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LOCAL COURT DOINGS

Erath District Court.

L. M. Woodall, assault to murder, duced to aggravated assault, fined 00 and court costs.

Virgie Grissom, breaking telene insulators, fined $100.

L. Rodgers, horse theft, two rs in the penitentiary.

The Goodman case is continued ll next term on account of sickness defendant's mother.

Comanche County Court.

The regular session of Comanche nty court convened Monday, Janu- 2nd. Judge J. H. McMillan iding, F. L. Little, clerk and Y. Reid, county attorney. The owing business was transacted:

Finis Mason, assault, fined $5.

Chas. Hart, aggravated assault, ad guilty and fined $25 in two cases.

Anise Tacia, (Mexican) adultery, guilty.

W. T. Cartor and Libbei Taylor, ultery, jury trial.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. vs. J. Tatum et al., foreclosure of mortage on well drill, granted.

Walter Bess, slander, set for nuary 19th.

Dick Hasly, et al, aggravated sault, continued

J. H. Donahoe, theft, plea of uilty and fined $5 and one hour in il.

Lee Estes, gambling, plea of guilty nd fined $1.

Bosque County Court.

The following cases were disposed f in Bosque county court last week: Sul Toney and Bates Bible, theft f cotton, dismissed.

Will Hanna, violating local option w, verdict of guilty and fined $25 nd twenty days in jail. Motion for ew trial overruled and notice of peal given.

Henry Wooley, violating local tion law, verdict jury not guilty. e other two cases against Wooley rged with the same offense were ismissed.

Will Cabler, giving intoxicating quor to a minor, continued.

Eastland District Court.

District court for Eastland county s Monday, January 22nd. Only ven of the grand jurors being esent, the following gentlemen were orn in to complete the required mber: E. P. Davenport, V. L. oper, T. J. Eberhart, J. W. Blackell and C. C. Baines.

The following business has since en disposed of:

im Alvey, dismissed by state for nt of evidence to convict.

. Alvey, dismissed for want of dence to convict.

im Fox, perjury, jury verdict of lty and sentence of two years.

Cecil Spratling dismissed for want evidence to convict.

W. H. Spratling, aggravated asult, verdict of guilty and fined $25.

The case of C. S. Ray was on trial Thursday.

THIRD WEEK JURORS.

Following are the petit jurors for third week: D. R. Brown, J. W. Brown, W. A. Bucy, N. J. Brown J. W. Boase, W. T. Duncan, W. P. Hazlewood, W. H. Bond, J. D. Ashcroft, R. A. Bradley, R. W. Edwards, N. G. Epler, J. H. Bronsford, J. W. Earp, J. M. Compton, M. M. Angel, J. B. Barton, N. J. Curlis, J. W. Blockwell, J. H. Caldwell, G. D. Fincher, T. D. Anderson, A. C. Alvey, J. M. Hendricks, S. R. Loile, R. M. Bowen, T. A. Armstrong, L. M. Cook, J. S. Erwin, J. M. Boatman, G. L. Hunt, C. B. Jarrett, J. D. Barton, C. S. Freeman, R. A. Abbott, L. M. Clark, S. B. Bowles, D. B. Bollinger, E. F. Agnew, J. R.Cincaid.

Hamilton county court convened on January 2nd. Judge Warren had so far recovered from his late injuries as to be able to preside.

In the district court at Brownwood last Tuesday Sam Cole was sentenced by a jury to six years in the penitentiary and John Smith, charged with horse theft, was given two years on a plea of guilty. The murder case of George Terrell, colored, was set for January 16th; Will Welty for murder set for January 23rd, and S. P. Hale, murder, set for January 16th.

Attempted Holdup.

Tuesday George Burnett, the eighteen year old adopted son of George W. Wilson, was in town peddling baled hay, says the Comanche Exponent. Just after dusk a man approached him on the square and bargained with him for the surplus hay in his wagon. The man said he lived in the ouskirts of the town and would get in the wagon with the boy and show him where he lived. They started off and when in the suburbs the man told the boy to hand him all the money he had about him. This the boy refused to do and the man struck at him with a knife, cutting the sleeve of his coat; the boy then knocked the man out of the wagon; the man got up and come at him again and the boy hit him across the head with the butt of his whip, whereupon the man ran away. No arrest has been made so far.

New County Proposition.

The new county porposition in Eastland county with the end in view to make a new county out of portions of that county, Brown and Comanche, with Rising Star as the county site, appears not yet to be dead. Representative Breisford of the Eastland district has announced his intention of introducing the bill for the new county in the present legislature and has asked that his constituents wire him expressing their wishes in the matter.

Not so Quiet.

Green— I understand you live in a very quiet part of town.

Brown—We did until recently.

Green—Then you have moved.

Brown—No; twins

One of Many.

Snicklefritz—Did you know your wife long before you married her?

Dinglebats—Not for a minute; but I was foolish enough to imagine I had known her for years.

COUNTY FINANCE

Committee Appointed to Examine County Affairs Make a Startling Report.

The finance committee appointed by the district court at the beginning of the present term to examine into and report upon the books and accounts of the several county officers for the past five years, since the last similar examination was had, have filed with the district clerk their report, which is in full as follows:

To the Hon. W. J. Oxford, Judge of the 29th Judicial District:

We, your committee, appointed at the December term of the district court of Erath county to audit the accounts and to investigate the financial condition of the county, etc., beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined all of the accounts allowed by the commissioner's court from the present time as far back as the May term of 1899. These accounts number into the thousands, and has been a very tedious task. They are entirely too numerous for us to enter into minute details in view of the limited time in which we have had to perform our labors, but we deem it our sworn duty to call your attention to quite a number of accounts and bills which have been allowed and paid and which we deem extravagant.

During the last four years, and even before that time, our county has been inflicted at several times and places with epidemics of small pox, and this has been a heavy drain upon the finances of the county. We here give an itemized statement of the doctor's bills that have been allowed by the commissioner's court during the last three years and eleven months up to December 1st of the present year:

NOVEMBER TERM, 1904.

Nov 17, Dr. Uel Keith, jail	$205 40
L G Oxford Nov. 17, smal pox	12 00
Dr. Uel Keith, Nov. 17, jail	15 80
Dr. Uel Keith Nov. 17, supposed to be poor farm	15 80
Dr. Ella Maddox, (pauper)	31 25
Dr. J G O'Brien, pa per)	35 00
Total for quarter	$315 25

AUGUST TERM, 1904

Burger & Sturgis, case of insanity	$ 2 50
J G O'Brien, smallpox	63 25
L G Oxford, smallpox	60 00
Dr Uel Keith, smallpox	230 00
Dr Uel Keith, jail	24 80
Dr. Uel Keith, poor farm	30 60
Dr. Uel Keith, pauper practice in city	13 20
Dr. M Day, epileptic case	5 00
Total for quarter	429 25

MAY TERM, 1904.

J. G O'Brien, smal pox	$ 330 75
Uel Keith, smallpox	300 00
L G Oxford, smallpox	82 00
Uel Keith, pauper practice	52 80
Uel Keith, poor farm	8 60
Uel Keith, jail practice	3 80
Chas Binney, smallpox at Thurber	210 00
W H Eargle, attending dead body of Nannie Herring	15 00
L H Miller, three visits Mrs J D Brush	10 00
Total for quarter	1102 55

FEBRUARY TERM, 1904.

Uel Keith, pauper practice	$ 38 00
Uel Keith, smallpox	75 00
Uel Keith, poor farm	43 40
Uel Keith, jail	74 40
L G Oxford, smallpox	20 00
Total for quarter	240 80
Total for the year up to and including the November term of commissioner's court, 1904	$2088 35

NOVEMBER TERM, 1903.

Dr Uel Keith, poor farm	55 00
Uel Keith, jail	46 50
Uel Keith, pauper practice in county	23 50
Uel Keith, pauper practice in city	23 50
Total for quarter	148 50

AUGUST TERM, 1903

Dr J T Farmer, smallpox	13 00
L H Miller, examining Miss Roberts	10 00
Uel Keith, poor farm	63 00
Uel Keith, pauper practice	12 50
Uel Keith, jail	89 0
Dr. W M Burger, smallpox	70 00
Dr. J G O'Brien, smallpox	34 50
Total for quarter	292 00

MAY TERM, 1903.

Dr. J. R. Sessums, pauper	7 00
Dr. Uel Keith, jail	83 00
Dr. Uel Keith, poor farm	28 50
Dr. Uel Keith, pauper practice	9 00
Total for quarter	127 50

FEBRUARY TERM, 1903.

Dr. R A Miller, for Miss Ethel Payne	10 00
Dr. Uel Keith, jail	60 00
Dr. Uel Keith, poor farm	15 50
Dr. Uel Keith, pauper practice	50 00
Total for quarter	135 50
Total for year 1903	703 00

NOVEMBER TERM, 1902.

Dr R E McClenny, smallpox	166 00
Dr R S Cameron, jail and county	82 00
Dr. R S Cameron, poor farm	12 50
Total for quarter	199 50

AUGUST TERM, 1902

Dr L G Oxford, smal pox	10 00
Dr J J Short, smallpox	45 00
Dr R S Cameron, jail	10 00
Dr R S Cameron, poor farm	9 50
Total for quarter	83 50

MAY TERM, 1902.

Dr J G Daniel, examin'g dead person	5 00
Dr W M Burger, smallpox	170 00
Dr L G Oxford, smallpox	450 00
Dr Chas Binney, smallpox	135 00
Dr R S Cameron, pauper	33 50
Dr R S Cameron, jail	41 50
Total for quarter	815 00

FEBRUARY TERM, 1902.

Dr R S Cameron, poor farm	37 50
Dr R S Cameron, jail	66 00
Dr J W Day, jail	4 00
Dr R S Cameron, smallpox	70 00
Dr R S Cameron, poor farm	56 50
Dr R S Cameron, jail	40 00
Dr L G Oxford, smallpox	350 00
Dr W M Burger, "	10 00
Total for quarter	636 00
Total for year 1902	1733 50

NOVEMBER TERM, 1901.

Dr W L Anderson, pauper	10 00
Total for quarter	10 00

AUGUST TERM, 1901.

Dr R E Bowen, pauper	5 00
Dr R S Cameron, jail and poor farm	56 00
Dr R B Dunn, visit to Minie Freeman	10 00
Total for quarter	71 00

MAY TERM, 1901.

Dr L G Oxford, smallpox	110 00
Dr W M Burger, "	104 00
Dr Ella Maddox, "	65 00
Dr J J McLemore, "	32 00
Dr T Whitmore, "	15 00
Dr H C Weaver, "	13 50
Dr J G O'Brien, "	1006 30
Dr R S Cameron, poor farm	105 50
Dr M Day, 2 visits to Mrs Martin	4 00
Total for quarter	1515 60

FEBRUARY TERM, 1901.

Dr Chas Binney, autopsy	10 00
Dr Chas Binney, smallpox	228 00
Dr R S Cameron, poor farm	4 50
Dr R S Cameron, jail	45 00
Dr E M Maddox, 20 days smallpox	120 00
Dr J G O'Brien, 48 days at $25 per day, smallpox	1200 00
Dr L G Oxford, smallpox	200 00
Drs Allison & Clark, smallpox	16 50
Total for quarter	1824 00
Total for year 1901	$3420 60
Grand total for three years and eleven months	$7945 95

The committee will here state that in some of the above bills there were some few items for nursing and medicine and other things, but they were small and insignificant and we did not deem it necessary to separate such items from the doctor bills proper. The committee desires to state that we cannot go into details as to the expenses for nursing smallpox patients, and medicines, groceries, dry goods, guards, servants, attendants, and other expenditures connected therewith, purely for the lack of time, but we will say that these expenses were enormous.

Were we to give an itemized statement of all these expenses our report would be entirely too voluminous, but we deem it our duty to report that during a little over thirty days of the present year there were confined in the pest house near the poor farm, three smallpox patients, and one or two suspects, making a total of five. That during the short time that they were confined there we find on file in the county clerk's office bills the most of which are marked 'pest house,' and which we have reason to believe was for the sole benefit of these five men, which bills are as follows:

Aleck Candler (col.) 23 days service at pest house	34 50
I A Griffith & Co., dry goods	11 40
J W Smith & Co, mostly for pest h'se	39 25
M M Dickson, hack and team	2 50
Aleck Chandler, service at pest house	5 00
Slaughter & Watts, tinware, lamp and oil	1 05
Higginbotham Co. dry goods and clothing	3 75
Higginbotham Co., dry goods and clothing	20 45
W W Rutherford, groceries	3 00
J M Oxford, soda pop and ice	3 15
J M Oxford, beef bill	7 95
W Chamberlain, tinware, etc	2 50
F A Schnabel, groceries from Mar. 9 to April 16	37 45
Oxfords livery stable, hack and team	2 00

In addition to the above there was a grocery bill purchased at W. D. Bennett's and which we are not able to find. In connection with this we had Mr. B. G. Hall, the manager of the poor farm, to appear before us and make a statement. He stated in substance that there was an unusual amount of beef and other groceries, dry goods, etc., taken to the pest camp during the time above mentioned; that he knew nothing about it specially, and did not know whether any of the beef was permitted to spoil or not but that he was certain that the negroes who waited on the smallpox patients were very wasteful of the goods that were sent there.

Witness also stated in substance that Richard Frank, being one of these patients, his parents sent to the pest house a lot of bed clothing to be used by him, Frank; that in the lot there were two mattresses which he says were valued at $1.50 each to the best of his recollection. That he purchased these mattresses from Mrs. L. N. Frank for the use and benefit of the pest house; that he did not purchase the rest of the bed clothing; that at the November term of the commissioners' court Mrs. Frank had witness to put in a claim for the sum of $17.25 for said mattresses and bed clothing used by her son at the pest house; that said account was allowed and paid. Witness further stated that John Parnell was one of the smallpox patients; that the said Parnell had a feather bed at the pest house which weighed thirty-four pounds; that either he or his mother put in a claim before the commissioners' court for said feather bed valued at thirty cents per pound and that the court refused to pay for same

The committee found upon examining the various bills of goods furnished to smallpox patients and suspects and other people detained at the smallpox camp that many things were furnished that we consider to be extravagant, and that said things might be classed as luxuries, some of which people in good financial circumstances are scarcely able to afford. Some of the things are as follows: Jelly, snuff, eggs, tea, butter, hams, rice, tomatoes, canned corn, canned fruits, pepper, oranges, lemons, lemon extract, chicken, crackers, canned soup, oat meal.

We also find that a bill for $30.75 worth of whiskey and wine was purchased and paid for by the county and sent to the samilpox camp; also some alcohol. It is contended that

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GENERAL NEWS

Items From Far and Near Boiled Down for Convenience of Busy Readers.

Heavy rains and snows are reported in the Indian Territory.

Walter Blunt, a Texas man, has been murdered by a trapper across the river in old Mexico.

Bettina Girard, the actress, is dead. She was thirty-five years old and had been married seven times.

Twenty-five bales of cotton was destroyed by fire in the cotton yard at Anson Friday night last.

At the depth of 1700 feet an oil gusher has been struck at Crowley that is producing seven thousand barrels per day.

Elijah Blackony, a man eighty-five years old, was found dead in his bed Saturday in Weatherford. He had been blind for some time.

A big fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed sixteen tanks on the Nobel company's property in the Baku field.

A respectable farmer at McKinney received notice that he and two other citizens of that community were to be white capped and were warned to leave.

Fire has destroyed half of the business houses of Devine, Texas, entailing a loss of $25.250. The property was insured to the amount of $9,375.

Judge C. K. Bell, who has for the past four years been the attorney general of Texas, has returned to his former home at Ft. Worth to practice law.

Houston is making its importance as a rice center felt. A new rice milling company has been formed and a mill is to be completed in time for this season's crops.

Senator Teller had introduced an amendment to the statehood bill providing for the admission of Oklaboma and Indian Territory as one state with New Mexico.

The body of a young man about twenty-two years old was found frozen stiff near the railroad station at Coretta, I. T. He probably lost his way in the storm.

The Tennessee presidential electors have met and cast their vote for Parker and Davis and a contest for a messenger to take the returns to Washington resulted in a dead lock.

Emperor William has conferred on General Stoessel and General Nogi the order of the "Pour Le Merite" in recognition of the bravery of themselves and their troops at Port Arthur.

A committee representing Dallas and the commercial club has gone to Washington to present President Roosevelt with an invitation to include Dallas in his visit to Texas next spring.

Dr. Sylvester, Emperor William's American dentist, has committed suicide at Berlin. He was a native of Maine, graduated from the Boston Dental college in 1871 and soon after went to Berlin.

A report comes from Washington to the effect that, as a result of conference held at the White Ho Saturday, the president has decl to call an extra session of con to begin Oct. 3rd, two months before the regular session of the fifty-ninth congress begins, for the purpose of considering the matter of tariff revisions.

President Roosevelt has signed an order suspending from office two prominent land office officials at Roseburg, Oregon. This action is taken on the recommendation of the United States district attorney, who says the affairs of the Roseburg office are in bad condition.

The international commission appointed to inquire into the North sea incident has prepared a protocol of over twenty articles governing the procedure. The question whether the proceedings shall be verbal or written has not yet been decided.

The police have been searching for a man who was supposed to have made an attempt to blow up the statue of Frederick the Great, at Washington. It is now thought the alleged attempt was in the nature of a fake, and was done with a view of creating a sensation.

The Federal court of the western district of Indian Territory has opened the criminal docket and it will likely be the longest term ever held in the district. It has the largest docket that has ever been set for a single term in the west as there are over five hundred cases and nine for murder.

Wiley Springer, a man about sixty years old and supposed to be a harness maker, was found lying in a vacant lot near Main street and the Houston and Texas Central tracks in East Dallas. He had been subjected to exposure of a night of cold rainy weather, and died before he could be removed.

