





THE SENATE AND THE PHILIPPINES.

McEnery's Resolution Goes Through the Senate After Short Discussion.

FOUR VOTES MORE THAN WAS NEEDED.

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BACON'S AMENDMENT FAILED TO PASS.

In the House the Nicaragua Canal Bill Placed Upon the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill as a Rider.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The unanimous consent agreement reached by the senate last Saturday to vote yesterday afternoon on the resolution of Mr. McEnery of Louisiana, declaring a policy of this government in the Philippines, was not vacated. In accordance with that agreement the vote was taken on the resolution at 2:30 o'clock yesterday, and it was adopted by a vote of 36 to 22.

It was noticeable that several Democrats who were present and not paired refrained from voting. An amendment offered by Mr. Bacon, (Dem. Ga.), several days ago, was defeated. The vote on the amendment was 18-29 to 26, and Vice President Hobart cast the deciding vote against the proposition.

The voting was preceded by three hours and a half debate, the senate having convened at 11 a. m. in order to admit of a discussion on the resolution. The McEnery resolution is as follows: "That by the ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain it is not intended to incorporate the inhabitants of the Philippine islands into citizenship of the United States, nor is it intended to permanently annex said islands as an integral part of the territory of the United States."

It is the intention of the United States to establish on said islands a government suitable to the wants and conditions of the inhabitants of said islands, to prepare them for local self government and in due time make such disposition of said islands as will best promote the interests of the citizens of the United States and the inhabitants of said islands. The Nicaragua canal bill was offered the house as an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill by Mr. McEnery of Iowa, chairman of the committee that reported it, and the leaders on the respective sides are engaged in a separate struggle which involves the fate of the measure at this session of congress. After Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, served notice last week that there was no time for the consideration of the canal bill this session, the supporters of the measure determined to force it on to the sundry civil bill as a rider, if possible.

As soon as it was offered Mr. Cannon also served notice of order against it, and of the most interesting parliamentary contests of the session was on. As to the appeals of the house leaders to hold the measure in line, but strong arguments were advanced in support of the pertinency of the amendment besides the bill has strong friends on both sides of the chamber who are strongly ready to adopt any expedient provide for the construction of the canal. The debate on the points of order, or lasted two hours and was not concluded. It seemed to be a foregone conclusion that the chairman of the committee of the whole, Mr. Perkins of Illinois, will sustain the points of order, so that the real test will come up on the question of overriding the chair. Should the chair be overridden there is no doubt that the amendment will command a majority of votes. About 23 pages of the bill were disposed of but no important amendments were adopted.

Has Been Retired. Washington, Feb. 13.—Brigadier-General William Sinclair has been retired.

Water Failure at Temple. Temple, Tex., Feb. 13.—There is a water failure in this city, caused by the freezing of water pipes. The canal and well situation is not so bad. The Santa Fe Railway company is furnishing employees with coal at \$3.50 per ton.

Poisoned by Ice Cream. Paris, Feb. 13.—Three children of Charles Reeves were poisoned here by eating ice cream made of snow and coal with orange peel in it. A physician was called and successfully administered antidotes.

Killed in a Ballroom. Memphis, Feb. 13.—Edward Rigley, city fireman, was shot and killed in a crowded charity ballroom in this city Tuesday night by Charles Miller, a lawyer of Memphis. The shooting occurred over Rigley's dancing partner.

Children Burned to Death. Little Rock, Feb. 13.—At Sneedville, Mo. Charles Bannister, a farmer, destroyed by fire. Three children, and 12, were burned to death.

OCCUPATION TAX. The law requires certain persons to pay an occupation tax before engaging in business, and in the event they fail to do so the law requires the collector to file complaint against them. Should the collector fail to file complaint against delinquents as required by law he is subject to indictment and fine. Many persons in Callahan county are doing business without first having obtained a license by payment of state and county occupation taxes. This is to notify all such persons that, in compliance with the law, I am compelled and will file complaint against all persons who fail or refuse to pay their occupation taxes on or before the 1 day of March. I do not wish to put any one to extra cost here or give any fair warning of what they may expect if their occupation taxes are not paid by March 1st.

J. W. JONES, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

Sensible Suggestion.

BUY YOUR GOODS WHERE YOU CAN GET THE MOST GOODS OF THE BEST QUALITY FOR THE LEAST MONEY.



Dry Goods, Etc. Before you make your purchases you should examine my examine my elegant line of Dry Goods Dress Goods, Etc.



Furniture, Trunks,

We have a nice line of Trunks, Furniture, Etc., and would be pleased to have you call and examine my stock and get my prices. I am sure I can please you both in quality and price. Call and examine my stock before buying.



Furnishing, Goods.

We have an elegant line of Gent's Furnishing Goods, Etc., and would be pleased to have you call and examine my stock.

Undertakers Goods.

We always carry in stock a full line of Coffins, Caskets, and Undertakers Goods.

Leo. Stern.

