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WANTS OF THE NAVY.

MANY ADDITIONS AND REPAIRS ARE OUTLINED.

Commodore Phillip Hychborn, Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repairs Makes his Report—Our Postal System and its Operations.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Commodore Phillip Hychborn, chief of the bureau of construction and repair of the navy, has completed his report for the year. The reports includes estimates for appropriations for next year, the most important of which is $5,895,679 to be expended on vessels authorized by congress for the increase of the navy. He also asks for $1,500,000 for the general repair of vessels and the purchase of stores and machinery, $528,000 for the continance of work already authorized on the Hartford, the Chicago and other vessels; and $500,000 for two composite sailing vessels. He dwells especially upon the necessity of adequate money for the repair of the vessels.

It is now more than nine years since the first vessel of the new navy was put in commission and the necessity for general repairs and renewals of fittings and equipments is becoming more and more pressing.

Commodore Hychborn suggests the importance of appropriations sufficient to put the navy yards at Portsmouth, N. H., Boston, New York, League island, Norfolk, Va., and Mare island, Cal., in a condition to meet the demands of the immediate future. He thinks $125,000 necessary to Norfolk, $75,000 at New York and $70,000 at Mare island. He also renews the recommendation of last year for the appropriation of $75,000 for each of the two stations at Port Royal and Puget sound. This money is, he says, necessary to equip the stations with tools so as to enable them to cover the ordinary repair work.

Probably the most important part of the report is that devoted to the necessity of increasing dry dock facilities. Mr. Hychborn notes the fact that there was no dock, government or private, in the country sufficiently large to dock the Indiana preliminary to her trial trip. The chief constructor indorses the recommendation of the constructor at Boston for a dock there sufficiently large to take the largest vessel, as he does also similar recommendations from the constructors at Norfork and Mare island.

Mr. Hychborn also recommends that in future appropriate provisions be made for having at least one vessel in course of construction at each of the three principal navy yards.

The report renews the recommendation provisionally made of an experimental tank in which carefully conducted experiments could be made with models. One hundred thousand dollars is asked for this purpose and it is believed that with such a station, properly equipped and officered; the department would be in a condition to make original research and act on quite independent lines.

Mexican News.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 11.—The new issue of $20,000,000 5 per cent silver bonds is merely for the convenience of the holders of miscellaneous claims against the nation, so they may convert them into security readily marketable in Europe.

The Italian assassin of Kolbeck, the American railway conductor, claims that he was defending the good name of the queen of Spain, when the American beat him, and that led to the murder. A Spanish newspaper here has sent a bed for the Italian now in prison and furnishes him with his meals. The Mexican papers demand that the assins be tried on a strict legal basis, whether it was a crime of homicide or not, and that the question of nationality shall not enter into the matter and that the case shall be divorced from all consideration whether the American and Italian were disputing over Cuba.

Gen. Francisco Mena, the chief Mexican military commander in Europe, will arrive to-day. Many political rumors regarding him are current.

New Peruvian Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Information reaches here of the appointment of a new cabinet in Peru, as follows:

Don Antonio Bentim, president of the cabinet and secretary of home government, police and public works.

Dr. Don Meliton Perras, secretary of foreign relations.

Dr. Don Augusta Salbaracon, secretary of justice, public instruction and charities.

Col. Don Domingo J. Parra, secretary of war and navy.

Don Frederico Beisance, secretary of the treasury and commerce.

The appointment of this cabinet gives assurance that the new government is on a stable basis and that the evil effects of the last revolution have been overcome.

It is expected that a minister will be sent to Washington at an early day. Peru has been without a representative since the revolution began.

Our Postal System.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Jones has made his annual report for the year ending June 30, 1895. It shows that the divisions under his supervision have saved during the year $1,395,577, the principal items being in the saving in the carrier service by stopping overtime and reduction of the force, amounting to $1,300,000. The salaries to all presidential postmasters amounted to $5,897,200, and the gross receipts of postoffices were $60,538,097. The number of presidential postmasters are 3491, of which 159 are first-class, 700 second-class and 2632 third-class.

An estimate of $17,000,000 for all postmasters is made for the year of 1897. The total number of positions brought within the classified service during the year were 2359.

Mr. Jones recommends the abolition of experimental free delivery unless $10,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose, also free rural delivery unless $20,000,000 is appropriated.

