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Bronte News

Cotton crops around about Bronte are looking just splendid considering the drouth.

The corn crop will be much better than was expected and selling at \$1.10 per bushel.

A number of farmers made good Irish potatoes of the Tennessee variety.

No sale for grasshoppers here but are worth \$2. per bushel in manilla.

F. R. Eaton the Bronte Ginner is reconstructing and repairing his gin and will be ready for the cotton.

Bronte is one of the most business towns in Coke or adjoining counties. The carpenters saw and hammer continues to be heard.

We learn that Robbins Bros are going to build a large store house and put in a large stock of goods in the near future.

R. L. Hayley has just completed his barber shop.

Rev. B. M. Cumbie is having another well drilled on his fine farm and ranch, he also has the best crop around Bronte.

K. Mayes has a fine crop on his river farm.

G. W. Smith has some fine cotton and good corn on the Dr. Clark river farm.

J. J. Taylor will cut 25 acres of cane this week with his new reaper for K. M. Mayes.

W. A. Kemp of west grape creek was at R. M. Cumbies to get milomize seed.

D. O'Daniel sr, is now under surgical and medical treatment of Dr. Marbery of San Angelo.

Our justice court is in session and most any other old time. Squire Hudman is getting fat. G. W. Perryman

one of Robert Lee's best attorneys, also county attorney Merchant are doing a good business in Bronte.

Dr. Dickerson has been in Bronte two or three weeks doing dental work.

Dr. Byron Jones of Ballinger spent a few days here last week.

Miss Willie Stone of Stephenville is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harris.

Mr. E. S. Long a tonsorial artist of Sonora is spending a few days at Bronte.

John Hutchinson of Ballinger is making frequent visits to Bronte—John knows a good thing when he sees it.

Beef at the Bronte market house sold at 6 cents last week.

Bront's base ball team is just knocking the ball out of sight getting ready for that good good old time at the Confederate reunion.

The Stanley show was at Bronte last Friday and Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Brooks of Sonora are visiting friends and relatives at Hayrick and Bronte.

George Fletcher of Howard county is back in Good old Coke on business and looks very bad after leaving so nice a ranch as he sold here, though George's loss is Mr Whitaker's gain.

Justice Court was opened Monday as usual by our constable. Mr. John Lambert was tried for carrying knucks and fined \$25.

R. L. Kelley is making a successful officer, his business seems to be more thriving than any other.

W. C. Walton went to Ballinger Sunday to meet his wife who has been to Ham-

ilton county on a visit to parents and friends.

Bob Cumbie went to Ballinger Monday on business.

Several wagons went to Ballinger Monday with Jay Robbins to bring back lumber for his store house.

Miss Loue Wilkins returned home to the delight of her many friends, after an absence of two months.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm — A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

Holstein-Friesian Breeders Meet.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America was held at the Yates Hotel, Syracuse, N. Y., June 5, 1901. The meeting was called to order by President W. A. Matteson, Utica, N. Y. Ninety-four members were personally present, and three hundred and six were represented by proxy, making the largest attendance in many years.

The report of the treasurer, Wing R. Smith of Syracuse, N. Y., showed a balance on hand from last year of \$17,038.77, and an income of \$9,239.19 from the secretary's office, entries, interest, etc. The expenditures were \$2,022 for prizes for officially authenticated butter tests; \$3,247.66 for the printing of the herd books; \$1,344.28 for the meeting of the board of officers, committees, etc.; and \$1,600 for salaries; cash balance on hand, \$18,063.92.

The report of the superintendent of Advanced Registry, S. Hoxie, Yorkville, N. Y., showed a total of 351 entries, the largest number since the inauguration of the Official Tests. Thirty-two of these entries, were of bulls. There were 299 of sows with seven-day butter records made under the supervision of Agricultural Experiment Stations, including 25 net profit records. There were 30 unofficial records of cows entered. A striking feature shown by the details of the reports was the increase of the world's highest weekly butter record by nearly two pounds.

The report of the secretary, F. L. Houghton of Putney, Vt., showed the largest growth of membership ever made in the history of the association. One hundred and twelve new members were added to the roll.

Nearly 10,000 certificates of registry were issued, a large increase over last year, and double that of three years ago. Volume XVIII, of the Herd Book has been issued and Volume XIX, including Volume XI, of the Advanced Register, will be ready for distribution in midsummer. The receipts of the secretary's office were \$16,426.02, and the disbursements \$7,675.06, a balance of \$8,750.96 being remitted to the treasurer.

Among the changes made in the constitution was the following:

Article 4, Section 10, was amended by the addition of the following: "A record of all transfers of ownership of registered animals must be made upon the records of the association, and it shall be the duty of the seller of any animal to file with the secretary the necessary application for transfer. Failure to comply with this provision may be deemed an infraction of the by-laws and the offender will be subject to such penalty as is within the power of the association."

Article 4, Section 2, was amended by the addition of the following: "Persons found guilty by a court of record of fraud, misrepresentation or unfair dealing in connection with Holstein-Friesian cattle, or of the violation of the statutes of any State, or of the United States, relating to the pedigrees or registration of pure bred animals, may upon presentation of evidence of such fact satisfactory to the board of officers, be denied any privileges offered by this association."

The election of officers resulted in the choice for president of W. J. Gillett, Rosendale, Wis., upon the resignation of W. A. Matteson, who had filled the office for three years. Mr. Matteson was elected first vice-president; A. A. Cortelyou, Neshanic, N. J., second vice-president; J. H. Coolidge, Galesburg, Ill., third vice-president; George F. Gregory, Syracuse, N. Y., fourth vice-president, to succeed the venerable Sylvester Burchard of Hamilton, N. Y.; who declined re-election after a continuous service since 1885. Mr. D. H. Burrell, Little Falls, N. Y.; Mr. Eldon F. Smith, Columbus, Ohio; and Mr. Henry Stevens, Lacona, N. Y., were re-elected directors, to serve two years. Mr. Wing R. Smith, Syracuse, N. Y., was re-elected as treasurer; Mr. Hoxie of Yorkville, N. Y., was re-elected as superintendent of Advanced Registry, and Mr. F. L. Houghton of Putney, Vt., was re-elected the secretary.

An expression of the members present was taken to determine the place of the next annual meeting, and it was voted to instruct the board of officers to call the meeting at the Yates Hotel, Syracuse.

To the Unsuccessful.

The notes following John Jones' article in Farmers' Review, April 10, were good, especially the advice to not give egg producers or condition powders. If your chicks need such stimulants (they are not feed) you had better market them and get a new start.

To the advice given I would add that perhaps he has been feeding too much salt and pepper, a little is beneficial,

but too much is disastrous as experience taught me. The best plan of feeding pepper is to allow them to pick at the pods on the plant, or the dried pods in the winter. They will rarely eat too much. If chicks are fed the table scraps, their feed will need little if any salt. There is need of green stuff, cabbage, rye, turnip tops; and of vegetables, raw potatoes, turnips and onions, also meat or milk.

Perhaps the greatest need is grit, lack of grit will cause indigestion (dyspepsia), and of course chicks or anything else will do no good if afflicted with dyspepsia. Are they free of lice? This with their limited variety of feed and restricted quarters would prevent their laying eggs. Do they get exercise? If not the whole trouble may be traced to this. Make them scratch hard every day in the year; fix them a nice dust bath; give plenty of clean milk and water to drink; get rid of lice; give them the semi-starvation cure a few days, it will help them. Leave off the condition powders, the salt and pepper, and most of the corn; give vegetables and green stuff; if this does not cause them to lay you would better fatten and sell them, then buy a fresh start. The roosters have nothing to do with their lack of laying.

I like to work with chickens, poultry of any kind, but I do not like to work with them well enough to keep at it for two years without some profit, and if the right care and management there is no need of it. Some times hens will get too old to lay and yet be hearty eaters.

How many are as honest as the lamenter? How many have a profit at the end of the year? How many know whether there is profit or not? I'm afraid there are many who do not know.

Keep strict account of feed given, of furnishings bought, also of eggs and stock eaten and sold, then at the end of the year, balance your accounts; the result will be a surprise to the most of you, to some the profit will be greater than expected, to others I am afraid the profit will be very small, if there is any at all.