H. SCHWARTZ, Mgr.

T. & P. Ry SCHEDULE. EAST BOUND. No. 4, 9:35 a. m. No. 5, 3:15 p. m. J. B. HARMON, Agent.

LOCAL NEWS.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Judge: R. L. Russell. County and District Clerk: W. P. Cochran. Tax Assessor: J. E. Norrell. Sheriff and Tax Collector: J. W. Jones. Deputy Sheriff: J. M. Reed. County Attorney: J. W. Woods. County Treasurer: T. B. Holland. County Surveyor: M. H. Bailey. Public Weigher: W. M. Coffman. Road Commissioner: Fredrick No. 1, W. A. Hines; Fredrick No. 2, J. M. Hines; Fredrick No. 3, A. M. Sprague; Fredrick No. 4, J. M. Hines. Constable: J. P. Prentiss No. 1, J. P. Prentiss; J. C. Ashby.

City Government. Mayor: Arthur Yonge. City Marshal: C. G. Hinds. Aldermen: J. B. Harmon, H. A. St. John, S. L. Dittell, W. E. Mayes, Philip Burrows. City Council meets on first Tuesday night in each month at Court House.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

All locals, or all matter intended to go among reading matter will be charged for at the regular rate of 5 cents a line, no matter how short or how long said articles may be. No discount on this class of ads.

All ads and locals to run until ordered out, unless time is specified when ad is inserted.

All transient ads must be paid for in advance. All such ads hereafter will be refused unless rule is complied with.

Cards of thanks and all other matter of a personal nature will be charged for at regular rates hereafter, except where parties are unable to pay for such notices.

Correspondents and others who report weddings for publication in THE STAR are requested to be reasonably brief. Do not send list of wedding presents for publication as all such matter will be refused unless paid for at regular advertising rates. All write-ups of weddings of reasonable length (except list of presents) will be published free of charge.

Subscription.—The subscription price of THE STAR is one dollar, and must be paid in advance. The price is too low to allow credit. All subscribers in county will find date of expiration of their subscription printed on their paper. If any do not wish to renew please notify us promptly and do not let paper run over time two or three months and then refuse it at postoffice as so many are in the habit of doing.

ADVERTISERS who want space on 1st and 4th page of THE STAR or desire change in ads on two pages must notify us on Tuesday. Orders for ads or change for ads on 2d and 3d pages must be given not later than Wednesday evening each week. No change will be made in ad, nor will any ad be discontinued for the current week unless this rule is complied with. We must have sometime to make up forms, and to wait until the very last minute to order a large ad out or a change in same not only works an unnecessary hardship on the forman, but often delays the press work for several hours and frequently we are forced to run the press after night because some advertiser delayed sending copy for his ad until the paper was up or took a notion at the last moment to order his ad out. A little forethought on the part of advertisers will save us unnecessary work and enable us to give them better service.

EXTRA COPIES.—Persons who desire extra copies of THE STAR must give us their order by 12 o'clock on Wednesday. We print only sufficient number of copies for our regular subscribers and exchanges. No more free copies will be distributed. If the paper is not worth paying for it is not worth having. Single copies 5 cts; a liberal discount on all large orders for extra copies.

We will furnish any subscriber who falls to get his paper an extra copy free, if notified within ten days that his copy has not been received.

You ought to have it in THE STAR and we have plenty of space for good men to advertise.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises. For use in such cases Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the most favorable family remedy. Price 25 cents and 50 cents. St. John & Powell, Feb.

Squire Robbins was in town, Monday. J. W. Eagwell of Cross Plains, is in town.

Buy your dog poison from St John & Powell. 12 cf. J. H. Finch, Jr. of Spring Gap, was in town, Tuesday.

Tax Assessor T. J. Norrell, was in town a day or so this week. Prairie Dog poison at St John & Powell's. 12 cf.

A new roof is being put on the beer hall north of the City Hotel. J. A. Wagner of Cross Plains, spent a few days in town this week.

Cliff McManis came in the first of the week to spend a few days with his parents. Judge J. H. Wood, we regret to say, is very bad health, but appears to be improving.

"Grandma" McKinney, who was seriously hurt by a fall last week, is still confined to her bed.

See change in St. John & Powell's ad on last page. They are now making a specialty of dog poison. Dr. A. Vandover, retired physician, of Covington, Ky., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. McManis.

W. H. Nesmith, one of the old timers, living in the south part of the county, spent a few days in town this week. H. A. McWhorter was up from the Bayou Monday. He says some few cattle died during the late cold snap, but in the main, cattle came out very well considering the extremely cold weather we had.

John Laird seems to be hustling among the cattlemen these days. He had smallpox, is reported to have died near Weatherford, Sunday. There are conflicting reports about the case, some say he died of small pox, others that he died of pneumonia caused by exposure. At any rate the doctors are doing a good business vaccinating the people.

The sand house in the T. & P. yards burned last Saturday evening. The house was built on the east end of the elevated track leading to the coal chutes, east of the round house. The wind was blowing a gale from the north and fearful cold and it looked at one time as though the round house, coal chute, stock pens and coal bin would all be destroyed, but by hard work the fire was confined to the sand house. The large coal bin was slightly damaged. One flat car was burned which stood near the sand house. We could not learn how the fire originated.

EAGLE COVE HAPPENINGS. EDITOR STAR: Feb. 14.—Since our last effusion there has been nothing exciting, strange or tragic to disturb the usual serenity of one peaceful Hamlet.