Ex-Congressman Thomas H. Ball has gone to Washington in response to a telegraphic invitation from Chairman Burton of the rivers and harbors committee, who wished to confer with him regarding some matters concerning the Buffalo bayou project, with particular reference to the maintenance of the work.

Senator Cockrell of Missouri has decided to accept the position on the interstate commerce commission offered him some time ago by President Roosevelt. He will succeed Commissioner James D. Yeomans of Iowa, whose term expired January 7th. Senator Cockrell has indicated his decision to the president, but he expects before assuming his new duties, to complete the term for which he was elected to the senat That will expire March 4th next.

Two young men from Jack Michigan, are making a tour United States on bicycles. T bound to travel twelve t miles on their wheels, visit state in the Union within months. If this is carri are to receive $5,000 wh put up by a party in th On this trip they ar to beg, work, borro were not allowed to with them. They way selling a pen two da

ERATH'S FINANCES

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these intoxicants were used for the purpose of bathing the patients, but the committee is of the opinion from the evidence that they were bathed both externally and internally.

We find that upon examination of the records that the large amounts of money expended for the use and benefit of paupers, or as alleged paupers, makes a considerable leak in the county treasury. In the last seven years the following persons have received aid from the county in the amounts set opposite their names respectively: Sarah Wampler two months at $5, $10; C. M. P. Hampton eight months at $4, $32; G. W. Blackburn ten and one-third months at $5, $32.35; Martha Weathers thirteen months at $4, $52; C. Higginbotham, thirteen and one-half months at $5, $67.50; Melvina Currier one month at $5; Tom Mitchell nineteen months at $5, $95; John Cox and wife nineteen months at $10, $190; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hodge six and one-half months at $10, $65; John Dunn sitxeen months at $5, and $10, $159; Mrs. Ellen Barto six months at $5, $30; Mrs. Ellen Barto nineteen and one-half months at $5, $97.50; D. C. Steel two months at $5, $10; D. W. L. Cathey five months at $8, $40; Miss Lizzy Farmer thirty-seven months at $5, $185; R. C. Wier twenty-two and one-half months at $6 and $8, $169; Fannie Chenault thirty-nine and one-half months at $5 $197.50; Peter Crouch and wife thirty-nine months at $5 and $8, $258; Mrs. Martha Keenan twenty-six months at $5, $130; Mrs. Mary Barnett, twenty-five months at $15 (for grand son) $435; P. E. Burklow (for Fine Burklow) ten months at $10, $100; P. E. Burklow (for Fine Burklow) $224.99½; Jennie, Frank and Fannie Mitchell, eighteen and one-half months at $5, $92.50; Mrs. Rich, forty-one and one-half months at $5, $207.50; M. A. Barton twenty-three months at $5, $115; W. D. Sauls tairteen months at $6, $78; W. D. Sauls twenty months a $6, $123; John Bybee one month at $15; Mrs. Rich twenty-one months at $5, $105; M. A. Barton twenty months at $5, $100; Mrs. M. C. Zimmerman (for Chas. Zimmerman) $110; P. E. Burklow (for Fine Burklow) $140; John Bybee twenty months at $15, $300; John Zimmerman for Chas. Zimmerman, $195; for burial of Chas. Zimmerman, $7.50. Grand total $4,306.98½.

This does not include paupers at the poor farm, but this is merely a special list of people who are paid so much money per month, which to all intents and purposes amounts to a system of pensioning. We have not had time to investigate the financial conditions of all of these alleged paupers, but that the county has been imposed upon in some instances we have no doubt. The law provides in substance that the commissioners' court shall extend aid to those who are not able to help themselves. It is the purpose and intention of the law to help people who are sick or afflicted, or who are aged and decrepid and who have no property upon which to support themselves, and who are totally unable to perform labor to earn a support, and thus to prevent starvation and suffering. To this class no one could urge any valid objection. These are justly and legally the wards of the county, and it is the duty of the commissioners' court to assist them. But to extend aid to persons who have property, or who are able to work or attend to business is an abuse of the intent of the law, and an imposition upon the public and has a tendency to encourage indolence and laziness.

We find that one D. W. L. Cathey was placed upon the pauper list in 1902 upon the grounds as we understand it, of being afflicted with paralysis. Upon investigation and upon hearing evidence from truthful men, we found that Mr. Cathey owns property in Dublin worth several hundred dollars; that during the time he was drawing $8 dollars per month as a pauper, he was rendering for taxes two and one-half acres of the W. M. Thomas survey which we understand to be a town lot or lots in Dublin and also one horse and two cows; that he was, and is still, running a kind of store or fruit stand in Dublin. That he and his family are reasonably comfortable and wear good clothes. It is not the province of this committee to advise the commissioners' court nor instruct them as to their duties, but that court should require strict proof in each case of the helplessness and indigent condition of the person receiving aid, and see that none but those entitled thereto it on the pauper list except those [illegible] opinion, stop some of the [illegible] that source.

[illegible] addition to the [illegible] and also in addition to the poor farm, there are [illegible] people in different parts of the county who are [illegible] rent and also permitted to buy goods at stores and have same charged to the county and that these bills for goods and house rent are sent into the commissioners' court every quarter, and allowed and paid. The committee noticed that in one of these bills there was an item for "wax" (supposed to be chewing gum.) We notice that a good many of these bills are not itemized at all, but merely state so much for "merchandise." The people pay these bills and it would be a good idea to have them itemized so that the people would know what they are paying for. We cannot estimate the exact amount of money that is being paid out per month for paupers, because some of the amounts are irregular, but we have estimated it as nearly as we possibly could and find that the county at the present time is paying out for support of paupers "not on the poor farm" approximately $85 per month.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

On the 9th day of April, 1901 the legislature passed a special road law for Erath county. This act provided that it should not become effectual until adopted by the commissioners' court of Erath county. In pursuance to this the said court adopted it at the August term, 1901 and it has been in full force and effect in this county ever since and the county commissioners have been assuming to act under it and have been drawing the pay provided for herein. The first section of this act makes the county commissioners ex-officio road commissioners of their respective precincts. This is a separate and distinct office from that of county commissioner, although the same man holds both offices. The same section of said act provides that each commissioner before entering upon the duties of said road commissioner shall execute a bond of $1,000, with two or more good sufficient sureties, payable to the county judge, for the use and benefit of the road and bridge fund, conditioned that they will perform all of the duties required of them by law, or by the commissioners' court and that they will account for all money or property belonging to the county as may come into their possession. This bond is required to be given partly because the act places in the possession of the said ex-officio road commissioners "the teams, tools and machinery belonging to the county." And one of the conditions of the bond is to require them to account for the same. We have been operating under this law about three years and three months, yet strange to say none of the commissioners have ever given the bond above mentioned. They have attempted to fill the office created by this act and have drawn pay but have never leagily qualified as such ex-officio road commissioners.

Section eleven of said act provides that said county commissioners shall receive as compensation for his service as ex-officio road commissioner such compensation as may be prescribed by the commissioners' court, not to exceed $2.50 per day for the services actually performed; provided that he shall not receive more than $20 per month which amount shall be paid monthly out of the road and bridge fund, when the account shall have been allowed by the commissioners' court. And said law provides that said account shall not be approved by said commissioners' court unless the road commissioners presenting it shall sign an oath that the account is just, due and unpaid, and specifying the number of days work actually performed by him; nor shall he be entitled to any other or further compensation or supervising public roads except what is allowed by this act.

Notwithstandnig the fact that this law clearly provides that these accounts shall be sworn to, yet all the commissioners ever since the same was adopted have been drawuing $90 per quarter for their services as ex-officio road commissioners and none of them have ever sworn to a single one of their accounts. We have examined every account presented by these commissioners since the August term, 1901, and find that not only did they fail to swear to them, but that in many instances they failed to specify the amount of days that they actually served upon the roads. It seems to this committee that the court in allowing these claims which were not sworn to acted beyond the scope of its authority, and that said money has been illegally drawn from the treasury.

(Here follows verbatum copies of the accounts, which we do not deem necessary to publish as they are in effect as stated above.—Editor).

All of these accounts were allowed and paid. In giving the exact copies set out above we do not give the endorsements on the originals, deeming it not necessary, the originals being on file in the county clerk's office. Accounts similar to the above have been filed by each commissioner and allowed at each term ever since the special road law was adopted as above mentioned.

It can be plainly seen that the law has not been complied with in the presenting and allowing of said accounts.

We also find that E. W. Williams was paid by the commissioners' court on November 17th, 1904, $5 for going to Duffau from Hico to get "Squire Herring to hold inquest on body of Sam McDermott."

We know of no authority for paying a man for such services. It appears to us that this would be merely a neighborly act that any good citizen ought to be willing to perform without charging the county, and, if anybody is liable for it, it ought to be the estate of Sam McDermott.

Upon examination we find many things which appear to us to be irregularities. For example we give here a copy of one of them:

Stephenville, Texas, 3 23, 1904.

Mr. J. T. Starr: You will please pay to L. R. Mayfield One Hundred Dollars for road and bridge purposes. Signed,
L. R. Mayfield.

November 16, 1904.

Mr. J. T. Starr: You will please pay to Mr. Lannley Ten Dollars and charge same to Erath county. L. R. Mayfield.

We find that many orders similar to the above have been honored by the county treasurer. This appears to us to be in violation of Article 930 of the Revised Statutes, which provides that the county treasurer shall not pay any money out of the county treasury except in pursuance of a certificate or warrant from some officer authorized to issue the same; and if such treasurer shall have any doubt of the legality or propriety of any order, decree, certificate or warrant presented to him for payment, he shall not pay the same but shall make report thereof to the commissioners' court for their consideration and direction.

We also find upon examining the official bond record that the county commissioners have not taken the oath required of them by Article 135 of the Revised Statutes, which provides in substance that the county judge and each commissioner, before entering upon the duties of their office, shall take the oath of office prescribed by the constitution, and shall also take an oath that he will not be directly or indirectly interested in any contract with or claim against the county in which he resides, except such warrants as may issue to him as fees of office.

We find that they have not complied with this law except so far as taking the regular constitutional oath, but that each and all of them failed to take the rest of the oath provided by this law.

We also find that the present county judge, the Hon. M. J. Thompson, failed to comply with this law. Also, Hon. L. N. Frank ex-county judge.

(Judge Thompson has taken the proper oath in full as required by the statute referred to since this report was filed, and requests us to so state. —Editor.)

We do not know what the legal effect of his will be, but it is indeed a remarkable state of affairs.

We find upon investigation that the county held a judgment against Jim McLeod and others in the case of the State of Texas vs. Jim (or J. I.) McLeod, which we are informed was a suit on a liquor dealer's bond: that the case was appealed to the higher court and affirmed: that a part of the judgment was paid and that recently the commissioners' court passed an order remitting the rest of the judgment. We doubt the authority of the court to take such action.

We find that another source of considerable expense to the county is the system of permitting persons convicted of misdemeanors to lay out their fines in jail, thus putting the county to the expense of boarding such prisoners and entailing the loss of the fines and the loss of the costs to the officers. Section three of the special road law of Erath county makes this provision: "The commisisoners' court shall require all county convicts not otherwise employed to labor on the public roads, under such regulations as they may prescribe, and each convict so worked shall receive a credit of 50 cents on his fine first and then on the costs, for each day he may labor."

And the asme section of said law also provides as follows: "The commissioners' court may provide such reasonable regulations and punishment as may be necessary to require such convicts to perform good work."

You will notice that in regard to working convicts on the public roads the law uses the word "shall." This is, in our opinion mandatory. So far as we have been able to ascertain this law has not been complied with, but, upon the other hand, people have been permitted to lay out their fines in the county jail at $3 per day. Take for instance the case of Jim Keith (alias Jim Dollars, alias Slobber Jim). He is now under conviction for violation of the local option law and instead of being worked he is now boarding in the county jail at the expense of the county. This system, in our opinion, creates a disrespect for our misdemeanor laws and a contempt for our courts of justice and breeds crime and lawlessness.

At the November term, 1903, of the commissioners' court, we find an account presented by W. R. McClellan, county surveyor, for $150, which account was approved and ordered paid. This was for making a map of the county, showing the political subdivisions of the county. We have examined the map and it appears to us to be a map made at the land office and that Mr. McClellan merley marked out on the same lines of the various precincts of the county. We think that the price charged is exorbitant, and, in our opinion, ought not to have been allowed. We further find that nearly every justice of the peace in the county is allowed so much by the county commissioners for office rent and some of them are allowed office furniture, such as seats and desks.

THE COUNTY JUDGE

We find that at the November term, 1904, the Hon. L. N. Frank, county judge of Erath county, presented an account to the commissioners court, which was in words and figures as follows:

$267.50. Erath County, Texas, in account with L. N. Frank, County Judge, Dr.

To ex-officio salary as such county judge for the quarter ending Oct. 31, 1904	$200 00
To fees in 98 criminal misdemeanor cases, and one lunacy case, and one epileptic case disposed of during quarter ending Nov. 15, 1904, and not heretofore reported, at 3 00 per case	300 00
To postage used in county business sending out election notices and supplies, and school matters, and other public business during the present quarter	7 50
Total	507 50

I certify the above is correct
Signed, L. N. Frank.

The account contains all the file marks, and was allowed and ordered paid.

We have examined all of the accounts filed by Judge Frank during the entire six years that he served as county judge except the accounts for the May term, 1899. Those two accounts could not be found among the papers. We examined twenty-two of his accounts in all and find that in all he charged the county for the trial and final disposition of 560 criminal misdemeanors in the twenty-two accounts presented by him, making a total of $1680 fees in criminal misdemeanors.

We havee not had time to examine the criminal dockets and minutes of the county court to ascertain how many of these cases were dismissed or actually tried. We made a partial examination of the ninety-eight cases that he charged for in his November account, and find that in four of the cases the appeals were dismissed; that eight of them were actually tried and finally disposed of; that thirty-eight of them were dismissed by the county attorney; that the rest were disposed of in various ways, some being continued, some being retired, some in which there was a capais ordered and continued, etc., and one new trial granted.

The committe will state that this examination of the criminal docket was only partial and not thorough, purely from lack of time.

The committee further finds that on August 11th, 1904, J. T. Starr, county treasurer, presented an account to the commissioners' court for the sum of $70, which he claimed was for expenses paid for County Judge L. N. Frank to go to Austin and pay off $2000 court house bonds, he (Starr) claiming that he advanced this money to pay the expenses of Judge Frank on this trip. The account was allowed and ordered paid.

The committee caused John R. Starr, the son of the county treasurer Starr, to appear before us and testify regarding this matter whose testimony is hereto attached and marked exhibit "A," and made a part hereof. The witness testified in substance that about the last of March 1903 he and Judge L. N. Frank went to Austin to take up six court house bonds; that they carried with them a certified check for approximately $3380 to take up said bonds and pay interest thereon. He said that they went to Alexander in a buggy, and there took the train for Austin; that he thinks the railroad fare from Alexander to Austin was $9 for each of them each way. He says that they remained in Austin three days; that they paid $3 a day each for hotel bill, making a total expense for both railroad fare and hotel bill of $54. He says that he does no know what went with the rest of the money. We asked the witness if it was necessary for both of them to go to Austin to carry this money or certified check. To this question he answers that it was not really necessary for both of them to go.

Witness also testified that he thinks in 1901 his father sent Judge Frank to Austin to take up some court house bonds, and [illegible] the account for the judge's expenditures on that trip was to the best of his recollection $35.

That this $35 account was allowed and paid by the county.

We further find that on November 11 th, 1901, that Judge L. N. Frank presented an account to the commissioners' court, a copy of which is hereto attached, and marked exhibit B, and made a part of this report; that in said account there is one item for expenses on two trips to Austin on business for said county in refunding ten thousand dollars of county court house bonds and investing $10,000.00 Erath county permanent school funds in county bonds, including telegraph and telephone messages, etc., $65, which account was on the same day allowed. We also attach hereto copy of the account presented by J. T. Starr for the $70 mentioned above, and mark same exhibit C.

The committee is informed that the banks in Stephenville would have transmitted all this money to Austin for a very small amount of exchange, which would not have been more than a few dollars at the outside, and one of the officers of one of the banks informed the committee that his bank would not have charged anything to have transmitted this money to Austin.

As to the charges made by the county judge for cases dismissed, see article 256 of the penal code. Also the case of Brackenridge vs. State 27th App. 513.

COUNTY PHYSICIAN.

Another thing has been called to our attention and which we believe it our duty to report, and that is the custom of the county phyisician to write more prescriptions than is necessary and charge the county for the same. The committee had witnesses who were sworn and testified regarding this matter and the testimony of said witnesses dveloped this fact: To illustrate this, suppose one of the prisoners in the jail needs a bottle of vaseline, and sends to the drug store for the same. It is worth ten cents. The druggist lets him have it. Then afterwards the county physician writes a prescription for the article which has already been obtained and charges the county thirty-five cents for said prescription, thus making the vaseline cost the county forty-five cents when in fact it is only worth ten cents.

It was also shown by the testimony of one of said witnesss that it has been the custom of the county physician in prescribing for people at the jail and on the poor farm, etc., to write prescriptions for the smallest possible amount of medicine that could be put up. The result of this is that as soon as the patient takes a few doses, his medicine is exhausted and he then writes another prescription and so on, thus charging the county for several prescriptions when one would have been sufficient if he had prescribed a reasonable amount of medicine.

J. T. STARR, COUNTY TREASURER.

We examined the books and reports of J. T. Starr as county treasurer, for four years, and found his report to state superintendent for 1901, shows a gain in permanent school fund $285.12 over the amount received from his predecessor, which amount was placed to the said permanent fund on hand. And in said treasurer's report to said superintendent for 1904 the report shows a shortage of $177.62. We examined the notes belonging to said fund, and found that said shortage was only an error in making out said report, and recommend that the present treasurer correct the same in his report to the state superintendent for the year ending August 31st, 1904.