There is always a cause for the loss, and you who manage the flock are the ones to discover and remedy the loss, for no matter how willing others are to aid you, they can only give remedies and advice in a general way, there are so many little things to take into account, things of great importance, but that are not noticed except by the close observer, it is the little leaks that cause the disasters, we are all ready to stop the big leaks at once, but often the little ones are left to a more convenient time because they are little.

Observe closely, think, read and last but not least, act.—Emma Clearwaters.

Poultry Briefs.

Feeding for the production of eggs is a subject that constantly engages the best thought of the best poultrymen. That it is an open subject yet it proved by the fact that good and experienced poultrymen disagree as to the composition of necessary rations and the method of their feeding. Even the men that adopt iron clad rules in this regard are known to change them. This goes to prove that no fixed rule has yet been agreed on. For reasons which none of us are as yet able to understand, one man succeeds with one ration and another with another, even when the birds are of the same breed and all conditions appear to be similar. There is something in the handling of a flock that depends on the presence of an active intelligence, which intelligence can never be reduced to rule.

The advantages of pens that can be moved about freely are obvious. Recently the writer saw a very good arrangement at the experiment station at Southern Pines, N. C. A large wire covered yard contained a number of fowls, the yard being so arranged that it could be moved daily. Little trucks were at the four corners, but so arranged that when not in service the trucks permitted the frame of the yard to rest on the ground. This was necessary as a protection to the chicks. A new pasture ground was thus given the flock every day. Moreover, the manure was evenly distributed and all accumulations were prevented.

Chicken-eggs hatch in twenty-one days; duck eggs in twenty-eight; geese eggs in thirty; turkey eggs, twenty-eight; guinea fowls, twenty-five; pea fowls, twenty-eight; pheasants, twenty-five; partridges, twenty-four; ostriches, forty to forty-two days. A strictly fresh egg of any extrusion will hatch several hours earlier than a stale one. There is also a difference in the time of hatching of eggs caused by the habits of the birds sitting on them. Some hens sit closer to the eggs than do others and so keep the eggs at a more even temperature. Such eggs are about certain to hatch before others.

He that leth down with dogs shall rise up with fleas.

Marriage and death notices are simply business advertisements. One heralds a co-partnership and the other a dissolution.

CORN CULTURE

Was the First Topic Discussed at the Farmers' Congress.

College Station, Tex., July 24.—President Connell called the fourth annual session of the Texas Farmers' congress to order Tuesday, with an attendance of probably 200 delegates.

Rev. Dr. Buckner of Dallas prayed. An "experience meeting," consisting of five-minute talks on various topics, was then then taken up, according to programme.

The discussion of corn culture was led by Mr. T. B. Wilson of Collin county.

"The Old Cotton Planter," Col. Aaron Coffee of McKinney, in a flowery speech, occupied the platform in a brief oratorical effort upon the subject of corn. He said he had raised as much as eighty-eight bushels of corn on an acre in Collin county, and his neighbor had produced as much as 129 bushels. Deep plowing was the secret.

President Connell stated that he thought it possible to increase the yield of corn in Texas five bushels per acre by following the directions heretofore given.

Mr. J. V. Hampton of Hill county suggested that planting four feet each way, in north Texas, with shallow cultivation, the larger the stalk and the more foliage the more moisture absorbed, the longer the corn stands drouth.

Mr. James S. Kerr of Sherman recommended frequent plowing. Preparation and cultivation are the main considerations.

Mr. J. B. Salyer of Jonah, Tex., guaranteed \$5 from Williamson county, Mr. Hampton guaranteed \$10 from Hill, Col. Coffee guaranteed \$5 from Grayson, Mr. Wilcox \$5 from Brazos, Mr. Gregg \$5 from Travis, Mr. Kirkpatrick of Collin guaranteed that his county would contribute \$25 to this fund as premiums, as suggested by President Connell, for the best corn raised.

WAS A WATERSPOUT.

Tramman Killed and Ten Miles of Track Washed Away.

Cisco, Tex., July 24.—It is reported here that a waterspout fell northwest of Cisco Monday evening and that much damage was done to property.

About ten miles of the Texas Central railroad track has been washed away between Lueders and Albany and between Albany and Moran, no damage being done at Albany.

Three middle bents of the railroad steel bridge across North Hubbard river have been washed away. The north-bound trains can get no further than Moran and the south-bound trains get no further than Lueders.

Engine No. 108, in charge of Engineer Tom Beene, went through a small bridge between Reynolds and Albany. Fireman Alfred Johnson was killed and Engineer Beene was injured, but not fatally. Henry Andrews, a brakeman who was in the caboose at the time, was slightly injured by jumping from the train as the engine went down.

Governor in Camp.

Camp Mabry, Tex., July 24.—The feature of Tuesday was the arrival of the commander-in-chief, Gov. Joseph D. Sayers. He reached the camp at 10:30 and was met outside of the grounds by Surgeon Gen. Blunt, Col. Easley, Col. Burns and Adj. Gen. Scurry of his staff. Troop A of Houston, under command of Capt. Breedlove, served as an escort and preceded the governor's carriage from the road into the grounds and up to headquarters, where he was received by Major Gen. Oppenheimer and staff. During the governor's passage to headquarters the artillery fired twenty-one guns, the salute to the commander-in-chief. The governor's approach and arrival was communicated to battery quarters by the signal corps by means of the wigwag. The governor went into camp.

Serious Charge.

Paris, Tex., July 24.—Sheriff Martin and Deputy Sheriff Pink Anderson had a call by telephone to Jennings, ten miles south of town, and returned, having in custody a young farm hand charged with attempted criminal assault on the 5-year-old daughter of Walter Morgan. Is examining trial is set for Saturday.

Well Drenched.

Midland, Tex., July 24.—Midland and vicinity have been visited by fine rains for the last few days. Rains have become general over the greater part of this section, extending to the Pecos on the south and for 100 miles in other directions.

The dog that converseth with his tail is truly a wag.

Automobiles as Transport Wagons.

Experiments in France have proved convincing, and the French believe they are certain to play a role of much importance in modern warfare. It is odd to note the different uses to which nature and science are put. On the battlefield they fight for the destruction of life while throughout the country Hbster's Stomach Bitters fights to preserve it. For fifty years the Bitters has been curing dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and biliousness. It will also prevent malaria, fever and ague.

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A RATTLER ON HIS BREAST.

A Remarkable Fight Witnessed by a Prospector in Arizona.

A rattler, a king snake, and a road runner recently figured in a battle part of which was waged on the breast of Herbert Housland, a prospector in Arizona. The king snake is a deadly enemy of the rattler. The experience of Housland was had in the Bradshaw mountains. He was guarding his party's camp for the day and had lain down to sleep when he was suddenly aroused to find a great rattler coiled upon his breast.

"I almost suffocated from fearing to breathe lest I should be bitten," he said. "The snake was greatly excited and in a minute I saw the cause. A king snake was trying to excite the rattler to combat, and my person was the chosen battle-ground. The king snake had probably forced the rattler to refuge upon my body, and following up his aggressive tactics was running in a circle around the rattler very rapidly. He crossed my breast from left to right and my thighs from right to left, and within less than a foot of the rattler's body. The velocity of the snake was most wonderful. It seemed to be one continuous ring, and part of the time I could seemingly see three or four rings at once. I made a slight movement with my right foot which attracted the rattler's attention for an instant, and that was fatal to him. At that one false movement of his eyes, the king snake darted in and seized the rattler by the throat, close up to his head and began instantly to coil around his victim. They rolled off me in their death struggle and became one tangled mass for ten minutes, when the rattler's sounds died away gradually. While I lay exhausted from my fright a road runner darted out of a bush and grabbing the two snakes in his beak, began to drag them away. The weight was too great, but he killed the king snake by a blow from his long bill, and ran away as I arose. I threw the two reptiles into the bushes, and there the bird and his mate devoured them."

FOR A BEET COLONY.

Salvation Army to Start a Million-Acre One in Colorado.