The "grip" has about run its course and left us for the season, having had in its embrace quite a number of our citizens. Mrs. Chas. A. Merrick, we are glad to state is at present convalescing having had quite a lengthy tussle with the grippe.

Mrs. Wilson, living in our community, died on last Saturday and was buried Monday. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. At this writing we are having some pleasant sunshine, which indeed makes one feel better after having undergone the bitter cold weather that we have for the past month. It is the opinion of the oldest settlers that last Saturday night "took the cake" for being the coldest night in many years. We would mention the fact that J. W. Miller's kerosene oil froze up and he has since been selling it by the pound instead of gallons, but he gave us a half bushel of potatoes and a bottle of pickles not to tell it.

Mr. Price accompanied by Rev. L. S. Rountree, took in the city of Baird, Tuesday. Brother W. N. Motz was snow bound in Baird several days last week, but he makes no complaint as the grip medicine abated his fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts from Tennessee, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. L. D. Trotter of our vicinity. They will probably remain several months. We regret that Mr. Edward Cordill has left us. He started Monday for his home in Kentucky.

J. W. Miller and M. McElrath were in Baird Tuesday on business. Going to town twice a week does not have any demerit effect on Mr. Miller's business.

Wishing THE STAR much success we remain, Your Friend, EVERETT E. FLEASHER.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

Examinations will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19th, for permanent certification; on Friday, Feb. 20th, for 3d grade studies, and on Saturday, Feb. 21st, for 1st and 2nd grade studies. B. L. RUSSELL, Co. Judge.

CURE FOR SMALLPOX. To The News: One ounce of cream tartar dissolved in a pint of hot water, drink at intervals when cold, is said to be a never failing remedy for smallpox. It will also prevent one's taking the disease if used in time. A few drops of lemon juice added makes a very palatable beverage. T. B. BALDWIN.

COURT HOUSE NOTES. T. & P. Ry Co. to Richard Cordcut 160 acres out of survey No. 15, S. P. Ry Co. \$725. E. M. Jones and wife to Ell Ensor 30 acres out of Jesse Dyson survey. \$150. Comal Co. to Wilhelm Reichmuts Sub. No. 29 of Comal Co. school land 1624 acres \$917.50. H. M. Bell to Jno. L. Woods survey 2385 T. E. & L. Co. 33 acres \$1130. C. W. Edwards to Mrs. M. L. Stanton lot 1 in block 3 city of Baird, \$625.00. L. Lamb and wife to W. H. Derrington and S. N. Strahan, gin and mill property in Cottonwood, \$2300. S. N. Strahan and wife to W. H. Derrington their undivided 1/2 interest in above property \$825. J. B. Wright and wife W. E. Mayes 160 acres known as the J. A. Barnett Pre-emption, #390 and other considerations. W. E. Mayes and wife to J. B. Wright reconveyance of the above tract of land. \$1400.

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY. One of our exchanges hit a merchant of its town a good lick not long since. The paper referred to had been writing fervent appeals to the people to support home institutions. One of the merchants wrote the editor a commendation highly commending the editor's efforts in that line. The editor commented on the letter somewhat as follows: "To begin with the letter head on which the communication was written was printed in a foreign town, notwithstanding we have a good job office, and spend all our money at home. Further more we have paid this man considerable money the past year, but he had not received a cent from him for work in our line. This gentleman evidently wants people to patronize home industry—patronize him, when they want goods, but when he wants printing done he sends off for his work. If this gentleman wants people to patronize home industry why don't he produce what he promises?"

THE STAR has a good job printing outfit, and does as fine work as any house in Texas, except lithographing of course. Yet some people in Baird send off to other towns for printing, notwithstanding we buy from these same merchants when we need anything in their line. A merchant has no room to complain when people ignore him and go to other towns to trade when he refuses to patronize his own people when he has an opportunity to do so.

REPORT OF ARCHITECT. TO THE HON. COMMISSIONER'S COURT CALLAHAN CO., TEXAS: DEAR SIR: After a careful inspection and examination as to the condition of your Court House at the present time, I submit that I find the walls to be in a generally bad condition, owing to settlements of the exterior walls. This is especially the case with the south-west corner of the building, which is in a very precarious condition. From information obtained, as well as from the indications presented by the appearance of the cracks and fractures themselves, the conclusion is made that the settlements are yet going on. To repair the building and make it safe, it will be necessary to make extensive repairs, and a suggestion would be to take down the four corners of the building, and rebuild on a deeper and a broader foundation, making what is known as buttressed corners. These buttresses should also be placed so to strengthen the corners of the entire structure.

Through repairing of the interior walls throughout the building. Respectfully Submitted, J. E. FLANDERS, ARCHITECT.

ADDITIONAL: A much better way of repairing the building would be to enlarge the corner rooms 6 to 8 feet in each direction, which could be done in such a manner that the new walls would act as a brace to the old walls, preventing further settlement. While this would be more expensive than the plan first suggested the result would be much more satisfactory in all respects. J. G. McDONN, one of the first settlers of this county, was in town yesterday.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Go to A. Cooke's for Drugs. 38 cf. Go to A. Cooke's for paints and oils. Jones & Mills, barbers. Hot and cold baths at all hours, up to 9 p. m. Open Saturdays to 12 o'clock at night. 33 cf.

