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**Bronte Happenings.**

Regular Correspondent.  
Five wagons loaded with cotton belonging to Kearney Mayes passed through Bronte Monday enroute to Ballinger.

Mr. Peterson, formerly of Milam county has bought land permanently settled near Bronte.

Mr. George Fletcher has 4 hogs that will weigh 1150 pounds and crib is full of corn. There is no room for the rats.

Mr. J. D. O'Daniel has killed 9 head of hogs which would average about 275 pounds each and about 350 pounds of lard. This demonstrates that the Coke county farmers can raise his own corn and bacon. A diversified crop and less 3 and 4 cent cotton.

We are certainly a happy people. We have no Negroes or Mexicans—no locks on our cribs or smoke houses, and this further explains the reason why Bronte's farmers, merchants, ginners, blacksmiths and every one greets you with their happy smiles.

Mr. Bill McCaulie, of Maverick, has made arrangements with Mr. Kerney Mayes to feed 500 head of cattle and is having the cattle vaccinated at the Mays ranch.

Mr. G. W. Walker, of DeLeon, Comanche county and brother from Waldrip, McCulloch county were at Bronte this week and wanted to buy a good farm near Bronte.

Mess. M. H. O'Daniel and Boon Cross are hauling cotton seed from the Bronte gin to feed their cattle on this winter.

The Bronte Gin has ginned 450 bales this season.

**LUCENE.**

Frank Gibbons is doing a good wagon yard business with the old Elkhorn wagon yard in San Angelo. Try him.

The people of Coke are invited to examine the large and varied stock of dry goods and close prices offered by Crayton and Robbins of Ballinger.

Fresh Fruits at J. C. Turner's  
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The RUSTLER will roll for every school in the county, similar to the one on last page of our last issue, by Miss Emma Merchant, teacher of the Edith school.

**Stock News.**

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Jo Chance is making extensive additions and improvements at the 4 Cross L ranch, for Sugg Bros., increasing the facilities for the splendid hospitality for which they are famous.

Col. Wm. M. Black, of Ft. McKavett, will lead the discussion on "The Sheep Industry; Past and Present Conditions," at the Live Stock convention to be held in the city of Galveston, January 17th to 20th.—Menardville Enterprise.

B. N. Aycock made the following sales this week. Hence Piques, 25 bull calves at \$65 per head. A car of steers to L. C. Wall, of Ft. Worth, at \$25. To Chas. Crowley, 82 head of Mexican cows at \$17.50. To I. H. and I. C. Bell at \$17.50.—Midland Reporter.

Ed Jackson will begin shipping his fed cattle to market next week.

Dud Tom and Mr. Jemyson left yesterday morning for Sonora to look at some ranch property.

Twenty-one hundred thousand dollars of cattle mortgages filed in the Tom Green County clerk's office during the past week.

Martin & Treadwell, of Ft. McKavett, bought up 100 head mixed cattle for Bille Childress.

Their cows brought \$15 and \$17 per head.

The new 20 foot steel geared windmill for the John Henderson ranch was loaded out by Findlater yesterday. The mill is the heaviest and most powerful ever loaded from this point and is expected to solve the deep well question entirely.

Mr. J. C. Perry has returned from below. He has an option on 1500 steers which he will buy if he can get a pasture.

Jackson & Richardson sold for Mellvaine Bros. & Nelson, to R. S. Campbell, 35 bulls, for immediate delivery and shipment to feed lots.

Jackson & Richardson sold for G. W. Whitehead's Sons, to M. Z. Smissen, 400 head of 3 and 4 year old steers, January delivery, to be placed on feed at Gainesville.

Jo Williams is back from Wolf City, to which point he chaperoned 14 cars of bulls and steers for R. S. Campbell. He leaves for Menard, about the 15th, on more stock business.

**Deeds Filed For Record.**

Tennie Tucker and husband to Mollie T. Bowman 640 acres of land near Bronte, other considerations and \$1.00

J. F. Deats and wife to D. L. Buchanan, undivided half interest in Lot No. 4 in Block 23; Robert Lee \$175.00

Concho Nat'l Bank to W. L. Clawson, 100 acres of land across river from Robert Lee \$480.00

M. J. Moore and husband to F. L. Harris 327 1-2 acres of land, other considerations and \$1.00

M. J. Moore and husband to F. L. Harris 480 acres of land \$2000.

**Silver Letter.**

As I have not seen any one writing from this little place. I decided to try my hand on writing and now, Mr. Editor, if I escape the waste basket, I will write again.

Mr. Will Jameson has had a new chimney and some new house room put up. So I guess they will enjoy the warmth of those pretty bright fires this winter.

Uncle Johnie Conner has been quite sick recently; we are glad to hear he is improving.

Our school is getting on nicely Prof. J. B. Hudman, teacher.

Oh, yes! I came near forgetting to tell you, we have a lot of new bought benches and when we go to Church we have the fun of occupying them; or when we visit our school, you see we have the same privilege.

We are needing rain very much up here.

With much success to the RUSTLER and its readers.

I remain,

SILVER DOTS

L. P. Woods sold an undivided half interest in his ranch and cattle in this county to A. A. (Lou) McGill of Runnels county for \$3675.00.

Every body is invited to come to Mrs. Ingram's Saturday, to see the display of Christmas presents.

I. E. Adams, a long time citizen of the Bronte country paid the RUSTLER a pleasant call last Thursday.

G. W. Martin, our up to date tenorial artist has bought on both barber shops and Robert Lee now has only one shop.

J. N. Buchanan is holding down a chair in the City Barber Shop with G. W. Martin.

Did you see that wonderful Album at Mrs. Ingram's? You ought to see it.

Diversified Crops is the thing to bring Coke county farmers to the front.

Cattle have taken a tumble in price since the late bad weather.

John Weathers who lives near Sanco was in town Wednesday last.

C. C. Merchant the town water man had an easy job this week.

The north side of the Court House square now has more houses, all habited than any time during the last five years.

Thad Green had the misfortune to get two of his fingers mashed Wednesday in attempting to repair a windmill in Knox Barefield's pasture. He was immediately brought to town and placed under treatment of Dr. Martin.

Robert B. Higgins was in town Thursday from his home across the river.

G. C. Laswell pleasantly remembered the newspaper Thursday last, by having his date moved up into '99.

CROPS AND CATTLE.

Jay Knowles of Midland sold McKenzle Bros. of Big Lake fifty Hereford bull calves at \$40 per head.

Col. Overton of Coleman county sold to Wm. Bryan of Dallas county 250 yearling steers at \$22.50. They were high grade Herefords.

Mr. John Scharbauer has shipped 150 head of his Hereford bulls to Barstow, to be wintered on alfalfa farms in Pecos valley.

Dick Carrow has delivered at Henrietta the last of a thousand steers recently sold to P. S. Witherspoon at \$33.50 per head.

J. F. Lillard took from Decatur to Jackboro Donnie Wilkes of thoroughbred stock, one of the finest mares ever brought to Jack county.

Dull Bros. of Pecos have received five registered Hereford bulls recently bought from W. K. Armour of Kansas City, fine individuals of that breed.

While ensilage is probably the best winter feed for dairy cows, there are too few silos in Texas to make the advice to feed ensilage practicable here.

Charlie Broome arrived at San Angelo with 200 head of bulls and steers, sold to R. S. Campbell for shipment to and feeding at Wolfe City. The steers were twos and up, and sold for \$29.

The Holland brothers and P. E. Rape of Midlothian received from Illinois one day last week twenty-six head of registered Durham cattle for breeding purposes.

Houston, with the fruits, flowers and vegetables; Fort Worth, with the farmers and dairy men and Midland, with the cowboys, were the three Meccas of many delighted pilgrims last week.

Each copy contained the English and Spanish texts of the treaty in parallel columns. The wording had been approved previously by the commissions without a joint meeting, so there was no controversy on this subject.

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Both were tied with the Spanish and American colors. When the seals were expected to be affixed attendants were sent scurrying for ribbons of French, the tri-color, with which the were expected to be fixed attendants documents were sealed as a compliment to the French hosts of the commission.

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The other members of the Spanish commission followed Senor Villarutia and passed silently through the vestibule to their waiting carriages. The American commission strolled out, chatting complacently and as they descended the steps the lights in the chamber were darkened.

The contents of the treaty will not be published until it is submitted to the senate. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 12.—Gen. Keifer, who is in command of the remaining troops of the seventh army corps since Gen. Lee's departure for Cuba last night confirmed the rumor of Col. W. J. Bryan's resignation of his command. Both Gen. Lee and Gen. Keifer endeavored to induce Col Bryan to go to Cuba, but were unsuccessful.

It is reported the temporary release of Col. Picquart has been ordered. President H. C. Bush, Jr., of the Cattle Breeders' association of Texas, and S. H. Cowan, attorney for the association, had a conference at Chicago with Commissioner Prouty of the inter-state commerce commission and the railway committee of the Chicago Live Stock exchange relative to the terminal charge. It was decided to bring suit to enforce the order.

Bonham will soon have a large flour mill.

TREATY HAS BEEN DULY SIGNED

The Work at Paris of the Two Commissions is Now Completed--Treaty Goes to United States Senate.