An estimate of $1,960,300 is made for the free delivery service next year.

The money order report shows that there are 19,691 domestic money order offices and orders to the amount of $156,709,089, were issued and $156,159,698 paid.

Mr. Jones recommends legislation requiring clerks handling money order business to give bonds.

Concerning dead letter matter, the report says: The number of pieces of deed letter matter received during the year for treatment was 6,319,876, a decrease of 781,121.

Robbed by Masked Men.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Thursday night Thomas and Richard Walter, the owners of the place, and Richard Manley, a contractor, were in a saloon on One Hundred and Forty-eighth street with Gillen, the barkeeper, Robert Kenny, a railroad man and Richard Pope, when three men walked in, wearing masks. The tallest of the three pulled a gun and pointed it at the crowd with the command: "Throw up your hands." Every one threw up his hands except Pope. He picked up a chair and advanced threateningly to the men with the masks. "Brain the man with the gun," cried out Kenny to Pope. The next instant a shot rang out and Pope fell to the floor dead. The other men fled and left the masked burglars in possession of the saloon. The police were notified and a patrolman ran to the saloon, to find it unoccupied. The cash drawer stood wide open. No trace of the men could be found. The police think they are members of a wild west show that came to the city Wednesday night from Atlanta.

Killed by an Enraged Father.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 11.—Lin Dock Dunn, a chinese laundryman on South Halstead street, was shot and killed yesterday morning by the father of a young girl whom he had attempted to assault. The identity of the man who did the shooting is at present known to no one outside of his own family except Lawyer George A. Trude, whom he retained as his attorney. Mr. Trude notified Sergt. Broderick of the Central station yesterday evening to call his detectives off the search for the murderer, and promised to produce the man who did the shooting at the coroner's inquest this morning. Mr. Trude refuses to give the name of his client, and will only say that he is a thoroughly-respectable man. It appears that the young girl had been sent to the laundry to get some washing that had been left there. The Chinaman attempted to take liberties with the girl, who had a hard struggle to escape. She reported the matter to her father and the enraged man at once went to the laundry and shot the celestial dead.

A Terrible Encounter.

CINCINNATTI, O., Nov. 11.—A speciri from Birmingham says: A threatened riot at Ishkoota mines, near this city, was quelled by Perry Watkins, the mine boss, Saturday night, who killed two men and mortally wounded the third. Watkins was assaulted by Louis Smith, Jr., Louis Smith, Sr., and Columbus Madden, with missiles. When they had Watkins down and thought him to be knocked senseless he emptied his revolver, killing Louis Smith, Jr., and Columbus Madden and mortally wounding Louis Smith, Sr. The other disaffected miners then threatened Watkins, when they were quelled by Watkins starting the same vigorous defense.

Insurgents Recognized.

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 11.—Passengers arriving from Cuba last night say Col. Rego, in an engagement eight days ago near Cumnayagua, Cienfuegos, captured sixteen prisoners. Rego notified the Spanish authorities to send for them. The authorities dispatched a committee consisting of Col. Valle, Capt. Rios, two lieutenants, a doctor and a priest, who received the prisoners from Rego and gave him a formal receipt for them. Radical Spaniards are greatly displeased with Valle for treating with the insurgents and practically recognizing them as beligerents. They would rather see the prisoners die.

REPUBLICAN VICTORY

THEY SWEEP NINE STATES LIKE A CYCLONE.

Gorman of Maryland is Down — Old Kentucky is in Doubt—The Democrats Saved Utah—Nebraska is also on the Doubtful List.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—New York state has been carried by the Republicans by pluralities ranging from 48,000 to 55,000 compared with a plurality of 24,484 for the head of the ticket two years ago. Returns from more than one-half of the election districts outside of the city of Brooklyn, or "above the Harlem" show a neat Republican gain of 12,803 compared with the vote of two years ago. Maintaining the same average the gains will reach 23,000 outside of Greater New York. In the two cities below the Harlem the Democratic plurality of 60,343 two years ago has been reduced about 12,000, giving the state to the head of the Republican ticket by 50,000 plurality in round numbers.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 6.—There are enough returns to indicate that there has been a landslide in Maryland, and that the Democratic ticket is underneath it by majorities ranging from 10,000 upward.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 6.—Scattering returns received up to 1 o'clock, including this city and county, give Hardin a majority of 1700. These returns come from every county in the state, however the state is in doubt, both Republicans and Democrats claiming the victory.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 6.—Democratic majority in the state over the Populists is estimated at 50,000.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 6.—The telegrams up to 8 o'clock last evening seemed to justify Chairman Kurtz of the Republican state committee in calling upon Asa S. Bushnell and congratulating him as the next governor of Ohio. The Democratic state committee says the Republican plurality will not be half that of two years ago, although they do not claim the election of Campbell for governor, or a majority of the legislature. The Republican plurality is about 60,000.

