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Specials

We are unloading a great deal of SEASONABLE GOODS now at very low prices, goods of quality, too. Below we give you a few pointers.

JACKETS.

Ladies Silk Lined Jackets, heavy Melton and Beaver $7.50, $8.50 and $10.00 values, at..... 5.00
Ladies Melton and Cloth Jackets, three-quarter length, in the best shades, $12.50, $15.00 and $16.00 values, at..... 7.50
All our $5.00 and $6.00 Jackets, Meltons, Beavers Zibelines, etc..... 4.00

SKIRTS.

Ladies Walking Skirts, leading styles and fabrics, worth $5.00, $6.00 and $7.50 at..... 3.50
Ladies Walking Skirts, late style garments, well tailored, worth $3.00 to $5.00, we are offering them in this sale at..... 2.50

LADIES VESTS.

Ladies Fleece Lined Ribbed Vests, worth 20c, 2 for..... 25c
Ladies Heavy Jersey Ribbed Fleece Lined Vests and Pants, regular 35c grade..... 25c

UNION SUITS.

Ladies Union Suits, a most excellent quality worth 75c at..... 50c
Children's Union Suits, a good one for..... 50c

HOSE.

Ladies full size, fast black, seamless hose 10c, 3 for..... 25c
Ladies extra heavy, fast black, seamless hose, 15c, 2 pairs for..... 25c
Children's extra heavy hose, fast black, seamless, double knee, 10c, 3 pairs for..... 25c
Black Cat Leather Stocking is the only hose that will hold the boys..... 25c
Infant's hose, red, blue, white and pink..... 15c
Wool hose for ladies, men and children, 15c, 25c, 35c and..... 50c

TRUNKS.

All we ask is that you inspect our line of Trunks. Our prices will sell you. They are made of the very best materials.

KID GLOVES.

We have all the wanted shades in our new fresh stock of kid gloves from 75c to..... 1.50
Also a complete line of fabric gloves for women, men, boys and girls 25c to..... 50c

BLANKETS.

10-4 grey and tan cotton blankets worth 75c for..... 50c
10-4 grey and tan blankets, the $1.00 grade for..... 75c
10-4 grey and tan blankets, extra heavy, fancy border, $1.00 and..... 1.50

REMNANTS.

From our entire stock we have gathered the remnants which you can buy for almost half price. Ask to be shown them—great bargains.

SILK WAISTS.

Some very handsome ones—silk and wool waists worth $1.50 to $5.00, the price we ask you is just half.

NEW ARRIVALS.

Direct from the manufacturers a beautiful line of ladies neckwear, stock collars and turnovers, 25c to.... 1.00

BELTS.

Just received some beautiful Merlborough Rope Girdles, an exact copy of the latest Parisian Belts..... 1.00
Also the new Alice Roosevelt Belt, with sterling silver trimmings, each..... 1.50
20 styles belts, new things, 25 and 50c.

BOY'S KNEE PANTS—500 pairs Knee Pants, made of mill remnants, extra heavy and well made, assorted colors, worth 75c to $1.00, per pair..... 50c
SHETLAND FLOSS—In 12 colors, 3 skeins for 25c.
FASCINATORS—All our Zephyr Fascinators from 50c to $1.00 go at half price.
The above mentioned articles are bargains. Call for them.

Jordan-St. Clair Co.

The Big Cash Store. Dublin, Texas.

A GREWSOME FIND.

Skeleton and Wearing Apparel of a Murdered Man Found in a Thicket Near Dublin.

The skeleton and wearing apparel of an unknown man was discovered in a thicket on the Martin place, about one mile south of Dublin, last Sunday morning. The discovery was made by J. N. (Nobe) Keith, whose home is but a quarter of a mile distant from the place. Mr. Keith immediately went to the home of John Underwood, who resides about an equal distance away as himself, and reported to Mr. Underwood and the two came to Dublin and reported the matter to Esquire W. R. Able, justice of this precinct. Justice Able summoned several physicians and surgeons and at once went to the scene of the discovery, where the remains were still untouched. They found there conclusive evidence that a murder had been committed months ago and that the body of the murderd man had remained there without molestation until the flesh had disappeared and the bones had bleached.

The surrounding circumstances were noted and the remains were gathered up, as best they could be, and brought to town and deposited in a coffin in a room in the rear of the justices' office, where they yet remain unidentified. The body, or skeleton, had passed the stage of decomposition and the exposed parts—not covered by clothing—had bleached, while that under the clothing yet gave forth a disagreeable odor, but was perfectly dry and the flesh had disappeared About, or a little back of, the middle of the left side of the skull—almost on top—but considerably off from the center of the top—was a round hole, apparently made by the bullet from a 45-caliber pistol—a bullet of that size exactly fit the round opening in the skull. Just above where the right ear should have been and including the ear entrance the skull was broken out, leaving a large opening and indicating that the bullet had came out there. The right side of the skull also showed a heavy lick with some solid object, indicated by a bursting of the skull seams on that side, by an indention about the temple and by a red or inflamed condition of the skull on and around the temple. It is presumed from all indications that the man must have first been hit on the right temple and afterwards shot in the top or side of the head.

When found the skeleton was lying in the edge of the thicket in a position with the feet up hill and the head down, and the decomposition had advanced so far that the skull, lying on an incline, had apparently of its own weight rolled several feet away, down the hill from the body. The remainder lie covered with the clothing in a natural position, with the arms and hands outstretched on each side of the body, but all ligaments having give way and each separate bone in the toes, fingers and other parts having become separate. The body had about it in proper order a suit of knit underwear, (shirt and drawers), a white shirt, pants, vest and pair of socks. Besides the remains was a white hat with broad brim, a pair of cap-toed shoes, with a hole in the side of the left shoe as though to accommodate a corn, collar, No. 16½, two ties. These were laid off from the body as though the living person had himself laid them off.

Between the knees of the skeleton was a small empty pickle bottle and a box of ordinary Searchlight parlor matches—the match box was nearly full and many of the matches would yet strike fire, though the box fell to pieces when it was picked up. Underneath the skeleton and its clothes, on the left side, was a 38-caliber Colts six-shooter—either in the rear pocket or under the clothing—and it had in it two empty and four loaded shells.

In the pants pocket was an ivory handled knife with a nick in one blade. The knife has been identified as one which was offered to a Dublin citizen in trade by a man by the name of Scott, who came from Brownwood to Dublin last June. Also in the pocket was a fifty and seventy-five cent piece in Mexican money and a fifty cent piece in American money.

A Progress reporter has carefully and closely examined the remains and all of the clothing and after interviewing all the parties the above facts give all that we are able to secure definitely. The body, however, is believed to be that of a gambling and drinking sort of character, who came here in May or June last from Brownwood, with a man by the name of Scott and several others with them. It is believed that he was murdered between June 24th and 27th of this year, as the particular party referred to was known to have been in Dublin between those dates. The knife referred to was offered for trade by the man Scott, whose address at this time is unknown.

The place at which the body was found was an unfrequented spot within the enclosure of the Brooks Martin place, yet the point was less than three hundred yards from the Frisco railroad on one side and Lamkin and Dublin wagon road on the other, and within twenty or thirty steps of a cotton patch which had borne a crop this year. It seems almost incredible that the body could remain such a length of time at that location without being found by some one, but the surroundings afford ample evidence that it had not been disturbed for many months.

The officers in Dublin have and are exercising every diligence possible in running down any and every clue to the evident murder and they are of the opinion that they shall be able to solve the mystery before very long.

Thousand Years for Criminal Assault.

In the district court at Rush last Monday the world's record was broken in the trial of Allen Brown for criminal assault and burglary. The jury gave him one thousand years for criminal assault and another jury gave him twenty-five years for burglary of a private residence. The thousand-year verdict case, as far as known, is unprecedented, but the district attorney asked for it and the jury responded.

Bosque County Court.

Proceedings of last week.

The cases of B. M. Newton and R. C. Wyatt were dismissed and that of J. D. Duncan continued.

Sandy Reed, burglary, verdict of guilty and punishment assessed at two years in the penitentiary.

Gus Hubbard, burglary, acquitted.

H. L. Little, perjury, and false swearing, hung jury, nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

A. Y. Reeder vs. Flora Reeder, divorce, granted and division of property approved.

The criminal docket was gotten through with Wednesday and the unfinished civil business taken up. The court adjourned Saturday.

ABOUT FEAR

Often Comes From Lack of Right Food.

Napoleon said that the best fed soldiers were his best soldiers, for fear and nervousness come quickly when the stomach is not nourished. Nervons fear is a sure sign that the body is not supplied with the rtght food.

A Connecticut lady says: "For many years I had been a sufferer from indigestion and heart trouble and in almost constant fear of sudden death, the most acute suffering possible. Diating brought on weakness, emaciation and nervous exhaustion and I was a complete wreck physically and almost a wreck mentally.

"I tried many foods but could not avoid the terrible nausea followed by vomiting that came after eating until I tried Grape-Nuts. This food agreed with my palate and stomach fron the start. This was about a year ago. Steadily and surely a change from sickness to health until now I have no symptoms of dyspepsia and can walk 10 miles a day without being greatly fatigued. I have not taken a drop of medicine since I began the use of Grape-Nuts and people say I look many years younger than I really am.

"My poor old sick body has been made over and I feel as though my head has been too. Life is worth living now and I expect to enjoy it for many years to come if I can keep away from bad foods and have Grape-Nuts." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

STARTLING ALLEGATIONS MADE

Murder of President McKinley Might Have Been Prevented but for Stupidity of Gen. Wood.

A special to the Ft. Worth Record from Havana, Cuba under date of December 9th, and signed by George Eugene Bryson, says:

"I am in a position to make the startling allegation that General Wood, whilst military governor of Cuba, learned months before the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo was opened, that the assassination here of President McKinley had been planned by anarchists in the Spanish prison at Montjuich, Barcelona, and that in the event of General Porfirio Diaz of Mexico attending the fair, an attempt on his life would also be made.

The information it is asserted, was brought from Europe direct to Havana by a young Italian newspaper correspondent who served with the Cuban insurgents here was captured by Spanish troops and sent as a prisoner to Spain prior to the outbreak of hostilities between the United States and Spain, being confined in Montjuich castle, Barcelonia, where he overheard the plot.

Escaping from prison, he returned to Cuba, under an assignment from a Paris paper to cover the constituent assembly, which drafted the Cuban constitution now in effect.