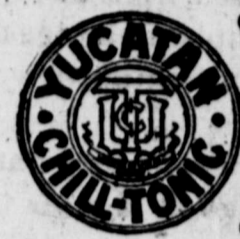
The Salvation Army is about to embark in a great commercial enterprise which involves the colonization of a tract of land in Colorado. Here will be started a practically new industry in that section—the raising of sugar beets. While in a sense the scheme is commercial rather than religious, officers of the army in New York think they can do much good through the enterprise. A large corporation has bought up and procured options on over 1,000,000 acres of ground. The Salvation Army will act as the agents of this corporation in procuring and guaranteeing the integrity of the colonists. Commander Booth-Tucker, who is now in Cleveland, will return to New York soon. When he arrives the plans for starting the work will be laid before him for his approval. Directly that is obtained, offices will be opened on Fourteenth street, opposite the present headquarters of the organization. Staff Officer McPhee will be put in charge. The reason that outside offices will be established is that the present charter of the army will not admit of such an enterprise being carried on at its headquarters. The tract covers the greater part of three counties—Kiowa, Bent and Prowers. It is skirted by the Arkansas river and interested by irrigating canals, which are fed from reservoirs having a capacity of 3,570,283,520 cubic feet. It is at Amity, Col., that a flourishing Salvationist colony is now established. The new colonists will not be required to raise the sugar beets unless they so elect. If they do, the sugar refining company will pay them the market value. It is understood that many wealthy capitalists of Colorado are behind the plan.—New York Mail and Express.

When Herring Were Plenty.

In former days herring were so abundant in Newfoundland waters that the most wanton slaughter of them was permitted without any restriction whatever. Seines were allowed to retain 1,000 or 2,000 barrels of the fish until they perished, and then the net was freed and the whole contents fell to the bottom to pollute the ocean for miles around. When a poaching smack was captured the herring it had on board were all thrown into the sea, and frequently boats when chased resorted to the same means to get rid of incriminating evidence. The fish then fetched only fifty cents a barrel of 500 herring, or 10 for a cent; they sell now in American cities sometimes for five cents the single fish. Such wanton waste gradually had its effect, and now the colonial fishing laws safeguard the industry more vigilantly, and fishermen of all times know better how to husband their resources in this connection. Today herring bait usually brings \$5 a barrel, and sometimes twice that, and the smuggler who plans to land a cargo at St. Pierre contracts for \$10 a barrel before he touches a rope on his boat.

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THE NORMAL

This is the closing week of the Normal, and doubtless there are not a few of those concerned who regret the needed rest. Quite a number have left school on account of sickness, yet, those who are still here are doing credit to themselves and their teachers by diligent work.

The examination will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. This is the bane of every school-boy and every school girl's life, yet we have not noticed any of the students trembling or shaking to any great extent. Their preparatory work has fitted them to the ordeal.

Robert Lee is proud of the Normal and the work of its teachers.

Professors Durham, Jowers and Thomas have each fulfilled the task given them and they should feel that their labor has not been in vain. While each day ends with a tired feeling and each morning brings no rest, yet, they consider the work a pleasant one, thus making the days pass pleasantly for all.

May each of you, fellow teachers carry to your respective homes a remembrance of something gained; something that will ever be stamped upon every epoch of your life's history. We wish you success in the chosen work you shall undertake. Your work is a noble one. Be true to your call.

If the stomach performs its functions actively and regularly, the food of which it is the receptacle, is transformed into blood of a nourishing quality which furnishes vigor and warmth to the whole body. HERBINE gives tone to the stomach and promotes digestion and assimilation. Price, 50 cents at Pearce's Drug Store.

Mr. George Beeman purchased this week from Averitt & Patterson the house in which the RUSTLER is now domiciled and the lot belonging there to paying \$125 for same.

Bain, Mitchell and Peter Schuttler Wagon, lowest prices, at Hagelstein, Angelo.

One of Ballinger's prisoners committed suicide in the jail last week by cutting his throat with a pocket knife.

Another car of the famous Star and Leader Windmill. Also a car of all heart cyngress tanks now on the road for the San Angelo Windmill Supply Co.

Mr. Will Stepp accompanied by ye editor made a business trip to San Angelo first of the week.

When you want a mill buy direct from San Angelo Windmill Supply Co. who represent the manufacturers.

The Rensieu is now in progress at Mavrick and a goodly number of our people are in attendance.

While business prevents our being there get we wish them a jolly good time.

Mr. George Beeman is at Mavrick this week during the Rensieu with his photographic outfit.

Mothers who would keep their children in good health should watch for the first symptoms of worms and remove them WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. Price, 25 cents at H. H. Pearce's.

Misses Alvoris and Scottie Ingram returned the first of the week from an extended visit to South Texas. Their many friends are glad to see them back again.

CENTRAL WAGON YARD.

Completely overhauled, remodeled and repaired. Good stalls and corals all in first-class shape the most convenient in the city special accommodations for families. Plenty of upstairs sleeping rooms with electric lights and Telephone for patrons. All kind of feed for sale.

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 San Angelo, — — — Texas

Remember the Camb-meeting which commences Friday night Aug. 2nd. Come one Come all. Camp-ground is one mile west of Hayrick.

Stock saddles made of the best leather and trees sold under guarantee by A. F. Rose Angelo

Mr. Louis Schintz has purchased the Thad Green house and lot from Mr. Bell and is having an addition built to the house he is also having a well dug on the premises.

Our neighbor W. I. Clawson knows a good thing when he sees it so purchased Steel Star Mill of the San Angelo Windmill Supply Co.

Somebody went serenading Saturday night. Ye editor himself was awakened from his peaceful slumber by some queer noise thought at first to be the mewing of a cat but on making an investigation found it to be the sweet voice of a young lady singing "Just Because She Makes Those Goo goo Eyes."

Canton Disc Plows, at Hagelstein, San Angelo.

Mr. J. C. Newton and charming daughter, Miss Lula, were in town last Saturday from Edith.

Stop at Posey & Bell's Wagon yard when in Robert Lee.

For grain and hay call on Posey & Bell the Wagon yard men.

Who Will Be Our Officers.

This is the question that some of us have already begun to think about. As for as we know the present incumbents have done their duty. But who will put in our county the most and best use of Goods, Wares, and Merchandise. Something that will decrease the hard labor. Take it off of our men, women, and children. And at the same time increase our products. Secure our happiness and bless our homes. At a price that is reasonable and just. Is the man or set of men we want. Now we intend to do our part in Hardware and Implements, in Saddles and Harness or any sort of Leather Straps, Horse furnishing goods and Wares. Call at Bronte and be convinced that we carry out what we advertise.

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Many women fail to digest their food, and so become pale, sallow, thin and weak, while the brightness, freshness and beauty of the skin and complexion departs. Remedy this by taking HERBINE after each meal, to digest what you have eaten. Price 50 cents. For sale at H. H. Pearce's.

Rev. Sullivan will begin a meeting at Wild Cat school house on the second Sunday in August.

Genuine old Casady Dairy Flow at U & G Hagelstein Co., San Angelo.

The RUSTLER 1 yr. to the the man who will bring us the largest water-melon with in the next thirty days.

IT IS FINISHED

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Crops are looking fine since the recent rains.

W. W. McCutchen was at his farm near Bronte this week and found things looking fine since the rains.

All Kinds Farm Implements, at Hagelstein's, Angelo.

George Fletcher and family of Big Springs are here visiting friends and relatives.

The only original Steel Star is to be had at San Angelo Windmill Supply Co. all others are poor imitations.

H. E. Johnston and sons are here this week visiting friends. Mr. Johnston will take his horses back with him.

Genuine old Casady Sulky Plow at C & G Hagelstein Co. Angelo.

Watermelon season is now on hand and we see a good many in town. Did you read what the Rustler said about them? Bring in a great big melon and get the Rustler free for one year.

Prof. J. L. Ross came in this week from the Indian Territory.

Posey & Bell keeps a nice clean wagon yard, call on them on the North side of the square.

A social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pearce last Tuesday evening was enjoyed by a few young people.

Canon Disc Plows, at Hagelstein's, San Angelo.

Jim Good and family of Edith are attending the reunion.

Star and Leader Windmill at San Angelo Supply Co.

Luther Hamilton of San Sabu is visiting friends and relatives of this place.

J. E. Stewart & Co. have just received a nice show case and some of the finest candies ever brought to our town.

Henry Hagelstein, Angelo makes the best stock saddle in the world and uses nothing but the best of leather and saddle trees.