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 6.—At midnight last night it was difficult to even forecast the result of the election in New Jersey, for the reason that Essex county is conceded to be the pivotal point. In the absence of trustworthy figures both sides claim to have carried the county, the Democrats claiming a majority of 1000 and the Republicans 5000. Franklin Murphy, chairman of the state Republican committee, claims to have figures from the twenty-one counties of the state which give Griggs (Rep.) 15,000 plurality.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 6.—The question in Massachusetts from the first was one of majority. Gov. Greenhalge and the entire Republican ticket are elected by a plurality of about 65,000.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 6.—The Republicans carried the election by pluralities of about 30,000 on the entire ticket. Ball, the Republican candidate for judge of the superior court, defeated Morrison (Dem.) by 30,500. The Republicans elected five of the nine trustees for the $30,000,000 drainage canal.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 6.—The scattering returns as received up to midnight last night do not differ materially from those received last year, when the Republicans carried the state by 2000. The Democrats claim the election of Roberts to congress, with even chances on the governor, but give no figures. They also claim the legislature.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 6.—Virginia is in doubt, but the Democrats claim the election, saying that in the black belt the negroes voted the Democratic ticket.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 6.—Retuns received up to midnight last night, indicated that Benjamin J. Haywood, Republican, has been elected state treasurer by about 150,000 plurality, a Republican gain over 1893, which was also an off year, about 15,000. This state also elects seven judges of the new superior court; of these the six Republicans nominated are elected.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 6.—At 11 o'clock last night the Republicans claimed the state by 66,000, while the Democrats concede 33,000, which was Jackson's plurality two years ago. Present indications are that it cannot fall below 60,000, as tabulated precincts show an average gain over two years ago of about 16 per cent. The Populists make some gains, mostly from the Democrats.

OMAHA, Neb. Nov. 6.—Results of the election throughout Nebraska at 9 o'clock last night were too vague to indicate anything as to the individual candidates, but the feature of the day has been the general absence of interest. The stay-at-home vote was very heavy. This is attributed to the fact of an off year and the absolute certainty that the state ticket of the Republicans could not be beaten. The vote cast will not represent two-thirds of the population. In the towns where local interest was a feature the vote was heavy.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 6.—Returns up to about midnight last night indicate that the Republicans have carried a majority of their county tickets in their entirety by pluralities of from 200 to 800, and that David Martin, Republican candidate for justice of the supreme court, is elected by a handsome majority. In many instances Martin ran ahead of his ticket.

The Democrats lose a United States senator in Ohio and another in Maryland, the legislatures of both states being undoubtedly Republican. This, however, is balanced by the gain of two senators from Utah, where the Democrats have captured the legislature, which is to elect two senators. In brief, the election returns are as follows: The Republicans carry the following states: New York, 50,000 majority; Ohio, 60,000 plurality; Maryland, 10,000 majority; Pennsylvania, 60,000 majority; Illinois, 30,000 plurality; Massachusetts, 65,000 majority; Iowa, 33,000 majority; Nebraska, 30,000 majority; New Jersey, 20,000 plurality.

The Democrats claim the following states: Mississippi, by 50,000; Utah, by 5,000, and Virginia without figures.

An Arkansas Lynching.

WYNNE, Ark., Nov. 5.—About ten days ago Albert England, a white man, who claims Cross county as his home, broke into a store at Vilonia, Ark., a small inland town, twenty-five miles west of Beebe, and stole $25 worth of goods. He went to Beebe and purchased a trunk in which he concealed the stolen goods. He then bought a ticket and had the trunk checked to Wynne. He was afterward located by officers from Vilonia and arrested. He was brought to Wynne and turned over to the officials, who took him to Vilonia and turned him over to the authorities there. He had his preliminary trial Saturday and was bound over to the circuit court. At 2 o'clock Saturday morning a mob took England from the officers and shot him to death. He had been in several shady transactions in this part of the country and bore a bad reputation.