Treaty Signed.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Saturday Senor Montero Rios, president of the Spanish commission, ascended the steps, leaning on a cane and bundled up in a fur coat. The Americans shook hands with the Spaniards when they entered the conference hall. The faces of the representatives of Spain were exceedingly solemn. Apparently they regarded the occasion as a funeral one.

The treaty, which was not completed, was brought in sections in the hands of the engrossers while the commission was sitting.

After being photographed the commissioners listened to the reading of the treaty until 5:15, at which hour they took a recess until 7 o'clock, while awaiting the arrival of the last sections of the treaty.

The treaty as signed consists of seventeen articles, it having been advisable to subdivide two or three of the articles in the draft agreed upon at the last meeting.

The commissioners of the two nations wrote their signatures on two copies of the treaty, one copy being for the archives. The document was prepared by Secretary Moore in behalf of the United States commission and by Senor Villarutia for Spain on account of the continued illness of Secretary Ojeda of the Spanish commission.

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SOUTHERN NEWS.

Bob Brown, who killed several relatives of his wife, is to hang at Glasgow, Ky.

W. L. Trowbridge has been elected mayor of Vicksburg, Miss., for the fourth consecutive time.

Mrs. Walthall, wife of the late Senator Walthall of Mississippi, died at Memphis, Tenn., aged 58 years.

While absent in Europe Archbishop Chapelle succeeded in settling the debt of the Louisiana diocese, through a firm of Paris bankers.

J. H. Gardner was shot and killed near Jonesboro, Ark., by John Mangrum, formerly county clerk. They quarreled over a business transaction.

Dr. T. H. Huzza, a noted physician of Atlanta, Ga., died in a New York hospital of appendicitis, caused by a fall from a railroad train.

John Youngblood, of Tampa, Fla., was lured into a disreputable house in that city, robbed and cut to pieces. Four women have been arrested.

Rev. J. H. St. Clair, who took fifteen grains of morphine at Decatur, Ala., was pronounced dead and recovered, has left the city, and, it is reported, has gone to Mexico.

Christopher Columbus Cripps, who settled in Hot Springs county, Arkansas, in 1839, is dead, aged 90 years. He was a man of wide learning.

The Portuguese ship captain charged with having a Hottentot girl as a slave, showed documents at New Orleans that he had merely employed her, and the case was dismissed.

The Dahlonga Consolidated Gold Mining company has been organized at Chattanooga, Tenn. The purpose of the company is to mine gold in the Dahlonga, Ga., district.

At Savannah, Ga., Private J. E. Moore, of the first Maine regiment, was fined \$500 or six months on the chain gang for embracing the wife of a prominent official on the street. Moore was intoxicated.

Sunday, Jan. 1, 1899, the one-hundredth anniversary of Transylvania university, at Lexington, Ky., will be observed. The principal speaker will be Rt. Rev. T. U. Dudley, Episcopal bishop of that state.

John J. Carter, the racing judge whose body was cremated in the Baldwin hotel fire at San Francisco, is to have a monument at Nashville, Tenn., to be erected by turfmen of the United States.

Two grandsons of the late ex-President Polk are members of the next house of congress. Both are to represent Kentucky districts.

A street car deal in Baltimore, Md., involving several millions of dollars, has been consummated.

The steamboat John N. Harbin, plying between Memphis, Tenn., and Pine Bluff, Ark., struck a snag and sank near the latter city. She was loaded with 100 bales of cotton and 3000 sacks of cotton seed.

A syndicate, backed by \$10,000,000, has been organized to build the Black Diamond railway 200 miles south from Columbia, O., and 257 miles from Cynthiano to Dover, Ky. The road is to extend through the rich coal mines of Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Mrs. Polly Mays, 111 years old, the oldest woman in Virginia, died at the Cove, the homestead of the Mays for over a century, in Franklin county. She was in excellent health up to a few weeks ago, when she was injured in a fall. Her youngest child is 66 years of age.

A company composed of St. Louis and Chattanooga, Tenn., parties is being formed to operate a line of steamboats on the Tennessee river from Chattanooga to Riverton, and connect at the latter place with the St. Louis Packet company.

Not far from Warren, Ark., a young man named Berryman rushed out of his house with a cocked gun on his shoulder to kill a hawk. He stumbled and fell, the gun was discharged and the bullet went through his brother, killing him, and struck the mother, inflicting a slight wound.

Commissioner Speaks.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Senor Garnica was questioned as to the future of the Philippine islands and he said:

"The United States has inaugurated a policy which will bring it much trouble and many responsibilities. The Americans are not prepared for the work they are about to undertake. Your democratic system must inaugurate an imperialist and bureaucratic system and you must increase your army and navy, with the result that there will be constant friction between yourselves and the European powers."

The American preserve secrecy regarding the terms of the treaty. This is partly through the influence of three senators on the body who represent that it would be discourteous to the senate to publish the terms before the treaty is presented to this body by the president.

The protocol of the treaty will almost reach the dimensions of a volume, as it will contain every written statement presented on both sides during the conferences. The Spaniards made a late contribution yesterday on the assembling of the committee. Senor Montero Rios then presented a vigorously worded protest in which the Spaniards declared they had yielded to force, but that they invoked the conscience of the nations against the abuse of the rights on a nation of which they are the victims. The protest was for the purpose of record and consisted of an argument in support of every concession made by the Spaniards and which the Americans refused some of them peremptorily and without an opportunity for discussion.

The protest concluded: "But these concession which we were obliged to make touch us less than the insult which has been inflicted on our nation by President McKinley in his message. We again protest solemnly against the accusation hurled against us in connection with the Maine and we intend to again submit the question to an international tribunal, comprised of England, France and Germany, to determine who shall bear the responsibility of the catastrophe."

In spite of the secrecy observed by the Americans it is learned that the treaty in substance consists of thirteen or fourteen articles. The principal articles provide for the cession and evacuation of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands, and the political, administration and financial results thereof; the acquirement by the United States of public property and the relinquishment of archives. The articles of secondary importance determine the status of Spanish subjects remaining in the ceded territory and unfinished law suits and contracts; guaranteeing of the same terms to Spanish shipping and merchandise as imposed upon American shipping and merchandise in the Philippine islands for ten years, and leaving the status of Spanish commerce in the West Indies to be settled later.

An important provision is the guarantee of religious freedom in the ceded territories, in the same terms as the Florida treaty, the Americans having steadfastly refused to incorporate any guarantee of the United States' determination to favor the property of the Catholic church, leaving it subject to the general laws on the same footing as private property.

Senator Gray, though well known to be radically opposed to the policy of annexation or imperialism, will vote in the senate to ratify the treaty, considering that the signing of that document binds him to support it.

Private Lovejoy of the Galveston rifles, company B, first Texas, was forced to shoot and kill Private Kein of company G, sixth Missouri at Savannah, Ga., while in line of duty on provost guard. Authoritative investigation has pronounced him as having performed his duty.

The Goulds are forming a vast railway combine of the southwest lines. The proposition is to merge them into one system with a total capital of \$294,440,522.

Agent Robbed.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 10.—Thursday night three masked men with drawn Winchester and revolvers held up the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf station agent at McAlester. The robbers secured about \$1 in money and several express packages. After securing their booty the robbers mounted their horses and rode away in a southerly direction, leaving absolutely no clue by which they can be identified. Officers have been sent in pursuit of the robbers.

From Dewey.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Admiral Dewey, summarizing the existing conditions at Manila and such points in the Philippines as have been visited by his officers. Advice also have been received by Gen. Otis, the commandant of the United States military forces in the islands, and they both go to show a notable improvement in conditions, and the growth of a better spirit among those factions which promised to give trouble. This fact is particularly gratifying, as the United States government is already giving consideration to the best means at hand to redeem the pledge it will be placed under at Paris to secure the release of the Spanish prisoners, and the government is confident that their captors will release them upon proper representations from Gen. Otis and Admiral Dewey. It may be necessary to call the navy into service in this matter, for the reason that some of the prisoners are held in captivity on other islands than Luzon, which can be reached best and most effectively by Admiral Dewey's ships.

In addition to the clerical prisoners, Americans themselves hold nearly 15,000 Spanish soldiers as prisoners, men captured at the fall of Manila. These are actually on parole about the city, and the question is how they are to be returned to Spain. This must be settled by the peace commissioners at Paris.

Indian Catholic Schools.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Cardinal Gibbons, in behalf of himself and the archbishops of the Catholic church in America, has submitted a petition to congress asking that the question of the contract school system be reopened, and that congress again go over the whole subject of Indian education. The petition sets forth at length the history of the Indian school, question and the legislation applying to it up to the recent provisions in appropriation bills looking to the gradual discontinuance of government aid to sectarian schools. The petition asks that a congressional inquiry be made in place of the departmental inquiries, in order that the merits and defects of contract schools and government schools may be shown, and "not kept a secret of state, concealed in the files of any department or office."

The petition was referred to the house Indian committee, which is now preparing the Indian appropriation bill. Senator Gorman presented a similar petition in the senate.

