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PARKER COAL MINES.

First Product on Exhibition—The Supply Immense and Quality Very Fine.

Weatherford, Tex., May 9.—The first products of the Weatherford coal mining company's mines is now on exhibition at the office of the company in this city. The samples are of a fine quality of bituminous coal, entirely free from bands or partings, and pronounced by experts fully equal to the celebrated McAlester coal.

This coal was taken from the first shaft sunk by the company and was reached at a depth of about 105 feet, varying with the dip of the stratum. This vein runs from twenty-four to thirty-two inches in thickness, but is not the maximum thickness, which will probably approximate forty-two inches. The formation is entirely regular, and it has been ascertained by various test holes that the coal basin holds deposits aggregating not less than 10,000,000 tons. This estimate, however, is based only upon the vein now being worked and does not take into account any lower veins.

The projectors of this great enterprise have from the first been confident of the outcome, and now their most sanguine expectations are realized, and they will be able to put coal on the market in this city at a net cost of not exceeding \$2.50 per ton, which solves the fuel question for Texas and assures a great manufacturing future for this city.

As stated in the first reports that appeared in The News several feet of a fine quality of fire clay underlies the coal, which is also protected by a fine roof of slate, rendering the mines absolutely dry, which greatly facilitates mining operations and insures the possibility of the work being done at a minimum cost.

Much smaller veins have been advantageously worked under great obstacles, and taking into consideration the quality, extent and accessibility of the Weatherford coal, there can be no doubt as to its influence upon the commercial and manufacturing future of the city.

These mines are only seventy-five miles from Dallas, and they are at the nearest point to Dallas from which first class bituminous coal can ever be obtained. Assuming that the cost of transportation from the mines to Dallas is 1 cent a ton per mile, which would be a profitable rate to the Texas and Pacific, and in the same was charged Mr. Johnson by this road when he was operating his mines near Strawn, coal could be laid down in Dallas and sold by this company at a satisfactory profit for \$3 per ton.

It is understood that negotiations have been pending for some time with a Dallas syndicate to supply them with all the coal wanted at that price for consumption in Dallas.

Certain Dallas capitalists are also said to be interested in the enterprise, and Dallas has, therefore, much to expect of these developments, aside from securing a cheap fuel supply.

Capt. Henry Warren, who has been absent in Boston and New York for some time past, has returned to the city, and was present at an important conference held last night by the men composing the coal syndicate, at which the future policy and plans of the company were outlined.

The work will, however, be pushed forward with all possible speed, and the coal in large quantities will soon be on the market. Weatherford and Dallas are mutually interested in these mines, and the

people of both cities have now substantial facts upon which to base their expectations for the future.

RANCHMAN'S BODY FOUND.

Race's Train Crew on an Engine from Mexico for Life.

EAGLE PASS, TEX., May 9.—The news reached here to-day of the finding of Oscar George's body on the Mexican banks of the Rio Grande, close to where the herd of cattle belonging to him and his uncle were seized by Mexican customs officials last week. The body was riddled with bullets, and had been dead several days. The deceased was one of the prominent stockmen of western Texas. From statements that have been received by parties who were present when the cattle were seized, it is alleged, he was killed at the time while trying to make his escape.

Last night a solitary engine puffed its way into the Eagle Pass yard coming from Mexico at an unusual speed. It brought conductor Deitz, Engineer Chapman and Fireman Moffatt, all of whom jumped from the engine on United States soil with white and scared faces. The men mentioned above are the crew of the train running between Sabinas, Mex., and the San Felipe and Hondo coal mines on the line of the Mexican International. About 4 o'clock yesterday evening a Mexican wiper was run over by the train and killed. Knowing full well the terrible consequence of themselves of such a catastrophe, although perfectly unconcerned, Deitz conferred with his crew and quicker than thought they were all on the engine. The throttle was wide open, and she was bounding toward the United States. At the junction with the main line at Sabinas they delayed a moment to cut the telegraph wires and take on Mrs. Deitz, who bravely consented to accompany her husband in the race for liberty. At the next station they hesitated again long enough to wire the train dispatchers to clear the line as they were coming into Eagle Pass. The line was cleared, the passenger and freight trains were sidetracked, and the refugees made for the United States at the rate of sixty miles an hour. They arrived with out a mishap except that in the yard at Piedras Negras they ran off a switch but did not damage the engine. The name of the man killed was Davilla and he had been a long time in the employ of the company. The telegraph line was so badly injured, having been cut in several places by the runaway crew, that it required some time to get it repaired.

THE MAXWELL KILLING.

Another and Fuller Account of the Tragic Affair.