Don't forget we are the people when it comes to wall paper. St. John & Powell's. St. John & Powell have an elegant line of new wall paper. Call and see it. Lots for Sale.—Several nice building lots for sale cheap, on reasonable terms. FRED LANE. When needing new wall paper be sure and see the new stock of paper at St. John & Powell's.

FOR SALE.—A few pure bred short horn bulls, also a nice grade Hereford bulls. Come quick. 8 25. ELLIS RICHARDSON.

Prescriptions filled accurately at H. A. Speer's drug store day or night. We also carry a full line of toilet articles, soaps and colognes. Receiving new goods every day. 8 cf. Don't irritate your lungs with a stubborn cough when a pleasant and effective remedy may be found in Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Price, 25 cts. and 50 cts. St. John & Powell.

Something new at Casey's Gallery, next door to Postoffice. He is fixed to make Minute Photos 16 for 50 cents, 8 positions in the 16, about four times the size of the stamp photo. Call at Burroughs' old stand. 8 cf. Faults of digestion cause disorders of the liver, and the whole system becomes deranged. Herbine perfects the process of digestion and assimilation, and thus makes pure blood. Price 50 cts. St. John & Powell.

Pay what thou owest—especially when you owe THE STAR—so we can pay those who owe. Children who are troubled with worms are pale in the face, fretful by spells, restless in sleep, have lines, rings around their eyes, bad dreams, variable appetite, and pick the nose. White's Cream Vermifuge will kill and expell these parasites. Price 25 cts. St. John & Powell. Feb.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT. The Austin Tribune calls attention to the fact that the new federal bankruptcy law so far has been successful. A very large majority of those who have filed petitions in bankruptcy are individuals who have old debts standing against them and who, for a number of years past, have been unable to pay their obligations through fear that their names would be swallowed up by old creditors to the detriment of new ones who have confidence in their honesty to meet their obligations.

Many of these insolvents are engaged in business, but under the names of other persons. This is unsatisfactory to the man who is honest and who is willing to pay his just debts when able to do so, but is prevented from discharging his obligations by persistent creditors who are ever on the lookout to seize any available asset the debtor may possess. The law was enacted for the purpose of giving the unfortunate bankrupt an opportunity to wipe out all his old scores and make a fresh start in life. The failure of most of these were honest and it is this class that is now taking advantage of the act. Once free from the oppression of their creditors they again become enterprising citizens such as they were before they were crowded out of business during the worst period of depression this country ever experienced. They are entitled to some consideration at the hands of their creditors, but the fact which the law recognizes. It is fair both to the creditor and the debtor that it should.

Before the passage of the bankruptcy act there was no incentive for a business man overwhelmed in debts to renege in business. He was practically barred from undertaking in his own name any enterprise requiring capital for its operation, no matter from what source this capital came. He must either do business as an agent or under the name of some one else. The bankruptcy act squares him with the world. It permits him to discharge all his debts with little delay and without unnecessary expense. With this law the creditor is enabled to obtain a portion of the indebtedness due him. Without it he is barred in nearly all adjustments of his claims. The law is fair and sound. Business principles, and unless he be a very unfeeling and shortsighted creditor, he will advise the honest debtor to take advantage of it.—Edmund Progress.

W. N. Motz, of Eagle Cove, spent a day or two in town the first of this week.

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RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

A five room house in west part of town. Call at Miss Mittle Jones' at 1201 for terms.

GILLILAND PASTURE POSTED. Owing to the many depredations committed by hunters on my pasture on Pecan Bayou, I am compelled to forbid all hunting on the lands for sale in the waters in said pasture. Any person so trespassing will be prosecuted. This pasture is posted. 38 cf. J. Y. GILLILAND.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD. The Stock Raisers Association of Coleman and adjoining counties hereby offer a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who are guilty of stealing or killing any stock belonging to any member or members of this association. To be paid when satisfactory proof is made to the executive committee of this association. R. H. OVERALL, Pres. A. T. BROWN, Secy. 12 cf.

Are you restless at night and harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It will secure you sound sleep, effect a prompt and radical cure, and cost 25 cts and 50 cts. St. John & Powell. Feb.

A modern passenger train should enable the traveler to go on a journey with little or no deviation from his daily habits of life. This the "Pacific Coast Limited" does, with its superior equipment, quick time, and superior routes. The equipment is unsurpassed, the train being made up of a composite car, which contains a bath room, barber shop, buffet and observation smoking compartment; ladies' parlor compartment car, with seven private compartments and parlor, furnished as is the composite car, with library and all convenience for correspondence—ladies' maid in attendance; two or more Pullman section drawing room sleepers, and last in the train but by no means least in importance, the dining car, where meals are served à la carte. This train represents the highest type of car builders art and runs straight through without change via the Texas & Pacific Railway to St. Louis, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco twice a week.

For timable sleeping car rates, maps, and full information write to E. P. Turner, General Passenger & Ticket Agent, Dallas, Texas. 52 cf.

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The Semi-Weekly Republic has so many advantages as a news gatherer that no other paper can claim to be its equal. The whole field of news is covered thoroughly. The special features and illustrations are always the best. More noted writers contribute to its columns than to any other paper of its class. It is published every week, and has a large class of readers who have not the opportunity or cannot afford to read a daily paper.