T. H. Boman Superintendent of State Orphan at Corsicana was here this week.

Heating and Cook Stoves, at C & G Hagelstein Co., Angelo.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Higgins on the 29th a girl.

Judge Adams is attending the reunion.

Didn't Marry For Money.

The Boston man, who lately married a sickly rick young woman, is happy now, for he got Dr. King's New Life Pills, which restored her to perfect health.

Infalible for Jaundice, Biliousness, Malaria, Fever and Ague, and all Liver and Stomach trouble. Gentle but effective. Only 25c at Pearce's drug store.

M. F. Sheppard and son Oscar of Olga were in town Thursday and reported things looking fine since the rains. They report that F. D. Copeland who lives near them thrashed his wheat recently which yielded him about 19 bushels per acre.

Chain Harness at prices to suit the buyer at Henry Hagelstein saddle and harness store at San Angelo.

It is reported that E. W. Escue has purchased a ranch consisting of 900 acres for \$2000.

J. C. Newton, J. O. Arnett and A. B. Blackwell of Edith were in town this week.

Grandpa Burroughs we learn is very sick.

Prof. Evans made a flying trip to Brownwood last week.

M. B. Patterson was at San Angelo this week.

All parties indebted to the firm of Drs. Latham & Toliver will please come forward and make satisfactory settlement at once. The said firm having dissolved partnership and all account are in my hands for collection.

Respectfully,
G. W. Perryman.

For any thing you need in the saddle or harness line at the best figures for the purchaser don't fail to call on Henry Hagelstein at Angelo.

PEARCE'S
IS THE PLACE TO BUY
DRUGS, MEDICINES, AND
In fact, everything usually needed in a first-class—Coke County—Drug stock.
Wall-Paper, Books, Stationery, Jewelry, Sundries.
HUBERT H. PEARCE.

Pole Steps left this morning for South Concho to look after his sheep.

If you are in need of a good saddle call on Henry Hagelstein Angelo, and see his stock of saddles, ranging in price from \$3.50 boys' saddles to as high priced as you want them.

R. L. Clifton of Hopkins county is visiting his uncle B. S. Sullivan of this place.

I. J. Good and family of Edith passed through town Wednesday enroute to the reunion.

Louis Schintz is doing improving on his property in town.

Mr. Henry will soon have his nice residence completed.

More rain Thursday.

Prof. Jowers departed Wednesday after noon for his home at Bronte.

Seven Years In Bed.

"Will wonders ever cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Pearce of Lawrence, Kan. They all knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of nervous prostration and general debility; but, "three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells will find it a price less blessing. Try it. Satisfaction guaranteed—Only 50c at H. H. Pearce's.

G. A. Beeman after doing some very satisfactory photo work at this place took his departure for Maverick where he will remain the three days of the reunion then move to Fort Chadbourne.

Our merchants are doing a nice business these days.

Prospectors are here from all parts of the state.

Corn in Robert Lee is worth \$1.10 per bushel.

Grass is looking better since the recent rains.

J. O. Service was in Wednesday and reports his crop looking fine since the recent rains.

Robert Walker looks some what tired from a trip to San Angelo.

E. W. Escue purchased the Dr. Woodward place in town this week and will move to town about the first of September.

J. E. Stewart and Mr. Lacy made a trip to San Angelo this week.

J. N. Buchanan is doing some improving this week on the place he recently purchased.

M. F. Hall reports his cotton looking fine and he thinks it is already loaded with a half bale per acre.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is hereby notified that Andrew J. Taylor of Rober Lee, is no longer agent of the Brownwood Marble Works, and he is not authorized to receive orders for work or receive money for same.

Roy Anderson Proprietor
Brownwood Marble Works.

For Sale

14 Section of land, 60 acres in farm, 22 head good cattle, 8 head hogs, plows, 300 bushels wheat and oats, 250 bushel cotton seed. For further particular call on Rustler.

Windmill and Well Supplies, at C & G Hagelstein Co., Angelo.

150,000 people have registered for homes in the Comanche and Kiowa and Apache Reservation, and the number will probably swell to 200,000.—Ex.

The State Reformatory.

At the present there are 157 boys at the Reformatory. 67 whites and 81 blacks. They each and every one are required to attend prayer meeting twice a week Sunday school and preaching on Sunday. The men employed as guards, teachers and other officers are a class of courteous courteous cultured Christian gentlemen. Among the number is Prof Harwell, who has charge of the white boys, and has been connected with this institution from its organization. They make an average of 30 pounds of butter a day enough to supply the entire wants of the institution. They have besides the two larger buildings a large chapel, a smithy a tailor shop shoe shop wash shed laundry and grist mill electric light plant the best barn at any of the public institutions of state. They are cultivating 1450 acres of land 802 in cotton, 200 in small grain, 400 in corn 25 in sugar cane and 25 in garden. They work 50 mules milk 40 cows, feed 200 hogs and have a fine orchard
Killsee Herald.

Yesteady mornng our two worthy townsmen, Mr. W. H. Bell and I. C. Williams on disagreeing a about some little business affair ended the dispute by an up to date fight. They contributed liberally to the cause of our officers, which adds quite a neat little sum to their coffee money.

The faculty and student of the normal appreciate the visit of several of the citizens this week of the town and country and we were real glad to have Prof J. W. Henderson and Judge J. W. Swarts of Sterling, Ok., with us one day and all enjoyed the address made by them. The best was the treat to some fine mellons last Friday by Dr. Martin. The Doctor knows the nearest way to a school teachers heart as well as the way to relieve man kind of human ills.

MRS. M. B. INGRAM.

Dealer In
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Also carry the State School Books, and other school supplies.
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Are invited to patronize the PEARCE HOTEL when they have Occasion to visit Ballinger, Texas. H. D. PEARCE, Prop.

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Courteous treatment and good work at all times.
When in town, come in and try this well known shop.
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for you to buy that cheap whiskey advertised as the very best at \$3.20, WHEN YOU CAN BUY GOOD WHISKEY AT
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SADDLES & HARNESS

A. F. ROSE
In SAN ANGELO has them and if you intend buying a saddle set of harness, collars, whips, straps, goods or any thing sold in a first class saddle shop, It Will Pay You to call and examine goods & prices before buying elsewhere. I have just received a nice line of side saddles call and see them whether you want to buy or not.

W. W. CRAWFORD

DEALER IN.
Confectionerys, Cold Drinks, and fine Candies.
WAGON Yard IN CONNECTION.

WORMS! WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE!
For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies.
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For sale by H. H. Pearce Robert Lee Texas.

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TOM DURHAM, Publisher.

ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

FARM, GARDEN LIVESTOCK.

Cotton is fine in Kendall county. Savoy reports vegetables scarce. Cotton picking is on in Bee county. Cotton is in fine condition around DeLeon. Early corn is nearly all ruined in Oklahoma. Corn has been sold at Bonham at \$1 per bushel. Live Oak county planters are busy picking cotton. Corn will not yield half a crop in Panola county. Feedstuffs are quite a factor with the average feeder. Brazoria county expects to gather a splendid cotton crop. It is almost impossible to buy feed of any kind at Hico. A number of bales of cotton have been ginned by Beeville gins. In some parts of Erath county corn will make twenty bushels per acre. About 100 crates of Japanese plums are daily shipped by express from Tyler. Some truck growers are putting in irrigation plants in the Beeville section. Truck growers in the Beeville are preparing for next year's cabbage crop. Feed crops around Gordon, Palo Pinto county, are the shortest ever known. Three cars of Elberta peaches sold at Lindale at 65 cents for one-third bushel crates. The prairie hay is about all cut and baled around Decatur. It is said to be a fine quality. For the first time in two months Orange county irrigation ditches were flushed on the 23d. Several farmers in Denton county, near Sanger report the loss of a number of hogs by the excessive heat. The gross sales of five acres of tomatoes grown this season by Frank Ray of Smith county amounted to \$1250. Peach shipping is in full blast at Neches. About 400 crates per day are going by express and yielding good results to shippers. Jacksonville is kept busy shipping peaches. The Aber box factory there has made nearly all the baskets in which to ship the delicious fruit. Quail are devouring boll weevils in Lavaca county. One killed on the farm of Jack Culpepper had forty-six weevils in its craw. This is Lavaca's second brood of the weevils. The corn crop is reported as being exceedingly fine in most of Brazoria county, and that county will raise more of it than for several years. John Dyer and John Williams of Vernon have bought of Mrs. C. H. Hittson of Hall county 500 head of stock cattle, paying \$40 for cows and calves, \$20 for dry cows and \$25 for bulls. Cook & Simmons of Hillsboro went to Fort Worth with 900 horses and mules for the agent of the British government. They shipped 700 head the previous week. A. J. Nesbit of Hall county bought fifteen carloads of cattle, 1 and 2-year-olds. He paid from \$16 to \$18 for the yearlings and \$25.50 for the 2-year-olds. They have been shipped to Rapid City, S. D. Thomas Coleman has sold the Vining ranch, located about eighteen miles north of Kerrville, to J. W. Jackson of Austin. The ranch contains some 14,000 acres, 10,000 of which are deeded and remainder leased. J. H. McDaniel and Richard Voges bought the Morrissey tract of land, nine miles from Floresville, comprising 4395 acres, for \$25,000. This is the largest land transaction in Wilson county for a long period of time. Judge Philip Lindsley of Dallas, recent Republican nominee for congress, is preparing to open up a large plantation in Trinity bottom near Ennis. He will erect ten tenant houses—two in Ellis county, the others on the Kaufman side of Trinity. west of South McAlester, are to the effect that cotton is looking well and corn in that locality will make from twenty-five to thirty bushels to the acre. Farmers are in good spirits in consequence.