CISCO, TEX., May 9.—News has just reached here of a shooting near Gunsight, in Stephens county last night. Jim Maxwell's wife had left him and gone to her father's, Mr. Shabozo, and yesterday evening he went there and it is said, tried to persuade her to return home with him, but this her friends objected to and Maxwell in his rage, it is said, shot Mr. Shabozo twice and then shot at his wife and a preacher by the name of Ford, and started to shoot his mother-in-law, but she begged him out of the notion. He and his brothers who were waiting for him at the gate, then emptied their shooting irons into the house, unloosed their horses from the wagon and left on horseback. Mr. Shabozo died this morning. Maxwell has not as yet been captured. Parson Ford shot at Maxwell twice as he was leaving. No one was hurt except Mr. Shabozo.

CLEARED UP.

The Plummerville Ballot Box Outrage Showed up and a Number of Arrests Made.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., 9.—Federal authorities thert that the thief of the Plummerville, Conway county, ballot box, on the night of November 6, has at last been cleared up.

It will be remembered that while the judges were counting the votes that night, five masked men entered the room and presented their pistols and demanded the box and ballots. Of course they got them, but for months it was impossible to get a clew to the perpetrators of the outrage. Two weeks ago last Sunday a young man named Warren Taylor was arrested on the charge of interfering with election officers at Plummerville. He got scared and went before the grand jury and there gave evidence which has led to the clearing up of the mystery. He testified that he was in a croud of young men who went from Morrilton, the county seat, Plummerville that night as they understood it, to preserve peace, as trouble was expected. When the croud arrived at Plummerville they halted on the outskirts and five men rode in town. Presently they returned. On the way to Morrilton the five men gave out that the Plummerville ballot box was in the croud. The boy was taken in to Wells' store at Morrilton and burned. This confession of Taylor's was the means of having a large number of witnesses from Conway county summoned before the grand jury. Yesterday, just before the grand jury adjourned, two indictments were returned and to-day it proved that these indictments were for the Plummerville box theft. The men indicted are O. T. Bentley, Walter P. Wells and Charles Ward charged with unlawfully seizing and carrying away a ballot box and poll books, and the following persons charged with conspiracy in the stealing of the box: Charles O. Reid, Ben T. White, Thomas Chirvey, William Palmer, Warren Taylor, Ferdinand LeB, Gunter William, L. Woods, John C. Heard and Thed R. Wells.

Reid is a young lawyer of Morrilton, who has just been released after conviction in the Federal court on a charge of interfering with election judges.

Young Wells is a son of one of the most prominent merchants of Morrilton.

E. H. Bentley is a deputy sheriff of Conway county under Sheriff Sherby.

Deputy Marshal Faulkenburg went to Morrilton to-day and arrested those not previously in custody and brought them here this evening. They were taken before commissioners and released on bonds in sums ranging from one thousand dollars to two thousand dollars each. Their examination will take place at an early day but they cannot be tied until next term of court, as the appropriation for the trial of criminals has been exhausted. These men are all prominent young men and their arrests have produced a great sensation.

A Policeman Killed.

Temple, Tex., May 9.—While Policeman S. E. Hawes was standing on the sidewalk in front of the Keystone restaurant at 12 o'clock last night, Peck Wiseman shot him from within the house with a double-barreled shot-gun, killing him instantly. Wiseman has been arrested and is having a preliminary trial to-day on a charge of murder, which will be finished to-morrow.

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mill, sow a heavy crop of cotton.

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raised and the gin and mill will be
built.

THE Abilene people can rejoice
again as the rain in the country
tributary was general.

THE wind keeps off frost in this
country until November. It will
not be late to plant cotton in June
or July.

WE are in a prophetic mood and
predict that fall oats, and millet
will be as good as last year, the
rain is not over yet.

MR. LAMAR is a thorough gin
and mill man and Haskell is fortunate
in securing such a man in
that business here.

J. P. LAMAR has taken hold and
will build a first-class gin and mill.
Farmers this is an assured fact, go
to work and plant some cotton. It
is not too late yet to plant.

THE town and county is full of
prospectors many of them say the
FREE PRESS carried them the good
news of cheap homes, a good climate
and healthy prosperous country.

THE enterprising publisher of
the Texas Farmer published at
Dallas which is the organ of the
State Grange, will publish 100,000
copies in a special edition September
the 1st 1889.

THE rain last week assured the
farmers of an average crop. In the
south part of the county, some have
oats that will make 65 bushels, but
the crops over the county will not
average over 45 bushel.

CORN has not suffered so far, and
the prospect for a full crop is good,
gardens are good and are improved
since the rains.

EXPERIMENTS last year showed
that in addition to our soil being
especially adapted to small grain
that it will produce cotton in abundance.
There is no shedding of forms
and bowls, nor is cotton subject to
the pest that bother father east.
There is no grass or weeds to bother
in cultivation, so plant a few acres,
and you will make a few bails,
and have money this fall.

