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BRYAN ON THE ISSUE.

NOT GOLD NOR SILVER BUT ONE OF LARGER CALIBRE.

SHALL MONEY CHANGERS RULE?

New York, Jan. 27.—Wm. Jennings Bryan, at the home of J. W. Cox, his host, today announced his ideas of the paramount issue. He says it is not gold or silver, it is "whether or not money-changers shall rule this country."

"I have believed ever since the 1900 campaign," he said, "that it is no longer a question of gold or silver. It is the larger question of whether or not the money-changers shall rule the country."

"What is the use of the party fighting trusts, when the bankers sit in Wall street, with their vaults full of watered stock, and contribute to campaign funds; or what is the use of espousing the cause of labor when its enemies sit high in the councils of the party?"

"I have answered such questions before," he said, when asked as to the relative importance of issues, "I do not think it wise to say in advance which will be the most important. I do not know what the conditions will be. It is hard enough for me to say what the conditions will be."

Capt. Wm. Oglesby places his name before the voters of Haskell county this week as a candidate for the office of county judge, subject to the action of the democratic party, should a nominating primary be held.

While a great outcry has been made, said Mr. Bryan, "because I have demanded the reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform and an attempt has been made to show that I want to fight over again the battle of 1896, those who are best acquainted with my real views have known that I have been misunderstood."

"I have asked why the so-called conservatives—those men who have so loudly berated me for demanding the reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform—do not come out into the open and there make plain their position. If the Democratic party is to be led into new fields of politics it would be well for us to know whether we are going. Are these conservative leaders afraid to submit their suggestions to the approval of the public. If so, I fear that their suggestions hide some ulterior motive."

"I do not favor making silver the paramount issue of the campaign. I do not favor making trusts the paramount issue of the campaign. Neither do I believe it wise to make imperialism the paramount issue. The tariff would not be accepted as the paramount issue, but all should be merged into the greater question which I have put into words."

Home Grown Poetry. A member of the Georgia delegation says that at Marietta, his state, where the National cemetery is located, about 30,000 Federal soldiers are buried and the cemetery is under the care of a one-legged Confederate who is a general favorite with visitors. He is known as "Uncle Peg," and is something of a poet. Recently some southern visitors were shown through the well kept city of the dead by the old man, and he was asked to give them the poem of his poetry.

TERRELL'S

When you hear your neighbor say: "It's best by far in every way," You may be sure without delay, It's Terrell's.

When passing up or down the street, You see a Drug Store, clean and neat, In every detail quite complete, It's Terrell's.

When imitations faults reveal, And vexed and tired with Drugs you feel, Then come at once for a "square deal" To Terrell's.

The Only Second Class Drug Store in the World.

The Texas Building at the St. Louis World's Fair.

The construction work of the contractors who are erecting buildings for the states, the territories and the government and for foreign nations has all been completed. A few of the buildings are not yet under roof. The largest and the most imposing have been outwardly completed. Some of them have been entirely finished and await the coming of those who will recognize them as their own when they enter the city.

CULTURE OF COTTON.

Extensive Experiments to be Made in State Under Government Appropriation.

Austin, Texas, February 2.—Chairman Jefferson Johnson of the State Boll Weevil Committee, and on whose plantation in this county one of the experimental farms was conducted last season by the Department of Agriculture, states that the extensive experiments to be made in this State under the appropriation of Congress includes a little more than boll weevil investigation. He said that one of the things to be investigated and the cause sought is the "wilt" of cotton, that is, where the cotton plant, after nourishing most luxuriantly, suddenly dies and the fields or patches in them appear as though the plants had been burned. The plant with all at once and in a few days the patches or spots in the field look as though fire had passed over them.

A Lesson in Courage.

His income had stopped, and he was worn out physically. He had gone against the advice of friends, and his savings of years had been lost by unwise investments. Discouraged, he wandered idly out through the park to the lake front. He was in despair. The Philadelphia Telegraph tells how he was shaken out of his fears for the future by the courage of another man.

FEB. 11 and 12,

THE TERRORS OF WAR.

Thou cruel god of battles, Who dost Thy dreadful hand this minute Lay on the scrapping of the nations, Fill great spaces in the papers, Till long columns after column At the shouting and the fighting.

Dr. Adams

"A thousand?" "Yes." "How many thousand can you write out in a day?" "If I had the wood home I could do two thousand, maybe more."

"Back to the city." "I hope you have work, sir," said the old man.

"Good luck to you," said the old man, picking up his bundle, as the city man stepped out briskly toward home.

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More Material.

"I wish you'd have your seat belt worn higher in the neck." "All right, if you can stand it." "Why shouldn't I stand it?" "Well, you know, the higher they come the higher they come."

RETURNED FROM ABYSSINIA.

Commercial Relations to be Established. To Exhibit at St. Louis.

United States Consul Skinner and party having reached Marsabita, France, on their return from their mission to King Menelik of Abyssinia in Western Africa, are reported as follows:

The American marines and blue jackets who accompanied the expedition were left at Aden and went on to join the American gunboat Machias.

President Roosevelt seized a most opportune time for establishing relations with Ethiopia as American benefactors. The development which is now going on in Abyssinia. Our cotton goods pass through many hands before being sold at high prices in Abyssinia, but now Americans have an opportunity to conduct their own trade. King Menelik will send some of the products of his country to the St. Louis Exposition, as well as a commission composed of able men, to show the American commercial opportunities in Abyssinia. The King is a broad-minded statesman, who will welcome Americans.

During the visit of the Skinner party at the capital King Menelik received that surrounded by an imposing assemblage of 2,000 functionaries. The escort American marines established a camp called "Camp Roosevelt" which attracted a great deal of attention.

The King made a personal inspection of the camp which lasted three hours, and after witnessing the maneuvers of the marines he asked one of the men for his gun and loaded and fired it. This act on the part of the King pleased the visitors greatly. The Americans were impressed with the assimilative ability of the Abyssinians. Consul Skinner says that the country is being rapidly modernized and that new roads, bridges, water works and telegraph lines are being constructed.

Roasts the Rich.