SON OF ADMIRAL

Schley Urges His Father to Spare No One in the Trial.

STARTLING FACTS, IT IS SAID,

Are Likely to be Brought Out During the Investigation by the Court of Inquiry When it Assembles.

Salt Lake, Utah, July 29.—The Herald prints this:
Capt. Thomas F. Schley, eldest son of Admiral Winfield S. Schley, who is stationed at Fort Douglas in this city, Sunday outlined some points that will be brought out in the court of inquiry as to his father's conduct at the battle of Santiago. He declared that some startling facts will be brought to light if the whole truth shall be known, and that the reputations of persons other than his father are likely to suffer.
"I have just written to my father," said Capt. Schley, "that I thought he ought to spare nobody and that he should withhold none of the facts in his statement about Admiral Sampson or anybody else."
Capt. Schley is an officer of the Twenty-third infantry, in command at Fort Douglas.
"When the court of inquiry meets," said Capt. Schley, "I would like to have the privilege of asking Admiral Sampson just one question, 'If the battle of Santiago had resulted in defeat, to whom would the blame be attached?' This, I think, tells the situation in a nutshell. If Admiral Schley had lost the battle he would have been blamed. He won it, and he should have the credit.
"The accusations that are made are ridiculous when they are investigated. Take, for example, the charge of disobedience of orders in May, 1898. An attempt has been made to saddle the responsibility on my father. The fact is that he has a letter from Admiral Sampson, telling him to do exactly what he did, and this letter will be produced at the inquiry. At that time he was maintaining the blockade off Cienfuegos. Secretary Long wired Admiral Sampson strongly advising that the blockading fleet go to Santiago, in the hope of finding the Spanish fleet there.
"Admiral Sampson sent the dispatch to Admiral Schley with a note in which he said: 'After duly considering the telegram I have decided to make no change in the present plans; that is, that you should hold your squadron off Cienfuegos.'
"This letter was suppressed."
Regarding the maneuver of the Brooklyn at the time of the battle, Capt. Schley says the facts all go to show that this was the best move under the circumstances. The part played by the Brooklyn in the battle certainly compares favorably with that of the New York, he thinks.
"If this inquiry is full and fair," declared Capt. Schley, "some facts will be disclosed that will startle the public. My father has several strong cards up his sleeve, and I trust he will make use of them all."

Townsites Approved.
El Reno, Ok., July 29.—F. C. Sickles, registrar, and Thomas B. Reed, receiver of the El Reno land office, have examined fourteen applications for townsites in the El Reno district. Nine were recommended and forwarded to Washington and five were rejected. The townsites recommended are Bridgeport, Caddo and Fort Cobb, all on the Choctaw railroad; the old subagency of Wilber, in the Caddo country; Richards, a new town at Cache creek; a townsite on Elk creek, west of Hobart; a townsite in the last half of section 10, township 10, range 12, in the Caddo country; an actual or prospective line of the Rock Island railroad; a townsite two miles south-east of Hobart, on the proposed line of the Blackwell, Enid and Southwestern railway; a townsite on the north-east quarter of section 1, township 9, range 11.

Boxers Capture Supplies.
London, July 29.—"The so-called 'alibi' boxers," according to native reports, include 25,000 well-armed troops in southwestern Chi Li," says the Pekin correspondent of the Standard. "Most of them are old Boxers or disbanded soldiers. They have captured all the imperial supplies sent from Pekin overland."

LIFE LOST FOR LOVE.

Died Trying to Save Sweetheart, and Policeman Also Perishes.

ROLLS ARE CLOSED

Over One Hundred and Sixty-Seven Thousand Persons Registered at El Reno and at Lawton, and Each, of Course, Hopeful of Being One of the Thirteen Thousand Favorites of Fortune.

Louisville, Ky., July 29.—In a fire Sunday morning which destroyed property of the Badgley-Graham photographic supply company, Max Blevitch, a cigarmaker, and Policeman James Purden were burned to death in an effort to rescue women and children who occupied rooms above the supply store. Shortly before midnight a terrific explosion awoke everybody in the neighborhood, and among the first to reach the building on Jefferson street near Fourth street, and adjoining the office of the Associated Press, was Max Blevitch, a cigarmaker, living across the street. Hardly had the first explosion died away before he dashed up the side steps in answer to a woman's cries. About the time he reached second floor he must have fallen, for when picked up only a few moments afterwards his right side was burned to a crisp. Police Officer James Purden was found on the third floor suffocated, and seven firemen were taken from the ruins, some of whom probably will die. It develops that Max Blevitch, the cigar manufacturer, who lost his life in the fire, dashed up stairs to save the life of a young woman to whom he was greatly attached, and who he thought was in a flat above. Policeman James Purden, who also lost his life, went upstairs in the burning building in an effort to save Blevitch.

KEO TURK

Gives Notice of His Intention to File Upon Some Land.

Oklahoma City, Ok., July 29.—Keo Tuck, a Sac Indian, has given notice at the land office of El Reno, through Sub-Agent Bentley, of his intention to file upon the quarter section of land adjoining the townsite of Lawton, which will be the principal town in the new country of the Kiowa and Comanches. His application will be filed just as soon as the land office there is open for business. The application is made under a section of the United States statutes passed in 1887, which gives to every homeless Indian the right to go to any part of the public domain and to make entry for any tract of land that is not in the possession of a homesteader. The section has never been repealed, and the right of the Indians who have no allotments or who were omitted from the tribal rolls is one that they can exercise at any time, and they can not dispose of their land for twenty-five years thereafter.
With Keo Tuck were sixty members of the Sac and Fox tribe, who purpose to make filings, and attorneys throughout the country are searching for other Indians who have lost their tribal relations and who have not got possession of homestead tracts.

Manila, July 29.

During the payment of the troops at Santa Cruz \$20,000 was stolen from the guardhouse. A robbery of the paymaster's safe is supposed to have been the work of soldiers. It appears that Maj. Canby, who was paying the troops in the Laguna district, left the safe in the guardhouse, and that while it was there thieves succeeded in abstracting its contents. Gen. Chaffee has sent the chief of Manila detectives to Santa Cruz to investigate.

Lincoln Neb., July 29.

Reports from over the state show that the rain that visited Nebraska Saturday night and Sunday morning has left the corn in many localities in better condition than first thought. The fall of rain ranged from half an inch to three inches. This, while not of much help to the hay crop, will make good fodder in all corn fields; and in many places will make from one-third to a full crop of corn. In some localities, however, there will be no corn.

Chicago, Ill., July 29.

With a consecration service the Baptist Young People's Association of America brought the convention of their society to a close at the Coliseum Sunday night before one of the largest audiences of the four days' gatherings. Rev. W. H. Geist, well-known acting editor of the Union, the official organ of the society, led the service, being preceded by Rev. James B. Cranfill of Texas, who delivered consecration addresses.