THE charter of a railway company
has been filed with the secretary of
State wherein A. L. Rhomberg is
president. The road to be built
from Austin to the north west.
Rhomberg and a few other Austin
capitalist own nearly all the land in
the panhandle, and they are going
to build a road. Dallas and Fort
Worth and Waco with her tap had
better quit monkeying and bluffing
or Austin's pole will knock the
perammon. Rhomberg owns
about 150,000 acres of land in
Haskell, Jones, Stonewall, Knox
and Baylor counties and a rail
road would greatly enhance the
value of these lands.

A Holy Terror Killed.

Denison, Tex., May 14.—From
J. M. Glass, a cowman from the
Choctaw nation, The Gazette's cor-
respondent learned of the death of
the notorious Bill Yoakum, a
horse thief, whose operations have
extended all over the Indian coun-
try. Yoakum was shot and killed
by a marshal's posse after a long
and arduous chase. He was a Creek
Indian and had been a holy terror
for a long time.

A HORRIBLE EXECUTION.

The Bald Knobbers Pay the Death
Penalty.

**FATHER, SON AND
ACCOMPLICE.**

The Bald Knob Chief and Matthews
Were Strangled to Death and the
Chief's Son Was Twice Sent
Through the Trap.

St. Louis, May 10.—The three
noted bald knobbers of this state—
Dave Walker, his son William, and
John Matthews—who have been
under sentence of death at Ozark
for some time past, were hanged
this morning. They passed a fair
night and ate their breakfast heartily
at the usual time. They then
dressed for the gallows, and shortly
after were taken to the scaffold.

The sheriff helped Matthews up
the step, young Walker followed
with firm steps, his father following
close behind as close as ever. At
the trap a short prayer was deliv-
ered by Rev. T. D. Horn, after
which all joined in singing. Rev.
Thomas Hank delivered a prayer
as the noose was adjusted at 9:40.

John Matthews said he had
nothing to aid. He was there, but
took no part in the crime. Matthews
called on all who were willing to
help his little children to hold up
their hands. Nearly every one in
his sight held up their hands. The
black caps were adjusted at 9:41,
and at 9:53 the drop fell. John
Matthews fell praying.

The stretch of the rope let all fall
to the ground. The rope broke in
the case of William Walker and
fell loose around him as he lay
struggling and groaning. He talked
for three minutes when he
was taken up by the sheriff and
deputies and again placed on the
scaffold.

Dave Walker was drawn up and
died in about fifteen minutes.
Matthews hied about thirteen
minutes and died with his feet on
the ground.

The scene was horrible in the
extreme. Matthews and Dave Walk-
er were cut down at 10:10.

The trap was again adjusted and
William Walker lifted on it helpless
and groaning and gurgling, and
almost insensible. The rope was
again adjusted and the trap again
sprung. This time the descent came
to a sudden stop, with the victim's
feet full thirty inches from the
ground and he died without a
struggle.

"Bull Creek Dave" Walker, ac-
cording to his own story, was born
in Christian county, Ky., in June,
1843. His parents moved to Chris-
tian county, Mo., when he was
14 years old and settled near
Sparta.

The section they settled on was
at that time a part of Green county.
They had a hard life up to the war.
Dave enlisted in the federal service,
joining Company M, sixth Missouri
volunteers, in 1862, but after a few
months' service was discharged, as
he was under age. He went back
home, but had a stronger inclina-
tion for war than ever, and enlisted
in Company H, sixteenth Missouri.
His age was not found out, and he
went through the war. After the
war he returned to bull creek and
entered forty acres of government
land. This was his homestead.

He joined the baldknobbers
three years ago, when the first com-
pany was formed in Christian
county (Bull creek company), and
was made chief. He claimed that
besides potting out liquor, at the
Chadwick saloon and the whipping
of John Evans for cutting up in
church, his company had not done
any regulating. It was the whipping
of Evans which excited the hostility
of Edens.

William Walker is the eldest son
of the baldknob chief. He was born
March 5, 1870. He lived on the
farm with his father all his life, and
joined the baldknobbers at the
same time. He was wounded in the
grain at Green Eden's killing, and
that night was taken to his uncle's
house in Douglass county. He was

captured later by Sheriff Johnson,
with the assistance of J. D. Newton,
a brother of Walker's sweetheart.

John Matthews was born on Bull
creek, in Christian county, five
miles from Chadwick, April 29, 1848.
He was in the union army during
the war, enlisted in the forty-sixth
Missouri. He took part in several
engagements incident to Gen.
Price's raid. He had nine children,
most of them small. He was a
member of the Baptist church, and
had been a baldknobber but two
months when the shooting occurred.
His son Jimmie, 14 years old, was
at Eden's house the night of the
killing, and was indicted with his
father, but was released by the
court, after furnishing bond in
\$1000, on account of his youth.