Representative Sherman, chairman of the house committee on Indian affairs, is of the opinion that as the Catholic church has made large expenditures for Indian education in the erection of buildings, etc., it is fair that congress should know the exact condition of things. Mr. Sherman said that he probably would take some action to bring about such an investigation.

Flour Combine.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.—In an interview here Clement B. Stern of the Atlas flour mills, Milwaukee stated that he expected the big flour combination would be in operation shortly. The combine will have a capitalization of \$30,000,000. A syndicate of English and American capitalists has been negotiating with the owners of mills looking to the formation of a trust for some time past. Mr. Stern said that the Atlas mill will be included in the new organization.

A cablegram has just been received, it is stated from an agent of the proposed combine, who has been in London for some time past arranging the deal, which says that all negotiations will be closed up within four weeks. "If flour goes up," Mr. Stern says, "it will not be the combination that is the cause of the advance. The combination will include practically all the spring wheat mills in the country."

Fitzsimmons will meet Ryan if the latter will agree to the middleweight limit of 150 pounds.

The Prince of Wales has decided to visit America next summer.

To Stop at Montgomery.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler was at the white house yesterday and the president informed him that he would make a brief stop at Montgomery during his southern trip next week and would stop from until 3 until 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Peter Maher bested Ed Dunbar of Eyracuse in a one-sided six-round go at Philadelphia.

Pacific coast had a terrible storm.

# McKINLEY'S MESSAGE

President McKinley's message to the short session of the Fifty-fifth congress is a lengthy document. In it he makes the following recommendations:

Increase of the army to 100,000 men.

Material increase in the navy, adding more men and a number of war vessels.

Continuation of the war tax.

The building of the Nicaragua canal.

The introductory clause of the message reads as follows:

Notwithstanding the added burdens rendered necessary by the war our people remain in a very satisfactory and steadily increasing degree of prosperity. Evidence by the largest volume of business ever recorded. Manufacture has been productive, agricultural pursuits have yielded abundant returns, and the demand for industry is better regarded, revenue legislation passed by the present congress has increased the treasury's receipts to the amount estimated by its authorities. The finances of the government have been successfully administered, and its credit advanced to the front rank; while its currency has been maintained at the world's highest standard. Military service under a common flag and for a righteous cause has strengthened the national spirit and served to cement more closely than ever the fraternal bonds between every section of the country. A review of the relations of the United States to other powers, always appropriate in this year of primary importance in view of the momentous issues which have arisen, demanding in one instance the ultimate determination by arms and involving far reaching consequences which will require the earnest attention of the congress.

Here the president starts the war from beginning to end. He starts with the demand upon Spain to end the war in Cuba, and reviews full the causes. He touches upon the destruction of Maine at Havana, the battle at Manila, the running down of Corvera's fleet, the sinking of the Merrimack by Hobson and his men, the capture of Santiago, the destruction of Gerona's fleet, the protocol of the evacuation of commission for Cuba and Porto Rico, the appointment of peace commissioners and in fact nothing is left untouched. In the conclusion of the war in an unstinted manner, and rings in some of the officers and lands them in an especial manner.

### Appropriation for Defense.

In disposing of the \$50,000,000 appropriated by congress, he says: "The national defense under the \$50,000,000 fund is under the control of the army and navy, and the objects for which it was used are fully shown in the reports of the several secretaries. It was a most timely appropriation, given when the government to strengthen its defense and making preparations greatly needed in case of war. This fund being inadequate to the requirements of equipment and for the conduct of the war, the resolution of the congress provided the means in the war revenue act of July 13, by authorizing a 3 per cent popular loan, not to exceed \$100,000,000, and by levying additional imposts and taxes. Of the authorized loan \$200,000,000 were offered and promptly taken, the subscription far exceeding the limit. The government had no preference being given to the smaller bids, no single allotment exceeded \$5000. This was a most encouraging and sources of the people to uphold their country's honor."

### Suspension of Hostilities.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the protocol I issued a proclamation on August 5 suspending hostilities on the part of the United States. The necessary orders were given by telegram. On October 12, the flag of the United States was raised over Porto Rico in a like manner raised. On August 8th, the muster-out of 100,000 volunteers, or as near that number as could be mustered was ordered. On December 1, 101,115 officers and men had been mustered out and discharged from the service, 9002 more will be mustered out by the 10th of the month. Also a considerable number of general officers, and many staff officers have been honorably discharged from the service. The Porto Rican joint commission speedily accomplished its task and by October 27th the flag of the United States was raised over the island at noon on that day. The administration of its affairs has been provisionally entrusted to a military governor until the congress shall otherwise provide. The Cuban joint commission has not yet terminated its labors. Owing to the difficulties in transferring the large numbers of Spanish troops still in Cuba the evacuation cannot be completed before the first of January next.

### Peace Commission.

Pursuant to the fifth article of the protocol, I appointed William K. Davis, Secretary of State; Cushman K. Davis, William P. Fry, and George M. Prentiss, to be the peace commissioners on the part of the United States. Proceeding in due season to Paris, they met on the first of the month of the month. The negotiations have had hopeful progress, so that I trust soon to be able to lay a definitive treaty of peace before the congress. My view of the steps leading to its signature. I do not discuss at this time the government or the future of the new possessions, which will come to us as the result of the war with Spain. Such discussions will be appropriate after the treaty of peace shall be ratified. In the meantime and until the congress has legislated otherwise, it will be my duty to continue the military government which have existed since our occupation, and give to the people security in life and property and encouragement under a just and beneficent rule.

### Government of Cuba.

As soon as we are in the possession of Cuba and have pacified the island, it will be necessary to give all decisions to its people to form a government of themselves. It should be undertaken at the earliest moment consistent with safety and assured success. It is important that our relations with this people shall be of the most friendly character and our commercial relations close and reciprocal. It should be our duty to assist in every proper way to build up the waste island, to encourage its industry of the people, and assist them to form a government which shall be free and independent, thus realizing the best aspirations of the Cuban people. Spanish rule must be replaced by a just, benevolent and humane government, created by the people of Cuba, capable of performing all its obligations, and which shall maintain the peace and industry and prosperity, and promote peace and good will among all the inhabitants, whatever may have been their relations in the past. Neither revenue nor patronage should have a place in the new government. Until there is complete tranquillity in the island and a stable government inaugurated military occupation will be continued. With the exception of the rupture with Spain, the intercourse of the United States with the great family of nations has been marked with cordiality and the close of the eventful year finds most of the issues that necessarily arise in the complex relations of our sovereignty states adjusted or presenting no serious obstacle to a just and honorable solution by amicable agreement.

The Lattimer Riot. On the tenth of September, 1878, a riot took place at Lattimer, Pa., between

a body of striking miners and the Sheriff of Luzerne county and his deputies, in which 22 miners were killed and 44 wounded, of which 10 of the killed and 42 of the wounded were Hungarian subjects. This deplorable event naturally aroused the solicitude of the Austro-Hungarian government, which on the pretension of the killing and wounding involved the unjustifiable misuse of authority, claimed reparation of the sufferers. Apart from the searching investigation and summary action of the authorities of Pennsylvania the Federal executive took appropriate steps to learn the merits of the case in order to be in a position to meet the urgent complaint of a friendly power. The sheriff and his deputies, having been indicted for murder were tried and acquitted after a protracted proceeding, and the hearing of hundreds of witnesses on the ground that the killing was in the line of their official duty to uphold law and preserve public order. A report of the department of justice, attended and revised in course fully. With all the facts in its possession this government expects to reach a harmonious understanding with the subject with Austria-Hungary, notwithstanding the renewed claim of the latter, with Austria, of the result of the trial for indemnity for its injured subjects.

### Brussels Exposition.

Despite the brief time allotted for preparation the exhibits of this country at the universal exposition at Brussels in 1877 reflect a singular distinction of a larger proportion of awards, having regard to the number and classes of articles entered, than those of other countries. The worth of such a result in making known our national capacity to supply the world's markets is obvious.

### Paris Exposition.

There is now every prospect that the participation of the United States in the universal exhibition to be held in Paris in 1889 will be on a scale commensurate with the advanced position held by our products and industries in the world's chief markets. The preliminary report of Messrs. P. Handy who, under the act approved July 19, 1877, was appointed special commissioner, with a view to securing all attainable information necessary to a full and complete understanding of the exhibition, and the participation of this government in the Paris exposition, was laid before you by message of December 6, 1877, and showed the progress of the work to that date, and the cost of construction of the buildings and the Smithsonian Institute, in representation of the government of the United States.

