKING AND HOSIERY SHOW AT THE GREAT EASTERN HOTEL, N.Y.

Valentine Stockings.

Announcement comes from the dry-goods district that Valentine hosiery is now on sale and is expected to divide favor with pocket stockings. A Fifth avenue shop, which makes a specialty of hosiery, is responsible for it. Besides the all-over X-ray designs and open-work instep-patterns, there are hand embroidered effects in white or black grounds. Hearts predominate in the designs. Some of the lace like thread kind have a variety of embroidered treatments in gold and assorted colors. "To My Own Fond Love" and "To My Valentine" are favorite sentences in the embroidery "treatments." The announcement says that silk Valentine hosiery sells over the counter at \$5 a pair.

Poisonous Fish.

In the rivers of some of the West Indian islands there abound fish which it would be deadly poison for Europeans to eat, but which the natives regard as a nourishing and enjoyable diet. In parts of New Zealand there grows a sort of orange which no one but a native can eat without becoming very ill, while two would probably poison the average European.

IT'S THE TERROR OF ALL WOMEN.

Backache Quickly Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. W. H. Ambrose tells how her pains vanished never to return when she used the Great American Kidney Remedy.

Dover, Ky., Feb. 13th.—(Special)—So long has Backache been the terror of the women of America that the numerous reports of the complete and permanent cures of this ailment now being made by Dodd's Kidney Pills are causing wide satisfaction and not the least remarkable of these cures is that of Mrs. W. H. Ambrose of this place. Mrs. Ambrose says:

"I had such pains in my back at times I could hardly move and other symptoms showed that my kidneys were affected. One box of Dodd's Kidney Pills drove away all the pains and I have never been troubled since."

Backache is the kidneys' first notice that they are out of order and need help. If they get that help in the form of Dodd's Kidney Pills all will be well. If they are neglected the disease may develop into Diabetes, Bright's Disease or Rheumatism.

A thing of beauty is usually out of style before most of us can afford to buy it.

By Any Name.

It's likely to happen to the poor or the rich.

To contract some skin ailment—don't call it the Itch.

But it cuts little ice as to name or location.

From incessant scratching they want a vacation.

Hunt's Cure gives it. One box guaranteed to cure any form of itching known.

When men congregate in front of a bar the swallows homeward fly.

I want ter warn all de young men ter bever ob de gal wot sleeps till her ma gits bre'kfast ready.

Cotton Belt Route.

"To be sure you are safe" ride on the Cotton Belt Route. Finest equipment and safest trains in Texas. Pullman sleeping, Parlor Cafe Cars, Reclining Chair Cars—seats free—throughout without change. All trains wide-vestibuled throughout. Only one night out from Ft. Worth, Dallas, Waco, Tyler, to Memphis, St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati. For full information regarding your trip, address D. M. Morgan, Traveling Passenger Agent, Ft. Worth, Texas; Gus H. over, Traveling Passenger Agent, Waco, Texas; J. F. Lehans, General Passenger Agent, Tyler, Tex.

A MAGIC VICTORY.

The most famous battle-grounds of the ages are human hearts, where thoughts are the only swords and purposes are the only spears, and tears are the only shots. Such a battle has been fought and won in Haskell. The treaty of peace was consummated last Sunday evening just as the clock of Time tolled the hour of seven. The question had been "popped;" the magic word "yes" had been spoken; the hour drew nigh; two hearts beat rapidly with excitement and anticipation and, perchance, the angels leaned over the battlements of heaven to view the scene, for Solomon says: "Whoso findeth a wife findeth favor of the Lord." The writer spoke the words that united in marriage two of the most popular young people of the town. Mr. Hollis Fields is a young man of sterling worth and nobility of character. Miss Maud Hunt possesses all the queenly graces of heart and mind that go to make a really great woman.

We bespeak for these two young people a happy and successful and prosperous voyage through life.

J. H. SHEPARD.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by All Druggists.

A negro constable at Beaumont was convicted of murder in the second degree, for killing a negro prisoner who attempted to escape while under arrest and, was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of fifteen years.

Perfect Confidence.

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Basford, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief." For sale by C. E. Terrell.

Would it be cruel to ask the Fort Worth Record if Judge Alton B. Parker is still taking his early morning baths in the Hudson?—Weatherford Herald.