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El Reno, Ok., July 26.—The big land game is closed. Only 385 were registered here Friday, fewer than on any other day, and Lawton also registered the smallest number, 532. Total registered at El Reno 136,315. Total at Lawton 30,691. Grand total 167,006. The booths remained open all day and closed promptly at 6 o'clock. Many left town, but the crowd is still large and will remain until after the drawing.
The names will be drawn as rapidly as possible and bulletined in a part of Gov. Richardson's headquarters at the corner of Bickford avenue and Woodson street, about the center of the city. The exact manner of drawing has not yet been given out, but Gov. Richards has requested the people of each state and territory to select their own committee to represent them at the drawing, and satisfy themselves as to its fairness. The request is being heeded, and several states will be represented.

A large corps of clerks has been at work all day and night examining and passing on each day's application. Hundreds have been disqualified and thrown out. The bulk of the applications have been made in the El Reno district, estimated at about 100,000. J. E. Harston of this place, chief clerk of the allotting forces, says there are only 4000 claims in the El Reno district, 200 of which are worth from \$7,000 to \$10,000 each. There is one chance in 500 to get one of them, one chance in thirty-three to get good ones and one chance in seventy-five to get one of 3666 only fairly good ones. His figures, however, do not conform with the unofficial maps. The government office maps showing allotments will be given out only to those drawing claims. The maps are here, but no one but Gov. Richards has seen any of them. The town of Lawton is located on the north-half of section 31, township 2, range 11. The first man to draw a claim in that district will, without doubt, file on the claim adjoining Lawton on the south, the only available one, and his prize will be worth \$50,000. The Rock Island Railway Company has offered that sum for it. The attorneys for Lone Wolf, presented his petition to enjoin the opening before Judge Irwin at this place Friday morning. Very little interest was manifested. The petition covers thirty-nine typewritten pages and raises every constitutional question possible. After argument by counsel, Judge Irwin took the matter under advisement until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

It is estimated that more than a million dollars has been spent here during the registration. Money has flowed freely ever since the first two days. Everybody has done well. Gambling has been the principal feature.

Guthrie, Ok., July 27.—The Rock Island Railway company put on an extra force of 300 men and teams to push the grading on the Fort Sill branch. It is employing all of the boomers and prospective settlers waiting for the opening it can get. The track is now laid to Cash creek. The town will be named Richards by the company, in honor of Gov. Richards. Train service will be established in a few days and regular trains will be running as far as Chandler Creek by Aug. 6.

Turkey-Greece.

Constantinople, July 27.—The Turkish government has arbitrarily refused to permit the Greek squadron to visit Smyrna, Salonica and Athos. Greece sent the usual notification of projected cruise, but the ports declined to entertain the proposition on political grounds. Diplomatic officials regard the attitude of the Turkish government in this matter as ill-considered.

The August complete novel in the "New" Lippincott Magazine is intense enough to make one forget the heat. St. Nicholas for August is, as usual, beautiful and instructive.

SHAM BATTLE

At Camp Mabry Was Held on Friday and a Decided Success.

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Camp Mabry, Tex., July 27.—Friday morning was a comparative half day of rest in preparation for the evening's work. There were no excursions across ravines to the mountains in military exercise, nor were there any drills in outpost duty or other extra duties, only extended order formation. In the evening the whole camp participated in the sham battle and later in review, which put the boys to the test, and they were not found wanting. The review was as perfect as those of the last few evenings, and the immense crowd was wild with enthusiasm. The troops were reviewed by United States Senator Charles A. Culberson.

Among the hard-worked and most efficient officers on the grounds is Capt. J. H. Zachary of Uvalde, assistant division quartermaster, as aid de camp on Gen. Oppenheimer's staff. Capt. Zachary has proven himself a tireless worker and a capable officer. The governor, as commander-in-chief, has appointed Col. J. M. Byrnes to be colonel and inspector general on the staff of the commander-in-chief, and Maj. Jules E. Murchert, Third infantry, to be lieutenant colonel and assistant inspector general on division staff. Gen. Oppenheimer has issued an order giving the usual instructions governing the breaking of the camp and appointed a board to receive and receipt for the state's supplies. Capt. Joe W. Brackenridge of the Governor's Cadets of Austin, First infantry, was field officer of the day, and the following were regimental officers of the day: First, Lieut. Reichart, San Antonio Zouaves; second, Capt. M. E. Guinn of Clemens Rifles, New Braunfels; third, Capt. O. P. Pity, Denton Light Guard; fourth, Capt. Ira F. Sproule, company K, Denton; artillery, Lieut. Johnson, Battery A, Dallas; cavalry, Capt. W. H. Murphy, Troop E, Corsicana.

RAIN REPORTS.

Twenty-Four Counties Were Visited by Appreciated Showers.

Dallas, Tex., July 27.—Reports show that rain clouds have been making a leisurely tour of north Texas, distributing with some partiality, it is true sufficient moisture to revive vegetation and induce the cotton plant to resume growing. There has been no general rain in north Texas, and in that sense the drought has not been "broken," but the showers have been so widespread and numerous that those sections still lacking moisture sufficient for present need are the exception.

Rain reports have received from twenty-four counties as follows: Fannin, Collin, Montague, Wise, Denton, Dallas, Briscoe, Bowie, Clay, Callahan, Hopkins, Jones, Parker, Palo Pinto, Franklin, Grayson, Harrison, Cooke, Hunt, Knox, Hill, Delta and Martin.

After Many Years.

San Antonio, Tex., July 27.—George Surkey, district clerk, and his brother, Will Surkey, wer overjoyed Friday by the appearance in their office of their father, whom they believed had died in California twenty years ago. Years ago the Surkeys lived in St. Louis, where their mother died. After her death the father drifted to California, after which his sons heard, through a St. Louis paper, that he was dead. They were still of that belief until the old gentleman made his appearance in good health. He has been in California in business ever since he left St. Louis and came east to visit the Pan-American exposition. At St. Louis he found a daughter, who told him where the boys lived.

Voted for Bonds.

Houston, Tex., July 27.—The result of the election to issue bonds for paving streets in the sum of \$240,000, for sewerage \$60,000 and for school buildings \$50,000 was not a surprise, as there seems to be a strong disposition to spend money to make improvements in this city. The following is the vote: For paving bonds, 339, against 161. For sewer bonds 386, against 161. For school bonds 423, against 86.

Life Lost by Lightning.

Leeville, Tex., July 27.—John Bratton of this place received a message from Cotulla stating that his grandson, Dudley Bratton, was killed near there by lightning.

COURT OF INQUIRY

Has Been Appointed by Secretary of the Navy Long.

DEWEY, KIMBERLEY AND BENHAM

Will Conduct the Investigation, and Each One Has Been Connected With Some Noted Event.

Washington, July 26.—Secretary Long announced Thursday that the board of inquiry which is to investigate the controversial points in connection with Admiral Schley's conduct during the Spanish war will be composed of Admiral Dewey, president of the court, and Rear Admirals Lewis A. Kimberly and Andrew E. K. Benham. The court will meet at the navy department in Washington, Sept. 12. The judge advocate of the court has not yet been selected and the precept of the court which is being prepared by Capt. Lemley, judge advocate general, has not yet been completed. The scope of the inquiry will not be known until the precept and offer for the convening of the court are issued. Secretary Long says that the proceedings of the court will be open and that the widest latitude will be permitted in the matter of witnesses and that Rear Admiral Schley will be allowed to be represented by counsel. The secretary had nothing to say about the composition of the court except that the thought it spoke for itself and to hope that the members would be satisfactory to all concerned. He pointed out that none of the officers chosen had so far as he knew expressed an opinion concerning what is known as the Sampson-Schley controversy and it was therefore to be presumed that they would enter upon their work in an impartial spirit. The members of the court are distinctly fighting men. Each has been connected with a celebrated event in naval annals. Of Admiral Dewey, the hero of the battle of Manila bay, it is unnecessary to speak. His record is familiar to all. His associates, Rear Admiral Kimberly and Rear Admiral Benham, are both retired officers.