We found the amount of said permanent school fund to be August 31, 1904, $24,062.32, as follows:

County bonds	$20,060 00
Land notes	4,002 57
Cash	50 75
Total	24,062 32

We found that several of said notes amounting to $2975.73 are now past due. We also found among said notes a receipt from Dick Oxford, county attorney, for four notes for collection, but we find no evidence that said notes have been returned or any cash on collecting the same.

We reccommend the county attorney take the necessary steps to collect the notes past due, and find the notes turned over to Dick Oxford for collection, and when found proceed to collect them also.

We found court house bonds now outstanding against Erath county to amount to $10,500, county bonds amounting to $20,000.

We found that the receipts and disbursements as shown by the books of the said J. T. Starr, as county treasurer, to be correct except in the matter of his commissions.

For 1901 he received as commission	$1,932 88
For 1902 he received as commission	2,133 22
For 1903 he received as commission	2,450 34
For 1904 he received as commission	2,626 81

The statutes provides that the county treasurer's commisssions shall not exceed $2,000 for any one year it is evident from the above figures that county treasurer, J. T. Starr, has received as commissions the sum of $1240.37 more than the law allows him. We therefore recommend that the proper officers take such steps as are necessary to recover this excess for the benefit of the county.

COUNTY COLLECTOR.

We examined the books of N. N. Johnson as tax collector from April 9th, 1902, until the time of his retirement from office in November, 1902. A former committee appointed by this court has already made and filed a report upon the books and records of N. N. Johnson, covering his term of office up to April 9th, 1902. We found his accounts according to his reports and receipts to be correct, but it is evident from his final report, annual report of R. T. Roberts, and the finance ledger, that the receipt taken from R. T. Roberts, was not sufficient to cover amount due on the tax rolls turned over to said Roberts.

We next examined the report and receipts of R. T. Roberts, present tax collector, up until April 20th, 1904, the date of his last annual statement.

The first annual report of R. T. Roberts disclosed the fact that collected from the rolls turned over him by Johnson the sum of $96 more than Roberts was charged with on the finance ledger and further find that said Roberts has filed an account with the commissioners' court for the said sum $96.19, and the same was allowed and paid. As this sum of $96 was unquestionably collected from the tax rolls of Erath county, and the said Roberts has already received his lawful commission it is the opinion of the committee that the county should receive the benefit of the excess that might be collected from the rolls of the county. We therefore recommend that this sum $96.19 be returned to the county and we call the attention of the county attorney to this matter.

There remains a number of county offices uninvestigated but the short time allowed the committee rendered it impossible for us to make any report upon them.

Ben Palmer, Chairman.
John S. Hyatt,
Marshall Furgeson.

State of Texas, county of Erath. Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority on this day Ben Palmer, John S. Hyatt and Marshall Ferguson, and each of them after being by me duly sworn, each upon their oath, that the matters and facts set forth in the above report, to which their names are signed, are true and correct, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th day of December 1904.

S. H. Milwee, Notary Public, etc.

(The matter contained in the exhibits is clearly stated by the committee, hence it is not necessary to reproduce them.)

If any of the officials mentioned above desire to make any statement relative to anything said by the committee we will publish the same without charge, as there is no desire on the part of this paper to place any one in an unjust position. We only desire to publish the news, and certainly this report is such matter as the people of the county both desire to read and should read.—Editor.



Perfect Teeth is the great blessing that any one can enjoy. I am prepared to do your work in the latest up-to-date style.

Dr. W. H. Henthorn
Office Over Maloney's.

FEMALE WEAKNESS

842 1-2 Congress St.
PORTLAND, MAINE, Oct. 17, 1903.

I consider Wine of Cardui superior to any doctor's medicine I ever used and I know whereof I speak. I suffered for nine months with suppressed menstruation which completely prostrated me. Pains would shoot through my back and sides and I would have blinding headaches. My limbs would swell up and I would feel so weak I could not stand up. I naturally felt discouraged for I seemed to be beyond the help of physicians, but Wine of Cardui came as a God-send to me. I felt a change for the better within a week. After nineteen days treatment I menstruated without suffering the agonies I usually did and soon became regular and without pain. Wine of Cardui is simply wonderful and I wish that all suffering women knew of its good qualities.

Wilhelmina Lauer
Treasurer, Portland Economic League

Periodical headaches tell of female weakness. Wine of Cardui cures permanently nineteen out of every twenty cases of irregular menses, bearing down pains or any female weakness. If you are discouraged and doctors have failed, that is the best reason in the world you should try Wine of Cardui now. Remember that headaches mean female weakness. Secure a $1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui today.

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ATTER IS AMAZING.

nnah Elias Insists That John R. Platt Strewed Bank Notes on Her Floor, While He Claims Extortion Efforts.

New York, Jan. 11.—The final stage the struggle for possession of nearly 0,000 between John R. Platt, the millionaire, and Hannah Elias, negress, whom he charges with ngfully obtaining money from him, scheduled to begin before Justice ff in the supreme court. In this it is expected the whole amazing y of the affair, which attracted the ntion of the entire country when ecret of Platt's relations with the an was revealed by the filing of uit last summer, will be brought Interest in the case was intensi- from the first by the strange and ic death of Andrew H. Green, one e city's most prominent men, who shot to death almost at the door e Elias woman's house on Central West a few months before the



HANNAH ELIAS.

t suit was filed. Green's murder- negro, who was captured and lat- ent to an asylum, said he shot Mr. n because he was jealous of the 's attention to the Elias woman. the filing of the Platt suit the ention of Mr. Green's friends that as the victim of mistaken identi- when the attack was made was tically proven. There was a re- kable similarity in the personal ap- rance between Andrew H. Green John R. Platt, and Mr. Platt him- believes the insane negro intended ill him and mistook Mr. Green for . Hannah Elias maintains that the sum named in Platt's suit was n to her voluntarily by Platt; that literally threw money at her. She of one instance when, she says, r pressing her to take a large sum, ich she refused, he threw a great ndful of bank notes on the floor and had a servant gather them up on dustpan. On the other hand, Platt ms the defendant has resorted to y trick and device her ingenuity ld command to extort money from during the twenty years of their uaintance. Mr. Platt is now eighty- years old and feeble.

SERIOUS SCANDAL.

Result Owing to the Interdicting of Croker.

London, Jan. 11.—A serious scandal mises to develop in racing circles the result of the jockey club in in- dicting Richard Croker from train- his horses at New Market. The tory of the affair as given out by nds of Mr. Croker is that when at New Market sales in September Croker appeared as a bidder for ain yearlings. He was informed he was opposing Lord Marcus ford, who, it is well known, has charge of King Edward's racing es. This did not deter Mr. Cro- and it was suggested to him that insisted on competing he would be allowed to train his horses at Market. Mr. Croker, however, not influenced, claiming that his uct was not discourteous, as he dealing through an agent who did now his adversary in the trans- s and merely carried out his in- ions.

an interview at Dublin Mr. Cro- id he was still completely in the regarding the whole matter and ssed astonishment at the fact he stewards did not give a reason eir action.

newspaper says Mr. Croker in- to sell his residence at Wantage. For some months he has been in Ireland, where, it is reported, will reside altogether hereafter.

IMMENSE FIRE.

of St. Louis Plate Glass Company Partially Destroyed.

Louis, Jan. 11.—The immense of the St. Louis Plate Glass com- at Valley Park, twenty miles of this city, was partially destroy- fire, entailing a loss estimated at 00. Between 300 and 500 em- will be out of employment until lant is rebuilt. The fire started furnaces. After a fight of sev- ours the fire department of the any got the flames under control.

Wedded in a Buggy.

tin, Jan. 11.—S. W. Spencer and Madie Seay were united in mar- as they sat in a buggy. The cou- ft for Houston on a bridal trip.

FERGUSON'S MESSAGE.

Statehood Question and Other Matters Are Dealt With.

Guthrie, Jan. 11.—In his message to the legislative assembly Governor Ferguson says that Oklahoma should begin the purification of politics by the severe punishment of the "professional lobbyist," who, he contends, is striking a vital blow at the government by the people; that Oklahoma is deserving of and should be given statehood by congress, and that a crusade should be inaugurated for good roads in the territory.

Concerning statehood the message says:

"Let us all hope that when another legislative assembly convenes in Oklahoma it will be after her star has been given a place upon the field of blue—the brightest and best. The progress of the territory has been wonderful during the period which has intervened since the adjournment of the Seventh legislative assembly. This assembly will probably be the last of territorial character. It will be a maker of history, and may close the chapter of territorial legislation. We are living in the formative days of a state. Our people have been by their achievements writing a magnificent story. The world has looked upon Oklahoma and marveled at her accomplishments. Her past has been full of interest and her future full of promise.

"Self government is one of the things most highly chosen by every liberty-loving American citizen. The people of Oklahoma want statehood. The people of the Indian Territory want statehood."

SNOWSTORM SEVERE.

Third Day of Blizzard Characterized by Much Frigidity.

Lawton, Okla., Jan. 11.—This section is still frozen tightly and much snow on the ground. Business has been almost suspended. Telegraph, telephone and electric light poels have been broken down and wires are grounded.

Contract work on public improvements under the direction of the interior department throughout the new counties is at an absolute standstill. The melting of the snow will supply the soil with a moisture almost sufficient to insure a large wheat crop.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

Four Men Alleged to Have Criminally Assaulted a Girl.

Muskogee, I. T., Jan. 11.—Frank Coursey, Miles Chastain, Chole Farman and C. W. Henley had a hearing before Commissioner Leekly. They are charged with criminal assault on Betsy Baldridge, a sixteen-year-old Cherokee girl living near Tahlequah. They were remanded to jail without bail. The girl is in a precarious condition.

ENGINE EXPLODES.

Engineer and Fireman Killed and Another Man Badly Injured.

Cleveland, Jan. 11.—The boiler of a locomotive attached to an eastbound fast express on the Erie road blew up while standing at Creston, O., station, killing the engineer and fireman instantly and badly injuring another man who was riding in the engine cab. The dead are Frederick Keller, engineer, of Galion, O., and Fireman Walfilt of the same place. James Newman of Elmyra, O., is the injured man. He will probably die.

The cause of the explosion is not known. The train carried express cars only. Aside from the engine, which was completely demolished, none of the equipment was damaged. Traffic was blocked for four hours.

TOO MANY CHILDREN.

Father's Reason For Not Sending One of His Girls to School.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Having too many children was the defense of Anton Hermann, who has been arraigned before Justice Prindeville charged with failing to send his daughter, Katie, eleven years old, to school. Hermann testified that he was the father of nineteen children, six of whom are of school age.

"I am too poor to provide clothes and books to send all six children to school," he said. "I don't get much money in the lumber yard where I work. I have been married thirty-four years. Now I am living with my second wife; my first wife died many years ago."

It developed that Katie, the girl on whose account he had been forced into court, was born on a steamship.

Hermann was fined $10, but payment was suspended on condition that Katie should be sent to school.

SUBMARINE MINES.

Positions For Them Being Selected at Entrance of Frisco Harbor.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—The work of locating positions at the entrance of the harbor for submarine mines has been commenced. It has been decided to establish a switch board at Point Bonita and from there to run a cable over Pot to Patch and around the bar and South Beach. The location of the second switch board has not been decided, but it will be at either Presidio or Cliff House.

AWFUL DEEDS.

Kills Wife and Infant, Fatally Wounds Daughter and Suicides.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—With pistol and razor John Miller, a cook, killed his wife and infant daughter, Annie, fatally wounded another daughter, Martha, two years old, and cut his own throat. The story is believed to have been the

FIVE DAILY PAPERS.

Senate Also Aadopted Resolution In Memory of Dr. Smoot.

Austin, Jan. 11.—On motion of Senator McKamy of Dallas senate has decided to subscribe for five daily papers for each member.

A resolution in memory of the late Rev. Dr. R. K. Smoot, former chaplain of the senate and for twenty-eight years pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Austin, was adopted.

House devoted all of the morning session of Wednesday in an effort to elect an assistant sergeant at arms and other officers. Cebe Newman of Ellis county was elected sergeant at arms and Mark Logan of Hamilton county reading clerk. All clerks will receive $5 per day.

DR. SMOOT DEAD.

Noted Presbyterian Divine Passes Away at Texas Capital.

Austin, Jan. 11.—Rev. Dr. R. K. Smoot is dead from heart disease. He was head of the Presbyterian Theological seminary here and a member of the state board of pardons. Dr. Smoot was one of the most brilliant divines of the Southern Presbyterian chruch. He was a native of Tennessee.

SETTLEMENT SECURED.

American Legion of Honor Judgments Paid by Surety Company.

Cameron, Tex., Jan. 11.—The First National bank received a check from the Hanover National bank of New York on the First National bank of Austin for $18,629.59, payable to Hefley, McBride & Watson, attorneys for certain plaintiffs in suits against the American Legion of Honor, in settlement of the eight judgments against the American Legion of Honor, upon which the American Trust company of New York was surety on supersedeas bonds, and out of which resulted the levies on the bonds deposited with the state treasurer by the surety company.

CANCEL POLICIES.

Insurance Companies Take This Action Where Cotton Is Burned.

New Orleans, Jan. 11.—Insurance companies which have placed policies on cotton in warehouses throughout the south are stated to have cancelled all policies in cotton districts where the staple has been burned even in the smallest quantities. In districts where farmers have met and discussed the burning of cotton as a means of raising prices insurance policies have been raised about 50 per cent. It is understood on the local cotton exchange that there is an agreement among insurance companies to the effect that all companies will act in the matter in the same manner. This action has effectually stopped the burning of cotton in so far as country merchants and country barkers can have any influence.

CREW OF TEXAS.

Captain and Twelve Men of Foundered Dredger In Ireland.

Waterford, Ireland, Jan. 11.—The steamer Zeno arrived here with the captain and twelve men of the American steamer dredger Texas from Dantzic via Southampton Dec. 12 for Galveston, which foundered in a storm off the Hebrides. The crew entered small boats, but one containing the chief officers and twenty-one men sank immediately and all were drown. The survivors drifted for several days before being picked up.

ENTERS CANAL.

One Division of the Second Pacific Squadron Reaches Port Said.

Port Said, Jan. 11.—Rear Admiral Botrovsky's division of the Russian Second Pacific squadron entered the Suez canal at noon Wednesday. Its destination is uncertain, but probably Madagascar by way of Jibutil, French Somaliland. Warships are only permitted to ship 1000 tons of coal among the seven ships, besides taking on board provisions.

Death Due to Whisky.

Ripley, Miss., Jan. 11.—Joe Calvary, a twelve-year-old boy, is dead from drinking too much whisky. It is said several boys gave the lad liquor. He drank a large quantity, was seized with convulsions and died. The grand jury will investigate the affair.

MINOR MATTERS.

It is reported the Mexican free zone is to be abolished.

A large armadillo was caught in a cemetery near Newport, Tex.

The $30,000 school building at Bonham, Tex., has been completed.

The body of an unknown young man was found frozen stiff at Coretta, I. T.

The mercury of the winter in Custer county, Oklahoma, was six inches deep.

Isaac Hume exported of Cameron, Tex., shipped five carloads of cattle to St. Louis.

Captain [illegible] English, several times a member of the Texas legislature, is dead at Cleburne.

Gin of W. R. Hair, twenty miles northwest of Gainesville, Tex., burned. Loss is $8000.

The exchange and gymnasium at Fort McIntosh will be built by a Laredo firm for $14,875.

J. Beattie has sold his 1800-acre ranch five miles from Gainesville, Tex., to Jerre Black for $80,000.

Henry W. Keller, a former well known resident of Dallas, passed away at Los Angeles, Cal.

General merchandise store of D. M. Montgomery at Benton, La., was destroyed by fire, entailing $15,000 loss.

While engaged in a difficulty near Pontotoc, Miss., with his two sons Ben Eddington had his neck broken by a brick hurled by one of them.

SYNOPSIS OF HESTER

Cotton Movement For Four Months Given by Secretary.

FIGURES OF FLEECY.

Texas and Indian Territory Show a Decrease of Over Twelve Thousand Bales Compared With Same Period of 1903.

New Orleans, Jan. 11.—Secretary Hester's annual synopsis of the cotton movement for the four months of the season from September 1, to the close of December, inclusive, shows that compared with the crop movement last year, Texas, including Indian Territory, has brought into sight this season in round figures 12,000 bales less, while other gulf states which include Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri and Oklahoma have marketed 424,000 bales more; and the group of Atlantic states, which include North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Virginia, are 657,000 bales ahead, making the net increase in the total crop marketed 1,079,000. Mr. Hester shows the amount brought into sight by groups of states for the four months of this season as follows: Texas and Indian Territory, 2,142,969 bales, a decrease under the same time last year of 12,344; an increase over year before last of 282,066, and an increase over the same time in 1901 of 115,032. Other gulf states, 2,546,154, an increase over last year of 434,731, an increase over year before last of 341,323, and an increase over 1901 of 473,044. Atlantic states, 3,322,341, an increase over last year of 656,895, an increase of year before last of 657,198, and an increase over 1901 of 174,103. Total crop in sight at close of December 8,011,404; an increase over last year of 1,079,282, an increase over year before last of 1,280,587, and an increase over year before last of 1,280,587 and an increase over 1901 of 1,322,089.

The groups of states furnished, in round figures of the crops of last year and the year before last, the following: From Texas and Indian Territory last year 2,876,000 bales and year before last 2,821,000; other gulf states 3,367,600, last year, and year before last 3,797,000; Atlantic states 3,768,000 last year, and the year before last 4,100,000.

Mr. Hester makes the total Oklahoma movement, none of which is included in the Texas crop, for the four months ending Dec. 31, 177,710 bales this year, against 127,739 last year and 139,610 year before last. Of the Oklahoma crop there were marketed to and via Texas points 121,609 bales this year against 99,612 last year and 69,986 the year before last. These amounts, while a part of the gross movement to and via Texas points are excluded from the foregoing totals of Texas in sight, which represents only the actual net movement of Texas and Indian Territory growth.