Not a bit cruel. We've had it rubbed in till it doesn't hurt.—Fort Worth Record.

Health.

Means the ability to do a good day's work, without undue fatigue and to find life worth living. You cannot have indigestion or constipation without its upsetting the liver and polluting the blood. Such a condition may be best and quickest obtained by Herbine, the best liver regulator that the world has ever known. Mrs. D. W. Smith writes, April 3, 1902: "I use Herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and regulating the liver I ever used." Price 50 cts. Sold by I. P. Collier.

Wortham Journal: The Fort Worth Stockyards Company sent out a card that ought to encourage Texas people to raise all the hogs possible. The card reads like this: Number of hogs sold in Fort Worth in 1902, 150,500. Number of hogs sold in Fort Worth in 1904, 280,578. Packers at Fort Worth want in 1905, 1,500,000 hogs. Value of hogs bought in Fort Worth in 1904, \$2,650,000, of which \$2,880,000 went to the Territories. Value of hogs needed by packers in Ft. Worth in 1905, \$12,000,000.

Croup.

Begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, (the child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough, apply frequently Ballard's Snow Liniment to the throat.

Mrs. A. Vilet, New Castle, Colo., writes, March 19th, 1901: "I think Ballard's Horehound Syrup a wonderful remedy, and so pleasant." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by I. P. Collier.

Real Estate Transfers.

The records of the county clerk's office show the following transactions in real estate since our last report, up to Feb. 11:

H. & T. C. R. Co. to J. J. Rhodes, deed, conveying 211 acres of sec. 77, blk 1; consideration, \$899.75.

J. J. Rhodes to D. D. Cobb trustee,

deed of trust on above land to secure payment of four notes to H. & T. C. R'y. Co.

J. N. Ellis and wife to D. B. English, deed, conveys undivided half of subdivision 31 of sec. 20, blk. 1, H. & T. C. R'y. Co., also half interest in building on lot 9, blk. 25 town of Haskell; consideration, \$548.

Josiah B. Gathwright et al to R. E. Sherrill et al, deed, conveys lots 11 and 12, blk 25 town of Haskell; consideration \$450.

H. M. Truehart to W. R. Tandy, release of vendors lien on 640 acres of the John Husband survey; consideration, payment of four notes, amount not stated.

T. D. Cobb trustee to Sid Post, release of vendors lien on 600 acres of frac. sec. 11, blk 1, H. & T. C. R'y. Co.; consideration, payment of notes aggregating \$540.

N. W. Hickman to R. G. Patton, deed of trust on 160 acres, S. E. 1-4 of sec. 1, blk 2 H. & T. C. R'y. Co., to secure note for \$500.

A. C. Foster et al to F. P. Oleott, quit claim deed, conveys 32 acres out of N. W. cor. sur. 245 blk 45 H. & T. C. R'y. Co.; consideration \$135.70.

Mrs. E. J. Hunt et al to T. C. Anderson et al, deed, conveys lot 4, blk 23 town of Haskell; consideration \$1000.

Z. M. Marcy to J. J. Bragg, deed, conveys 160 acres, S. W. 1-4 sec. 3, blk 2, Washington county school land; consideration \$1760.

H. & T. C. R. Co. to J. J. Rhodes, deed, conveys 211 acres out of sur. 77, blk 1; consideration \$899.95.

G. W. Cox to J. E. Cloud, deed, conveys 24 1-2 acres of the J. J. Polivent sur.; consideration \$200.

Chas. S. Fisher to R. M. Hamby, deed of trust on 200 acres, subdivision 3 of sur. 62 Coryell county school land, to secure four notes for \$250 each.

Belton National Bank to Chas. S. Fisher, release of vendors lien on 547 acres of blk 4, sur. 62 Coryell county school land; consideration, payment of three notes for \$1000 each and one note for \$1500.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by All Druggists. Price 50c & \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

I wish to sell my residence and the residence where J. L. Robertson now lives, also three out-lots and three houses on the public square. I will also sell 600 acres of land four miles east of town. If you want a bargain, see me. T. G. Carney.

Texas senators appear to be determined to make some of the medicine entirely too bitter for the house to take it.—Palo Pinto Star.

Dr. Brown, of the New York board of health, suggests that all the idiots should be drowned.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c. at all drug stores.

