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LATEST WAR NEWS.

Spain Must Evacuate Cuba.

CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT HAVE AGREED,
AND THE ULTIMATION HAS BEEN ISSUED

Spain Given Until To-day To Answer.

The war situation is still alarming, and before another week has passed grim war may be raging. This week has been an important one, much has been done in the preparations for hostilities. Both houses of congress have agreed to a set of resolutions, which declares for hostilities to cease in Cuba, and for the Spanish forces to leave the Island. The President has signed them, and has issued the ultimatum notifying Spain of the fact that she must leave Cuba at once, and has given her until to-day to reply, and if the Madrid government refuses to obey, troops will be ordered to begin the operation of making her leave the island, at once. All consuls of each nation have been withdrawn, leaving their affairs in the hands of other nations' ambassadors. Troops are being concentrated, and by to-day, it is said the entire force of Uncle Sam's warriors will be ready for action. Unless some peaceful concession are made by Spain, it is said that war is certain. Gov. Culberson is watching the Mexican border, and will order the State rangers to the border to prevent any demonstrations from that direction.

LATER.—The following telegram to the Enterprise is the latest War news:

Galveston, Texas, April 21.—(Special telegram to the San Angelo Enterprise)—Minister Woodford has been requested to leave Madrid by the Spanish government. He was not even given an opportunity to present President McKinley's ultimatum. This action on the part of Spain precipitates war without any further declaration. All diplomatic relations between the two countries are at an end and hostilities may begin immediately.

The naval squadron under command of Capt. Sampson was ordered to-day at 2:30 o'clock to leave Key West for Havana.

The Spanish fleet is reported have sailed for the United States, and the flying squadron under command of Commodore W S Schley has been ordered out to intercept it.

War is on now. The Spanish minister has left for Canada and reached that country to-day.

To-day at noon the secretary of the United States embassy at London left for Washington bearing secret propositions from the English government to the United States.

Bro. Bayless, of the Ranger Success is mourning the loss of a ham some one stole from his smoke house. Bro. Bayless has our sympathy in his sad bereavement, but we would like to know where he got the ham, and what he is doing with a smoke house. The next we hear he will be paying cash for groceries then the Press Association will have to try him heresy. The only safe way to buy meat Bro. Bayless, is to buy about two pounds of hog front with the buttons on, tie it up in your handkerchief, put it under the head of your bed with your money until Sunday, then cook the whole thing and fill up for the week.—Roby Banner.

After April 12th the Sunset Limited Train will leave Chicago for San Francisco on Tuesdays only, and after April 7th will leave San Francisco for Chicago on Thursdays only. The service will be discontinued East-bound for the season April 28th, and West-bound May, the 3rd; to be resumed in the Fall.

Don't join a Don't Worry Club. Don't try not to worry. While contentment is a pleasing virtue the people you know who are contented would be better off if they worried more. Absolute contentment and indifference to the possible troubles of tomorrow will land any one in the poor house. The cow doesn't worry neither does the clam, but people was built to worry, and it was intended that they should. On the other hand if you worry too much it will land you in the insane asylum. It is the insane asylum on one hand and the poorhouse on the other; the point is to worry just enough to keep out of them both.

A number of our local subscribers are ordering the Rustler sent to relatives and friends "down east," and we predict that in many instances its fruit will ripen by inducing them to come west. Such has been the general rule in the past.

For Free Booting Purposes.

Austin, Texas, Apr. 18.—Gov. Culberson is in receipt of a telegram from people of Presidio county reciting that bands of Mexicans are being formed on the border for free booting purposes and that the citizens out there will form themselves into voluntary battalions in order to protect their lives and property.

For some time the executive has been receiving advices indicating that in case of war with Spain there will be danger of invasion of the Rio Grande valley by the lawless element which infects that section.

It is claimed that agents of the Spanish government have been at work there for some time. It is said demonstrations on the Mexican side have recently become more pronounced, federal troops along the border having been ordered to leave.

It is stated that Governor Culberson has kept officials at Washington posted in regard to matters out there and advocated the maintenance of the army of the department of Texas, protesting vigorously against the removal of forces stationed in the threatened territory. The executive, it is said will order a concentration of state ranger forces in the Rio Grande valley and proceed to increase their numbers. It is also said that he intends to use his authority to the end that any gang attempting invasion may meet with a hot reception.

To Our Anxious Exchanges.

Work has been temporarily suspended on the Colorado Valley R. R., but she will be built nevertheless. Not a single road has been constructed in Texas but there was a hitch somewhere. These little things will come up in the line of progress and it is only those that stand still that encounter no obstacles. I prithee, do not write Sweetwaters ordinary yet; she is still the liveliest blackbird in the dish. Save your commiserations too gentlemen; that is only a more despicable way of saying "I told you so." Keep your violent hands off us, any way; we are running our own boat, and propose to pay the oarsman; and if any of our people attempt to steal a railroad or anything else, as you intimate they will be sure to confine their operations strictly to a home market, knowing that it would be as useless to go to your town as to a pig for piety, or a Turkish harem for virtue. A corner lot in Sweetwater is worth more today than a whole block in other towns we could mention. We don't mind being "jollied" a little, but when a fellow comes to pitying us, it don't go worth a cent.

Fill up the dog holes in your own streets before you attempt to stay the flow of mineral water in this city. Seriously, now for a moment: our epitaph is Progress and our chief virtue consists of attending to our own business. We don't mind these little troubles, not a bit. They are incident to the life we lead, and we are we are stronger after having subdued them.—Sweetwater Review.

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The nations of the earth are laying in their spring supply of warships.

Small favors are always thankfully received but often unthankfully remembered.

Philosophers take things as they come, but rascals and pickpockets take them as they go.

A reliable magazine says: "The huge guns of modern navies can be fired only about seventy-five times, when they become worn out." Great guns!

When even the New York Sun begins to question the perfect patriotism of "business interests" it is evident that we are upon the eve of a great awakening.

Mrs. Mona Caird pictures the universal woman in a cage, slowly dying, while the brute, man, stands outside and jeers at her sufferings. Why not call the police?

The cost of beer in Honolulu is 25 cents a glass, and yet the Hawaiian government recently let 200 kegs of it run into the sea. The ignorance which dictated the watering of this beverage in that way is so remarkable that the Hawaiian treaty ought to be greatly endangered.

Since the memorable days of 1861 the country has not been convulsed as it is at this moment. Then it was divided. Now it is united. Then two angry sections stood at arms. Now those sections—more homogeneous than ever they were before—stand shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart, as one man, under the flag of their fathers, then as now, and ever, the symbol of human freedom.

Recently a high official of the English government denied the statement made by the senate committee of foreign relations that England had designs upon Hawaii. Now there comes a denial from the Japanese that they have any designs upon the islands. Of course they have not. They are going to be very busy for some time to come watching Russia. If the United States will leave the islands alone they need have no fear of any other country touching them.

"There is no man living who does not want workingmen to have every good thing to which they aspire. The difficulty is that nobody yet sees how it can be realized." This statement, made in a recent address, seems to combine right sentiment with good sense. Industrial society is moving along an untried path. It will find the right way for right will ultimately prevail. We shall have need of patience with each other and of all our wits. But where there's a good will, there is sure to come a good way.

What are the young people made of nowadays that they dread poverty so much? Are not youth and health and a sufficiency for absolute needs, riches enough? Does romance count for nothing in these days of mammon? Riches take to themselves wings and flee away, and, as a matter of fact and of statistics, those marriages which, from a worldly point of view, seem most desirable, often turn out disappointing, while the young couple who begin life with modest wishes and simple requirements are apt in their middle life to bask in the sunshine of prosperity.

Americans must feel some disappointment, since their country has long been famous for its quickness and skill in adopting mechanical and scientific discoveries for business purposes, when they realize that European cities are far surpassing any of ours in the use of horseless vehicles. Until we have better roads and better street pavements we must submit to the humiliation of being distanced by Germany, France and England in one of the most interesting and important phases of modern progress. It is one of the penalties we pay for makeshift highways and for the folly which permits the use upon them of destructive narrow tires.

Since Ahab said to Elijah, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" wrong-doers have not been slow to accuse prophets and reformers of being disturbers of the peace. One of the reforming agencies of Chicago is "Hull House." The ward boss now threatens to drive out of his jurisdiction this aid to better living and purer government. He strikes at the settlement as hostile to his political interests and not popular with his "boys." The boss is good enough to say that the expulsion of the reformers will not be through violence but by the "sentiment of the people." Of course "Hull House" will continue its beneficent work, but what a testimony to the degradation of ward politics that a center of disinterested benevolence should be regarded as a pest-house.

THE SPANISH INQUIRY.

The Report on the Maine Explosion to Be Published.

London, April 18.—A Madrid correspondent says:

The situation is identical with that of yesterday, the ministers preserving a waiting attitude. They believe that by Wednesday or Thursday the two houses of congress will have definitely agreed as to their line of action and that the course of events will then depend on President McKinley. In the meantime the draft of the dispatch from the throne which is to be laid before the cortes on Wednesday has been substantially drawn up. It is short and strongly worded, but probably will undergo modifications in accordance with events that may take place in America during the next few days.

In official circles it is said the Cuban rebels are waiting for the outcome of affairs in the United States before deciding on a line of conduct. If America decides to recognize the independence of Cuba, they will carry on the campaign with greater vigor than before. If, on the other hand, armed intervention is only to be recommended with the prospect of possible annexation to follow, there will be such a feeling of disgust among them that they will prefer a pacific solution of the trouble by means of a promise of a fuller measure of autonomy.

All internal questions are rapidly becoming merged in the external crisis. Many senators and deputies are arriving here. It is believed in political circles that the debates in the two chambers will be very brief and that no party of any shade of opinion will refuse to grant the government the fullest financial assistance in case of an international conflict.

The Spanish report on the Maine explosion will be published to-day or to-morrow. It is said to be very technical, but to prove that the disaster originated from an interior cause. It practically shows that the Americans concealed documents and refused to produce proofs for joint use as the Spanish freely did, thus showing their own good faith.

Stringent orders have been issued to the provincial governors to suppress any disturbances of an anti-American character. At the cabinet council Saturday telegrams of a sympathetic nature were received from America, while the patriotic enthusiasm is reported from the Spanish colonies. The situation in the Philippines causes the government some uneasiness, but it is not true that more reinforcements are to be sent there. Nothing is officially known here yet of the appointment by the Cuban colonial government of any commission to negotiate with the insurgents. Very satisfactory statements were made yesterday at the cabinet council as to military preparations made in view of the present crisis.

Quiet at Washington.

Washington, April 18.—Yesterday was exceptionally quiet in official circles and on the surface at least there were no new developments in the Spanish situation. The reports of Saturday's action by the senate were an absorbing subject of discussion, and the probability of what the house will do was uppermost in everyone's mind. In the morning the president attended church and in the afternoon with Mrs. McKinley and some friends he went for a long drive. Assistant Secretary Day made a short, early call upon the president.

In the war and navy departments there was lacking that evidence of activity and rush which has characterized them for so many Sundays past. In the war department Adj. Gen. Corbin was at his desk for a short time in the morning. He said there had been no changes in the details for the mobilization of troops announced some days ago, nor any important assignments of officers. The proposals from railroads for transporting the troops from the various places where they are now located will be opened to-day and the expectation is that the soldiers in many instances will begin their journey on the same day.

Finished Coaling.

Fort Monroe, Va., April 18.—Commodore Schley's ships had a very quiet Sunday. There was nothing doing on the flagship, the Columbia or the Minneapolis. The Texas and Massachusetts finished coaling yesterday morning. Shore leave was not allowed the men, but there were several visiting parties among the ships. The Wampatuck, Lieut. Carl Jungen, who was on the Maine, in command, and the Uncas, Lieut. F. R. Brainard, just detached from Brooklyn, passed up to Norfolk yesterday afternoon, and the torpedo boat Rodgers went out for a trial.

Will Be Taken to Cuba.

Washington, April 18.—The Spanish minister, Senor Polo, yesterday closed a charter for the Plant line, which will carry practically the entire Spanish colony of Tampa, Fla., to Havana, today. They will number 408, mostly young men who have offered their services in the Spanish army in case of war, with some women and children. It is said that the hostility to Spanish residents in that locality has become marked of late. The consul and vice consul, with two assistants, will remain at Tampa.

The Spanish minister had a comparatively quiet Sunday. He said no word had been received here as to the reported negotiation with Gen. Gomez toward his surrender, although there is no disposition to discredit the report. At the embassies the unusual activity of the last three weeks noticeably relaxed, and it has now come to be accepted in these quarters that there will be no action, certainly none of a radical character, toward mediation between Spain and the United States.

While recent exchanges of notes was in progress, some of the embassy offices here were open nightly until 3 a. m., receiving and sending cipher dispatches in connection with the effort of the powers to get together. This proved unavailing, however, and as one of the best posted members of the diplomatic corps stated last night, "the powers have too many troubles of their own to permit them to reach a concert of action in this affair."

The Spanish minister received a number of dispatches from Madrid, but they developed no new phases of the question and did not bear out the reports that Spain would seek the good offices of the United States in case the house resolutions became a law.

War Fever Raging.

London, April 18.—A Madrid correspondent says:

Throughout its recent negotiations with the United States with reference to Cuba the Spanish government has never taken a firmer stand than at yesterday's council. If President McKinley by issuing a message has set his seal to intervention, so do the Spanish ministers respond by finally setting their seal upon this country's flat rejection of that claim.

The nature of the intervention appears to be immaterial. It is the principle which the Spanish government now pledges themselves to resist to the utmost. The drastic decisions of the council are taken by the public at what will probably prove their true value.

The war fever has been raging many hours. One newspaper alone thinks peace faintly possible. Some people, trusting to vague telegrams from Havana, indulge a hope that the insurgent leaders, fearing American annexation, will voluntarily come to terms with the autonomous government and that this may make President McKinley pause, but no definite information has yet been received in that sense. There is a semi-panic on the bourse. Stocks are falling badly and evidences of a grave situation is heard and felt in all directions. But in spite of this, the government and the governed are pulling well together and profess to be able to face the inevitable.

ELEVATOR EXPLOSION.

The Loss Will Reach a Quarter of a Million Dollars.

Boston, Mass., April 18.—The roof of the grain elevator at Hoosiac tunnel docks, Charlestown, was blown completely off by a dust explosion at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The immense structure and nearly the entire contents, over 400,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat, were consumed in the fire that followed. The explosion was noticeably felt in the city proper, and many of the suburbs.

Great timbers were blown a hundred feet in the air and many of the upper stories of neighboring property were crushed and pierced by the great beams. Bursting from every side were tons and tons of wheat and oats. Much of the grain fell through the pier into the water. Loss to the structure is \$150,000, and the damage to the elevator and the adjoining property is about \$50,000, all covered by insurance.

The Attack Deported.

Madrid, April 18.—The Imparcial referring to the attack upon the American consulate at Malaga, deplors the outrage as necessarily calling for apologies and warns the Malagueños against provoking a war, which Spain would avoid if possible. The Imparcial adds: "Rioting is no proof of courage. The Greeks made demonstrations many days in Athens, but this did not prevent them from quickly forsaking the heights of Thessaly. The Spaniards should enter the conflict like gentlemen and not like ruffians."

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

The Little Daughter of Mr. Evan Morgan Killed.

Dallas, Tex., April 18.—Little Edna Morgan, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. Evan Morgan, secretary to Mr. C. F. Freeman, of the Dallas Rapid Transit Railway company, met a sudden and terrible death at the corner of Live Oak and North Harwood streets yesterday shortly after 12 o'clock. While crossing the street she slipped and fell in front of an east-bound electric car of the Pearl street division of the Dallas Street Railway company system. Her head caught under the front wheel of the car, and, despite the efforts of the motorman, she was dragged at least six feet over the bois d'arc pavement. When picked up she was unconscious, and by many thought to be dead. This was not the case, but she died a few minutes later.

Edna had accompanied her mother to the Congregational church on North Harwood street that morning, and was returning home when she met her death. Her mother, who stood on the curbstone only a few feet away, saw her child killed, and for a time was crazed with grief. She was the first to reach the inanimate little body. She covered the upturned, blood-spotted little face with kisses. "Oh, Edna! My darling little Edna!" she cried. "Speak to your mother, won't you? Just one little word."

But no sound came from the rosy little lips, and the tiny hand she clasped seemed to be growing stiff and cold. The spectacle was heartrending. The rich red color in the left cheek was heightened and made almost hideous by a spot of blood. The little one lay on her back. Her hair, which crept out from under the straw bonnet, was spread out in picturesque confusion. Her right hand was thrown above her head, and a few inches from the tips of the chubby fingers lay her little prayer-book.