### Nicaragua Canal.

The Nicaragua canal commission, under Rear Admiral John G. Walker, appointed July 24, 1877, under the authority provided in the sundry civil act of June 4, of that year, has nearly completed its labors, and the results of its exhaustive inquiry into the proper route, the feasibility of the route, and the cost of construction of the canal by Nicaragua route will be laid before you. In the performance of its task the commission received all possible aid, and assistance from the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, which thus testified their appreciation of the importance of giving a speedy and practical outcome to the great project that has for so many years engaged the attention of the respective countries. As the scope of recent inquiry embraced the whole subject with the aim of making plans and surveys for a canal by the most convenient route, it necessarily included a review of the results of previous surveys and plans and in particular those adopted by the Maritime Canal Company under its existing concessions from the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, so that to this extent those governments necessarily held an essential part to the deliberations and conclusions of the canal commission as they were practical, and must needs hold in the discussion of the matter by the congress. Under these circumstances and in view of overtures made to the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, by the Secretary of State, and the concession predicted on the assumed approaching lapse of the present contracts of the Maritime Canal Company, with those states, have not hesitated to express my conviction that considerations of expediency and international policy as between the several governments interested in the construction and control of the canal, the commission shall have reported and the United States congress shall have had the opportunity to pass final upon the whole matter during the present session without prejudice by reason of any change in the existing conditions. Nevertheless it appears that the government of Nicaragua as one of its last sovereign acts before making its powers in those of the Central American Union of Central America has granted an optional concession to another association to become effective on the expiration of the present contract, and that the present surveys have been made or what route is proposed under this contingent grant, so that an examination of the feasibility of its plans is necessarily a part of the report of the canal commission.

### Foreign Relations.

The commercial arrangement made with France on May 28, 1878, under the provisions of the article of the treaty of 1877, went into effect June 1, following. It has relieved a portion of our export trade from serious embarrassment. Further negotiations are now pending between the two countries, and it is to be hoped that the increase of trade between the two countries to their mutual advantage. Negotiations with other governments, in part interrupted by the war with Spain, are in progress, and it should be my earnest care, to lead in the march of human progress and not rest content with any secondary place.

### Chilian Claims.

A convention providing for the revival of the late United States and Chilian claims commissions and the consideration of claims which were duly presented to the late commission and not considered because of the expiration of the time limited for the duration of the commission, was signed May 24, 1877, and has remained unacted upon by the senate. The term therein fixed for effecting the exchange of identification having elapsed, the convention falls unless the time be extended by amendment which is an endeavoring to bring about, with the friendly concurrence of the Chilian government.

### Chinese Empire.

Our relations with Great Britain have continued on the most friendly terms. Assisting to one another the protection of our interests and their interests in Spanish jurisdiction was assumed by the diplomatic and consular representatives of Great Britain with tact and zeal, eliciting high commendation. I may be allowed to make fitting allusion to the instance of Mr. Hamden, her majesty's consul at Santiago de Cuba, whose untimely death after distinguished service and unending effort during the siege of that city, was sincerely lamented. In the early part of April last the vessel which had reached Lake Ontario from the west coast, which the Canadian government granted facilities for the passage of four united States revenue cutters from the great lakes to the Atlantic coast by way of the Canadian canal and the St. Lawrence river. The vessels had reached Lake Ontario and the Canadian government granted facilities for the passage of four united States revenue cutters from the great lakes to the Atlantic coast by way of the Canadian canal and the St. Lawrence river. The vessels had reached Lake Ontario and the Canadian government granted facilities for the passage of four united States revenue cutters from the great lakes to the Atlantic coast by way of the Canadian canal and the St. Lawrence river.

occupation; and if no discriminating treatment of American citizen and their trade be found to exist or hereafter develop, the object of this government would appear to be realized. In this relation, as showing the volume and value of our exchanges with China and the peculiarly favorable conditions which exist for their expansion in the normal course of trade, I prefer to the communication addressed to the speaker of the house of representatives by the secretary of the treasury on the 21st of January, 1878, the accompanying letter of the secretary of state recommending an appropriation for a commission to study the commercial and industrial condition in the Chinese empire, and to report on the opportunities and obstacles to the enlargement of markets in China for the raw products and manufactures of the United States, and on the expediency of sending an agent to China for the purpose of attending the late session, cordially urge that the recommendation receive at your hands the consideration which its importance and timeliness merits. Meanwhile there may be just ground for doubt as to the value of the present and revival of an old sentiment of opposition and prejudice to alien people which pervades certain of the Chinese provinces, and the fact that a certain number of our citizens in Szechuan and at Kullen in 1876 the United States minister has been instructed to secure the fullest measure of protection for the local and imperia for any menaced American interests and to demand in case of lawless injury to person or property instant reparation appropriate to the case. Wars have been stationed at Tsin Tsin and consequently there are disorders which have invaded the Chinese coast, so as to be in a position to act should need arise, while a guard of marines has been sent to Peking to afford the maintenance of order, and to make the same measure of authoritative protection as the representatives of other nations have been constrained to employ.

### Hawaiian Islands.

Pending the consideration by the senate of the treaty of 1875, the plenipotentiaries of the United States and of the republic of Hawaii, providing for the annexation of the islands, a joint resolution to accomplish the same purpose by accepting of the cession of the islands, was adopted by the congress and approved July 7, 1878, thereupon directed the United States ship Albatross, under Rear Admiral Miller to Honolulu and entrusted to his hands this important legislative act to be delivered to the president of the republic of Hawaii with whom the United States minister were authorized to make appropriate arrangements for transferring the sovereignty of the islands to the United States. This was done on the 12th of August by the delivery of a certified copy of the resolution to President Dole, who thereupon yielded up to the United States all the public property and the public property of the Hawaiian Islands. Pursuant to the terms of the point resolution and in exercise of authority thereby conferred upon me, I directed that the plenipotentiaries and the plenipotentiaries of the government of the republic of Hawaii should continue to be exercised by the plenipotentiaries of the United States to provide a government for the incorporated territory subject to my power to remove such officers and to fill vacancies. The president, however, and the plenipotentiaries of the United States, thus providing for the uninterrupted continuance of all the administrative and municipal functions of the annexed islands, which shall be exercised by the plenipotentiaries of the United States following the further provision of the joint resolution I appointed Hon. Shelby M. Cullum of Illinois, John T. Morgan of Alabama, Robert R. Holt of Illinois, and Edward B. Hooe of Hawaii and Walter F. Frear of Hawaii as commissioners to confer and recommend to congress such legislation concerning the Hawaiian Islands as they should deem necessary or proper.

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of the Dominion of Canada. It is the earnest wish of this government to remove all sources of discord and irritation in our relations with the neighboring Dominion. The trade between the two countries is constantly increasing, and it is important to both countries that all reasonable facilities should be granted for its development. The question of reciprocal commercial relations with Great Britain, including the restoration of ex-ante to the free list is under consideration.

The long pending claim of Bernard Campbell for damages for injuries sustained from a violent assault committed against him by military authorities in the island of Hayti, which was not reported until he was unable to pay him \$10,000 in American gold. Of this sum \$5000 has already been paid. It is hoped that other pending claims of American citizens against that republic may be amply adjusted.

The newly accredited envoy of the United States to the Ottoman port carries instructions looking to the disposal of matters of kind in circulation, or not included in the treaty of commerce, was \$28,879,504, an increase for the year of \$18,704,966, estimated our population at 75,149,000 at the same date, the per capita circulated, was \$25.00.

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I renew so much of my recommendation of Dec. 6, 1877, as follows: "That when any of the United States notes are presented for redemption in gold and are redeemed in gold, such notes shall be kept and set apart and only paid out in gold. This is an obvious duty. If the holder of the United States notes offered the gold and gets it from the government, he should not receive back from the government a United States note without paying gold in exchange for it. The reason for that is made all the more apparent when the government issues an interest-bearing debt to provide gold for the redemption of United States notes. The interest-bearing debt, surely it should not pay them out again except on demand for gold. If they are put in any other way they may return again and be followed by another bond issue to redeem them—another interest-bearing debt to redeem a non-interest-bearing debt."

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This recommendation was made in the belief that such provisions of law could insure to a greater degree the safety of the present standard and better protect our currency from the danger to which it is subject from a disturbance in the general business condition of the country. In my judgment, the present condition of the treasury amply justifies the immediate enactment of the legislation recommended one year ago, under which a portion of the gold holdings should be placed in bonds, and from which greenbacks should be redeemed on presentation, but when once redeemed should not thereafter be paid out except for gold.

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The Sunny South.

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Last Friday was a "cold" day in old Coke.

Sleet and snow fell Thursday night and didn't commence melting until Saturday.

Merchants in surrounding Rail Road towns like to get Coke County trade, because it is a cash trade.

Our Bronte locals came in too late to publish last week, but are still good news and will appear in this issue.

According to the San Angelo Press over two Million dollars of cattle mortgages were filed in the Tom Green County Clerk's office in one week.

The fellow who didn't get the Post Office in San Angelo, told "how it was done," in last week's Standard. To a meek and lowly 16 to let his explanation was amusing. We Coke County people are glad to learn that San Angelo contains a man, who is at once a Baptist Deacon, Sunday School teacher and Federal picnic distributor and we are glad he was too much for Millspaugh.

A telephone line from Ballinger to Robert Lee via Valley Creek Maverick and Bronte ought to pay well and we believe that unless it is built one from San Angelo to Robert Lee will be.

The Rail Roads are making more out of the cotton crop than the producer.—Coke County Rustler.

Better quit cotton and to producing railroads.—Roby Banner. When Fisher County gets one railroad Coke County will have two.

Emile Zola, the "man of the hour" in Europe, was a poor boy and often went to bed hungry in his young days. It is said that at one time he lived on three apples two whole days.