LOSING CONFIDENCE.

Russian Situation Around Mukden Said to be a Serious One

Tokio, Jan. 11.—Information which has reached certain reliable quarters here state that the Russian generals in Manchuria are losing confidence in Gen. Kuropatkin, and that the Russian situation around Mukden is a serious one. It is feared that if Kuropatkin attacks the Japanese position along the Shakhe river he will court disaster and that his further retreat will mean the demoralization of his army.

This information goes on to say that there is constant bickering at Russian Manchurian headquarters and that the



LIEUTENANT GENERAL LINEVITCH.

soldiers are discontented, dissatisfaction being with the series of retreats after the battle of Talisu (Vafangow) and the withdrawal from Liao Yang, when it was believed it was possible to hold that place. The climax came with the Russian defeat at the battle of Shakhe river, following Kuropatkin's strongly-worded order directing the forward movement, dated Oct. 2. This defeat brought a storm of criticism upon the commander in chief and resulted in discord among the officers.

The long inaction, the information alleged, is undermining the morale of the Russian army, and it is pointed out that recent skirmishes and outpost brushes indicate that the Russian soldiers are becoming disheartened, as they do not show their former fighting qualities.

The siege guns to be sent to Manchuria from Port Arthur will probably be placed in advanced positions for the purpose of allowing the Japanese to shell far into the Russian lin

LANDS!

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DUBLIN, TEXAS.

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10—Farm and store—60 acre tract of good land, with 40 in cultivation, located nine miles from Dublin, good orchard and tenant house. Also a store house and stock of drugs and groceries worth $5 0. Will sell altogether or reserve store. Price of land $1,500 with one-half cash.

20—100 acres mixed land eight miles south of Dublin. 35 acres in cultivation, 30 acres more good land to put in; near good school. $1,750; one half cash, balance to suit.

21—273 acres in the Kiker's Gin settlement. 73 in cultivation; over 50 more acres good land can be put in. Good house, barn, crib, three wells, wind mill, fine tank etc. $6,000; good terms.

29—100 acres 20 miles northwest of Dublin, one mile of store, postoffice, good school, two churches; 40 acres in cultivation, more to put in, one 6 room and one 4 room house, two good wells, extra good grass with good tank in pasture; 1500.00.

37—122½ acres 8 miles from Dublin; ¾ mile good gin, 2 miles 2 good schools; 3 room house with gallery; small barn; young orchard; 25 acres in cultivation, 40 more to put in; extra good grass, everlastidg water in pasture; shallow well. 2 miles small town. Price 2200.00.

39-100 acres, 13 miles of Dublin, one mile of Lingleville. House has three rooms and gallery, good well and new barn. 40 acres in cultivation with 12 in apples part of which are bearing, there are also four acres of all kinds of fruit. This is all good sandy land with plenty of timber and no blow sand, and this is a bargain at $3000.00 with $200.00 of it cash.

42—340 acres prairie land with 85 acres valley land in cultivation. Two houses, good well and windmill. Good grass and some timber. Will sell for 4000.00 with ¼ cash and balance to suit purchaser,

45-170 acres 100 in cultivation, three room house, well, and necessary out buildings, good grass land with tank in pasture and plenty of timber. Close to good school and church. Ten miles from Dublin and 3½ from Purves $4000.00 half cash balance easy at 5 per cent.

46—100 acres with 75 in cultivation and 20 more good land to put in. Land is sandy and lies well, plenty of fruit on place, orchard contains appies, peaches and plums. 14 miles from Dublin, south. Will sell this place for $1500.00 and will take good span of mules or horses.

51 160 acres 6 miles east of Dublin, over 90 in cultivation good sandy land, good roomy house and out buildings, well and orchard, plenty timber and good grass. 2500.00 on easy terms.

52-201 acres in Comanche Co. two miles from Gustine. Small house and well. This is all good timbered land part sandy and part bottom land 28 acres in cultivation. Will sell this place for 7.50 per acre, half cash balance 1-2 & 3 years.

56- 240 acres close to Proctor, half in cultivation, good improvements. First class land, level, plenty of timber, grass and water. We will sell this or trade it for a smaller place. Want sandy land well improved within reach of good school.

59 - 60 acres 1 mile west of Bunyan with 40 acres in cultivation. We will sell this within the next week for 1200 00 with a small payment and easy terms at 8 per cent on deferred payments.

60-136 acres, 100 acres good, level, tillable land. 50 now in cultivation. Three room house with gallery, good well and orchard. This is all sandy land, lies well and only four miles from Dublin. Will sell at $25. acre.

64—160 acres 3 miles west of Bunyan 70 acres in cultivation, good grass and timber good house, well and wind mill, $3. 00 00, half cash.

66—140 acres with 35 in cultivation, good four room house with wind mill and all good out buildings and lots; $1700, half cash and good terms on balance.

67—53 acres with 35 in cultivation, good 3 room house, will rent 30 more acres joining this.

68—116 acres, 75 in cultivation, 6 room house, 1½ miles from Purves. $2500.

69—133 acres 6 miles from Dublin, 80 in cultivation. $2500.

We have in our hands for sale or trade a good many farms and ranches from 100 up to 5000 acres. Space does not admit of description.

We have for sale several finely improved places not on our list; altogether in one block which we will sell at from $30 to $40 per acre; all good, level sandy land, well located. We also have 7500 acres in Wheeler county, improved and unimproved which we will sell in any quantity from 160 acres up. 75 per cent of this is good, tillable land, mostly sandy with good clay foundation.

CITY PROPERTY.

120—Stone business house 25x100 feet in best business block on Patrick street, always occupied at good rent. A fine investment at $4000 with easy terms,

112—44 acres inside of corporate limits of South Dublin, first-class land, is fenced and in good state of cultivation. Fine building site and would make a desirable home and an excellent truck farm. Price $2000. A big bargain.

115—Good five room residence property on Elm street, east Dublin, large lot, stable, city water an other conveniences. Rents at $6 a month. Should sell quickly at $600 with one half cash.

116—5 room house in Dublin; 4 acres land and orchard. Will sell for one-half cash and balance to suit. Will trade whole place for stock cattle. Price $850.

119—5 room house in south-west Dublin, 8 acres land all in cultivation. All good land. Good young orchard. First class well of water. This is a bargain at $800.00, ¼ cash, balance to suit purchaser.

120—Five room house in east Dublin, barn city water and other conveniences. Price $550. Will take a good horse in on this

We have on hand a number of bargains in improved residence property in Dublin from $800 00 up which we will sell on easy terms. Space does not admit of a list of it but if you are wanting any kind of property, either in the city or country, call and see us and we can fit you up with prices and terms to suit.

WRITE OR CALL UPON

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LANDS!

Call For Farmers Institute

Editor Progress: As this is the beginning of another year, it behooves the farmers to lay their plans for this year's crop To make it a prosperous year for us and our whole "southland" we should raise ten cent cotton and the only way to do this is to reduce the acreage twenty-five per cent. The question then would naturally arise, what shall we raise on this ex-cotton land? Most of the farmers, I think, would plant more oats and corn and raise more and better hogs, mules, horses, cows, chickens, turkeys etc. and some would plant this ex-cotton land in potatoes, peanuts, sorghum, etc. For the purpose of discussing this all important question I will call a meeting at the city hall of the Farmers Institute, on Saturday January 21st at 2:30 p. m. I most earnestly request a full and prompt attendance of all that are interesetd in ten cent cotton.—J. W. Higginbotham.

Bought Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and Sent it to Friends.

Mr. F. W. J. Fletcher, a druggist in Victoria, Australia, says: "A customer of mine was so pleased with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which she had used for her children when suffering from colds and croup, that during a fortnight's time she obtained at my shop nine bottles, which she sent to her friends in different parts of the state, telling them how much good it had done and advising them to give it a trial." For sale by Overton Drug Co.

Representative Slayden is still making an effort to have Texas granite used in the new District of Columbia building. Nothing has been determined so far as to the material to be used, as all bids on granite and marble make the building too expensive to come within the appropriations made by congress.

A member of the house of peers at Tokio has called at the White House and remained in conversation with the president for over an hour. He refused to say whether or not proposals for peace between Japan and Russia were discussed.

The health board of Mexico reports that there are but one or two cases of yellow fever in Mexico. The cold weather has aided in keeping the disease down

News Briefs.

A woman at Handley is in a very serious condition as the result of a shot from a supposedly empty pistol.

Mrs. Murdock of Fort Worth is in Washington, where she is making an effort to increase the pensions of Mexican veterans to $30 per month

Russia has expended nearly $300,000,000 on its army during the last year and has sunk about $14,000,000 on its navy.

The Fort Worth high school is soon to have a magazine. Not only will the faculty and students conduct the publication of the magazine, but the printing will be done in the high school building.

More than twenty members of the chorus of the Metropolitan Grand Opera company were seriously injured by the collapse of the bridge in the street scene in the opening act of Carmen, being given at the time in New York.

George Curtis, a two year old child in Fort Worth, was caught in the act of drinking wood alcohol. A little later, before he could be stopped, he drank an entire saucer of gasoline. Milk was given him at once and as this served as an antidote he is now none the worse for his experience.

Do Not Suppress a Cough.

When you have a cough do not try to suppress it, but remove the cause. The cough is only a symptom of some disease, and the disease is what you should cure, then the cough will stop itself. The most common cause of coughing is a cold. Anodynes will promptly suppress the cough, but preparations containing chloroform opium and etc., are used for that purpose, but they do not cure the cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on the other hand does not suppress the cough, but relieves it by loosening the phlegm in the throat and lungs that which obstructed the breathing, allaying irritation and soothing the throat. It also opens the secretions and effectually and promptly cures the cold as well as the grippe. For sale by Overton Drug Co.

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Legislative Commission Proposed.

Judge C. H. Jenkins of Brownwood has recently given to the press the following suggestions:

"For many years every legislature that has met in Texas has been severly criticised by the press and by the public. Much of this criticism has been unjust, but it cannot be denied that much of it has been deserved. What is the remedy? It has frequently been said: Elect better men to the legislature. But my observation has been that a majority of our legislators are good men. Many of them are able men. I do not think that is the trouble. It occurs to me that there is an inherrent defect in our system of legislating; that under our present system a legislature can not be "a deliberate body" in any proper sense. To illustrate: A few years ago I noticed a statement in the press to the effect that within the first sixty days of the session of the legislature one thousand bills had been introduced.

I suppose it is safe to say that an average of ten thousand amendments were introduced to each bill. What can the wisest legislator do toward considering the merits of a thousand bills, to say nothing of ten thousand amendments?

"If the trouble is with our system, which does not permit due consideration, and results in crude legislation, the passage of many unwise laws and the rejection of many wise ones, the remedy should be sought in a change of the system.

"I beg to suggest as an efficient remedy the passage of a constitutional amendment embodying the following idea: Appoint or elect a legislative commission, to be composed of five commissioners, who shall be paid a salary of say five thousand dollars per annum, to hold their offices for a term of ten years: the five to hold two, four, six, eight and ten years respectively; they to sit, as does our supreme court, nine months in the year. Let them take up a subject, say our penal code, or asylums, or civil or criminal practice for taxation. Let them secure copies of the laws in all of the states or in all of the world for that matter, on the subject under consideration and make careful inquiry as to the practical workings of the laws of other states and countries on the subject. Let them give to the press from time to time a statement of what subject they have under consideration. They will thus have the benefit of the experience of the civilized world. Citizens of the state will write them, giving their views upon the subject, and by permission those who desire to do so or who may have been selected to do so by business, labor or agricultural organizations might appear before them and make oral arguments in favor or against certain measures. The commissioners, with plenty of time to consider every phase of proposed legislation and by long experience in in doing, so would become experts in legislation. Require them to complete the bills to be proposed by them at least thirty days before the meeting of the legislature. The daily papers, as a matter of news, would be compelled to print their bills. The makers of plate matter would furnish it to the country press. The reading and thinking men in ever community would discuss these measures and write articles for the press for or against them. They would see their member of the legislature and urge him to vote for or against the bill, as the case might be.

"Result: A bill thoroughly considered by a competent commission in the light of experience; considered and discussed by the press and the intelligent portion of every community and by members of the legislature before they arrive at Austin who have had the benefit of the views of their constituents on the subject; wise laws that will not need to be repealed or amended at every session of the legislature. Make these commissioners ex-officio members of the legislature for the purpose of discussing legislation proposed by them, but not to vote, and when not engaged in such discussion put them at the service of the committees.

"Of course such a commission could not cover the whole field of legislation for one term, but they could take up the subjects systematically, and what was done would be well done. I believe in ten years this system would give us the best code of laws of any state in the union.



Colds. Their Proper Treatment and Cure.

Commonly, the first symptom of a "cold" is a chilly feeling, accompanied by sneezing, or a tickling in the throat. The most frequent of external causes are draughts, wet or cold feet, or going from hot rooms suddenly into cold ones. More frequently there is an inner cause—namely the stagnation of the blood caused by constipation or biliousness. Almost the first symptom is a feeling of cold in the feet and increased discharge from the nose.

No one ever takes cold unless constipated, or exhausted, and having what we call mal-nutrition, which is attended with impoverished blood and exhaustion of nerve dynamics consisting of large portions of iron or cod liver oil do not bring about changes in the blood, because they enter the system and are not taken to the blood, with the exception of iron, which shrivels up the red corpuscles when it *does* come in contact with them. We recommend the use of Dr. Pierce because it is rational and offers a reasonable method of treating the blood. The nutritive functions of the "Golden Medical Discovery" are aided by first restoring the digestive organs, so that food, when eaten, will be digested and assimilated.

Ask for Dr. Pierce's Pamphlet. There is nothing like it for diseases of the

Found in Dying Condition.

The man whom we reported last week as being found dead in his buggy, eight miles southest of Meridian, was G. H. Grann and not J. H. Grant. He was found in his buggy Friday morning in an unconscious condition by a son of C. O. Bronstad near Pete Peterson's place. The boy immediately took him to his father's home and Dr. Olson of Norse was quickly summoned, but he never became conscious and died a short time after the physician arrived. Deceased had lived on Elias Nelson's place, nine miles north of Meridian, for the past five years, was seventy-five years old. not married and leaves a sister. He was one of the first settlers of the county and well thought of by all who knew him.—Meridian Tribune.

Printers Ink Thoughtlets.

Be a free thinker—but watch your speech!

Everything is possible to the man who says "I will!"

He who lacks energy, lacks the secret of accomplishment.

"Bad luck" is unknown where courage holds sway.

You can't always judge what a man thinks by what he says.

There is no joy without its sorrow. We must have one to temper the other.

Truth may be held under water for awhile, but it's bound to bob up some time.

Doing nothing is harder than doing something to the man who wants to "get there."

There is one thing, at least, better than riches, and that is a clear conscience.

"A bad penny always comes back." And so an unkind word will return to you some day when you least expect it.

There's a time for work and a time for play, and the man who tries to crowd one into the other loses the benefits of both.

Smile! Spread good cheer, and let kindness and sunshine be with you always. After a while, you won't know how to be disagreeable. This old world has enough cares without your grumbling and sufficient woe without your troubles. So smile! Smile!

Little Diamonds.

Selfishness never saved a lost soul.

Little sins prepare the way for larger ones.

A talent must be used in order to increase it.

Great privileges involve great responsibilities.

The task is easy when it is done through love.

No one is so happy as when he is doing his duty

The most earnest prayers are generally very short.

Selfishness is the fountain from which all sins spring.

Some people say too much even if they don't talk more than five minutes.

The person who always does his best will have no regrets for the past.

Earnestness is just as essential to a preacher's success as eloquence is.

It does not take our actions, whether they are good or bad, long to ripen into habits.

No Mourning in It.

"What of my future?" asked the fair maid.

"You will never know what grief or sorrow is," answered the fortune teller.

"And—will I marry?" queried the fair one, anxiously.

"Sure," replied the visionary prophetess. "B

And she was a

Has Won a Thousand Races.

For intelligence there are few horses that compare with "Old Monk" the original treadmill horse and one of the handsome bay quartette that pulls Ben Hur's chariot in the race against Messala in the big religio-historic production which appeared at Dallas recently, says the Waco Times Herald.

"Old Monk" is a througbred, with a pedigree, which if stretched out would reach across the Atlantic ocean, and his intelligence bespeaks his breeding. When Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger had almost concluded the negotiations with General Lew Wallace for the presentation of his great story in dramatic form, the only hitch or difficulty which stood in the way of an agreement between the novelist and the managers, was the doubt that existed regarding the proper presentation of the chariot race scene as described in the book.

Mr. Claud Hagan, who is responsible for the success of the mechanical effects in "Ben Hur", was hard at work on the treadmill device in his workshop on 26th street, New York city. He had practically succeeded in solving the problem and four thoroughbred horses were purchased for the trial.

However, in order to satisfy Gen. Wallace that the problem had been solved, "Old Monk" was purchased to give the first exhibition of running on a single treadmill of but twenty-seven inches. Unlike his name "Old Monk" is not old by any means, being at that time but five years of age. He was selected on account of his intelligence and on account of the fact that he is a very close runner. The trial was satisfactory, Gen. Wallace gave his consent and the success of "Ben Hur" is well known.

"Old Monk" was used frequently in trials in Hagan's shop and the other horses were broken in beside him. When not in use he was permitted to roam about the shop at will and when the time came to send him home the door of the shop was opened and "Old Monk" made his way to the stables. "Old Monk" is still with "Ben Hur" and participated in the eleven hundredth performance of the play in Toledo, Ohio, a few weeks ago. "Monk" was the recipient of many kindnesses and an abundance of sugar on that occasion, for aside from being a great favorite, he has the distinction of being the only horse in this country who has won eleven hundred races and never lost one.