Upon his arrival here, he presented himself at the palace, seeking a private interview with General Wood, who referred him to Maj. C. A. Ziarc, then at the head of the government secret service and local police. He told the story of the Montjuich plot to Wood's representative and offered for a small consideration to draw sketches of the principal anarchist leaders connected with the same, for the use of the Washington secret service in taking whatever precautionary steps might be decided upon, to safeguard President McKinley, President Diaz and the heads of any other governments who might attend the Buffalo exposition when opened: but, instead of receiving Wood's thanks, it is said that the correspondent was summarily expelled from Cuba and placed aboard a vessel bound for Vera Cruz, Mexico. Communications were sent by the head of the Havana police to the authorities in Mexico, saying that the correspondent was a dangerous character and deserved to be watched. Shortly after reaching the City of Mexico the young Italian was arrested upon an evidently trumped-up charge of having attempted to steal some diamonds belonging to a wealthy citizen of the republic, convicted for a long term and sent to the Belen penitentiary in which he is yet a prisoner.

The party vouching for the truth of this story represented one of New York's leading daily newspapers as war correspondent in Cuba, when the Italian journalist arrived in this island in 1895, and went through the Spanish lines to join Garcia's Cuban patriot forces in the field beyond the trocha of Jucaro-Moron, while afterwards he was captured and courtmartialed.

When a prisoner in Cabana castle, Havana, awaiting the transportation to Barcelona to serve his time in Montjuich prison, the Italian managed to steal the plans of all the Spanish fortifications of this capitol, from Colonel Gago, the engineer in charge, and smuggle them out to the New York Journal correspondent, who in turn presented them to the bureau of military information of the war department at Washington through President McKinley, who had Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt and assistant Secretary of War Meickeljohn, Major Wagner and Captain Whitney carefully noted their importance and caused them to be archieved for reference and use in the event of possible hostilities with Spain.

This occurred six months before war came, but keen interest in the data was shown at Washington.

The name of the young Italian is given as Mario Victor Divizzia. He was a captain in the Italian army, defeated in Abyssinnia, but was stricken from the army lists at home for having joined the Cuban revolution whilst enjoying a year's lief to travel abroad, without the consent of the war office at Rome.

Whilst he was a prisoner of the Spaniards in Cabana castle here, after his capture during the raid upon the Cuban hospital, United States Senator Money tried in vain to get the Italian minister at Washington to take action in Divivzzia's behalf, but it was explained that by joining the insurgents here, as he did, and oversaying his lief from active Italian military duty, he had placed himself to all intents and purposes in the light of a deserter and could not therefore expect help from his king, who desired no friction with the Madrid government over matters of such a trifling nature."

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Cisco: Cotton was selling yesterday in Cisco from 11.35 to 11.60.... Don't forget that next Monday, the 14th, is trades day in Cisco.... Rock for the foundation of the new Odd Fellows hall is now on the ground.—Apert, Dec. 10th.

The production of "The Merchant of Venice" at the opera house in Dublin last Saturday night was, safe to say, one of the most thoroughly enjoyed comic operas that has ever visited Dublin. Joseph DeGrass, in the role of Shylock, performed his part in a superb manner and his support showed a talent which rarely visits this section.

$10,000.00 If you die. $15,000.00 If you live.

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I have paid for death claims $10,000 in and about Dublin during October and November. See me for particulars.

W. S. MESSNER,

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A CLEAN SWEEP!!

MEN'S SHIRTS.

Our line of Men's Shirts is second to none in Dublin, In fact we think they are away ahead of anything you will find. We have all the newest and swellest patterns to be had anywhere, and the way the price has been cut is a shame.

We have a good heavy corded Madras, fancy stripes, all colors, regular value 75c, cut price sale **50c**

Our line of $1.00 Shirts are beauties, all colors, cut price sale **75c**

We have the swellest line of $1.25 and $1.50 Shirts to be found anywhere, they all go in this sale at only **1.00**

We must reduce our stock by January 1st, and with this amount of goods we have now on hand we will have to make some awful close prices to do it, and we are using the price cutter all the time now, and we are cutting all the PROFIT off. We are selling Dry Goods cheaper than they have ever been sold in Dublin any time this season. We are going to continue this sale until January 1st, though we expect to close out some lines before that time. But these prices are good on everything as long as the GOODS LAST. We are almost giving away Ladies Hats. If you haven't bought you will miss and opportunity to SAVE yourself some MONEY if you fail to see our line of Hats before you buy. We have the swellest line of Ladies Hats in Dublin and our prices, WFLL THEY ARE NOTHING.

MEN'S HATS.

We have just received a big shipment of Men's Hats comprising all the newest and latest styles and colors. We are showing the swellest line of Men's Hats to be found anywhere in the city, and our prices the lowest.

We have a 4 inch shape in black just like you have been paying $200 and $2.50 for, cut price sale **1.50**

We also have the same shape in brown a better quality, would be cheap at $3.50, cut price sale **2.50**

All the newest and latest shapes in black, our regular $2.50 values, they all go in the cut price sale at **1.50**

HOSIERY.

This department is the most complete it has ever been We certainly have some of the greatest values in Hosiery we have ever had. We would be safe in saying that we carry twice as large a stock of Hosiery as any house in Erath county. We have everything you want in gents and ladies Hosiery, both in black, tan and grey. We have the greatest line of children's Hosiery ever brought to Dublin.

We have the boy's bicycle hose that always sell at 25c per pair, cut price two pairs for **25c**

Ladies and Children's Underwear.

Our line of ladies and children's underwear is full of good bargains.

We have a real heavy ribbed Vest and Drawers, a regular 35c and 40c value, would be cheap at that price, and they all go in this sale at per garment **25c**

LADIES CORSETS

The HENDERSON Fashion Hip CORSET



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The extended hip produces the beautiful hip curves so much desired. It is the correct style to be worn with the new overskirts, insuring a perfect garment. We have these Corsets in all styles and all sizes. You ought to try one of our Henderson Gibson corsets, style 889 with hose supporters attached, a regular $2. corset, cut sale price **1.50**

We have a full line of Girdles ranging in price from $1.50 down to **50c**

Henderson's Corsets are guaranteed, and if not satisfactory can be returned within ten days.

MEN'S CLOTHING.

We have the largest and best selected stock of Clothing to be found in the city, and we are going to make the prices that will move them. If you fail to see our line before you buy you will lose some money on your suit. Our suits have that style, fit and finish that you can't get every time you buy a suit.

We have a real handsome mixed worsted, well made latest style, four-button sack, good value at $6.00, cut price sale **3.85**

Good heavy storm serge in dark blue, would be cheap at 7.50, cut price sale **5.00**

All of our 7.50 suits we are going to put in this sale at **5.00**

All of our handsome 10.00 suits, all styles, the very latest patterns, cut prioe sale **7.50**

We have the swellest line of 15.00 suits to be found anywhere, every one bran new, bought this season, and they all go in the slaughter sale at **12.50**

We have the finest thing in an English dress worsted black, the swellest thing for wedding suits there is. There is nothing prettier, regular value 20.00 slaughter sale price **15.00**

CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' JACKETS.

We also bought 350 Misses Jackets at less than wholesale cost that we will also give you the advantage of. We have all colors, styles and sizes, in long or short, regular value $2.50 to $3.50, your choice of the lot, cut sale price **1.50**

LADIES SKIRTS

We have the swellest line of Ladies Skirts in town. These are every one new, for this is a new line with us, so you need not be afraid of getting anything but the very newest. They are all new up-to-date garments, stylish and well tailored, ranging in price from $10.00. to **1.50**

Ladies five gore dress skirt of repelant cloth, stitched and trimmed with straps and buttons, regular value $2.50, cut sale price **2.00**

Walking skirt of Oxford Gray Melton Cloth, made with welt seams, trimmed with straps and buttons, regular price $6.50, cut sale price **4.00**

A BIG DRESS GOODS SPECIAL.

Everything in plain cashmeres, worsteds, fancy worsteds, brocade worsteds, all colors, reds, blues, blacks, browns, in fact everything in these lines worth 25 to 35c, go in the slaughter sale at **15c**

SOMETHING GOOD.

We have about 300 pairs of men's work pants that are good values at $1.25 and $1.50 and they all go in the slaughter sale at **75c**

SHOES.

We carry nothing but the very best in this line. We handle the celebrated Hamilton-Brown Shoes, the best in the world. The Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co. are the largest shoe manufacturers in the world, and that is good enough proof of a good shoe. We have a big lot of odd sizes and broken lots that we must close out.

We have about 250 pairs ladies' and children's shoes in this lot.

We can sell you a good oil grain solid leather button shoe for ladies worth $1.50, at **85c**

A good solid calfskin button shoe for ladies, worth $1.25 for **75c**

Ladies fine vici kid shoes, lace, regular value $1.75, slaughter sale price **1.35**

Ladies vici patent tip lace, regular price $2.25, slaughter sale price **1.75**

Ladies vici, heavy sole, lace, regular price $2.50, slaughter sale price **2.00**

We have several different styles in patent leathers, prices $3.20 and $4.00, slaughter sale price **3.00**

NEW ARRIVALS.

We have just received some very swell waist patterns Broadcloths. Flake Suitings and other novelties. These goods should have been here almost a month ago but have been lost in transit, so our stock of these goods are entirely too large for this season of the year and we are going to make the price that will move them.

A real handsome broadcloth, steam finish, in black green, champaigne and red, regular $1.50, value, cut sale price **1.00**

We have some beautiful waist patterns in all the latest weaves and colors, regular value $2.00 a pattern, cut sale price, per pattern **1.50**

EMBROIDERY SPECIAL.

We are selling the cheapest Embroidery ever sold in Dublin, and you will certainly miss a good thing if you don't get some of them. Prices run from 10 to 20c, all go in this sale at only **5c**

RIBBONS.

Our stock of Ribbons is entirely too large and if price will cut ice we will soon reduce it. We have a big lot of Ribbons ranging in price from 15 cents down to 10 cents, they all go in this sale at only .....

MEN'S UNDERWEAR.

When you want Underwear we have anything you want in this line and at prices never before heard of. We are determined to make this the greatest cut price sale ever held in Dublin.

We have a lot of white merino underwear in men's shirts and drawers that we are going to put in this sale at just half price. These goods were never sold for less than 50c per garment, they all go in this sale at per garment **25c**

A lot of camel's hair random shirts, regular value 50c, cut sale price **25c**

Nice heavy ribbed shirts and drawers, regular 40c values, cut sale price per garment **25c**

A heavy ribbed shirt and drawers, regular value 75c, and would be cheap at that, cut sale price per garment **50c**

Good heavy fleece lined shirts and drawers, never sold for less than 75c, cut sale price per garment **45c**

TRUNKS, TELESCOPES.

Its dollars to doughnuts that we have sold as many Trunks and Telescopes as all the rest of the town put together and there is a good cause for this, though I guess you can guess the reason. We have had to buy just three times as many as we ever bought before for any one season. We would like you to come and see our line of trunks before you buy, for we have a big line ranging in price from $10.00 down to **1.50**

BUGGIES and WAGONS.