Chicago, January 31.—The Rev. Dr. James S. Stone, pastor of St. James Episcopal church, the membership of which is largely made up of wealthy persons, caused comment when in the course of a sermon today he denounced the rich of Chicago. He said in part:

"There are multitudes in this city who neither fear God nor regard men. It is largely due to two causes: one, the ignorance and weakness of many congregations; and the other, the irrigation of our intellectual and moral nature by these people, exceptions, noble and praiseworthy, for which we thank God and take courage. But for the greater part the people of financial and social influence in Chicago—the people who could, if they would, do so much for the salvation of the city, the people that are going to suffer the most in that terrible conflict between the classes that is threatening this country, the weakness of which seems apparent and the center of which will be this city, the end of which no man knows—these people, who should be first in Christian example and in every good work, are living the lives of pagans; nice pagans if you will; but assuredly pagans."

This Found.

Salt Lake, Utah, January 31.—The bodies of between twenty and thirty men who perished from thirst while attempting to cross the desert between Moapa and Las Vegas, Nevada, have been found within a few weeks, according to advices from the latter place.

The men, it is believed, were mostly tramps who attempted to make the long journey on foot without sufficient supplies of food or water to carry them across. Many of the bodies found were without clothing and it is believed the victims had gone insane from thirst and had wandered about in a mad condition in search of water. Some of the victims are supposed to have drunk the water from "Dead Man's Well" which is located in the center of the desert.

The water from this well, while temporarily alleviating thirst, is said to be death to those who drink it.—Associated Press.

A school warm net over a thousand miles away found a lad in the geography class who was deeply interested in learning the points of the compass. The teacher said: "You have in front of you, the north, on your right, the east, and on your left, the west. What have you behind you?" After a few moments' reflection, Allen exclaimed: "A patch on my pants," and to make the information more emphatic, Allen continued in a shameless manner: "I know you'd see it, I told me you would."—Exchange.

The Wise Farmer.

The high price of cotton ought not to cause the farmer to quit diversifying his crops. He should do as he has done this year; plant an abundance of feed crops. Corn is the most valuable of all. It is bread, meat and money; and should be flanked by oats, milo, alfalfa, clover and all kinds of truck crops. Plant cotton, too, but bread, meat and feed stuff should have the first consideration.

The Ministerial Appointment. "Wasn't an appointment made?" explained Jones at 8 p. m. "Indeed," smiled his better half, "two ministerial appointments for a quarter of usual, I presume."

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W. G. ARTHUR.

Cancer Cured!

Mr. W. W. Fricker, Smithfield, Illinois, writes, September 10th, 1901: "I had been suffering several years with a cancer on my face, which gave me great annoyance and unbearable itching. I was using Ballard's Snow Lotion for a sore leg, and through an accident, I rubbed some of the liniment on the cancer, and as it gave me almost instant relief, I decided to continue to use the liniment on the cancer. In a short time the cancer came out, my face healed up and there is not the slightest scar left. I have implicit faith in the merits of this preparation, and it cannot be too highly recommended." 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00. For sale by Jno. E. Robertson, Druggist, Haskell, Texas.

A Terrific Gas Well.

Sour Lake, Texas, February 2.—The most terrific demonstration of the power of the gas underlying proven oil territory in the Sour Lake oil field was made manifest today at noon when a blow-out occurred in a well the Guffey company is drilling about 800 yards north of the Springs Hotel, and within 300 feet of the company's No. 1 and 2 wells.

It will be remembered by those who have kept track of the development in this field that the Guffey company had a well to blow out two years ago in the vicinity of the well that blew out on the 20th of last year.

At intervals the pressure would weaken, only to be revived by greater pressure. The well gazed as if it were agonized and suffering great pain, and an old negro who was among the on-lookers remarked unceremoniously that "hades is not very far from the bottom of that well."

Tried to Please.

Representative Dougherty of Missouri has a friend in one of the counties of his "border state" named "Jack Steele" who is a member of a joke.

"At a recent session of our legislature a report of one of our judges was read. It was to the effect that he had been called on to give a verdict in a case involving the escape of a convict."

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WEAK AND LOW-SPIRITED.

A Correspondent Thus Describes His Experience. "I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficacy for indigestion, loss of appetite, neuralgia, dizziness, weakness after meals with distressing mental depression and low spirits. Herbine is made by a simple preparation of the most natural ingredients. I would not say that it does not do its work, but it does not do its work so well as Herbine. I would not say that it does not do its work, but it does not do its work so well as Herbine."

Mr. Young, January 2.—I see in the Dallas Star of the 2nd inst. a correction to J. B. Cole about the surrender of Gen. Lee in Gen. Grant at Appomattox. I will say to Brother Cole that Gen. Lee did present his sword to Gen. Grant and Gen. Grant took the sword and drew it about half way out of the sheath, then handed it back to Gen. Lee. Gen. Lee fled and Gen. Grant forwarded straight ahead until they reached the cable where the papers were signed. I see Mr. Cate says it has gone from generation to generation as a false report. I will say I was standing in sixty yards of where the surrender took place. Some say Gen. Lee surrendered under an apple tree at Appomattox. He did not surrender just under the tree exactly, but he did in about sixty or seventy yards. I belonged to the Sixth Virginia, Company A, under Gen. Mahone's Brigade. Five of us were in the advance picket post, in sixty or seventy yards of the surrender. I have a piece of the apple tree, which is called the Lee apple tree. W. G. ARTHUR.



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HASKELL, TEXAS, Feb. 6, 1904.

The proposed new pension steel is said to have President Roosevelt's approval.

Mr. Rockefeller has donated several millions of dollars to leading educational institutions during the past year. We are all helping to make it up to him in the present price of coal oil, but John D. gets all the credit for the donations.

The Star route mail contracts now being let by the postal department provide not only for carrying the mail in closed pouches between postoffices, as heretofore, but also for the delivery and collection of mail into and from boxes along the lines of the routes for all persons who provide proper boxes.

Mrs. Maybrick, the American woman who has been in an English prison for ten or twelve years under a life sentence for poisoning her husband and whose case has attracted wide attention from time to time, has been released on parole and, it is said, is coming to this country to look after some large property interests.