An Election Row.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 6.—There was an ugly feeling all day between the A. P. A.'s and the Catholics at the first precint in the fifth ward. Late yesterday afternoon Joseph Diefenbach, one of the former, and Will Donovan, a Catholic, had a quarrel which resulted in a pitched battle between the elements. Twenty shots were exchanged before the police succeeded in stopping the riot. Only one man, Jacon Enright, an A. P. A., was seriously wounded. The rioters scattered.

Man and Wife Murdered.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 6.—Capt. Frederick Lang and his wife were murdered at their home on Franklin avenue, Gardenville, Monday night. Their skulls were crushed as they lay in bed, and the house was ransacked. It is supposed that robbery was the incentive of the double murder. Capt. Lang was a Baltimorean. He was about 55 years of age, and wealthy. He owned a great deal of property, aside from a number of oyster vessels.

Most Remarkable.

SAN LUIS POTOSI, Mex., Nov. 6.—A remarkable story is reported from Santa Catrina district in this state. A slight shock of earthquake was felt and was immediately followed by the sinking of large areas of ground. In one place the ground for a distance of about a mile and a half wide sank over 500 feet. The noise caused by the falling in of the ground was heard for 100 miles.

Sovereign Will Retire.

MASSILLON, O., Nov. 6.—J. R. Sovereign, general master workman of the Knights of Labor, who visited this place on business, before leaving said he did not believe in the third terms and expects to retire from his office as soon as his present term expires. He has still a year to serve, and after that he expects to raise fruit on his farm in Arkansas.

A Million Dollar Fire.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—A fire started last night in Keep's shirt factory at Broadway and Bleeker streets which extended to Crosby street, and is estimated to have done a damage of $1,000,000. The comparatively new building of the Manhattan Savings institution was destroyed. Two other buildings were destroyed and others damaged by fire and water.

The president has made the following appointments: James B. Angel of Michigan, John E. Russell of Massachusetts and Lyman E. Conly of Illinois, to be commissioners to make inquiry and report upon the feasibility of a deep water canal between the great lakes and the Atlantic ocean under the act approved in March last.

The visible supply of grain Saturday, November 2, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange was: Wheat 52,990,000 bushels, corn 4,854,000, oats 4,990,000, rye 1,604,000, barley 9,373,000.

STATE CONDENSATIONS.

A Breviary of Daily Happenings from Various Sources.

Grice Taylor, an old and respected citizen who lived alone, about six miles from Grandview, Johnson county, was murdered the other night. A man giving his name as John Wilkins went to Taylor's house, prior to the assasination and hired to him as a farm hand. On the next day he was seen at Taylor's house, and about sun-up the day after Wilkins appeared in Cleburne, twenty-two miles from Taylor's place. He sold the horse he was riding to the highest bidder. He aroused suspicion and Sheriff Stewart arrested him and started to jail with him. When he arrived at the gate Wilkins broke and ran, with Sheriff Stewart after him. Wilkins stepped behind a tree and began shooting at Stewart, and came very near killing him, as he shot a hole through his hat. After he had emptied his pistol he surrendered. On his way to jail he said it was not the horse he was afraid of; it was something worse than that.

In building the City Hall, enlargiug and improving the public school building and other expenditures the city of Rockdale seems to have run out of funds. The electric lights on the streets are missed at night and the city having no scavenger does not present the cleanly appearance of a few months back. Taxpayers are loth to have their burdens increased, and in consequence wayfarers will have to stumble in the dark and the streets go unswept until good times come again.

Gov. Culberson, has appointed the following delegates to the trans-Mississippi commercial congress, which meets at Omaha, Neb., November 25: Heber Stone, Brenham; R. S. Neblett, Corsicana; Marion Sansom, Alvarado; J. P. Blunt, Denton; N. B. Smith, Mexia; A. W. Gregg, Palestine, H. A. Finch McKinney; W. B. Bow, Houston; P. H. Foscue, Sulphur Springs; Clyde Yarborough, Tyler.