True Democracy stands for the "simple life" in public service and leaves promoters, reformers and experimenters in paternalism, charities, benevolences and other good thing to enjoy themselves without espionage or interference on the part of the State.—Dallas News.

If we could never see another cut of the Thanks-giving gobbler, never see it written "X-mas" again, never hear "is it cold enough for you?" nor see any reference to that ground hog story—we would be glad of it.—Dallas News.

Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Tripiett, of Grigsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him permanent relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed, and he would not be without it. For sale by C. E. Terrell.

1500 students in St. Petersburg, refused to return to school until reforms were introduced and freedom of studies and from interference of the police was assured.

Are You Restless at Night.

And harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by I. P. Collier.

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ELLIS & ENGLISH, Proprietors.
West Side of the Square.
Your Patronage Solicited.
We Keep all Kinds of Fresh Meets Obtainable in Their Seasons.

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Saddles and Harness.
Full Stock on Hand. Work Promptly Executed.
Repairing done neatly and substantially. Prices reasonable and satisfaction with goods and work guaranteed.
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HASKELL SALOON
WILLIAMS & POGUE, Proprietors.
WILL SELL THE BEST BRANDS OF
Liquors, Wines and Brandies
AT POPULAR AND REASONABLE PRICES.
Double Stamped Sour Mash is a favorite brand of liquor. This whiskey is served over the bar every day.

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M. L. LYNCH, Proprietor.
FRESH MEATS
Of All Kinds at Reasonable Prices.
Special attention will be given to those who patronize the Restaurant. The choicest of things to eat will be served.

We wish to thank our friends and patrons for courtesies shown and for business given us during the past year. While we have not grown immensely rich, we have not done any free library stunts. We have n't become wealthy enough to keep a corral full of gasoline carts, but when we look back over 1904 we invariably open up a bundle of broad grins and our honest face gets full of glad wrinkles.
With reference to 1905, we are dying to say that we are on the ground with the goods, and suggest that for further information regarding our mission on earth, just stagger around our way and unroll your face to
Walter H. Cousins,
The Pioneer Pill Roller of - - MUNDAY, TEXAS.
Look at us, take our physic and be happy.

Adams' Art Studio
EAST SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE.
All the latest sizes, styles and tones in photographs will be produced. Also copying and enlarging.
OUT DOOR VIEW WORK TO ORDER.
E. L. ADAMS, Proprietor.

Itch—Ringworm.
E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes, April 25th, 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a malady known as the 'itch.' The itching was most unbearable; I had tried for years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the liniment on two separate occasions for ring worm and it cured completely. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle. Sold by I. P. Collier.

Pinkerton People Take Notice.
Messrs. W. L. Norton and W. A. Brown have entered into a partnership to do a mercantile business under the firm name of Norton & Brown and have engaged in the grocery business at Pinkerton.

They respectfully solicit the trade of the people of Pinkerton and surrounding country.
They are offering an entirely fresh stock of staple and fancy family groceries and will make prices as reasonable as can be had at any other place. Call in and see them.

THE NEW ROYAL SEWING MACHINE
High Grade Moderate Price
Recognizing the demand for a really reliable sewing machine at a moderate price, we have made an arrangement with the manufacturers of the **New Royal Sewing Machine** to handle their machines as special agents for the counties of Haskell and Knox
The Manufacturers of these machines claim that they are constructed on new models, of few parts, easy to understand and operate, highest grade materials throughout.
Latest Improvements: Such as self-setting needle, self-threading shuttle, tension release, automatic bobbin winder, double motion feed, spring shuttle carrier, making the machine light running and almost noiseless and making a beautiful, even stitch.
High Arm. The arm is high and long, admitting the bulkiest garments.
Full Set of Attachments. Each machine sold is supplied with complete set of latest improved attachments and a comprehensive instruction book.
Be Assured. This is not a cheap John machine made of pot metal, such as are sold by mail order houses, but is a thoroughly reliable up-to-date machine coming direct from the manufacturers and accompanied by a ten year guaranty.
Call at the **Haskell Racket Store** and see sample machines.
Powder Paint
In this paint we offer to the people a very cheap and very durable means of beautifying and preserving their buildings. This paint comes in the form of a fine dry powder of various colors and requires no oil, but is mixed in water only and is applied with a brush. It makes a hard, smooth surface, impervious to water and not affected by frost or heat. It is the easiest to apply and is the most durable and the cheapest paint on the market. We can refer you to numerous people in this community who have used it. Call and investigate if you have any notion of painting your buildings.
OUR GENERAL STOCK We invite your attention to our general stock of household and kitchen utilities. See our line of Queensware, Glassware, Tinware, Graniteware, Etc.
We are making prices on everything to suit the times.
YOURS FOR BUSINESS.
HASKELL RACKET STORE
W. H. WYMAN & CO., Proprs, - - Haskell, Texas.