The telegraphic and cable service of THE REPUBLIC has never been equalled in the history of journalism in this or any other country. The Semi-Weekly Republic has a larger circulation than any other news weekly or semi-weekly.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE. Semi-Weekly Republic, one yr \$1 00 THE BAIRD STAR, one year - 1 00 Both papers one year - 1 75 Address all orders to THE STAR, BAIRD, TEXAS.

FOR LA GRIPPE.

Thomas Whitfield & Co., 210 Wabash av., corner Jackson-st., one of the oldest and most prominent druggists, recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe, as it not only gives a prompt and complete relief, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia. For sale by H. Phillips, Baird and Y. A. Orr, Fulton.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

From Baird one bay horse 15 hands high white in face, branded JB H. on left shoulder, some white on feet. One black mare, white stripe in face, 15 hands high. \$5 dollars will be paid for the delivery of said horses; or for information leading to recovery of them. J. L. MAYES, 7 cf. Baird, Tex. Jan. 16, 1902.

DANGERS OF THE GRIP.

The greatest danger from La Grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for la grippe we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by H. Phillips, Baird and Y. A. Orr, Fulton. Feb.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

E. C. SENTER. LAWYER. General Attorney Texas Trade Association. Notary Public. 203 Main St., Second Floor. DALLAS, TEXAS.

S. T. FRASER. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Diseases of Females and Infants a Specialty. Office at R. A. Speer's Drug Store. Baird, Texas.

E. R. SARTOR. Physician and Surgeon. Office at H. Phillips' Drug Store. Residence Phone No. 29. BAIRD, TEXAS.

R. G. POWELL. Physician and Surgeon. Office over St. John & Powell's Drug Store. Local Surgeon T. & P. Ry. Co. BAIRD, TEXAS.

MARTIN BARNHILL. Boot and Shoemaker. Repairing Promptly and Neatly Executed. Prices to Suit the Times. Market Street, (6) Baird, Texas.

J. W. MILLER. DEALER IN General Merchandise. COUNTRY PRODUCE BOUGHT AND SOLD. Your Patronage Solicited. Eagle Cove, Texas.

City Barber Shop. WILSON & MILLIS Prop. Shave, Shampoo, Hair Cut. Located on corner 2nd door South. H. Meyer's Hardware Store. BAIRD, TEXAS.

H. H. RAMSEY, DENTIST.

Leesburg, Ga., Feb. 14.—A mob of 5000 men came into this little town at midnight Saturday night, broke into the jail, took three negroes and lynched them. The mob went up to a tree and shot full of holes. Their names are George Bevin, George Fort and Will Holt. The mob came into town from all directions and in all kinds of conveyances.

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Broke His Neck. Naacogoches, Tex., Feb. 14.—Tom Parish, a farmer, living eight miles west of town, while bringing in wood slipped and fell on the snow and was with a large stick of wood on his shoulder. The wood fell across his neck, breaking it. Death was instantaneous.

Waco, Tex., Feb. 11.—Mrs Oscar Janesch cut her throat here Thursday with a razor, dying in a few minutes. Her mother succumbed here three years ago.

Victoria, Tex., Feb. 14.—Little Louise Jordan of this city, aged 10 years, will present the Bible to Commodore Phillip.

Rev. C. W. Irvin went to Dallas yesterday.

See report of the First National Bank in this issue.

Louis Boydston left Sunday for St Louis to buy his spring stock.

T. E. Powell will leave in a few days for the east to buy his spring and summer stock.

Hon. J. N. Rushing was down town yesterday for the second time since New Year's.

One of Dr. Ramsey's children has measles, but is in no better condition.

TEXAS LEGISLATURE.

Several Bills Passed, Some Amended and Some Engrossed.

Austin, Feb. 13.—In the senate a resolution was unanimously adopted, inviting Commodore Phillip and the men of the battleship Texas, to pay a visit to the state capital and be a guest of the legislature, on last Friday.

Wayland secured consideration of his bill increasing the number of the board of directors of the agricultural and mechanical college to eight. The bill was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Substitute senate bill to promote agriculture and stock raising and to prohibit the hunting with firearms or dogs upon the enclosed land of another in all counties within this state not specially named as exempt from the provisions of this act, was announced by exempting more than half of the counties of the state, including all of the counties in the seventh senatorial district, and ordered engrossed, and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. James secured engrossment for his bill declaring the theft of cotton of the value of \$30 or over a felony, and under the value of \$25 a misdemeanor. Tourney's bill, on third reading, setting apart and appropriating and to the permanent school fund all of the lands heretofore or hereafter recovered by the state in legal proceedings, was passed finally.

Terrill's bill providing for the collection of fines and costs in felony cases and providing for the working and hiring out of such convicts, as in misdemeanor cases, was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Covel's bill providing for the perfecting of appeal of criminal cases from convictions had in justice courts or other inferior courts to the county court was ordered engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Lloyd secured engrossment of his bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and tobacco to persons under the age of 18 years. The senate will adjourn on Tuesday next to Friday morning and will witness the presentation of the Bible and sword to Captain Philip at Galveston.