We carry the best line of Buggies and Wagons to be found in Texas. All kinds of Farming Implements, in faet everything in the Implement Line.

COMFORTS AND BLANKETS.

We have the largest line of these goods to be found in the city. You can certainly keep warm for very little money this winter.

We have over a hundred comforts that range in price from $1.25 to $1.50, cut sale price **1.00**

All the rest served the same way.

GROCERIES.

Don't forget that we carry a full line of everything in Groceries, Stoves, Shelf Hardware, Harness and Saddles, and the prices have been cut badly cut.

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will hasten recovery by taking one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime.

Christmas photos, Edmonds studio.

District court is in session at Has-

The Progress and Dallas News each year for $1.75.

. E. Lowe was here from De Monday morning on a brief ness trip.

. T. Miller left Monday morning for a short trip west on the ral.

ayor Spencer returned home day from a visit of several days Worth, Dallas and Marlin.

eputy Sheriff Dave Deaton was Wednesday summoning witenss- r the district court.

District court for Johnson county at Cleburne Monday. The n is to continue ten weeks.

r surveying of any kind see W. Daniel. Prompt and careful at- ion will be given to this class of k. 28tf

ol. Chas. Hamilton passed up the Tuesday in his speical car, ac- panied by Roadmaster Head and erintendent Ramsey Cox.

The Blanket Signal suggests that best way to get rid of the boll il is to quit raising cotton and e the pests feed on cockle burs il they are tickled to death.

There are in Erath county thirty-four cotton gins which were operated this season. These gins handled up to November 14th, a total of 33,894 standard bales of cotton an increase from fifteen to twenty per cent over that ginned in the county to the same date last year. This total indicates a crop for the county equal to about forty per cent more than that of last year. The figures above were kindly furnished us by Prof C. G. Foust, who is the special agent for the government census bureau in Erath county, charged with gathering this data.

The Blanket Singal gives an account of an exceedingly interesting prayer meeting at the Methodist church there Wednesday of last week. The services was not all that made the meeting interesting, however, as a colony of wasps, which had made their abode in the flue funrished the text for an extra liveliness. A fire made up in the stove disturbed the wasps and they went for the minister and congregation, who were forced to enter a sturdy fight with the pests, in which the latter came near being victorious.

Miss Lou Andrew, who has for some months past been assisting in the post office at this place, was married last Sunday at her home in Morgan, Texas to Mr. D. B. Hunter, a prominent merchant of Los Angeles, California, Rev. A. H. Darnell of Dublin officiating. The bride is a niece of Postmaster H. H. Andrew of Dublin and a sister to J. H. Andrew of this city. She has made many friends in Dublin during her stay here, with all of whom the Progress joins in wishing her and her husband a happy wedlock.

For the Christmas Holidays the Texas Central railroad company will sell round trip tickets to points in the old states at one fare plus $2.00 for the round trip, including Memphis, Tenn., Chicago Ill, and St. Louis, all limited to 30 days for the return trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 19th, 20th, 21st and 26th. For any information concerning rates, routes and connectios call on or write Elbert Blair, Agent.

The best prescription for malaria, chills and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tastless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tastless form. No cure, no pay, price 50c.

Elder A. H. Darnell is in Cleburne this week attending the state Christian lectureship held yearly by the Christian church.

An exchange notes that George Monday was in town Tuesday to visit the family of Mr. Sunday and he returned home Saturday.

W. T. Daniel is prepared to do surveying of all kinds and will give prompt attention to this class of work, as well as careful attention.

Col. J. H. Holcomb stopped in Dublin Tuesday for a few hours, the guest of his daughter Mrs J. J. Mulloy. He was en route home from his ranch near Alexander.

Elder A. H. Darnell will return to fill his pulpit as usual next Sunday. At the night service a sermon will be delivered especially for young men and ladies. All invited.

District court began last Monday morning at Stephenville, to continue twelve weeks. There is said to be considerable business on the docket but the court officials think it will all be reached at this term of court.

Try the new meat market opposite Mistrots, Baty & Haggard, proprietors. We make a specialty of buying only the best beeves to be had and butchering them in the most approved scientific fashion. 29tf

Thompson guarantees you a better photograph than you have ever had made heretofore, regardless of where you got it or who made it. Call for Thompson in person when you enter studio. 17-tf

No business was ever advertised so extensively, says the Galveston Tribpune that it will carry itself by the momentum it has attained. The fastest express train stops after awhile if the steam is cut off, unless it is going down hill.

Dr. J. J. Mulloy, practice limited ot the diseasesof the eye, ear, nose and throat. Office over the Grange Store, Dublin, Texas.

Judge J. W. Parker of Stephenville was here Monday on a brief business trip and took occasion to make the Progress a brief but pleasant call. Judge Parker has decided to become a candidate for district judge, subject to the democratic primaries of next year.

Walnut Springs:—Mrs. Bettie Smith is here from Dublin this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Savage.....The Texas Central has received 4,500 bales of cotton at this place this year against 810 bales this time last year an increase of almost six times the amount recieved last year.—Hustler, Dec. 1st.

Everybody Invited

TO COME AND SEE OUR

Holiday Goods.

If you want to see the most complete line of up-to-date Holiday Goods at prices never before made on such goods, visit our store at the old Brite's Variety Store. We will sell you as much goods for $1.00 as any other place in town will sell for $1.50. We have the largest stock of fireworks ever brought to the town and are selling them cheap.

Fireworks, Fireworks.

This pleases the boys.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Dolls,

This pleases the girls.

Cheap, Cheap, Cheapest,

This pleases the parents.

BAXTER BROS.

Santa Claus' Headquarters

HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE

Dublin Drug and Jewelry Co's.

The supply of suitable presents for young and old is practically unlimited, and what's still better the quality of goods we have this year is far more substantial than that usually handled.

Dolls in all sizes and prices. Games of every kind. Medallions, Pictures, Drums, etc. Watches and Rings. Toys to suit the youngsters. Jewelry of every description that's good. Many New Novelties.

We have overstocked in Watches and Ladies Set Rings and are offering all of our stock of these goods at specially reduced figures.

$10.00 DOLL GIVEN AWAY.

On Christmas night we will give to some little girl a large life size doll worth $10.00. An account will be kept of all votes for each contestant entered and the one having the largest amount of cash purchases to her credit by Christmas night will get the doll.

Doll is Now on Exhibition in our Show Window.

Don't fail to see our stock and prices before you buy your Christmas goods.

Yours Truly,

Dublin Drug & Jewelry Co.

NEXT DOOR NORTH CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK.

Miss Eula Billingsly, daughter of J. W. Billingsly, who was for many years a prosperous farmer of near Dublin, has recently been married to Mr. Edward Sanders of near Breckenridge, near which place Mr. Billingsly now resides. The young couple located on a farm near Scranton in Eastland county.

Pianos, organs, sheet music, everything in the music line.—Thos. Goggan & Bros., Galveston, Dallas, San Antonio. 50-1yr

Mayor R. B. Spencer spent the first of this week in Marlin at which place he reports the cotton crop an absolute failure because of the destructive work of the boll weevil. Ordinarily he says Marlin gets from twenty to twenty-five thousand bales of cotton during the season and this year the receipts will be less than four thousand.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recomendation of Doctor Kings New Discovery for consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss has to say: "Last fall my wife had every sympton of consumption. She took Dr. Kings New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by Overton Drug Co, Druggists. Price 50c, and $1.00 Trial bottles free.

The court of claims at Washington has recenty allowed the claims of the following people in Comanche county on account of long-ago Indian depredations: Payton Lane Coker, Henry R. Martin, Mary M. Childers, James D. Wright, Peter W. Gravis, Fletcher J. Neeley, John H. Watson, Daniel P. Pickard, James E. Carlton. —Exponent.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Overton Drug Co. Druggists.

Recent Social Events.

Friday afternoon, November 27th, Mrs. C. L. Flack entertained a number of friends in honor of Mrs. S. C. Morgan, just prior to her departure for her new home in Georgia. The home was prettily decorated and delightful refreshments were served; the dining room being presided over by Mrs. M. C. Witcher while Miss Willie Davies served punch. Mrs. Flack is a general favorite, possessing that enviable quality in a hostess of making her guests feel that they are truly welcome and her pleasing greeting as well as that of all in the receiving line rendered the affair an exceedingly pleasant one.

It is reported from San Angelo that pecan gatherers are so discouraged at the low price of pecans that they will likely discontinue their work and leave much of the crop ungathered.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels. Dublin Drug & Jewelry Co. Special Agents.

Try the new meat market opposite Mistrots, Baty & Haggard, proprietors. We make a specialty of buying only the best beeves to be had and butchering them in the most approved scientific fashion. 29tf

Deeds, releases, vendors lien notes, lease contracts and other legal blanks for sale at the Progress office. We constantly keep on hand a good supply of blanks for sale in any quantity as cheap as they can be had any where.

Christmas photos, Edmonds studio.

The Progress and the Dallas News, each a full year for $1.75. Any other dollar a year paper instead of the News at the same price. Also if you want any other newspaper other or besides the two above mentioned, no matter where published, in connection with a subscription to the Progress. We can save you money.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Found.—Spotted shoat, owner can get same by calling on Fred Robinson.

For Sale.—Good second hand top-buggy with shafts, tongue and single and double harness. All in good order. Will sell cheap. Apply to Lee Carlisle, Dublin. 28-tf.

Wanted.—Two furnished rooms for light house keeping or board with a private family.—T. W. Anderson.

For Sale Cheap—Fine combination saddle and buggy horse. Mahogany bay, eight years old, in good order and perfectly gentle. Apply to T. W. Anderson or Progress office. tf

For sale or trade—Good residence property in Dublin, will sell on reasonable terms to right party or trade for a farm near Dublin. For information apply at the Progress office. 24-tf

For Sale.—Seven medium work mules, four of them broke, half cash, balance in twelve months. Also two extra Poland China males, subject to register and now ready for service. Also some full blood Poland China pigs. Apply to E. S. Parry, Proctor Texas. Place two and one-half miles north. 28-3t

Strayed.—Red roan horse branded B B or B 3 on left shoulder, ten years old, about sixteen hands high, left eye out and fore-top cut out. Medium flesh. Left Iredell December 3rd, will probably go toward Scurry county. Reasonable reward for information to H. A. Turner, Iredell, Texas. 1pd

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Attorneys-at-Law.

Practice in all Courts. Stephenville office in Lawyer's building. Dublin office over Grange Store.

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The Largest companies and lowest rates. We make this business a specialty and can give you the very best service. Your patronage solicited. Office phone 33. Residence phone 106.

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Plans and specifications for all kinds of buildings furnished on short notice.