The scenes on the gallows were
gastly when the three men dropped
through the trap. The feet of Dave
Walker and John Matthews touch-
ed the ground. In less than a min-
ute the rope around Bill Walker's
neck broke and he fell to the ground
crying:

"Oh Lord, I hope no man will
ever suffer as I have, dying!"

He was carried back to the gal-
lows spitting up blood, and was
left in his agony until Dave Walker
and John Matthews were pronoun-
ced dead.

The noose was again adjusted
and Bill Walker dropped through
the trap a second time. His
last words were: "Oh, Lord; Oh,
Lord."

BANKER FISH.

He Leaves the Prison To-day—Served
His Term Like a Philosopher.

New York, May 10.—[Special]—
The Tribune's Auburn (N. Y.) spe-
cial says: James D. Fish, ex-presi-
dent of the Marine bank of New
York city, will do the last day of
his sentence for misapplying funds
of the bank, in Auburn prison
to-day. He will be released on
Saturday morning and will take the
10:30 a. m. train from this city for
New York. He will be accompanied
by his daughter, Miss Anna Fish,
who removed to this city shortly
after her father came here, and has
been here ever since cheering the
old man by her daily visits to him
at the prison. Fish is preparing for
the great change, but he is doing it
coolly. There is a sign in his face
of the joy he must feel at the termi-
nation of his imprisonment.

If ever a man stood his punish-
ment like a philosopher Fish is
that man. When he entered the
prison it was with a determination
to accept the fate brought about by
his own dishonesty like a man. He
has never complained, and has
never tried to impress the world
outside of the prison that he was an
innocent man. When reporters
called at the prison they were in
every case met with the simple
statement, "I have nothing to say."
It has been learned, however,
through a person in prison who
gained his confidence, that he blamed
Ferdinand Ward and the Grants
for his downfall, but especially
Ward. He has never said much
about this.

Fish says when he first met Ward
the latter was a depositor at his
bank. His deposits were small
amounts, but he kept at it and in
the course of time began to make a
little money. Fish was attracted by
his business ability and took him in
his office.

Fish has done nothing since work
in the prison was abandoned. He
spends his time in his cell, excepting
two and a half hours allotted
to exercise each day. He spends
these two and a half hours to-day
in bidding good bye to Jim King
and Tom Sheridan, two men im-
prisoned for life for murder. Fish
visited King one hour this morning
and this afternoon he spent an hour
in the company of Sheridan. Another
thing he did was to make
his will. All the legacies of the doc-
ument executed by Fish to-day are
convicts. The articles disposed of
are things in his cell.

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fully invited to come forward and buy
while they are offered cheap or
else forever stop their racket.
5-11-4t W. S. CALLAN

Rev. D. C. Stark and D. L.
Flynt took a trip up to Haskell
county this week to look at some
land. Upon their return they un-
fold the following tale: A half
grown prairie dog thought to seek
safety from them in a neighboring
hole. As he approached the hole
he was seen to stagger back, take
a few wavering steps and then fall
down and was dead in a moment.
A monstrous rattlesnake was then
seen to emerge from the hole, and
deliberately began swallowing the
dog. The snake had plunged his
fangs into the side of the dog, and
this ended the life of doggy, and
Flynt and Bro Stark plunged a
mequite pole into the side of the
snake, and this ended the life of
snake. It was once a mooted
question as to whether a rattlesnake
would eat anything he had bit ten.
This instance should settle the con-
troversy in this country.—[Jones
County Calliope

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chills and fever, and vainly trying
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Saturday, May 18, 1889.

—Bob Marr was in the city Monday.

—J. G. Dewees was in the city this week.

—Judge Evans was in the city this week.

—F. M. Morton was in the city this week.

—A. H. Tandy was in the city this week.

—I. L. Wade was in the city this week.

—Mack Waters was in the city this week.

—J. A. Bally was in the city this week.

—T. A. Gillmore was in the city Monday.

—R. A. Jones was in the city Wednesday.

—Dr. John Norris has returned to Haskell.

—Geo. Williamson was in the city this week.

—Ed. J. Hamner Esq. has returned from Austin.

—Mr. Cain and son was in the city Thursday.

—Mr. Hudson was in from the range this week.

—Jack Fielder was in from the range Thursday.

—Miss Lula Wade is visiting in the city this week.

—Miss Eva Coker is visiting in the city this week.

—W. E. Hampton and daughter was in the city this week.

—E. W. Barret made a flying trip to Benjamin last week.

—Men, women and children's Straw Hats at Johnson Bros.

—Dr. Netherly of Farmeraville Texas has located in Haskell.

—Frank Walker one of the Espu ala boys was in Haskell this week.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clifton a ten pound boy on the 5th instant.

—Geo. Mason left last week to visit his old home in Kentucky.

—Capt. C. P. Killough has purchased a residence of A. D. Tucker.

—I. Lomax brother of R. O. Lomax Esq. is visiting his brother at this place.