"Old Monk" is a general favorite with everyone connected with the company, and is as gentle and as playful as a kitten. He follows Miss Mabel Bert, who plays the mother of Ben Hur, almost everywhere, and that young lady says she would not be afraid to walk down Broadway, New York City, at the busiest time of day, with "Old Monk" following behind like a well broken dog.

Mr. Engle, who trained the horses for "Ben Hur" and went to London with the Drury Lane production, tried hard to get the horse away from the American company, but Manager Towle, and everyone connected with the show raised such a storm of protest that Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger were appealed to by Mr. Engle. They referred the matter to Mr. Joseph Brooks, who has charge of the business direction of this big production and he decided upon a novel experiment whereby "Old Monk" himself would be given his choice in the matter.

It was during the Boston engagement of "Ben Hur" and the intelligent animal was led out to Commonwealth Park one afternoon by Mr. Engle and Miss Bert. Mr. Brooks said whichever one "Old Monk" should follow across the meadow that one should have the horse. Both started and "Monk" seemingly appreciating the situation hesitated for a moment as if weighng the matter—London or America—in a moment he galloped after Miss Bert of the American production and Mr. Engle sailed to England without him. He has not missed a single performance in this country since that time.

Wanted—Clean white cotton rags. Four cents a pound will be paid for them delivered at the Progress office.

New Year's Thoughts.

The saying, "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all" is made to apply in a comforting sense to many of the awkward and disappointing things of life. It is better to have as a perpetual treasure the blessed memory of human affection than to be ignorant of what such a memory can do in inspiring effort and duty. Sometimes we apply the truth of this proverb too widely. It is not better to have loved a purpose in life and lost it, than have had no purpose at all. To have and to lose is worse than never to have had; for never to have had means ignorance; to have had and to have lost may mean despair. It is as though we would say, it is better to have been able to see and then to have become blind, than to have been born blind. Born blind, we never know through the sense of sight the beauties and glories that we miss; seeing and then smitten with blindness, we look no more upon the beauty that we once loved and that once thrilled us. To have had the purpose to keep moving with the majestic stream of forward-moving creatures from the beginning of asperation until now, and then to have been swung aside into a swirling eddy of self gratification or self will, there to revolve around nothing that is progressive, is worse than never to have swung out into the great inspiring stream of effort that makes thousands of us feel that life is really worth while.

Strange paradox, that he who most doth give,

Hath evermore and doth more largely live:

Yet so the spring, that doth most freely flow,

Be-flowers the fields, and still doth fuller grow.

The dreadful aspect of a lost ideal is that it puts us out of step with the rest of the world. The world as a comfortable habitation for man was not ready-made, but is still in the making. The making of it has been the work of human hearts and human hopes.

Therefore, those who cease to idealize the life that is given into their hands as a treasure are separate from the rest of the toiling world; their hearts do not beat with it, their hopes do not rise with it, they really have no place in it. The path of man has been a path of sacrifice. Nothing good ever was attained without it, nothing ever will be. Those who step aside and will not sacrifice themselves in any way for anyone on any grounds are worse than those who have never known any light. Like the blind fish of deepest ocean depth, they need no eyes because there is nothing that they can see around them. It is this very horribe sense of seeing a vision of what our lives ought to be or what we could do with them, and then losing that vision, that causes men to despair, and, as it were, to "throw up the sponge" in suicide.

Take another view of it. The interdependence of all upon each and each upon all, making our civilization what it is, is a judgment upon those who lose their ideals. Idealization, as I said last week, never brings its full benefits to the one who holds ideals: its full benefits are to those around him or who come after him. Man is not a parasite that he should simply claim from the body of humanity a gift! a gift! a gift! Man is a giver as well as a getter.

If he gives not, he ceases to be a man. We think it unnatural for a son to cease looking after his mother no matter how personally distressing to him the manners or the views or the behavior of that mother may be; so the one who loses ideals, and ceases to hope and strive after them, has lost the sense of kinship that makes him (just because he is a man) throw the best effort of himself out towards those around him. The great world is a body. Civilization brings each element of the body into closer relation, just as education brings out of the body of the savage the body and ability of the progressive man.

The great human body made up of all divers elements, advancing or indifferent, never can be the truest body of health that it ought to be until the indifferent cease to exist or are aroused to exertion, just as your body and mine can never be its best while one member of it is out of health, no matter how humble or apparently menial that member may be.

Sad is the sound of autumn leaves
Down dropping through the barren boughs,
When winter's icey herald soughs,
Where lately stood the browning sheaves.

Yet Royal is the Season's death.
Crimson and gold the funeral train:
For from the pyre there spreads again
The odorous spring-time's gentle breath.

Such sadness is to sweetness wed
Such sorrow seemeth passing fair
The deadly darkness of despair
Can only fall where Hope has fled.
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Just Received a Full Line of New Eatables.
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6 Cans Concho Lye	.25	1 Pkg Celluloid Starch	.05
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4 Cans Swiss Lye	.25	2 Boxes Bag Blue	.05
4 Cans Giant Lye	.25	Grandpa's Tar Soap	.05
15 Bars Soap	.25	Glycerine Tar Soap	.05
2 Pkgs Faultless Starch	.15	Iron Water Bucket	.15
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Cut It Short.

If you've got a thought that's happy,
Boil it down:
Make it short and crisp and snappy—
Boil it down.
When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page you: pen has sprinted
If you want your efforts printed,
Boil it down.

Take out every surplus letter
Boil it down:
Fewer syllables the better
Boil it down.
Make your meaning plain—express it
So we'll know, not merely guess it—
Then, my friend, ere you address it,
Boil it down.

Boil out all the extra trimmings—
Boil it down:
Skim it well, then skim the trimmings
Boil it down:
When you're sure 'twould be a sin to
Cut another sentence in two,
Send it on—and we'll begin to
Boil it down. L. A.W. Bulletin.

Harpings.

At tangled bars, and dragging gates, the plowman must pay double rates.

The careful wife in silence straightens things; the happy one just laughs, and works and sings.

That a man is a man none should ever dispute; but one beating his horse writes himself down a brute.

Paint saved is money thrown away, and waste makes want some other day.

The darkest frown, that to no smile does yield, is from a plow left rusting in the field.

The harness that goes out in strings comes back in tatters.

Sings the land: "Oh tit for tat; Feed me and ye shall grow fat."
—Farm and Ranch.

Many Grooms Have Trouble.

There are many funny incidents attending the issuance of marriage licenses at County Clerk Jones' office, and one that caused considerable amusement took place during carnival week. A young man who said he was from Virginia applied for a license and when he came to the point of giving the bride's name, could not think of it. It was an embarrassing time for him. "Wait a minute," he said, running his fingers through his hair and clutchng a handfull. He gripped the hair in acute activity. "Don't bother me; I had it on the end of my tongue," he added, his face coloring very red. "Fanny? I am sure that is the first part, though I called her Dumbsey the last I think begins with a G." With his knuckles he th ed his head hard and with one kicked his other shin. His m was complete and he had to up. "I ought to have writ down" he said, "but if you h telephone I think I can find out the grocery store that is near she lives." He was shown phone, called up the store and giving a detailed description girl he was to wed got the wanted information. The li was issued, their marriage took that evening. The paper batt the carnival are said to have conducive to hasty love making this case may undoubtedly be a confetti romance.—Houston C icle

Notice to Tax Payers.

Notice is hereby given that January 31st, 1905, ten per cent alty and one dollar cost will be to all unpaid county, state and tax. This cost and penalty fixed by law and cannot be de from. Remember that poll collectable as other taxes a not paid by January 31st, yo by law disfranchised, and will to pay the tax the same with and penalties.—R. T. Roberts, Collector. 35-

His Time Coming.

Husband—I should like to one good, long smoke without interference.

Wife—You will have plen time for that after you are William.

Hides Wanted
I will pay the Highest Price in Cash or trade the Best Hand-Made Leather for Hides. Don't fail to see me before you sell Hides.
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UBLIN, TEXAS. FRIDAY, JAN 13, 1905.

Wade Cowan of Alexander was in he city on business last Tuesday.

I will buy vendor's lien notes. pply at Citizens' National Bank, ublin.—Mrs. F. M. Browne. 33-tf.

Mayor Spencer spent several days last week at Stamford looking after is lumber interests.

The county singing convention of omanche county met last Saturday nd Sunday at Sidney.

Mrs. J. E. Lindquits will render violin solo at the Methodist hurch Sunday morning.

Next Sunday morning at the Methodist church the baptism of hildren will be attended to.

The Farmers' Union of Erath unty held a regular meeting at Oak lle, beginning at 1 p. m. yesterday.

Wade M. Waller, the genial repsentative of the A. G. Elliot Paper o. at Dallas, was here Saturday nd Sunday.

Poll tax must be paid before the st of the coming month if it is sired to vote in any election that ay occur until February of next ar.

Postmaster Williams of Bluff Dale, ho has served as postmaster at that ace for nearly eight years, announces at he will retire at the end of his esent term.

Everything you need in the blacksmithing, horse shoeing, buggy, carage and wagon work. Bring it in 'phone to us and will call and get —Bateman & Boyes. 28-tf.

J. M. Morris, who has lately arved from Kentucky to be employed ith the Utterback & Harris Co., as taken charge of the furniture epartment of that store.

Don't overlook paying poll tax efore the first of February. The mount is $1.75 and it may be paid egardless of any other tax charge gainst the person paying.

Mrs. Nannie Curtis will deliver a mperance lecture at the city hall ext Monday and Tuesday nights, o which all are invited. There will e no charge for admission.

The blacksmiths of Hamilton coun- have formed an organization and ropose to obtain knowledge from ach other of the names of persons in heir section who fail to pay their lacksmithing accounts.

Miss Ethel Miller and her friend, iss Florence Miller of Hamilton, isited friends in Dublin last week. Miss Ethel, accompanied by her cous- Mr. Blake Fritz, attended a wedng at De Leon Sunday.

Miss Dula left for Dublin Friday ia Stamford where she will visit elatives and friends. She will go o the markets before returning and er many friends her will welcome er back.—Anson Reporter.

H. H. Macon of Comanche has ought J. H. Thornton's stock of erchandise at Hasse together with he bulding and lot and will continue business. He has also purchased Findley hotel and will run it. Thornton will likely move to exico.

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eby given that Percy Fallon has resigned his ace at the general delivery window 905, ten per cent the postoffice to go to Goldthwaite, llar cost will be here he will be local manager of the unty, state and elephone exchange. Percy is an st and penalt nergetic, hard working young man l cannot be deviad we wish him success wherever er that poll tax goes.—Brownwood Daily Bulletin.

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There are now twenty-two local armers' Union organizations in amilton county, all of which were epresented at the meeting of the nty union at Hamilton Friday nd Saturday, December 30th and . The next meeting of the nty organization will be held at on the last day of March and first of April.

Rev. F. C. Berry of Canon, Mo., has lately been appointed to the rectorate of the Episcopal diocese including the churches at Dublin, Hico and Hamilton. Rev. Berry will for the present reside in Dublin, but may later locate at one of the other places mentioned, in order to be more convenient to his work. He has already entered into the work with the expectation of accomplishing much good and has in anticipation several improvements in the church edifice at this point with a view to more convenience for the pastor as well as the congregation. Rev. Berry will devote two Sundays of each month to services at the church in Dublin and one each at Hico and at Hamilton He was at the latter place last Sunday and will hold services in Dublin next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.

J. E. Bishop returned Tuesday from Tolar, where he has been for some time past engaged on three new stone buildings which have just been completed there. Wednesday he called and paid for the Progress to be sent to his daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Penrod, at Pocatelic Idaho, where her husband is employed as an electrician. In a recent letter to Mr. Bishop she expresses her delight at the enervating climate of that section and the purity of the atmosphere. She also reports a recent visit to Mrs. Robert, formerly Miss Addie Bailey of this city, and who now resides at a town about twenty-five miles from Pocatello, at which former place her husband conducts a prosperous flouring mill.

The Stephenville Appeal says: The five rural free delivery routes starting from Stephenville have delivered and brought back for mailing during the three months ending December 31st, 1904, 25,944 pieces of mail. Route number one delivered 8,225 pieces of mail and gathered for mailing 1,816. Route number two delivered 4,088 pieces and mailed 965 pieces. Route number three delivered 6,196 pieces and mailed 10,004 pieces. Route number four delivered 6,066 pieces, mailed 1,217 pieces. Route number five delivered 4,927 pieces and mailed 984 pieces. The number of letters delivered was 7,657, the number of newspapers, 1,670

Iredell Sentinel:—J. P. Williamson, who has been in Dublin at the bed side of his sick wife for the past ten days, came down home Wednesday to look after some business matters, returning the same day. Mrs. Williamson, he reports, is no better, and he has no idea when she will be able to come home. She had a spell of sickness some time back and her mother, Mrs. Thos. McDonald, came down and spent a few days with her and she got some better and accompanied her mother back to Dublin, and has not been able to return. Mrs. Williamson has a host of friends here and they very much regret to know of her serious illness.

Eastland. J. H. Latham was up from Dublin first of the week looking after his interests here.....Judge Spann is visiting the various county schools this week and will return by the way of Desdemona where is he billed to make a speech on Wooderaft .....There is railroad talk in the air. A route from Brownwood to Rising Star, from there to Eastland by the way of Mangum and from Eastland to Breckenridge and on north is being looked over. Now is the time to get busy.—From the Bulletin, January 6th.

A fine baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell Hagler last Monday. Mr. Hagler is carrier of the mail on route six out of Dublin and if any patrons of the mail route should detect errors in the delivery of their mail for the next few days they may credit it to the arrival of the youngster.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits.

Show Woman Arrested.

The Frank Adams show company gave acrobatic and sleight-of-hand performances in a tent near the stock pens two nights last week, also high rope walking on the streets, says the Comanche Exponent. One of those with the show was a small orphan boy, who went before the county attorney and filed complaint against the wife of Adams, alleging that she had whipped him. Officers went to the tent and arrested the woman, and as she refused to make bond, put her in jail for the night. The next morning Adams furnished bond and she was released and went back to the tent. A gain the boy went to the officers and filed a complaint alleging that she had whipped him again, and she was once more arrested.

The first case was tried and resulted in a fine of $5 and costs, whereupon she plead guilty in the second case and was fined $5. They paid both the fines and the costs and left town.

Poll Tax Payments.

The public is hereby notified that I will be in Dublin throughout the the day of Friday, January 20th., to give the people an opportunity to pay their poll taxes before February 1st without the necessity of a trip to Stephenville. This tax must be paid by each individual in person or upon a singed and certified order formed according to statutory requirements. It means disfranchisement not to pay before February 1st. Having already been in Dublin for the collection of property tax. I shall not have the property rolls with me this time. Don't forget the date, Friday, January 20th.—R. T. Roberts, tax collector of Erath county, Texas.

Pardoned After Many Years.

Thomas O'Conner, who killed a man by the name of Dee in this county while they were en route from southern Texas driving cattle north more than thirty years ago, has recently been pardoned. He was arrested and tried in Meridian soon after the killing but the jury failed to agree, and shortly afterward he escaped from jail and was at liberty about seventeen years, when Sheriff Metcalf located him in New Orleans. He was brought back to Meridian and given a second trial which resulted in a life sentence in the state prison until the last holidays when Gov. Lanham gave him a pardon, and he returned to his home in New Orleans. Iredell Sentinel.

At a meeting of the fire department held last Tuesday arrangements were perfected for the installation of an electric fire alarm, whereby the fire bell may hereafter be rang either from the fire hall by the pressing of a button or from the Central telehpone exchange. Provision was also made for having a heavy door placed at the entrance of the hall where the fire apparatus is kept in order to better protect the apparatus. The door is to be arranged in a manner as to open by raising directly up like a curtain.

Glen Rose: Tax Collector Reeder reports $1,583.98 paid in on taxes during December.....During 1904 there were 124 births in Somervell county and eighteen deaths. Seventy-three licenses to wed were issued an increase of only six over the year before; at the same time we don't think that fully represents the leap year work, for many marriages during the next year may be the result of leap year engagements.—From the Herald, January 6th.

The dedication services at the Methodist church in February promises to be very interesting and largely attended. The announcement last Sunday at the church that Dr. Alonzo Mouke would preach on Friday night of the dedication occasion was received with much joy. Dr. Mouke is considered one of the ablest pulpit orators in the south. Bishop Hoss preaches Sunday at 11 a. m. February 5th. The church officials are getting ready for the occasion.

Notice to Tax Payers.

Those who have not yet paid their city school tax for the year 1904, will please take notice that all taxes not paid by January 31st, will become delinquent and according to law a penalty and delinquent fees will be added. Call at my office at the Dublin National Bank and settle before the time expires.—A. L. Cole. 35-2t.

Returns to Life Again,

A recent press report from Jefferson, Oklahoma, says:—Nathan F. Chidister is announced today by the attending physician out of danger, although his funeral was preached two days ago and his body was in the coffin ready for burial. Chidister was reported dead and all arrangements for the funeral and interment were completed. Just before starting for the cemetery the undertaker removed the coffin lid that the friends might have a last look at the remains. The [illegible] side of the lid was moist and discovered that Chidister [illegible] breathing. Physicians [illegible] members and he he is getting [illegible]

It is thought that the closing up of the gambling houses in Ft. Worth is leading many of the young men to pay their debts.

When you have any pipe fitting and plumbing, 'phone W. H. Boyes at the Bateman & Boyes shop and he will give it prompt attention. 28-tf.

Dr. J. J. Mulloy, practice limited to the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Office over the Grange Store, Dublin, Texas.

Kearney Kievens of Dallas is making preparations for an extended stay in Ireland, where he will make a special study of social and industrial conditions of that country.

Insure your live stock in the Interstate Live Stock Insurance Co. Terms are very reasonable. Call on or write J. H. Ballard, Purves, Tex.

W. H. McKnight has a fine lot of nursery stock, Poland China pigs, bred gilts and a serviceable male from registered stock. Also B. P. Rock Roosters; and Harell cotton seed at 50 cents per bushel.