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

New England and Old England cotton mills are gradually being transferred from their former positions to points in the cotton belt. Several of the largest firms of cotton spinners at Bradford, England are dismounting their mill machinery preparatory to removing them to some point in the United States and most likely to the south.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of The Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women; regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, it will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 620, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists and Overton Drug Co.

READ THIS:

Weatherford, Texas, Oct. 15, 1901.

Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis: Dear Sir—My wife has been affected with kidney and bladder trouble for seventeen years, and was confined to her bed for a year, and I tried many physicians without benefit. Two bottles of your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cured her, and I consider it the grandest medicine on earth. Very respectfully, J. C. FILAND.

Ladies Shoes.
Men's Shoes.
Children's Shoes.
Boy's Shoes.

The Big Four Lines
Moving all along
On all the 4 Corners
of this Add.

Black Silks.
Black Sicilian.
Cream AND ALL THE NEW SHADES IN UP-TO-DATE
Dress Goods.

The Big 4 Lines
Moving all
Along on all the 4
Corners
Of this Add.

M. J. WOODS

Still cutting stock down at moving prices. You will do well to look at the big four corner add.

Yours to please,

M. J. WOODS.

The Big 4 Lines
Moving all
Along on all the 4
Corners
Of this Add.

A LARGE LINE OF **Gloves**
FOR **Ladies** AND **Children.**
Zephyr Goods A LOVELY LINE.
Handkerchiefs FOR EVERYONE

The Big Four Lines
Moving all along
On all the 4 Corners
of this Add.

Men's Hats.
Boy's Hats.
Caps FOR EVERYBODY
Gloves FOR MEN AND BOYS.

The President's Message.

The following is a brief summary of the salient features of President Roosevelt's message, communicated to the United States congress and senate last Monday:

The message opens with congratulations to the country upon the substantial achievements of the year, both as regards foreign policy and domestic policy.

The subject of the Isthmian canal, with which the message closes, is dealt with exhaustively. It is said that it has not been necessary to consider the Nicaraguan alternative. Recognition of and negotiations with Panama are justified. Congress wanted the canal route and that purpose has been fulfilled. Colombia is charged with insincerity, ingratitude and impotence. The canal cannot be constructed by private enterprise nor by any other nation than the United States.

Upbuilding of the navy must continue. It must have a general staff similar to that of the army. The merit system (similar to that in vogue at West Point) should govern in the army, instead of the seniority rule.

The acts of the last congress to regulate corporations are commended. It is called moderate and conservative. The department of commerce and labor is commented on at length. It is called the arm to aid the executive.

The relations of capital and labor are discussed at length. Beneficence of organizations is recognized, but it is declared that, no matter how powerful, they will be punished for disobeying the law.

Revenue legislation is discouraged, but the necessity for economy is urged.

Reconstruction of the currency system is declared unnecessary, but the secretary of the treasury should be permitted to deposit customs receipts.

The creation of a commission to investigate and report to congress what legislation is desirable or necessary for the developement of an American merchant marine is recommended.

Official corruption is denounced. Special funds for the prosecution of such offenders should be provided. Bribery should be made extraditable with all nations.

President McKinley's recommendation that private property at sea should be exempt from capture or destruction is indorsed.

Relations with Turkey and China are reported friendly.

It is deemed unnecessary to spend time in discussing affairs in our insular possessions. The Philippines should be knit closer by a tariff arrangement.

Two sentences are devoted to the subject of the cotton boll weevil. The prompt enactment of such remedial legislation as the judgment of congress may approve is suggested. This is the sole reference to agriculture.

Reciprocity in the matter of patents is recommended.

Recommendations on Indian affairs are very brief. Prompt heed should be paid to the need of education for the children of Indian Territory.

Extension of the civil service rules is said to be progressing rapidly.

DISEASED KIDNEYS

Cause more deaths than bullets. Their symptoms are not alarming, hence they are neglected and quickly become dangerous.

Prickly Ash Bitters

Is a kidney medicine of great value; it strengthens the kidneys, allays inflammation, eases backache and arrests the progress of the disease. It is an honest remedy that can be depended on.

AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

PRICE, $1.00.

Corn! Corn!

I will have one thousand bushels of good heavy ear corn in Dublin next week. For sale at 55c per bushel.—Wm. Northcutt.

The Dallas News says: The democratic party of Texas has power to do as it pleases. Is it satisfied with its present method of crowding out with party machinery the poor man and even the honest man who is competent, worthy and ready to fill a public office?

Government Cotton Report.

The government report on the quantity of cotton ginned in the United States this year up to and including November 14th has been received. The data was collected by the goverment through a canvass of all the ginneries by a total of 631 local special agents, who found 29,506 ginneries had been operated during the season to that date and which have ginned 6,815,162 standard bales, which includes all the round bales ginned on a basis of two round bales to make one standard bale. The itemized report of the bales of cotton ginned in the various sates is as follows:

Indian Territory	172,793
Kentucky	308
Louisiana	510,494
Mississippi	929,890
Missouri	22,294
North Carolina	407,199
Oklahoma	116,639
South Carolina	625,611
Tennessee	163,188
Texas	1,932,549
Virginia	7,744
Alabama	743,538
Arkansas	406,393
Florida	39,144
Georgia	992,653
Total	7,070,437

Swift Work of Granbury Officers.

Wednesday night a horse belonging to Olin McCoy was stolen from the hitching place at the Christian church in Ft. Worth. The parties brought the horse and buggy to a place between Granbury and Tolar and left the property, going into Tolar on Saturday night and attempting to rob a store, where they were fired on three times by Tom Parker.

They made their escape, sleeping that night in a cotton wagon on a farm near town. Sheriff Sandlin and Deputy Sheriff Swofford got on the trail of the thieves Saturday, after first securing the horse and buggy, and kept in pursuit of them in the direction of Hico, making their arrest Saturday night near that place, and bringing them to Granbury early Monday morning, where they were lodged in jail to await the arrival of the Ft. Worth officers.. The names of the parties arrested are Ben East and Paul DeLuca.—Granbury Democrat, December 9th.

Man Called Out and Shot.

The Gatesville Star-Forum gives an account of a murder Monday night of last week in Coryell county, near the Hamilton county line and the post-office of Evant. The report says: Monday night about 7 o'clock J. C. Moonen was called out of J. O. Williams' house and shot and killed with a shot gun. Mr. Moonen had had domestic troubles at home and was at a neighbor's house about a quarter of a mile from his own, and had been staying there about a week. As stated, about 7 o'clock Monday evening some one called at the gate of Mr. Williams' house. When a son of that gentleman came to the door he was told by the party at the gate to tell Mr. Moonen that Lewis Hill wanted to see him. Mr. Moonen stepped out of the door and as he walked towards the gate, he was shot and killed. This occuerred in the western part of this county (Coryell) in the Missouri Cave country.

Sheriff McClinton and County Attorney Adams went out, here as soon as the killing was reported here, arriving at the scene of the tragedy early Tuesday morning. He brought in Ed Moonen, a son of the man who was killed,, and placed him in jail. He is about eighteen years old.

It is stated by neighbors that Moonen was an industrious and inoffensive citizen and had no enemies that any on knew of.

Young Moonen will have an examining trial in a few days.

Cisco Man Killed.

A shooting affray occurred in a restaurant at Pilot Point last Sunday night in which Claude Golden, recently a resident of Cisco, received three wounds from a forty-five calibre revolver, either of which would have been fatal. He was instantly killed and John Moody, a young man of eighteen, was arrested, charged with the crime.

Oats! Oats!

I will have two thousand bushels of genuine Red Rust-proof Seed Oats for sale in Dublin next week, price fifty-three cents a bushel in sacks. Also fifteen hundred bushels of heavy ear corn at fifty-five cents.—Wm. Northcutt. 1t

Near Brownwood is a tree that is attracting attention from the bureau of forestry at Washington. The tree in question is a cross between a live-oak and burroak, and stands on the slough in the Smith-Jenkins farm north of town. When Prof. William A. Taylor, of the department of agriculture, was here some few weeks since to investiagte the pecan industry, he was shown the curiosity by Judge Jenkins. He became interested at once and secured some of the acorns and leaves from the tree to send in to headquarters. A recent letter from the department says the tree is a cross between the two named species and that they will take pleasure in making further examination at an early date.—Brownwood Bulletin.

HIGHLAND

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 11th.—Wheat is beginning to suffer from the extremely dry weather.

Our school now has an attendance of over thirty, and some have not yet started because of the late opening of cotton. Because of the unusual high price nearly every lock will be picked.

J. H. Williams and wife started today for a visit with their daughter in McClellan county.

W. W. Jones has bought a portion of his father's old home place, which was sold last year to O. F. Liles. The property purchased has a house and some improvements. He will live on the place next year.

A number of our people visited Stephenville this week, some of them to attend court, some to pay taxes and others to trade horses.

Mrs. Sewell will remove to Highland this winter in order to send her children to school here.

ARRARAT.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 10 th.—The public school in this community commenced last Monday with Miss Luker in charge.

Miss Ada Wells is reported improving this week.

Most of our farmers are now through picking cotton and some of them have begun on the new crop.

A number of our young people enjoyed a pound supper at the home of W. P. Bruner last Saturday night.

The youngest child of R. B. Knox has been very sick with pneumonia the past week.

Many of our farmers have recently received large shipments of fruit trees and we expect before many years to see this the champion fruit belt of the lone star state. A good percentage of the trees put out are pears and apples.

The navy has adopted the "Star Spangled Banner" as its official national hymn, but "There Will be a Hot Time in the Old Town" will continue to be the favorite of the tars when off duty.

Hamilton Rustler: While in town today marketing cotton Fritz Tischler, living in the Pleasant Point neighborhood, had the misfortune to lose his pocket book containing $20 in cash and about $700 in checks signed by John L. Spurlin. Later on the purse and checks were found in a back alley on the west side of the square, but the $20 was gone. This was evidently a clear case of pickpocket and occurred some where between the bank and a wagon yard near the Standefer & Parker gin.

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CITY PROPERTY.

FOR SALE BY

EDDLEMAN, GROESBECK & [illegible]

No. 13.—95 acres sandy land, [illegible] state of cultivation, good house and cistern tank and plenty of timber. 50 acres near Proctor, 60 acres in cultivation, all sandy land, good house, cistern and tank, plenty of timber. Price $1000, $1000 down.

No. 14.—254 acres mixed black and sandy land, 80 acres in cultivation, five room house and sheds, all fenced and 120 acres good pasture. Price $12.50. See us for terms.

No. 16.—112 acres on J. T. Wilson survey [illegible] miles southeast of Dublin, on Barber and Dublin roads, 75 acres in cultivation, balance pasture, 25 acres black rest sandy land, a three room and four room house on place, two wells and tank.