—F. P. Morgan Esq. made a business trip to Benjamin last week.

—R. H. Beall Esq. of Decatur was in Haskell attending court this week.

—There were several herds of cattle passed on the trail near town this week.

—S. M. Hammons says he gathered a mess of beans from his garden Monday.

—Miss Carrie Rogers left Thursday to visit friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

—Prof. Brown began a series of 12 lessons in vocal music last Monday night.

—J. M. Robertson Esq. and Mr. Campbell of Meridian was in the city this week.

—T. J. Lemon roped a young Antelope Tuesday and brought it home for a pet.

—Sulphur at prices to suit the times at the Drug Store of Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.

—In the case of R. H. Beall vs Boyt and E. M. Pacey, judgment was for the plaintiff.

—Six Mts. silk Gloves, Lisle Thread Hose and lady's Collars and Caps at Johnson Bros.

—The DIT, bar 10 and H A cross or horse shoe wagons passed through town this week.

—Mrs. W. L. Standfer has been quite sick for several weeks, but she is now convalescing.

—The Place to buy your Prairie Dog poison is at the Drug store of Bass Bros. Abilene Texas.

—A. M. Seaton passed through the city this week on his way to his sheep ranch to begin shearing.

—The commissioners court has reconsidered the order allowing the county attorney \$50.00 per quarter.

—Valenciennes, Flouncings, Embroideries, Laces, Mosquito Bars and Nets, Veiling etc. at Johnson Bros.

—D. R. Gass will sell you a good Golden Eagle Cultivator as cheap as they can be obtained from any other dealer. 4-20-1f.

—Miss Mollie Springer went to Albany Thursday where she will spend the summer with relatives and friends.

—Little Benny Baggett gave us a call Thursday. He is two and a half years old and knows all the alphabet.

—Mrs. H. G. McConnell left Tuesday for Austin where she will spend a few weeks visiting her parents.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. Hill have some beautiful flowers in their garden, they have several varieties of the rose.

—Spurs, Bridle-bits and Reins, Quirts, Curry-combs, Stirrups, Whang Leather, and the best Rope in the market at Johnson Bros.

—B. J. Tyson showed us some very fine specimens of wheat the other day that was grown on his farm in this county.

—D. R. Gass is agent for the McCormick Mowers, Harvesters, and Binders, and all pieces for the repair of these machines. 4-20-1f.

—Uncle Dan Moonaham says he has a variety of early corn that will soon be in tassel and that the prospect of a year is good.

—Capt. J. S. Williams was in the city this week and says he has been having Irish potatoes from his garden for more than three weeks.

—Judge Cockrell, district attorney Cunligham and Fred Cockrell Esq. passed through Haskell Wednesday on their way home from court at Benjamin.

—The ball at the Harvey building Monday night was the greatest event of the season. The dancing was highly enjoyed by all.

—J. W. Red & Co. have the most select stock of Dry Goods and Clothing ever brought to Abilene, and their low price on all will surprise you.

—Misses Jennie Wray, Beulah Dillahunt and Mattie Armstrong paid us a call Friday evening. Such visits are very soothing to the souls of the storm-beaten printers.

—F. G. Alexander, H. C. Dillahunt, Wm Ward, J. T. Bowman Bud Smith, Zick Fruit, Cal Lowery, F. P. Shultz, Henry Post were in the city this week.

—Dress steels, dress stays, dress shields, Tricors, Francis, Erminie, Little Daughter and Nursing Corsets, Hand Bags and Satchels at Johnson Bros.

—Elder Boen and Taylor will be in Haskell during the protracted meeting that begin next Wednesday to assist Elder Tant, who has been previously announced.

—J. A. Clark was in the city this week and says the drouth has on the prospect of small grain some and that there will not be over an average crop made, but he says corn is doing splendid.

—Satinets, Novelty Cords, India Challis, Lawns, Gingham, White and Cross-Bar Lawns, Gingham Prints, Oil Prints, Indigo Prints and other dress goods at Johnson Bros.

County Court.

—In the case of Massey et al vs Straughan the jury rendered a verdict for the A heart 75 cattle and gave the defendant last years calves.

—G. R. Couch accompanied by H. R. Jones, W. J. Sowel and R. F. Miller went out to survey the lines of the Green B. Cook tract of land on the Salt Fork of the Brazos Tuesday, the survey contains about 5000 acres.

—When in Abilene call at the Drug store of Bass Bros. on west Pine street, and examine their stationery, books, wall paper, etc. before buying, they carry a large stock and sell remarkably low for the cash.

—I will give \$25.00 for any evidence leading to the apprehension of the thief who stole two sacks of wool from an unoccupied house in Haskell owned by Geo. Keister on last Sunday night.