The house passed a resolution inviting Captain Phillip and other naval officers to Austin during their visit at Galveston. The bill to repeal the Jester amendment transferring and setting apart annually 1 per cent of the full value of the permanent school fund, was passed by a vote 196 to 3.

A bill authorizing private corporations to extend and renew their incorporation existence was passed, and the bill to amend the constitution of the state, was passed by a vote 196 to 3.

Ansley, Feb. 14.—In the senate yesterday a message from the house reported a bill passed by that body providing for the creation of a commission to formulate a plan for the better assessment and collection of tax was received.

Mr. Turney moved a resolution of reconsideration of the acceptance of the Galveston invitation, and that it be laid over for further action.

# Laundry.

Your Laundry will receive careful and prompt attention when entrusted to my care. Everything done in first-class and Satisfaction Guaranteed. Basket at The Baird Star Office.

## THE BASKET

### Leaves on Tuesdays

### Returns on Saturdays.

Repairing done free of Charge.  
Dying and Cleaning done in first-class Style.  
Lost Articles replaced or paid for.  
Leave your work with me. J. H. WALKER, Agt.

### A TRAPPED BURGLAR

#### THE NICELY PREPARED BAIT WAS EAGERLY TAKEN.

It cost the ingenious man who devised the scheme \$400 or \$500, and it cost the burglar four years' time.

"Of course," said the retired burglar, "a man in my business is always on the lookout for traps and most of 'em he can circumvent without much trouble. But man go for a lot of trouble and expense to lay traps, and sometimes they get up something that is new and effective. I suppose that any man going into a dwelling home would be sure to look over the bureaus and dressing tables in the sleeping rooms. It was this well known professional habit no doubt that had suggested the idea of a trap I came across once, which a man had built with a view to catching anybody that might stand in front of the bureau in his room.

"I imagine that this man must have been visited before and been very much irritated by it, because he never could have gone to all the trouble and expense he did just for mere protection—there was clearly some feeling in it. It was a handsome room, promising looking from its richness, and when I turned my light on the bureau, where I went, naturally enough, to begin, I was not disappointed. There was a glitter of glass and silver in the bureau, and as I swept the light along it, I noticed a pocketbook that didn't glitter much, but that looked fat and comfortable, and a watch that did shine, and take it altogether, it made me think that here was the house where I could get a good shive something one side to make room for it—and put my bag down on a chair that was there and began cleaning the things of it.

"I'd just put the silver hairbrushes in the bag and had turned around to the bureau again to pick up the pocketbook and the watch when I heard, or it seemed as though I felt, a little click, and just the faintest creak of a jarring or yielding under my feet, and the next instant, a long time before I could jump or do anything whatever, a piece of the floor under my feet about three feet square dropped out from under me, and down I went.

"But I didn't give up, by a long shot. I was an able-bodied man, and my hands were strong. I was on my feet then on the corner of the bureau and my bag on the chair—and I wasn't going to give it up, yet. If I was going down a trap, the trapdoor was hung on hinges on the side farthest from the bureau, and I laughed to myself as I put up my hands and thought how easy it was to grab on to the edge of the floor. I went along along just in front of the bureau and had myself up. Truly it seemed like a waste of money, all the expense this man had been to put in the trap without gratifying against the chance of escape from it by just this means, and I already imagined myself climbing out as I threw up my hands, which I did before I'd dropped much more than half my length below the level of the floor, gripping that firm edge very tightly. I was going to make sure of that.

"And I got it all right, but in about a millionth part of a second, I became conscious of the fact that it wasn't stopping me at all. I was carrying it down with me. It was the front edge of another trap cut in the floor under the bureau, hinged at the back and held up in place by a spring just strong enough to keep it in position. I held on as hard as I could, but if I had had my fingers and steel muscles I couldn't have held on after the trap had swung down straight. I went down like a ton of lead, and the next minute I found myself sliding through a smooth board tunnel not much bigger than enough to let me slide comfortably, and the next minute I'd been shot into a box or room about seven feet square through another trap in the top of it that closed flush after I came through it.

"Now, there was a situation for you. Me in a square box of hard pine, apparently in the cellar of the house, no opening in it anywhere and my bag with all my tools in it up there on the chair by the bureau and me down there with nothing but a blessed thing to work with. But while there's a life there's hope, and I never should have thought of such a thing as giving up if I could have had a chance. But I didn't. I hadn't been in the box two minutes before there was a side panel back of me near the top on one side, and a man looked in. It was the boss of the shanty. And in five minutes the police were there, and then I found they had a door in this box big enough to get a man out of.

"I have seen other traps as elaborate, but none more costly. He had to cut his carpet, to begin with, around the trap in this room. Of course that didn't cost anything much, but it spelled his carpet, and then the cost of the trap and the time contrivance, whatever it was, that was attached to the main trap that let me stand on it for a minute or two before it dropped, and then the shoot and the box and the whole business couldn't have cost a cent less than \$400 or \$500. It cost me four years' time."—New York Sun.

### THE HONEYMOON.

An early Anglo-Saxon custom, strictly followed by newly married couples was that of drinking diluted honey for 30 days after marriage. From this custom comes the word honeymoon or honey-moon.

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### PROGRAM

#### The Teachers Institute, CALLAHAN CO., EULA, TEXAS.

Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, 1899.