Col. Edward Butler, the millionaire politician, was put on trial Monday on the charge of bribing 19 members of Missouri legislature last summer in securing favorable legislation in regard to the city electric lighting. It is to be hoped that Mr. Folk will be able to put him and the nineteen other scoundrels who accepted his bribes to breaking rock together.

We believe that the western or trans-Missouri railroads are still pushing the excursion business in the Southwest, including Oklahoma, Indian Territory, and the Territory of New Mexico. It is a business that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons, needing a medicine for throat or lung troubles. Price 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle at L. T. Cunningham's Drug Store.

Mexican Monetary Commission. City of Mexico, January 27, reports of deliberations of the National Monetary Commission have the state income to an end, although the state income is not yet settled. These institutes are recommended in the school law and by the State department of education as valuable factors in our system of education, in that they keep teachers brightened up in methods of teaching and school government and help to arouse public interest in education. If they are a good thing, why not have them here?

The United States treasury report shows the total amount of money in the United States to be \$2,763,000,000, of which \$240,000,000 is in circulation, giving an average per capita of \$30.38. Twenty-five years ago there was only \$816,000,000 in the United States. The greater part of the increase has taken place within the last ten or twelve years, and the increase has been greatest during the last half of this time, coming largely from unprecedented gold discoveries.

It appears from the statement of Mr. Bryan which we publish this week, that his position on the political issues has been greatly misunderstood if not willfully misconstrued by many newspapers and politicians who thought they were playing to a popular sentiment. To our way of thinking it is very small and inconsistent in democrats who supported the platforms of 1896 and 1900 as right, and good democracy, to play the sneak act now and try to make a snipehunt of Mr. Bryan.

Persons who claim to be in close touch with the horse business claim that there is a general security of horses and mules, especially of the better grades, and predict that prices for these animals will range high for several years. This situation is attributed to the fact that breeding was not so common for several years on account of low prices and that the large demand caused by the Boer war in South Africa and our Spanish war consumed the larger part of the supply of better grade horses and mules. Horse owners are advised to again turn their attention to breeding.

## A MODERN HEAVEN.

Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews, a prominent educator, who has held high positions in the Universities of Michigan and Chicago and is now chancellor of the University of Nebraska, reported as saying in a recent address:

"Society, as it becomes more enlightened, will shift out of the lives of sickly and deformed infants, to prevent their becoming at maturity a burden to it and to themselves. As with the cradle, so it will be with other cases. A committee of skilled physicians, I firmly believe, eventually will determine the fate of those who are sickly, or whose recovery from disease is impossible. Such persons, if the physicians agree, will mercifully be put to death."

While Prof. Andrews has heretofore enjoyed a good reputation, he has in this expression branded himself an educated fool and a senseless crank.

Instead of the venal tendency leading in the direction he suggests, it has, ever since the Dark Ages, been growing away from it and growing in sympathy and charity toward the weak, the maimed, the halt and the blind, tending in the direction of the teachings and example of the meek and lowly Nazarine.

This fact is abundantly evidenced by the costly hospitals and asylums for the degenerate and kind of disqualifying humanity maintained at enormous public expense in every part of the civilized world, as well as by thousands of men and women whose lives are devoted and consecrated to charitable work of many kinds.

The University of Nebraska would do itself credit to part company with Prof. Andrews and let his name sink and sit down.

## THE FEELING OF A MODERN.

A special correspondent for the Atlanta Constitution and Dallas News who is now in Columbia interviewing officials and feeling of public sentiment in regard to Panama, the United States and the canal questions, writes those papers that there is an over-

whelming feeling of indignation against the Panama Canal project. He says that when he was in Panama, he was struck by the fact that the canal project was a source of shame and disgrace to the United States. He says that the canal project was a source of shame and disgrace to the United States. He says that the canal project was a source of shame and disgrace to the United States.

Does the United States Government seek to shame us and cause us to stigmatize ourselves by accepting that which from any other Nation they would reject with scorn and follow with a declaration of war? It is because we are weak that we are to be insulted in our teeth without recourse.

Handed and treated as insignificant when they protest and then offered a little money to leave and go? Who can say that their being is not a natural and justifiable one under such circumstances. This country would not tolerate such treatment by any other country for a day.

First proposition: Unless there is a radical (and improbable) departure from past history every farmer in the cotton region will increase his cotton acreage and put forth his greatest efforts to raise a big cotton crop this year.

Second proposition: Every bale raised above a normal crop, of ten and one-half to eleven and one-half million bales, will help to lower the price so that a phenomenally large crop will bring no more money for the labor expended than a much smaller crop and less labor would bring.

Third proposition: The farmer who raises stuff for man and beast to eat will have the glad smile on the final show down. But there will be few of him because for will properly digest the above propositions.

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ance of gifts that are stained with fraud and are gathered from the wreck of the Constitution, the statutes enacted by Congress and the laws of nations. We can not, if we would, convince those who live or those who will live, that it is honorable or just or reasonable to assist any man who may be President in the violation of the Constitution or the laws of the land. We can not mark down the people of the South to the figure, in commercial politics that accepts a favor of any party or any man as the price of its support of men who disregard laws and trample the rights of the weak under foot, or of measures that are wrong and dishonorable. We have never been robbers or faithbreakers, and we will not lend our assistance to those who are."

## APING ROYALTY.

The imperialistic tendency and drift of the government of this country under the present ruling powers cropped out in a new way at Washington the other day when Governor Taft arrived from the Philippines to take his position in the cabinet as secretary of war. A troop of cavalry was sent to meet him at the depot and escort his carriage to his hotel with as much pomp and flourish as is usually displayed by the princes of Europe. Referring to this un-American display of royal pomp the Washington Post, an independent paper but usually leaning to the republican party says:

"But, after all, when we remember that all this military display was for the purpose of escorting a secretary of war from the railroad station to his hotel, is it surprising that words of modest protest are heard? What has come over the spirit of our American citizenship, patriotic observers naturally ask, that makes such a pageant necessary? When Prince Henry of Prussia, a man born to the purple, and accustomed to all the glitter of royalty, arrived in Washington, an escort of cavalry was very properly tendered him. Has it come to pass, however, that an American citizen, temporarily raised to a cabinet position, must be accorded the display and pageantry of royalty. We think not."

