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Grayson County Pros Win.

The saloon men of Grayson county, where they had greater interests than any other county that has yet voted prohibition, carried their case to the highest court in the land only to be defeated. They appealed the case on the proposition that the Texas local option law was unconstitutional because of discrimination for and against certain classes of persons and certain religious societies.

Justice White denied the application on the ground that while the record undoubtedly raised Federal questions, such were not of sufficient merit to justify the writ.

It is understood that another proceeding has been begun involving entirely different grounds.

Grayson county went local option in March, 1903, and has been the hardest fought local option case under the Texas local option laws.

More Homeseekers Coming.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 19.—Traffic officials of the Santa Fe Road estimate that fully 12,000 homeseekers will start tomorrow for points in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The movement is one of the largest of the kind in the history of the effort which the railroads are making to colonize the Southwest.

From Chicago and Illinois points fully 800 homeseekers will go out on special trains, and it is estimated that at least 12,000 persons taking advantage of the special rates will pass through Kansas City.

Aladdin Gold Stories From Tucumcari.

TUCUMCARI, N. M., Jan. 21.—Thursday an old Mexican named Jose Maria Trujillo arrived in town with a bottle of free placer gold nuggets which he washed out of the sand in the bottom of Revuello Creek, about fifteen miles east of Tucumcari. Excitement is wild.

Business men have closed their stores and are flocking to the placer fields.

Three hundred men are on the grounds now.

The formation is black sand, and nuggets are found everywhere as big as wheat grains. Some expert miners went out yesterday and report it the best prospect they ever saw.

A mining and prospecting company was organized today and C. H. Young of Tucumcari made president of the company.

Talk Peace Now.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21.—A dispatch from Vladivostok says news received here from Japan has dispelled fears. Peace is apparently assured for a long time to come.

TOKIO, Jan. 21.—Growing belief that a peaceful settlement of existing international difficulties will eventually be attained has served to strengthen financial markets and stocks are advancing on local exchange.

Cotton Highest Since the War.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Cotton prices surpassed all records since war times today, when March sold at 14.48c, May at 14.54c, and July at 14.61c. Further advances were attended by considerable activity and excitement.

Indiana's poultry exhibit at the World's Fair will consist of 1,000 birds.

Cotton Growing in the Panhandle To The Chronicle.

At the invitation of the officials of the Ft. Worth & Denver City Ry., I attended the large and enthusiastic meeting at Iowa Park, Tex., last Saturday, in company with Prof. J. H. Connell, (former Director of the Experiment Station for a number of years), at present, Editor of the Farm & Ranch, and President of the Texas Farmer's Congress; a man well versed in the theory and practice of cotton growing.

This meeting was attended by all the representative farmers of that section, who manifested great interest. After a thorough discussion of the conditions of the Panhandle, and the possibilities of cotton growing, it was decided to order quite a large lot of imported seed.

The following facts were brought out in the discussion:

1: That diversification was necessary to the success of any section.

2: That the climate and soil of the Panhandle country are peculiarly adapted to the successful culture and production of an early, quick maturing type of cotton, but not the common ordinary variety from mixed seed.

3: That by planting the "Sugar Loaf" variety of cotton which has been bred in the Carolinas and Georgia for a number of years, they would have a cotton that would open in 100 days from the time the plant comes out of the ground and that after the first boll is open 90 per cent can be picked in 30 days. This would give the wheat planter an opportunity of getting his crop out of the way in time for the fall sowing of wheat. On account of the climate and soil of the Panhandle, cotton growing would be free from crabgrass and other weeds which are so obnoxious to the cotton planter. The average yield in north west Texas last year was 205 pounds of lint per acre, while central Texas was 125 pounds and the State at large, 143 pounds. The record shows that for a number of years past, this section is always visited by summer rains, which are the ones needed to produce cotton.

4: Consumption of cotton is increasing at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, while production is being curtailed on account of the ravages of the boll weevil in the great cotton producing districts of Texas, and the whole cotton spinning world, particularly Europe, is making strenuous efforts to open up new fields for the production of cotton, and it is a fact patent to any one that for many years to come, cotton will prove a profitable crop to the successful grower.

