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### Marriageable Age.

In many ways the girls of 18 are more fit to marry than they were in our grandmother's time, and yet observation tells us without question that the age at which girls marry now is advanced by several years beyond that of 100 years ago.

The early marriages of the past have been of no benefit to the present race, and we are showing wisdom in our generation in setting the clock back a few years.

For one thing only are early marriages desirable, and even this result does not always accrue by any means. We mean the possibility of the couple growing more closely together in tastes and fancies if these are matured after marriage.

It is not considered desirable that the woman should be the elder of the parties to the contract. But even this objection is being lessened as years go by, for the woman of 40 now is no older than the woman of 25 was 50 years ago. Nevertheless it is well that there should be the advantage of age upon the husband's side. If a man does not marry until after he is 35 it is better that there should be a decided disparity of age between them, as he will be so set in his ways that the wife will be obliged to yield in deference to his wishes at every point. A woman who is also set in her ways will not be likely to do this. When there is a very great disparity in the ages, as is seen quite frequently, the wonder is that the young girls can be party to such contracts, though it is very wise for the man when he is at 60 if he marries a girl of 20. A woman of suitable age wouldn't put up with his almost certain crankiness.—Philadelphia Call.

The following sounds a little fishy, says the Russellville, Ky., Herald, but the truth of it is vouched for by the gentleman's wife, one of the best women in the county: One of the good farmers of the Stevenson Chapel neighborhood was suffering from intense pain in the back one day last week and was forced to go to bed. When his young son came into the room the sufferer told him to get a bottle of liniment off the mantle and rub his back with it. After saying this he rolled over on his face. The boy is not familiar with medicines, and instead of getting the liniment he got a bottle of ink. He proceeded to rub him as directed. The man felt better right away and said: "That is the best liniment I ever used." After putting a nice, glossy coat of black on his dad's back the boy went away and the old man dropped off to sleep. The next morning he awoke, and, looking around and seeing black on his whole side, said: "My God, wife, I believe I am mortifying!"

Ex-Gov. Campbell of Ohio has stated the democratic position forcibly. If there is a bolt of consequences at the Chicago convention he believes the party will be disrupted for all time. "A delegate who goes to Chicago," he says, "with the intention to stay if the majority agrees with him and who means to bolt if his notion of men and measures is voted down is a traitor in advance. He has no business in the convention. He should stay at home. I prescribe no medicine I will not take. For myself I will say that whatever the Chicago platform and whoever the candidates I will support both with heart and strength and vote the ticket without a mark."

RICHMOND, Ky., March 27.—Mrs. Mame Ely, aged forty, weight about two hundred pounds, was married here to-day to the brother of her dead husband. The bridegroom is fifteen years old and weighs about seventy-five pounds. He gave his name as Hiram H. Ely. The clerk at first refused to grant a license, but upon the bride presenting an affidavit from the boy's mother, he issued the papers. A magistrate married them, and they left on foot for their home in Lee county, Va.

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### Plenty of Game.

A gentleman from Ohio, who has come south on a hunting trip arrived in Houston rather late one night last week, and on his way to a hotel stopped in a certain saloon to get a drink. A colored man was behind the bar temporarily and served him with what he wanted. The gentleman had his shotgun in its case, and he laid it upon the bar while waiting.

"Is there any game about here?" he asked, after paying for his drink.

"I guess dey is, boss," said the colored man, looking doubtfully at the gun on the counter; "but you jest wait a minute, boss, till I fixes you up in better shape."

He opened a drawer and handed the gentleman a six-shooter.

"You take dis, boss," he said, "dat dar gun ob yours am too long fur you to get quick enough action in de game what we hab here. Now you jest go up dem steps and knock free times on de doah to yo' left."—Houston Post.

Congress has passed a bill abolishing the fee system in the United States courts, and placing United States marshals and their deputies on regular salaries. How the old system has been abused is thus illustrated: In the Ozark mountains in Missouri there is still a great deal of timber land remaining unsold by the government, and there are some trees growing on it that are fit for nothing but firewood. A statute exists making the cutting of these trees a misdemeanor. Times are hard and money is scarce in the country, so one man stands as a sort of sacrificial victim, cuts down a tree, is informed upon and several neighbors are summoned as witnesses, there always being some question as to the man's guilt. He is bound over by the U. S. Commissioner and his neighbors all appear there before the grand jury, and on the trial as witnesses, their fees and mileage being equally divided among themselves and the family of the victim. If convicted he serves out his term, his neighbors all assisting in doing the necessary work about his farm at home. The government has expended hundreds of dollars to convict the man for cutting down a 50 cent tree, the accused has received his share of the amount, and every one is satisfied.—Commercial Appeal.