Those returning from church along that way stood silently around the mother and her child for a moment. Then City Auditor Charles G. Morgan led Mrs. Morgan away from the place. Afterward he picked the child up and carried her to the sidewalk. From here Messrs. C. A. Keating and Guy Sumpter carried her into the residence of Dr. David G. Hall, near by. A few minutes later that gentleman pronounced life extinct.

Congregational Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Congregational churches of the state was held at Palestine April 12th to 14th. After a sermon, marked by deep thought, by Rev. C. A. Gleason of Cleburne, Rev. F. A. Hatch of Dallas was elected moderator for the ensuing year. Papers were presented by Mrs. Sloan of Pine Valley and Mrs. Leonard of Cleburne, concerning the relation of the young people to the church. Rev. Luther Rees conducted a Bible study, and Mr. W. E. Edmonds, Y. M. C. A. secretary of Palestine, spoke on the social work of the church. At the close of the sessions the church in Palestine was dedicated, with appropriate exercises. Rev. F. E. Hall of Palestine was elected as delegate to the home missionary meeting at Cleveland, O., in June. Rev. F. A. Hatch of Dallas was elected delegate to the national council in Portland, Ore., in July, and Rev. C. A. Gleason was elected member of the foreign mission board from Texas. The Congregational churches number 650,000 members in the states, and in the south have over 475 organizations. Rev. Luther Rees of Paris is the superintendent of missionary work for the state.

Killing at Laredo.

Laredo, Tex., April 18.—A killing took place in Laredo yesterday evening. The facts are that Miguel Salazar and Alfonso Guerrero had a difficulty early in the morning over a matter of 18 cents, and engaged in a personal difficulty. They separated, to meet at 3 o'clock yesterday evening to settle the dispute. The result was that Salazar shot Guerrero and received a mortal stab from a knife in the hands of Guerrero. Salazar is dead at his home this evening, and Guerrero is in jail with a dangerous wound.

Memorial Day Changed.

Gainsville, Tex., April 18.—Camp Joseph E. Johnston, No. 19, United Confederate Veterans, Saturday changed their day for decorating the graves of fallen comrades from Sunday, May 1, to the first Tuesday in May. This change was made because the ministers informed the camp that they could not without doing violence to their conscience, participate with them on the Sabbath.

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Charity Among Ants.

It is certain that ants intentionally sanction the residence of certain insects in their nests. This is the case, for instance, with a curious blind beetle, which is absolutely dependent upon ants, and is habitually fed by them, the ants supplying it with nourishment as they do one another.

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"About two years ago, I nursed a lady who was suffering (and finally died) from blood poisoning. I must have contracted the disease from her; for shortly after her death, I had four large sores or ulcers, break out on my person. I doctored for a long time, both by external application and with various blood medicines; but, in spite of all that I could do, the sores would not heal. They were obstinate, very painful, annoying, and only getting worse all the time. At last, I purchased six bottles of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, thinking I would give it a thorough trial. Before the first bottle was taken, I noticed a decided improvement in my general health; my appetite was quickened, and I felt better and stronger than I had for some time. While using the second bottle, I noticed that the sores had begun to look healthier

and to heal. Before the six bottles had been taken, the ulcers were healed, the skin sound and natural, and my health better than it had been for years. I have been well ever since. I had rather have one bottle of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla than three of any other kind."

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Bad Taste in the Mouth.

Digestion is the grand process by which nature repairs the wasted tissues of the body, which, when the individual is in health is performed with great faithfulness and regularity, and without giving rise to any disagreeable sensations.

Indigestion is a disease which consists of a deviation from this ordinary mode of health and in the deficiency or vitiated character of those secretions which are essential to the conversion of food into blood. The best corrective for this complaint is Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine a few doses of which will remove the offensive taste.

A. B. Perkins

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Backaches Common to Mothers.

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HE PAYS

THE FREIGHT, BEST SCALES, LEAST MONEY. JONES OF BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

AVAILABLE MEN.

The President May Request the Services of Fifty Thousand.

Washington, April 16.—The question of how many militia of the several states shall be called into service for active duty when military operations are decided upon is engaging the attention of the officials of the war department. The opinion was expressed by one of the latter yesterday that when an order is issued concentrating the regular army at some southern point, the president will call for 50,000 of the militiamen. This number, it is believed, will suffice for immediate purposes.

Opinions differ as to the exact time when the orders for the regular army to concentrate and the call for the militia will be issued, some officials believing they will come to-day or tomorrow, and others when the president signs the resolution declaring for intervention. It was suggested that the administration desired to avoid taking steps for the concentration in advance of the signing of the intervention resolution, because it might be construed as a step intended for actual hostilities. The circumstances differed, it was said, from the case with the navy, in which, although both Spain and the United States were making active preparations, neither had assembled its fleet in the waters of the other.

Secretary Alger as quoted as having said to some visitors yesterday that if congress directed the president to use the land and naval forces in the case of Cuba, a call by the president for 50,000 volunteers (militiamen) would be made within forty-eight hours thereafter. The secretary declined to affirm or deny the report, but it is fully expected that such a call will be made.

Through the efforts of Assistant Secretary Melklejohn, the department has information bearing on the carrying capacity and speed of every vessel engaged in the coastwise trade, which is of particular value just at this time. Mr. Melklejohn desires the statement made that the war department will not buy any vessels for the purposes to which these vessels may be put, preferring to charter them in every case.

Orders have been issued directly Gen. Wesley Merritt, commanding the department of the east, and Gen. Graham, commanding the department of the gulf, to hurry work on the artillery posts under their jurisdiction. They will avail themselves of all the facilities at their command to carry this order into effect, and will direct such movements of artillery forces and men as may be necessary.

Feeling More Pacific.

Madrid, April 16.—Lieut. Gen. Weyler authorizes a correspondent to say that reports published as to a supposed statement by Consul General Lee respecting a letter Gen. Weyler addressed to Santos Guzman as to torpedoes and mines placed in the port of Havana during his (Weyler's) command, and respecting a subsequent dispatch from him begging Guzman to destroy the letter, after the catastrophe that befell the Maine, are entirely without foundation.

The utterances of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee on his return to the United States regarding the Maine, etc., are violently denounced here.

It is announced here that in spite of the armistice, the insurgents continue their incursions, and it is added that the government has received news to the effect that new filibustering expeditions are being organized in Florida, their destination being the island of Cuba. The warlike feeling prevailing in all circles last evening has given way to a pacific impression. Gen. Woodford and several members of the cabinet sharing in the general belief that a way satisfactory to both governments would be found. There is a decided improvement in the financial outlook.

The Cuban colonial cabinet has addressed a manifesto to the queen regent, offering unconditional assistance in defense of Spain and in behalf of the regeneration of Cuba. Senor Sagasta, the premier, presented the manifesto to her majesty yesterday as soon as it was received. It expresses the warmest and most enthusiastic adherence to the Spanish government, and says: "The Cubans in their gratitude to the mother country will always act with her to maintain, even at the greatest sacrifices, the honor and sovereignty of the nation and the free institutions of the colony."

Votes Expected To-day.

Washington, April 16.—It is the general belief among senators that the vote will be taken by to-night. It is likely to be the minority resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba that will be adopted. The resolution agreed on will be substituted for the house resolution making it a house measure to avoid parliamentary difficulties of a new resolution in the house. It is supposed the resolution will go to the house Monday.

The Army Massed.

Washington, April 16.—Decidedly the most warlike step taken by the department in preparing for the possibility of an encounter with Spain was inaugurated yesterday when orders were issued for the concentration at four points in the south of six regiments of infantry and the light batteries of five regiments of artillery. Since the civil war no such proportion of the army has been mobilized and the movement itself is the best evidence of the gravity of the situation as looked upon by the president and his advisors. The determination to re-arrange the troops in the south where they can be acclimated to the conditions of a more tropical climate has been under consideration by the president and his cabinet for some time. It was not until yesterday that the president in view of the enormous expense which will be entailed, felt justified in taking this step. When Secretary Alger returned from the cabinet meeting he at once called into conference Gen. Miles and Adjt. Gen. Corbin and acquainted them with the result of the cabinet's deliberations. There were hurried consultations and the result as finally given contemplates the immediate movement of troops to the place indicated.

The department has so distributed the twenty-two regiments of infantry at convenient places on the gulf that they will be accessible for the transportation to Cuba. Proposals have been invited from steamship companies for chartering vessels to the government for this work.

Secretary Alger also selected the command of the divisions of the army to assemble at the places named, all of whom are well known for their service in the military branch of the government: For the division at New Orleans, Brig. Gen. W. B. Shafter, now at San Francisco, in command of the department of California, was designated; for that at Tampa, Fla., Brig. Gen. J. F. Wade, now in command of the department of the Dakotas, to St. Paul, Minn.; for Mobile, Brig. Gen. J. J. Coppinger, who is on duty in command of the department of Missouri at Omaha, Neb.; while for the post of Chickamauga, Major Gen. J. R. Brooke, in command of the department of the lakes, with headquarters at Chicago, was chosen.

The command of the army will devolve upon Major Gen. Nelson A. Miles, who is now at the head of the military branch of the government. His temporary headquarters, it is said, probably will be at Atlanta, Ga., where Gen. Graham, who has command of the department of the gulf, is now located. Gen. Miles' permanent headquarters will depend entirely upon the exigencies of the situation and the developments of the campaign. He will leave the city soon for his new duties.

THE FLYING SQUADRON.

The Gun Work of the Crew is Highly Pleased.

Fort Monroe, Va., April 16.—The flying squadron, the departure of which caused so much excitement on Wednesday, returned yesterday to anchorage at Fort Monroe, after having completed two days and two nights of arduous labor, with satisfaction to its commanding officer. Commodore Schley wanted the captains of the fleet to know each other in the movement of their vessels, and to be able to answer quickly to all signals for movements liable to be made in an engagement. Commodore Schley expressed himself as very much pleased with the work of the captains of the vessels under his charge. The manouvers of the boats and the work of the crews at the guns were both highly pleasing. He called attention to the target practice of the rapid fire guns, saying:

"I don't think any torpedo boat could live under that fire."

The Texas, which had been ordered to remain out to try her big guns and improved turrets with solid shot, ran into Hampton Roads about 6 o'clock and joined the squadron. Capt. Phillip said the new turret arrangement had worked highly satisfactory and the big guns could be loaded by the new automatic arrangement at any angle and very quickly. He could fire more than twice as many shots now, he said, than under the old arrangement.

Continue to Concentrate.

Key West, Fla., April 16.—The insurgents continue to concentrate in the provinces of Havana and Matanzas and Gen. Gomez will soon pass the dividing line between the provinces of Matanzas and Santa Clara. The insurgents are successfully passing large supplies of ammunition of war from Santa Clara into Matanzas and it is said the towns in the provinces are soon to be attacked. Other advices from Cuba go to show that the condition of the reconcentrados has not been improved by Gen. Blanco's proclamation.

The navy department has ordered the purchase of the steamers Yorktown and Yumuri.

LIE WINS A BATTLE.

WELL-KNOWN GUEST OF INDIANA MINERAL SPRINGS HOTEL THE PROUD LIAR.

Capt. H. S. Cole Convinced the Advance Should Be Made Despite Gen. Gregg's Order—He Runs the Risk of Court Martial and Disgrace, But Victory Saves Him.

Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind., April 11.—(Special Correspondence)—Warlike dispatches in the morning newspapers stirred up a general discussion among a half score of gentlemen in a corner of the smoking room of the Indiana Mineral Springs Hotel today. Several veterans of the civil war who have been regaining health by means of the Magna Med Baths and Lithia Water here took a lively interest in the discussion. Many interesting stories of the late conflict were told.

"In the campaign before Richmond in the last months of the war," said Capt. H. S. Cole, of Fergus Falls, Minn., "I was guilty of a distortion of an order that had the battle which it caused been a defeat for us, would have had sad results for me; fortunately the falsehood I told rescued me from a perilous position and we won a victory."

Capt. Cole's regiment was the famous First Maine Cavalry which by special order of the War Department has seven more battalions on its colors than any other carried by any regiment in the Union army. The First Maine also has the record of having turned more of its troopers into preachers at the close of hostilities than any other regiment of the northern army, while several of the men who have been governors of the Pine Tree state since 1865 were at the front with the First Maine. But it was while he was on the staff of Gen. Chas. F. Smith, who commanded a brigade of the Second Cavalry corps, the head of which was Gen. D. Gregg, one of the best cavalry captains in the north or south that the incident happened.

"Our brigade was in a desperate condition," said Capt. Cole, "when Gen. Smith sent me to ask Gen. Gregg for reinforcements. I found the Pennsylvania fighters and delivered my message. He thoughtfully stroked his beard.

"Give my compliments to Gen. Smith," he said, "and tell him he can't have a reinforcement." It was the first time I ever heard Gen. Gregg swear, and I was convinced that it was due to the serious condition of his command. I was also convinced that our brigade should fight its way out, so when I galloped up to Gen. Smith I determined to somewhat change his superior's orders.

"What success?" he asked. "Gen. Gregg can't send any reinforcements, and desires you to attack," I said. He was surprised, but the word was given. Inspired by our peril we routed the enemy and gained a safe place.

"Some time afterward I told Gen. Smith what I had done."

"What happened?" asked one of the other veterans.

"Drinks on the general," said the man from Minnesota, who added that with a few more Magna Med Baths he would be in a fit condition to take a hand in the impending war with Spain.

Good Wages for Glove Cutters.

The cutters of the great glove houses at Brussels and in France earn higher wages than the cutters of the most fashionable tailors in London and New York. So difficult is this art of cutting gloves that most of the principal cutters are known to the trade by name and by fame, and the peculiar knives which they use in the business are so highly prized that they are handed down from generation to generation as heirlooms.

Too Much Court Plaster.

Although court plaster is useful in protecting small scratches or abrasions of the skin from harm, it should not be used over any considerable cut or wound in process of healing. These will heal much faster if simply covered with a bit of soft linen, held in place at the ends with strips of surgeon's plaster.

Beware Of the Knife.

Mr. Lincoln Nelson, of Marshfield, Mo., writes: "For six years I have been a sufferer from a scrofulous affection of the glands of my neck, and all efforts of physicians in Washington, D. C., Springfield, Ill., and St. Louis failed to reduce the enlargement. After six months' constant treatment here, my physician urged me to submit to a removal of the gland. At this critical moment a friend recommended S.S.S., and laying aside a deep-rooted prejudice against all patent medicines, I began its use. Before I had used one bottle the enlargement began to disappear, and now it is entirely gone, though I am not through with my second bottle yet. Had I only used your S.S.S. long ago, I would have escaped years of misery and saved over \$150."

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The greatest cattle country on earth having to restock its ranges from eastern states is an object lesson which Texas stockmen should look forward to and prevent its occurrence again.

The war question is already blooming in a political way. Many can now see acts performed by Consul General Fitzhugh Lee which qualify him for the presidential honors, and they are talking him some predicting that he will even knock the plum from over William Jennings Bryan.

We have on our table the first number of the Texas State Journal, Dr. John Grant's new Republican paper. It is published at Dallas, and is going to give the other "other side of the question," politically. It is a neat paper, and it will doubtless be read by a large number of Texas people just for the sake of learning the Republican side, and by its party constituents. We X with pleasure.

McKinley promised to open the factories and he did it—the canon factories. By his pusillanimous action has made war with Spain inevitable, and the people foot the bills. We repeat it, the recognition of Cuba belligerency early in his administration would have kept us out of all this trouble, and given the struggling Cubans only what is theirs as men.—Sweetwater Review.

Everything points toward an effort to make material changes in the law regarding the purchase and lease of lease of school lands, and on this question much of the progress of west Texas depends, in the future. Any law which can be manipulated against the actual settler, will be ruinous to the country in the long run, and the people will do well to keep an eye on the prospective candidates for legislative honors

It is estimated that four billions of men have been killed in wars since the birth of Christ. This is about three times the present population of the world. Since improved engines of warfare have been put into use the numbers slain in battle have greatly decreased. The exposure, bad sanitation of big camps life, and epidemics incident thereto have killed more men in modern wars than have bullets. In the late civil war, even in healthful America only 118,000 were killed while 185,000 died of disease.

Sam Jones tackled the wrong man when he began his caustic criticisms of Gov. Bob Taylor for abusing the pardoning power. Taylor replied:

"I think it comes in poor taste for Sam Jones to talk in this way. Had it not been for the pardoning power Sam Jones would have been in hell long ago."

By the way it is said that Gov. Taylor is wary of his office, principally because he can hardly resist on appeal for pardon. To refuse almost breaks his heart.

The citizens of Robert Lee are very anxious to have the Colorado Valley Railway Co. to speedily build the road to Robert Lee. The town is situated on a beautiful site, and as Warren Reed says, "Robert Lee is one of the grandest names in history." We hope that the Robert Lee citizens will realize their expectations and before many moons the "Iron Horse" will be a familiar visitor to that that city.—Sweetwater Reporter.