5: With the boll weevil as a factor in curtailing cotton production in the black land and river bottoms in Central Texas, reducing the average yield per acre, which will force many tenants and small farmers to abandon that section entirely and move to some other locality, and the large plantations to be planted in corn and alfalfa, and devoted to stock farming, it would seem that this is an opportune time to encourage the production of cotton in the Panhandle counties. Something along this line must be done if the South wishes to retain her supremacy as the cotton growing section of the world.

6: Not only should the present

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To clear up all winter goods Bargains will be offered during the month of January. Outing Flannel, Flannelettes, Wool Flannels, All-Wool Knit Goods, such as Fascinators, Head Shawls, and Ladies' and Gents' Underwear must go. Prepare for the cold weather sure to come in January and February. Your cash will buy our goods at prices that will surprise you. **TRY US.**

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farmer in the Panhandle practice diversification by planting a part of his wheat acreage in cotton, but active, energetic measures should be adopted to make known the rich possibilities offered by the Panhandle counties to cotton planters of other sections, particularly in the boll weevil district, who are discontented with their present conditions.

OSWALD WILSON,
Texas Statistical Agent.

Swindled Uncle Sam Out of \$1 on Every 25cent Article.

The trial of August W. Machen and the others indicted with him for conspiracy to defraud the government proceeded rapidly Tuesday. The government presented evidence having direct bearing on the dealings of the Groff Brothers with Machen's division in the postoffice department. The fact was brought out by two witnesses representing firms which manufactured the Groff fastener that the price to the Groffs of the complete fastener was 25c, with a rebate of 5c on each fastener, conditioned on prompt settlement of bills. The price at which the fasteners were furnished to the government at first was put at \$1.50 each, but later it was reduced to \$1.25.

Oklahoma Statehood.

The house committee on territories Wednesday began the hearing on the Oklahoma statehood bill. Sidney Clark of Oklahoma City was the first speaker. After summarizing the resources of Oklahoma and giving reasons why it was not expedient to unite Oklahoma and Indian Territory at this time, he claimed that nine-tenths of the people of Oklahoma favored the McGuire bill which provides for immediate statehood for Oklahoma and gives consent to the future annexation of Indian Territory if congress so desires. Lively interest was shown by the committee at the hearing and a decided favor for single statehood was evident among the committeemen.

As a result of an exparte examination before County Judge G. B. Gerald at Waco Wednesday, warrants for the arrest of two parties on charges of felony in violating the Terrell election law by paying poll taxes of other persons have been issued on complaints. It is alleged that the defendant parties were interested in certain measures and persons, and that the law has been infringed. The warrants have created a sensation.

Raise Lumber Prices.

The Southern Lumbermen's Association in annual session has found itself so powerful that it believes it absolutely controls the market and will raise prices.

The price list committee reported raising prices in many instances, and the report was adopted. No. 1 common pickets were reduced somewhat in price.

The arguments showed that the yellow pine people were holding millions of feet of lumber for still higher prices than now prevail. The committee on terms of sale fixed 2 per cent off within five days after receipt of car, sixty days net after receipt of car.

A statement sent out from Snyder Ok., since the first account of the shooting scrape over the Mountain Park bridge says the bonds of the parties arrested is \$1000, instead of \$5000, and that the Snyder crowd was deputized by Sheriff Morrison, of Kiowa county, to protect the bridge from destruction, and the sheriff further says his men did not open fire until the bridge destroyers fired first.

The city of Anadarko, Ok., through its mayor, William H. Divers, has called a special election to take place February 16, to vote on the proposition of issuing \$30,000 in bonds. The money will be used in building a water works and electric light plant.

The American Anti-Saloon league has arranged for two general meetings to lay plans for extending their organization in the South. Representatives from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and Kentucky will meet at Atlanta, April 19 and 20.

The call for the national Prohibition convention beginning June 20 has been issued by National Chairman Oliver W. Stewart. The call names Indianapolis as the convention city.

King Peter of Serbia, according to a report from Cetinje, Montenegro, is prepared voluntarily to renounce the throne and allow the powers to nominate his successor.

An effort by Chicago democrats to boom Miles for president is but one more straw pointing to the lack of unanimity of that party.

A tornado yesterday at Moundville, Ala., is said to have wrecked the town and 30 persons killed.

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CLARENDON, TEX., JAN. 23, 1904.

EX-GOV. HOGG has up his rod to catch the senatorial lightning. His friends think his chances have been bettered by Culberson's opposition to the canal treaty, of which Mr. Hogg favors.