The post-mortem examination of one of the flock of ostriches owned by Batnum & Bailey, which has been on exhibition at the Central Park menagerie, New York City, gave the spectators a wonderful object lesson of the digestive capabilities of an ostrich. The ostrich was dissected by a taxidermist. He found the following articles in the bird's stomach: One wooden clothes pin; the bottoms of two beer bottles; a mouth harmonica, five inches long and two inches wide; a ferrule of an umbrella with a piece of the stick in it about four inches long; a metal skate key; a brass door key, five inches long; a woman's black horn comb; two pieces of coal; a woman's silk handkerchief; three stones about an inch thick, together with some cabbage, grass, lettuce, celery and considerable dirt. Strange to say the ostrich did not die of indigestion, but from tuberculosis. The bird will be mounted in the museum and it would be interesting to preserve alongside the collection of objects which was found in its stomach.

BRADDOCK, Pa., March 27, 1896.—Moses Vial, a wealthy retired hotel man of this city, to-day got a telegram from his son, William Vial, twenty years old, stating that he had yesterday married his aunt, Mrs. Ellen Watkins, of Lorain, O., formerly of this city, whose first husband was the brother of the young bridegroom's mother. Mrs. Watkins is a handsome woman of fifty-two and has a daughter two years the senior of her young husband.

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### A Remarkable Case.

A special from Austin to the Dallas News, under date of March 31, has the following:

Sometimes in our hurried journey along the road of life we meet with events that awaken in our hearts the keenest sympathy. They are events extraordinary in their way and surrounded by circumstances of such a sympathetic nature that we are prone to see them only with a partial eye. Such an event was that which transpired in the office of the governor of Texas a few days since when R. J. Fuston, a gray-haired man, appeared before the chief executive pleading for a pardon that would have kept him from the penitentiary and restored him to the bosom of his family.

The prisoner, for prisoner he was although unattended by officer or guard, carried in his pocket the papers committed him to state's prison. He also carried letters and petitions from many citizens asking his pardon and these he laid before the governor. The crime for which Fuston was given two years in the penitentiary was the killing of the betrayer of one of his daughters, as he claims. He is a man nearly 60 years old and came from Scotland, the land of his nativity, many years ago, settling in Haskell county, where he has since resided. He has always borne a good character and was noted for his rugged Scotch honesty. Last June he was tried and convicted, but appealed his case and it was only recently that it was affirmed by the higher court.

From the time of his conviction until the higher court had acted on his case Fuston remained at the Haskell county jail, but was virtually his own jailer, so much confidence did the sheriff repose in him. At the decision of the lower court, though keenly disappointed, the prisoner prepared himself for the inevitable and bidding farewell to his family and friends he departed for the penitentiary unattended, the sheriff turning over to him his own commitment papers and taking his word that he would report at the penitentiary unless the governor intervened by granting him a pardon.

At the suggestion of numerous friends he came by way of Austin and laid his case before the governor. There was no cringing on his part, however, and when he appeared before the chief executive he did it in an open, manly way, admitting the killing and the fairness of his trial. Still he felt that he was justified in avenging the betrayal of his daughter and in asking executive clemency he did so on account of an aged wife and eleven daughters who were dependent on his labors for support. The governor heard his story patiently and with interest and expressed regret that he could not be governed by his own feelings in such matters.

"In acting on such matters," the governor said, "sentiment must be laid aside and only facts considered. Your papers will be placed in the hands of the board of pardons and when the board acts you shall hear from me. If there was sufficient evidence to show that you was the wrong man convicted it would be different, but according to your own statement, you did kill a fellow-being, you were given a fair and impartial trial and twelve reputable citizens of your county have adjudged you guilty, fixing your punishment at two years in the penitentiary. Allowing you to come here unattended is an infraction of the law and I would not be transgressing my duty now should I call in a sheriff and turn you over to him. I will not do so, however, but will permit you to pursue your way to the penitentiary alone and will see that your case comes before the board of pardons as soon as possible."

When the governor finished talking the aged prisoner was visibly affected and said it was nothing more than he had expected, although he had hoped for better. He did not blame the governor of stripping the case of its sentiment and said he knew that a chief executive could not always act as he felt. He said further that it was only at the urgent request of his wife and daughters besides a few

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friends that he gained his own consent to come to Austin.

Mr. Fuston is a man who would impress any one with his honesty and integrity and although the jury that convicted him were among the petitioners for his pardon, yet he says had they thought him guiltless they should not have convicted him in the first place.