No. 17.—118 acres 1 mile from Lingleville on the Huckby and Lingleville road, 75 acres in cultivation, all under three wire fence, good sandy land, fine for apples, good four room house and barn, well and tank. Price $20 per acre, half cash, will take part team in as part pay.

No. 18.—160 acres, 4 miles west of Dublin, 80 acres in cultivation, balance good pasture land, soil mixed, black and sandy, some wash, good five room house, windmill and tanks and good barn. Price $16 per acre, one-half cash balance to suit purchaser.

No. 8—102 acres about six miles northeast of Dublin, one mile from Green's creek church, 60 acres in cultivation, balance tillable, all fenced, good houses, two wells, Spring branch runs through tract, convenient to school and church. Price $1,000, half cash, balance in two years.

No 9—260 acres eight miles east of Dublin, two and one half miles from Alexander, 75 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture, 40 acres in one and 80 acres in another, joining. Good six room house, windmill, barn, cribs, sheds and all necessary buildings and fences. Good orchard and vineyard. This is a bargain for a fine sandy land farm at $[illegible] One half cash, balance to suit purchaser.

We make Abstracts of Title on all lands in Erath County.

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TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC. 11th, 1903.

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[illegible] board of teacher's examiners [illegible] county met in Stephenille today.

[illegible]ble T. E. Davies left yesterday trip to De Leon, expecting [illegible] today.

[illegible] line of nursey stock at F. C. [illegible] residence for the benefit [illegible]friends.—R. A. Crocker. 30-tf

[illegible]se of Fayette Simpson, ap[illegible] Hamilton county, was [illegible] in the court of appeals at [illegible]ednesday.

[illegible] McCleskey of Bronte, Texas, [illegible] Dublin last Wednesday night [illegible] to Lingleville for a visit to [illegible]er at that place.

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[illegible]ree weeks old boy babe of [illegible]Mrs. Geo. W. Harris died [illegible]night and was buried at the [illegible]blin cemetery Wednesday. [illegible]e the sympathy of many [illegible] this sad bereavement.

[illegible]se of Mrs. Jno. Underwood [illegible] Eakins, suit on liquor deal[illegible]is set for trial in the dis[illegible]rt at Stephenville today. [illegible]r of Dublin people have [illegible]moned as witnesses in the

Excursions to the old states via the Texas Central railroad on sale Dec. 19th 20th, 21st and 26th good for return in thirty days. One fare plus $2 for the round trip

Miss Jennie Mills, who has for several months past been visiting her sister, Mrs. McDade and other relatives here, left yesterday for her home at Hempstead. She was accompanied by her uncle "Grandpa" Mills, who will spend a week or two at Millican, Texas.

Present prices of cotton is having its effect upon agricultural land and as a consequence farm property in all of this section is rapidly advancing in price. Fifty dollars an acre is not an altogether uncommon figure for a well improved farm within easy reach of Dublin to be held at.

There is neatness and finish in the Buckskin Breeches that is not found in other makes. The reason they are the best is because we make more pants, know how better and don't waste any time in manufacture. That's why the price is as low as that asked for common pants.

A pound supper was given at the hospitable home of W. P. Brunner and lady near Purves Saturday night last. There was a large attendance of the people of that section and reports are that the occasion was a most enjoyable one. Singing and instrumental music added to the enjoyment.

We would say that no cough medicine of modern times has given such universal satisfaction or received such uniform meed of unsolicited praise from the public as Dr. Gilman's Cohosh and Tar, a specific for all coughs and colds. Try a 25c bottle. For sale by Overton Drug Co., Dublin Drug & Jewelry Co., and all druggists. 28 tf

Strayed—Sorrel mare fourteen and one-half hands high, three white feet, shod all around, branded T C with bar over, split in one ear, eight or nine years old $2.50 reward for delivery to Mrs. Laura Davis, first house east of Frisco water tank in Dublin. Also have a good young work mule for sale. 1p

Montel, the 18-months-old son of A. D. Fletcher, was badly burned last Friday by falling into a fire place at home. The little fellow had climbed into a high chair and the chair fell backward into the fire with him. He was badly burned about the arms and slightly on the face and head, though he is now getting along nicely.

Edmonds' photos are the best. Studio over postoffice. 30-tf

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Subject to the Democratic Primary.

For District Judge.
J. W. PARKER.

For County Judge.
M. J. THOMPSON.

For County Clerk.
L. F. SENSABAUGH.
RUFUS A. MORTON.
H. P. COLE.

For Assessor.
I. N. POND.
J. L. HALL.
J. WILL FULKERSON.

For County Treasurer.
GEO. F. (BUD) PARKER.

Christmas photos, Edmonds studio.

The postal department has closed a contract with Higginbotham Bros. of Dublin for a ten year lease on the property now occupied by the Dublin postoffice. The contract provides the payment by the government of an annual rental of $444, the building, fuel, lights and water to be furnished by Higginbotham Bros. The lease dates a period of ten years from August last.

At the last meeting of the local lodge Knights of Pythias new officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: W. E. Powell, C. C; Geo. W. Harris, V. C; A. J. McMurray Prelate; H. E. Brown K. of R. and S.: D. Kelly M. of A: G. W. Stancil M. of F; R. L. Pipes, M. of E; J. F. Prim, I. G; J. H. Scott, O. G; Capt. H. A. Smith representative to the grand lodge. W. W. Eddieman was recommended for appointment as Deputy Grand Chancellor.

G. W. Clark is in receipt of a letter from his brother, Sebe Clark, who resides near Fairmont in Sabine county, where the recent forest fires have been raging. Mr. Clark says that he and his entire family have been fighting fire for three weeks, but that recent rains have given them a rest. He says that the country has been set on fire by stockmen, who want to run out the farmers in order to get the benefit of the range and says they expect another fire as soon as the grass is dry again.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to our many friends of Dublin and Cottonwood for their kindness and respect shown our son, George, who was killed in the mines at Thurber on November 11.—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Choat.

Mrs. Joseph Spence and Miss Mary Bain Spence returned home Tuesday from Dublin and Fort Worth. They attended the Christian Missionary convention at Dublin and went to Fort Worth, where they met Misses Margaret and Charotte Spence, who were returning home from San Deigo, Cal., where they spent the summer. —San Angelo Standard.

W. J. C. Cathey, a pioneer citizen of this section and father to our townsman, D. W. L. Cathey, died yesterday at his home in the Roch school house neighborhood south of Dublin. The deceased had reached the age of seventy-seven years and for the past few years has been quite feeble because of rheumatic troubles. His fatal illness extended over a period of about two months. Burial will take place at the old Dublin cemetery tomorrow afternoon. The Progress extends its heartiest sympathy to the bereaved relatives in the loss of this good and Christian man.

Robert, the twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Henthorne was painfully injured last Monday evening by being thrown from a horse. Robert was at the home of a boy friend in south Dublin and in starting home on foot was joined by another boy who proposed that he get up behind on his horse. In mounting the animal the fastening of the girth broke and the horse pitched, throwing Robert on his head and injuring him in such a manner as to cause unconsciousness for about three hours. He is now getting along fairly well and it is hoped may be able to be up and about again by next Monday.

Read what Erkard & Son, druggists of Bastrop, Texas, have to say: "Bastrop, Texas, April 17, 1883.—Messrs. Gilman & Dorsey, Columbia, Mo.—Gentlemen:—We return statement sheet filled out, showing amount due you on sales. The Cohosh and Tar has become such a standard article that we have been buying it from jobbers." This scientific cough preparation is for sale by Overton Drug Co, Dublin Drug & Jewelry Co., Dublin and all o her druggists.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. Kings New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at Overton Drug Co's Drug Store.

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments. Dublin Drug & Jewelry Co. Special Agents.

Erath District Court

The following cases were disposed of in the district court this week:

W. R. Strong vs. N. E. Johnson, dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Mrs. Evans vs. Western Union Telegraph Co., dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

First National bank of Stephenville vs. B. S. Bibb, judgment by default in favor of bank.

Mrs. Nettie Williams vs. T. E. Minter et al, plaintiff takes non-suit.

S. P. Bone vs E. A. Gray, plaintiff takes non-suit.

M. A. Brown et al vs Texas Central railroad, dismissed for want of prosecution.

J. L. Jones vs Ft. Worth & Rio Grande Railway Co., now on trial.

The following cases have been set for dates named:

N. N. Johnson vs Emma Johnson, set for December 14th.

S. P. Bone vs A. B. Cowan, set for December 15th.

Mrs. M. J. Newton vs J. L. Newton, set for January 14th.

D. M., McNeill vs J. H. Cage et al, set for December 11th.

Mrs. Underwood vs S. C. Counts, et al, set for December 11th.

Mrs. Underwood vs Zack Eakins et al, set for December 11th.

Cage Cattle Co. vs Ft. Worth & Rio Grande railroad, set for January 12th.

Will Robinson vs Ft. Worth & Rio Grande railroad, set for January 11.

Dr. W. E. Sturgis vs Houston E. & W. T. Railway Co., set for December 19th.

Mrs. Nettie Williams vs J. H Syler et al, set for January 4th.

Mrs. Caskey vs Ft. Worth & Rio Grande railroad, set for January 4th.

State of Texas vs Fayette Simpson, set for January 7th and venire of eighty men.

Poindexter Davis et al. vs People's Building & Savings Association, set for January 19th.

The grand jury has returned a bill of indictment against J. C. Long of Duffau for murder in the first dergee.

Several divorce cases have been granted.

Frisco Excursions.

Portland, Ore.—National Live Stock Association. Tickets sold January 7, 8 and 9, final limit January 31, 1904. Round trip rate $57.70.

Atlanta, Ga.—National Convention, Department of Superintendence, N. E. A. Tikets sold February 20 and 21, final limit March 20th, 1904. Round trip rate $30.20.

Up to last week Hico had received over sixteen thousand bales of cotton this season.

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IF you want bargains come in at once. Our goods are going fast and in a few weeks longer we will have the stock reduced as low as we care to reduce it. If you fail to get our prices you are sure to pay too much for your goods. We have reduced the price on everything in the house. It is impossible for us to name prices on the goods as the quantity is so small, some of them will be sold out within the next two weeks.

They Must go before Christmas.

We will have to move on January 1st, so we want to get all our goods into money and will sell nearly at your own price. x x x x x

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OVER THE COUNTRY.

STEPHENVILLE.

From the Empire.

Dec. 4th.—There have been about 14,000 bales of cotton received in Stephenville to date this season. The price has gone above eleven cents this week.

J. B. Davis has sold his place of 80 acres, about 1½ miles from Lingleville to Mrs. Mollie Long of the Cow Creek community. Mr. Davis is thinking of going to Oklahoma in February.

J. R. Mace and family and Lee Mobley and family left to-day for an overland trip to the west. They will go first to Childers, and expect to locate in Collingsworth county.