What benefit to a community or town are people who always send off for everything they want, because they imagine they buy elsewhere cheaper, and at the same time receives and asks a share of the patronage of the community in their profession of trade? Are such characters anything short of a robber of progression? The miser is to be preferred to such a one, because he does not build up others to help tear down such progress as we may erect over such a one.

W. C. Barron delivered to Bill Williams of San Angelo this week 500 head of steer yearlings at \$16 per head.

Lee J. Good one of Cokes most prominent stockmen was in attendance to District court here this week. He informs us that he has shipped all his cattle to Elgin Kansas, and will go up himself the first of June.

Notice To Conveterans Veterans

Of Richard Coke Camp No. 600. You are commanded to meet at the Court House in Robert Lee on Saturday, May the 17th, to transacted some important business. By order of

J. L. Robinson,
H.H. Hayley, Commander.
Adj. of Camp.

Edith Locals.

ED. RUSTLER:
We are very sorry to report the sudden death of Ike Reed, son of Rev. and Mrs. John Reed. The family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

J. D. Hallmark was called to Taylor county last Wednesday to see his brother who was expected to die.

G. C. Arnett carried four hundred cows to Sweetwater last week, they were sold to R. T. Davis, who shipped them to the I. T.

G. W. Peay, J. N. Fields, and J. M. Sparks are attending District court this week.

We had fine rains last Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

PETE.

From Brother Fair.

DEAR RUSTLER:
I will pencil a few lines for publication, as several incidents have recently occurred, which would probably interest some your readers.

We have had a good rain and wheat, oats and corn have put on new life. The grass and shrubbery that was put back by the freeze, are again green.

The replanted gardens are coming up nicely, but the fruit was all killed.

The war spirit rages high and some of our patriotic men are impatiently waiting for a call to arms

A great many cattle are being shipped from here to the territory.

My son Ellis left home the last of January and I have not heard from him since. If any of your readers know of his whereabouts, please let me know.

And to cap the climax Mrs. Fair and I passed a few words yesterday afternoon, and she left me. She took passage on the Santa Fe for San Angelo. Some of your readers may see her, if so, tell her I know a little of how a grass widower feels. With this difference I expect her to return in three or four weeks. She will visit our daughters in Coke county, Mrs. Hallmark, Mrs. Key, Mrs. Boykin, and Mrs. Robertson. I wish her a pleasant visit.

I will close for fear of the waste basket.

Success to the RUSTLER and Coke county.

GEO. F. FAIR.
Lometa, Tex., Apr., 16, 1898.

Silver Dots.

ED. RUSTLER:—I will try and give you some news from this country.

Had a shower Saturday night and Sunday which was very much appreciated.

Rev. G. C. Berryman's father and sister from Colman county was visiting him last week. They said it was very dry down there.

Mrs. T. T. Meek, who has been sick for some time is able to be up.

John West and family are now at Ballinger having their little child treated by Dr. Marbery.

Your correspondent, with many others, were participants of fish fry on the river at the Compton crossing last Saturday. Had plenty of fish and some to spare. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves, and who wouldn't. Mr. Editor I think you would if you had been present.

With best wishes to the Editor and the many readers of the RUSTLER, I close.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

The town is full of people.

Several strangers in town this week.

Lum Hudson attended court here this week.

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E. C. Gooch was acquitted for the killing of James Hutchinson.

Commissioners Court was in special session Monday and Tuesday.

Prof. Hayley Prichard is here and is getting up a writing school at this writing.

For the cheapest groceries go to J. F. Deats'.

M. K. Sheppard, of the Olga, was here this week attending court as a grand juror.

It is reported that cattle have fell \$5 on the head in the last few days.

Deputy Sheriff Stuart and a litte son were on the sick list this week, but are improving at this writing.

Dr. Dickinson, of Ballinger was up from that city this week.

John Hutchinson was up from Ballinger this week attending District court.

At the Loe Restaurant, when Angelo. First class meals at 25 cents.

Bill Ellison, druggist, of Hylton was in the city several days this week in attendance to court as a witness.

The Grand Jury convened on Thursday of this week and adjourned Friday.

Dr. W. F. Key sends the Rustler to F. O. Key, at Hubbard city this week.

H. Q. Lyles of Water Valley community was in this week attending court and tingled the Rustler ash box.

H. A. Chapman, of the Divide, was in town a day or two this week in attendance to District court.

Ben Acry was a juror in court here this week. He reports fine rains out in his section of country and that his stock are doing well.

John Hutchinson, of Ballinger was here this week in attendance to district court here this week.

G. W. Payne, of Saucos was a juror in District court here this week, and while here paid us a pleasant call and paid us \$1 on subscription to the RUSTLER. My thanks, Mr. Payne.

T. McPeters, of Birds store town county was in town a day or so this week on business. It is reported that he will move back to Nolan county, where he has purchased a piece of school land.

W. P. Walling was in town this attending court as a juror. He reports fine rains and everything prosperous in his section of country.

G. S. McCleskey has gone out of the blacksmith business and moved his tools over to his place across the river.

Mr. D. B. McCallum, whom we spoke of several issues back as being here looking for a location to go into the mercantile business arrived here last Saturday and has purchased a half interest in the J. W. Reed stock of dry goods and grocery business. They will put in a good stock in a short time, which will help the town considerably. We welcome Mr. McCallum in our midst and wish him much success.

DIED:—On last Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Mrs. W. H. Wyatt died from paralysis at the home of Judge L. H. Brightman in this city. Mrs. Wyatt had been of feeble health for some time, and on Saturday last came to visit Mrs. L. H. Brightman, and to recuperate in health, and in the early part of the night she was struck with paralysis. Dr. Toliver was summoned, and did all which medical assistance, coupled with the kind and careful attention of relatives and friends, could do, but with no avail. She lingered until the hour above stated, and breathed her last. She was buried at the Robert Lee cemetery yesterday at 9 o'clock. The bereaved husband and relatives have the deepest sympathy of the entire community, in this sad and bereaved moments.

In the District court this week the Jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the case of Coke County vs. W. C. Hayley. At this writing we learn that a motion for a new trial will be made.

For a good and easy shave, nice hair cut or any tonsorial work call on A. J. Crockett, at the new barber shop. He is a first-class barber and will be sure to please you with his work.

Mr. J. F. Cole, one of Saucos' best citizens smiled on the Rustler in a substantial way while attending court this week.

If you want a free sample of Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment, read the ad in this issue.

A man stands no chance of being elected to the mayorship of a city unless he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. Geo. W. Humphrey is the popular mayor of Swanton Ohio, and under date of Jan. 17, 1896, he writes as follows: "This is to certify to our appreciation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My family and neighbors have tested it, and we know it is an excellent remedy for coughs and colds.—George W. Humphrey." Sold by Ed M. Mobley.

If you want to buy a Sewing Machine, get W. W. Allen's prices on the Celebrated White. Give him a mail order for anything you need in Machine supplies. Needles for all kinds of machines.

When altering or marking stock use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment; it prevents Screw Worms and heals the wound.

Capt. Hutchinson, of Bronte was attending court here this week.

If you want to shear your sheep later in the spring, or earlier in the fall, use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment, it heals the shearing cuts and prevents Screw Worms.

W. A. Kemp, of San Angelo was in the city a day or so this week. He has rented out his wagon yard at San Angelo, and will open a business at the above place in the near future. He says they had good rains over there, but not as good as we had.

It is often we hear some complaints about subscribers receiving the Rustler in the various postoffices in the county, but we feel confident that it is through no bad management of our efficient postmasters, and can only account for it on the theory that in many instances the mails are called for by some neighbor and passers by who fail to make the delivery. In all such cases we request that the papers be delivered to whom it is addressed, when so called for, and it will remove the cause of complaint.

Another fine rain fell here Saturday and Sunday nights,

Announcement.

Our terms for announcements are cash in advance, and rates as follows:
District offices.....\$10.00.
County Offices.....\$5.00.
Precinct Offices.....\$2.50.
Remember, the cash must accompany the announcement in every instance.

For County Judge.

We are authorized to announce Gid Graman as a candidate for the office of County Judge Coke County.

For District and County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce W. F. (Frank) Robinson as an independent candidate for the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Barnett as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County at the November election.

For Tax Assessor Coke County.

We are authorized to announce J. F. Deats as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce H. E. Johnston as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County at the November election.

For County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce J. G. Walton as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce C. L. Hughes as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Coke county at the November election.

An excursion will be made from Abilene to El Paso on the 21st, inst. by the Teachers of the Abilene country, and they will perhaps, be joined by the West Texas Press Association members. The T & P will sell tickets at \$5 for the round trip.

I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefor, I desire to inform you that I will never be without it and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your Remedies are held by people in general. It is the one remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. R. Downey, Editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by Ed M. Mobley.

It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide-awake drug firm of Meyes & Eshleman, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Eshleman: "In my sixteen years' experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." Sold by Ed M. Mobley.

Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

The best Stable and Stock Ointment in the world for branding, altering, marking and sneering, for wire cuts, old sores, collar saddle or harness sores, scratches mange, scab, ticks, sand fleas, etc. It prevents Screw worms, and at the same time heals the wound. We will send a free sample box, post paid, by mail to any one sending their address to The Nussbaumer Chemical Co., San Angelo, Texas.

Mr. Q. Loe, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals only 20 cents.

Good rates for the week or month. The patronage of Coke county solicited.

On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism, and lay in bed until May, 21st when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. Moreaux, Laverne, Minn. Sold by Ed M. Mobley.

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thoroughly renovated and refitted, is now open to the traveling public, rates \$2 per day. Patronage of coke solicited. **SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO COMMERCIAL MEN.**
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"WORST IN TWENTY."



THE Portia was plunging along at her maximum speed of ten knots an hour. The sea beneath and the sky above were both of an oily blackness, and the waves that lifted and pitched the stanch little steamer about seemed but the reflection of the rolling clouds that scurried across the threatening sky under the keen lash of Boreas.

"Looks like a bad night, captain," Tom ventured.

Tom was a favored passenger. He had shown himself humbly anxious to learn the art of navigation, and evidenced a keen appreciation of such crumbs of nautical knowledge as the officers cared to part with in exchange for Tom's excellent cigars; besides which, he was a good listener. He eagerly drank in their tales of the sea, and generously applauded all of the ancient mariners' jests, old as Father Neptune, with which the captain regaled us. So the officers made him a bon camarade, and the captain patronized him. All of which accounts for Tom's presence on the bridge, where he ostentatiously posed, to be alternately envied and ridiculed by the rest of us less favored passengers.

"Bad night; nonsense!" the captain replied, loudly enough for some of us to hear, "ordinary March weather!"

"If that's the case," Tom replied, "I can only pray never to see a real storm."

"Storm, lad!" cried the captain; "wait till ye see the white-caps lashin' broadsides over the decks, and the boats carried off to leeward—then ye can talk of a storm at sea."

Tom heard us snickering over the snub, and braced himself for the occasion.

"I suppose you've seen some fearful ones, captain," he hazarded, deferentially.

"Oh, nothin' so—er—well, yes," the captain replied, a good-natured twinkle lighting his eyes. "Come to think on't, I did see one—a turble storm, I assure ye."

"Do tell me about it, captain."

We, who were huddled on the hurricane deck, crowded up close to the rail of the bridge, in silent expectation.

"Well, there isn't so much to tell—savin' that that was the only time as I every got very seasick. Oh, ye needn't remark upon it; the best of us come so once in a while, and I think I got enough of it then to last a man a lifetime."

"It was a good many years ago. I was only a purser then, a-studyin' navigation. We'd touched for the day at Halifax to unload and take in cargo."



HUNG TO MY BERTH.
I'd put in a pretty hard day on the wharf; and the evening I spent at the 'Squadron,' samin' a bottle of port or two, with maybe some Scotch, for good measure.

"We was to sail at break o' day; and about an hour afore it I helped our steward to get aboard, onsartinly reached my own cabin and turned in without much ceremony, but with most of my other clothes on."

"I reckon I'd slept as sweet as a babe for mebbe an hour or upwards, when the chug of the drivers woke me. I calclated as how the sea was gettin' its back up pretty high, from the way she thumped and rattled, but I'd no idee what a storm was on till I see we was rollin' ports under."

"My porthole had been left open and the water slushed in every roll, fit to swamp the steamer. Soon's I saw it, I tumbled out and fetched up ag'in the upper deck, with one leg out of the porthole, which I mention just to show how she rolled. Of course, the next lurch she gave to port put my bunk below, where the shore should ha' been, and quite nat'rally landed me in it."

"When she fetched back, I tried it ag'in; but with no more luck than the first time. I've seen many ships in the trough, but they couldn't roll a sarcumstance to the way that steamer flung about, a-tryin' to keep above water. She acted just like a woman possessed; and the water kept floodin' in at the port, till all of my cabin was just awash."

"I hung to my berth for dear life's sake, a-watchin' my kit a-slushin' about, and then I begun to get seasick."

"Begun, did I say? There was no beginnin'; it jist quite overwhelmed me, and I gave right up—well, most everythin'. Give up tryin' to close the port, give up my four-dollar lunch as afore, not to mention the wine, but give up all but my hope o' dyin'."

"By'm'by I heard a pound at my door, but I hadn't the spirit to answer; and after another poundin' or two, our second mate broke the door in."

"What in— ses he."

"Is she fillin'?" ses I.

"Tain't yer fault if she isn't," ses he, a-slammin' my port and closin' it. "Why in thunder do you open it?" ses he, a-turnin' on me furious, and then he sees the plight I was in and I thought he'd bust laughin'."

"Nothin' to laugh at in such a storm," ses I, as mad as if scrapin' a mainmast.

"Storm!" ses he. "Where be it? We ain't stirred a foot from Tobin's wharf, and won't till the fog blows out," ses he.

"But the cabin's afloat from the seas," ses I.

"Seas be blowed," ses he, with a grin; "we's jist been scrubbin' the decks down."

SHE MARRIED A VASE.

Ancient Rite Performed by a Bereaved Chinese Bride-Elect.

Miss Hsu, the daughter of a wealthy Chinese nobleman of high military and official rank, figured in a strange and weird ceremony a few months ago, the story of which has just come from the flowery kingdom. It was the result of a young girl's romantic and enduring affection for the memory of her lover, who died suddenly three days before the date set for their marriage. He was the son of the vice chancellor of the Pekin Imperial academy, a very famous educational institution, where the only pupils received are of noble blood. When the news of her lover's death reached the promised wife she was inconsolable, and wished to enter the state of widowhood, but her father demurred. Somebody suggested that another bridegroom might be forthcoming, and, as may readily be surmised, at this stage of the proceedings the maiden was in despair. A wise teacher of the Confucian philosophy was consulted, and he recalled to mind the ancient ceremony of marrying to a flower vase. It was a rite of great antiquity, legend attributing its origin to an empress who ruled before the Christian era. So it was decided that the maiden might "marry the red vase."

It was necessary, however, to procure the imperial sanction. This the great wealth of Hsu obtained, and the wedding was solemnized. In the procession the vase was carried under a silk canopy on a palanquin borne by youths of noble birth, while the bride followed in another palanquin guarded by twelve virgins and twelve matrons. A military guard and a civic escort made up the parade. Many bushels of the small coin known as "cash," about 1,000 of which equal an American dollar, were thrown to the throng of people watching the procession. A banquet was served to the commoners in the public square, the theaters were discharged incessantly for three days. After the ceremony the bride was escorted to the home of the parents of her betrothed and the vase set up in her boudoir. She will remain all the rest of her life in the palace of the vice chancellor, who is now regarded in the light of her father-in-law. Her bridegroom, the vase, is a specimen of great value and antiquity, indeed, it is said to excel in delicacy of ornamentation anything of its kind in the flowery kingdom. It is about five feet in height, made of the finest porcelain, of a deep peachblow tint, and inlaid with gold, spun glass and mother of pearl. It took a skilled artist fifteen years to finish it. All this reads very much like a fairy tale, but the facts of the case, gathered from press dispatches sent to San Francisco, are authenticated by an attache of the Chinese legation at Washington.

Remarkable Eccentricity.

An eccentric character, who died recently in Italy, had not left his own grounds for years. He took long walks every day in the house, or in the house and grounds, counting the number of times he covered certain measured distances. Whenever the distance equaled that to some neighboring village, he put it down as a walk to that place and spoke of it in that way to his friends. Before he shut himself up he used to pay visits to his friends in a highly original manner, he himself remaining invisible, while his servant ran backwards and forwards by the hour together, carrying questions and answers.

A Remarkable Floor.