Surely, we have gone a far way from the early days of our republic and that was thought becoming in the servants of a democratic people. But as said in the outset, it illustrates the leading of the powers that be, and if they are continued with free rein the day may be nearer than many dream it is that we will have a real emperor and princes to escort in pomp.

A Fort Worth Record special from Snyder, Texas, dated January 31 says: "About 42 inches of rain fell generally over this country. The weather has been clear and cold since, at 20 degrees below freezing." What's the matter with somebody?

There is scarcely a doubt that horrid war will be raging between Japan and Russia within a few days.

A considerable emigration of Jews from Russia to this country is reported.

"No, I won't give you anything to eat," exclaimed the vinegar faced female. "You are a fraud, sir—a transparent fraud!" "I am per p-r-don, ma'am," said the weary victim of circumstances. "I know I was partly this, but I had no idee anybody could see through me."—Record.

Express Agents Convicted for Violating the Local Option Law in C. O. D. Delivery. Naogoches, Texas, Feb. 2.—The recent decision of the court of criminal appeals in the singular C. O. D. local option case, from Hunt county, received a black eye yesterday in the district court of Shelby county.

Joe Ellington and J. E. Webb, agents of Wells-Fargo Express company at Timpan and Teusha, were indicted by the Shelby county grand jury for violating the local option statutes in delivering C. O. D. packages, and on trial before Judge Tom C. Davis on agreed facts were convicted, Judge Davis following the dissenting opinion of Judge Brooks in the Singular case.

The cases were at once appealed, and the question will now go squarely before the criminal court of appeals. Every express agent in the State is vitally interested in the case.

At sheriff's sale Tuesday, Mr. G. E. Ballew bought the G. W. Holder estate and lot on the south side of the square, at \$70. The tract of 553 acres of land ten miles northeast of town, sold at the same time, was bought in by Dr. Williamson of Bell county for \$1575, being the amount required to clear the title of a lien against it.

## STATE NEWS.

Blackleg is said to be killing many cattle in Scurry and Kent counties.

The knitting mill at Denison burned Monday, loss \$19,500, insurance \$7,500.

Bert Wolf, son of M. M. Wolf of Greenville, was killed near Fort Worth, February 2.

Last year 701 polls were paid in Haskell county and the vote for governor was 851.

W. L. Keller, a farmer near Conroe, accidentally shot and killed himself Tuesday.

Work is being pushed on the M. K. & T. railroad extension from Georgetown to Austin.

Alex McDonald who was hurt by a train at Denison last week died Monday from his injuries.

Liano's new bank, the Home National, began business on the first inst., with a capital of \$60,000.

The socialists of Dallas have nominated a full city ticket. W. W. Stoppel heads the ticket for mayor.

John Walker charged with the murder of Will Cliner at Cisco, December 1902, was acquitted at Eastland.

The three year old daughter of J. J. Davis, residing two miles from Forney was burned to death Tuesday.

Mt. Vernon, Titus county, is to have a fruit and vegetable canning plant with a capacity of 2000 3-pound cans a day.

Nellie Haysele, six year old daughter of Charles Haysele of Sherman, died Tuesday from the effects of sticking a nail in her foot a few days before.

Gov. Lanham has appointed Arthur W. Sedgison of San Antonio as judge of the Fifty-Seventh judicial district to succeed Judge S. J. Brooks, resigned.

Two negro children at Marquez, aged three years and three months, respectively, were burned to death in a tenant house on S. E. Louier's place Tuesday night.

Willis Clark, the negro who murdered his wife at Orange last week and made an ineffectual attempt to kill himself by cutting his throat, broke jail and was shot Monday.

In the federal court at Austin Monday J. H. Bryan of Marble Falls was convicted and sentenced to fifteen months in the penitentiary for passing counterfeit coin.

The republicans of Kaufman county held a county convention Tuesday and instructed for Roosevelt. The negro politician, "Goose Neck" Bill McDonald presided over the convention.

For the killing of his wife last November near Taylor, Juan Reyes, a Mexican, was convicted and sentenced to fifty years in the penitentiary by the district court at Georgetown this week.

## FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Baptists of the Stonewall Association was held at Bethel, Jones county. The attendance was good, both of visitors and the local community.

The spirit of the discussions was fine—loving, humble and fraternal. It was easy to see that the brethren had come together for a great purpose.

The work of the association is in a promising condition. Sermons were preached by Rev. A. T. Ford, Dr. R. T. Hanks and Eld. L. L. Lusk.

Stonewall Association has two missionaries, Elds. A. T. Ford and C. A. Maughan. They are doing good work. The association has also a colporteur, Rev. J. P. Siler. Bro. Siler can furnish you with all kinds of religious books. He lives at Stamford, but will travel all over the entire association as he can.

A bill permitting the building of a dam across the Mississippi River at Sank Rapids, Minn., for irrigation purposes, passed the U. S. senate Monday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce Mr. Wm. O'Leary as a candidate for County Judge of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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—And in canned fruits the following are always in stock—

Pears, Plums, Peaches, Apricots, Cherries, Blackberries, Strawberries, Gooseberries, Muscat grapes.

When people buy these things they want something good, therefore I keep the good kind. You will also find 'most anything else you want to eat at

## ..Williams' Store..

## CITY MEAT MARKET,

J. N. Ellis, Propr.,

West Side of the Square.

Keeps all Kinds of Fresh Meats Obtainable Here.

Solicits a Share of Your Patronage.

## TEXAS CENTRAL Railroad.

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No. 1 Arrives from Waco, 4:15 P. M.  
No. 2 Leaves for Waco, 4:30 A. M.

GOOD CONNECTIONS AT WACO FOR ALL POINTS IN CENTRAL EAST AND SOUTH TEXAS TO POINTS IN THE OLD STATES!

Write us a letter, Stating When and Where you want to go. We will advise you promptly, Lowest Rates, and give you a Schedule of the Trip.