After thanking the governor for his courteous treatment and Treasurer Wortham for the kindly interest he had taken in his behalf, the aged prisoner departed unattended for Rusk, there to deliver himself up to the penitentiary authorities and enter prison walls to begin the life of a convict. His greatest concern was for his wife and daughters, and while he will feel the disgrace of wearing a convict's garb yet he says he has no qualms of conscience for having rid the world of one who robbed his home of its sunshine and his daughter of her honor.

His is a case which calls forth the keenest sympathy, yet the law is inexorable and the scales of justice weigh even to the finest grain.

The perforated bullet is the invention of an Indiana man. It is a peculiar looking affair, about the size of the regulation rifle ball, with a hole running almost through its entire length. It is claimed for this bullet that by gathering air in its flight it is capable of doing more damage than the ordinary bullet. When it hits, this bullet explodes. In experiments thus far held oak boards, which would be pierced by an ordinary bullet of equal caliber, were splintered and torn by the perforated bullet.

In a South Dakota divorce trial, where incompatibility was alleged among other things, the wife testified that for three years after marriage her husband kissed her at least 100 times a day, or a total of 109,500 kisses altogether. After the three years kisses became scarce and a series of misunderstandings were inaugurated which resulted in the divorce petition.

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### A Lame Excuse.

In a late letter Secretary Carlisle attempts to excuse his conduct in refusing at one time to pay out silver on demand instead of gold. Hon. Chas. F. Crisp had scored him for such action, which he admitted he had been guilty of. His excuse was that at the time silver was demanded the treasury had only as much silver as the law required should be kept for the redemption of silver certificates. But whose fault was this? Why was there no surplus of silver dollars? Why was the silver bullion not coined into silver dollars? Because Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Carlisle did not want silver dollars coined and issued. That is the reason. That is why they pay out gold alone when they have a right to coin silver and to pay it out even if the holders of claims demand gold. Their purpose is to prevent the coinage of silver, to deplete the gold reserve and to make an excuse for the issuance of more bonds.—Paris Advocate.

### Steel Bullets Painless.

Steel-coated rifle bullets for the new magazine guns cause very little pain, says Dr. Delorme, Surgeon-in-Chief of the French army. During the riots at Fourmies one man was wounded so badly as to be paralyzed, but did not suspect that he had been shot until he saw blood-stains on his clothing; one, shot through the leg, only felt a slight stab; another, shot through the arm felt his elbow twitch and closed his fist mechanically. At short range—100 to 150 yards—the bullets are apt to explode and to do serious mischief.

Bill Nye's pet story was the one as to how he was charged \$4 for a sandwich in a village in New Jersey. He told the man who sold it that it was a high price for a sandwich, and said that he had frequently gotten a ten course dinner with four kinds of wine for just making a speech, and finally asked the man why he charged \$4 for a ham sandwich.

"Well, I'll tell you," said the sandwich man, "the fact is, by gad, I need the money."

At the death of a rich Chinese merchant in San Francisco recently three wagon loads of meats were provided for the nourishment of his soul on its way to its final rest. According to the Celestial idea the abode of the blest must be a long ways from San Francisco.

During the winter just ended Alaska experienced the coldest weather known there for twenty years. During January and February the temperature was never above zero at Juneau or Sitka, and snow fell almost continuously.



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Two children at Cleburne were fatally poisoned on Monday by eating poke root.

About all the congressmen are doing now is to read the conflicting political news in the Democratic and Republican papers.

Rev. R. H. H. Burnett is holding a big meeting at Ardmore, I. T. One hundred persons united with the churches there last Sunday.

The Cubans have won another big victory, capturing a train of supplies. Spain, if not the American congress, recognizes that a state of war exists on the island.

Ex-President Harrison was married in New York last Monday to Mrs. Mary Lord Dimmick. Mrs. Harrison number two is a niece of Mrs. Harrison number one.

Fitsimmons continues to knock the suffing out of Corbett in print. Let the rules be suspended long enough to have one of these prize-fighters punched into silence.

Reed's Texas manager claims twenty-two out of the thirty votes to which Texas is entitled in the republican convention. If this is correct, Cuney is not so much "on top" after all as he was supposed to be.

A Kansas City dental college has turned loose a graduating class of forty-seven. It is presumed these young men are good on the draw and it therefore follows that they will be successful in the fill.

Freedom of the press does not mean license to libel. The Washington correspondent of the Knoxville (Tenn.) Journal is under arrest for criminality in writing of Representative Bartlett of New York.

Arizona and New Mexico will not be admitted to statehood this year. This is owing to the fact that the Republicans do not need any more silver states in their business at present. If they did Arizona and New Mexico would be admitted in a jiffy.