Some of the mail carriers failed to make connection since the big snow storm. The Angelo mail came horse-back Thursday on account of hard passage for horses.

"The Fair" at San Angelo is catching lots of Coke county trade. We saw a whole wagon load of goods from there yesterday. Moral: Advertise in the Rustler.

Patronize the the cash grocery store and wagon yard, run by D. L. BUCHANAN.

### Pertaining To People Who Once Lived In Coke. Where They Are and What They Are Doing.

Dr. B. H. Carlton is doing a fine practice at Velasco. He has a fine two story residence, with a telephone connection with his down town office.

Rev. Green C. Field is farming near Thrifty, Brown county.

J. Marvin Perry is in Canyon City up in the Pan Handle in business.

Dr. Standifer is practicing medicine at Tulla, Swisher county.

Bernard L. Trimble is doing the best grocery business in Velasco. He owns one of the finest residences in that city.

E. Brooks and J. C. Kirk are in the dry goods and drug business respectively, at Oak Alley, Llano county.

Julius Brooks is barbering in Stephenville.

F. B. Perry is operating a meat market at Sweetwater.

Lum Johnston is managing the ferry at Velasco and doing well.

Uncle Turner Field is farming in Brown county, near Thrifty.

Ebb Dancer is clerking in San Angelo.

Prof. L. F. St. John is teaching the South Ballinger school.

G. W. Royalty is a leading hardware merchant in Gatesville.

B. Loss Mobley is in New Mexico.

Henry Field has married and settled in Brown county.

Eld. W. O. Baker is residing in Taylor county near Abilene. His health is very poor.

Judge A. J. Prichard is practicing law in Karnes City.

Thad T. Angel is living at Victoria.

Robert Hamilton is doing good service in the ministry in the Indian Territory.

J. J. Scriven Smith is still in the stock business near Eddy, New Mexico.

Prof. M. A. Wilkerson, who once taught the Ft. Chadbourne school is a Post master and farmer at Norton, Runnels county.

U. Sam Hearall is County Attorney and a prominent Democratic politician in Milam county.

V. W. Trotter and family are in Tennessee.

T. A. Collier and J. M. Murphy, when last heard of were in old Tennessee.

Drs. J. G. Powell and J. M. Harris, "never came back," nor did they send word. They are lost to us.

J. F. Currie is doing a dry goods business in Ballinger.

Frank Ezzell is proprietor of a news paper at Ferris, Ellis county.

Miss Samary Ezzell is a teacher of Stenography and Typewriting.

Col. W. V. Ervin is in the paper business in Big Springs.

E. R. Smith is a well to do farmer at Mt. Springs, Cook county.

Miss Mary Pearce, once teacher at Silver, is married and lives near Cedar Hill, Dallas county. Her name is Smith.

Mrs. Dannelly and family live at Ballinger.

Calvin Norris is a bachelor and lives in Hamilton county.

W. W. McElroy is in the livery business at Sweetwater.

Oscar Ferrell is a discharged soldier and lives in San Angelo.

Ben Warren and Jim Farley were last heard of in Indian Territory.

J. B. Cotten and family live in Scurry county.

Dave Fairley has taken up land in Scurry county.

Frank Bowman is managing the Spivy Saloon in San Angelo. Miss Ola Brooks married a Mr. Trotter and lives in Tennessee.

R. H. Greenlee, once County Attorney here, is practicing law in Arkansaw.

Ashall Dancer is barbering in Ballinger and owns a nice little home.

Henry Bennick is in eastern Texas near the Louisiana line, doing well we hear.

Mrs. Dora Maddox lives near Olin, Hamilton county.

Judge L. H. Brightman is a prominent politician and lawyer in Commanche.

### Maverick Murmuring.

Regular Correspondent.

Seeing my letter in print encourages me to write again.

We have had some very cold weather.

My, what a snow storm for this time of the year.

Farmers are all rejoicing over the snow, which will put a fine season in the ground. All are ready to go to plowing.

The school is getting along nicely under the management of Miss Alpha Caperton.

Mr. Lee J. Good is back from Kansas, where he is feeding quite a string of cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hearall have moved to the Lum Hudson's place. All regret to see them leave our midst.

Mr. W. L. McAuley is visiting Ballinger this week.

Mr. Kelsie Wylie and Ed Fanchard have moved to their new home on the river.

Mr. U. S. Hearall and wife passed through the neighborhood Tuesday en route to Bronte to visit his sister Mrs. L. J. Good. VIOLET.

Prof. F. E. Thomas took a trip up to Roscoe, Nolan county last week. He encountered some deep snow drifts on the trip.

The Averitt law office was bought from H. E. Johnston and moved on one of W. C. Merchants lots on north side square last Tuesday.

W. A. Stepp took a business trip to San Angelo Thursday.

J. E. Stewart went over to Angelo Tuesday to get a lot of holiday goods out of the depot.

Mr. B. F. Vowell from across the river was in Thursday.

John Childress from near Edith was in town trading last Wednesday.

Mr. Davidson from Edith was in town Thursday selling produce.

Mr. Clemmons who lived across the river has gone east, we learn.

The RUSTLER is adding some new type and other material this week.

G. W. Lee and family are off on a visit to relatives and friends in Callahan county.

H. E. Johnston, Deputy Clerk is the earliest bird about the court house these cold mornings.

The snow storm is said to have been one of heaviest along the Texas & Pacific for many years.

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## LOCAL CHIPS.

School books at Mrs. Ingram's Christmas tree committees are already forming plans to make things enjoyable here.

U. S. Hearall and bride are visiting his father's family near Bronte.

Homer Lowe, of the Valley View country was up Saturday.

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

J. F. Sturman of Valley View was seen on our snowy streets last Saturday.

Trading has been quiet the past week.

When in Ballinger call and see Baldwin & Carter for bargains in groceries.

J. D. O'Daniel Sr., a good citizen from near Bronte, was on our streets Tuesday.

E. Meneille was in town, from his fine Yellow Wolf ranch, Tuesday.

Arkansaw Smith is doing a fine business in San Angelo, and can save you money on groceries. Try him.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Hayley, Sunday night, a girl. Dr. Martin officiating.

Groceries guaranteed fresh at Baldwin and Carter's, Ballinger, Texas.

J. A. Green, one of Valley View's most progressive farmers, was in Tuesday.

A large stock of ladies dress goods, at prices to suit every body, at Crayton and Robbins, Ballinger, Texas.

Mrs. G. W. Webb, who has been quite sick for some days, is convalescent, we are glad to state.

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

D. C. Nix, who lives on one of J. R. Smith's places down the river, was in town Monday.

J. W. Reed & Co., have some fine Satsuma vases, genuine imported articles from the Orient, which they are selling at less than New York Cost. Take a peep at them.

Read the interesting communication from Silver in another column.

J. R. Patteson and W. C. Merchant have formed a law and land partnership, and have an office on the north side of the square. We wish them success.

Feed at Lowest Cash prices at D. L. BUCHANAN.

J. C. Turner is moving into the Bennick building on the north side.

Dr. Pentecost has returned Brown county and will locate permanently in the Ft. Chadbourne country.

Not cheap goods, but goods cheap, at the new cash store.

D. L. BUCHANAN.

Attention! ExConfederates.

"The Campaign of Walker's Texas Division" in a book of 314 pages, bound in silk cloth, price \$1.50 and can be obtained of H. D. Pearce, Ballinger, Texas. Only a few copies of this interesting book can now be obtained. A copy of it can be seen at the RUSTLER office.

Cold weather all week and ice every morning is the Robert Lee record this week.

Messrs. Perryman and Averitt, progressive law and lend men, had the Rustler do some Job work, during the week.

Christmas Cards, at PEARE'S DRUG STORE.

Henry Russell was in from Hayrick, Tuesday.

H. E. Johnson has been appointed Deputy County Clerk and we prophesy, will make a good one. You can't keep a good man down.

Baldwin & Carter, Ballinger buys for cash, and can therefore sell cheap groceries.

Mrs. L. H. Brightman and children are visiting relatives and friends in Robert Lee and Valley View. Mrs. Brightman says she is well pleased with Comanche, and does not think they will come back to Coke.

The Methodist Sunday School people will have a Christmas Tree on Saturday night, Dec. 24th. Every body is invited to attend.

Joe Robbins and J. T. Hamilton have bought fine new saddles from our saddle men this week.

Why can Arkansaw Smith sell so cheap? He pays cash and sells for cash and has fresh goods all the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rabin, excellent people who live six miles north of town were in shopping Tuesday.

The Coke County people are invited to patronize Frank Gibbons wagon yard when they visit San Angelo.

Mrs. Brown and daughter and Miss Minnie Field, all of Edith were trading in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. West, Field were trading in Robert Lee Tuesday.

When in Ballinger call and see the stock of furniture, at Crews and McGregor's. They have a big stock of every thing in the furniture and Undertakers line.

Some of these prices are given here to show the good people what they can do in the way of saving your money. A good bed, steel for \$2.50, 3.00 and up to 7.00. The best double cane seat chair for .75. Large rockers for \$2.00. A first class sewing machine, fully warranted for \$25.00. Prices on all other goods in proportion. When in Ballinger examine their goods as to quality, get all their prices and you will be convinced that they are in the lead.