An unknown negro was run over recently at Dickinson while attempting to board an International and Great Northern freight train. The wheels cut off a portion of the calf of the leg and his head was badly cut. He will probably die. He was carried to Galveston and put in the hospisal.

At Sweet Home, Lavaca county, Miss Lizzie E. Patton, the daughter of Dr. C. B. Patton, who had a grass bur lodged in the laryux over a month ago, and in consequence has not been able to speak in a tone above a whisper, dislodged the bur recently during a fit of coughing.

John Valk, wife and daughter, on leaving Smithville, Bastrop county, recently, were thrown from their hack during a runaway, and very badly hurt, though the attending physician thinks that their injuries will not prove fatal.

The Atlanta Exposition management has set apart December 11 as "Texas Day" at the exposition, and Gov. Culberson and his staff have been invited to be in attendance and participate in the exercises on that day.

H. L. Johnson & Son, dealers in dry goods, at Pittsburg, has filed a deed of trust, for the benefit of creditors, naming A. D. Martin as trustee. Liabilities named in the deed of trust $945.19, assets about $3000.

The ancient and sleepy town of Refugio has waked up and gone to work in earnest to secure one of the railroads which contemplate building to Aransas Pass when deep water is secured at that point.

At Orange recently Charlie Russell, a negro working at A. E. Smith's shingle mill, got his right hand caught in a shingle saw, which amputated his second finger and badly lacerated the thumb.

Hardin & Tate of Wilson, Comanche county, have executed a deed of trust, conveying their store, and all property in trust, for the benefit of preferred creditors. Assets $3500.

Near Constellation, Parker county, the other evening, O. M. Woods shot Bob. Brock. Brock it seems was advancing on him with a hatchet. Woods surrendered.

At a recent meeting of the city council of Laredo, Joseph Bauthlow was chosen city marshal, N. Idar assistant marshal, and Luis Quintanilla fire-house keeper.

Local option is in effect at Greenville, but men will have the "ardent" at any cost or risk, judging from the number of cases filed for violating the law.

District court is in session at Corpus Christi and twenty cases from the counties of Cameron, Hidalgo and Star will be tried there this term.

The San Antonio Street Railway company wants an injunction restricting the city from tearing upon its tracks in laying sewers.

J. W. Peters, general merchandise, of Whitt, Parker county, has filed a deed of trust naming Wiley Blair as trustee.

Smithville, Bastrop county, wants to issue $6500 of schoolhouse bonds.

To Gain Weight.

PALE, THIN PEOPLE USUALLY ARE DISEASED.

The First Thing Necessary to Gain Flesh is Health Then Proper Food for Both Body and Nerves.

From the Journal, Kirksville, Mo.

Henry Gehrke is a thrifty and prosperous German farmer, living four miles south of Bullion, in this (Adair) county, Mo. Mr. Gehrke has a valuable farm and he has been a resident of the county for years. He is very well known hereabouts and well respected wherever he is known. Last week a reporter of the Journal stopped at Mr. Gehrke's and while there became much interested in Mrs. Gehrke's account of the benefit she had not long since experienced from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. She said she wanted everybody to know what a great medicine these pills are, but as so many people are praising them now-a-days, she modestly doubted whether her testimony could add anything to what others had already said of them. Her only reason for talking for publication about Pink Pills was that the people of Adair and neighboring counties might be convinced if any doubted that oft-published testimonials concerning Pink Pills were genuine statements from the lips of persons who have been benefited by the use of them. Speaking of her own interesting experience, Mrs. Gehrke said:

"A little over a year ago I was completely broken down. I had been taking medicine from a doctor but grew worse and worse until I could scarcely go about at all. The least exertion or the mere bending of my body would cause me to have smothering spells, and the suffering was terrible. I thought it was caused by my heart. When everything else had failed to relieve me and I had given up all hopes of ever being anything but a helpless invalid, I chanced to read some testimonials in the Farm, Field and Fireside, also in the Chicago Inter-Ocean and the suffering of the people who made the statements were so nearly like the suffering I had endured that when I read that they were so greatly benefited by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People I did not hesitate to go at once and purchase two boxes. I took them according to directions and before the first box was used I felt a good bit better. Really the first dose convinced me that it was a great remedy. Before the two boxes were used up I sent my husband after three more boxes, so I would not be without them. When I had used these three boxes I felt like a different woman and thought I was almost cured.