The Dallas police have made another raid on the gambling house. Twenty-nine prisoners were taken in four houses. Each plead guilty, was fined ten dollars and given his liberty.

Cotton Rags Wanted—A considerable quantity of clean white cotton rags suitable for wiping machinery is desired. Four cents a pound will be paid for them at the Porgress office.

A young man claiming that Fort Worth was his home and that he was on his way to Panama to secure work, was worked for $22.50 by three confidence men in New Orleans. It was all the money he had.

Letter to H. H. Andrew, Dublin, Texas.

Dear Sir: The cheapest thing in the way of sending anything over the world is a postage stamp; and the cheapest way to shed water is paint.

Not whitewash; paint. Do you happen to know—it don't belong to your business to know abont paint, you know—do you happen to know that most of the makers of paint stuff it out with lime and clay and sand and water and air?

They do stuff it out in the can; but not on the house. They make more gallons to sell or to buy; more money to pay for paint; more money to pay for putting it on; but no more beauty; more rust; decay; disappointment; loss.

Devoe is your paint, because it's all paint, no sham and full-measure. Yours truly, F. W. Devoe & Co.

Farmers Institute.

The Farmers' Institute Meeting will be held at Dublin Wednesday, January 18th, the session continuing all day. The following speakers will be present and will talk on questions of vital importance to both business men and farmers:

Prof. J. W. Carson, A. & M. College; Hon. J. S. Kerr, Sherman, Texas; Col. Davis, Waxahachie, Texas; Hon. W. J. Duffel, West, Texas; F. S. White, Agricultural Agent, Frisco System, St. Louis, Mo.

This will be a golden opportunity for the farmers in this neighborhood to discuss diversification of crops with acknowledged experts on the subject, and the speakers should be welcomed by a full representation.

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Hyomei Goes to the Root of the Disease and Makes Astonishing Cures.

Catarrh cannot be cured by the use of pills, liquid medicines and so called system tonics. Under such treatment the germs of the disease will still live in the air passages and increase and multiply.

Hyomei is the only scientific and thorough way to cure catarrh. Killing the germs in the air passages, it enters the blood with the oxygen, destroys the microbes in the blood and effectually drives from the system all traces of catarrhal poison.

Thousands of testimonials have been given as to the astonishing cures made by this remedy.

Mrs. Le Rendu, seventy-six Western Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "I believe Hyomei saved my life. I am better now than I have been in thirty years. Many doctors, both in England and France, treated me for catarrh, but I was not cured until I used Hyomei."

Probably the strongest evidence that can be offered as to the powers of Hyomei to cure catarrh is the fact that Overton Drug Co. will agree to refund the money if you say Hyomei has not cured you.

The complete Hyomei outfit costs but $1.00, consisting of an inhaler, dropper and sufficient Hyomei to last several weeks. This will effect a cure in ordinary cases, but for chronic and deep-seated cases of catarrh, longer use may be necessary, and then extra bottles of Hyomei can be obtained for 50 cents.

Charlie Bassel Dead.

Of the death of Chas. B. Bassel on Monday, January 6th, the Brownwood Dailey Bulletin says:

"Charles B. Bassel, well known west Texas newspaper man, died at his home in San Angelo last Monday night of consumption. C. B. Bassel began his newspaper career some twelve years ago on the Stephenville Journal. He was a spicey and scholarly writer and soon won fame with his pen. From Stephenville Mr. Bassel went to Midland where he very successfully published the Midland Livestock Reporter for two years. His next work was at San Angelo on the Standard and afterwards as editor of the Enterprise and Press. Later he was city editor of the Corsicana Daily Sun, a position which he very sucessfully filled until his health began to break. From Corsicana he returned to San Angelo, where after a few months he retired from newspaper work entirely on account of ill health. Since then he has gradually grown worse until his death. 'Charley' as he was always called by members of the craft, began his newspaper career at the case, and notwithstanding the fact that he was soon high up on the ladder of fame he never forgot the boys who put his copy into type. He was a member of the typographical union and devoted much of his time to the betterment of the condition of his fellow laborers. The writer has known him since boyhood and it is with sincerest regret that we pen the sad words announcing the untimely death of one whose life gave promise of so brilliant a future."

Mr. Bassel was born and raised at Stephenville, where his mother and two brothers, Ben and Reed Bassel, now reside. Some eighteen or twenty years ago he spent a year or more engaged in the printing business at Dublin and worked with the writer at the time. He was the acme of honor in every sphere of life and this fact was evident to none so well as those with whom he was most closely associated.

To the heartbroken wife and little daughter and to the aged and christian mother and other relatives the Progress extends it most sincere sympathy and with them grieves his death.

The caboose of the south bound Frisco freight train, due at Dublin at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, and a coal car were ditched four miles this side of Stephenville yesterday morning and the Record train and the north bound mail and express was forced to transfer passengers, express etc. A truck on the coal car gave way, which caused the caboose, immediately in the rear, to jump the track. A brakeman was slightly injured and the track was not cleared until about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

J. J. Northcutt left last Friday for his new home in Mitchell county after a residence near Dublin of thirty four years. Before leaving he called on his favorite paper, the Progress, had it changed to his new address, advanced his subscription and gave us a good hearty handshake and many words of good cheer and friendship. Mr. Northcutt leaves Dublin with a record behind him that is worthy of praise and a good name that will follow and brighten his pathway wherever he may lead. The Progress wishes him and his good wife and family every success and happiness in their new home.

W. H. Key, who spent last year as salesman in the dry goods department of Maloney & Co.'s, has again become a knight of the grip, now being on the road for the Norvel-Shapley Hardware Co. of St. Louis.

Dr. J. J. Hanna of Lingleville writes us from Chicago to send his paper to him at that place until further orders. The doctor is taking a post graduate course in the Chicago University.

Watch Fort Worth Grow.—By taking advantage of the Frisco low rate excursion every Sunday. Round trip from Dublin only $1.50. Ask local agent for particulars.

Have moved my 'phone from my residence to Bateman & Boyes.—W. H. Boyes. 28-tf.

Stopped His Paper.

"I've stopped my paper, yes i hev;
I didn't like to do it,
But the editor he got too smart
An' I allow he'll rue it.

I am a man as pays his debts.
An' I won't be insulted,
So when the editor gits smart
I want to be consulted

I took his paper 'leven years,
An' helped him all I could, sir.
An' when it comes to dunnin 'me,
I didn't think he would, sir.

But that he did, an' you can bet
It made me hot as thunder.
Says I, I'll stop that sheet, I will,
Tho' the cussed thing goes under!

I hunted up the measly whelp.
An' for his gunnin' caper,
I paid them 'leven years and quit!
Yes, sir-ee but [illegible]ed his paper."

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Don't try cheap cough medicines. Get the best, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. What a record it has, sixty years of

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cures! Ask your doctor if he doesn't use it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles.

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EDMOND'S
STUDIO

Special Notice to Farmers.

In response to a request of Oswald Wilson, national secretary of the cotton convention, a meeting of farmers, bankers and merchants was held at court house in Stephenville last Wednesday January 11th, which was well attended, not-withstanding the disagreeable weather.

It was decided at the meeting to have precinct meetings in each school district of the county at 1 p. m. next Wednesday January 18th for the purpose of taking steps towards the reduction of the cotton acreage of the present year.

A vice president was appointed for each school district in the county, a list of whom is printed below, and each of these will be provided with proper blanks and information to carry out the plans of the national organization known as the cotton association.

SCHOOL DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Alexander—Giles H Mayes
Antioch—W J Cox
Acrea—J H Woolverton
Alarm Creek—Frank Ham
Armstrong—Jno T Ross
Birdsell—A Geiscke
Bertholda—W D Patterson (col)
Bluff Dale—F C Baldwin
Bunyan—W M Keller
Bushong—Jno T Burnett
Big Sandy Creek—A W Dunn
Bethel—A H Tate
Chalk Mountain—T L Stigler
Morgan Mill—R L Handley
Cottonwood—Jas Reid
Clarkston—J K P Cline
Cantrell—Hector Davis
Corinth—J W Livingston
Cedar Point—A McKay
Cow Creek—John Thos Owen
Double Mountain—R S McKinzey
Duffau—A A Lackey
Dry Duffau—Ed Cox
Evergreen—Henry Maxwell
Fairview—E G Acrea
Victor—Walter Pierce
Fitzgerald—Alex Brawner
Gilmore—A Q Jordan
Pleasant Ridge—H G White
Huckabay—W J Lowe
Hannibal—L Brawner
Hackberry—T J McMahan
Heavenly Branch—J R Jones
Harbin—Rev U J Morton
Halsell—Bob Blair
Indian Creek—Jno Golightly
Jennings—C J Davis
Jones School House—Street Jones
Keith Branch—C R Seward
Harmony—Ed S Whitacre
Little Sunday Creek—J W McGowan
Longacre—T E Riggs
Liberty—M Kelly
Lingleville—W P Bowen
Marvin Chapel—Jas T Williams
Morgan Mill—E A Williams
Mt Airy—J P Rucker
Mt Pisgah—J A Blankenship
Moore S H—N G Mulloy
Clairette—Tom Stinnett
Marthel Gap—J M Sansom
Moccasin Rock—Ira Millican
Mitchell—Jas D'Foe
North Bosque—G L Fulbright
New Hope—Tom Kelly
Oak Grove—S D Hickey
Oak Dale—George Lida
Howell Springs—H L Smith
Pony Creek—Ben Beach
Palmer—S T Hodges
Prairie Grove—B W Head
Pleasant Home—J J Turpen
Pilot Knob—O G Norris
Keyser—Bob Golightly
Round Hole Branch—S H Wolf
Rush Creek—W B Coody
Rose School House—Ollie Moore
Rocky Point—Tom Savage
Smith Springs—L D Moore
Sims Valley—W B Miller
Slater—J C White
Shady Grove—J I Gilbreath
Shelby—Jack Wells
School Hill—Sam Anderson
Spring Creek—O G Head
Selden—Tom Paine
Shiloh—Kern Barbee
St George—Bob Daffern
Scarborough—S N Hudgins
Thompson—Charley Thompson
Thurber—Tom Hall
Triangle—Dave Lewis
Union—H K Rawlins
Union Grove—B M Anthony
Underwood—Jno Underwood
Valley Grove—J H Roberts
Wesley Chapel—J H Bibb
Winns Point—C G Clark
Youngs Prairie—E R Read
Oak Grove—J W Dorris
Dockum—W D Kilgore
Germany Creek—C W Halbert
Prairie Hill—W W Lane
Independence—R H Rider
X-Ray—Mr Bridges (Gin man)
Sylvan—H H Hathaway
Hancock—C D Kelly
May—T R Lewis
Stephenville—D B Johnson
Dublin—J L Howell
Chelinut—Will Koonceman
Kickapoo—L B Robinson
Plainview—J T Leonard
Falls—Robert Perkins
Highland—J L Striplin
Purves—Walter Fulford

Every person interested in the price of cotton should attend the meeting and give it their unqualified support.

This movement extends to every community in the southern states.

The move to reduce the acreage is on and we must do our part. Results can only be accomplished by a union of effort. Don't stay away thinking it is but little difference whether you go or not. ALL must attend and that means YOU.

Come on! Join this move to reduce the acreage of cotton and you will reap a benefit for yourself and the cotton planters and south in general.—J. W. Winters, County Sec.

PLEDGE.

We, the undersigned farmers, residents in Erath county, Texas, hereby pledge ourselves to reduce the acreage of cotton to be planted by us in 1905 to the extent of twenty-five per cent below the amount we planted in 1904.

The county meeting endorsed the appointment by the Dublin meeting a short time since of Messrs. Austin M Robinosn and J. E. Morton as delegates to the convention soon to occur at New Orleans and of J. H. Latham as an alternate delegate. The gentlemen will therefore go to New Orleans as county delegates.

Local Farmer's Organization.

A meeting of farmers was held last Saturday afternoon at the city hall and a local organization perfected, the object of which is to promote the idea of holding cotton and reducing the acreage for the coming year.

J. B. White was elected president of the organization and W. C. Huchingson secretary and the next meeting was set to occur on Wednesday, January 18th, at which time the attendance of all farmers and others interested in the cotton problem is requested.

Among the acts of the meeting was the appointment of a committee to prepare a pledge to be printed in blank for cotton raisers to sign, specifying the reduction of acreage they would agree upon and the limit of acres they would plant for the coming season.

It had been announced during the week in a jesting way that a cotton burning would take place upon the occasion of the meeting and shortly before the hour of meeting a bale was loaded upon a wagon, wound about with crepe and the wagon driven to the city hall corner. The event created quite a little interest as also a speech from Maj. Robinson, a popular cotton buyer of the city, but the crowd failed to witness a cotton burning and the sober headed farmers laughed at the joke and proceeded to their business of organization.

Maj. Robinson was named as a committee of one to visit the Cotton Growers Association meeting shortly to occur at New Orleans.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by Overton Drug Co. Price 50 cents.

Congressamn Gillespie has ordered that a competative examination be held at Granbury on Saturday March 4th, to determine his appointment of a young man from this district to the Naval academy at Annapolis, Md. Applicants must not be under sixteen years of age, must be sound in mind and body and not abdicted to the use of tobacco or intoxicants. Young men who intend to compete for the appointment should write Hon. O. W. Gillespie M. C., Washington D. C. for full particulars.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you but cure. 25c at Overton Drug store.

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ADAMS INAUGURATED.

Peabody Stood Beside Him While He Took the Oath of Office.

Denver, Jan. 11.—Standing beneath the draped folds of the American flag while the walls about him and the floor beneath him trembled in response to the cannon that roared with salute in his honor, Alva W. Adams was at noon Tuesday inaugurated governor of Colorado. At his side was the athletic form of ex-Governor James F. Peabody who inaugurates the most energetic contest that Colorado has ever seen, of the right to fill the position that Governor Adams has been sworn to administer to the best of his power.

The inauguration ceremonies were simple in the extreme. Arm in arm the two men, Peabody on the right, Adams on the left, entered the house, which was packed almost to suffocation. Lieutenant Governor Haggott, president of the joint session of the legislature, greeted both men as they stood on the rostrum with a shake of the hand and seated Governor Peabody on his right, the governor-elect on his left. "The chief justice will now administer the oath of office to Alva Adams," he said. Chief Justice Gabbert stepped forward and in a few seconds the oath was given and taken and Alva Adams was the governor of Colorado.

Lieutenant Governor Haggott, still reserving the seat of honor for governor of state, requested ex-Governor Peabody to change seats with Governor Adams, and the man who went out passed to the left of the persiding officer, while the man who came in took the post of honor on his right.

In his inaugural address Governor Adams said: "During the past two years Colorado has had many incidents to regret, many deeds to deplore, but much of our evil fame is due more to our own exaggerations than to facts. The truth has been bad enough without partisan color. Lies need no press agent. It is not true that half of the voters of Colorado are dynamiters and anarchists, nor is it true that the other half are shylocks and oppressors. We cannot compain if the world takes us at our estimates. Hereafter when we paint our own picture let us use a brush that will not hide all our virtues and intensify our faults. While strikes may not be forbidden we may dream of the reign of justice, we may hope for conditions and aws that will make strikes unnecessary.

"First among these enactments to the expressed mandate of the people should be an honest eight-hour law. This both parties promised the people. Let that promise be kept.

"Next an amendment to the association law requiring a compulsory submission of any grievance or difference between employer and employe. This is not compulsory arbitration nor does it lead to a compulsory decree, but it does compel a conference and where the parties to an industrial conflict honestly confer a settlement is almost certain. The election scandals in Denver, Teller, Pueblo, Las Animas and some other counties indicate a needed change in our election laws. No assault upon free government is as serious as corrupt ballot.

"The pure ballot is the very heart of our governmental system and where that fails democracy is a failure and a free repjublic a delusion. In framing your laws see that the meshes are strong enough to hold the big election thief as well as the smal."

ARKANSAS WANTS THEM.

Resolution Invites Cherokee and Choctaw Nations to Join That State.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 11.—The state senate adopted a concurrent resolution, which was offered by Senator B. E. McFerrin, extending to the people of the Cherokee and Choctaw nations in Indian Territory a cordial invitation to take such action as shall enable that portion of Indian Territory which they occupy to become part of the state of Arkansas.

NORTON AND WINKLER.

Former Speaker of Oklahoma House. Latter President of Council.

Guthrie, Jan. 11.—The Eighth biennial Oklahoma legislative assembly convened Tuesday and it organized with J. B. Norton of Ponca City as speaker of the house and Dr. F. S. Winkler president of the council. The Republicans have a majority in both houses, for the first time in several years.

KELSEY DEAD.

Laid the First Street Railway Tracks In New York and Philadelphia.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—George W. Kelsey, a veteran railroad contractor, is dead here, aged sixty-seven years. As has father's partner, Mr. Kelsey laid the first street railway tracks in New York and Philadelphia. Besides constructing the railroad tracks from the national capitol Pennsylvania avenue, he superintended the construction of a number of other systems used to transport government troops. He was a Civil war veteran.

Steps to Release Husband.

New York, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Alice Webb Duke, whose marriage to Brodie L. Duke was followed by his incarceration in a sanitarium, intends to fight the relatives of her husband, who intend to have the marriage annulled, and has retained counsel and taken steps to procure his release upon habeas corpus proceedings.

Texas Postmasters.

Washington Jan. 11.—Senate confirmed the following Texas postmasters: Kittie L. Edwards, Smithfield; Henry Liem, Center; Jerry L. Hickson, Gainesville; Andrew J. Reeder, Granger; Adelia C. Pruitt, Lindale; Theophilus F. Berner, Henrietta; Charles Verrville; Joshua Cooke, Jr., is Ot[illegible], L. E. Robins, Quanah.

CLERK OF HOUSE.

Bob Barker of Bexar County Wins After Spirited Contest.