A possum ran into the vestibule of a New Jersey church and created a panic. Women screamed and fainted and the meeting broke up in confusion. The sexton caught the animal and ate him. This was a case where the possum was captured by the coon.

John Selman, a policeman of El Paso, who killed John Wesley Hardin last August, was shot in that city last Sunday by Deputy United States Marshal George Scarborough and died Monday. Selman had killed twenty desperate men in his time, all in self-defense.

The sheriff, jailer and assistant jailer at Fort Worth have been indicted by the grand jury of Tarrant county. These indictments grow out of the escape from jail of Martin McGrath and charge that he was negligently permitted to escape. The parties indicted are anxious for trial and will get the cases up and disposed of as soon as possible.

Distinguished citizens have appeared before a committee of the general court to protest against the creation of a statute to Gen. Butler, not deeming him in any sense worthy of such distinction. This case is not the only one in which the money squandered for monuments could be expended for better and more meritorious purposes.

Pure blood is the safeguard of health. Keep the blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla if you would always be well.

He who makes a careful estimate of his income and lives upon less, says an exchange, will never be in debt. The philosophy of the this proposition is on a par with that of Lincoln when he said: "It is easier for a man who has money to pay a big debt than it is for a man who has no money to pay a little debt." Or, on another occasion, when Mr. Lincoln said to a would-be poet who had submitted one of his poems to him for his opinion: "Anybody who likes that kind of a thing I should think that would be about the kind of a thing he would like."

## An Irrepressible Conflict.

Our dispatch from Dallas published to-day giving the inside history of a movement for a party revolt by the leaders of the gold Democracy of Texas indicates that the national Democracy is on the verge of the most serious crisis it has ever faced. The dissension produced by the slavery question ended with a perishable issue, but the dispute which the unfortunate connection of the party with Grover Cleveland has precipitated relates to principles which in one form or another must be live issues in every national campaign.

If our report is true, and we have assurance of its accuracy, the administration is planning to capture the Democratic national convention by bold and piratical measures, and through the disfranchisement of southern and western states by seating contesting delegations sent by rump conventions, to secure an endorsement of its undemocratic and un-American administration and either the renomination of Mr. Cleveland or the nomination of one of his pliable creatures.

In this scheme for national revolution, the question whether Texas shall be governed by a Democratic or Populist administration becomes a matter of small importance. The stake played for is larger than gubernatorial honors.

Mr. Cleveland sought the presidency in 1892 to Europeanize the Democratic party and the American republic. To effectuate either end it is necessary that he should dominate the next Democratic national convention. If the true sentiments of the party are expressed at Chicago the platform will repudiate the leading policies of the present administration. Such a course would be an enduring warning against the adoption by future American presidents of the revolutionary tactics of Napoleon III.

It is high time for the Democrats of Texas to face resolutely and courageously the facts of a serious situation. It is possible that the contest between Jacksonian Democracy and Cleveland Democracy that will be fought to a finish at the Chicago convention will give permanent tone and direction to the national Democratic party.—Gazette.

## The Issue Clearly Defined.

How can there be any extreme silver or extreme gold men? It is an utter impossibility. If a man favors a bimetallic basis, such as our federal constitution requires and such as our country always had till the secret legislative crime of 1873, he is simply a friend of silver and gold as the only true and honest money basis. There is nothing extreme about him. If a man advocates the present situation, the dishonest and destructive single gold standard, he is simply a gold man. There is not a whit of difference between bimetallicists, so no bimetallicist can correctly be called an extreme bimetallicist, or a moderate one. It is the same with gold men, all are alike.—Creston (Ia.) Advertiser.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The house to-day adopted the conference report on the Cuban resolutions—270 to 44—and passed the river and harbor bill under suspension of the rules, after a lively debate of 40 minutes by a vote of 216 to 40. The report on Cuban resolutions was debated Friday and Saturday and the vote to-day was taken after the reading of the journal. Eighteen Republicans and nine Democrats voted against the report. After the most determined opposition of those opposed to recognition of the insurgents in the senate and house, there were but ten more votes against the report than against the original resolution. The former vote was 262 to 17. By this action to-day the house agreed to the senate resolutions and disposed of the Cuban question for the present. The resolutions were as follows:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of congress a condition of war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba, and that the United States of America should maintain a strict neutrality between the contending powers, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States.

"Resolved, further, that the friendly offices of the United States should be offered by the president to the Spanish government for the recognition of the independence of Cuba.

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## Well

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## Monopoly on Work.

It is announced that the Standard Oil Company has already leased over 100,000 acres of the new oil fields in Tennessee, and it will undoubtedly attempt to absorb the rest of it as rapidly as oil is produced from it in considerable quantities.