"Since that time I have been taking them whenever I began to feel badly. When I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People I weighed only 118 pounds and after I had been using the medicine for about six months I weighed 122 pounds. I have had a good appetite ever since I commenced taking them and instead of mincing along, picking such food as I could eat even with an effort, I eat most anything that comes on the table. I am not the invalid I was. I do not have to be waited upon now as if I was a helpless child, but I work all the time, doing the housework and ironing and working in the garden without that dreadful feeling which comes over a person when they are afraid they are going to have one of those spells that I used to have.

"Work don't hurt me any more. I honestly believe that had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I would now be in my grave. I still have what the doctor calls bilious colic but the Pink Pills have made me much better and the spells are not so frequent and are nothing like as painful as before I began to use them. I would not be without the Pink Pills for that disease alone under any circumstances, to say nothing of the other diseases for which they are especially recommended. I take pleasure in telling my neighbors the benefits I have received from Pink Pills and know of several who have taken my advice and have been greatly benefited by them."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are considered an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effects of la grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, that tired feeling resulting from nervous prostration; all diseases resulting from vitiated humors in the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They are also a specific for troubles peculiar to females. In men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry or overwork. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50, by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Goes to Fires.

The Princess Waldemar, of Denmark, has a high opinion of firemen. She goes to all the fires herself, and orders refreshments for the fire-fighters.

A Lucrative Business.

Guerita, the Spanish bull fighter, has made $60,000 above his expenses this year. He has had 77 fights.

NEW CHATTANOOGA LABORATORY.

One of the Largest in the World—Wine of Cardui Has an Immense Sale.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 9.—The immense new laboratory of the Chattanooga Medicine company was commenced to-day. Nearly an acre of floor space is now used in making McElree's Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black-Draught, but this new annex doubles the capacity of the plant. This business has become one of the largest in the country and now sends its leading product, Wine of Cardui, to every part of the world. A branch office has been established at St. Louis for the northwestern trade.

Poor Devil.

Queen Victoria has announced that Marie Corelli is her favorite authoress, her majesty having been specially pleased with the story of Calvary, that was called "Barabbas." Now Miss Corelli is giving the finishing touches to a new book which is of modern English society, and which scores the critics who have scorched Corelli. She calls her book "The Sorrows of Satan." She will give the devil his due, and make her censors wish they were with him.

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If the world does not go to suit us, let us go to suit the world.

The two rains of the last few days will greatly benefit wheat.

With a moderately good rain fall, and some snows this winter, next spring would open favorably for Scurry county.

If England and the United States get mad and fight over Venezuela because there is much gold there, it will not be a little scrap like Cuba and Spain.

The rain of Tuesday was a mixed blessing; still it was a blessing nevertheless. If the grass, which is now simply uncut hay, is not injured, no material harm has resulted, while the earth is now well moistened and stock water increased.

A philosopher will make himsel satisfied with whatever circumstances his fate may chance to be. If we are a democrat or populist and the republicans get in full power we shall be satisfied, for the same power that rules us will rule them. If they have good officers we will have good officers.

The question of a successor to Judge H. O. Head on the second supreme judicial bench, is to be shortly solved. Among the names placed before the governor for appointment, is that of Judge Wm. Kennedy, of Colorado. Judge Kennedy is eminently fitted for the office in every way, and the News hopes the governor will see fit to appoint him.

The Colorado Times claims that people are complaining of hard times. No man need be smitten or bitten with any such a reptile who lives in Scurry county if he will economize just a little and use ordinary judgment. We seldom ever hear any one mention oppression. Some times a man will say something about scarcity of money, but hard times; we don't know what it means.

The annual report of First Assistant Postmaster General Jones for the year ending June 30th, shows a saving to the government of $1,395,577—the chief item being a saving in the carrier service of $1,300,000 by stopping overtime and reduction of the force. Mr. Jones makes several wise recommendations, among them more stringent legislation against obscene matter being allowed through the mails.