THE steamship Princess Irene, which brought from Italy the remains of James Smithson, founder of the Smithsonian Institution, reached New York Thursday. The remains were transferred to the Dolphin and started for Washington. The Institute is one of the most interesting public institutions in our National capital.

A WOMAN in an adjoining state, who as a girl was allowed to do as she pleased, and pleased to do little else than to chew gum, read novels and assume great knowledge, entered a judge's office with: "Are you the judge of probate?" "I am the judge of probate," was the reply. "Well, that's it, I expect," said the woman. "You see, my husband died detested and left me several little infidels and I want to be appointed their executioner."

MR. BRYAN assured a reporter in New York Thursday that in the next national convention he and his followers will not only oppose the nomination of the Grover Cleveland type of candidate, but that they will insist on the reaffirmation of the Kansas City and Chicago platforms, which mention the ratio of silver coinage at 16 to 1. Whether he really believes it or not, he is quoted as saying, "I think the Democratic party will be united. I think we shall be agreed upon our platform. I believe that the last National platform will be reaffirmed and that the new issues will be injected."

A QUESTION now stirring up certain officials is the Terrell election law. Several congressmen live in cities of over 10,000 population, and the law provides that a voter in such city shall pay his poll tax in person; no written order nor proxy goes with the collector. Some of these congressmen went off to Washington without paying the poll tax, and now they must return all the way to Texas and pay it or be barred from voting. Another question worrying them is whether the non-payment of a poll tax will disqualify a man to hold office as he must be a qualified elector. If he has not paid his poll tax prior to February 1 he is not, under the constitution and the Terrell election law, a qualified elector.

The thing for Japan to do is to build fewer battleships and more factories. Japan would be one of the world's leaders as an all-round manufacturing Nation. It is wiser to put men to work than it is to kill them off.—Dallas News.

Yes, and what is good for Japan in this respect is good for any other nation on earth, our own not excepted. The millions spent for battleships the past ten years, if put in factories, government railroads, or even upon the public highways, would have marked an era of progress that would have excited the admiration of the civilized world.

A negro at Waco claims to be 146 years of age and claims an exemption from the poll tax payment. He ought to have it. A man who has worried along in this world for a century and a half ought to be an exempt from every requirement.—Telegram.

But a man who will lie like that, white or black, has no business with the voting privilege.

Rate for Children Debated.

Last Tuesday in Austin the Railway commission considered the proposition to issue an order establishing a rate of 1 1/2 c per mile for the transportation of passengers under 12 and over 5 years of age, the rate now being 2c and the maximum child age limit ten years in Texas.

Chairman Storey said that this matter originated with the commission and invited the opposition to present their case.

Assistant General Passenger Agent Hellen of the Sunset Lines testified that based on last year's business the Sunset lines would lose \$3,093 per annum if the reduction was made, and the loss to Texas roads would be \$50,000; that there is little revenue in the passenger business. He acknowledged the interstate child's rate is half adult's fare.

Commissioner Mayfield wanted to know why the difference existed. Witness answered that years of custom brought it about.

Commissioner Colquitt—Why is a child charged more to ride from a station in Texas to another station in this State than if his destination was out of Texas?

Hellen did not answer, but Judge Perkins volunteered that it was because there was less population to the railroad mileage in Texas than in any other state.

Commissioner Mayfield—The average may be, but the bulk of the Texas mileage is in the thickly settled portion of the State.

Judge Perkins—Yes, but the rates are the same, and the roads in the poor section are thus helped.

M. L. Robbins, general passenger agent of the Houston and Texas Central, said the loss for his 600 miles would be \$2,535. He could not understand why a child is charged less than an adult, as it occupies the same amount of seat space, and especially in a chair-car.

W. G. Crush, general passenger agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas of Texas, said his loss would be about \$5,000 per annum, which would be about one-half of 1 per cent of gross earnings. He said that the roads did not pay tax on interstate passenger revenue, while they are required to pay a tax of 1 per cent on gross earnings in this State. He testified that the damages paid on passenger travel in Texas is greater than on the outside.

General Passenger Agent Glisson of the Fort Worth and Denver City said the reduction would amount to about 1 per cent of gross passenger revenue, the amount of the Texas tax.