The floor of the rotunda at the London Coal exchange, where the merchants gather, is very unique. It is composed of inlaid woods, arranged in the form of a mariner's compass, within a border of Greek fret. Upwards of 4,000 pieces of wood are employed. Almost every English variety is included in this scheme of decoration.

Master Plumbers Adjourned.

San Antonio, Tex., April 16.—The National Association of Master Plumbers concluded its session here yesterday evening. It will meet in New Orleans next year before the carnival. It elected S. L. Malcolm of New York president, P. M. Murphy of Chicago first vice president, and the following additional state vice presidents: Minnesota, Allen Black; Florida, John Enig; Georgia, F. G. O'Brien; Illinois, C. T. Byrne; Pennsylvania, Frank P. Blythe; Colorado, Thomas J. White; Indiana, George Kirkhoff; Wisconsin, Charles Pollachek; southern California, George Schneider; Arkansas, August Reichart; northern California, C. W. Iredale; Michigan, James Portland; Mexico, Thomas Hudson; Delaware, Thomas H. Biscoe; Alabama, Daniel A. Farrell; Missouri, M. J. Wards; Maryland, Charles H. Frederick; Texas, A. H. Shaffer; Tennessee, John Lang; Ohio, L. Poplowsky; New York, Jonas A. Rossman; Iowa, Henry Dunker; Connecticut, S. E. Dibble; Louisiana, L. Luterbach; Massachusetts, O. S. Kendal. The following new executive committee was announced: Hubert Kelley of Minneapolis, John Mitchell of New York, W. H. Doyle of Pennsylvania, John Traynor of Baltimore, J. L. E. Firmin of San Francisco, Jeremiah Sheehan of St. Louis, James Meath of Detroit, Edward C. Kelley of Boston, Edward Braden of San Antonio, John P. Healy of Indianapolis, A. H. Brown of New York was elected as financial and recording secretary, and Wm. E. Goodman of Milwaukee was re-elected treasurer. The association thanked the people of Texas and the city of San Antonio, as well as the local union, for hospitalities. The press was also thanked, as likewise the retiring officers.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Was Burning Weeds When Her Clothing Caught Fire.

Denison, Tex., April 16.—Ruth, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jackson, 218 East Monterey street, met a horrible death Thursday evening. Mrs. Jackson left the little girl and other children with their grandmother next door to the Jackson home on East Monterey street, and came over to town. While she was away, the children were playing on a vacant lot close by. The little ones obtained some matches, gathered some dead weeds and rubbish together on the vacant lot and started a fire. They were playing around the fire, when little Ruth attempted to jump over the flames, and in doing so her clothing caught fire. The grandmother and her son were attracted to the scene by the shrieks of the child, and ran to her assistance. Her clothing were a seething mass of flames, and from her feet to the crown of her head the little girl was enveloped in flame.

When the young man succeeded in extinguishing the blazing garments, there was scarce a thread of clothing left on the little one's body. Her limbs and body were burned and charred in some places. Her hair was burned off, and the sole of one foot was the only portion of her body that was not burned. She lived until 11:15 Thursday night, dying in great agony. Two of the other children playing with little Ruth were burned about the hands, trying to extinguish the flames when her clothing caught on fire. Mrs. Jackson returned home about the time the flames were extinguished, too late to render any assistance.

"Tar Heel" Association.

Dallas, Tex., April 16.—An effort is being made to organize a Texas association of natives of North Carolina, with the intention of having a special day at the state fair. For this purpose, Mr. H. H. Blair, of Dallas, is desirous of securing the names of all white persons now living in Texas who are natives of the "tar heel" state.

Children Horribly Burned.

Victoria, Tex., April 16.—News comes from Fannin that the two little children of Percy Wood, living near Fannin, tried to start fire with coal oil. The can exploded, burning the children horribly. One, 8 years old, is dead, and the other is not expected to live. The mother was badly burned in trying to save her children. The house and contents are a total loss.

Capt. Scott in Jail.

Laredo, Tex., April 16.—Information reached here yesterday evening that Capt. Bill Scott of the Texas ranger service, who was so badly wounded in a fight with a band of desperadoes in the Neches river bottom, many years ago, was arrested and imprisoned in Monterey Thursday. The cause of his arrest is said to be based on an opinion he publicly expressed regarding the merits of the recent strike on the Monterey and Gulf railroad several days ago.

The United States gunboat Machias is at Key West, Fla.

FARM AND STOCK ITEMS.

Kaffir corn will cut a large figure among the crops raised in Caldwell county this year.

There are nothing but encouraging reports from the wheat crops in the country contiguous to Sherman.

Five cars of stock were recently shipped from Bosque county over the Cotton Belt to Roswell, N. M. They were transferred to the Texas & Pacific at Fort Worth.

Oats and wheat around Vernon are as promising as they have ever been in the history of that section. A fair area has been planted and the prospect for a fine crop is now good.

All the stock thus far passing through the yards at Fort Worth has shown up in better condition than was anticipated when the movement began, especially stock from southern points.

Some of the stockmen in the Clarendon country are again reporting black leg among their herds. It is said that vaccination is now becoming more general and the disease only appears where this preventive has not been used.

T. Thompson of Gonzales shipped 1800 head of cattle in three special trains sent here by the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railway for the Indian Territory pastures, where Mr. Thompson has already shipped about 500 head and where he is shipping in short order about 5000 more.

Sheep shearing about San Angelo has now begun in earnest. Four men alone in that district are now shearing over 15,000 head. Shearing commenced rather early as it is reported that in one herd, belonging to S. E. Couch of Ozona 500 head were lost by being chilled down after shearing.

Since the freeze on the 23rd of March the second planting of corn is coming up nicely at Carrollton, Dallas county. Early wheat was badly damaged by the freeze, although some say it is the Has-san fly and not the freeze. Early wheat is badly damaged. Wheat that was pastured least is doing well.

Farmers at Dickens, Dickens county, are busy planting their crops and stockmen are fitting up outfits and otherwise hastily arranging things for an early spring work. The Espuela ranch has already two outfits on the range gathering steers, which they intend to put on the trail inside of fifteen days.

Small fruits in the shape of berries are said to be all right in Donley county, although the big frost made a clean sweep of peaches and plums. The farmers are, however, consoling themselves over the loss by the fact that the Denver has by a recent cut rate on the shipments of melons opened up an avenue of profit for their melon patches that will in a measure compensate them for the loss they have sustained on fruit.

C. J. Miner of Miami brought in from the east recently sixteen registered Hereford bulls. He was offered \$800 for one 15 months old as soon as the animals were unloaded. The offer was refused. Seventeen of the best bred Herefords ever brought into Donley county arrived at Clarendon several days since. They belonged in part to the J. A. Ranch, fourteen head, and the other three went to Charles Goodnight. One of these bulls cost \$675 and the average price of the lot was \$400 a head. They were purchased in Kansas.

The cattle in Roberts county are needing grass and water in some sections and are not now in as favorable condition as they were a month since. If grass does not make rapid growth on some of the ranges the losses will be heavy; in fact, many losses have been sustained already. On ranges where the grass was good and water plentiful no loss whatever has been reported, notwithstanding the late inclement weather. The condition of things stimulated greatly the building of tanks and with even a moderate rainfall this spring most of the ranges can pull through a dry summer very easily. The past winter, mild as it was, proved that stock forage was saleable at all times and in demand and a greatly increased acreage is being put in this year in Roberts county.

The public school building at Commerce was destroyed by fire recently. Origin unknown. Building insured, for \$2000. Furniture \$300, half Hartford, half London and Liverpool and Globe. Will build \$10,000 brick soon.

A loss was sustained by fire recently in Blossom, Fannin county, by J. M. Brown on barn and contents. Origin of fire unknown. Loss about \$350. Insurance \$100 on the building in the Phoenix Insurance company, of Hartford, Conn.

THE CAUSE OF DYSPEPSIA.

From the Republican, Scranton, Pa. The primary cause of dyspepsia is lack of vitality; the absence of nerve force; the loss of the life-sustaining elements of the blood. No organ can properly perform its functions when the source of nutriment fails. When the stomach is robbed of the nourishment demanded by nature, assimilation ceases, unnatural gases are generated; the entire system responds to the discord. A practical illustration of the symptoms and torture of dyspepsia is furnished by the case of Joseph T. Vandyke, 440 Hickory St., Scranton, Pa.

In telling his story, Mr. Vandyke says: "Five years ago I was afflicted with a trouble of the stomach, which was very aggravating. I had no appetite, could not enjoy myself at any time, and especially was the trouble severe when I did not know what the ailment was, but it became steadily worse and I was in constant misery."

"I called in my family physician, and he diagnosed the case as catarrh of the stomach. He prescribed for me and I had the prescription filled. I took nearly all of the medicine, but still the trouble became worse, and I felt that my condition was hopeless. I tried several remedies recommended by my friends but without benefit. After I had been suffering several months, Thomas Campbell, also a resident of this city, urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"He finally persuaded me to buy a box and I began to use the pills according to directions. Before I had taken the second box I began to feel relieved, and after taking a few more boxes, I considered myself restored to health. The pills gave me new life, strength, ambition and happiness. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure dyspepsia by restoring to the blood the requisite constituents of life, by renewing the nerve force and enabling the stomach to promptly and properly assimilate the food. These pills are a specific for all diseases having their origin in impoverished blood or disordered nerves. They contain every element requisite to general nutrition, to restore strength to the weak, or to bring to the ailment."

Sleep-Inducing Method.

An article in the Lancet gives some hints on the inducing of sleep. It will be of interest to all victims of somnia. So vital is the necessity sleep that any method by which it is secured is worthy of attention. A means employed is to wear a watchfulness by muscular exercise after retiring. "Lying on his back, the patient first reaches for the foot and head board at the same time. He then raises his head half an inch; at the same time he breathes slowly and deeply about eight inspirations to the minute, which are counted. After about twenty inspirations the head, which begins to feel heavy, is dropped. The right foot is then raised (the reaching for the boards and counting being continued), and similarly dropped when fatigued. The left foot goes through the same process. The muscles which are used in reaching for the head and foot boards are then relieved, and the body is elevated so that it will rest on the head and heels. He then turns on the right side and reaches for the head and foot boards again, and raises first the head and then the foot, as before. The same process is gone through on the other side. Thus eight positions have been assumed, and a large number of muscles used. If sleep has not been induced the same cycle is gone over again."

He Had Heard About Them.

She—Yes, you are the first man I have ever loved. He—Then you were merely going to sell out to those other fellows you were engaged to, eh? After that she ceased to like him.—Cleveland Leader.



ONE ENJOYS

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Horse Stables—Stalls and Floors.

There is a great need of reform on the average American's farm in the construction of the horse stables, the care bestowed upon them and the management of the animals which they house, says Indiana Farmer. In many localities, east and west, little or no attention is given to sanitary conditions, and for the most part they are unfit to be used for any purpose whatever, much less as the dwelling place of an animal so noble, intelligent and cleanly by nature, and so sensitive to all impurities of air, food or water, as the horse. No heed is given to drainage, light or ventilation, and more often than otherwise the floors are uneven, full of holes, and are composed of material hard to keep clean even when there is a disposition and an effort made in that direction. They emit an unwholesome odor which is bad for the health of horses, and many stable ills are traceable thereto. Horse stables should never be placed underground, wholly or in part, for there is generally in such a location no sufficient means for light, ventilation and drainage; these defects very often cause great damage to the constitution and general welfare of animals that are obliged to constantly breathe the foul air inseparable to such surroundings. Ventilation and light in the stable are as necessary to perfect health of the horse as proper food and exercise and in building stables this consideration should receive attention foremost among other important things. Eight or nine feet from the floor to ceiling is little enough; 10 or 12 is better. The doors should be placed that when open the air shall not be upon the horses, and a great advantage is found in having them in two sections horizontally in order to have the upper half to stand open in summer to admit fresh air. The windows, which should be large as in a modern dwelling house and as numerous in proportion to the size of the room, should be so placed as to allow a free passage of air in warm weather, and if in front of the horses they must be shaded, as the full glare of light from that direction is an injury to the eyes. They should also be situated high enough so as to allow the air to circulate over the horses' backs. The stalls in most farm stables are too narrow, rarely ever being over five feet wide and very often less. Six feet wide is much better, more comfortable and safer for the horse. Ample room in the rear is also a convenience and safeguard against dangers and mishaps that is too often entirely disregarded while planning for the accommodation and comfort of the horses in the stable. Fifteen to 17 feet from the head of the stall to the back wall is none too long for an averaged size farm horse. We have all seen stalls that were so short, and some of us have had them in use, that when the horses were in their places scarce space enough behind them was allowed to walk and very often, to add to the discomfort and cramped condition of affairs, the harness hung upon pegs fixed in the rear wall, which may be a handy place for the purpose, but besides being in the way and often under the horses feet, the odor of a badly kept stable is a serious injury to the harness.

Scientific Poultry Raising.

Little has as yet been done for the poultry industry by our experiment stations or otherwise. Even private investigations have been of an imperfect character, and many of the results obtained have been very unsatisfactory and not delusive. We have heard many opinions on our observations, but it will doubtless be found that both opinions and observations have been wrong in many cases. Such has been the result in other lines of farm industry. We thought that we knew that in the milk of the dairy the food made the richness or the richness according to its quality, but we found that all of our observations that matter were delusions. So it will doubtless be with the poultry acts (?) that we have secured. What we need is extensive investigations into the principles of poultry culture. Both public and private attention should be given to the matter. It may be that in time we will be able to terminate the rump and kindred diseases over wide areas of country. We may even be able to exterminate the disease of the chicken variety as thoroughly as we have in many localities where a house that fastens on the human

Mares.—Probably few farmers

change their stock of mares but those that have any at all should breed them to families in which the quality of the strains that make them is well established. The mares raised from such breeding should themselves be bred to the same class as that to which they are bred. It is better to have four good mares than to have the work of the mares in this way than to have a few who transmit nothing other than shabby general unfitness for breeding. —Ex.

What makes you think S—

doesn't care much for his wife? "Because he's always so attentive to her in public."

Naturally Scared.

"They say a man is always scared when he proposes." "Yes; especially if he proposes something like champagne and oysters."

When a woman chases a man, it

makes him think he is a daisy.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

There is such a thing as carrying

gallantry too far.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

What a lot of meanness a woman will

stand from a very bad husband.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5 cts.

Love isn't what it's cracked up to be, but loving is 'way beyond it.

Beauty is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by wiring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets.—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c, 25c, 50c.

The man who said there was nothing new under the sun, and never would be, must have been a circus man.

FITS Permanently Cured. Nerve or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. J. H. KLINE, Ltd., 531 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Something is wrong with a man who

has to buy a second dress suit.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by restoring the hearing mechanism to its normal condition. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed, it has a tendency to close, and hearing is impaired. In many cases, deafness is entirely cured. Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

If men couldn't talk girls would kiss

them as much as they do dogs.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except the Centaur Company, of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D. March 8, 1897.

The End of the Week.

The close of the week—how gratefully it comes to tolling and weary millions! Even those who scoff at religion and its institutions, acknowledge the wise, if not divine, ordination of the Sabbath—a day of rest and peace—wise, because it answers one of the greatest of human wants, as no other device could answer it. As the shadows of evening shall fall tonight, the mechanic and artisan will lay down their toil armor, the finger-worn needle-woman will fold up her work—that brings, alas! too scanty a pittance—and homeward from every busy haunt will go the host whose hands surround us with the comforts and luxuries of life. And how quiet will become the great city, before so full of the music of diverse yet mingling labor. The song of the hammer and trowel ceased, the anthems of wheels die away over the deserted streets, and solitude and repose reign masters of the hour. Solitude, so welcome to every better sense. Repose, so sweet after the week's toil, and to be unbroken for a day—repose, which brings reflection and meditation, culturing the soul by a review of the experiences through which it has passed. Joy be with all, in such hours of repose. May they ever strengthen us all to renew the battle of life with greater earnestness and with higher aims.—Ex.

Overdoing It.

"What makes you think S— doesn't care much for his wife? "Because he's always so attentive to her in public."

The moment times get better, people begin spending more money on foolishness; they are doing it now.

The Twentieth Century.

The 20th century will begin Jan. 1st, 1901, and end with 2000. People did not reckon time from A. D. 1, but waited until about the 550th year of the Christian era. People who begin to take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, immediately after the first outbreak of dyspepsia or kidney trouble, will date their cure from then.

When a man falls in love, he isn't

worth anything until he is married.

Mrs. Winslow's Safflower Syrup

For children teething, softens the bowels, cures inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Well behaved people are always im-

posed upon.

Star Tobacco is the leading brand of

the world, because it is the best.

A fat man doesn't care to be told

that he is smart, or good looking.

Colorado Gold Field.