Friday Morning 9:30

Opening Address.—R. L. Alexander.  
Recitation.—Miss Jennie Harris.  
Devotional Prayers.—H. S. Varner.  
Analysis.—W. H. Dawkins, W. F. Lawrence.

Afternoon 1:30

Grammar.—C. A. Bowman.  
Spelling.—H. H. Ellis.  
Discipline, Corporal Punishment.—J. P. Gotcher, J. R. Dill.  
Vocal Music.—Prof. W. D. Rust.

Saturday Morning 9:30

Debate.—Resolved that the higher studies should be prohibited in the country schools.  
Affirmative. Negative.  
T. L. Brecheen. W. L. Butler.  
Miss Anna Harris. Miss Pauline Lushig.  
Miss Blanche Thompson. Miss Nora Britton.

Afternoon 1:30

Round Table Talk.—Time, Thirty Minutes.  
How to Teach the Chart Class.—Miss Florence Porter. Miss Emily Tepler.  
How to Prevent Tardiness.—Miss Belle Norton.

Committee. { R. L. Alexander, C. A. Bowman, W. B. Ashbranner.

### Expert Swimmers.

The Siamese spend three-fourths of their existence in the water. They first start on awakening is to bathe. They bathe at 11 o'clock, again at 3 and again at sunset. There is scarcely an hour in the day when bathers may not be seen in all the creeks, even the shallow and unfordable. A boy goes to play in the river and as our children go to play in the street. Traveler tells of a Siamese woman sitting on the lowest step of a landing place, while by a girde, she held in the water her infant of few months. Were not the Siamese expert swimmers many lives would be lost, for the tide flows so swiftly that it requires the greatest skill and care to prevent boats from running foul of one another.

A story is told of an English boat running down a small native canoe containing a woman and two children. In an instant they all disappeared. The Englishmen were on the point of jumping to their rescue when they looked up and the woman, upon recovering her breath, poured forth a volley of abuse. Having thus relieved her mind, she righted her canoe, lashed out some of the water and bundled in the children who had been compositely swimming around her, regarding with mingled fear and curiosity the barbarians who had caused the mishap.

### He Knew Chester.

Mr. Gladstone has a nice taste in hot mutton pie. One of the Wesleyan journals recalls a conversation which R. W. Perks had with Mr. Gladstone at a public dinner in London, when the ex-lord recalled all sorts of questions on matters pertaining to Methodism. A man who happened to sit exactly opposite, wishing to divert the conversation into another channel, asked, "Do you know Chester, Mr. Gladstone?" "Yes, a little," was the answer, an ominous smile playing about the mouth. "Do you know Chester, Mr. Gladstone?" "Not very well," said the unwary questioner.

"Well, if you go to the city of Chester you will find a confectioner's shop in such a street," giving the number. "Go into that shop and you can buy a hot mutton pie, deliciously hot," and here Mr. Gladstone screwed up his eyes, and his face beamed with delight as he recalled the taste and smell of those savory pies, "and all for threepence." Then, turning to Mr. Perks, in deep earnest tones he said, "Let us resume where we left off."

There was no further interruption from the opposite side of the table—St. James Gazette.

### Ben's Nash as a Gambler.

When the late Earl of T.—I was a youth, he was passionately fond of play and never better pleased than with having Mr. Nash for his antagonist. Nash was a concern his lordship's noble and undertook to cure him, though by a very disagreeable remedy. Conscious of his own superior skill he determined to engage him in single play for a very considerable sum. His lordship, in proportion as he lost his game, lost his temper, too, and as he approached the goal seemed still more eager for ruin.

He lost his estate. Some writings were put into the winner's possession. His very equipage was offered as a last stake, and he lost that also. But when the generous gentleman had found his lordship sufficiently punished for his temerity he returned all, only stipulating that he should be paid \$5,000 whenever he should think proper to make the demand. However, he never made any such demand during his lordship's lifetime, but some time after his decease, Mr. Nash's affairs being in (sic) the wane, he demanded the money for his lordship's debt, who, however, paid it without any hesitation. "History of Gambling in England."

### Absolute Indifference.

A woman who has been a victim of indigestion and is kept to dyspepsia died most of the time was recently invited to a dinner, which she was anxious to accept. She went to the dinner, but she began her plaintive query, without any pretence, "Is that you, doctor?" "It was very much to go to a little dinner tomorrow night," she began rapidly, "and do you think it would hurt me if I ate just a taste of soup, and perhaps a little fish or the least trifle of game and a bit of salad or ice? I really think my stomach."

Here she was interrupted by a voice from the other end of the wip.

"Madam," it said coldly, "eat whatever you please. This is the Meteor Barber company.—Yonk's Companion."

### One of Toole's Jokes.

One of Toole's greatest practical jokes was as follows: He once gave a supper to 30 of his friends and wrote a note to each of them privately beforehand, asking him whether he would be so good as to say grace, as no clergyman would be present. It is said that the faces of those 30 men as they rose in a body when Toole tapped on the table as a signal for grace was a sight which will never be forgotten.

### Bargain Decks.

Yes, it was the first time she had ever been on board a ship. "And this," the lieutenant went on to say, "is the quarter deck." "And that deck over yonder," she exclaimed, indicating the fore-castle with a pretty gesture, "is that the 5 cent deck or the 10 cent deck?"—Detroit Journal.