General Manager Comer of the Texas Frisco lines estimated that it costs from 97c to \$1.14 per mile to operate a passenger train. He said that it is necessary to maintain finely appointed trains because in the damage suits it would be claimed in court that the equipment was not standard. As to complaints of overcrowded trains, he said that it is due to the seat bogs with numerous grips and ladies with sleeping children, whom no gentleman would disturb, that three or four seats would be occupied by one paid fare.

He asserted that from thirty to forty available seats can be found on the alleged crowded trains.

The case was taken under advisement.

As a result of the hearing the rate on all Texas railroads for children from 5 to 12 years of age was reduced from 2 to 1 1/2 cents per mile.

An order was also issued reducing the rate on excess baggage from 15 to 12 1/2 per cent of a first-class ticket rate. This is a reduction of 16 2-3 per cent and was petitioned

for by the Traveler's Protective association of the state.

A rate of 10 cents per 100 pounds on cotton seed for planting purposes was fixed by the commission from points in the Indian and Oklahoma territories and other northern points. This rate to apply between January 1 and May 31.

Prohibition in Sherman.

SHERMAN, Tex., Jan. 20.—Promptly at midnight prohibition went into effect in this city. There was a considerable crowd in town and the jug trade was large.

In anticipation of trouble, a number of special officers were placed on duty, but their services were not required. Everything was quiet except a few yells on the square as the clock struck the midnight hour.

STATE NEWS.

Oil is claimed to have been discovered near Elmo, eight miles of Terrell.

Ten bales of good middling cotton were sold in Denison Wednesday for 14 cents per pound.

A fire on the Hogg-Swayne track at Beaumont Thursday burned 15 derricks. Loss \$40,000.

Frank Bounds, working at the Milford gin, had his arm caught in a shaft and badly broken.

Will Ashly was fined \$25 and given twenty days in jail for violating the local option law at Brownwood.

A six inch snow fell at Seymour and all north central Texas south of Quanah have had a good season of rain and snow.

Mrs. Will Daniels, near Edgewood, was burned to death the first of the week by her clothes igniting from a burning trash pile.

Gov. Lanham has offered a reward of \$200 for the apprehension and conviction of the assassin of Ross Millsap at Roby Jan. 13.

Anna Bell Russell, the 5 year-old daughter of William Russell, a contractor, was burned to death at El Paso, her clothes catching a fire from an open grate.

A young man giving his name as Milton Holt, recently from Columbus, Ga., was adjudged insane in the county court in Vernon last Saturday, and is now confined in jail.

A large barn, belonging to Wilber Fiddler, at Cresson, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago. His wagon, three horses and several hundred dollars' worth of feed-stuff were burned.

Employees of the Crites Manufacturing Company have organized a broommakers' union at Wichita Falls and, outside of the organization of the railroad men, the city has its first union labor organization.

A young man by the name of Jesse Portman, who formerly lived in Denton, was accidentally shot and killed in Denton county, Sunday. The unfortunate young man was a nephew of the wife of A. S. Cowan of Denton.

Rev. Andrew Davis, an old resident of Waxahachie was thrown from a horse and sustained serious injuries. His right thigh was broken and he was rendered unconscious by the fall. Mr. Davis is 76 years old.

Geo. L. Adair, a railroader of Ennis, suicided in the Mohawk hotel, Fort Worth, Wednesday night. He left a note explicitly telling what to do with his remains and his life insurance of \$4000, but gave no intimation of why he took his life.

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A World's Fair Calendar.
We are in receipt of a 1904 calendar from Mr. Bryan Snyder, passenger traffic manager of the Frisco system, headquarters at St. Louis. It consists of four cards beautifully colored, with center pictures showing "De Soto at the Mississippi River," "Father Marquette and the Indians," "The Founding of St. Louis" and "The Transfer of Northern Louisiana." The paintings are by F. L. Stoddard and Miss Grace Hazard of the St. Louis School of Fine Arts. A short history of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition is given on the reverse side of the cards. With it is a map of the city of St. Louis and one of the ground plan of the Fair.

The Bank of Jonestown, Miss., was robbed of \$1200 Tuesday by safe blowers.

J. J. Streeter, who runs the Vineland, N. J., Independent, a populist paper, and who recently heired a fortune, proposes to give one-half of all subscription receipts to help pay expense of enrolling names and addresses of all the "old guard" populists. The enrollment is being made by C. Q. DeFrance, Lincoln, Neb.