Before forcing up prices from \$1.17 to upward of \$2 a barrel last April the trust had bought up competing properties at great expense. It is estimated that it invested over \$3,000,000 in shutting off possible competition before asserting its control of the market.

As a result of its policy the discovery of new oil fields does not necessarily increase the annual output. The new fields which have been opened up in Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky since 1890, have had little effect on production. The annual output increased from 35,163,000 barrels in 1889 to 45,822,000 in 1890, with a further increase to 64,291,000 barrels in 1891. The trust then checked the output and in 1894 reduced it to 48,527,000 barrels.

Under the trust's policy the discovery of new oil is not allowed to benefit the consumer. It either buys or leases the fields, and after doing so prevents their full development. This policy has succeeded thus far, but it has its limits. The supply of petroleum is practically unlimited as that of coal. The corner of last year gave a great impetus to prospecting for it, and as a result of putting up prices the trust will have to sink more capital in fields it does not wish to operate. Sooner or later it will reach either the limit of its own resources or that of the patience of the American people, who are now waiting for an administration that will enforce their law against monopoly.—New York World.

## Lined With Gold.

Seattle, Wash., April 6.—Alaskan advices by steamer yesterday say that enterprising Sitkans intend to drain a lake back of that staid old town and to gather by the wagon load gold bullion and dust that for years has been brought down and accumulated in the bed of the lake by glaciers. A short tunnel will drain the water from the lake, whose bottom is believed to be paved with gold to a great depth.

The feeders of the lake are believed to have been ancient glaciers, which in their slow process of travel have ground up the mountains into debris and deposited precious metal, along with sediment, in the lake bottom. Claims have already been taken up and preparations for unlocking the secrets of the glacier and lake are to be pushed forward. There is no abatement in the rush to Alaska; on the contrary, the exodus is on the increase, and by Saturday no less than fifteen vessels, with a passenger list of fully 1000 men, will have sailed from this port for the supposed golden field to the north.

Another bit of news from Alaska is that the great ice-bound region is being made aware of Prof. Andrew's proposed aerial trip to the north pole, and that the natives from Point Barrow to Greenland are looking forward with keen interest to his appearance.

## Don't Stop Tobacco.

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## PROHIBITION ORDER.

IT appearing to the Court that heretofore, to-wit: On the 7th day of March, A. D. 1896, an election was held in the various voting places in Young county for the purpose of determining whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited within the limits of said county, and the Court, after opening the polls and counting the votes cast in said election find that a majority of the votes so cast are "for prohibition," that is to say, that the total number of votes cast was One Thousand and Fourteen (1014) and that Five Hundred and Ninety (519) were cast "For Prohibition" and Four Hundred and Ninety-five (495) were cast "against prohibition" and it therefore appearing that a majority of Twenty-four (24) votes were cast "for prohibition."

IT is THEREFORE ordered by the Court that the sale of intoxicating liquors within the limits of Young county, Texas, be and the same is hereby absolutely prohibited except for the purposes and under the regulations prescribed by law, until such time as the qualified voter, therein at a legal election held for that purpose, by a majority vote, decide otherwise. It is further ordered by the Court that this Order be published for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in Young county.

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LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

It will be scarce this year. There's a new "coon" in town. The ice man will soon be with us. The mosquito has made his appearance. None of the offices are going a-begging this year. Maj. F. W. Girard left on yesterday's stage for points east. Corn is coming out and growing nicely since the late freeze. It is estimated that at least 75 per cent of the fruit is killed. Easter has come and gone and spring is now here sure enough. Short started ninety head to Fort Worth last Saturday. Place your advertisements where they will do the most good—in THE LEADER.

Only two months until the primaries and candidates are beginning to hustle. Marion Wallace is suffering from a sore ear and neck. He says he has been poisoned. Walter Price of Christian has been visiting relatives and friends in the city.

W. P. Stewart of Gertrude was in the city Saturday and made himself solid with THE LEADER until 1897. Prospects have been favorable for rain for several days but it has failed to materialize and is greatly needed. The professional card of Dr. C. M. Scoggin appears in this paper. Read it and you will know where to find him when you need him.

E. S. Cushman of Murray was in the city Saturday en route to Bowie to meet his mother, who is coming down from Kansas City on a protracted visit to "Cush" and family. J. W. Cornelius is assessing taxes for Assessor Matthews and is at the same time putting in a word with the people for Cornelius, who is making himself known in the race for assessor.

Just Received. A new line ladies wrappers and waists, in up to date styles, very cheap. Jno. E. Morrison & Co.