The former was retired in 1892 and the latter in 1894. Admiral Kimberly is 71 years of age and Admiral Benham 69 years. Each saw over forty years of active service. Both had fine records during the Civil war. The great event with which Admiral Kimberly's name is associated is the destruction of the American fleet in the harbor of Apia, Samoa, during a terrible hurricane which occurred there in 1889. Admiral Kimberly had been sent to Samoa at the head of the American squadron during the trying period of our negotiations with Germany, and he conducted himself before the storm with marked dignity and ability. When the hurricane occurred his entire squadron was wrecked. The Vandallia and Trenton were completely destroyed and the Nipsic was cast ashore. The story of that great disaster and the heroism displayed by the American officers and men under the direction of Admiral Kimberly thrilled the whole world and made an impression never to be forgotten.

Admiral Benham played a dramatic part at Rio de Janeiro during the great naval revolution in 1891.

Secretary Long has tendered to Samuel C. Lemley, the judge advocate general of the navy, the position of judge advocate of the Schley court of inquiry.

Young Baptists.

Chicago, Ill., July 26.—The Baptist Young People's convention opened at the Coliseum with an attendance of about 4000. Attorney Francis W. Parker delivered an address, in which he made an appeal for a Christian citizenship league to defeat the corrupt politics of the era.

At a meeting at the Coliseum, President John H. Charman delivered his annual address. J. B. Gambrell of Dallas, Tex., delivered an address on "The Way to the Throne."

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Detroit, Mich., July 26.—The opening session of the joint convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of the United States and Canada was held in Light Guard armory here Thursday afternoon, with an attendance of 1000 delegates. H. B. W. English of Pittsburg, president of the United States Brotherhood, was made chairman of the joint session. The council report showed that the brotherhood includes 1676 chapters, 607 of them reporting.

FREE TRADE

Proclamation for Porto Rico Has Been Issued by the President.

Washington, July 26.—The president issued his proclamation establishing free trade between Porto Rico and the United States and declaring the organization of a civil government for the island. The proclamation is purely formal, and only in the body of the resolutions adopted by the Porto Rico legislature (heretofore published) does it appear that the island is set free commercially in commemoration of the anniversary of the planting of the American flag on the island. The proclamation is headed "Cessation of Tariff—Porto Rico."

It recites that the act of April 12, 1900 (otherwise known as the Foraker act), provides that whenever the Porto Rican legislature has enacted and put into operation a system of local taxation to meet the needs of the government and by resolution so notified the president, the latter shall issue a proclamation and all duties on goods passing between the United States and Porto Rico shall cease. As the legislature has complied with the requirements of the act in terms set out in the resolutions which are quoted in full in the body of the proclamation, that document says:

"Therefore I, William McKinley, president of the United States, in pursuance of the provisions of the law above quoted and upon the foregoing due notification do hereby issue this my proclamation and do declare and make known that a civil government for Porto Rico has been organized in accordance with the provisions of the said act of congress.

"And I do further declare and make known that the legislative assembly of Porto Rico has enacted and put into operation a system of local taxation to meet the necessities of the government of Porto Rico.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this 25th day of July, 1901, and of the independence of the United States the one hundredth and twenty-sixth.

"WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

"By the president:

"DAVID J. HILL,

"Acting Secretary of State."

SOUGHT TO SUICIDE.

Sensational Attempt of a Young Man to End His Existence.

Butte, Mont., July 26.—A young man supposed to be Henry H. Armstead of New York, stabbed himself in region of the heart and gashed his throat with a pocket-knife in the toilet-room of a sleeping car on the south-bound Oregon Short Line express at the depot here Thursday morning and is now in a local hospital with problematical chances of recovery.

On Monday last Armstead and a companion arrived from the south and registered at a lodging hotel as "Henry H. Armstead, New York, and George William Fletcher, Philadelphia."

It is said that Armstead is manager of a mine in Idaho, of which Fletcher is president and Fletcher's father owner. The young men called on some mining men in this city Wednesday, and Thursday morning they started for the depot in a carriage. While Fletcher was arranging his baggage in a seat Armstead staggered from the toilet-room of the sleeper, the blood streaming from his throat. Pointing dramatically at Fletcher, he gasped: "Harry, I did this to save you," and fell unconscious. He was at once taken to the hospital.

Fletcher refuses to say a word, even declining to discuss his own identity or that of his companion. It is said the young men are prominently connected in Philadelphia and New York, and are graduates of an eastern university.

Fletcher From Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 26.—George William Fletcher is a son of George A. Fletcher of the firm of Mitchell, Fletcher & Co., wholesale grocers of this city. Henry H. Armstead is a close friend of young Fletcher. He is a civil engineer and is employed by the company, which controls the mines in which the elder Mr. Fletcher is interested. The Armstead home is in New York.

Dragged to Death.

Clayton, N. M., July 26.—P. V. Hale, a young man about 22 years of age, was thrown from a wild horse and dragged to death a few miles south of here.

TEXAS CONDENSED.

The Midland road is to erect a \$4000 depot at Rosser.

The Confederate reunion at Temple was largely attended.

The Katy road is being stone ballasted from San Antonio to San Marcos.

General offices of the El Paso Southwestern railway will be moved from Bisbee, Ariz., to El Paso.

The plant of the Palestine Oil Mill company will have its capacity enlarged from 60 tons to 125.

The Midland road will drill a number of deep wells along its line. It will prospect for coal and oil.

Several Hillsboro merchants were victimized by bogus checks ranging from \$1 to \$18. An arrest was made.

The Huntington docks at Galveston have been sold to the Southern Pacific Terminal company for \$1,000,000.

At the Waxahachie Chautauqua on the 26th Gen. John B. Gordon delivered his lecture, "The Last Days of the Confederacy."

The Chicago-Texas Oil syndicate, capital \$1,000,000, has been organized at Houston. It is to bore for oil in several localities.

Two sons of John Simmonds, near Canton, went hunting. On returning the younger pointed a gun at the older, and jokingly said "Look out!" The gun was discharged and the older boy was instantly killed.

BACHELOR AND A BREEZE.

W. W. Wilson's Liking for Litter Doubtless Saved His Life.

Waco, Tex., July 29.—At 3 o'clock Sunday morning the residence of William W. Wilson was blown up with dynamite and the occupant severely hurt. Mr. Wilson is a bachelor and lives alone. His residence is one and a half miles south of Robinson, McLennan county, and eight and a half miles south of Waco. The dynamite was placed under the corner of the building where Mr. Wilson usually sleeps. To get a better breeze he went to the opposite side of the house and thereby saved his life.

Deputy Sheriff Read went to the scene of the outrage and expects to make an arrest. The officers say the corner of the house was torn off and a hole blown in the earth. Mr. Wilson lay stunned for several hours. The explosion was terrific.

Was Enjoyed.

Austin, Tex., July 29.—Col. Lufus King, superintendent of the Confederate home, chaperoned about 200 of "his boys" out to Camp Mabry to see the sham battle on Friday, and they enjoyed it very much. The old soldiers brought a Confederate flag and the color-bearer proudly bore it to the column.

Judge Storey of the railroad commission, who was a gallant Confederate cavalryman, got off the best joke of the camp. He said that the sham fight was good, and that it was the first fight he had ever paid admission to get into, but that he had often wished he could have paid to get out of several.

Dramatic Deed.

Waco, Tex., July 29.—J. D. Reagne, early Sunday morning sat on the edge of the bed in which his wife and two little children were sleeping and placing a revolver against his temple sent a bullet crashing through his brain. Justice Williams held an inquest and pronounced it suicide. The deceased was 39 years of age. His business ventures went wrong and he grew despondent. He was formerly a hotel keeper. His life was insured for \$2,000 in a benevolent society.

Bear in a Cornfield.

Paris, Tex., July 29.—Mr. Page, a farmer living on Viser creek where it empties into Saunders creek, while riding through his bottom farm came across a big black bear in his corn field. He first came across a pile of corn and then discovered the bear in thirty feet of him. Bears are said to be very fond of corn, which they tear off the stalk and pile up. It is said that a bear can tear down and destroy from a quarter to a half an acre in a single night.

Horrors of Hydrophobia.

Laredo, Tex., July 29.—A Mexican named Cipdiano died Saturday night in all the horrors incident to hydrophobia. It seems he was bitten by a coyote about seven months ago, but never had any symptoms of the malady until that evening.

CONGRESS CLOSES.

Those Who Attended Claim it Was of Great Benefit to Them.