Colorado is the banner gold-producing state in the Union. Production in 1897 over \$20,000,000. This year promises to exceed \$20,000,000. New strikes are being made every day. Nothing like it since the days of '49. Would you know all about these things? Then send twenty-five cents for a six-months' trial subscription to the "MINING WORLD," an eight-page illustrated weekly paper. Regular subscription \$1.00 a year. The newest mining newspaper in the world. Address "World," P. O. Box 1611, Denver, Col.

A fat is something that makes the

man who has it happy.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

If a man has money, it is a sign that

he is mighty careful with it.

There are large tracts of coal lands

near Meyersdale, Pa., on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad which capitalists are beginning to develop. A new road, about five miles long, has been pushed into this region and will soon be ready for operation. It is one of a number of small lines that are being built by outside parties to develop hitherto inaccessible tracts of both coal and timber lands in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

No man amounts to anything, who can

answer all fool questions.

A Missionary Medicine.

Cleanliness begins within. If a man isn't clean inside, he is far from Godliness. A constipated singer is a stench in the nostrils of grace. A man whose food sours in his belly and whose liver is laden, can't help stomach at the world hatefully with jaundiced looking eyes, and conjuring up evil thoughts in his tortured brain. Cleanliness of person begets cleanliness of thought. Cascarets, candy cathartic is the missionary medicine which purifies men's bodies and souls. Pure, fragrant, palatable, mild and positive, they clean out the intestinal canal, stimulate the liver and strengthen the bowels. Then a man enjoys again feeling of charity and brotherly love for his fellows and recommends others to take Cascarets and be as happy as he.

The man who wrote about "love in

a cottage" never lived in a flat.

Headache Quickly Cured.

Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache never fails, 25c

The men who made money on wheat

are not so smart.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for

Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1895.

The unmarried men are becoming

more coy and more timid every day.

To Cure Headache in 15 Minutes.

Take Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache. All Druggists.

When a busy man rests on Sunday,

he is upset for several days.

Shake Into Your Shoes.

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, nervous, aching feet. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

It has always been the style for women

to carry pocket books.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c \$1. All druggists.

If a merchant gives candy to a girl,

he has to throw in paper to wrap it up.

Some people are always grumbling

about the boys having dirty hands.

FIBROID TUMOR CONQUERED.

Expelled by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Strong Statement from Mrs. B. A. Lombard.

One of the greatest triumphs of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the conquering of woman's dread enemy, Fibroid Tumor. The growth of these tumors is so slow that frequently their presence is not suspected until they are far advanced.



so-called "wandering pains" may come from its early stages, or the presence of danger may be made manifest by excessive menstruation accompanied by unusual pain extending from the ovaries down the groin and thighs.

If you have mysterious pains, if there are indications of inflammation or displacement, don't wait for time to confirm your fears and go through the horrors of a hospital operation; secure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound right away and begin its use.

Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., will give you her advice free of all charge if you will write her about yourself. Your letter will be seen by women only, and you need have no hesitation about being perfectly frank.

Read what Mrs. B. A. Lombard, Box 71, Westdale, Mass., says: "I have reason to think that I would not be here now if it had not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It cured me of a fibroid tumor in my womb. Doctors could do nothing for me, and they could not cure me at the hospital. I will tell you about it. I had been in my usual health, but had worked quite hard. When my monthly period came on I flowed very badly. The doctor gave me medicine, but it did me no good. He said the flow must be stopped if possible, and he must find the cause of my trouble. Upon examination he found there was a fibroid tumor in my womb, and gave me treatment without any benefit whatever. About that time a lady called on me and recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; said she owed her life to it. I said I would try it, and did. Soon after the flow became more natural and regular. I still continued taking the Compound for some time. Then the doctor made an examination again, and found everything all right. The tumor had passed away, and that dull ache was gone."

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ALABASTINE

IT IS EASY.

It is easy for any one to understand that Alabastine, the base of which is a cement that when applied to any clean solid surface goes through a process of setting and grows hard with age, should be durable, that is, not rub and scale off, but admit of recasting from time to time without having to wash and scrape off its old coats before renewing. It is equally plain that all kalsomines are the reverse of this, being manufactured from whiting, chalks, clays, etc., for a base, and being stuck on the wall with glue, which when exposed to the air, moisture,

etc., soon decays, and the rubbing and scaling then commences, leaving the wall in a terrible condition. On account of this bad repute, most manufacturers brand their products with the name, but the contents of the can remain a kalsomine. Alabastine is sold by druggists and paint stores.

SICKNESS

Particularly throat and lung difficulties, wrongly attributed to other causes, is the result of unsanitary conditions of walls and

ceilings. Think of having bedrooms covered with layers of molding four paste to feed vermin, with paper to hide them and to absorb the moisture of respiration, and an animal glue culture ground on its face for disease germs; this having strong colors added, like a colored shirt, to hide the dirt; then think of "the nasty practice" of repeating this papering, without removing the old, and a number of times at that, as many do. Then think of a room coated with pure, porous, permanent Alabastine, which is retained with but little trouble or expense, and is purifying and sweet-smelling and fills cracks. Wall paper

free would be dearer than Alabastine if cost of removing paper is considered.

TO DEALERS.

Do not buy a law suit or an injunction with cheap kalsomines, imitations of Alabastine. Dealers assume the risk of a suit for damages by selling an infringement. Alabastine Company own the right, covered by letters patent, to make and sell wall coating adapted to be mixed with cold water. Alabastine Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

My School Life.

The Bible says "seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

A true education is obtained in very nearly the same way.

I was very, very small,
When I stood at the foot of the ladder wide and tall.
Oh! then I thought,
An education was easy bought.
I learned my letters while very small,
And thought the hardest thing of all.
Next spelling and reading was called,
Arithmetic, certainly harder than all.

Now when I look back,
And see others on my track,
I pull for the top,
And must reach it ere I stop.

Those who laugh and scorn the beginner
Are in my estimate very vile sinners.
Lend them a helping hand
Brace them and help them stand.
While climbing the ladder round
by round,
I look back and find I am only
A steps from the ground.
The velvet rounds are very sleek
And when I clutch them my fingers slip.

My heart does sting and ache,
And my head feels like it will break.
To think of the list of books,
That I must learn all the turns and crooks.

I have put in 12 years of my youthful life
In this race and wonderful strife,
But when the top is gained
There we reach the glory of our name.

We should study Algebra, Philosophy and books like those,
Which are made up of poetry and prose.

Mary M. Laughlin,
Saucos, Texas.

OBITUARY.

April 17th, 1898.
ED. RUSTLER.

It is with grief that we attempt to narrate the death of little Curtis Starman, who was born September 8, 1897, and who, on Mar. 14, 1898, went out on that dark voyage, where so many have been wrested from loving hands. Only those who have experienced similar trials can know how to sympathize with parents in this awful hour. They, too, suffered the very pangs of death, for they knew that Curtis was surely drifting away from them. Oh! how they tried to keep him, how they tried with kind solicitude to smooth his last brief sorrow; but all efforts were vain, for heaven had claimed its own.

Those who loved him better than life could not lift a hand to avert the land of the destroyer; they could only watch and wait until the end should come. They could not baffle the cruel strength of death. They could only hope that he did not suffer now. O infinite Father! when the weary and disappointed parents reach their pleading hands to thee, wilt thou take them and help them across the mountains of defeat, and the valleys of humiliation and reunite them with their precious babe, in green pastures and beside still waters, in the city of the New Jerusalem, whose maker and builder is God. Let them weep not, but let them find solace in the language of the Savior, viz: Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

H. T. CARTER.

Mr. R. A. Hurley, of Eldorado, has just returned from an extended trip to Old Mexico where he purchased 1600 head of steers, 3s and up, for Mr. H. A. Kreager of Talsa, I. T.

Mr. Hurley left Sonora February 23rd and returned April 10th. He entered Mexico on March the 3rd at Eagle Pass with his team and went from there to Santa Rosa; from there he proceeded to Mt. Clover, Mary Posey and Vera Cruz. He says that on this side of the Santa Rosa mountains the range was fine and the cattle are in fine condition; stock cattle are \$15 around in Mexican money. On the other side of the mountain the range is bad and water is scarce and cattle is in poor condition.

Mr. Hurley purchased 1000 head of steers 3s and up from Marcos Benavidos, Governor Chichauhu for 500 of these he paid \$30 around, the other 500 he got for \$22 around in Mexican money. He also purchased 600 head from Rafael Marques for there he paid \$22 Mexican money. The Mexican money cost him 44 cents for every dollar he purchased and the duty was 3.75 in gold. The cattle were shipped to Mr. Kreager's ranch in the Osage Nation. Mr. Hurley informs us that while looking for water in the Santa Rosa mountains that he discovered a gold mine and he at once put in a claim for the same. The ore from the mine and he at once put in a claim for the same. The ore from the mine and he at once put in a claim for the same.

Subscribe for the Rustler Only dollar per year.

K. M. Mays, one of Bronte's stockmen was in the city one day this week.

Stewart's Wonderful Invention For family rights to make and use Stewart's washing fluid address me or my agents, Mrs. J. L. Barren of Mrs. Annie Good, Robert Lee, or Mrs. E. C. Harris, Bronte.

J. F. STICKNEY, Robert Lee, Texas.

The rain on last Saturday and Sunday was the best of the season, and in connection with that of the first of last week put ground in excellent condition.

J. D. Collier & Co., are selling good cotton checks at 4 cents per yard, and everything else proportionately low at the Edith Store.

Farmers say that one more rain now at the proper time will insure a good oat crop.

On your backs, to prevent Screw Worms, use Nassbaumers' Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Considerable complaint is made at the prevalence of the gripe over the country.

Dr. W. F. Key was in town Tuesday.

Cotton planting is going on.

Wheat is reported to be looking well, and a fair yield is now assured, where the stand is good.

Lee Connor, who had his skull cracked in a difficulty with W. P. Lucas a short time ago, came in from Coke County Sunday, and yesterday had a severe convulsion at Vaughn's wagon yard. The trouble seemed to be of an apoplectic nature.—West Texas Stockman.

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WARD & JAMES, Austin Texas.
W. C. MERCHANT,
Robert Lee, Texas.

This week has been a busy one for the District court, having under consideration the most important cases in the history of the county.

When branding stock use Nassbaumers' Antiseptic Stock Ointment on the brands. It takes out the inflammation in twenty-four hours, peels the brand without bleeding and thereby prevents Screw Worms.

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What One Dollar Buys

We will sell 9 pounds of coffee, any grade, for \$1.00, and other good at as low prices. We carry everything that a first-class grocery house, and we ask the patronage of the people of Coke county.

A \$2,000 Word!

This paper announces, in connection with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, a new offer in which everyone may have a chance to supply the missing word in this sentence:

"AT FIRST IT WAS CONSIDERED BY THE ' ' AS A GOOD OMEN."

The sentence is taken from a well-known publication. The word is a familiar one, and it may readily suggest itself.

Contest Began Jan. 1--Ends March 1, '98

TO ENTER THIS CONTEST YOU MUST SUBSCRIBE FOR



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AT THE EXTREMELY LOW PRICE OF **\$1.80**

In connection with this Clubbing Rate, we will, if you send your guess with the subscription price, forward all for you and the **GIVE YOU A CHANCE AT THE MISSING WORD FUND**

At the end of period covered by this contest, The Constitution will pay to the successful party or parties the full prize amount that has accrued in the contest. The plan is simple and these contests have become popular and have been conducted with such absolute fairness to all they have been widely copied at, but none have become equal to Constitution's great original series.

IN ONE YEAR THE CONSTITUTION HAS PAID OUT NEARLY \$6,000 IN CASH

In these missing word contests, it sets aside 10 per cent of the subscription fund received from subscribers guessing at the missing word. This fund is given to the successful guesser or guessers in the contest. The fund is distributed with absolute fairness, and the fact that the Weekly Constitution has MORE THAN 150,000 subscribers and the fund shows that the amount to be divided at each interval is enough to be worth striving for. It is not a catch-penny or a doubtful proposition, but the plan is open and simple and IS ADMITTED BY THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT AS A MERITORIOUS CONTEST.

The book from which the sentence is taken is deposited in a safety vault, under seal, and opened at the close of the contest before a competent committee, which makes the award after an opinion of the subscription books.

In one of these contests there was only one successful guesser who received more than \$1,000; and in addition to this in one year has been distributed among successful guessers.

Remember that, whether the missing word is supplied or not, it is nothing to guess, and even though not successful, the guesser **THE GREATEST OF ALL WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS FOR ONE YEAR**

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Should you already be a subscriber to your home paper, rent this paper for The Weekly Constitution for one year, and to this Constitution with your guess.

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ITS SPECIAL FEATURES commend it especially to every farm home in America. ITS FARM AND FARMERS' DEPARTMENT, its Woman's Department and its Children's Department are all through the paper published, and especially attractive to those who are interested in the welfare of the people. The Constitution is a Democratic in politics, and a hearty advocate of the principles enunciated in the National Platform of the Democratic Party.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST

Ten Per Cent of the Guessers' Subscriptions goes to the Fund to be divided. In other words if this Subscription Fund amounts to \$20,000 for this period then the fund to go to the successful guesser would be \$2,000.

THE CONSTITUTION PUTS 10 PER CENT OF THE receives for subscriptions from participants in the missing word contest into a fund for distribution among those who name the missing word. If only one contestant gets the right word, he will be given the entire fund. If more than one supplies the word, the same will be proportionately divided among the guessers.

THE CONDITION PRECEDENT FOR SENDING at the Missing Word, is that each and every guesser must send a year's subscription to The Weekly Constitution through the paper publishing this advertisement in accepting the clubbing offer, the guess at the missing word will be for nothing unless the guesser must send with the subscription, should one guess more than one answer, he or she will be entitled to a share in each correct answer. There will be no capital prize. Persons may guess as many times as they wish.

IN MAKING YOUR ANSWER you need not write the sentence out in full—just say the word for the above particular period (designating it) is " "

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THE CONVENTION

Meeting at Galveston August 3 to 5.

At the conclusion of his address Chairman Blake had Secretary Kennedy read the report of the executive committee, recommending the following temporary officers of the convention: Chairman, Hon. Jas. B. Wells of Cameron county; secretary, Hon. A. F. Briggance of Grimes county; assistant secretaries, Mr. C. W. Childress of Tarrant county, Mr. Lee Blanchette of Jefferson county, Mr. Tom Napier of Wood county and Mr. James Hays Quarles of McLennan county.

Hon. Jas. K. P. Gillespie of Harrison county, moved the adoption of the report, and the motion prevailed without dissent.

Chairman Blake acted as a committee to escort Mr. ... to the platform. Hon. R. M. Stafford, Judge Eugene Williams and Congressman S. W. T. Lanham.

When Mr. Wells appeared and was introduced by Congressman Lanham there was a burst of applause. Mr. Wells spoke for about eighteen minutes. He called to the attention of the convention the duties they were about to enter upon and impressed upon the delegates the importance of their acts.

After the usual preliminary work of organization, appointment of committees, etc., the following platform was adopted:

Resolved, by the Democrats of Texas in convention assembled, that we indorse in every particular the platform adopted by the national Democratic convention at Chicago in 1896, but we especially commend and approve the declarations in favor of an income tax; against the power of banks to issue money; for a tariff for revenue that will operate without discrimination against classes or sections, and for the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, with full legal tender qualities and without reference to the action of other governments.

2. We denounce the Republican party for the passage of the Dingley bill, which places the burden of tariff taxation upon those least able to bear it, and which has resulted in a great deficit of revenue.

3. We declare that the present war excitement can not and shall not obscure the money question, upon which the fight in 1900 will be chiefly made, and the interest now being taken in the 2,000,000 people of Cuba and Porto Rico must not detract from the vital interests of 75,000,000 of our own people.

4. That while we recognize the necessity of a war tax, we denounce the revenue bill passed by the Republican party for the gross inequalities therein, both in the tax imposed and the exemptions made.

5. That we congratulate the country upon the skill and intrepidity of our American soldiers and sailors in the present war, which we declare to have been forced upon us by the conduct of Spain.

6. The national Democratic party will give the president of the United States its full support in all measures necessary to conduct this war to an early and successful end.

7. That we favor the generous development of the American navy to whatever extent it may be necessary to protect our commerce on every sea and our citizens in every land.

8. That we favor the construction and control of the Nicaragua canal by the United States.

9. That we favor the carrying out of the letter and spirit of the resolutions under which we intervened in Cuba, and we insist that the Cubans shall be permitted to establish an independent government of their own. But in the event that the people of that island shall hereafter desire to be annexed to this country, and the terms of annexation can be satisfactorily arranged between the two governments, we will welcome Cuba as a part of the territory of the United States.