Young Mr. Sherman, of Silver City, N. M. passed through town this week back toward the T. & P Railroad from Paint Rock, where he had been to visit his brother H. A. Shurman, Editor of the Concho Herald.

For rope burned horses use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Public Free School started Monday morning in Robert Lee. Prof. O. W. Gardner and Miss Lucy Kornegay will conduct the school with other assistance when the attendance necessitates.

The only CASH store in town, good groceries, D. L. BUCHANAN.

Eld. John Hooten and family are visiting relatives and friends in Coleman county this week.

Go to Mrs Ingram's and see that wonderful doll that can say Papa and Mama.

The editor of the Rustler while in San Angelo a few days ago, dropped in to see J. S. Miles, the buggy, wagon and harness man of that city, and found Mr. Miles very busy unpacking and marking his goods, consisting of four or five cars of buggies, wagons and harness, just received. After introducing ourself to him, we made him stop long enough to show us the two makes of wagons he now has, in stock; one the New Capital, the other a less price wagon, The Luedinghaus, that took the premium over 23 other wagons at the last St. Louis Exposition. Mr. Miles told us in the conversation, that wagons had been sold too high in San Angelo, considering their make, and this was the reason he had bought these wagons so that the public could get something worth their money.

He substantiates this by offering to refund to any one, buying either a "Capital" or "Luedinghaus" wagon of him, \$10.00 within twelve months, if they can show good cause why it is not better than any other ever bought in San Angelo. After examining the wagons and noticing the extra heavy tires, Bois-d'arc rims, and the simple California brake, we can recommend, to our Coke County people, that Mr. Miles has exactly what he advertises, the best wagons in San Angelo, or West Texas.

Silas Connor and Brother, from near Silver, were down Sunday and reported Uncle John Connor as some better than a few days ago. Uncle John came back from the Territory sick some two weeks ago.

Committees for Christmas Tree Entertainment.

TO GET THE TREE.

Lee Hamilton, Earl Johnson, John Gardner.

TO PLACE THE TREE IN HOUSE.

J. E. Stewart, J. B. Burroughs, Judge Averitt, Dan Buchanan, H. H. Pearce.

TO DECORATE AND DRESS TREE.

Mrs. R. P. Perry, Mrs. D. T. Averitt, Miss Lucy Kornegay, O. W. Gardner, Larkin Hayley, John Gardner.

ON PROGRAMME AND ENTERTAINMENT.

Mesdames D. T. Averitt, M. B. Ingram, H. H. Pearce, Miss Lucy Kornegay, Prof. O. W. Gardner.

Jim Barron had the misfortune to have a horse fall on him, near Sanco, early Tuesday morning. Dr. Latham was immediately summoned and pronounced him out of danger.

Our Notice.

After November the 1st the Robert Lee gin will commence ginning cotton each week on Thursdays and continue till all cotton in yard is ginned.

H. W. WALTON.

Prof. W. B. Green is the new office deputy for L. B. Murray, Sheriff. Billie is a young man of unquestioned integrity and will make a painstaking official.

Notice J. E. Stewart's "ad" in this issue. He is "in it" on holiday goods.

Lum Hudson has bought through Jackson & Richardson, the J. A. Rause place, in the northern part of town, for \$1000. It contains ten lots and a good sized house. The Press welcomes Lum and his good family to their new San Angelo home.—San Angelo Press.

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### B'nai B'rith.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 12.—The hall of the Young Men's Hebrew association was thronged yesterday afternoon with a brilliant assembly of cultivated people gathered to enjoy the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution of the seventh district, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith.

The best talent of the Jewish people of central Texas took part in the programme. There was oratory, music, both vocal and instrumental and recitations.

The seventh district embraces most of the territory south of the Potomac river and east of New Mexico. The Order B'nai B'rith was organized in the seventh district in 1873.

It has grown to a membership of over 5000 and maintains large benevolent establishments. Eureka lodge in Waco, in common with many other lodges in the district, celebrated the silver anniversary yesterday according to a resolution adopted at the last grand lodge meeting.

The orators were Dr. Weiss, Dr. Suhler, Charles L. Sanger, Abe Gross and others.

A delightful portion of the programme was the representation of the Feast of the Maccabees, a celebration instituted 150 years prior to the Christian era.

The old high priest, the cruse of oil, the perpetually burning lamp, the consecrated light and the chanters of the hymn of triumphant Israel exulting in deliverance from tyranny of the Syrian monarch were faithfully rendered. The entertainment closed at 6 o'clock with the song of the Maccabees, sang as they gathered in the temple and beheld the high priest rendering homage to Jehovah amid the ruins of the overthrown and broken idols of heathenism.

### Saved by a Pencil Clasp.

Beeville, Tex., Dec. 12.—Foliz Hardeman, a clerk of this city, while going home Saturday night, was attacked by a robber, who approached him in the outskirts of town and demanded money. On being refused he plunged into Hardeman with a knife. The first stab was made directly at Hardeman's heart, and but for a pencil clasp on his left vest pocket the result of the assassin's aim would have been fatal. The knife blade made a considerable indentation in the metal. A scuffle ensued, in which Hardeman wrenched the knife, but not until after his overcoat was cut in three places. No money was secured. The robber escaped. A suspicious character found in a box car was arrested and placed in jail. He had a razor and knife on his person.

### Brownwood Blaze.

A fire at the oil mill at Brownwood did damage estimated at between \$5000 and \$6000. The storerooms containing nine large storage tanks of cotton seed oil was destroyed, though the contents of but one tank was entirely lost. The wind and weather was favorable for fighting the fire, and the department did excellent service in extinguishing the flames. Nearly three-fourths of the oil was saved, though perhaps badly damaged by the fire. The success in extinguishing the flaming oil was a surprise, as but about one-tenth of that in each tank was burned. Cause of the fire not known.

### Wheel on His Breast.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 12.—News has reached here of a sad accident that happened near Commerce. C. B. Wheeler, a prominent farmer of Cober, a few miles south of here, had been to Commerce on a visit, and had started home in a wagon by himself. Next morning his body was found in a ditch about a mile from that place, covered with snow. The supposition is that in the darkness he had driven in the ditch and was killed. The wagon was turned over, his body being underneath, with the hub of one of the wheels resting on his breast.

### Banks Consolidate.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 12.—Saturday the Temple National bank stock amounting to \$80,000 was purchased by W. E. Hall and associates, and the bank recapitulated. The private banking firm of Miller, Hall & Co. is merged in the Temple National Bank. The new officers are J. Z. Miller, Sr., of Belton, president; W. E. Hall of Temple, cashier; C. P. Dodge of Temple, assistant cashier.

Gov. Culberson has commuted to life imprisonment David Daney, under sentence of death in Colorado county.

A dog rushing along Dallas, Tex., streets bit four persons and chased another before being killed.

### Farmers' Congress.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 9.—The committee of the Farmers' congress to whom was referred the selection of the city for the next meeting decided on Boston, Mass.

The beet root sugar industry was indorsed.

Considerable business was transacted and several speeches made. The agricultural possibilities of Mexico received consideration.

The congress of the United States was urged to take effective steps to prevent the spread of splenic fever. State legislatures were requested to establish textile schools, also to provide penalties for adulteration of food.

The congress of the United States was requested to extend to settlers free homes in Oklahoma and the Cherokee Strip under the homestead law.

Congress was petitioned to grant to the interstate commerce commission the right to make rates, to use powers originally conferred on them, which recent decisions of the courts have deprived them of.

Prof. Whitney of the bureau of soil and analysis, the representative of the secretary of agriculture, concluded the night session with an interesting talk on tobacco culture.

Denver and Des Moines made hard but unsuccessful fights for the next meeting.

### A Pleasant Occasion.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 9.—The feature of the fourth day of the fruit, flower and vegetable festival was furnished by the traveling members of the Travelers' Protective association and of the United Commercial Travelers, together with their host of lady friends and relatives. One hundred and fifty strong they had a street parade, headed by both President Howard Peak and Post C President H. J. Harby, followed by other officers of high rank. Upon their return to their headquarters there was an informal reception by the ladies in the parlors of the hotel. The reception was followed by a luncheon, where at least 200 ladies and gentlemen were seated.

### Redeeming Bonds.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 9.—At the city council meeting Tuesday night the mayor was instructed to take up the school bonds of 1896, amounting to \$14,000, and the crematory bonds amounting \$2500. The light committee was instructed to confer with the county commissioners with the view of adding more electric lights to the public square. Eight new lights have just been added to the city. A resolution was introduced and passed which creates the fifth ward by dividing in half the fourth. The resolution goes into effect on the first Tuesday in April, 1899.

### Real Estate Men.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 9.—The real estate men's convention in session here formed a permanent organization. Officers as follows were chosen: C. S. Renfield, Houston, president; T. J. Skaggs, Rock Island, secretary; Thomas F. McEnnis, Dallas, vice president, and the following associate vice presidents: E. L. Lurgur, J. T. State, J. C. Woodruff, Cyrus Thompson, L. Seabrook, J. N. Groesbeck and George Spiller. An executive committee was also elected. Several resolutions were considered and passed.