College Station, Tex., July 26.—The Farmers' congress has adjourned, but in its brief session important work has been accomplished that will perhaps a decade redound to the benefit of the agricultural interests of Texas. The ideas that have here been exchanged among successful farmers will not only prove of advantage to them, but the younger or less experienced soil-tillers have also been profited. And this profit is not confined to moral benefit entirely. It has a pecuniary value. For instance, a member from East Texas said he would not take several hundred dollars for the information he had derived concerning the terracing of a valuable hillside farm he owned. It seems that the farm washed so badly that it has about been abandoned, but this new method of terracing is all that is necessary to redeem it. There was an animated discussion between a couple of hog-raisers as to the best breed and best time for marketing pork. With the facts and figures the advocate of the improved breed finally won the day, and before leaving these grounds the gentleman who had been convinced that he had erred for so many years placed an order for several head of the breed he had until this meeting derided. How to obtain more gains on stock with less feed, better methods of cultivation and fertilization, etc., have been discussed in detail. Much of this, in fact the majority, will never appear in print, as these impromptu arguments have no official place on the regular programme. Nevertheless they occurred, and it is the man who was here and ready to profit by the experience of others who will reap the gain.

ED ELAM

Visited by Whitecaps, Daughter Shot and Family Leave.

Corsicana, Tex., July 26.—Wednesday night a body of armed white men made a raid on the house of Ed Elam, colored, near Raleigh, eighteen miles west of this city, and fired several shots into it, wounding Elam's 16-year-old daughter and frightening the negroes badly.

Elam is said to be a peaceable citizen and owned the farm on which he lives, but was ordered by the whitecaps to leave within three days. He was sick in bed when the raid was made, but was so thoroughly convinced that the mob intended violence that he and his family left Thursday morning.

The girl is probably dangerously wounded, as it is said that a load of birdshot took effect in her neck.

Settled by Agreement.

Beaumont, Tex., July 26.—The suit of the Cleveland heirs filed in the district court against the Higgins Oil and Fuel company and a number of other oil companies was settled by agreement. The suit was a friendly one, filed by agreement of the parties for the purpose of quieting title to about 420 acres of valuable oil land, upon which was located a number of producing wells. The case was called for trial and the defendants waived notice and announced that an agreement had been agreed on by all parties.

This judgment was submitted and announced by the court. It is sufficient that all parties concerned are satisfied and the cloud which has been upon the title for so long is now cleared away. The judgment is lengthy and minutely describes just who shall have certain lands and how it shall be divided.

Indian Fighter Dead.

San Antonio, Tex., July 26.—John E. Wilson, one of the wealthiest cattlemen of southwest Texas, a veteran Indian fighter who served with Capt. Jack Hays and Gen. H. E. McCulloch during the days of the Republic of Texas, and who served under Mark Evans in Terry's Rangers during the civil war, died at his home in this city Thursday, at the age of 73 years. Deceased was born in Lebanon, Tenn., in 1828, and came to Texas with his father in 1832.

Chosen Sheriff.

Corpus Christi, Tex., July 26.—At a special meeting of the commissioners' court, John U. Bluntzer was elected sheriff of Nueces county to fill out the unexpired term of John McTiernan, deceased.

TOBACCO AND HONEY.

Both of These Industries Were Themes at College Station.

College Station, Tex., July 25.—The subject of "Texas Tobacco Industry" was the first subject for discussion Wednesday. H. S. Elder of Nacogdoches led the discussion, and stated that in East Texas was grown as fine tobacco as any in the United States, but it is hard to induce the farmer to grow it. In order to create a demand for this home-grown tobacco, every man in the state should demand Texas-grown tobacco and thereby encourage its cultivation. Correspondence upon this subject was invited by the speaker.

In the discussion that followed the following information was deduced: Seed should be put in water for three days before planting, then in hotbeds between the 1st and 15th of February. Planting should occur about the middle of April. The best soil is the gray sandy. Cuban improved seed are recommended. They can be secured direct from Cuba or from the tobacco dealers in New York. Although there is now a market in New York, St. Louis and Kansas City for this Texas product, the crop is too small to invite buyers. Cottonseed meal is recommended as a fertilizer, using 800 pounds. The average income per acre is estimated at \$150 to \$250. Dry weather should be watched for and the tobacco sprinkled to insure moisture. A special practice should be made to cure and ferment the tobacco on the growing grounds. The quality of the tobacco grown on the black lands is not good. A barn 75x14x16 is required for four acres of tobacco. It is grown successfully in Angelina, Rusk and Sheldon counties. The secretary of agriculture says that certain portions of Texas have great tobacco futures before them, as in these sections a tobacco of extra quality can be grown. Ten acres will require one and one-half ounces of seed, which cost about 50 cents per ounce. Fresh seed are required each year. The tobacco should be taken immediately to the barn after harvesting.

E. J. Atchley of Beeville read an interesting paper on "Honey Resources of Texas." In reply to questions Mr. Atchley stated that in South Texas the beekeepers rely entirely upon the natural growth of flowers, shrubs and trees as food for the bees, as growing special food has proven a failure in that section.

Secretary Pittuck's report on the work of the congress during the year and suggestions regarding the publication of the proceedings of the fourth annual session were read. In substance, it stated that the resolutions passed at the last session of the congress with reference to appropriations for experimental farms and livestock connected with the Agricultural and Mechanical college; concerning the "State experiment farms;" "State agricultural department;" and a "textile department" for the Agricultural and Mechanical college, have been transmitted to the governor, as instructed.

KILLED A WIDOW

And Then Took His Own Life Did a Man Who Was Demented.

Bryan, Tex., July 25.—At the Simonton farm, near Conner, Madison county, eight miles east of Madisonville, W. O. Simonton, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens in Madison county, killed Mrs. Grantham, a widow, and then shot himself in the back of the head and expired. The weapon used was a 44-caliber revolver. Mrs. Grantham was shot through the heart. Mr. Simonton had been unbalanced mentally for several days and for two days had lain out in the woods. Wednesday morning he went home about 6 o'clock and told his wife he was going away to stay. Upon leaving he went by the home of his son and got three cartridges with which he did the shooting. A pistol was found by his side. Mr. Simonton was one of the most prosperous farmers of that county, and no man in that section had more substantial friends. Mrs. Grantham was a daughter of Capt. J. M. Love, deceased, of Brazos county, and had many friends in that section.

Sire and Son Slain.

San Antonio, Tex., July 25.—A terrible double tragedy was enacted at Pleasanton, Atascosa county, the victims being Judge W. O. Reed, a prominent lawyer, and his son, Oscar, 20 years of age. Judge Reed and his son had a violent quarrel. The quarrel became so violent that Mrs. Reed left the house and spent the night at a neighbor's. Next morning she found both dead.

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The Orient.
The Orient railroad seems to have gone to work at last in earnest in this country. Instead of one man and one mule, they are employing every man and team they can engage, and have graded about nine miles. To farmers whose crops is a failure, work on the railroad will be the next best thing. Quana Tribune.

To The Girls.
A man can safely be more friendly than a woman especially young ones are misunderstood because they are gushing. A slight recognition from a woman is almost enough for street and yet we occasionally see simple innocent girls stop on the street and shake hands and chat with the boys. Don't be too fresh. A girl from a neighboring town got herself laughed at by walking into one of our stores and introducing herself to a clerk she heard a friend of. She shook hands with the brat, and told him who she was, ect., and the astonished clerk did the best he could to penetrate the country fog that enveloped him. When she got a way he was gayed and so was the girl by every one in the store, and the friendly, gushing girl should know it. No girl can afford to make acquaintances catch as catch can. The men worth knowing will become known in a proper manner. A very good thing for a girl to do is to ask her parents or brothers to tell her what to do. If they don't approve of her acquaintances she had better drop them. This is true 999 times in 1000. Men know men: they read them easily. They also know women pretty well, and girls avoid being too awfully friendly don't you know. In order to be considered pleasant and sweet it is entirely unnecessary for you to screech out something to man who happen to know you. That sort of thing cheapens any woman. Good manners never permit a man or woman to be loud in dress or behavior. Be careful of your company, young woman. You will be judged by the company you keep. Go with the best, always. If you can't go with the best don't go. — Hiawatha

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