Tom Marr

—T. J. Lemon left Thursday accompanied by Miss Effie Armstrong for Abilene, whence Miss Effie will take the cars for her home in Wertherford. Miss Effie made many friends while here who regret to see her leave. She was one of Haskell's brightest gems.

—Do not fail to call upon J. W. Red & Co., when you visit Abilene. Read their prices given in "ad" of this issue. They carry a full line of Dry Goods, Clothing and Groceries, and is the only house in the city that carries stockmen's bed-sheets, or tarpaulins.

—The commissioners' court convened Monday and changed the time of the county court to January, April, July, and October. This was the proper thing, as the county court conflicted with the regular term of the commissioners court as fixed by statute.

DIED.

We are sorry in deed to note the death of Mrs. F. C. Wilfong who died a few days ago at Kaufman. She and Mr. Wilfong had gone down there to spend the summer and attend to some stock matters. Mr. Wilfong was interested in Mrs. Wilfong was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Preston, and was highly esteemed and loved by all who knew her. She left her infant of a few months old in a very critical condition and it is not expected to live. The bereaved relatives and friends have our heart felt sympathy in their afflictions.

LATER

Since writing the above we have learned that the little infant also died.

—DIED—On last Friday Morning Bud Cox was kicked by a horse, from the effects of which he died Saturday Morning. The bereaved relatives have our sympathy.—[Calliope Anson Texas]

Ungainly Man.

Man is an ungainly creature at the best. His head is an irregular spheroid; his eyes are not alike or of equal efficiency; his whiskers wont grow uniformly. One shoulder is higher than the other; one hand or foot is larger than the other—and this on opposite sides—his hips (if he has any) are unequal in shape. The calves of his legs are not twins in anything but age, and without his tailor, hatter, and bootmaker he is a very sorry looking animal. As for women—well this article is not written to discuss their physical crookedness; if it was it would not be half the length that it is.—[Ex]

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200 Yards Embroidery, worth 15, 20 and 25, at 10c per yard.

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STORMS AND THE EQUINOXES.

Chief Signal Officer Greely certainly has the right to expect that whatever he says on the subject of meteorology shall be received very much as gospel truth. He has a well-earned reputation as a practical expert, a close observer and an enthusiastic student in the particular department of science which he has chosen for his labor, and these qualities, combined with the fact that his experience has extended from the burning suns of the tropics to the frozen regions of the north, beyond all latitudes ever attained by any one except himself, tend to give special and transcendent weight to his words touching any problem in meteorology. In view of all this one would scarcely expect to see a disposition shown by Gen. Greely to trifle with science or to engage in a species of scientific hairsplitting as he has recently been doing. His attempt to disprove the popular idea that storms occur during the equinoxes, if he had quoted correctly, is rather a lame and halting piece of business and one too totally unworthy of the man and the distinguished office he fills. "There are no equinoctial storms," he says, and then goes on to explain: "The equinoxes are imaginary points at the intersection of the circle described by the earth about the sun with the plane of the earth's equator extended till it strikes the imaginary dome of the sky. Hence it is evident that they can have no influence on storms. It might be thought, that somehow the lengthening of the day at the spring equinox might affect the weather, but as this lengthening amounts to only about two and a half minutes daily and is a continuous action, lasting for weeks before and after the equinox, the effect is absolutely nothing. Observations made in England over a period of fourteen years and in this country over a period of sixteen years, show that storms do not occur uniformly on March 21 or Sept. 21." Here Gen. Greely first carefully explains what every well advanced school boy knows, that the causes popularly supposed to bring on meteorological changes are slow and progressive, operating for many days before and after the occurrence of the actual equinox. Then he turns about face and fixes upon certain days and almost hours for the occurrence of the equinoctial storms, and because the records show that they do not occur on those dates, he asserts that there are no such storms. As well might he say that there is no such thing as periodicity in sun spot and auroral intensity, or in the extremes of summer's heat or winter's cold, because these phenomena do not occur with clock-like regularity, without variation of an hour or a minute from period to period. The fact is that when Gen. Greely took his tit at the popular fallacy concerning equinoctial storms he knew very well that he had an adversary of straw before him. The popular belief does not go so far as to fix dates, as the general does. People believe the atmospheric conditions attending the gradual recurrence of the equinoxes are generative of storms, and the records bear out this belief. The hurricane chart of the north Atlantic ocean, prepared under the direction of Gen. Greely's predecessor, Gen. Hazen, embraces a period of more than one hundred years, and gives a chronological list of all tropical cyclones during that time. The whole number of storms reported was fifty-seven, and of these all but four occurred near the autumnal equinox. Two occurred during November and two during December. The chart issued under the

direction of the same officer giving the tracks of the West India hurricanes from 1873 to 1881, shows that during that time there were twenty-four such storms, and that nineteen occurred near the autumnal equinox. This is pretty good evidence that the chief signal officer is wrong when he says there are no such thing as equinoctial storms. He is correct in one point. The records show but few storms near the vernal equinox as compared with those near the autumnal, and therefore it was evidently with a purpose that he wrote: "It might be thought that somehow the lengthening of the day at spring equinox might affect the weather, * * * but the effect is absolutely nothing." But with all the facts before him will the chief signal officer venture to make so positive an assertion about the effect of the shortening of the day at the autumnal equinox? A really scientific treatise on this subject from his pen would be far more valuable than any number of such unscientific thrusts at real or imaginary popular fallacies concerning meteorology as that now going the rounds of the press.