It can be said with truth that justice has been meted out and vindicated in several instances of late: Holmes, for the murder of Pietzel, Durant, for the murder of two young ladies in a church in San Francisco, and Ware for the poisoning of engineer Black, Fort Worth. Much reform is needed in the enforcement of law; but these verdicts afford ground for congratulation and encouragement.

Land Commissioner Baker of Austin sends out the following:

"Will you do me the courtesy to request through the columns of your paper all country papers to say for the information of their readers, that it would greatly relieve this office if all persons would send their moneys for the purchase, lease and interests payments on school land, direct to the treasurer of the state. The law requires this to be done, and no provision is made by the law for accepting such moneys in this office. Unless this course is adopted in compliance with the law, I shall be compelled, in the interest of economy in this service to return their moneys to the writers. The people can have no conception of the amount of labor imposed on the land office by this disregard of the law. Besides, it causes much delay in having their business letters promptly acknowledged.

A big express robbery at Colorado Springs is the latest daring job—$20,000 were lifted, $800 reward.

A Word of Advice to Those Who Propose to Come to Scurry County.

The News earnestly desires to see Scurry county settled with a thrifty, prosperous people, and in order to assist to bring this about, it wishes to inform those contemplating coming here of such facts concerning this county as they should know before taking the step.

And first, we wish to state plainly that after several years observation here, a man need not expect to come here and make a living simply by farming. This experiment has been thoroughly tried, and has proved a failure.

But the country is very well adapted to stock-farming and stock raising. The News' idea and advice is, if a man can come here with enough means to buy from one to four sections of land, or buy one section and lease one, two, or three more—according to the number of stock he may have, and fence his land; and can build a comfortable dwelling, (of dimensions to suit his pocket and taste) and in addition to this, put up a good windmill of ample power; build a good tank if necessary; then raise plenty of milo maize, sorghum, and the like, for feed stuff for his stock in winter, and till early spring; with his wind mill irrigate a garden and patches embracing one to two or three acres, and raise his vegetable, peas, sweet potatoes, etc., and let it be understood that, that man, after building, fencing, etc., as above—fixing himself and his stock to live—shall have enough means left to run himself from one to two years—(two years would be better)—we say, if the settler is prepared with means to meet the conditions named above, and will properly look after and take care of his stock, he can "make ends meet," and with industry and economy, accumulate something. The settlers stock, say from twenty-five to a hundred head, or more, should be his main stay and dependence.

A section of land here will carry say from 20 to 35 head, as well as we can average it one year with another.

Bear in mind that a "big plenty" of feed must be raised every year to feed these stock through the winter and until grass affords good pasture in the spring, and the springs here are frequently late.

While cotton does very well here, and now and then wheat yields well, and some good oats have now and then been raised; and the News' judgment is, it is best for the stock farmer to let these crops alone—except perhaps to sow some wheat for winter pasture, if he chooses. Millet does well with plenty of rain.

As regards rain: This country is drouthy most years. This year is an exceptional one for rain, and should not be taken as a standard by any means. Hence a man must adjust and adapt himself and his operations to this fact. Milo maize, dora corn, jerusalem corn, and sorghum can be raised any year in sufficient quantity to provide ample feed for stock.

Irrigation ensures plenty of good vegetables in good variety.

Hogs can be raised easily. Milo maize is an excellent substitute for Indian corn, and will fatten hogs, horses and cow-stock.

We need hardly mention that the stock farmer should have good stout teams for ranch and domestic use.

Fuel, chiefly mesquete, is tolerably plentiful, but not enough so to justify its wasteful use.

The man who proposes to stock farm it, and has means to cover the points (substantially,) above mentioned need have no fear about making a living.

Fencing, with wire, costs at present, from seventy-five to one hundred dollars per mile.

In the limited space allotted it is impossible for the News to cover all the practical points one wants to know. We will be pleased to answer, candidly and honestly any enquiries about facts not covered by this article, the writer enclosing stamp for reply.

DUNN DARLINGS.

The weather has been so unfavorable for several days that farmers are complaining. Don't complain we will need the rain by and by.

Cotton picking is nearly a thing of the past in this community.

Gathering and garnering maize is the order of the day now.

Our school commences Monday next.

Prof. W. H. Wilson has a young teacher at his house. He will be all smiles in the school-room next week.

W. H. Taylor is sowing wheat this week.

It is said that Wm. Sawyers will make more forage than any farmer in Scurry county according to his force.