THOS. F. FARMER, Agent, Stamford. W. F. McMILLIN, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Waco, Texas.

## 50 To 75 Per. Cent Saved

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## POWDER PAINT.

Messrs. W. H. Wyman & Co. of Haskell have secured the exclusive agency in Haskell and Knox counties for this excellent and economical paint.

"POWDER PAINT" is weatherproof, hardening like cement after being applied, and does not crack or chalk off. It is absolutely fireproof, hence it is a great protection to buildings painted with it. Call at store and see proof of this claim.

It is not affected by acids, gases or moisture, hence it is a good sanitary protection.

It comes in the form of a powder and is mixed with water only, and is applied with an ordinary brush, one coat making as good a covering as two coats of any ready mixed oil paint and being much cheaper.

It is furnished in white and all the desirable tints.

For further information, samples and testimonials, call at the

## Haskell Racket Store.

Under the Territorial game laws 16,000 quail that were being shipped to St. Louis were confiscated by the officials at Guthrie, O. T. a few days ago. Both the shippers and the railroad are liable to heavy penalties.

By act of the legislature the state of Mississippi has increased its pension appropriation for Confederate soldiers to \$500,000 per year for the ensuing two years.



# FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bowman of the Pinkerton neighborhood were presented with a son Monday.

Do not sell your cotton before you see me. I will give you a raise for your cotton and pay the cost for it. T. G. Carney.

The birth is reported of a fine boy to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pilley of the southwestern part of the county on Tuesday.

Alexander Mercantile Co., are in receipt of a fine line of hosiery.

The county clerk's record of vital statistics shows the following for the month of January: Births, 13, 7 males and 6 females. Deaths, 2, both females.

**YOUR VALENTINES.**

AT TERRELLS.

Mr. F. G. Alexander will leave Monday for St. Louis and Chicago to select and purchase a mammoth stock of goods for the Alexander Mercantile Co's, Haskell and Munday houses. He expects cotton goods to be up, but, as he will buy largely for cash, says he will get them as cheap as anybody can and will sell them as low as the next one.

"Star Brand Shoes Are Better," S. L. Robertson.

Mr. Conly of Breckenridge, the music man, was here several days this week.

New ties and suspenders in individual boxes, the very latest and no doubt to be found, are at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mr. D. W. Winters of Stonewall county, once a resident of this county, was doing business in Haskell this week.

Swamp Root, the great kidney and liver medicine, at Robertson's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oglesby have a new daughter.

The West Texas Development Company will make you a loan on your land on long time and easy payments, come and see us if you need money.

The Commissioners' Court will hold a regular quarterly term beginning Monday, 8th instant.

See the nice line of new spring styles of gingham at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mr. Byron Wright, who has been in the employ of the Texas Central railroad for some time at Dublin, came home this week.

The best Fort Worth bread available on hand at Ellis' meat market.

Mr. J. W. Wright returned Tuesday from a trip occupying several weeks, during which he visited his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Warren, at Greenville.

When you want to kill prairie dogs use McLemore's poison, it's a sure thing.

Miss Lizzie F. Mason, who resided in Haskell a number of years ago, is here on a visit to friends and is looking after some property interests which she still has in Haskell. Miss Mason is a sister of Messrs. George and Armistead Mason who resided and were engaged in business here for several years prior to 1894. We learn that Mr. George Mason is now in British Honduras, where he has a government concession to get out and export mahogany timber.

Fresh home-made hog lard for sale at the City Meat Market, J. N. Ellis, proprietor.

Rev. J. V. Pantley, Cumberland Presbyterian, is here and will fill the first of his regular appointments tomorrow, preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. and at night in the hall over Mr. K. Jones' place on the south side of the square. He will hereafter fill regular appointments at this place on the first Sunday in each month. At the 11 o'clock service tomorrow the church and a Sunday school will be regularly organized.

The genuine Bono Quinine Tablets—"Cure a Cold in One Day"—at Robertson's drug store. There are various imitations on the market, get the genuine.

S. L. Robertson receives fresh groceries each week and sells them low for cash.

Dr. W. Williams of Killeen was here this week looking after some land interests he has in this county. He expressed himself as well pleased with the general appearance of our country and especially with the large extent of fine tillable lands. He said he had met a number of old Bell county people here and he expected we would have more of them before a great while. The doctor will read THE FREE PRESS to keep up with the developments in this section.

Children, get your school tablets, pencils, pens, ink, etc at the Racket Store.

Mr. E. C. Micon and daughters, Misses Tina and Minnie, visited the family of Mr. W. B. Roberts in the eastern portion of the county Saturday and Sunday and attended a musical entertainment at the hospitable home of Mr. T. L. Atchison Saturday night, which was enjoyed by a large crowd. We learn that they had an abundance of good music made by an organ, guitar, two violins, a banjo and harp. And on Sunday afternoon there was a religious gathering and singing at the home of Mr. Lanesater, which was enjoyed by all.

Ask our customers how long it took us to get their hands through, we can get you the money in less time than any other loan agents in this part of the state, West Texas Development Company.

GRIPPING AND GRINDING: Earnest & Sanders will run their gin and mill at this place on next Friday, February 12th.

S. L. Robertson has the best, newest and largest stock of dry goods in Haskell.

## Haskell County Poll Tax.

Eight Hundred and Eighty-Nine Receipts issued by the Collector.

We show below the number of poll tax receipts issued in Haskell county up to February 1, 1904, in each voting precinct and the total in the county. These figures are official, being procured from Deputy Collector Johnson in the tax collector's office. Opposite the number of polls paid in each precinct we give the vote cast in each at the general election November, 1902, for governor and county judge. It will be observed that 19 more votes were cast in the county for county judge than for governor.

In the table below the first column of figures is the polls paid, the second column is the 1902 vote for governor and third column the vote for county judge:

PRECINCT	POLLS	GOV.	CO. J.
No. 1, Haskell	223	225	250
" 2, Brushy	41	59	61
" 3, Howard	43	34	44
" 4, Verona	106	93	94
" 5, Marcy	171	119	129
" 6, Lake Cr.	43	53	53
" 7, Pinkerton	129	124	137
" 8, Cliff	103	104	102
" 9, Gray M're	33		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>870</b>

No. 9 is a new precinct created since the last election from parts of 8 and 5, hence its 1902 vote is included in theirs.