Messrs. Burse & Cason, of the New York Photo Co., have made a bird's-eye view of the cemetery. Copies of same will be sold for the benefit of the cemetery fund at the entertainment this (Thursday) evening. If you would dress well make your selection of ready made clothing from the best stock to be found. If you wish a tailor made suit, both durable and stylish, then have Browning, King & Co. make same for you. We sell the first and take an order for the latter. GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

Mrs. A. S. Lobban, who spent the winter here with her nephew, W. T. Stewart, left Tuesday morning for her home at Fort Worth. She was accompanied by Graham Stewart.

There are several new cases of measles in town and it is thought the disease will be generally epidemic. This is one of the ills with which all are liable to be afflicted sooner or later, but one seige will usually suffice.

Messrs. Burse & Cason have been engaged to furnish various colored lights in connection with the tableaux given by the elocution class, in charge of Miss O'Donnell, at the entertainment to-night for the benefit of the cemetery fund.

The easter entertainment at the Methodist church Sunday evening was largely attended and many persons could not even gain standing room. The program was varied and well carried out, eliciting the hearty approval and appreciation of the audience.

The candidates speaking at Goose Neck Saturday night was well attended by people, principally candidates, from town. All the candidates present told their "tale of woe" by announcing themselves and pledging eternal fidelity to their trust if elected.

J. W. Graves leaves this morning for Mineral Wells and Weatherford. He will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary, who, after a short visit at Fort Worth, will go to San Antonio, to attend the state meeting of the Epworth League as a delegate from the Graham League.

J. H. Calhoun of Eastland, democratic candidate for congress in this district, and Col. Jas. Hindman, a prominent populist speaker of Dallas, held a joint discussion at the court house Wednesday night. There was a large crowd present and the speeches were well received.

J. T. Hunt announces to-day as a candidate for tax assessor. Mr. Hunt has been a citizen of the county for the past six years and is the present county commissioner from the Olney precinct. He is a polished, christian gentleman and is in every way qualified to make an A 1 assessor. Should he be the nominee his supporters will never have occasion to regret their choice.

Gentlemen, You can find your Lisle Thread and Balbriggan underwear at home this season at GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

Capt. T. H. C. Peery, of Seymour, is a candidate for the legislature from this district and his announcement appears in this paper. Capt. Peery is favorably spoken of by his home people as a talented gentleman and would no doubt make us an able representative. He will make a canvass of the district before the convention is held and the people will have an opportunity of hearing his views upon the issues of the day.

I. H. Carmichael and A. L. Franklin concluded to take a buggy ride Sunday morning; so they harnessed Isaiah's sorrel mare, borrowed Dewey's buggy and sailed along happily for the distance about thirty steps, when the mare concluded she would sit down and rest, which she proceeded to do by first kicking off the dashboard and sitting down in the buggy. A new shaft and dashboard made the buggy whole and a new animal will be tried next time.

Our Grocery Department is the largest house of its kind in the west. We make the prices because we handle the quantities. GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

J. A. Kieth is another accession to the list of candidates for tax assessor. Mr. Kieth lives in the Lacy community and has been a citizen of the county for many years. He is an honorable, straight-forward gentleman and is thoroughly competent to discharge the duties of the office in a business-like manner. He expects to interview the voters personally, as far as practicable, and wants them all to remember that he is in the race to win.

Mrs. F. J. Dowdle, wife of Mr. T. E. Dowdle, died on Friday evening April 3rd, after a long and painful illness. While the death of this woman was not unexpected, it was nevertheless a severe shock to her devoted husband, children and many friends. The remains were interred in Oak Grove cemetery Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large concourse of friends. The warmest sympathy of all go out to the bereaved family in their great loss.

The Institute.

Graham will have the largest attendance of Young county teachers at the next Institute, in the history of the town. Ample provisions have and will be made to accommodate the visiting teachers and trustees and other visitors who will attend. The town people should attend en masse. Every teacher will be provided a home during the session. The program will be carried out and will be interspersed with music and literary readings and selections of a sublime nature. Let every teacher attend. School trustees are earnestly requested to attend. J. N. JOHNSTON, N. J. TIMMONS, Supt. School, Co. Judge.

L. H. Harris announces this week as a candidate for tax assessor. "Bud" Harris is well and favorably known as one of the oldest citizens of the county, having lived on Connor creek for the past twenty years. He solicits the suffrage of the people for the reason that he wants the office and feels qualified to discharge the duties of the same in a manner creditable to himself and to the county. Remember him at the primaries.

Messrs. Burse & Cason of the New York Photo Co., are making some magnificent views of buildings, groups, etc., in this city by their flash-light process and their work shows for itself that it is first-class in every particular. They photograph everything and are turning out some fine work. Those desiring first-class pictures should avail themselves of this opportunity as it will not last long. They will be pleased to show samples of work done here. At the Marsee House.