Austin, Jan., 11.—At the afternoon session of the house Tuesday, Mr. Kennedy offered a resolution naming officers to be chosen, substantially the same as in the Twenty-eighth legislature, and naming the compensation at $5 a day for each.

A motion to strike out the office of assistant postmaster, made by Mr. Moran, was tabled—65 to 51. An amendment by Mr. Marsh of Smith county to make the rate of pay $4 a day all around survived an attempt to table, and after being amended so as to pay the chief clerk, the journal clerk and the reading clerk and their assistants $5 a day was adopted.

Mr. Cobbs of Bexar was in the chair.

The very spirited contest for clerkship between Bob Barker of Bexar county, who occupied that position in the Twenty-eighth, and George B. Terrell of Cherokee county culminated in the election of Mr. Barker. Before the roll call was announced Representative H. B. Terrell withdrew his brother's name in a graceful speech.

Marshall Burney, the journal clerk, was re-elected without opposition, as was his former assistant, Jim L. Robinson; Tildon L. Childs of Freestone county, for calender clerk, and J. E. McFarland of Cherokee county, for engrossing clerk, were also re-elected without opposition. After two ballots J. T. Robinson of Limestone county was elected enrolling clerk over Sebe Delamar of Rusk county and P. E. Jones of Shelby county.

John R. Southwell of Falls county was re-elected sergeant at arms over E. B. Willis of Denton county and W. P. McNeil of Williamson county.

Senate elected the following officers and clerks: Secretary, Clyde D. Smith, Wichita county; assistant secretary, W. A. Delamar, Rusk county; sergeant at arms, C. H. Allen, Travis county, defeating Roger L. Moody, Limestone county; assistant sergeant at arms, D. F. Hughes, Limestone county, journal clerk, R. M. Gilmore, Van Zandt county; assistant journal clerk, R. B. Scott, Dallas county; calendar clerk, W. Z. Hayes, Bowie county; assistant calendar clerk, Elam S. Henderson, Henderson county (formerly a member of the house); enrolling clerk, Eldred McKinnon, Hill county; assistant enrolling clerk, Miss Blanche Heslep, Burleson county; engrossing clerk, Frank T. Smith, Bosque county; assistant engrossing clerk, Loui Rankin, Travis county; doorkeeper, Frank Mullins, Tarrant county; assistant doorkeeper, C. J. Kirk, Grimes county; chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears, Travis county; assistant postmaster, Tom M-Clure, Wise county; clerk finance committeee, George W. Savage, Denton county (member of Twenty-eighth and former senate); notarial clerk, Lucien Goss, Baylor county. General committee clerks, C. T. Hancock, Colorado county; Charles Bridge, Fannin county; V. V. Daniels, Angelina county; Mrs. Laura Grinnan, Smith county; T. D. Cobbs, Jr., Bexar county. Stenographic clerks: Mrs. H. H. Hawkins, Comal county; Miss Fay Bolger, McLennan county; J. D. Lyons, Harris county. Miss Grace Hannon, Harris county; Miss Annie Donnelly, Jefferson county; Miss Mary McNair, Travis county.

The chair announced the appointment of the following named officer and clerks: Postmistress, Miss Mary Fant Odom, Travis county.

Two general committee clerks: W. A. Shaw, Jr., of the city of Dallas, and Harry M. Johnston of the city of Houston.

Private secretary to lieutenant governor, Miss L. Stanley, Travis county. The chair announced that he would name the committees, posters and pages Wednesday morning.

Rules of the Twenty-eighth senate were adopted pending appointment and report of a committee on rules.

Senators drew for seats. Senator Glasscock of Williamson county, representing the capital district, made a felicitous speeceh welcoming the legislature to Austin, assuring the members that the distinguished members of the house from Travis county joined him in assurances that every courtesy will be shown them during their stay.

IT'S ALWAYS BAD

The Best of Backs are Bad When They Ache, and Texas People Know It.

A bad back is always [illegible]—
Bad at night when bed-rising comes.
Just as bad in the morning.
Ever try Doan's Kidney Pills for it?
Know they cure backache—cure every kidney ill?
If you don't some people do.
Read a case of it:

Mrs. A. Sanderson, of Galveston Island says: "I had [illegible] complaint off and on for [illegible] three years, and it could only [illegible] times be described as excruciating torture. To stoop or raise after [illegible] hurt severely and I could scarcely refrain from yelling. It was [illegible] for me to go up or down [illegible] or even to lift a light bucket [illegible]ater. I was always worse in damp and wet weather, or if I caught cold. I wore mustard plasters [illegible] tried home remedies, but never found any thing to give permanent relief until I got Doan's Kidney [illegible]s. I felt their direct effect on the kidneys the very first night [illegible] in less than a week's time [illegible]in in my back disappeared. [illegible] of mine was also benefitted by [illegible] Doan's Kidney Pills. [illegible] met with such a prompt and effective remedy."

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Erath District Court.

Monday divorces were granted in the following cases:

Mrs. Ollie Hardin vs. W. L. Hardin; Mrs. Lizzie Clemens vs. Abraham Clemens and Mrs. Mabel Johnson vs. Robert Johnson.

Tuesday the case of Bob Johnson (negro) for the murder of Alfred Berry at Dublin in November last went to trial. The case was closed yesterday evening and the witnesses discharged and the case is to be argued by the attorneys today and it is expected to be given to the jury this afternoon. From the evidence deduced it is the unanimous opinion that the jury will quickly return a verdict of guilty and that the penalty will be death.

This week, the sixth week of the term, closes the criminal docket and also the civil jury docket and it is expected the grand jury will adjourn tomorrow, though court will probably continue on the non jury civil docket two weeks longer.

Saved From a Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use entirely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Overton Drug. Co. store.

The Progress editor this week received a lengthy epistle from Chas. W. Rodgers, whose residence is generally considered nowhere in particular and everywhere in general, though most of his time in one place has been spent in this section and his father, Capt.—— Rodgers and his estimable lady and other relatives reside here. It will be remembered that Mr. Rodgers has at various times occupied (and filled well) various positions on the Progress force. His letter was written from St. Louis and in it, among other adventures now under consideration, he speaks of being able to get a lieutenancy in the Chinese army, from which he shrinks only because the acceptance requires a continuation of at least five years in the service. Speaking of a bunch of late copies of the Progress recently sent him he says: "They were just like a letter from home. Really the old Progress is yet as good as a golden guinea and don't seem to fall down on account of hard times and a poverty of advertising patronage. The 'prints' to whom I showed them declare the paper a model country weekly and they were competent to judge"

I have several furnished rooms to let Apply at residence.—Mrs. W. Harris, Patrick street.

George House who recently moved with his family to Baird with the intention of locating has returned to Dublin and says that this place is good enough for him. We are glad to welcome Mr. House and his family back.

Mrs. Forty-summers—I told Mr. Beach I was twenty-eight, and he said I didn't look it.

Her Loving Husband—Well I dont, you haven't looked it in fifteen years.

CIRCULATION OF THE PROGRESS

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The above is a detailed statement of the actual circulation of the Progress for each issue during the year together with the total and general average for each week.

CIRCULATION COMPARISONS

Average weekly during 1901—
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Average weekly during 1903—
Average weekly during 1904—

This circulation does not include sample copies sent "helter skelter" to whoever will take them out of the post office but it represents the actual subscribers who take the paper because they value it as a means of getting the news.

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Tien Tsin, Jan. 10.—Five thousand en of the Russian garrison at Port rthur were marched from the vil- ge of Yahussui on the shores of igeon bay for fifteen miles to the ilway station at Changlington and e other detachments followed soon fterward. Each detachment was ac- ompanied by six loaded traansport rts. The Russians were taken on ecial trains of open trucks to Dalny mbark for Japan.

The long procession of the remnants the gallant Russian garrison was thetic spectacle. The first arrivals Changlingtsu were four droskies, wn by a sorry looking horse. They tained the staff officers who had used to give their parole. All wore ir swords, as they were allowed to under the terms of the capitula- compact. A few minutes later first detachment arrived. The reg- ntol officers marched with their their heads bowed and their faces ed with lines, showing the result the mental and physical strain they undergone during the long de- .

s the Japanese soldiers crowded out them with evident curiosity, the es of the Russian officers were an eresting study. All of them appear- to feel their humiliating position nly, and though some seemed to be igned to their situation others were ntiful at being regarded with curi- ity. The men looked to be well fed, t their faces, like those of the offi- s, indicated the awful physical ain they had undergone. The offi- s were clean and well clothed, but men were clad in dirty lookin sepskin coats and appeared to b igned that the end had come.

The horses drawing the transport re were suffering with fatigue. ough the loads were small, they re tied to the carts and led by or- lies. In the prison were many lean king pet dogs belonging to the offi- s. In many cases officers refused wear their swords, but had them ried behind them by orderlies. The ers saluted the European and erican correspondents with Ja- ese army and appeared to be both ed and astonished at seeing the opeans and Americans there. The oners were treated with the great- respect and kindness, though they regarded with much natural osity. The soldiers were given d and beer and the correspondent the Associated Press even saw Ja- ese soldiers voluntarilyy carrying effects of the prisoners when they overcome by fatigue. The rail- had been repaired and gauge ged almost to the city of Port r, into which trains will enter few days.

elephone and telegraph lines have n completed to the city and al- dy Japanese engineers are survey- the destroyed forts of the eastern tified ridge.

FOUND DEAD IN WOOD .

Load of Buckshot In Face and Head of Dr. Cagle.

ttle Rock, Jan. 10.—A special to Gazette from Texarkana says: Dr. Cagle, aged sixy years, was d dead in the woods half a mile his home near Mandeville, ten north of here, with a full load of hot in his face and head.

Cagle owned 1000 acres, mostly woods, which he had surrounded wire fencing. There is consider- game on the property and he has greatly annoyed for a long time hunters and heir dogs. He finally to kill all dogs found on his erty and it is said that in the last years he has killed eighty-five. turday afternoon he took his gun ent to head off some dogs whose g he heard as they were crossing nd. He did not return that night earch resuled in finding his body.

AGAINST TWO.

Hargis and Sheriff Callahan ust Pay Cash to Mrs. Marcum.

sville, Ky., Jan. 10.—A special Winchester, Ky., says: The jury case of Mrs. Abraria Marcum, ued Judge James Hargis, ex- enator Alex Hargis, Sheriff Ed n of Breathitit county and at- Fulton French, for $100,000 for conspiracy with Curtis Jett homas White to slay her hus- James B. Marcum, returned a for $8,000 against James Har- Sheriff Callahan and found defendants in the case of and Alexander Hargis.

Betting Pool Room.

ogee, I. T., Jan. 7.—McFarlin & this city have organized the ial Turf association and will this place the first regulation pool that has ever been estab- n Indian Territory. The racing ll be opened with the bookings aces at Hot Springs, San Fran- New Orleans, Oakland and Los

Children Cremated.

ike, Tex., Jan. 7.—Two miles eerless Mrs. Will Smith left her ildren, two and one years old. he returned she was horrified they had been burned to death.

FORMED AT DALLAS.

Independent Telephone Association Organizes and Elects Officers.

Dallas, Jan. 7.—The Texas Independent Telephone association was organized here. One resolution pledged the association to lend its support in establishing an independent exchange at Dallas. Following officers were elected: President, E. W. Dunaway, Paris; first vice president, E. R. Webber, Orange; second vice president, C. W. Roberts, Abilene; third vice president, W. P. Johnson, Corsicana; secretary and treasurer, J. B. Earle, Waco. Next meeting will be held at Fort Worth within sixty days at call of president. The association determined to confine its active mebership to those who were bona fide stockholders in or managers of independent telephone companies. It was also determined that those who were interested in the manufacture or sale of supplies for independent telephone companies should be entitled to honorary membership. A large number of gentlemen representing such manufacturing companies were present. Upon a careful canvass of the members present it was found that they represented 12,580 independent telephones in actual use in Texas and 4250 miles of long-distance toll lines. This does not include any independent telephones or toll lines except such as were personally represented at the meeting.

THREE ARRESTS.

Parties Alleged to Have Burglarized Bank at Mannville.

Ardmore, Jan. 10.—At Mannsville Deputy United States Marshal Bridges, assisted by Poseman M. S. Burton, arrested three men, charged with burglarizing the First National bank of Mannsvile. It is remembered that the safe of that institution was blown open with dynamite, and a small sum of money secured. The robbers were unable to get into the main vault, which contained the funds of the bank.

LARGE RANCH SOLD.

Over Eight Thousand Acres and Extends Considerable Distance.

Lake Charles, La., Jan. 9.—The Aladdin Vincent ranch of 8480 acres, extending from a mile south of Vinton into Cameron parish, his home place, farming implements and lots in Vinton and Lake Charles were sold under foreclosure of morigage to satisfy a judgment of about $205,000 in favor of J. G. Gray. The latter purchased the property for $74,000. The debt was contracted during the oil excitement three years ago.

DECLINED HORSE.

Nogi Accepts Arabian Charger In Name of Japanese Army.

London, Jan. 7.—A special dispatch from Tokio says that at the conclusion of the intervie between General Nogi and Stoessel, the latter begged to be allowed to present to General Nogi his favorite Arabian charger. General Nogi courteously declined personal acceptance, pointing out that it came under the category of war material to be surrendered; but he consented to accept the animal in the name of the Japanese army.

BECAME HYSTERICAL.

Nan Patterson and Her Father Overcome by Judge's Decision.

New York, Jan. 7.—When Miss Nan Patterson was informed by Abraham Levy, her counsel, that Judge Greenbaum had refused to allow her bail she wept and refused to be comforted. Later when her father visited her an affectionate scene took place. The young woman tried to restrain her emotion, but finally threw her arms around her father's neck and burst into tears. He, too, was overcome, and it was necessary to send him aome in a cab.

POINTED PISTOL.

Weapon, Thought Unloaded, Is Discharged and Wife Is Dead.

Handley, Tex., Jan. 7.—After discharging his revolver in the yard to clean it, a farmer named May carried the weapon into the house. His wife made some jocular remark and he, pointing the pistol at her, replied in fun, "I will shoot you," then pulled the trigger, when, to his horror, the weapon was discharged and his wife fell mortally wounded.

Physicians were summoned immediately, but could render the suffering woman no relief.

Dallas Japs Celebrate.

Dallas, Jan. 6.—The Japanese residents of Dallas celebrated in an elaborate manner the victory of their countrymen at Port Arthur. A special dinner was discussed at a Main street restaurant, where much bunting and United States and Japanese flags were displayed.

CRUM CONFIRMED.

Senator Tillman Objected to a Negro Holding Charleston Collectorship.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The nomiation of W. D. Crum to be collector of customs for the port of Charleston, S. C., was confirmed by the senate in executive session by a vote of 33 to 17. Crum had been nominated by the president three times and in addition had received three recess appointments. Confirmation was opposed by Senator Tillman, who objected to the appointment of a negro. Crum will receive salary from first appointment.

Fine Texas Oranges.

Austin, Jan. 7.—J. G. Kennedy of Cameron county sent here to be analyzed to learn their citric qualities a box of fine oranges, grown on his place. Mr. Kennedy has a number of trees in full fruitage. The analyst at the University of Texas will examine them.

BANQUET TO BRYAN.

Nebraskan Guest of Honor of Jackson Club.

PRAISES PRESIDENT.

Chief Executive, He Declares, Gives Some Promise of Beginning a Reform Movement and Deserves Encouragement.

Memphis, Jan. 7.—A banquet, at which 700 covers were spread, was tendered Hon. William J. Bryan Friday night by the Jackson club of this city. Hardwig Peres, president of the club, introduced Mr. Bryan as the next president of the United States. Mr. Bryan's subject was "Watchman, What of the Night?" United States Senator Carmack and others responded to toasts.

After speaking of the causes which, in his opinion, contributed to the recent defeat of the Democratic party, Mr. Bryan said the platform adopted at Kansas City expresses the views of more Democrats than any platform adopted since. He praised several recommendations made by President Roosevelt and spoke of the president as doing many good things. Mr. Bryan closed as follows: "Just now President Roosevelt gives some promise of beginning a reform movement. He recommends legislation which will inform the public in regard to campaign contributions. The far reaching recommendatio should receive the support of every Democrat. He also recommends an enlargement of the scope of the interstate commerce law. This, too, is a step in the right direction and he should receive the support of all Democrats in any effort which he makes to bring the railroads under more strict control. If the president, with the aid of the Democrats, accomplishes any reforms, the public will secure the benefit of it; if even with Democratic aid he fails, the educational work which he does will help the Democratic party in future contests.

"In municipal affairs the Democrats are, as they should be, quite unanimous in favor of the municipal ownership of all municipal franchises, and our party must face the fact that a failure to properly regulate the railroads will compel the public ownership of railroads. If the Federal government operates only the trunk lines, leaving the states to operate the net work of local lines, we can have public ownership without centralization and, as I believe, without danger to any public interests."

VOTE FOR GOVERNOR.

Joint Session of the Colorado Legislature an Exciting One.

Denver, Jan. 7.—Behind locked doors and amid scenes of great confusion and excitement, the Colorado legislature Friday passed a resolution creating a committee of fifteen members to canvass the vote cast for governor at the last election and submit a favorable report to the legislature not later than 2:30 in the afternoon of Monday. The committee is composed of five senators and ten representatives, the present division being twelve Republicans and three Democrats. It organized by the election of Senator Cornforth of Colorado Springs as chairman.

The trouble began with the first sitting of the joint session and continued until its close. It was understood that there would be a conflict over the respective rights of Speaker Dickson and Lieutenant Governor Haggott to preside over the joint session. The speaker based his opinion of his right to preside on an action of the state legislature which says that immediately on the organization of the house the speaker shall open and publish the election returns in the presence of a majority of both branches of the legislature.

Lieutenant Governor Haggott construed his right to direct the proceedings on a statute which declares that in conducting any contested election the general assembly shall convene in joint session and that the president of the senate shall preside unless he is the contestee. Legal advice was given to each gentleman that his position was correct.