Success to the News.

A READER.

AFRA SAYINGS.

Seeing in the News a request that some one furnish the items from this community, we come to the front with the understanding that you are to correct all errors.

The health of this portion of the county is good at this time.

We had a good rain on the evening of the 7th, the first we have had to make stock water since the last of July.

Mr. J. D. Boone of this vicinity is gone to Van Alstyne, in Grayson county, with a lot of young horses. He is accompanied by family, hoping that the trip would be beneficial to the health of his wife.

Miss Hattie Bell Guinn is visiting friends in Ellis county this week.

Rev. Mr. Jones, of Colorado, was with us at Camp Spring school house last Sunday and he preached an able sermon on the Setting up of the Church, after which he baptised five members into the Christian church.

POPCORN.

West Texas Press Association.

A circular letter from the secretary of the West Texas Press Association at Big Springs has been addressed to the members stating in substance as follows:

1. The next meeting of the Association will be held at Big Springs on the first Saturday in December.

2. The old West Texas Press Association fixed the membership fee at $1 and annual dues $1, so that if you reside in West Texas and are eligible to membership in the Texas Press Association you are eligible to membership in this Association.

I trust that you will earnestly co-operate in the re-organization of this Association, and that you will be present at its December meeting. An interesting programme (a copy of which will be mailed you later on) including essays, orations, etc., and probably an excursion to Roswell, New Mexico, will be arranged for the occasion, and the citizens of Big Springs will spare no efforts to make your stay here pleasant. If is your intention to attend the meeting please so inform me by mail AT ONCE so that arrangements can be made for your entertainment.

Fraternally yours,
C. N. HARRIS,
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Mr. John O. Nelson, of our town, will travel for Bettman, Bloom & Co., clothing house, Cincinnati, and will leave this week for the road. The News is pleased at this consummation and predicts great success for Mr. Nelson in his new field of labor. He will still make Snyder his home.

Mrs. J. O. Nelson has arranged to teach the school at Bookout, northwest Scurry and will enter upon her work next Monday. We congratulate the Bookout community upon their selection of a teacher. The school will last four months or more.

Mr. P. A. Higgins and family have moved into the dwelling lately occupied by Mr. J. O. Nelson.

Mr. J. M. Wood, of our town, travelling salesman for Bettman, Bloom & Co., clothing, leaves this week to begin his winter commercial tour.

Scurry County

Scurry county was formed from Bexar county in 1876 and contains 900 square miles.

Scurry was organized in 1884 and in 1890 contained a population of 1,415. It lies in the west center of the state and is noted for the purity of her climate, the palatability of her waters, the variety of her grasses and the richness of her soil.

The Colorado river flows across the south-west corner of the county, while Deep, Bull, Ennis and a number of smaller streams furnish abundant water for stock.

Wells abound on every hand and can be easily had at every point.

Stock-farming is just beginning to obtain and promises to prov most satisfactory. Cotton, wheat, oats sorghum milo maize, potatoes, melons and all kinds of vegetables have been successfully grown.

Churches and schools have not been neglected, but these instututions are ample, successful and harmonious.

Society is good.

Snyder is the county seat; population 500.

This is a lovely village and situated on the banks of Deep Creek from which our boys and girls take the choicest fish with which to supply our tables.

Snyder boasts of the best schools in west Texas.

The Masons have a flourshing lodge of good working material.

The Baptists, Cumberland Presbyterians and Methodists, each have church organizations. There are three grocery stores, one drug store, one photograph gallery, one machine and smithing shop, two livery and feed stables, two hotels, three physicians, and three lawyers who have plenty of time in which to keep posted on the subject of free silver and un-free gold. One weekly newspaper with job office; one gin and mill; one iron bridge stretching across a flowing stream; one confectionery with news stand; three dry goods stores; two banks; hardware, vehicles, lumber etc. also on sale at Snyder.

Lands are cheap; and all classes of good citizens will be welcomed by our people. Why not throw off the shackles of your servitude to all cotton? Why enslave your children and keep them out of school to grow 5c cotton? Why not get a few cows or other stock and come to Scurry? Why will you longer chill? Health invites. Come and procure a cheap home and find health, prosperity and happiness. Scurry is the most inviting field. Come!

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