It will be seen that 19 more receipts were issued than the number of votes cast for county judge in 1902.

Mr. Johnson stated that the number of polls assessed on the tax rolls was 955, total number collected 889, but 55 of those collected had not been assessed on the rolls, hence subtracting 55 from 889 shows that 834 who were assessed paid and 121 assessed polls are unpaid.

As it was not necessary for voters in this county who are exempt from the payment of poll tax to procure exemption certificates, we have no data showing the number of such voters in the county, but the number probably does not exceed sixty, which would give about 950 voters at the November election, if all vote.

### Capt. Oglesby Announces.

Capt. Wm. Oglesby places his name before the voters of Haskell county this week as a candidate for the office of county judge, subject to the action of the democratic party, should a nominating primary be held.

Coming here from McLennan county, Capt. Oglesby has resided in Haskell, and in the county, during the past four years, being engaged in farming and stock raising. He has shown himself to be a man of enterprise and a supporter of public improvements, and by his genial disposition and courteous manner has won many friends who will be pleased to support his candidacy. He invites any one who would like to know more of him than they have learned during his residence here to make such inquiry or investigation as they see fit among his old neighbors in McLennan and Coryell counties, where he resided for many years.

While not a lawyer, Capt. Oglesby is a man of pretty wide general experience and would no doubt be able to administer the legal branch of the office in a satisfactory manner. He is a man of fine intelligence and good business judgment—qualifications which would make his services as presiding officer and adviser of the commissioners' court valuable to the people in directing a judicious and business like handling of the county's financial affairs.

### DEMOCRATIC CALL.

I hereby call a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Haskell county to be held on Saturday Feb. 20, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the court house in Haskell, for the purpose of considering the question of holding a county primary, and such other questions as may come up for consideration. A general invitation is extended to Democrats to attend in an advisory capacity.

W. W. FIELDS,  
Chairman Exec. Com.

### How Old is Ann?

Mary's age is twenty-four. Mary is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. Answer through THE FREE PRESS next week. Star Brand Shoes.

### AT MUNDAY.

We are informed that the First National Bank of Munday was organized with the following officers: W. A. Baker, president; F. G. Alexander, vice-president; E. C. Montgomery, cashier; W. G. Sherrard, assistant cashier. The bank's new building is nearing completion, meantime it is doing business in temporary quarters.

Alexander Mercantile Co. have added forty feet to their store building, giving them a length of 160 feet.

### Anniversary Services.

At the Christian church Sunday morning of the 15th anniversary of the length of the day in the midst of our country on that day is not far from the anniversary of the birth of our nation. It is a day of national significance and one which should be observed with appropriate solemnity. It is a day when we should pause to reflect upon the progress we have made and the challenges we still face. It is a day when we should reaffirm our faith in the principles upon which our nation was founded and our confidence in the future of our country. It is a day when we should strive to do our part to make our nation a more just and more prosperous one for all.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

Dr. St. John of Clbourne, Texas, will be in Haskell on February 15, 1904, and remain five days. Persons desiring any kind of dental work will please call on him at Dr. Terrell's drug store. Examination and advice free. Satisfaction guaranteed.

### IN MEMORY.

Mrs. Mollie S. McCan, who was born February 17, 1866, near Weatherford, Parker county, Texas, died at her home near Ample in the northeastern part of county, Jan 31, 1904, of uraemic poison of the brain. In loving sympathy we would say to the bereaved husband and child left behind to mourn for the loving wife and mother, whose smiling face is so much missed from the family circle: "In your sorrow look up and say, 'We'll soon meet her above, where there's no more sorrow and death in a home above the skies.'"

Why should our tears in sorrow flow, When God recalls His own, And bids them leave a world of woe, For an immortal crown. Their toils are past, their work is done, And they are fully blest. They fought the fight; the victory won, And entered into rest. Then let us our sorrow cease to flow, God has recalled His own! And let us in every woe Still say, "Thy will be done."

### A FRIEND.

FOR SALE.

Full blood Durham males also full blood Berkshire hogs, will sell for good fall notes.

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The Eye Specialist  
-AT-  
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If you want to know plain facts about your eye troubles see him

11 AND 12

or see Dr. Griffin any day at his office as they are now associated together in the practice.

**No Hopeless Cases**  
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Results Guaranteed.

INVESTIGATE—For investigation proves the truth or falsity of any statement.

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**LINDELL HOTEL.**

# Happy New Year!

## Our Mercantile Record FOR 1903

Has been written and we are much gratified over the results shown by it, and, feeling renewed confidence, we are already filling our empty shelves with new goods to meet the demands of our steadily increasing trade.....

## A Large Stock of Shoes HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

They are the Hamilton-Brown make, saying which is a sufficient warranty of quality to the hundreds of our customers who have bought them of us for years past. Our department of

## GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS

Has just been fully replenished with all the desirable things in gents wear. It is our intention to give this department particular attention this year....

Bills are in for a new line of WASTINGS and SUITINGS in advanced styles for spring wear, to arrive right soon. New goods will be added in various lines from week to week and our general stock be kept up-to-date in all desirable fabrics...

It is our purpose to study closely the requirements of our extensive trade, and we shall spare no pains to keep before you the very best stock of goods to be found west of Fort Worth. We shall endeavor to merit your approval in both quality and prices.

Yours for a successful and prosperous 1904.

# ..Alexander Mercantile Company..

## SAGERTON-FAIRVIEW ITEMS.

News items a little scarce. Mr. S. B. White made a business trip to Stamford Monday. Our town is still growing; the latest improvement is a residence built by Parson Nance. Farmers are still pushing their plows. The grain crops are proving a little weak, need a shower. Miss Ala Tanner is right sick with measles, and there are several cases of lagrip in the community. Mr. W. P. Carter sold an unimproved tract of land to a newcomer the other day at ten dollars per acre. The mail route has been changed so as to run by Sagerton, and our postmaster has got his new fixtures in.