WHITE CAPS.

Gainesville Juveniles Organized as a Band of Terrorists.

Gainesville, Tex., May 11.—The citizens of this place were greatly surprised this morning when it was stated that there was an organization of White Caps in the city composed of youths from fourteen to eighteen years of age. The police learned yesterday that the juveniles would meet last night and about 10 o'clock their rendezvous was raided and twelve of the gang arrested. This clique has been in existence for several weeks and is thoroughly organized, having pass-words, signs, grips, etc. The distinguishing badge is a leather shield worn on the left side of the breast. Each member has a heavy hickory walking stick and wooden billy similar to those used by the police. It is said that a number of boys have been severely whipped by this gang during the past few nights, and the victim is informed after he has been treated to the torturing castigation, that in the event he ever tells of the occurrence that his life will pay the penalty. It is stated that the organization numbers about sixty, but pickets last night gave the alarm upon the approach of the police, and the ladies took to their heels. Those arrested last night gave the names of several others who belonged to the organization. The city authorities are investigating the matter, and if the acts attributed to the boys are found correct they will be punished. They are all badly frightened, and the raid will have the effect of disbanding the gang.

A TERRITORY TRAGEDY.

A Misunderstanding Over a Trivial Matter Results in Murder.

Pottsboro, Tex., May 9.—Last night parties came to this place for a coffin for Charles Gorrell, who was murdered yesterday near Hounds' Ferry in the Nation, and gave the full particulars which were about as follows:

A few days ago Gorrell and Dannel Jones (known as Whitting Jones), a man of bad repute, had a difficulty over some trivial matter which terminated in a fist-fight on the 7th, in which Jones was worsted. Jones then remarked that the next time they would fight it out with pistols. The next day, which was yesterday, as Gorrell was going to work in his field, Jones came from an adjoining field and met him at the gate, when the firing commenced. No one was present except two women, who were some distance off, and they saw Gorrell fall off his horse and heard five shots.

The first parties there found Gorrell dead with one shot and Jones standing there. Gorrell's pistol had two chambers empty, one on each side of the hammer. Jones' pistol had three chambers empty. Jones stated that Gorrell

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NORTHERN WISCONSIN FIRES.

Duluth, Minn., May 9.—Fierce forest fires are burning in Northern Wisconsin east of Gogebec lake. Several railway stations burned, and reports from Vermillion state that all the towns in the vicinity are surrounded by flames. Much damage has been done to timber. All telegraph wires from there to Duluth have been blown down.

MANY REFUGEES MISSING.

Marquette, Mich., May 9.—Terrible forest fires are still raging in this section. The village of Norway is surrounded by flames. Two buildings have been burned at the Vulcan mine and miles of flames are spreading through the homestead districts. Bruce Crossing and Watchwood have been destroyed. Refugees are seeking safety in ditches and cellars and many are missing.

Personal.

Mr. N. H. Frohlichstein, of Mobile, Ala., writes: I taken great pleasure in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, having used it for a severe attack of Bronchitis and Catarrh. It gave me instant relief and entirely cured me and I have not been afflicted since. I also beg to state that I had tried other remedies with no good result. Have also used Electric Bitters and Dr. King's New Life Pills, both of which I can recommend. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, is sold on a positive guarantee. Trial bottle free at Druggists.