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M. E. South, services every Sunday—Rev. G. S. Hardy, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.
Catholic, St. Mary's Church—Rev. D. H. Dunne, pastor. Sunday services: Mass at 10 a. m. Sunday School after mass. Evening services at 7:30. Services every Sunday except 2nd SOCIETIES.
I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 281, meet 1st and 3rd Thursday nights each month in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. D. E. POSKY, N. G.
M. ROSENFELD, Sec'y.
W. O. W., Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets in Odd Fellows Hall every Friday evening. Visiting choppers invited. ED KIZER, C. C.
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F. A. WHITE, K. of R. S.
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NORTH BOUND.	
No. 1. Mail and Express.....	8:47 p. m.
No. 7. Passenger and Express.....	7:15 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 2. Mail and Express.....	7:15 a. m.
No. 8. Passenger and Express.....	9:30 p. m.
J. W. KENNEDY, Local at.	

Business locals five cents per line for first insertion and 3 cents for subsequent insertions. All locals run and are charged for until ordered out. Transient notices and job work are cash, other bills on first of month.

Business Locals.

Wall paper at Stockings.
Pure ribbon cane syrup for sale by Posey & Patman.
A six room dwelling for rent. Inquire of Dr. Stocking.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Rev. Goodman went to Amarillo this morning.

Lee Anderson went to Tucumcari Wednesday night.

J. A. Barnett spent a day or two in Memphis this week.

Mrs. Jas. Walsh went to Amarillo this morning on business.

The past three days have been decidedly cool, but no rain or snow.

W. A. Dean has sold his 230 acres to a Mr. Kennedy for \$6.50 per acre.

R. L. Mobley from Childress has bought Russell Crafts place of 160 acres.

From Childress south they had considerable snow and rain yesterday and last night.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Stack Lamberson and Miss Clela B. Yowree.

T. J. Davis, who rented and has been living at the Jacob Maulfair place, has bought it at \$1350.

Mrs. Curtis Traweek, who has been visiting her parents, A. J. Barnett and wife, has returned to her home at Altus, Ok.

Walker Lane came over from Alanreed this week and moved his family to that place. He has sold his place to J. G. Tackett.

O. E. Long and wife have left Amarillo and gone to California. Frank Richards' two little boys were sent down here by their sister, Mrs. Long.

John Alexander is somewhat chagrined at the loss of his charge. However, he denies that he put Killion up to his escapade in order to get a county boarder.

Some idea of Clarendon's claim as a school center may be inferred from the fact that Stocking's store has sold over 3150 school text books since Sep. 1, and he is not the only one in town selling them.

Mrs. O. C. McWhorter, of Hale Center, who has been visiting relatives at Waco and other places in central Texas since October, stopped off here last night on her return and is the guest of Mrs. W. P. Blake.

George Morgan and W. H. Meador went to Memphis this week to act as ring masters in the performance of their masonic goat at that place. They were also called to Claude yesterday for a similar duty.

Mrs. Killion, mother of Charley Killion, who came near making away with Baker's livery team, came down from Amarillo armed with papers showing that he was a lunatic and out of the asylum on parole and she was allowed to return home with him and his wife. She agreed to settle all indebtedness and expense connected with the case. The public might be better served if such persons were kept in suitable confinement.

R. N. Rutherford has bought a ranch near Claude.

Towne Young, the Lobo school teacher, is in town today.

Bob Hawkins, of Childress, was here on business yesterday.

Mr. Coleman, Buntin's hack driver, has moved to Silverton.

Jack Twyman has sold his 160-acre place to E. L. Kennedy for \$1280.

W. C. Alexander, of Memphis, spent Thursday in town on business and a visit combined.

The Old Maid's convention, to appear at the opera house, has been deferred a few days, but watch for the date.

A decision rendered by the Texas court of criminal appeals upholds the saloon men in the contention that when a subdivision is created of two or more precincts to vote on prohibition is unconstitutional. This effects Donley county, and, if it stands, will necessitate an election for the entire county as soon as it can be ordered. Our citizens are more determined now than before to keep rid of saloons and the vote to do so will be greater than before.

There are a few sympathizers for drunkards and lawbreakers in town, which fact we deeply regret. Not only sympathizers but encourage them in violation of law, as was instanced this week when they contributed their means to pay the fine of a peace disturber and to fee a lawyer to prevent justice from being dealt out to another lawbreaker. When a man violates the law he should pay the penalty and should not be shielded in his misdeeds, and persons who seek to have the law thwarted can be counted on as being the same stripe as the accused, and they are no credit to any community.