### Egyptian Burials.

It has hitherto been supposed that in Egypt the practice of embalming the bodies of the dead and forming them into mummies was the most ancient method of entombment, but Professor Flinders Petrie, the well known Egyptianologist, has by recent excavations thrown quite a new light upon this question of the ancient method of disposing of the dead. At Deshasha, a place about 50 miles south of Cairo, he has discovered a series of tombs, in the coffins of which he has found complete skeletons from which the flesh has been carefully dissected, evidently previous to burial. The coffins are of admirable workmanship, are made of sycamore and are in perfect preservation, notwithstanding their 3,000 years' burial in the sand. It remains to be proved by further excavations whether the mutilation of the bodies was performed as a ceremonial rite or whether this removal of flesh from the bones points to cannibalism on the part of the ancient people.—Chambers Journal.

### The Best of Proof.

"And you say you gave me no encouragement?" "That is what I said." "No encouragement? Why even your father thought it all settled." "My father? What proof have you of your extraordinary statement?" "Proof? The best of proof. He brought money from me.—Cleveland Plain Dealer."

### RAINFALL AND MELTED SNOW FOR PAST 14 YEARS.

Year.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total rainfall.	Total melted snow.
1885	31	11	2	7	6	2	11	2	2	7	2	3	111	64
1886	31	11	3	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1887	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1888	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1889	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1890	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1891	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1892	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1893	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1894	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1895	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1896	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1897	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1898	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64
1899	31	11	2	21	19	3	3	11	11	11	11	11	111	64

Total rainfall and melted snow for 14 years by months.

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### GETTING READY

Every expectant mother has a trying ordeal to face. If she does not



Statistical Surprises.

Some curious statistics for the past year have been compiled by the Chicago Tribune. It finds that the loss of life by casualties was not so great in the United States in 1898 as the year before notwithstanding the war. The total number of persons who committed suicide in 1898 was 20,820, below that of any other year. The losses by fire in the United States aggregated \$133,139,467. This, it is presumed, does not include forest fires, the losses of which are hard to estimate. The number of persons lynched during the year was 147, of whom 122 were males and 25 females. Of these lynchings, 118 occurred in the south and 29 in the north. The loss of life by natural disasters was 3,655. The loss by fire was 32,506. In 1897 it was 32,502. Thirteen million has been given to colleges during the year, 46,000,000 to churches, 2,000 to libraries and \$2,000,000 to the Red Cross.

Whatsoever the disposition made of the Philippines by the United States there can be no longer any doubt that they are an El Dorado in natural resources only half explored. Major General Otis, governor of the islands, has sent to Washington an elaborate account of the new possessions which reads like a fairy tale. Not only are the islands unexplored in beauty, salubrity and aesthetic charms, but they exceed in commercial value both Cuba and Porto Rico combined. They abound in gold, silver, copper and iron, which resources have never been more than half worked, owing to the want of capital and the absence of means of transportation. The islands produce tobacco, sugar, rice, hemp and cotton. Mindoro is highly covered with valuable timber of varieties unknown to the west, from the water's edge to the mountain top. Enormous coal beds, entirely unexplored, exist in Falcon. Marbles of the finest quality are to be found in the mountains covered with cactus trees. The large and fertile island of Panay is rich in petroleum and coal. Millions of tons of coal outcrop in Ulug. In Baras and Tablas the pasture lands are said to exceed in richness any of those known to America. In 1897 Bollo reported 300,000 tons of sugar. Although it would now seem that the Spaniards did not know what a good thing they had.

Zola, who is safe out of French clutches in London where he is hiding, continues to throw out sensational letters occasionally to let the French nation know that he keeps his eye on political events. He now says that he possesses startling documents concerning the relations of General Zurlinden, the military governor of Alsace, with the Emperor. Zola is in a very delicate position, a French romanancier, knows that this is just the sort of news to make a sensation on the boulevard. A correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph sends a dispatch from Paris that reads curiously like Zola's story. It says that both Prince Victor and the Emperor had been in Orleans and had been raising funds and organizing their friends for a coup d'etat. In contradistinction to these sensational reports, the French government takes pains to inform the world that it is well aware of every movement of the enemies of republican government, and has not the slightest fear of an Orleansist or Napoleonist. General Zurlinden has printed a formal statement in which he declares that both himself and his army are thoroughly loyal to republicanism and ready at any moment to perform their duty in obedience to the existing civil authorities.

The sultan has evidently put his foot upon the Zionist movement, for one minister at Constantinople has just worded here that the Turk does not propose to have any colonization of Palestine by the Jews. This wily deputy puts his objections, as usual, in the shape of a fig paste, and says that to allow any religious body to preponderate in Palestine might lead to political complications, which is the worst thing that the Ottoman empire is afraid of. It is, of course, understood that there can be no objection at headquarters to the preponderance of Mohammedan taxpayers and janissaries who do not, even at their worst, produce any political complications. It has always been a good rule to have the Turk do what he gets as the feasibility of the Zionist movement how they were to overcome the mendacious politeness of the sultan when they undertook to move an ounce upon his domains.

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