J. W. Wilkerson has moved up from Duffau, and is occupying the Johnson Compton residence near the college. He has purchased that property and is premanently located in Stephenville.

S. L. Waynick, F. A. Hill and W. B. Cooley, three of Erath county's prominent citizens of near Thurber, are serving on the federal jury at Fort Worth this week.

Prof. J. B. Jones of De Leon, was shaking hands with friends in the city Saturday. His father, Dr. Jones of Proctor, was also here. They closed a trade for the Cox residence in the edge of town on the Selden road, and Dr Jones will locate here.

The general merchandising stock of the late E. O. McIlhany will be closed out during the present month in order to settle the estate of Mr. McIlhany H. J. McIlhany, a brother of the deceased is executor of the estate.

Mrs. J. W. Childers of Hannibal, left Tuesday for Hale Center to join her husband, who was recently admitted into the conference at Ft. Worth and appointed pastor of the Hale Center church. Mrs. Childers' father, "Uncle" J. O. A. Clark, accompanied her to this city when she was leaving.

Upon the petition of the Cleburne bar, and at the request of Judge Wm. Poindexter, Gov. Lanham has ordered Judge Oxford to exchange official labor with Judge Poindexter, begining Dec. 14th, 1903, and continuing untill the latters' recused docket is disposed of.

ST. GEORGE.

Regular Correspondence.

Dec. 8th.—It is very dry here and at the present time farmers would welcome a good rain so that they could break their land.

Mr. Willie Williams and Miss Minnie Clines were married Sunday. They have our best wishes for a happy life.

Byron Martin has built a neat little rent house to be occupied this year by Willie Williams and lady.

I. T. Smith made a business trip to Stephenville Monday.

We had a splendid meeting Sunday.

S. W. Keith has moved down from Cisco.

Sam Cole and lady are the happy parents of a new boy; also Mr. Daniels and lady a boy.

A large crowd of our young people enjoyed a splendid singing at the home of Bill Daffern Sunday night.

We handle residence property, making it a specialty. Rent, collect, etc. free of charge.—S.J. Weaver & Co. 24tf

GORMAN.

From the Gorman Progress.

Dec. 4th.—Over four thousand bales of cotton have been ginned at this place this fall.

F. C. Oldham made a business trip to Dublin last Monday.

T. L. Gates attended the grand convocation of Masons at Waco this week.

F W. Townsend made a business trip to Lingleville last Tuesday.

G. W. Andruss, Sr., came up last week from Dublin to assist in the Andruss Drug Co. business.

R. W. Mason completed the public well last Friday. It is sixty-seven feet deep and stands twenty-two feet in water. Now we hope the engine and pump will soon be moved and our public streets will present a more respectable appearance.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Bailey of Dublin attended the art entertainment given by their daughter, Miss Maye, at the school house last Wednesday night.

The pupils in the art class have made wonderful progress and we congratulate Miss Maye for her perseverance and skill as a teacher.

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Thursday, Dec. 17th.

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DUBLIN POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS

Material Increase is Shown for Past Year in Volume of Postal and Money Order Transactions.

Postmaster H. H. Andrew has been kind enough to furnish the Progress with the following statement of buisness done by the office at this place, showing a remarkable increase of the receipts of the office for the past three months.

For September the receipts outside of the money-order business aggreagted $632.86, against $436.31 the same month last year; for October $809.40 against $659.59 for October last year; for November this year against $524.80 last year; total for the three months of this year $1,958.70, increase $338.22.

Since May of this year the following money order business has been transacted at the Dublin office, viz:

Month	Value of orders	Fees
May	1,326.84	16.71
June	1,835.69	17.81
July	1,867.47	14.30
August	1,767.55	15.84
September	2,447.30	20.95
October	4,452.30	34.38
November	6,630.24	47.59
Totals	20,327.39	167.58

Begining on October 1st of this year the office was granted an additional one hundred dollars per month for clerk hire because of the increased business and Mr. Anrdew is of the belief that he will this year be able to get back the one hundred dollars of salary which was cut off because of the short business last year.

Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and $1.00 at Overton's Drug Store.

Erath Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued since November 25th as follows:

C. L. Harris and Miss Pearl Johnson, Clariette.

W. S. Higginbotham and Miss Ray House, Highland.

J. W. Adams and Miss Madgie McCluskey, Patillo.

G. A. McDougle and Miss Maude Akey, Stephenville.

C. C. Hailey and Miss Mary Maness, Dublin.

D. J. Robertson and Miss Nancy McInroe, Harbin.

W. J. McGinnis and Miss Nannie Tune, Desdemona.

W. H. Harvey and Miss Laura Hopson, Duffau.

Ed Ray and Miss Geddie Snead, Dbulin.

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all of my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c at Overton's Drug Store.

Erath Births and Deaths.

The following births in Erath county have been reported to the county clerk since November 18th:

BIRTHS.

Dublin, girls to S. D. Dabney and W. G. Cook, and boys to J. O. Moon, W. L. Ewing, B. Z. Sharp, W. F. Thompson and John Daniel.

Clairette, boy to Ed Johnson.

ExRay, boys to George Booth and Frank Cresswell.

Thurber, girls to Ben Yates, Joe Britton, J. T. Gresham, Buckanan Crain and C. J. Hamiltonn.

Lingleville, girl to S. C. Mahoney.

Alexander, girls to Bud Cozby and John Jones.

Lipan, girl to Wm. McCluskey.

Huckabay, girl to John Friar and boy to Bob Pack.

Stephenville, boys to Walter Louis and Wash Keith and twin girls to Jesse A. Chapel, four miles northwest of Stephenville.

Seiden, boy to Nathan Ciphers and girl to Tom Ballard.

Harbin, boy to Geo. C. Kelly.

Victor, girl to Ed Riley and boy to G. W. Wiley.

Morgan Mill, boy to J. M. Hunt.

Berlin, girl to C. E. Cheyne.

Bluff Dale, girl to A. L. Greenwood and in Fairview community girl to F. M Greenwood.

DEATHS.

Duffau, M. J. Clark, aged sixty-nine years.

Thurber, Felipa Ribera, aged two months.

Victor, Seddie Vail, aged two years.

Stephenville, Wm. S. Burklow, aged twenty-four years.

Bluff Dale, J. A. McElroy, aged sixty-two years.

Columbia's threats to fight the United States are about as serious as China's threats to go to war with Russia.

Mrs. Mary Sickles of Enterprise, Kansas, has entered suit against that city for damages in the sum of one thousand dollars for the murder of her son. The plaintiff alleges that her son was killed by a drunken man and that the city is responsible for his being drunk because its officers had allowed "joints" to run.

News Briefs.

In one year the daily newspapers use $20,197,000 worth of paper.

The "drought-busters" in Australia are fooling the people by pretending they can make rain.

At present each brannch of Congress meets, listens to the opening prayer, and adjourns for three days.

The most primeval and sacred of all rights is the right to work, for without it there can be neither life, liberty nor the pursuit of happiness.

The weather bureau reports a point in California as the windiest on the continent, congressional and legislative halls of course excepted.

There is a persistent rumor that the United States will be asked by the government of Santo Domingo to declare a protectorate over the island.

Five hundred New York policemen guarded President Roosevelt while he attended a funeral in New York city, yet a crank succeeded in handing him a letter.

The engagement ring of the wife of Speaker Cannon, which was lost thirty years ago, has been found at Tuscola, Ill., and forwarded to the speaker at Washington.

Columbia has had seven constitutions in the eighty years of its national existence, and has changed the name of the republic three times. It is now willing to be called Panama.

A Mormon patriarch recently declared that colored people cannot get to heaven. It is now time for the colored people to protest against Senator Reed Smoot retaining his seat in the senate.

After discovering that one quarter of the population of New York city attended church on Sunday, one of the newspapers is trying to find out how many people know the ten commandments by heart.

Mr. Bryan has dined with Mr. Chamberlain. Perhaps he will yet be presented to King Edward. What would some of his constituents say if they heard that he was hobnobing with royalty.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlains Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

Former President Cleveland has stated positively that he will not accept the democratic presidential nomination, and Speaker Cannon is equally positive in his refusal to become the vice-presidential nominee of the republicans.

Get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets at Overton Drug Co's drug store. They are easier to take and more pleasant in effect than pills. Then their use is not followed by constipation as is often the case with pills. Regular size, 25c per box.

A bill has been introduced in the national house of representatives providig for the abolishment of slavery in the Philippines and the annulment of the treaty of General Bates with the Sultan of Sulu, by which the United States government recognized the institution of slavery.

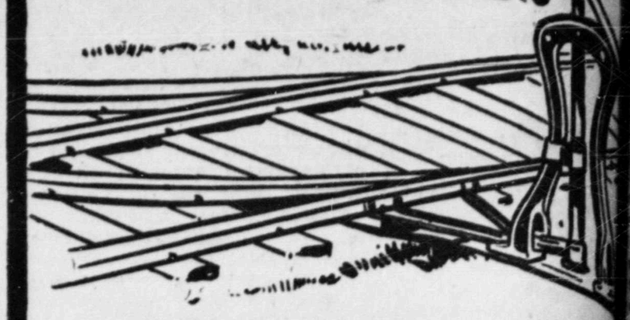
"IMPOSSIBLE, for you to enjoy the happiness of motherhood," says the doctor. Sometimes he qualifies the statement, and says: "Impossible without an operation." Yet both these "impossibles" have been made possibles by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Many times the hindrances to motherhood are to be found in womanly diseases or weaknesses, which are perfectly and permanently cured by "Favorite Prescription." This great medicine for women cures irregularity and dries debilitating drains. It heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.



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Notice to Homeseekers.

The lands originally granted to the Houston & Texas Central railway company, situated in the counties of Stonewall and King, aggregating 203,000 acres in the former county and 51,000 acres in the latter county, will be put on sale at the town of Aspermont on November 4th, 1903.

Sales of these lands will be made in tracts of 160 acres up to as much as four sections to one purchaser. Terms of sale, one-fifth cash, balance in four equal annual payments, 6 per cent interest, payable annually, deferred pyments secured by the land; conveyance made under general warranty.

The lands in Stonewall county are mixed grazing and agricultural, the Brasos Valley lands in this county being as fine as can be found anywhere for agricultural purposes. The lands are adapted to the growth of cotton, corn, and all forage crops, and are particularly adapted to stock farming purposes, which has been pursued with great success. They also produce melons and fruits to great perfection indigenous to that climate.

The lands in King county are a high-class of grazing lands and are adapted to the growth of small grain and forage crops, as well as stock farming purposes. Melons and fruits of every variety indigenous to that climate are grown in this county.