Cool and Nobby. Linen Suits, Mohair, Alpaccas and Serge Coats and Vests. GRAHAM MERCANTILE CO.

We are pleased to learn that Frank W. Girard of Mineral Wells, formerly of this place, is a candidate for the office of county attorney of Palo Pinto county. Frank studied law here under the tutelage of Judge Arnold, and passing a brilliant examination, entered the bar here ten years ago. He is a good lawyer and he has a host of friends in Young county who wish him success in his race, and we believe if he is elected the people of Palo Pinto will have an able, fearless and vigilant prosecutor.

Hon. W. P. Sebastian, of Breckinridge, representative in the legislature from this district, was in the city this week and announces his candidacy for re-election. Mr. Sebastian has labored zealously for and guarded the interests of his district while at Austin. He is a free-silver democrat from the ground up and has many warm friends among his constituency in this county who will give him their unqualified support. He will meet the people and present his views before the convention for nominating a representative is held.

Mrs. Agnes Lethem Ford, wife of H. M. Ford, died on Monday morning, 6th inst., after a brief illness. The announcement of the death of this noble woman was a shock to the family and their numerous friends, as it was quite sudden and unexpected. The deceased leaves a devoted husband and three children, besides numerous other relatives and hosts of friends to mourn her death. The funeral at Oak Grove cemetery, Monday afternoon, was largely attended, which in a measure attested the great worth of the deceased and the high esteem in which she was held. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all in their affliction.

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J. D. Short, the live, bustling, up-to-date butcher and dealer in fresh meats, is preparing for the summer trade and it is needless to say that he is going at it right, for Jeff never does things any other way. He is building an immense refrigerator that will hold large quantities of ice, in which the temperature will be kept low down, where he will keep his fresh meats during the warm weather. By this means his patrons can procure choice meats at any time, always fresh and toothsome and suited to the palate of an epicure. Enterprise and get-up-and-get in catering to the wants of his customers has made Jeff famous and this new departure will be gratefully and substantially appreciated by his numerous patrons.

The Public School.

Will close May 15th. It is the desire of the teachers to have all the pupils present. All the close. Some of course will stop near the middle of the term, some near the first and some will continue till the close. The "measle scare" has decreased the attendance very materially in some departments. There is no use trying to escape the measles, for next year the same sort of a scare will cause many to lose their time, and such may be the case for several years. It is economy to take the measles and be done with the scare. Again, from one cause or another, the teachers may be blamed because children do not or have not learned as much as others. There are but few reasons for this. First, idleness and inattention. Second, lack of mental ability. Third, carelessness of parents and teachers. In the same class some pupils advance rapidly while others make no progress. This is not often the fault of the teacher. The school that educates the great majority is the successful school. However, the failure of a school is measured by the unfortunate pupils while its success is measured by those who are prompt and studious and by the co-operation of parents. We earnestly invite the trustees and patrons interested in our school to visit school. Come any day. We make no preparation for a show. J. N. JOHNSTON, Supt.

The populist executive committee of Young county held a meeting at the court house on Wednesday. The meeting was held with closed doors and nothing was given out for publication. There's a hen on. Look out!

The city election on Tuesday passed off very quietly, but little interest being manifested in the election of the two aldermen and the city marshal. R. G. Graham was elected alderman of the north ward and S. R. Crawford was elected in the south ward. John Taylor was elected marshal, defeating R. W. Collier by a majority of 16 votes.

A. C. Bolen, living a few miles east, brought a load of wood to town Wednesday and was suddenly attacked with something similar to cramp colic. He laid down at J. D. Short's meat market and physicians were summoned, who did all that medical skill could suggest to relieve him but without avail, as he expired the next morning. The deceased was an elderly gentleman and had been in this section but a few months. He resided with his son on the old Nichols place.

Card of Thanks. We take this method of expressing our grateful and sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and assistance during the long and painful illness of our departed wife and mother. Such kindness can alone be properly appreciated by the recipients of same, and our appreciation can be but feebly expressed in words. To Dr. Geo. F. LeGrand our heartfelt thanks are tendered for his patient and watchful care in relieving her sufferings in so far as medical skill could avail.

T. E. DOWDLE AND SONS.

Sound Money Meeting. The sound money democrats of Young county will meet at the court house in Graham on April 18th, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of permanent organization. Good speakers will be present. Come and hear the truth.