### Delegates Appointed.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 9.—Adj. Gen. A. P. Wozencraft, Lieut. Col. Henry Hutchings of Austin, Col. I. M. Standifer of Denison and Major A. Harrison of the Texas volunteer guard battalion of artillery, now on leave of absence while serving as major in the fourth Texas infantry, stationed at San Antonio, will comprise a delegation that will represent the Texas volunteer guard at the annual meeting of the Interstate National Guard association, which will convene at Chicago on Dec. 15.

### Soon Begins.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 9.—General Manager Fisk and Assistant General Manager Grubbe of the Eureka Banana company arrived here yesterday. The first steamer of the line will be here about Jan. 1, and others will follow at intervals of eight days. Mr. Fisk thinks he will have two steamers a week within a year. They will bring about 12,000 bunches each. The fruit will be unloaded in about three and a half hours, and will be hustled northward. The company will probably be chartered under the laws of New Jersey.

### The Congress Over.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 10.—The last day's session of the Farmers' congress has come and gone. In addition to the attention the members have received from the citizens of Fort Worth, they have been especially blessed by the clerk of the weather bureau. For three days he provides them with abundant sunshine and refreshing breezes from the gulf, which carried in their embrace the warmth of spring. Yesterday, as if to prove to them that the Lone Star state can produce any old thing indigenous to the north, he gave an old-fashioned blizzard, so that when the delegates from the north awoke in the morning their half-opened eyes beheld a snow-white mantle covering everything in sight.

The last session of the congress yesterday morning was a brief one, and was devoted entirely to business and in listening to an address on American mail service in American ships by Representative Candage of Massachusetts. In spite of the inclement weather there was a good attendance of delegates when the chairman called the meeting to order.

John G. Avery of Massachusetts was elected treasurer pro tem, in the absence of Mr. Spaulding, and will act until the next election of officers, which takes place in 1899.

Treasurer Pro Tem Avery made a short address, in which he said that the fact that the next meeting of the congress was to be held in Boston would rebuild its finances, as the legislature of Massachusetts at its last session had appropriated \$1000 for the holding of the congress in Boston in the event of its happening. The money was taken by the legislative act from the appropriation for the agricultural college.

J. P. Todd of Guthrie was on motion elected vice president for Oklahoma, and J. P. Stewart vice president for Illinois, the latter in place of Dennis Kenyon, deceased.

Mrs. Ada M. Ewing of Des Moines, Ia., was down on the programme for a paper on "The Development of the West." Owing to the rush to get off on the excursion the paper was not reached, but will be printed along with the proceedings of the meeting.

The Farmers' National congress excursion left the Houston and Texas Central passenger depot for Houston over that line. There were ten coaches, and about 400 visitors from different states aboard. Among the number are Mr. Whitney, the representative from the agricultural department at Washington, and also Senor Romero, who came as the representative from the Venezuelan government. Almost all of the visitors from Iowa, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Ohio and Illinois are present, and a good representation is on hand from other distant states. President Hoard and Col. Clayton of Iowa, chairman of the executive committee of the association, were unavoidably detained here. The representatives from Mexico also did not go, but left for San Antonio, from which city they will return to the City of Mexico.

### Met at Houston.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 10.—The Order of Railway Conductors held their annual meeting here, and it was a late hour before they adjourned. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Chief conductor, W. J. Hoover; assistant chief conductor, N. Darrow; secretary and treasurer, R. M. Hoover; senior conductor, J. C. Williams; junior conductor Tom Ferguson; inside sentinel, C. L. Dwyer; outside sentinel, E. W. O'Neill; division committee, Tom Ferguson, John Casey, J. J. Donovan; delegate to grand division, W. J. Hoover; alternate to grand division, J. J. Donovan; cipher correspondent, W. J. Hoover.

### The Blizzard.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 10.—The weather in north and central Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, reports indicate, is the worst known in December in years. Snow storms of almost unparalleled severity have occurred, and traffic of all kinds has been demoralized. There are not wanting persons who declare that such severe weather has never before been known in this section during the month of December.

In Texas, the blizzard of Thursday night practically stopped all traffic on many of the roads, particularly those in the north end of the state.

Another body has been found in the Baldwin hotel ruins at San Francisco.

Sharkey and McCoy are to fight before the Lenox Athletic club, New York, Jan. 10, for a purse of \$20,000.

### ALL OVER THE STATE.

Waxahachie's postmaster claims his city has an up-to-date postoffice.

P. P. Shaw's gin, located two and a half miles from Mansfield, was destroyed by fire.

Rev. Mr. Gilbraith, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Greenville, has resigned.

The residence of E. W. S. Burton, at Sherman, valued at \$1000, was destroyed by fire.

Sherman Holland, 15 years old, died at Sherman just after being awakened for breakfast.

The railroad commission claims to receive numerous complaints about the raise in railroad rates.

The Welsman building, which is considered one of the finest structures in eastern Texas, is rapidly approaching completion.

The body of Richard E. Schieffer, a butcher of Austin, was found near his slaughter house with a bullet hole in his temple and a rifle lying near by.

The steamer Stella, which went ashore at Bolivar Point, near Galveston, finally managed to get away. She was grounded nearly four days.

In the trial of Albert Bran at La-Grange, charged with murder, after five witnesses had testified, the judge ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal.

The British steamer Eden Hall, which recently left for Liverpool, from Galveston, arrived there several days ago. Fire was found in the ship's hold.

It is given out that there will be an eight weeks' instruction in the dairy course at the agricultural and mechanical college in January and February, free of charge.

A barn belonging to Eli Landers near Frank, Fannin county, burned a few days since. His loss in wheat and hay amounts to \$500, with no insurance.

Mrs. Amanda Goldstein, a prominent Jewish lady of Waco, died from the effects of a fall occurring the day before. She was 75 years old, was a native of Poland, and had been a resident of Waco more than forty years.

Robert Jackson was run over and killed by a Central train at Sherman. He had been sitting up with the dead body of a friend, and had started home to get breakfast. Jackson was 78 years of age.

S. B. Smith, a well known Grayson county farmer, who has been on trial at Sherman, charged with insanity, was declared insane. On a previous trial he was pronounced sane.

Tom Umpress, aged 16 years, was badly hurt by receiving a charge of bird shot in one of his feet by the accidental discharge of a gun. The accident occurred near Van Alstyne.

D. J. Laroe, chief of the Terrell fire department, stated that the committee appointed by the city council had purchased 800 feet of first-class hose for use of the department.

"They are live people, mighty live people," said Henry Radcliffe, the big Cardiff ship owner, in his clear-cut English, as he registered at the St. Charles hotel, New Orleans, returning from the inspection of Galveston.

John H. Levell died at Georgetown from a gunshot wound. Mr. Levell had been sick for some time, suffering from nervous prostration. His business affairs are in excellent condition.

The Hickok Lumber company's mill, situated at O'Gannon, on the Cotton Belt railroad, north of Texarkana, was totally destroyed by fire. The property was valued at \$4000, on which was carried \$1800 insurance.

P. P. Brown of Groesbeck has returned from the Klondike, where he and a party went last February. Mr. Brown says his party located 200 acres 250 miles from Juneau, and government assayists say that the dirt will pan out \$18.75 per ton. He returns in the spring.

Porter McCollum, a young man, had a leg crushed at Whitesboro by a train. He and a companion were riding on the bumpers. A misstep caused him to fall and the accident followed. Amputation was necessary.

A piece of iron weighing several hundred pounds fell on a foot of Charley Dartsleson, at Denison, a trucker, crushing the bones in his instep. He worked in the West Denison railroad yards. He was sent to the Sedalia, Mo., hospital.

A two-story house at Palestine owned by Thomas Cronin and occupied by Mrs. B. Weir as a boarding-house, was reduced to ashes. The building was valued at \$5000, on which \$3000 insurance was carried. Furniture insured for \$1400, nearly all saved.

## Sharp Pains

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Fritz Williams, the actor, was sitting one evening in a New York cafe when two very young men came in. They beckoned condescendingly to the waiter, "Walter," said the one, "bring me a chop. Mind it's just right now. Just mention my name to the cook." "You may bring me a steak," said the other, just as grandly, "and tell the cook who it's for." The waiter was half way across the room, which was crowded, when Fritz Williams hailed him. "Walter," he drawled, "bring me half a dozen blue points and mention my name to every darned oyster."

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The rapid progress that is being made in the settlement of the fertile prairies of Western Canada is leading to the investigation of its resources by those interested in having provision made for those living in the crowded east, for those who have been struggling for years on impoverished farms, for the renter who is unable any longer to bear up under the strain imposed by the landlord, and for the farmer who, unable to purchase farms for his sons in his own neighborhood, has to look around for lower-priced lands. The investigation shows that it is impossible to meet these conditions successfully outside of Western Canada. Already millions of bushels of wheat are being grown there each year, while as many as 50,000 head of cattle were shipped out this year. A representative of The Germania, Milwaukee, one of the leading German papers in the United States, recently made a trip through Manitoba, Assinibola, Alberta and Saskatchewan, where lie the free government lands of Western Canada, and in a future issue will appear extracts from flattering letters contributed to The Germania and other papers by their special correspondents. As an inducement for immigrants to make their homes in Canada, the Canadian government offers 160 acres of land free of cost to any settler.