10. We favor the acquisition of Porto Rico and all other Spanish possessions in the western hemisphere.

11. That we reaffirm our faith in the Monroe doctrine, and oppose the annexation or continued retention of the Philippine islands or any territory upon the eastern hemisphere.

the standing army of the United States. 13. That we indorse the action of the Chicago convention in the nomination of Wm. J. Bryan for president, and approve the campaign he made and organization it has been a staunch and pledge him our support for renomination in 1900.

14. We indorse and commend the administration of Gov. Culberson and his associates as being economical, wise and patriotic.

15. That whereas, the Democratic party can justly claim that from its consistent friend of the working classes, therefore we declare it to be a correct principle that all public work (including the public printing) should be done within the confines of the state, other things being equal, whenever possible.

16. We indorse the fee bill and text book bill passed by the last legislature.

17. We indorse the railroad commission law and the administration thereof, and in this connection we demand that the legislature make all needful appropriations to enable the commission to employ such experts as the commission may deem necessary to enable it to examine into the traffic affairs of railroad companies in this state, and we further favor the enactment of a law making it the duty of the commission to keep such experts continuously employed to work to the end that discrimination by railroad companies against shippers and places be entirely abolished.

18. We indorse the economic and economical measures of Attorney General Crane and his business of his high office.

19. We favor the appointment by the twenty-sixth legislature of a committee to consist of the governor, comptroller and state revenue agent, whose duty it shall be to diligently inquire into our state's financial system, including the method of levying and collecting taxes and the system of accounting of the government officials, said committee to formulate such measures of reform looking to a fair and equitable distribution of burdens of government and to a more economical and expeditious collection of the taxes and at the same time provide all proper and necessary safeguards for checking the receiving and disbursing officers charged with the duty of handling state funds, the same committee to report to the legislature, making such recommendations as may be deemed wise and practicable.

20. We recognize the necessity of developing our educational system. We therefore declare that all legislative assistance necessary will be given to bring the system to the highest possible degree of efficiency consistent with our financial conditions and in order to accomplish this purpose we demand that the law allowing the appropriation of any part of the permanent school fund to be transferred to the available school fund shall be repealed.

21. Feeling a just pride in the increasing usefulness of the university of Texas, the agricultural and mechanical college and other educational institutions we favor such appropriations by the legislature as may promote their efficiency and advancement.

22. We favor the greatest possible assistance to the eleemosynary institutions of the state consistent with its financial condition and especially favor the state care for all its insane, idiots and epileptics.

23. We favor the enactment of a statute prohibiting all railway companies from giving free passes or free transportation to any one not in the employ of same.

Swayne of Tarrant offered a resolution in lieu of the one he had offered just before adjournment Wednesday night, as follows:

"We favor the holding of primaries for state officers, whether by convention or primary election, on one and the same day."

The resolution was adopted. The following resolution was announced by J. M. Richards of Parker:

"We denounce mobocracy and white-captism, and we demand that all persons of whatever race, creed or condition shall be equally protected by our laws in the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

It was adopted. The regular order of business was called for. Nominations for governor were declared to be in order, and Chairman Blake recognized Mr. Cecil Smith of Grayson county, who nominated the Hon. Joseph D. Sayers for governor of the state of Texas.

Maj. Sayers was nominated by a rising vote, amid great enthusiasm. Hon. Howard Temple of Navarro

county and W. P. Finlay of Bexar also seconded Sayers' nomination.

Ex-Gov. Lubbock, A. W. Melver and John W. Wortham were appointed to escort Gov. Sayers to the platform.

Major Sayers was introduced by the venerable ex-Gov. Lubbock, who said he had never had a greater pleasure in his life. The major was received with a great ovation, the delegates rising in their seats, yelling and cheering.

Maj. Sayers addressed the convention for some time. He promised that if elected he would be controlled only by his official oath and the platform of his party; also by the pledges he had made and a just sense of public duty. The major stated he stood squarely on the Chicago platform of 1896.

Hon. J. N. Browning, nominee for lieutenant governor, was introduced. He made a short talk, in which he appreciated fully the honor conferred upon him. He said he stood unequivocally upon the Chicago platform and the state platform, and reiterated his allegiance to Wm. J. Bryan.

James N. Browning for lieutenant governor, Thomas S. Smith for attorney general, R. W. Swearingen for comptroller, J. S. ... for superintendent of public instruction, Thomas J. Brown for supreme court, and Allison ... for railroad commissioner were nominated by acclamation.

Mr. J. W. Hill of San Antonio appeared to nominate Martin E. Groos for land commissioner.

W. A. Shaw of Dallas nominated F. T. Roche of Georgetown; seconded by R. W. Martin of Coryell.

A motion carried that the lowest name be dropped after each ballot.

The totals stood 589 1/2 for Finger, 59 for Roche and 383 1/2 for Groos. Finger had 65 1/2 votes more than necessary.

Roche and Groos withdrew, and Finger's nomination was made unanimous. Hon. Thomas S. Smith, nominee for attorney general, was next presented. He said it would be his great aim and untiring effort to make the administration of Joseph D. Sayers the grandest of the state of Texas.

Hon. R. W. Finlay, nominee for comptroller, pledged a continuation of the best service that is in him and to give to the people a clean, honest and business-like administration. He pledged his support to the platform, and predicted for the enemies of Democracy a defeat like that of Spain before American guns.

Hon. J. S. Kendall, nominee for superintendent of public instruction, was introduced and spoke briefly. Seth Mills, T. S. Garrison and J. W. Robbins were named for treasurer. The latter was nominated.

Hon. L. L. Foster was introduced and presented the following resolution:

Whereas, the Democratic party in Texas was recently confronted with grave difficulties and dangers, arising from the combinations and schemes of its enemies, which demanded the highest ability, courage and fidelity to meet and overcome; and

Whereas, after a bitter conflict, a united Democracy places to-day before the people of Texas its grand platform of principles and its roll of standard-bearers, in full confidence of their approval and acceptance; it is but common justice and a matter of duty to return the hearty thanks of the Democracy of Texas to the Hon. J. W. Blake, who, as the executive officer of the party, led our lines to victory, and by his personal sacrifices, his unflinching courage and devotion to principle and his honorable discharge to every duty, deserves the commendation and approval of every Democrat of Texas.

A delegate tried to make a point of order, but Frank Andrews, acting chairman, declared it not well taken. Mr. Andrews called for a rising vote, and declared the resolution was unanimously carried.

There were protests from a dozen places, and there were cheers long and loud for Blake.

Judge Bell of Tarrant was elected chairman of the state executive committee.

Rice, Bliss, Caven and Brooks were presented for judge of the court of criminal appeals. Brooks was nominated.

The Extreme Penalty. Lord Russell, of Killowen, years before he took sick, was sitting in court, when another barrister, leaning across the benches during the hearing of a trial for bigamy, whispered, "Russell, what's the extreme penalty for bigamy?" "Two mothers-in-law," replied Russell, without hesitation.

A joint reunion of ex-Federal and ex-Confederate soldiers is to be held in New Jersey.

Elected Officers.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 8.—At the day's session at the United Confederate Veterans of Texas the pending amendment to the state constitution relative to Confederate soldiers and widows was indorsed.

April 26 was selected as Decoration day for the entire state. The second Friday of next May and the Saturday following were selected as the dates for next year's meeting and Austin the place.

A committee was appointed to draft a suitable burial ritual.

The following officers were elected: J. B. Polley, a survivor of Hood's brigade, major general; brigadier generals, northwest division, Major K. M. Van Zandt; central division, W. H. Richardson; southeast division, C. C. Bevins; northeast division, E. G. Bower, and southwest division, Sam. Maverick.

Miss Winifred Adamson, a beautiful young English woman, suicided at Fort Worth, Tex.

Mortar Battery For Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 8.—Maj. Quinn, in charge of the government work at this port, was asked about the mortar battery which is to be built on the island, in the vicinity of the fort at Denver resurvey. The major replied that \$250,000 had been appropriated for the battery, and that work would begin at once. When asked what "at once" means, he said just as soon as contracts could be left and the material placed on the ground. Plans and specifications have already been agreed upon, and all that remains is for deals to be closed with contractors. The location agreed upon is on the beach a short distance west of the fort being constructed in the Denver resurvey. Actual work on the battery will begin within ten days, and the major intimated it would be completed in three or four months.

Rangers' July Record.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 8.—The following is a summary of the work done by the Texas rangers, as reported to the adjutant general's department by the different company captains for the month of July:

Arrests—For murder, 1; swindling, 1; assault to murder, 4; attempting to hold up a train, 2; theft of horses, 5; theft of cattle, 3; burglary, 3; theft, 3; theft of wagon, team, tent and pistol, 3; for minor offenses, 17; attempts to arrest where they failed to find the fugitives, 10.

The rangers assisted the sheriffs of different counties in enforcing the law several times during the month. They made during the month eighty-one arrests. They recovered a wagon, tent and pistol and returned them to the owner. They also recovered fifty-one head of stolen cattle and returned them over to their owners. They traveled 4473 miles during the month.

Dr. Swearingen Dead.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 8.—Dr. R. M. Swearingen, state health officer, died at his home here yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. He had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for several months and the disease took an acute form a few days ago. He lost consciousness Saturday and gradually sank until death came. Dr. Swearingen was almost 60 years of age. He leaves a widow and a married daughter. He had served twelve years as state health officer.

Cow Caused It.

Caldwell, Tex., Aug. 8.—Saturday morning Mr. Jos. Stahlmach was trying to take a piece of rope from around the hind leg of a kicking cow. He took a piece of pole about ten feet long and was trying to push the rope off and the cow kicked, hitting one end of the pole and the other end struck Mr. Stahlmach in the stomach, from the effect of which he died yesterday morning. He was about 55 years old and an excellent citizen.

Going to Omaha.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 8.—A party of Texans will be present at the Omaha exposition on Texas day, the 18th instant. The governor and his staff, Congressman Sayers, ex-Gov. R. B. Hubbard, who will deliver the principal address on Texas day, and some prominent citizens from over the state, will leave here on the 15th in a special train for their exclusive use. Lieut. Gov. Jester will preside during the governor's absence from the state.

Labor day is to be celebrated on a large scale at Dallas, Tex. J. W. Franks was killed in a difficulty at Ladonia, Tex.

Warm Weather

Weakness is quickly overcome by the purifying and blood enriching qualities of Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine cures that tired feeling almost as quickly as the sun dispels the morning mist. It also cures pimples, boils, salt rheum, scurf and all other troubles originating in bad, impure blood.

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The piazza gossip is no less virulent owing to the present war.

A woman's demeanor is sometimes governed by her attire.

The Place for Your Daughters.

St. Mary's Academy at Notre Dame, Ind., ranks first among the educational institutions for girls. Young women from all parts of America and Europe are found in its classes. The faculty have just issued a catalog that contains much valuable data. Parents desirous of sending their daughters to the best institution should send for this catalog before deciding on sending them elsewhere. It is under the supervision of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and is located at Notre Dame, far from the excitement of even village life, and right among the beautiful scenes of the Creator's handiwork.

When a man says he will never do a thing—give him time enough and he will surely do it.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

A pretty girl says the power of the pressman is usually waist-ed.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind-colic, 25c a bottle.

The sweetest of voices sound harsh when in a quarrel.

SUMMER CATARRH

Catarrh of the bowels, because it is most prevalent in the summer months, is called summer catarrh.

It surprises many that bowel trouble is catarrhal. Dr. Hartman's books make this plain. Write to the Pe-ru-na Medicine Co., Columbus, O., for them. They tell all about catarrh and how Pe-ru-na cures it wherever located.

"I had chronic diarrhoea for fifteen years," writes Mr. T. E. Miller, Grand Prairie, Tex. "I tried many medicines and doctors in vain. At last Pe-ru-na was recommended, and it relieved and cured me at once."

Mr. John Harting, 633 Main St., Cincinnati, O., writes: "My wife and myself took your Pe-ru-na for chronic diarrhoea and it cured us. No doctor or medicine we tried before helped us."

Mr. Edward Wormack, Ledbetter, Tex., writes: "Pe-ru-na for bowel troubles is unequalled by anything in my experience. I owe my life to Pe-ru-na, and shall always recommend it to those suffering as I was."

Mr. John Edgerton, 1020 Third Ave., Altoona, Pa., says: "I suffered from dysentery for three years. I took Pe-ru-na and am now well."

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State Health officer, Dr. Swearingin, died on last Sunday.

Nothing speaks better for a town, and commends it more than that it can be counted on as a good market place for the surplus farm products.

Those who are without land in Coke and intend to buy should do so at once, for land will be sure to advance in price every year from now on for years to come.

It is stated that Gov. Calhoun has received several applications for the position of State Health officer before Dr. Swearingin was buried. All these should be dumped in the waste basket by the governor.

"This year's crop in Texas will furnish a pound of cotton for every inhabitant of the world. A state that can do this ought to have two battle ships named in her honor."—Globe Democrat.

The democratic representative convention, meets at San Angelo on next Thursday. Hon. W. A. Wright will be the nominee, as most all the counties in the district have instructed for him, and there is no opposing candidate.

Work began Monday on setting out the poles and stringing the wire for the San Angelo-Kuclerbocker-Sherwood Ozona telephone line, and the work is being pushed to completion.—S. A. Press.

Following is the new democratic congressional committee for this district: J. E. Onion, of Bexar, chairman; Marshall Hicks, of Bexar; J. W. Hill, of Tom Green; S. G. Taylor, of Sutton; J. G. Griner, of Val Verde; M. G. Jackson, of Llano; and Louis Henne, of Comal.—Press.

The St. Louis girl who kissed Hobson will please take notice that the young men of Texas are preparing to link Merrimaes in every river of the state and they want her to come down.—Dallas News.

Cattlemen, largely interested in the result of these experiments, feel this primary and incomplete report of Dr. Steddum's as being the first move made towards opening the door for southern cattle into the northern markets at any and all seasons of the year. The final report, which may be expected soon, will set forth the fact that these infected cattle, now freed from the fever ticks, do or anticipate the spenicetic them stock.

A bit of home surgery practiced when a splinter is driven into a child's hand particularly deep is its extraction by steam. A bottle with a sufficiently wide mouth is filled two-thirds with hot water, and the mouth is placed just under the injured spot. The suction draws the flesh down when a little pressure is used, and the steam, in a moment or two, extracts inflammation and splinter together. This is very efficacious, when the offending substance has been in for several hours, long enough to have started up some of its evil consequences.—Ex.

Treasurers Quarterly Report.

We the undersigned Commissioners court of Coke county do solemnly swear that the requirements of Art. 867, Chapter 1, Title 25 of the revised statutes of the State of Texas, amended by the acts of March 20, 1897, have been in all things complied with at the regular August term 1898, of said court and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the County Treasurers Quarterly report made by the County Treasurer of said County and held by him for the county, have been fully inspected and counted by us and that the amount of money in his hands is

Assets	\$147.38
Total	\$852.90
S. J. Chapman, County Judge.	
E. C. Rawlings, Com. Pre. No. 1.	
Sam Sawyer, Com. Pre. No. 2.	
J. C. Newton, Com. Pre. No. 3.	
J. H. Campbell, Com. Pre. No. 4.	

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 10th day of August 1898.

J. W. Barnett,
County Clerk.

The Constitutional Amendments.

Attention is directed to the Governor's Proclamation in reference to certain proposed amendments to the State Constitution published elsewhere in this paper. It will be noticed that the amendment proposing to grant aid to disabled and indigent ex-Confederate soldiers is to be voted on on Tuesday November 1, while the general election will be held one week later. This is made necessary because of an error in the resolution fixing date of election, and those interested should remember that the election on this proposed amendment will be held as above stated, to-wit: On Tuesday, November 1, 1898.

If you have the money the Rustler would appreciate a part of it on subscription. We need all assistance we can get at this time of the year, as it pushes us to pay expenses to keep up the present standard of the paper. At no time would a few dollars be more appreciated from our subscribers.

Several hundred families can obtain homes in Coke, at prices ranging from one to five dollars per acre, and why people will stay in the east and rent, paying for a home here in one year, is a situation we cannot understand.

Announcement.

Our terms for announcements are cash in advance, and rates as follows:
District offices \$10.00
County Offices \$5.00
Precinct Offices \$2.50.
Remember, the cash must accompany the announcement in every instance.

For County Judge.

We are authorized to announce Gid Gramam as a candidate for the office of County Judge Coke County.

We are authorized to announce Frank E. Thomas as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, subject to the will of the people, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce M. H. Davis as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, at the November election.

For District and County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Barnett as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County at the November election.

For Tax Assessor Coke County.

We are authorized to announce J. F. Deats as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce H. E. Johnston as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County at the November election.

For County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce J. G. Walton as candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce C. L. Hughes as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Coke county at the November election.

We are authorized to announce J. A. Gardner, Sr. for the office of County Treasurer, Coke county, at the November election.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

We are authorized to announce L. B. Murray as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the People's Party.