For maps or other information relative to the above lands apply to Geo. H. Williams, Local Agent for the receiving of applications for the purchase of lands at Aspermont, Texas, or C. C. Gibbs, Land Commissioner, San Antonio, Texas. 22-13

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...n there was an election held ...Williams' spring, on Pecan ...e miles south of old Bran... a beautiful grove one hun... yards from his residence. ...n then the territory of Na... county and there was not an ...d county west of us. It was ...election that Dr. Hill, of ...Hill, Navarro county, was ...to the legislature, and it was ...nd the county organized it ...t off of Navarro county. ...Buck Barry, who now re... Bosque county, was elected ...of Navarro county. Charlie ...as Mr. Barrys deputy in this ...e county, and was the first ...of Hill county.

...his election at Wimans grove ...ing, there was only about ...votes polled and it was held ...woods. I remember that ...as a bucket of whiskey and ...up sitting on a rock which ...andidate put there to induce ...to vote for him. Mr. Wiman ...a clabboard house with two ...on a government road running ...Fort Smith, Arkansas through ...via Dallas Waco, Belton, ...town, to Austin and San ..., thence to Brownsville, on ...Grande river. There were ...settlements from Wimans ...to. The first was Mr. Hard... who lived on Cobb creek, at ...ce now known as the Cato ...and the other was Mrs. Walk... sons, who lived four miles ...e of Waco.

...e was a dutchman named ...who lived with Hardwick and ...small stand or grocery and ...ch as oysters, sardines, crack... tobacco and also had a barrel ...key that he sold cheap to the ...rs. He was with Mr. Hard... nearly two years and he ...t his barrel of whiskey give ...He always kept it replenished ...nty of water and tobacco and ...ood bark.

...only burying ground in all ...ntry was where old Brandon ...ed, and about the first man ...the country buried there was ...llingsworth. There were no ...in this country nearer than ..., where Dr. Robertson lived. ...ner at Ft. Graham was the ...at that post. We always ...e of these doctors when we ...et him. There was an old ...woman who was a good doc... a splendid nurse. She at... Mr. Hollingsworth in his last ...It did not take long for a ...o get a doctor when he went ...e. We had good horses and ...rode across the prairie in a ...Sometimes we would have ...Waco after Dr. Steiner, but ...ot take him long to come. ...ys rode in a great hurry and ...ot take him more than three ...hours to come into this sec... the country from Waco. ...d plenty of money in those days and everybody was happy and enjoying life. It was a rare thing for a man to have an enemy those days and there seemed to be a bond of brotherhood, all working to each others interest and the latch string always hung on the outside of every man's door.

The way people had to farm was very different from the way they farm now. They used a large kara, a plow made by our own blacksmiths, which would cut from 14 to 18 inches, and the stock was made by our home workman the beam being from seven to ten feet long, owing to the size of the plow with a wooden mould board and a colter in front. It took six yoke of oxen to pull the plow and we had to break the land one year so we could cultivate it the next year as it took one year for the turf to rot. The next plow we used was a bulltongue plow with a home made stock

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Prohibition Set Back.

Prohibition received a serious setback at the hands of the Court of Criminal Appeals sitting at Tyler on Thursday last, holding that the law enacted by the 27th legislature prohibiting the shipment of whiskey C. O. D. into prohibition territory is unconstitutional and void. This is a solar plexus blow to prohibtion, as without this law foreign saloons get the names of all whiskey drinkers in and around prohibition towns and keep a supply of liquor in the express offices for them, all any drinking man has to do is to go to the express office whenever he gets dry and pay out his bottle or jug—just about as conveniently as the saloon—the only difference, you have to get larger quantities. Unless this decision is changed by a higher court the prohibition wave will recede, for the law will be but a farce.—Taylor County News.

How to Prevent Croup.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlains Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety will be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

Story of a Five Dollar Sow.

This is the story of a $5 sow that has made her owner more than $170 in a years time. She is a just an ordinary, scrub sow at that. She was purchased by J. T. Surber, a farmer living near Hico, for $5 last November. On the 4th of that month she gave birth to nine pigs, five of which he sold at $1.50 each and the four remaining ones are ready to kill and will dress not less than 250 lbs. each. He has been offered 6 cents gross for the meat. The next litter of four pigs came on March 14th and when killed in the fall dressed 200 pounds each—$48 worth of meat. Another litter of fourteen came June 10th: twelve lived, two were sold at $2.50 each, one was killed at five months old and dressed 168 pounds and the others brought about $5.00 around in trades. On Monday Farmer Surber found 15 little pigs in his pen and they are all alive and healthy. There is a moral to this story, and the farmer who can't find it is in need of help.—Hico Review.

Stops the cough and works off the cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure no pay. Price 25c.

The Valley Mills Protectionist of December 3rd., says:—Two negro cotton pickers, named Sul and Bate Bibles, were arrested Friday morning by constable Romine on warrants sworn out by Dr. Denton, charging theft of cotton valued at $12.25. They had been picking cotton for the doctor, and it is alleged that on Thursday night they loaded a wagon with some of the cotton they had picked, brought it to town, and proceeded to sell it to the round bale people without the doctors knowledge or consent The arrests were made just as the check was being written for them. They had a preliminary trial before Justice Barnett and were placed under bond to await the action of the grand jury.

Mistortune Not Single Handed.

Last Monday the Frisco passenger train killed a fine cow for Bud Milner; the night of the same day his wagon was standing near the railroad track in his field partly loaded with seed cotton and the sparks from a passing train set fire to the cotton, destroying both cotton and wagon bed but did not damage the running gear of wagon materially. A few weeks ago he lost his purse containing one hundred and fifty dollars in money —Blanket Singal.

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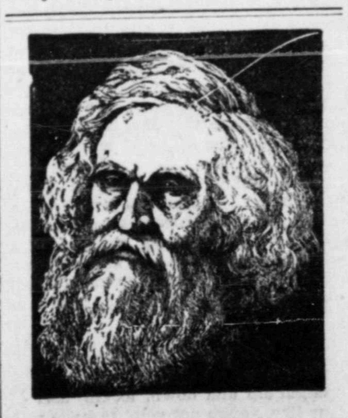
Teachers' Institute Meeting.

At the recent meeting of the Erath County Teacher's Institute resolutions were adopted favoring a uniform system of grading in the public schools of the county, that each teacher be required to grade his or her school, that a uniform examination be held at the close of each school session and each student be given a certificate of proficiency to be accepted without question by any other school in the county to which the pupil may transfer and that the course be of such strength to secure affiliation with the high schools of the county and with McIlhany academy and Tarleton college. A committee consisting of E. D. Jennings, W. J. Marr and Frank Hartgroves was appointed to confer with the county judge concerning the resolutions.

Prof. W. J. Marr of Dublin offered a resolution favoring the creation of the office of county superintendent of schools. The resolution was unanimously adopted and a committee was appointed to circulate a petition to be presented to the next meeting of the commissioners court, asking that body to create such office. The committee is composed of E. I. Hall, E. D. Jennings, J. T. Russell, C. E. Grady and E. Fleming. The chair also appointed J. T. Russel, E. K. Barden and Gaylord Kline as a committee to divide the county into a number of local districts, each having as its geographicial center some important village or school district. In these districts are to be held local institutes, the conductors of which are to be appointed by the committee.

The next meeting of the Institute will be held at Stephenville on Saturday, January 2nd at 10 a. m.

Our farmer friend and patron D H. McClusky of near Dublin was a caller on the Progress last Monday and advanced his subscription figures into the coming year. He has been a reader of the Progress for ten years or more and is proud of the paper as a purveyor of the news. Mr. McClusky is contemplating an entrance to the race for tax assessor of Erath county, but notwithstanding many solicitations along this line, he has not yet fully decided.



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Paine's Celery Compound makes the old feel young, and cures their ills. It has added years of health and enjoyment to many a life. Use this great medicine regularly, and its invigorating powers will fill your declining years with health, strength, and happiness. Read what George F. Morse, 67 years old, writes:—

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The Big Postal Scandal.

A general review of the postal scandals has been called forth by the publication of an abstract of the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, accompanied by a memorandum by President Roosevelt. The conclusion of the report states that forty inspectors have been employed every day since the investigation was ordered by the president, and that the records of one thousand postoffices were examined, as were also the files of several divisions of the department for the last ten years. From the evidence of fraud found, four officers of the department have resigned, thirteen have been removed and ten indicted

Forty-four indictments were returned, involving thirty-one persons. Mr. Bristow estimates at about $400,000 the amount received directly by those engaged in the fraudulent transactions, but says that this amount is insignificant compared with the losses to the government resulting from the purchase, at high prices, of unnecessary and inferior supplies.

An interesting part of the report is that which applies to former First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath. Mr. Bristow declares that his summary dismissal would have been justified. Mr Heath is still secretary of the republican national committee and has strong friends in the party. The fact that he is not removed is furnishing the democrats with political capital. On the other hand, the republicans give prominence to the fact that the man who is under the most indictments, Machen, began his fraudulent practices under Cleveland's second administration. These party taunts indicate that the postal scandal will be a factor in the coming campaign as well as in the party contests in both houses of congress.

The republican leaders have apparently given up the plan of a congressional investigation "to forestall the democrats," and the latter are therefore likely to demand one. At all events, there will surely be many speeches made in congress against the corruption under the republican administration, and the republicans will show that the present administration deserves credit for the thorough and impartial manner in which it investigated the frauds. President Roosevelt says that the full report is ready to be submitted to Congress whenever it is called for.

As one result of the investigations, the Attorney General will recommend to Congress that the period of the statute of limitations be extended to five years in the case of government officials. Such a law will probably be passed.

To cure a cold in one day take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

The Paris courts are trying to decide when a duel is a duel. There is no doubt about it, when the combatants are well dressed, arrive on the scene in a hired landau, accompanied by witnesses and a doctor, and use swords or pistols; but it is a more difficult question when two poorly clad mortals summon their friends to witness an informal encounter with knives as weapons. Two such persons, who were recently caught, after a chase by the police, set up the defense that they were fighting a duel. Hence the legal discussion.

R. V. (Bob) Brannum moved the past week to the Carmichael ranch two miles east of Lamkin, which he has leased for the next year with the privilege of purchase. The tract contains six hundred acres, of which one hundred is in cultivation and is a place more in keeping with Mr. Brannums strong arm and untiring energy. He sold his home place of sixty acres three miles from Dublin some two or three months ago to Burt Kirklen at a price of $25 an acre.

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The prohibitionists have filed an application for a writ of mandamus to compel the commissioners court to declare the result of the late election as one. It will be argued before Judge Sheperd Saturday, and at once appealed to the court of Civil Appeals at Fort Worth, no matter whether Judge Sheperd decides that the writ will lie or not, and thence probably to the state Supreme Court, and it will probably be a year before the case is finally decided.—Sweetwater Review, Nolan county.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and $1.00 at Overton's Drug Store.