The Hillsboro banks have taken in hand the matter of providing early cotton seed for the farmers by placing an order for three cars of early improved cotton seed. The seed were purchased in North Carolina and will be furnished to the farmers at actual cost laid down.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., says "nearly every business house is looking for a man who cannot be tempted to do wrong." Just how the Standard Oil company could have gotten its start with such employees he didn't explain.—Kansas City Star.

A report from Lawton Thursday says the bridge near Mountain Park will be repaired at once and the moving of Mountain Park to Snyder will continue.

Wheat sown last fall around Lawton, Ok., has never sprouted, but it is thought the rain and snow of Thursday will bring it up.

McClellan & Barnett, the hustling, new real estate firm, are the ones to list your property with. Acquainted with all lands in Donley and surrounding counties. If you want to buy or sell they can serve you best.

More Necessity For Prayer Afterwards.

The Fort Worth Telegram of Tuesday contained the announcement that "Rev. Cotton, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, will on Sunday night, after evening prayer, deliver a sermon against prohibition." The reverend brother is right in making his talk "after evening prayer," for doubtless after sermonizing in favor of the rumshop he would feel like cutting out the prayer part of the service.—Bridgeport Index.

Fort Worth Market.

Top prices yesterday were: steers \$3.55; cows \$2.40; calves \$5.00; hogs \$5.00. Receipts were: cattle 1,100, calves 26, hogs 700.

The highest court in our government has ruled on the Grayson county prohibition case and has refused to interfere with the Texas prohibition law being enforced there. The Sherman Democrat says: "The people are conversant with all the processes employed to keep the saloons open since the election last March and that the courts have invariably sustained the law that says the people have a right to say whether or not liquor shall be sold within the bounds of a school district, precinct or county."

George Francis Train, a literary genius, but frequently called a crank, died at the Mills hotel, New York, Wednesday. During his life he organized great enterprises and made liberal fortunes in brief periods of time. His money went as it came. He formerly maintained an establishment at the cost of \$2,000 a week. He died in a hotel where his living cost him \$3 a week. His last years were passed almost wholly with the children who gathered daily in Madison avenue. He knew 15,000 of them by name and they all knew and loved him. His mind was enriched with the knowledge gained by extensive travel and by association with distinguished and cultivated people. Scientists removed the brain and made an analysis. The organ was found to be remarkably heavy and showed no signs of withering, usual in persons of Train's age. It weighed 53.8 ounces, and ranks, according to medical records, as the twenty-seventh in the list of brain weights of 106 of the world's famous men. This is six ounces more than the average.

An order has been received at El Paso for fourteen carloads of wiry western horses for Cuban rurales, a body similar to the noted organization of the same name in Mexico which is now being organized.

The attorney general holds in an opinion to the comptroller that a person not twenty-one on January 1 cannot be required to pay a poll tax, but will not be entitled to vote if he lives in a town of ten thousand inhabitants unless he takes out a certificate of exemption.

Groom.

CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENCE.

We have been having some fine weather for the last week or two. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Whatley have a child real sick with croup.

Burley Boydston's and Miss Frankey Harris' birthday party and supper were well attended and seemingly enjoyed.

Mrs. H. C. Boydston is visiting her son, Charley Boydston, at Groom.

Will Harris and Jim Long are going to Beaver county Ok., to take up land.

The man who is digging Dr. Gibson's well has his drill hung at a depth of 120 feet and can't get it out.

H. E. Stubbs sold one section of land 5 1/2 miles north-west of town at \$1280. RABBIT.

A great many people are leaving north Georgia for Texas and other points in the west. The railway officials say they have never seen such heavy emigration business.—Acworth (Ga.) Post.

Pay Taxes Now, Or Extra Cost.

Notice is hereby given that all taxes must be paid by Jan. 31, or the law imposes a penalty of ten per cent additional.

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Russia-Japan Catechism.
What is the trouble in the Far East?

Japan is trying to keep Russia out of Korea.

What is Korea and where is it situated?

Korea is an autocracy under Japanese influence, about as large as Kansas with a population estimated at between 8 and 16 millions. The empire occupies a peninsula just south of Siberia, jutting into the Pacific ocean between the Yellow sea and the Sea of Japan, and reaching within less than 100 miles of the southern end of Japan.