TO THE PUBLIC:
I have purchased the Ross Hemphill Blacksmith shop, and will say to the people of Haskell county that I have come to stay, for I have no fear of being run out of this part of Texas by the boll weevils—which were the cause of my leaving old Bell, the banner county of the state, and casting my lot among the people of Haskell county as a blacksmith. I solicit a share of your work and expect to retain your patronage on the merits or quality of my work.
RESPECTFULLY,
J. B. FURNACE.

MARCY NEWS.
EDITORS OF FREE PRESS:
It has been quite a while since you have had any news from Marcy. We have been so frozen up all this year that we could not get a letter off to you.
It seems there is to be no let up to the cold weather this time. People around Marcy are about to catch up with their cold drinks. I don't think they will be thawed up enough by next summer to want a cold drink stand here.
Wood hauling is about all the work going on here. Some eight or ten wagons of wood in town nearly every day.
On last Saturday Mrs. J. J. Ryals, residing near Marcy, died suddenly. She left a husband and several small children.
On Monday the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Speck died. The grief stricken families have our sympathy.
This morning at 9 o'clock Mr. Marvin Taylor and Miss Tina Mixon were married at the bride's home, Rev. Hatchet performing the ceremony.
This evening at 4 o'clock Mr. G. F. Stubbs and Miss Minnie Mae McKee are to be married by Rev. J. J. Pounds.
These brides are well known in Haskell, having lived there for some time. The gentlemen are from the Marcy community and all parties have many friends who wish them much happiness in their new lives.
NELLY BLY.
Marcy, Tex., Feb. 15th, 1905.

DOTS FROM AMPLE.
Miss Haskins, who has been visiting friends and relatives in this community, returned the latter part of last week to her home in Cook county.
The young people of this vicinity have been enjoying the unusual pleasure of sleigh riding for the past ten days.
Quite a number of the boys and girls of our community have formed a social club which meets at some home one night in each week and indulges in various amusements, among them such games as flinch, pit, etc.
Our school at Brushy suspended during the past week on account of

the cold and inclement weather.
Who said Mack couldn't play checkers, even if he can't catch a wolf?
Some of our boys found an article in a paper which read like this, "Cut a hole in the ice over a deep body of water and blow a horn near it and the fish will flock to it and can be caught without hooks or bait." Thinking this an easy way to obtain fish, they sought out a promising looking water hole and carried out the directions, but the plan didn't work and the only things they brought home that they seemed to care about were some frostbitten ears and fingers. We refrain from mentioning names.
W. P. Philpotts has one more day's giuning to do. JIMMIE.
HAPPY WOMEN.
Plenty of Them in Texas and Good Reasons for it.
Wouldn't any woman be happy. After years of backache suffering. Days of misery, nights of unrest. The distress of urinary troubles. She finds relief and cure? No reason why any Texas reader should suffer in the face of evidence like this:
Mrs. J. A. Beck, of Austin, Texas, employed at the Asylum for the Blind, and living at 1605 Sabine Street, says: "In April, 1902, when living at 1709 East Avenue, I gave a testimonial concerning Doan's Kidney Pills, after I had procured a supply. The cure they performed has been permanent in every particular and I have told a great many sufferers from backache and kidney ailments to give them a trial if they wished to get positive relief. You are at liberty to continue the use of my name as one who endorses all the claims made for Doan's Kidney Pills."
For sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.
Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.
Mr. Hollis Fields and Miss Maud Hunt, two of Haskell's most worthy, highly respected and popular young people, were united in marriage on last Sunday, the 12th inst., Elder J. H. Shepard of the Christian church officiating. The Free Press is pleased to extend congratulations and best wishes for their future.
A new line of spring wall paper at Collier's Drug Store.