J. W. GALLAHER, R. P. ARNOLD, J. M. BEVAN, Com.

Notice to Ex-Confederates. Headquarters Camp No. 127, U. C. V., Graham, Texas, April 8th, 1896. All members of this camp are hereby ordered to report at Graham on Saturday, April 25th, at 10 a. m., with one day's rations and all the flowers you can obtain. All unattached ex-confederates are invited to be present. Bring with you your wives, sons, daughters and friends. This day has been selected by the committee as "Memorial Day." Addresses will be made by comrades and dinner in court yard.

O. E. FINLAY, Capt.

Card of Thanks. We wish to return sincere thanks to those who so faithfully assisted us during the late illness of our little one. May God bless and reward you. MR. AND MRS. W. S. McJIMNEY.

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South Bend Budget. Rev. W. M. Goode preached at Cedar Springs, Stephens county, last Sunday. The public school closes here next Tuesday, April 14. A private term will begin on Monday following and continue about a month. The farmers say "a little rain would do no harm." A ball was given at Mr. Kellar's last Saturday night. Easter went off quietly here. Elder Parker preached at Komo Sunday last. It was with regret that the friends of Mr. Reeves learned that he had resigned the commissionership. Mr. Irvin and Morgan Anusley are keeping "bachelor's hall." Morgan sometimes comes to school with the dish cloth in his pocket. Chas. Mobley spent a few days first of the week with his brother in Shackelford county. W. A. Morris has, temporarily at least, given up his mail contract, and is back at home. Elder Parker and family are comfortably located again in their new home. John Payne was visiting relatives here last Monday. There is no fruit left in this region. GEE A. GEE.

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Lacy Locals. Aunt Sallie Hawkins is on the sick list. E. E. Cox and Lee Richardson have gone to Spring Creek to shear sheep. W. E. Russell has gone to Weatherford after his furniture, which was shipped from Idaho. He will live on the Dock Hawkins place. We welcome all good citizens. Messrs. Mat Williams and Allie Whittenburg are visiting friends and relatives at Farmer this week. Miss Elsie Whittenburg has entered the Farmer High School. Our school closed last Friday. Had quite a number of the patrons out. A very large crowd witnessed the entertainment given that night. All seemed to enjoy themselves and have a good time. The following persons went to Cameron Creek fishing last Saturday: Messrs. Jennie and Vera Daniels and Emma Cox, Messrs. Melvin Cox and Walter Ganaway. They report a pleasant trip and say they "caught just lots of turtles." A young lady is boarding at Al Blakey's now. Mother and babe doing well. Will Daniels, J. A. Kieth and C. W. Rasure visited Graham Monday. A. F. WITHIN.

Briar Branch Brevities. The corn crop was slightly damaged by the freeze. Mr. Sam Smith was recovered from a spell of sickness. We would like to see a good rain in this part of the country. Mat Brogdon is done clearing land and wants his friends to know it. Joe Clark went turkey hunting the other morning and saw a big gobbler fly off the roost, and he immediately proceeded to follow; so getting down on his hands and knees he crawled to where the gentleman lit and at once blazed away at him. Did he kill the turkey? Certainly not; but Joe says he knocked the feathers out of a bunch mistletoe. Miss Clara Ellis' school closed last Friday week with a good attendance. We have preaching at the school house every second Sunday. The gardens are looking badly on account of the cold dry weather. Miss Sallie Neuhau expects to leave for Hood county in a few days to dispose of some land she has there. If the measles do not interfere it is the intention of the community to organize a Sabbath School at this place the first Sunday in May. ROUNDAABOUT.

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Cemetery Entertainment.

At the court house, Thursday evening April 9th, for the benefit of Oak Grove Cemetery. PROGRAMME: "Nearer My God to Thee," Pantomime Class. Pole Drill, By the Ninians. Orchestra. "Murmuring Sea," Duet, Misses Lella McJimmey and Georgia Jewell, Accompanist, Miss Cornelia Jewell. "Martha Gordon," Miss Mollie McJilton, "Cyrus Gordon," Elmer Timmons, "Grandma Cole," Miss Flor'ce Matthews, "Mary Jane Cole," Janie Stafford, "Jack Cole," Wybert Brown, Orchestra. "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," Duet, Misses Lella McJimmey and Georgia Jewell. Recitation, "The Wayward Life," Miss Janie Stafford. "The Rainbow," The Seven Graces. Orchestra. "Mr. Bumble's Courtship," "Mr. Bumble," Prof. H. Fowler, Mrs. Corney, Miss Lulu O'Donnell. "Swinging in the Old Apple Tree," Chorus. Recitation, "The Jinx," Miss N. McJilton, Orchestra. "Raven," Pantomime Class. "Living Pictures," Tableau.

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Summer Normal. Johnston & Fowler will teach a Summer Normal at Graham, beginning May 15th. All persons preparing to teach will do well to attend. Write them.

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