A recrudescence of squatter sovereignty has developed within a half mile of the White House in Washington. A number of families have long been undisturbed in their shanties on government land and defy the order to vacate forthwith, immediately and pretty quick at that.

Better Than A Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side and chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep-seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

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CURRENT NEWS BREVITIES

Some of the Matters of Recent Occurrence Boiled Down for Busy Readers.

Russia adheres to her old tactics. She will evacuate Manchuria via De-lay.

A test of the Langley airship was made a few miles south of Washington City on the Potomac last Tuesday resulting in a complete collapse of the machine.

Every time a Servian army officer is incautious enough to say that the murderers of the late king and queen should be punished he is "jugged" for "insubordination".

Turkey has promised to pay unlimited damages for the murder of the Russian consul but Russia had better insist on a small cash payment. The I. O. U. of Turkey is worthless.

A fine and valuable collection of American wonder lemons, oranges, dates and cassava has been gathered at Corpus Christi to be placed in the horticultural deparment of the Texas exhibit at the World's fair.

Herbert Spencer the famous English philosopher died at his home in Brighton, England, last Tuesday. He was born in 1820 and is the author of many standard works of literature of a strictly moral tone.

A three-year-old child of J. C. Baker of Gonzales was burned to death last week at Medina. The child was at the home of relatives and was with the men at work in the cotton patch. It came too close to a log heap fire and its clothing caught.

Ex-President Cleveland has declared in a letter to the editor of the Brooklyn Eagle that he cannot and will not ever again become the nominee of his party for president and asked that that paper discontinue the advocacy of such a measure.

Ten car loads of pecans was shipped from San Angelo last week to New York, Boston and other eastern points. One car contained thirty-three thousand pounds, which is the largest car ever shipped from west Texas. The present price of pecans is about four cents a pound.

In the suburbs of Columbia a colored boy was burned to death Monday, the child of Lovey Hobbs. The mother left the child in her house while she went to the forest near by for wood, and during her absence the child caught fire, was badly burned and died the following morning.

Franz Schleicher, aged 76 years, an ex-soldier of the army of Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, died at New Braunfels Sunday. He was a native of Alsace, France, and when the French were driven out of Mexico, he came to New Braunfels where he has been a friend and dependant of William Ludewig ever since.

The Greenville camp of United Confederate veterans have recently adopted resolutions indorsing the action of President Roosevelt in promptly recognizing the new republic of Panama, stating that this involved the same principal for which they fought for the right of secession.

Gen. Jas. B. Weaver of Colorado, twice a candidate for president, once as a greenbacker and later as a populist, is now a democrat and is favorable to Judge Parker of New York for the democratic presidential nomination. Jerry Simpson has also declared for Parker. Weaver says he may make the race for congress in his home district in the event Parker is nominated.

Col. E. S. Peters of Calvert, president of the Texas Cotton Grower's Association, advises the farmers to hold what cotton they have for a price of fifteen cents a pound, which he says is sure to come. Col. Peters has all along considered that cotton would reach the fifteen cent figure and now says that the recent government bureau report estimating the crop at 9,962,000 bales, bears out his theory.

New York physicians are much interested in the case of a baby girl six weeks old who has been asleep for two weeks. The child apparently is perfectly healthy takes food naturally and continues to develop but has not opened its eyes or made a sound in a fortnight. The coma followed a high fever which was broken by the doctors and has not reappeared.

There is in the republican national organization a strong sentiment against the re-nomination of President Roosevelt and in favor of the nomination of Senator Mark Hanna. It can hardly be possible however for Hanna or anyone else to defeat the brilliant Rough Rider President whose main opposition comes from his failure to satisfy Wall street in his administration.

After reading a letter from his attorney in which the recipient was told that there was no hope of a pardon for him Charles Morgan Wallace, a life convict at the state prison at Thomaston, Maine, killed himself by taking morphine. On Jan. 6th, 1885, Wallace, who was a prominent Grand Army man, and lived in Augusta, was convicted of murder in the second degree in killing a deputy sheriff.

The Bosque county court house at Meridian caught fire Monday of last week but was extinguished before any considerable damage was done. The building is fire proof in all but the roof and it was this portion that caught from a galvanized flue that has been in use several years. District court was in session at the time of the fire and a stampede resulted from the efforts of the spectators to all get out of the building at once. During the excitement a lady fainted, but doctors who were present revived her in a few minutes.

William Howardson, who worked in the lumber camps near Williamson, W. Va., was shot and mortally wounded last Sunday by Miss Katie Roubaugh, a girl less than twenty, who is employed for the Norfolk & Western railroad at Thacker in that state. Howardson entered the tower where the girl was at work alone and attempted to embrace her. The girl fired four shots from a pistol, two of which penetrated Howardson's chest and mortally wounded him. The girl then called up the operator at Williamson and gave her experience and said she would not be on duty any longer that night. She then locked up the tower room and walked a quarter of a mile in the darkness and gave up to the village magistrate.

Death in a Brownwood Fire.

A young man named Jim Cross was suffocated in the partial burning of a restaurant at Brownwood last Tuesday afternoon. The fire had gained but little headway when the fire department reached the scene and the department succeeded in confining the flames to the second story of the building which was of rock. After the fire was extinguished the body of young Cross was discovered within a few feet of the bed upon which he had been sleeping. He had evidently made an effort to get out at the door and was suffocated by the intense heat and smoke before this object could be attained.

Epworth League Program.

The following is the program for the Epworth League for Sunday, December 13:

Subject—An Anti-worry Meeting.
Scriptural lesson—John xiv.
Leader—Miss Laura Collier.
Opening songs.
Scripture lesson and prayer—Leader.
Psalms xxiii—Eppie Turbeville.
Heaven is a Reality—Miss Blanche Oates.
God and Christ are One—Lucile Hall.
Obedience as a Test—Miss Bessie Harber.
Obedience Proof of Love—Miss Erma Hogan.
Song and Prayer.
The Comforter in the Heart—James Wiseman.
The Source of Peace—James Ewton.
Peace of the World and of Christ—Mrs. McKinney.
Arguments Against Worry—Miss Myrtle Fisher.
Reasons Why We Should Not Worry—W. J. Marr.
Song No. 58.
Abiding in Christ—Mr. Marsh.
The Touch-stone of Love—Miss Ila Perry.
The Home of the Soul—Mr. Shafer.

The worst thing about Pants is that they keep some wife, mother or sister constantly sewing rips and buttons. The best thing about the Buckskin Breeches is the fact that the buttons stay on and seams don't rip as long as the pants last. That's a good while longer than any other pants will wear.

Modern Fashions.

She (dreamily)—Why don't you put your arm around my waist?

He (earnestly)—I would if you'd only give me a diagram. — Philadelphia Ledger.

The Triumph of Reason.

"And you gave him your heart?"

"Oh, mamma, how could I withhold it after he had confessed himself utterly unworthy of it?"—Detroit Free Press.

Bird Law Provisions.

An Austin special of December 6th says: The game law is being unintentionally violated in some parts of the state by hunters who kill more than twenty-five birds each day. They have asserted that the law would permit one hunter to kill twenty-five birds of each kind of game bird; that is that one, in the course of a day, could kill as many as twenty-five ducks, twenty-five geese, twenty-five quail or twenty-five of each kind of game bird. This is contrary to the law, it being intended to permit one person to kill only a total of twenty-five of all kinds of game birds.

The opinion of the attorney general's department on that point was written by Judge T. S. Reese, first assistant, and is as follows:

"We are in receipt of yours of the 30th ultimo. In reply you are advised that according to our construction of the game law, passed by the last legislature, it would be unlawful for a person to kill twenty-five jacksnipe, twenty-five ducks and twenty-five quail in one day. We think that a person can only lawfully kill in one day, twenty-five of all of the wild birds mentioned in section one of the act and it would not be lawful for him to kill as many as twenty-five of each kind in one day."

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Pearl Handle Knives and Forks, Best Quadruple Plate Knives, Forks, Tea, Coffee and Table Spoons, everything in staple Silverware also full line of Novelties such as

Berry Spoons, Cream Ladles, Bon Bon Spoons, Tomato Servers, Pie Knives, Salad Forks, Fruit Bowls, Mugs, Cups, etc.

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Very handsome designs in Imported Hand Painted China, Cake Plates, Salad Bowls, Tea and Chocolate Sets, an elegant line of odd pieces Bric-a-Brac, Art Figures, Art Vases and Pitchers, Verde Antique Bronzes, Terra Cotta Figures, Taiyo Vases, etc.

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Jewel Boxes, Tie Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, etc., the very latest.

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A MAN OF MYSTERY.

Peculiar Life of Metastasio, the Celebrated Italian Poet.

Metastasio (1698-1782), the celebrated dramatic and operatic poet, spent fifty-five years in Vienna with the Martines family without ever learning German or wishing to learn it.

Besides his utter indifference to all speech but Italian, Metastasio possessed many peculiarities of character. None might mention death in his presence. Those who alluded to smallpox before him he made it a point not to see again. In all his fifty-five years in Vienna he never gave away more than the equivalent of $25 to the poor. He always occupied the same seat at church, but never paid for it. He took all his meals in the most mysterious privacy; his greatest friends had never seen him eat anything but a biscuit with some lemonade. Nothing would induce him to dine away from home. He never changed his wig or the cut or color of his coat.

Metastasio was to have been presented to the pope the day he died and raved about the intended interview in the delirium of his last moments. Mrs. Piozzi (familiar to readers of Boswell's "Life of Dr. Johnson" as Mrs. Thrale) collected these particulars from the ladies of the Martines family, with whom Metastasio was so long domesticated without speaking or understanding a word of their language from first to last.

The Moon and Rain.

"When you see the new moon hangin' straight up and down, lookin' sort of sour like, you're not goin' to have rain for at least two-thirds of the month," said an old observer. "When she comes up lookin' like she wouldn't spill, then it's goin' to be good weather for two-thirds of the month.

"You can bank on that, boy. I've been watchin' the moon for weather more'n thirty years on land and sea, and the dip tells the story better than any weather prophet that ever called turns on the weather from headquarters down in Washington.

"Further than gettin' a cue on the weather," he continued, "you can tell by the color of the moon whether it's goin' to be a warm or cold rain.

"If the 'wet moon' looks red it's goin' to be a warm rain. If it looks bright and silvery like it's goin' to be a chilly rain.

"I've been watchin' Luna, as they call her, come up over Jersey for a number of years, and I haven't found her sign to fail yet."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Where She Missed It.

Tess—Poor May! Jack Mistry asked her if she would care to be satisfied with love in a cottage with him.

Jess—And she refused him?

Tess—Yes, and the next day she discovered the cottage was at Newport.—Exchange.

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