## WEST SIDER.

I am selling all clothing at very little over cost. S. L. Robertson. Don't experiment with cheap money and lose your time and money, but use McLemore's poison and make a sure thing of killing your prairie.

A full line of school tablets at the Racket Store.

We are announcing several new styles here in a few days, if you want to see your new styles, list it with us for quick sale. West Texas Development Company.

If you have hidden fire suits go to J. N. Ellis at the City Meat market, and get the highest market price for them.

Pens, pencils, ink, etc at the Racket Store for school children.

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**LOWEST PRICES FOR CASH! COME AND SEE!**

Seeing all the stores in this section miserably depleted in stocks of reasonable goods, I went to Market and purchased a complete stock of

**Late Winter and Early Spring Dry Goods.**

These goods are now opened up and ready for business. I found the market just on the eve of a decided advance in the price of all cotton goods on account of the rising price of cotton. Buying just ahead of the main advance I am able to sell all cotton fabrics at a very slight advance on old prices. As cotton has continued to advance heavily, I can give my customers prices that can not be met on staple goods by those who did not buy ahead of the advance. You can save money by buying from this stock, as cotton and cotton goods are bound to go still higher.

**RELIABLE STAR BRAND SHOES!**

You may have worn others.

Star Brand Shoes ARE BETTER!

**S. L. ROBERTSON....**



# Resisting the Train Robber.

By WILLIAM A. BOWEN, in Fort Worth Record.

The Texas and Pacific was making very fast runs between stations so as to catch up with its own time at Fort Worth—whence it became the "Cannon Ball."

It may have been from the chain of ideas, or from that unexplained psychological suggestion by locality—I leave this to those who make a specialty of such things. But the dreaded subject of train robbers crept into the conversation of those traveling in the ladies' coach.

"Look here!" exclaimed a land agent from New York. "I don't like such speed as this on these small rails. We're liable to something worse than a hold-up!"

"We'll be in Fort Worth soon," replied a St. Louis drummer who had made that route for fifteen years. "Then we'll be all right, for from there the steel is heavy and the road rock ballasted. There's no danger with the man who's pulling this train. I can tell by the way he handles her that it's Dan Kuehler. He's one of the veteran engineers of this road—which is noted for its carefulness in its passenger crews. He has taken special orders from three train robbers—"

"...and says that he obeyed two of them quicker than he ever did the little union-skin carbon orders he got from the tickers."

"What did he do with the other one of the three?" asked a bold talker "professor" from Boston.

"Smashed him in the head with a cylinder head wrench—for neglecting to back his order up with a gun, Dan says."

"Yes and if men would not like men there'd not be any train robbing!" said an eye-glassed young man from Back Bay.

"It has always amazed me to read how cowardly a lot of men become when confronted with sudden danger. The idea of two or three men robbing a train while forty or fifty men sit quietly submit. It's a disgrace to our manhood!"

# STANDARD SULKY PLANTER

IT WAS GOOD LAST YEAR. BUT IT IS BETTER THIS YEAR.

It is the only Sulky Planter that successfully stood up under the severe strain of the season of 1903.

It is strong enough for the hardest work and light enough to be handled easily.

The front sweep can be raised high enough for high beets, or lowered to cut four inches below the level of the wheels. These planters have been in use in Texas three full seasons and none have been returned because of inefficiency. The farmers who find on investigation that the Standard Planter is of highest merit; will cost less than some others, and is better than any other.

## Sherrill Brothers & Co.

HASKELL, : : : TEXAS.

John L. Robertson, President. A. H. Day, Secretary. W. W. Kirk, Attorney. Jess Wright, Attorney.

### WEST TEXAS DEVELOPMENT CO.,

—Office West of Court House—Haskell, - - - TEXAS.

#### Do a General Real Estate Business.

### MONEY TO LOAN on REAL ESTATE

Make complete abstracts of titles. Land for sale in Haskell, Fisher and other western counties and on the plains. Western office ROBY, TEXAS. CORRESPONDENCE CHEERFULLY ANSWERED.

# OH MY! MY!!

THOSE - TURKEY - ROASTERS — at the — RACKET STORE are the best thing we have ever seen, and those ...STEAM COOKERS... are just lovely—such a saving in fuel—as well as time and worry of us good house-keepers.

### SAY!! You Men Folks!

Why don't you wake up and make your wife a present of one or both. She will be so happy and your dear health will improve with the BETTER COOKING—and life will thus be prolonged several years. TRY IT.

### And Say Ladies!

If he wont do this, you just come in and order for yourself, and we will make the old fellow pay for it all the same.

RESPECTFULLY,  
**HASKELL RACKET STORE.**

## Prospectors Hotel.

Best \$1.00 a Day House in the City.

CLEAN BEDS. + + + GOOD TABLES. SAMPLE ROOM.

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Each issue of this Magazine is filled with well written and interesting fiction, stories of travel and adventure, departments for the household, a question and answer department and other matter of an interesting and instructive character.

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## BESIEGED BY PANTHERS.

Wild animals do not usually attack men without provocation unless driven to do so by hunger. It is probable, therefore, that the four mountain lions which besieged Mr. J. H. Camp for four days and nights in a cabin in the upper San Gabriel country, California, were starving. It was a terrifying experience, as the San Francisco Examiner tells it, for Camp's only companion in misery was a burro, and his means of defense a revolver and a limited quantity of ammunition.

Camp had gone to the mountain cabin to prepare it for the reception of several hunters, and during his stay alone had heard the cry of wild cats and the screech of panthers. He had not seen any of the animals until one day when he was cutting away some brush on the trail near the cabin he heard a twig snap in front of him. Looking up, he beheld a huge lion right in the center of the trail, switching its tail menacingly. Camp was filled with terror, but instinctively his hand sought his hip pocket, in which reposed his revolver.