Is Korea a rich country?
Not especially. It is a purely agricultural land and the methods of cultivation are primitive. A few gold mines are operated and there are supposed to be deposits of copper, iron and coal.

Why, then, does Russia want Korea?

Chiefly because of its position, Korea is an extension of Manchuria which practically belongs to Russia. In the natural development of contiguous territory Russian merchants have crossed the boundary into Korea and Russian interests accumulating there under the weak native government naturally look to the czar for protection.

Why is Korea of strategic value to Russia?

For two reasons. First, Russian vessels must make a long detour around Korea to pass from Vladivostok, Siberia, to Port Arthur, the Russian harbor in Manchuria. In this journey they must traverse a narrow strait between Korea and a Japanese island, comparable to Gibraltar. To insure free passage Russia seeks to control the end of the Korean peninsula. Second, when Russia begins its anticipated absorption of China it would be inconvenienced if a hostile power should have a military base on the northeastern coast of Asia. Therefore it desires to annex Korea.

Why does Japan object to the Russian annexation of Korea?

Because Japan is overcrowded, with a population twelve times as dense as that of the United States, and it seeks an outlet for its emigrants on the mainland. The island empire has hoped, too, to make Korea the base of an attempt to extend Japanese influence throughout China. Furthermore, it now conducts nine-tenths of Korea's commerce and owns Korea's two railways. Its trade and railways would both be threatened and probably be deprived of value in the event of Russia's success. And, finally, Japan holds that its own independence would be menaced were Russia to gain the harbor at the end of the Korean peninsula almost within cannon range of the Japanese island fortress of Tsushima.

Does Japan want to annex Korea?

No. It is satisfied to maintain Korea's sovereignty with the exception that its natural advantages of situation will give it the lion's share of Korea's trade.

When did the trouble between Japan and Russia begin?

It began in 1895 when by war Japan had forced China to recognize Korea's independence and to grant Japan the southern end of Manchuria. Russia forced Japan to give up Manchuria, seized the surrendered territory and secured a timber cutting concession in the Yalu valley in Korea.

What brought on the present crisis?

Last year Russia advanced the claim that the timber concession extends to the valley of all rivers tributary to the Yalu and that it gives the Russians the right to build railways and to monopolize

the port of Yungampho at the Yalu's mouth.

Did Russia announce its intention to annex Korea?

It did not. But Japan took the ground that its procedure meant virtual annexation and so issued a protest.

Is it likely to lead to war?

Japan says it will unless Russia recedes from its claims.—Kansas City Times.

The Killers Get Killed.

Ed Kelley, who murdered Bob Ford and was pardoned for a life sentence, was shot and killed by an officer at Oklahoma City a few days ago while attempting to take the officer's life.

Finds Visiting Oppressive.

"No," a well known society woman was heard to remark the other afternoon at a tea, "I do not go out of town frequently on visits to friends. You see, I do not like change."

"Not like change of scene, how queer?" responded the woman to whom she was talking.

"Oh, I like change of environment well enough," replied the first, "but I do not like adapting my whole life to others, as the visitor is certainly expected to do if she desires to be a welcome guest."

"As the ideal guest you change your hours for rising, for retiring, for eating your meals, change your politics to please your host, change your religion to meet the views of your hostess, change your point of view concerning art, music and what constitutes diversion to suit the family in general, and are lucky if you don't change your doctor, for all the following after strange and uncongenial gods is sure to make you ill unless you escape the wrath to come by going home."

Be sure and plant a mixed crop this year.

One of the stables on the C. A. Stannard "Sunny slope" farm at Emporia, Kas., burned Monday night and 83 Hereford cattle were burned to death, mostly brood cows, and the fire started from a tank heater, a contrivance to prevent the stock water from freezing. Estimated loss about \$20,000.

Million Dollar Causeway At Galveston.

A special from San Francisco says that E. H. Harriman and Julius Kruttschnitt, on behalf of the Southern Pacific railway, have just agreed to join the Rock Island railroad in spending \$1,000,000 for a causeway 500 feet wide with concrete retaining walls from the mainland across the bay back of the city of Galveston to the city. This will be part of the general plan of improvement by which Galveston is to be made safe from the waters of the surrounding ocean and bay by having its present level raised seventeen feet.

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