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 - No. 2. 640 acres 15 miles west of town, near Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos river, fine land, price \$2.50 per acre, cash, balance 1 and 2 years.
 - No. 3. 800 acres 9 miles southwest of town, high open ridge land, rich; level and nice, some timber, no surface water but very productive black sandy land. \$2.50 cash, \$2.75 to cut and on partial payments.
 - No. 4. 160 acres 5 miles north of town on Benjamin and Haskell road, close black land, level and rich, near Lake creek, some timber; good grass, price \$3.50 per acre.
 - No. 5. 213 1/2 acres 18 miles southwest of town, fine red loam, mesquite land, good grass and good land \$2.50 per acre cash.
 - No. 6. 304 acres of as fine land as in the county on Lake creek 17 north of town, good mesquite timber, price \$3.00, cash, balance 1 year.
 - No. 7. 1,000 acres 4 miles southeast of town, fine dark red loam, mesquite timber and good water, \$3.00 per acre.
 - No. 8. 320 acres 12 miles southwest of town, on waters of Paint creek, good land and good grass, \$1.50, cash. (Vining.)
 - No. 9. 1,280 acres 14 miles southwest of town on Paint creek, fine red loam, farming or pasture land, lays well, \$2.00 per acre, cash, balance 1 and 2 years.
 - No. 10. 640 acres 7 miles northwest of town, as fine black land, with good mesquite timber as in the county on head of Lake creek. \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
 - No. 11. 276 1/2 acres 10 miles southwest of Haskell in 921 acre blocks, mostly prairie, on Willow Point, \$2.00 per acre, will sell a portion or all in a body.
 - No. 12. 320 acres about 15 miles southwest of town, a splendid little piece of dirt for a farm, only \$2.00 cash.
 - No. 13. 640 acres 16 miles north of town on Lake creek. This is a magnificent body of farming or pasture land, has water, timber, grasses and good land all combined, making it one of the most desirable tracts in the county.
 - No. 14. 645 acres on Miller creek, very fine level land, will make a splendid farm, \$2.50 per acre cash.
 - No. 15. 320 acres on Paint creek 10 miles south of town, all good level land with good mesquite timber, \$2.50, cash.
 - No. 16. 640 acres 12 miles east of town, Paint runs through it, about 1/2 good land, balance suitable for pasture, good timber and grass and protection for stock, a magnificent place for stock ranch.
 - No. 17. 320 acres 10 miles north of town, very fine level land with good grass and timber, only \$3.00 per acre cash.
 - No. 18. 320 acres 7 miles southeast of town on Buffalo creek, plenty of stock water, grass, timber and splendid land all combined; makes this one of the most desirable tracts in the county, only \$3.00 per acre, on easy terms.
 - No. 19. 640 acres 16 miles northeast of town, fine level prairie farming land, \$2.50 per acre, cash, balance on easy terms.
 - No. 20. 1476 acres 7 miles east of town on Red creek, about 1/2 good farming land, balance good pasture, creek runs through surry; timber, water and grass combined, makes this suitable for a stock farm, price \$2.00 cash, \$2.25, cash.
 - No. 21. 320 acres on Brazos river 16 miles west of town, good land, price \$3.00 per acre, cash.
 - No. 22. 388 acres about 9 miles east of town on Red creek, splendid red land, price \$1.50 cash.
 - No. 23. 640 acres 14 miles west of town, fronting the Brazos river, good farming and pasture land, \$2.90, cash or \$2.25, cash balance on easy terms.
 - No. 24. 960 acres 12 miles north of town, good land, timber, water and grass, a splendid place for stock farm, \$2.50, cash.
 - No. 25. 424 acres on Brazos river 18 miles northwest of town, as fine land as in the county, only \$3.00 per acre.
 - No. 26. 960 acres 10 miles northeast of town, level, red loam land, some timber but dry, only \$2.00 per acre, cash.
 - No. 27. 430 acres 10 miles north of town on Lake creek, no better land in the county, good grass and timber, \$3.00, cash down.
 - No. 28. 640 acres on same survey as No. 27, same quality of land, timber and grass, \$3.00 per acre, terms easy.
 - No. 29. 320 acres 8 miles north of town on Benjamin road, fine level black sandy land, good timber and grass, on Lake creek, only \$3.
 - No. 30. 3 sections (640 acres each) on Brazos river. This is as good land as in the west, lays well, \$2.00 per acre by the section, will sell either section or the whole in a body.
 - No. 31. 640 acres 11 miles northeast of town, very good red loam prairie land, only \$2.00 per acre cash or \$2.25, cash.
 - No. 32. 640 acres 8 miles east of town on Haskell and Throckmorton road, splendid land at \$2.00 per acre, cash.
 - No. 33. 3400 acres 20 miles north of town in the edge of Knox county, on Brazos river, no better land in the state, lays well, \$3.00 per acre, will sell in a body or out to suit the purchaser.
 - No. 34. 300 acres 7 miles south of town on Mule creek, \$2.50 cash or \$2.75, cash.
 - No. 35. 500 acres on Miller creek, all fenced with good house, two rooms, very fine land, grass, water and timber. Price and terms upon application.
 - No. 36. 320 acres 9 miles southeast of town, good land, water, grass with some mesquite timber, Horse creek passes through it, only \$2.25 per acre. A splendid ranch.
- The above are only a portion of the splendid bargains we now offer to the home-seekers, and now is the time to purchase. We also offer for sale some nice 80 acre blocks on the Peter Allen survey adjoining town, also many choice vacant and improved town lots, cheap for cash, and on easy terms to the actual settler. For further information concerning lands in Haskell county, call on or address us. I also have a good farm of 160 acres in Stonewall Co. 60 acres in cultivation, good improvements, will sell cheap for cash. For particulars address us, Office in court house with county Surveyor and Treasurer.