As he drew it another lion walked out of the brush, and behind it were two smaller ones, probably cubs. Mazing wildly away with the revolver, Camp created a momentary diversion that allowed him to reach his cabin. Rushing inside, he barred the door and reloaded his revolver, determined to fight away the brutes if possible. As he looked out he saw his burro snorting and tugging at his tether, one of the tawny brutes having already begun to creep up on him.

With a plunge the burro broke loose and rushed for shelter, with the lion after him. Camp opened the door just long enough to admit the frightened burro, which shot in as if launched from a catapult.

Throwing his weight against the door, Camp barred it again. He had plenty of provisions, and decided to remain quiet for a time, hoping that the lions would go away. Knowing that they are usually cowardly brutes, he was at a loss to account for their daring action except on the theory that it might be a pair with their cubs. He made the burro comfortable, and was glad of his company, and then took a look to see if the lions were still there. They were watching. All day Sunday at least one was in sight, and Camp decided to lie low. On the next day and the next the conditions were the same.

On the fourth morning Camp cautiously peered out. The lions were not in sight. He hurriedly saddled the burro, mounted, and turned the little beast toward civilization. The burro needed no urging, and Camp was congratulating himself on his escape when a piercing screech came from the trail behind. The lions had discovered their departure and were in pursuit.

There was only one thing to do—beat the lions to civilization. Camp accepted the terms. So did the terrified little burro, which for once, at least, galloped like a race horse. Never was the descent to Lordsburg made in such time, and when Camp and his burro reached the town both were exhausted, the one from fright, the other from the hard ride.

Smith on Alfalfa.

R. E. Smith, of Sherman, the alfalfa king of Texas, who is recognized authority on the growing, harvesting and marketing of this greatest of forage plants, on a recent occasion said: "Alfalfa is a democratic plant which seems especially adapted to our republican form of government, smiling alike on the rich and the poor. It never dies from old age and never falls from grace. Ten years ago I sowed my first small patch, and each recurring spring has found me enlarging and expanding until it has reached its present huge size, and I have no thought of stopping. A legume and perennial in use, the value of alfalfa as a forage plant cannot be over-estimated. This wonderful plant not only draws largely upon the nitrogen in the air for its supply of food for its own growth, but stores vast quantities of this expensive fertilizer in the soil, enriching and renovating it, instead of exhausting and impoverishing it, as many other crops do. Its long tap roots reach down as far as 120 feet into the bowels of the earth, gather the richest mineral elements all along the line of growth and deposit them on the surface of the ground, leaving the land subsoiled and honey-combed with innumerable root-like tubes that form ready receptacles for moisture and fertility. The plant once sown is practically sown forever, growing steadily both summer and winter. As a pasture for all stock, except cattle and sheep, it is unrivalled. The dry hay is eaten with the keenest relish in mid-summer by all stock, hogs thriving upon it during the winter months. But profits are not all to be considered in the raising of this crop; the pursuit of it is deemed the highest order of profits. One need not be surprised if in the next few years alfalfa completely routes the boll weevil and supplants cotton in the great State of Texas."

### A Quiet Game.

Tommy—Can we play at keeping store in bed, mamma?  
Mamma (who has a headache)—Yes, but you must be very, very quiet.  
Tommy—All right; we'll pretend we don't advertise.

Alexander Mercantile Co., have in stock a fine line of Hyman-Kent pickles, sweet and sour. "Hyman's" pickles means they are the best.

More Needed.

"Do you know a good tonic for nervous persons, Simpkins?"  
"No, what I want to find is a good tonic for people who have to live with them."—Record.

The way to stop prairie-dogs from eating your grass and destroying your crops is to give them McLaughlin's poison. One dose is all that's needed!

A new line of gentlemen's... Alexander Mer. Co's.

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HASKELL, - - TEXAS.

With correspondent Bank in the leading commercial cities of Texas and the East, we are prepared to issue exchange for the convenient transaction of business in all parts of the country.

We solicit like the deposits of the people of Haskell and surrounding country and the business of persons abroad who may have need of the services of a bank here.

The personnel of our officers and board of directors is a guarantee that the interest of all patrons will be protected and promoted.

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LEE PIERSON, Vice-President; M. PIERSON, Asst. Cashier.

Directors.

M. S. PIERSON, G. R. COUCH, MARSHALL PIERSON, E. S. POST, F. M. MORTON, S. W. SCOTT, LEE PIERSON.

# WAR!

When you are preparing to make a war of extermination on the pestiferous prairie dogs remember that

## McLemore's DOG POISON

Is the most deadly weapon you can use, therefore the cheapest in the long run. It is not offered for its cheapness, however, but strictly on its ability to do BUSINESS.

We believe it will kill a larger per cent. of dogs than any poison that has ever been used in this section. There are men all over this country who have used it for years and who freely endorse this claim.

Having this faith in its effectiveness, we guarantee to refund the price to any purchaser who faithfully follows directions in preparing and using it and fails to get satisfactory results from it in accordance with our claims for it, and our selling agents are so instructed.

From now until the first of March is the best time to poison the prairie dogs, and no one should allow this time to pass without making war on them.

OUR POISON IS FOR SALE BY

W. H. Wyman & Co. (Racket Store), Haskell.  
C. M. Chapman, Munday.  
Nat Lee, Chickasha.  
Walter Cousins, Munday.

Persons at a distance can procure the poison by writing to

### McLemore & Ellis, Manufacturers.

HASKELL, - - - TEXAS.

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.

## The Farmers' Department

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THE FREE PRESS is prepared to fill your orders for seals, acknowledgment and protest records and all blanks required in the discharge of your official business.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

### J. L. ODELL,

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LIVERY and  
...FEED STABLE.  
...PASSENGER AND EXPRESS LINE  
Meets Passenger Trains at Stamford.  
GOOD HACKS and TEAMS. Quick Service.  
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FINE BOOTS AND SHOES  
I have had many years experience in making Cow-Hoy Boot that will convince you of the excellence of my work. Fit, Style and Quality Guaranteed.  
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### Gold in One Day

Cure Only in Two Days.  
On every box. 25c.

Write us a letter, send us a picture of the prairie-dog to go. We will advise you how to give you a Schedule of the Trip.

THOS. F. FARMER, Agent, Stamford.