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Walter—Will ze gentleman haf table d'ote, or a la carte?

Southender—Bring me some of both, with plenty of gravy.

Some people appear ludicrous by the undue admiration they seem to have for their own capacity.

STORYETTES.

Mr. Aspinwall, a clever and reckless barrister, famous in the '60's in Victoria for his fun and audacity, was addressing an election meeting in Ballarat, the "golden city." The lively advocate had come to that time in his career when much whisky and soda had wrought palpable havoc with his complexion. His speech ended and questions were invited. "Aspinwall!" bellowed a stalwart digger, "tell us what makes your face so red." "Blushing at your confounded impudence, sir!" was the quick reply. It carried the meeting.

Dr. Fichett, brother of the editor of the Australian Review of Reviews, was a member of a colonial parliament wherein one day a certain eccentric and elderly member named Taylor insisted on making a speech on education. The oration consisted of a hyperbolic eulogy of the board of schools in Mr. Taylor's constituency. Mr. Fichett interjected some jocose expression of doubt. "Why, sir," said the irate Taylor, turning upon him, "at this very moment I have a school in my eye—" "No, only one pupil, Mr. Taylor!" retorted the doctor, and the orator's eloquence was drowned in laughter.

In the last century every gentleman was put to bed drunk. He had either to drink as others drank or fight a duel. Sir Aubrey de Vere, when he was 18 years of age, after a day's hunt, avoided intoxication at dinner by watching until the others were tipsy, and, after that, pouring each new glass of wine down his neck-cloth, then worn so large that the chin was buried in it. When the last of the toppers lay under the table, he rushed to his bedroom, took a bath, dressed anew, and joined the ladies at their 12 o'clock tea. The next morning at breakfast all the gentlemen rose when he entered and received him as if he had been a prince. They had heard that he had been unaffected by the wine, and considered that so strong a head was entitled to the highest honors.

WORDS OF THE WISE.

Many, indeed, think of being happy with God in heaven; but the being happy with God on earth never enters their thoughts.—John Wesley.

"Glory to be on God on high, and on peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we worship Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory, O Lord God!"

It denotes no great bravery of mind to do that out of a desire of fame which we could not be prompted to by a generous passion for the glory of Him that made us.—Addison.

If you have been waked through love into life, then your life's work is to transmit everywhere the transient into the permanent and the eternal, first in your own soul and life, then by what you are, and through your love calling out the eternal in all about you.

We grow so easily to forget our noblest and most splendid times. It seems to me there is no maxim for a noble life like this: Count always your highest moments your truest moments. Believe that in the time when you were the greatest and most spiritual man, then you were your truest self.—Phillips Brooks.

The greatest battles of life are fought in the arena of a man's own heart. His most powerful and his most insidious foes are within himself. The household of his daily thought and desires and purposes and imaginings contains enemies subtle and strong. In his own bosom the battle must be joined.—Philip Moxom.

Above the dim mists of superstition and materialism towers this majestic, colossal figure, mantled in holiness, his face all aglow with conscious, intimate communion with the Father, the ideal sanctified soul. One with the Father, because filled with the holy spirit; the son, because living in the spirit, in harmony with the divine will.—"He hath left us an example, that we should follow in his steps."—"Light of the Hidden Way."

ODDS AND ENDS.

Next to our grape wine it is believed that Japanese sake, or rice wine, is the oldest alcoholic beverage known to man, its use in Japan dating back over 2,000 years.

So rapid has been the change in the English language that the English of today bears no more resemblance to the English of 1,000 years ago than it does to German.

The amount of capital invested in the manufacture of bicycle tires in the United States is estimated by an exchange at \$8,000,000, the number of persons employed at 3,000 and the number of tires produced annually at 4,000,000.

To assist in rolling barrels, a pair of levers are hinged to form tongs, and have small rollers to engage both the inside and outside of the chime, the rollers revolving as the barrel turns.

An adjustable necktie fastener for bow ties has a link chain on one strap in the back, with a hook on the opposite end to catch any one of the links and adjust the straps to the proper tension.

Belt pulleys are being manufactured which will hold the belt in the center of the pulley and prevent it from sliding off, a right and left spiral groove being cut from the center to the edges of the belt surface.

A new cuff fastener is composed of a wire link twisted into three hoops with the connecting link fastened in the end loop for inserting in the cuff, after which it is slipped into the center loop to hold the cuff.

To assist in polishing stoves and other metal work a new apparatus is composed of a liquid receptacle mounted over a lamb's wool polishing surface, to which the polishing liquid is discharged through valve-controlled pipes.

A handy device for cyclers consists of a match box formed in one end of the handle bar, a spring being inserted in the bar which presses against the end of the box and pushes it into view when a lever is depressed to release it.

An improved electric battery cell has a removable bottom of woven fabric, which permits the free passage of liquids into the jar, but prevents the decomposed portions of the zinc from dropping down and incrusting the copper.

An Englishman has patented a new system of belt gearing in which the rims of the pulleys are made hollow and can be distended by forcing air into them, the belt being made hollow and charged with liquid under pressure.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

It is always safe to take it for granted that, as yourself, so others are trying to do their best. Shortcoming is no sign of shortwilling. Sweetness is never whipped in.—J. F. W. Ware.

Health is the perfect balance between our organism, with all its component parts, and the outer world. It serves us especially for acquiring a knowledge of the world. Organic disturbance obliges us to set up a fresh and more spiritual equilibrium to withdraw within the soul.—Amiel's Journal.

It is a vain thought to flee from the work that God appoints us for the sake of finding a greater blessing to our own souls, as if we could choose for ourselves where we shall find the fullness of the divine presence, instead of seeking it where alone it is to be found, in loving obedience.—George Elliot.

Avarice keeps a man always in the wheel and makes him a slave for his lifetime; and his head or his hands are perpetually employed. When one project is finished his inclinations roll to another, so that his rest is only variety of labor. This evil spirit throws him into the fire and into the water and all sorts of hazards and hardships; and when he has reached the tomb, he sits naked and out of his right mind.—Jeremy Collier.

In my dealing with my child, my Latin and Greek, my accomplishments and my money stand me nothing; but as much soul as I have avails. If I am wilful, he sets his will against mine, one for one, and leaves me, if I please, the degradation of beating him by my own superiority of strength. But, if I renounce my will and act for the soul, setting that up as umpire between us two, out of his young eyes looks the same soul; he reverses and loves with me.—Emerson.

LOOK AT YOUR FOOT.

The Japanese foot has been praised for its strength and beauty. Japanese can walk incredible distances without feeling weary. They do not cramp their feet the way we westerners are apt to do.

Clothing made of paper is not so very new, after all, for Pompeian excavations have revealed shoes made of paper. These shoes would be cheap, light and waterproof, and the suggestion might be a good one to follow.

It is said the hand indicates the degree of refinement, but it is not nearly so good a guide as the foot. Often a person will have a lovely face and hand and the foot will betray lack of aristocratic blood signified by the graceful fingers. A very small, arched foot tells of an arbitrary spirit, pride, elegance and reserve. It is rarely seen except in the far east or in Spain. An arched foot is capable of more work than a flat one and in some countries a flat-footed man has no chance of becoming a soldier.

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**Robert Lee Mail Directory.**

Robert Lee and San Angelo, daily except Sunday. Arrives 5:30 p. m. and departs 7:30 a. m.

Robert Lee and Ballinger, daily except Sunday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 7 a. m.

Robert Lee via Sanco to Silver, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 6 a. m.

Robert Lee and Ft. Chadbourne, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arrives 6 p. m. and leaves at 7 a. m.

Robert Lee and Tennyson, Tuesday and Saturday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves at 6 a. m.

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**Church Directory.**

Baptist—Each First Sabbath at 11 a. m., and at night. At Methodist Church.

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Rev. Hooton, Pastor.

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Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

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A. S. Miller, Pastor.

Methodist Sabbath School at 3 p. m. each Sunday.

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Primitive Baptist—Second Sunday and Saturday before in each month at Valley View School house.

Gid Graham, Pastor.

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FIRST SUNDAY—Bronte 11 a. m. & 7:30 p. m.

SECOND SUNDAY—Rock Springs 11 a. m., New Hope 3 p. m. and at Olga 7:30 p. m.

THIRD SUNDAY—Robert Lee 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

FOURTH SUNDAY—Sanco 11 a. m. and at Hayrick 3:30 p. m.

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Eld. G. C. Berryman, Baptist, preaches at cedar Hill school house on Second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.

Eld. Walker W. Smith's appointments: Indian creek School house third Sunday and Saturday before in each month. Antioch Church, Rock Springs school house on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before, at 11 a. m. and at night.

Eld. A. M. Lackey's appointments: Bronte—Third Sunday and Saturday before, 11 a. m. and night.

Valley View—First Sunday at 11 a. m.

Tennyson—Fourth Sunday 11 a. m. Saturday night.

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