We are authorized to announce Ed. M. Mobley as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the will of the people at the November election.

Congressman Slayden Renominated.

San Antonio, Tex. Aug. 6.—The democratic congressional convention for twelfth congressional district renominated Congressman J. L. Slayden this morning.

Hon. J. F. Onion was appointed chairman of the executive committee for the ensuing two years.

L. J. Brucks of Hondo City was made permanent chairman chairman and F. E. Gillette of Marfa permanent secretary of convention.

An animated contention was carried on in the meeting of the committee on platform over the adoption of a plank specially recommending territorial acquisition in the western hemisphere. Congressman Slayden was known to be at variance with a large portion of the democrats of his district on this subject and an effort was made to cover the matter by a simple indorsement of the state platform.

The expansion advocates carried their point and a declaration in favor of the acquisition of all of the Spanish colonies in the western hemisphere was embodied in the platform.

In his speech of acceptance Congressman Slayden defended his course in voting for the tariff bill, which gave protection to the industries of West Texas, and pledged his ardent support to the project of the construction and management of the Nicaragua canal by the United States government.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

G. W. Payne and little son were in town one day this week.

Go to Stewart & Son for Scery worm medicine.

W. T. Price, of near Edith was here yesterday.

Clothing at Harrison & Webb's—good suits \$6 to \$7.

Prof. H. T. Carter was in the burg yesterday.

If you want a free sample of Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment, read the ad in this issue.

J. F. Sturman was in town the first of the week with a load of oats for sale.

No ranch, farm or stable can afford to be without a can of Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Me Lock, of Eddy, N. M. is visiting his father, W. C. Lock, of cross the river.

To kill the mange on your dogs use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Dr. J. Latham and W. C. Barron made a trip to San Angelo today.

County court convenes Monday.

To kill sand fleas on your dog or your chickens use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Fishing is the order of day, and they are catching some nice ones.

B. A. Boykin, one of the best farmers in the Edith country was in town Thursday. He reports needing rain.

It is reported that J. N. Linley will move back to his Chadbourne farm, having sold his water hauling claim to Eb Dauceer.

If you want a Sewing Machine cheap, call at this office and get description and prices. We can save you some money on one.

W. B. Fletcher, one of Bronte's best and most substantial farmers was in town one day this week. He reports a very good rain down in his section of the county.

For a good and easy shave, nice hair cut or any tonsorial work call on A. J. Crockett, at the new barber shop. He is a first-class barber and will be sure to please you with his work.

We are informed that Rev. E. S. Hamlet will be at Live Oak school house on Friday night before the 3rd Sunday in August to hold a meeting.

Miss Hila Allen, of the Ft. Chadbourne community was in town Saturday and Sunday, guest of Miss Lula Webb.

THE FAMOUS SHOE STORE.

I want to sell Boots and Shoes and Shoes and Boots, and if you do not believe it just drop in at the store when in Ballinger and get my prices, and you will see that I want to sell all the shoes, if the people want good shoes for a very little money. Do not believe what you learn, but come and see for yourself.

Respectfully,

N. P. Jones,
Manager The Famous Shoe Store, Ballinger, Texas.

Billy Whytock, of San Angelo will visit Robert Lee next week with an advertising scheme to paint the merchant's name and business upon gates, fences, etc. Those who believe in this kind of advertising will find Mr. Whytock competent and trustworthy.

Judge G. W. Perryman is buying his old office moved to a lot just north of the new blacksmith this week and will put up some additions to it to be occupied by W. E. Ingram and family when completed.

J. D. Collier & Co., are selling good cotton checks and best brands of Calico at 4 cents per yard.

D. L. Buchanan and family and Mrs. S. C. Wilkins and children, accompanied by Misses Minnie and Leora Buchanan, left Thursday for Erath county, on a visit to relatives. Miss Lillie Trammell accompanied them as far as Brownwood, to visit her grand parents at that place.

County Court Jury List.

A J Petit, J E Ross, Grey Reed, S C Wilkins, J I Murtishaw, Larkin Hayley, S J Chapman, Jr., J W Tunnell, R L Turner, John Burroughs, J A Baldwin, Eli Austin and B U Smith.

Notice.

To the Populists of Pre. No. 1, Coke county:

You are hereby called to meet at the court house at Robert Lee on Saturday August the 13th, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of deciding the advisability of putting out a county ticket by the People's Party for this year, and such other business as may come before the meeting.

W. R. McDonald,
Chair. Pre. No. 1.

Commissioners court has been in session this week.

Mill Notice.

From now on I will grind corn on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month.

Respectfully,
H. W. Walton.

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Quite a number of loads of Johnson grass hay have been marketed here this week, and a fine crop is said to have been harvested.

I have moved my blacksmith shop home, and those that want work can get it by coming to my place. And those that are behind with me for last year, pay up and then you can get more work, but want you to understand that I will not work for you until you pay your old account.

Respectfully,
G. S. McCLESKEY.

Robert Lee, Texas.

J. T. Hamilton has been in this week, assisting in the Clerk's office. He reports having another heir at his house. It's a boy.

Good rains were reported from several neighborhoods the latter part of last week.

Stray Notice.

Reported by E. C. Rawlings, Commissioner of Pre. No. 1, Coke county, Texas, on the 24th day of June, 1898. One bay or brown horse, 7 or 8 years old, streak in face, shod in front, about 16 hands high, and branded P on left shoulder, JH on right thigh and K on right jaw.

J. W. BARNETT,
County Clerk Coke County, Texas.

EDITH DOTS.

Edith, Texas, Aug. 10, 1898. Editor Rustler:

News is scarce in this part of the county.

Carl Radda's team ran away with him last week, crushing his ankle, from which he suffered very much, but was better the last we heard. We hope to see him up in a few days.

J. C. Arnett sold his stock cattle for \$18 per head, calves counted.

Crops are needing rain. Tax Assessor H. E. Johnston spent Sunday at his ranch with family.

J. D. Collier has put up an Ideal windmill over the well on Jim Stewart place.

P. C.

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According to the newspaper an Ohio husband became the happy father of seven children not long ago. Of the seven all lived but one. It is to be hoped that he had in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, the only sure cure for cough whooping cough, colds and coughs, and so insured his children against these diseases. For sale by Ed M. Mobley.

Notice Of Advertised Letters.

Letters addressed as follow, if uncalled for in 30 days from date of this advertisement will be sent to the Dead Letter Office:

Wesley F. Gilbert, Robert Lee,
Miss Rosy Kinzie, "
Mr Wm. Van Pelt, "
E. W. Yardley, "
Mrs. Ella Golble, Manistee, Tex.
Miss Bertha Janson, "
W. A. Posey, "
W D Ringer, "
W R Walker, "

Respt.
W. B. Harrison,
Postmaster.

Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

The best Stable and Stock Ointment in the world for branding, altering, marking and swearing, for wire cuts, old sores, collar saddle or harness sores, scratches, mange, scab, ticks, sand fleas, etc. It prevents Scree worms, and at the same time heals the wound. We will send a free sample box, post paid, by mail to any one sending their address to The Nussbaumer Chemical Co., San Angelo, Texas.

The weather has been much cooler during the last week, and where rain has fallen crops are doing well, however the rain which fell last week did not cover more than half the county, from all we can learn.

The Sure Lagrippe Cure.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely used up. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you prompt and sure relief. They act directly on your Liver, Stomach, and Kidneys, tone up the whole system and make you feel like a new being. They are guaranteed to cure or price refunded. For sale at Ed Mobley's Drug Store. Only 50c per bottle.

Manufacturer's Texas Branch, San Street, Ngr Address, Ohio Sewing Machine Co., Ft. Worth. Buy Machines direct from factory and save Agent's Big Fees. Good Machines, \$12 to \$18, \$20 buys the best Machine on earth—high arm, latest improved, will last a life-time. Wanted for 13 years. Freight paid, 30 days trial. This is no cheap newspaper Machine. Factory branch located here to sell direct to the people at Lowest Factory Price. Needles, Shuttles, etc. for all Machines. Needles, 25 cts. per dozen, postpaid, stamps will do. Send old needle or shuttle as sample. It's a great convenience to be able to get Needles or Shuttles by mail quick. Machines Cleared and Adjusted by experts, from \$1 to \$3, freight paid both ways in Texas or Indian Territory. Best Repairing Department in the South. Write.

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For an easy Shave, neat Hair Cut or other Tonsorial work; call at the City Barber Shop, next door to drug store. G. W. MARTIN, Proprietor.

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BEAUTIFUL HOMES.

The Tendency of the Age is Toward Mural Decorations.

Probably at no time in the world's history has so much attention been paid to the interior decoration of homes as at present. No home, no matter how humble, is without its handiwork that helps to beautify the apartments and make the surroundings more cheerful. The taste of the American people has kept pace with the age and almost every day brings forth something new in the way of a picture, a draping, a piece of furniture or other form of mural decoration. One of the latest of these has been given to the world by the celebrated artist, Muville, in a series of four handsome porcelain game plaques. Not for years has anything as handsome in this line been seen. The subjects represented by these plaques are American Wild Ducks, American Pheasant, American Quail and English Snipe. They are handsome paintings and are especially designed for hanging on dining-room walls, though their richness and beauty entitles them to a place in the parlor of any home. These original plaques have been purchased at a cost of \$50,000 by J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co., manufacturers of the celebrated Elastic Starch, and in order to enable their numerous customers to become possessors of these handsome works of art they have had them reproduced by a special process in all the rich colors and beauty of the original. They are finished on heavy cardboard, pressed and embossed in the shape of a plaque and trimmed with a heavy band of gold. They measure forty inches in circumference and contain no reading matter or advertisement whatever.

Until September 1st Messrs. J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co. propose to distribute these plaques free to their customers. Every purchaser of three ten-cent packages of Elastic Starch, flat-iron brand, manufactured by J. C. Hubinger Bros. Co., is entitled to receive one of these handsome plaques free from their grocer. Old and new customers alike are entitled to the benefits of this offer. These plaques will not be sent through the mail, the only way to obtain them being from your grocer. Every grocery store in the country has Elastic Starch for sale. It is the oldest and best laundry starch on the market, and is the most perfect cold process starch ever invented. It is the only starch made by men who thoroughly understand the laundry business, and the only starch that will not injure the finest fabric. It has been the standard for a quarter of a century, and as an evidence of how good it is twenty-two million packages were sold last year. Ask your dealer to show you the plaques and tell you about Elastic Starch. Accept no substitute. Bear in mind that this offer holds good a short time only, and should be taken advantage of without delay.

Women may be well versed in grammar, but not many of them can decline matrimony.

A bath with COSMO BUTTERMILK SOAP, exquisitely scented, is soothing and beneficial. Sold every where.

Ice cream is a frigid blessing to many mortals.

The Automatic Grip Neck Yoke Co., of Indianapolis, Ind., whose ad. appears elsewhere in this paper, have invented what is without doubt the best and safest neck yoke on the market. It is simple in construction, does not rattle, and the pole cannot possibly get away from it.

They offer very liberal terms to agents and as it is a good seller we urge our readers to write them at once regarding it.

The line between idle gossip and downright slander is thin.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

The average person prefers being idealized to being understood.

Popular Delusions.

It is generally believed in the North that the climate of our lower Southern States, those bordering upon the Gulf of Mexico, is very unhealthy; but many facts could be adduced to show that this is one of the popular delusions so difficult to account for. Perhaps this idea is due to the prevalence of yellow fever throughout that section many years ago, and to the frightful mortality during these epidemics. But during the last twenty years yellow fever has been a less frequent visitor in the South than that more fatal malarial-diphtheria—in the North. And the so-called yellow fever epidemic of last year caused little or no damage from disease, although it wrought much suffering from fright and quarantine.

To show how erroneous is this delusion, in one instance at least, it is stated on good authority that there was not a single case of serious illness during the past session among the students of the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, although many of them came from climates very different from that of Baton Rouge. For example, there were four students from California, Pennsylvania, Mexico and Cuba, no one of whom missed a single lecture or recitation on account of sickness; and none of them had ever been in Louisiana before.

Perhaps this remarkable healthfulness is due to the location of Baton Rouge on the last hill (going South), on the banks of the Mississippi River, just sixty miles from the Gulf of Mexico on the Southwest, and thirty-six miles from Lake Maurepas on the Southeast. The breezes from these bodies of water may have an influence upon the salubrity, as they certainly do upon the temperature of the atmosphere.

OUR SPANISH PRISONERS LIVING IN CLOVER.

Instead of Trying to Escape It is Doubtful If Any of Our 692 Captives Could Be Driven Away.

(Portsmouth, N. H., Letter.)

Civilization while you wait would be an appropriate motto for the prison stockade at Camp Long. The camp is on Seavey's Island, part of the navy yard, which on the map appears in Kittery, Me., and on official documents at Portsmouth, in New Hampshire. Two days before the St. Louis steamed into the harbor with 692 Spanish prisoners of war on board the camp ground was not much better than a desert. This end of the island is bound with rocks, which stick up through the blueberry bushes and scrubby grass on knolls and hillsides. Col. James Forney, commanding the Maine Guard, had during his previous term of duty at the navy yard laid out golf links on this eastern end of the island.

Today he uses the old iron hole-markers as dead line ranges. The best hazards in the links are spoiled by a little new pine board town of a dozen houses, all but one of which are cut off from the rest of the island by a high board fence. Within thirty-six hours from the arrival of the St. Louis in the lower harbor this village had been equipped with all the creature comforts demanded by a free born American citizen.

The landing of the Spaniards was without ceremony or display. Two black, flat-iron shaped barges were brought up, one after the other, from the big liner, about a mile away, and made fast to Lieut. Greeley's landing place, at the foot of old Fort Sullivan, now used as a reservoir. There were a few workmen and a few ladies and children from the post on the shore, and a cordon of pleasure boats on the water, but no official demonstration of any sort. There was not an officer, nor even a marine, in sight, and no indication that the island was garrisoned.

On the first barge Lieut. Catlin, a survivor of the Maine disaster, brought with him Capt. Moreu, of the Cristobal Colon, to act as interpreter, and about a dozen American marines to take care of a boatload of four hundred Spanish prisoners of war. Lieut. Catlin had a navy revolver in his belt instead of his sword, and went at his work without any fuss or feathers. When six marines had scrambled ashore and were strung along the bank

So they landed, penniless, sick, dirty and almost naked.

After the mustering was over the first shipload of prisoners was surrounded by marines from the garrison and marched into the stockade, the barefooted ones being chiefly anxious to avoid the nettles that lurked in some of the grassy places.

After one day in camp these same hungry looking prisoners could hardly be recognized. The day's rations of beef, bread, coffee and pickles were devoured at one meal, each man eating more than a pound of meat. They found hammocks, comfortable hair mattresses and government blankets provided for them, and after a few puffs from borrowed cigarettes the well Spaniards slept long and soundly. More meals followed with surprising abundance and regularity, and great wagon loads of clothes were hauled over from the navy yard and dumped at the feet of the prisoners.

The few industrious spirits volunteered for camp work, and their working made a pleasant spectacle for those who were not industrious. With warm new clothes and a comfortable fullness under one's belt, it is agreeable to sit in the sun, or at least out of the rain, and discuss why it was that Admiral Cervera did not utterly destroy the American fleet. To be sure there are sentries and deep water in front, and sentries, with a high board fence behind, backed by barbed wire and Gatling guns in the rear. What would you? Shall same men run away from good food, good clothes and a good company to lose themselves in a strange country and starve?

Perhaps it may not last, but that is the sentiment in Camp Long at present. The landing of the prisoners and the establishment of the camp was accomplished without the slightest hostile demonstration on the part of the Spaniards. Some of the men passively object to being clean, but they can put up with cleanliness if only they get plenty of tobacco.

Col. Forney has in the barracks at the navy yard and on duty at the stockade about two hundred men, but Surgeon Parsons says that if the Spaniards only understood that they were to have their three square meals a day a marine guard would be requir-

where one large building is used for hospital purposes. Two Spanish chaplains, two surgeons, an apothecary's steward, and five junior lieutenants have had a building built for their special accommodation, and have been fitted out with sailor's clothes from the navy yard storehouses. Their ward-room is fitted out with bunks and abundant furniture. Dr. Suarez, who speaks English a little, says that while there will be a good deal for the doctors to do, they all expect to enjoy themselves in camp.

The civilizing influence of a short piece of rope is still to be seen at Camp Long. In olden times the rope was used to cow starved and ill-treated prisoners. Today it serves a different purpose. The members of the officer's mess hardly got new clothes before they began devising amusements, and jumping rope has become very popular. Two of the more sedate officers swing the rope while the others take turns jumping.

The horrors of war already seem far away, and the most important things in the world seem to be the delights of good living. Admiral Carpenter, who is in temporary command of the navy yard, has closed the island to curious visitors, who are not annoying when they get long range views from the New Castle and Kittery shores. Altogether the camp promises to be so quiet that Colonel Forney may lay out new golf links, and perhaps allow the Spanish officers to learn the game.

OLD METHODS THE BEST.

Work of Pupils in Public School Under Two Systems Compared.

From the New York Evening Post: In the opinion of Professor Richard C. Schiedt of Franklin and Marshall college, nothing has been gained, but something lost, in the abandonment of the old methods in public schools of alternate study and recitation periods, and of a brief recess during each school session. This view was expressed in a paper read before a meeting in Lancaster, Pa., of the Associated Health Authorities. The paper was scientific and described psychological experiments undertaken by Professor Schiedt and others to determine the fatigue of pupils under different conditions. Passing the experiments, and coming to the professor's conclusions, it appeared that under the Herbartian method of instruction, which provides for alternate recitation and study periods, and does away with home work, the power of mental endurance exhibited by the children was practically without limit when the atmospheric conditions were favorable. In the results the depressing or elevating influence of the atmosphere had an important bearing. A partial remedy is the session recess, affording opportunity for physical exercises in the open air and for a complete change in the atmosphere of the schoolroom. This is

One Way of Getting Thin.

The glory of having discovered a way of getting thin and of keeping in good condition when one is deprived of a usual means of exercise must rest with the wife of an English officer in India. As sometimes happens after a long illness and its subsequent confinement this lady found herself, when able to move about again, almost twice her normal size. She could not walk, nor was she able through nervousness, either to ride or to enter out-of-door sports. One day she thought of the skipping rope of her childhood. After a few week's practice she began to gain in health and to decrease in size.

She makes a daily record of 600 skips. As she exercises several times a day, her record represents the sum total of her day's work. Her custom has been widely followed. Women accustomed to out-of-door exercise, and made wretched by confinement indoors or to a limited area, use the skipping rope. Practiced with prudence, no other form of exercise, it is said, is equal to it in its beneficial results, or accomplishes greater wonders in reducing flesh.—Harper's Bazaar.

The receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have purchased 40 miles of 85-lb. sixty foot steel rails and will experiment with them on the Pittsburg division and in the Baltimore tunnel. These rails were originally bought for the Columbia and Maryland Electric Railroad, which was designed to parallel the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and Washington and to become an important factor in business between these points. The project failed and the material which was purchased has been sold. These are the first 60-foot rails to be used on the B. & O.

Novelty rather than quantity counts on the menu these days.

Beauty is Blood Deep.
Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by wiring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed. 10c, 25c, 50c.

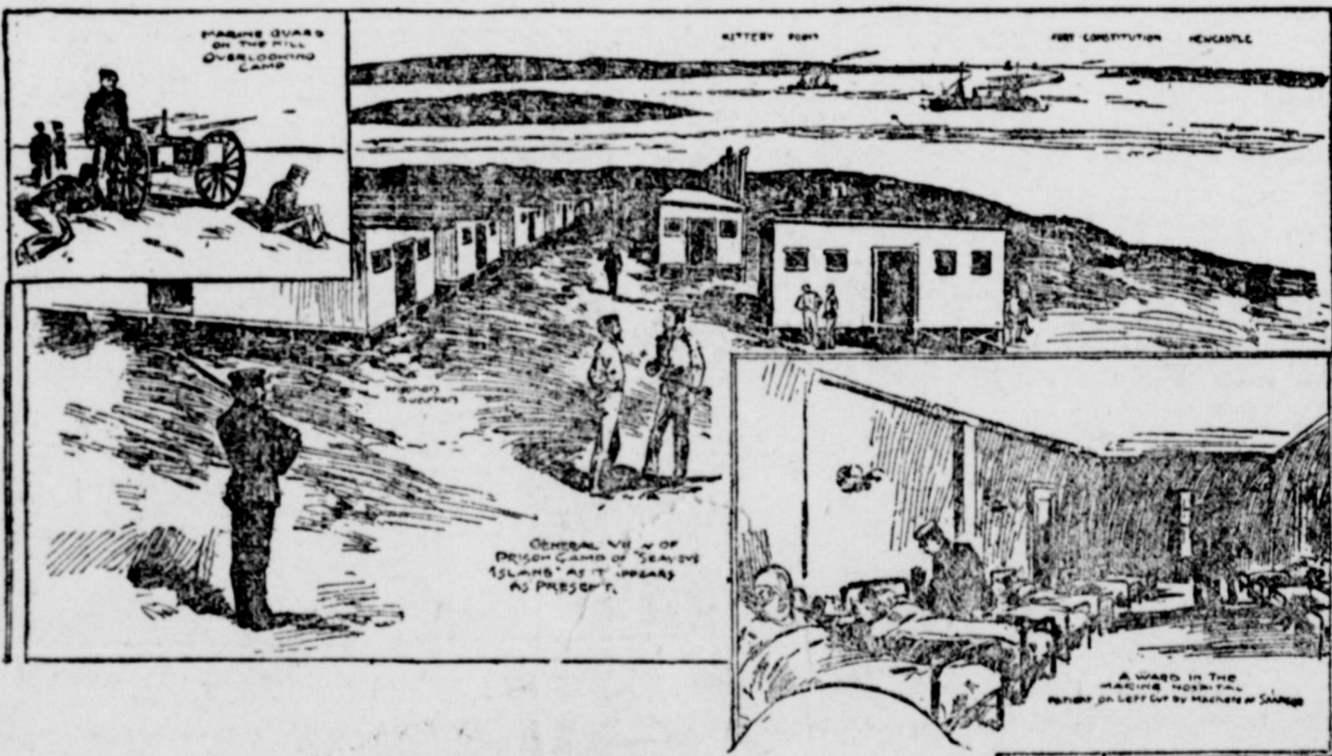
The renewal of a broken friendship is a pure joy.

Shake Into Your Shoes.
Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight-fitting or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, nervous, itching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The dollar you pay back looks twice as large as the one borrowed.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

A man never appreciates his home until he has left it.



SOME SCENES AT PORTSMOUTH.

the gangway was opened to the prisoners, who went off the barge in an irregular straggling.

They were defeated and shipwrecked sailors, and they showed it. Bare-headed and barefooted, with straggly beards, and only a couple of dirty garments in most cases covering legs and bodies, they passively obeyed the orders of Capt. Moreu, and were gathered in ship's companies by the calling of the roll. Hardly had a hundred men been landed before the sick began to drop groaning upon the dusty roadside.

The first official navy demonstration on shore was made by the navy surgeons, Drs. Parsons, Fitts and Morris, who walked over from the naval hospital, followed by an ambulance. Surgeon-in-Charge Parsons speaks Spanish quite fluently, having been stationed in Peru, but very little talk was necessary to feel the pulse and see the tongue of a groaning Spaniard. With all possible gentleness the most seriously sick were taken to the naval hospital and given as good care as could be given to American sailors,

ed, not to keep them on the island, but to drive them away from it. At the navy hospital baths and clean nightgowns and beds have transformed the patients who Monday afternoon were groveling in the dust of the roadside.

There are three wounded men, one having been shot in the leg, another having been hacked in the face by a Cuban machete while attempting to get ashore from the burning ship, and a third who lost several toes from a machete wound. There is an old man whose legs are paralyzed, probably from being so long in the water. All the other patients, about one hundred and twenty-five, are suffering from acclimatic fever, which is not contagious, but which causes chills, cramps and great pain for about five days. The surgeons say that this fever will go through the camp, attacking all who have not had it. About a score of men are taken sick every day, and about the same number are discharged from the hospitals.

The convalescents and milder cases of fever are cared for in the stockade,

the more important, Professor Schiedt says, as in this region the days with unfavorable atmospheric conditions are in the majority.

Fighting for a Sentiment.
The masses of the north will fight, and fight hard and long, as we of the south have had proved to us. Moreover, they will fight for a sentiment, as we also know by experience—they will fight better for a sentiment than for anything else. But for the sentiment of the north about "the old flag" and "the preservation of the union," South Carolina would now be a member of the Confederate States of America. That is a self-evident proposition. While that section utilized an enormous immigration to recruit its armies it would have defeated the south without much aid, because without it it was still far stronger than the south. Chickamauga, Gettysburg, Sharpsburg and Fredericksburg proved its fighting capacity. If we do not recognize that we can claim no credit for our own glorious fighting for four years, and we would have no excuse for our defeat.—Columbia (S. C.) State.

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Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not irritating or poisonous. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 3 bottles, \$2.75. Circular sent on request.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY! Shows quick relief and cures worst cases. Send for book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment free. Dr. H. H. GREEN'S SONS, Atlanta, Ga.

OPIUM Habit. Only guaranteed Painless home cure. No interference with work. No publicity. Sample free. Dr. Purdy, Dept. E, Houston, Tex.

WANTED—Case of bad health that R-I-P-A-N-G will not benefit. Send 5 cents to Ripans Chemical Co., New York, for 10 samples and 1,000 testimonials.

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WHEEZY THROAT AND ALL ELSE FAILS.
Best Cough Syrup, Tonsil Good. Use in time. Sold by Druggists.

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TO MRS. PINKHAM

From Mrs. Walter E. Budd, of Pat-
choguo, New York.

Mrs. BUDD, in the following letter,
tells a familiar story of weakness and
suffering, and thanks Mrs. Pinkham
for complete relief:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I think it is
my duty to write to you and tell you
what Lydia E. Pinkham's
Vegetable
Compound
has done for
me. I feel like
another woman.
I had such dread-
ful headaches
through my
temples and
on top of my
head, that I
nearly went
crazy; was also
troubled with
chills, was very
weak; my left
side from my
shoulders to
my waist pain-
ed me terribly. I could not sleep for
the pain. Plasters would help for a
while, but as soon as taken off, the pain
would be just as bad as ever. Doctors
prescribed medicine, but it gave me no
relief.

"Now I feel so well and strong,
have no more headaches, and no
pain in side, and it is all owing to
your Compound. I cannot praise it
enough. It is a wonderful medicine.
I recommend it to every woman I
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More Babies Lives have been saved by Dr.
Moffett's TETRINA (Teething Powders) than
by all other remedies combined. TETRINA
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Send for FREE \$3.00 trial bottle and treatise.
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CATTLE AND CROPS.

Cotton picking is in full blast in Nu-
eces county.

Beef is said to be scarce on the Pa-
cific coast.

Longview received its first 1895 cot-
ton bale on the 4th.

Farmers around Granbury are hold-
ing wheat for better prices.

Many farmers are actively at work
picking cotton around Karnes.

W. Anson of Coleman bought of B.
C. Rhome of Rhome, Tex., ten head of
high-bred Herefords.

The wheat average of Knox county
was about eight bushels to the acre
and the grain poor in quantity.

Cattle dealers say that it reads like
an item from a paper printed in 1892 to
see quoted a sale of grass fed steers at
\$55 and \$60 a head in the great beef
markets.

The Kemp pasture of 6000 acres in
Matagorda county is being cut up to
be sold in small parcels to farmers. A
town site of 160 acres will be laid off
on the land.

The Southwestern Texas Beekeep-
ers' association is to meet at Flores-
ville, Texas, August 17 and 18. There
will be a large attendance and visitors
are expected from other states.

Holland, Bell county, received its
first bale of cotton on the 3d. It was
taken there by Virge Willis, was sold
at 65-8 cents per pound, and a prelum
of \$20 added by the merchants of that
town.

B. C. Rhome, the well known Here-
ford breeder of Fort Worth, recently
sold five registered Hereford heifer
calves to Charles A. Payne of San An-
gelo, where he has other registered
Hereford cattle.

Farmers around Massey and Abbott
in Hill county complain that the boll
worms are doing considerable damage
to the cotton and they are fearful that
the damage will be so great as to se-
riously curtail the production.

Mr. E. Dudley took to Gonzales a to-
bacco stalk about three and one-half
feet tall that was a handsome specu-
men of the weed. Mr. Dudley says he
has about 100 plants like it and that
his patch is as fine tobacco as can be
grown any place. He is raising it for
his own use, and has been doing so
for years. He says there is no doubt
but that tobacco can be profitably
grown in Texas. The sample shown
bears him out in the assertion.

Some young corn stalks just begin-
ning to tassel eighteen feet high and
two and one-half inches thick at the
fourth joint from the root have been
sent from Navarro county to the
Omaha exposition. They were raised
near Rice on the farm of W. D. Hay-
nie. Under favorable conditions it is
thought that the field will produce 80
to 90 bushels to the acre.

In west Texas there has been some
prejudice against the planting of rape
seed, as it has been thought this crop
has a deleterious effect on the soil. The
following from the "American Sheep
Breeder" would appear to place this
question at rest. "Rape does not ex-
haust land, but on the contrary en-
riches it as few other fertilizing crops
can. Sow it in oats or wheat stubble
and the result will be plenty of fall
feed and a decided assistance to im-
poverished soil."

The crusade against unsound meat
still continues in England, and some of
the punishments imposed for selling it
have been of the most severe character
both in the shape of fines and im-
prisonments. One family in Birming-
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beef recently, one of the number dying.
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be charged on a criminal charge.

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PROCLAMATION

By The Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, the Twenty-fifth Legislature at its regular biennial session, which convened on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1897, passed the following Joint Resolution, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing the following amendment to the Constitution of this State, to-wit: Joint Resolution to amend Section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize the grant of aid to disabled and dependant Confederate soldiers and sailors, and their widows, and to grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That section 51, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 3.

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant of public money to any individual, association or individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever; provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors who came to Texas prior to January 1st 1890, and who are either over sixty years of age, or whose disability is the proximate result of actual service in the Confederate army for a period of at least three months, their widows in indigent circumstances who have never remarried, and who have been bona fide residents of the State of Texas since March 1, 1880, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors anterior to March 1, 1866; provided, said aid shall not exceed eight dollars per month; and provided further, that no appropriation shall ever be made for the purpose hereinbefore specified in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for any one year. And also grant aid to the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law; provided, the grant to aid said home shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars for any one year; and no inmate of said home shall be entitled to any other aid from the State; and provided further that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the grant of aid in case of public calamity.

Sec. 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the first Tuesday in November, 1898; when those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots, "For the amendment to Section 51, Article 3, of the State Constitution." Those opposing the amendment, shall have written or printed upon their ballots, "Against the amendment to Section 51, Article 3 of the State Constitution."

And whereas the State Constitution requires the publication of any proposed amendment once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election, in one weekly newspaper of each county in which such a newspaper may be published.

And whereas the said Joint Resolution directs that it shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State on the first Tuesday in November 1898, which will be the first day of said month.

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of the State of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said Joint Resolution, and by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said Joint Resolution be held on the day designated therein, to-wit, on Tuesday, the first day of November, A. D. 1898, in the several counties in this State for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of the State of Texas, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the seal of the State to be affixed at the city of Austin this 1st day of July, A. D. 1898.

C. A. CULBERSON, Governor of Texas. J. W. MADDEN, Secretary.

PROCLAMATION

By The Governor Of The State Of Texas.

Whereas, the Twenty-fifth Legislature, at its regular biennial session, which convened on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1897 and adjourned on May the 21, A. D. 1897, passed the following Joint resolution, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing the following amendment to the Constitution of this State to-wit: Joint Resolution to amend Section 24, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That section 24, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to read as follows:

Section 24. The members of the Legislature shall receive from the public treasury such compensation for their services as may from time to time be provided by law, not exceeding five dollars per day for the first one hundred days of each session, and after that not exceeding three dollars per day the remainder of the session.

In addition to the per diem, the members of each house shall be entitled to mileage in going to and returning from the seat of government, which mileage shall not exceed five dollars for every twenty-five miles the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel by land, regardless of railways or other routes; and the Comptroller of the State shall prepare and preserve a table of distances to each county seat now hereafter to be established, and by such table the mileage of each member shall be paid; but no member shall be entitled to mileage for any extra session that may be called with in one day after the adjournment of a regular or called session.

Section 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas, at the next general election, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For amendment to Section 24, of Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas, relating to compensation of members of the Legislature;" those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against amendment to Section 24, of Article 3, of the constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation of members of the Legislature."

And whereas, the State Constitution requires the publication of any proposed amendment once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election, in one weekly newspaper of each county in which such a newspaper may be published;

And whereas, the said Joint Resolution directs the Governor to issue his proclamation for the submission of the said joint Resolution to the qualified electors of the State at the general election to be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1898, the same being the 8th day of said month:

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said joint Resolution, and by the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of the State do hereby issue this, my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said Joint Resolution be held on the day designated therein, to-wit, on Tuesday, November the 8th; A. D. 1898, in the several counties of this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the election precincts of the several counties of this State, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of proclamation.

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