RAISED TOO LATE.

United States Supreme Court Dismisses Fullerton Case.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The supreme court of the United States dismissed for want of jurisdiction the case of Fullerton against the state of Texas. Fullerton was convicted under a Texas state law of keeping a bucket shop and appeaed the case to the supreme court, alleging that he was engaged in interstate commerce. The chief justice said in dismissing the case that the Federal question had been raised too late in the proceedings in the state courts.

Three Lives Lost.

New Orleans, Jan. 9.—By the capsizing of a small sailboat on Lake Pontchartrain Sunday afternoon in a squall Michael Klein, aged nineteen; Emil Volgringer, aged twenty-one, and Carl Schumacher, aged twenty-one, were drowned, and two others were unconscious when rescued.

Reduced Rates Secured.

New Orleans, Jan. 9.—A rate of one fare for the round tarip plus 25 cents has been given on all interested railroad lines to Southern Cotton Growers' Protective association meeting at this city Jan. 24, 25 and 26.

A negro family named Hornbuckle was poisoned at Big Sandy, Tex., by cheese and some of the members came

SELECTIONS MADE.

Officers and Clerks Agreed Upon by the Texas Senate.

Austin, Jan. 10.—At a caucus of the senators the following officers and clerks of the senate were agreed upon. Most of them have previously served:

Secretary, Clyde D. Smith, Wichita Falls; assistant secretary, W. E. Delmar, Henderson; journal clerk, R. M. Gilmore, Canton; engrossing clerk, Frank P. Smith, Belton; enrolling clerk, Eldred McKinnon, Hillsboro; assistant enrolling clerk, Mrs. Laura V. Grinnan, Tyler; sergeant at arms, C. H. Allen, Austin; assistant sergeant at arms, D. F. Hughes, Mexia; door keeper, Frank Mullins, Fort Worth postmaster, Miss Mary F. Odom, Austin; assistant postmaster, J. C Son, Palo Pinto; clerks, Mrs. Hope H. Hawkins of Fort Worth, Mrs. Hattie Yarbrough of Austin and Miss L. Stanley of Austin; assistant engrossing clerk, V. Z. Hayes, Texarkana; clerks, Miss Mary McNair, Austin; George W. Savage, Denton.

ELECTORS MEET.

Vote for Parker and Davis and Elect H. E. Henderson Messengcr.

Austin, Jan. 10.—Presidential electors elected Lee A. Clark of Greenville, chairman and George O. Armistead of Dallas, who is not an elector, secretary. Only absentee was John J. Hiner of Granbury. F. N. Graves of Cleburne was elected in Mr. Hiner's place. Vote was cast for Parker and Davis. The following were nominated as messenger to carry the Texas vote to Washington to the electoral college: H. E. Henderson of Sulphur Springs, Pinckney E. West of San Angelo, F. R. Martin of Kvle, Scott W. Key of Waco, J. B. Wata n of Llano and John H. Roberts of Brazoria county. Henderson was elected, receiving eleven votes.

FIRST LOCK PLANS.

Received at Galvston, to Be Construct- e Near Liberty.

Galveston, Jan. 10.—Captain Edgar Jadwin, chief of United States engineers for the district, has received from the war department the plans and specifications for the first lock in the Trinity river, which is to be constructed on a site near Liberty, and about forty miles from its mouth.

The approval of the department came with the plans and just as soon as the Dallas Commercial club, which is to furnish the site, has transferred the property to the government, bids will be asked, and about sixty days will be allowed, and the contract will demand that it be completed by Dec. 31, 1906.

NEGRO PREACHER FINED.

Charged With Stealing Coal From Katy Railway at Temple.

Temple, Tex., Jan. 9.—Steve Johnson, an aged negro preacher, was fined $25 and sentenced to one day in jail on a charge of stealing coal from the Katy railway at Temple. The prisoner claimed to have found the coal on the ground. In effecting his capture, Night Watchman C. F. Smith of the Katy force ran against a post and broke his arm, besides sustaining other injuries that resulted in his being sent to the Katy hospital at Dallas.

BOY FOUND DEAD.

Shot In the Neck and Small Dog Whined Beside Body.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 9.—Frank Todd, fifteen years old, and another boy went hunting. The other boy on returning said Frank had been lost. North of the city a negro found the body of the missing boy. There was a terrible wound in the neck and back of head and on the breast and back were powder burned. Across his breast rested his gun, a single barrel, and beside the body stood his little yellow dag, piteously whining.

JOHNSON NO MORE.

Prominent Railroad Builder Passes Away at Illinois Home.

Denison, Jan. 10.—Word has been received of the death of B. F. Johnston at St. Elmo, Ill. The deceased was for years at the head of the great railway construction and contracting firm of Johnston Bros. & Faught, which firm has perhaps constructed more miles of railway during the last twenty years than any similar concern in America.

Divorce Reform League.

Dallas, Jan. 10.—Divorce Reform league elected Rev. John M. Moore of this city president and Rev. Chalmers McPherson of Waxahachie secretary. Committee will formulate a bill to present to the legislature. Provisions are that remarriage cannot take place under a year and six months must elapse between filing of divorce and granting of divorce, also that county attorney shall represent defendant.

Found in Box Car.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Jan. 10.—Noah Batten, the man who mysteriously disappeared from here about ten days ago, and who was supposed to have been murdered, was found locked up in a box car at Robstown. He was in a critical condition, having two wounds in his throat. He was brought here and is in the hospital.

Had Narrow Escape.

Austin, Jan. 10.—While the class of twenty young ladies in domestic science of the high school were engaged in cooking oysters gas escaped and several were overcome. Two doctors rendered prompt relief.

Indian Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Jan. 10.—House committee on Indian affairs has completed the Indian appropriation bill. It carries a total of $7,244,206. Appropriation for current year is $9,875,480.

FORTY THOUSAND MEN

Nearly That Number of Garrison at Port Arthur

SLAIN OR ARE SICK.

This Information, From Well Informed Sources, Also Places the Number of the Russians Missing at Over Ten Thousand.

Tokio, Jan. 9.—From well informed sources it is estimated that of the original garrison of Port Arthur about 38,000 or 40,000 men, including sailors, were killed or died of sickness. The number of missing men is placed at over 10,000.

The Japanese, who express great admiration for General Fock and other officers for refusing the parole and are standing by the men of their army, are busily preparing to receive the Russian prisoners from Port Arthur. The first batch of 10,000 is expected to



MAJOR GENERAL RENNENKAMPF.

arrive at Moji and Shemenski shortly. After disinfection they will be sent to Kure and probably to Maysuyama, Nagoya, Pimeji, Kyoto, etc. The generals will be treated in the best possible manner. It is unlikely any prisoners will be brought to Tokio. The Gazette announces the Russians delivered five surv ors of the Third Japanese expedition to block the entrance to Port Arthur harbor.

MISSOURI'S VOTE.

For First Time In Thirty-Six Years Republican Ticket Wins.

Jefferson City, Jan. 9.—For the first time since 1868 the electoral vote of Missouri was cast Monday for the Republican presidential and vice presidential candidates. Theodore Roosevelt for president and Charles W. Fairbanks for vice president received the full vote of the electors, who met and canvassed the vote of the state.

Parker Messenger.

Little Rock, Jan. 10.—At a meeting of the nine successful presidential electors of this state, Tillman B. Parker of Lewisville was elected messenger to convey the electoral vote of Arkansas to Washington. The vote was ordered cast for Parker and Davis.

For Bryan Next Time.

Nashville, Jan. 10.—The Tennessee presidential electors met here and formally cast their vote for Parker and Davis. The contest for a messenger to take the returns to Washington resulted in a deadlock. The sentiment of the meeting was unanimously in favor of W. J. Bryan for president in 1908.

Folk Sworn In.

Jefferson City, Jan. 9.—Before a large audience Joseph Folk was inaugurated governor of Missouri, Monday.

Deneen Inaugurated.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 9.—Charles S. Deneen was inaugurated as twenty-third governor of Illinois in the presence of both houses of the legislature, members of the supreme court and hundreds of other persons prominent in political and business life of the state.

Indiana's New Executive.

Indianapolis, Jan. 9.—The inauguration of J. Frank Hanly of Lafayette as governor of Indiana took place Monday. The capital was brilliantly decorated and thousands of people crowded the corridors.

FIFTY FROZEN TO DEATH.

Terrible Results of the Cold Snap In Portions of Prussia.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—More than fifty persons were frozen to death in the provinces of East Prussia, West Prussia and Posen during the recent cold period, including two letter carriers, the driver of a post wagon, a policeman and fifteen fishermen. Nothing has been heard of a lightship off Borgum reef, Hanover, which broke away from her anchorage Friday night during the terrific storm and went adrift. The government sent out a steamer in search of the missing vessel. The lightship has a crew of fourteen persons.

SNOW AT MEMPHIS.

Six Inches Fell at the Bluff City, Seriously Impeding Traffic.

Memphis, Jan. 9.—A snowstorm set in early Monday and six inches fell, seriously impeding street car traffic and delaying trains from one to three hours. The storm extended as far west as Little Rock.

Fine Gusher.

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TOLD IN FEW WORDS.

Matters of Interest Happening During Past Few Days.

Fire at Dallas Sunday did nearly $10,000 damage.

Indian Territory cotton crop will exceed 400,000 bales.

Japanese will establish a naval station at Port Arthur.

Leon Coperan, a prominent Dallas business man, is dead.

Square hotel at Wapunucka, I. T., was destroyed by fire.

Loss by recent fire at McLoud, Okla., is estimated at $53,000.

Hebrew citizens of Dallas will erect a $40,000 club building.

Carnegie library at Ardmore is to be completed by March 1.

Commercial hotel at Paul Valley, I. T., was destroyed by fire.

At Roxton, Tex., W. W. Page fell dead from his wagon seat.

R. B. Smith, eighty-eight years old, an Austin pioneer, is dead.

James H. Dee, a Dallas young man, was found dead in a chair.

While seated in a chair Robert Williams of Vinita, I. T., died.

A number of recent cattle sales are reported at Clarendon, Tex.

Several residences were burned at Ennis, Tex., with $10,000 loss.

Postoffice at Cave Springs, Ga., was dynamited and robbed of $2000.

Union brick masons of Dallas demand $6 per day after March 1.

American Ambassador McCormick has returned to St. Petersburg.

Navy appropriation bill of house carries $69,000,000 in round numbers.

Bell County (Texas) Poultry association meets Jan. 24-25 at Temple.

At Kirbyville, Tex., W. M. Ashley was hit by a falling limb and died.

Brice Austin fell from a ladder at McKinney, Tex., and broke his neck.

Cotton gin at Ambia, Lamar county, Texas, burned. Loss is about $4000.

A severe earthquake shock was felt in state of Oaxaca, Mexico, Thursday.

Frisco and Rock Island roads will have separate stations at Hobart, Okla.

C. L. Snyder, a well known rancheman of Schleicher county, Texas, is dead.

A little Mexican child fell into hot water at El Paso and was cooked to death.

Forty-one prisoners were taken from Muskogee, I. T., to Atlanta penitentiary.

Near Wakita, Okla., the little son of W. O. Burr was dragged to death by a horse.

A small negro girl named Lizzie Bell died at Houston from a toy pistol wound.

San Angelo, Tex., is to have a $30,000 Methodist church, to be completed July 1.

New bridge at El Paso of the Southern Pacific over the Rio Grande is being used.

General offices of Pecos Valley railroad at Amarillo, Tex., were badly fire damaged.

Chaplain McGrail, by order of president, has been ordered dismissed from the navy.

By a freight train collision near Ingleside, Miss, an engineer and fireman were killed.

A young farmer named O. Dedrick was found dead in bed near Round Rock, Tex.

First National bank of Custer City, Okla., capital stock $25,000, is a new institution.

Walter Felscher, a boy, died at Brenham, Tex., from lockjaw, caused by toy pistol wound.

A negro named Abe Freeman fell off a pile of dirt near Fort Worth and broke his neck.

During 1904 there were 139 weddings in Palo Pinto county, Texas, 124 deaths and 420 births.

Miss Katie Daffan of Ennis, Tex., has accepted chair of history in Houston high school.

Three Lamar count, Texas, farmers sold 403 bales of cotton to a Paris firm at 6½c all round.

Fire at Arapahoe, Okla., destroyed seventeen tons of hay on Harry Loughmiller's place.

By lime exploding at Greenville, Tex., Cleveland Johnson was badly burned in his face and eyes.

Dr. W. F. Gillespie, well known in educational circles, died at Dallas, aged seventy-nine years.

Farmers and Merchants' National bank of Tyler, Tex., capital stock $100,000, has been opened.

At Little Rock United States District Judge Trieber has declared the Arkansas poll tax law void.

In a jealous frenzy Jose Siglia, a Mexican, shot and killed at El Paso Kate Burkhart, a negro girl.

In arresting Harry Feinberg at Chicago latter was fatally shot, one man killed and two others wounded.

Cow of Jacob Fandl of Falls county, Texas, kicked a lantern. Barn caught fire and $500 damage was done.

By the accidental discharge of his pistol James Morrison of Healdton, I. T., was badly shot in the groin.

Joe Wise and Albert West, negroes, had a duel at Wichita Falls, Tex. West was hit twice, but not seriously.

Three little negro boys were arrested at Antlers, I. T., charged with placing obstructions on Frisco track.

W. E. Washington of Eddy, N. M., sold for $210,000 his cattle and he in that section to Kansas City

H. Walkindauf, a shooting man, was accidentally and f at his gallery in Ardmore by

In a quarrel at Beaumont A. Lundy and John Thore was probably fatally hurt blow.

Near Clarksville, T daughter of a Mr. Th tally burned by her fire.

While blasting river, thirteen m jana, W. J. Cast iver Hart had a

OVER THE COUNTRY.

LINGLEVILLE.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 11th.—The schools of this place are progressing nicely.

Messrs. Tom Haggard and Albert Baker have entered Christian college. We are glad to welcome them to our good school.

There will be a debate at Christian college Saturday night. January 21st, between Christian college boys and Huckabay high school. Everybody is invited.

A belfry and bell have been added to the Christian college building by public subscription of the good people of this community.

The young people of this place attended a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Haggard near Green's Creek last Friday night. All report a pleasant time.

Mrs. M. M. Carr, Miss Fannie Raney and the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Roberts are on the sick list this week

Mr. Jim Tunnell and sister are visiting friends here.

Mr. T. J. Simer is adding more room to his dwelling at this place.

Mr. W. P. Bowen left Sunday for Austin on business. He will probably go to Galveston before he returns.

While playing ball on the school grounds during the noon hour, Marcus Carr fell and broke his collar bone.

DUFFAU.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 11th.—We are having some bad weather at present and are badly needing rain in this part of the country.

Mr. John Wilson moved to Selden last Monday where he has taken charge of the blacksmith and wood shop at that place and we wish him a prosperous new year.

Mr. C. C. Coon was in this community for several days last week shaking hands with friends and says he is enjoying fine health at present.

Mrs. Cunningham, who has been confined to her bed for several months, is reported not doing very well at present.

Mr. Frank Pearson and family are able to be up again.

Mr. William Rucker has moved to the Duffau wells and will remain here until spring opens.

Vacant houses are very scarce here now and the roads are lined with movers hunting places.

Mr. Havins of this place has gone east.

Mr. F. M. Holland has purchased the Rev. McLeod place, the consideration being five hundred dollars.

BLUFF DALE

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 11th.—A very sad accident occurred in the western part of town Wednesday morning, about six o'clock. While Mrs. Emma B. Cobb, wife of Walter V. Cobb, was standing in front of the fire soon after arising, she was struck by lightning and almost instantly killed, living only a few minutes. She was about thirty-five years of age. She came to Texas about fourteen years ago from Dalonega, Georgia. She leaves a husband and six children here, also a sister at Greenville, Texas, and two brothers in Georgia. Her son, Clarence, was standing within three feet of the fire and received no shock whatever. Other members of the family were in the same room and were not injured in anyway. Interment will take place at Wesley's Chapel tomorrow at 2 p. m. The husband and children, one a two months' old babe, have the sympathy of all in their great bereavment.

Mrs. Paul Harris of Shreveport, La., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Chandler. She has also been visiting her brother, District Attorney Fred Chandler, at Stephenville.

There is much talk of organizing a national bank here.

The public school here under the management of Frank Bennett and brother is progressing nicely. An enrollment of 124 is reported to date.

The Erath County Teachers' Institute will meet here some time next month.

Rev. Mansfield filled his regular appointment at the Chistian church last Sunday and Sunday night.

D. Holt made a business trip to Stephenville one day last week.

Earnest Hall passed through on Wednesday morning's train en route to Fort Worth for a two week's visit.

Mr. Hines of Brazos Station has taken up residence in our town and has opened up a stock of goods in the A. P. Gordon store.

Mr. Riston and two sons of Bordon county have bought the Houston Hughes property and opened a blacksmith shop.

Norton Keahey and Miss Julia Rhodes were quietly married here Sunday night, Rev. Mansfield of Tolar officiating.

Ruff Singleton has gone back to the bridge gang.

DE LEON.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 11th.—Mr. L. T. Easley and family of Fort Worth are visiting here this week.

Mrs. W. S. Whaley and Miss Gladys D'Spain are spending this week with C. A. Tunnell and family at Brownwood.

W. S. Whaley made a business trip to Ft. Worth Friday, returning Saturday night.

Mr. Walter Nance and Miss Louise Kinchen were married at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Kinchen, Sunday evening the 8th inst., Rev. Kinchen officiating.

S. C. Mills has sold his interest in the blacksmith shop of Mr. Bagwell and will move to Carbon.

Mrs. W. W. Bender, who was reported very sick, last week died Thursday and was buried here Friday evening of last week.

The De Leon Poultry association met at the Redden building Monday and had on exhihbition several coops of thoroughbred chickens and turkeys. They will meet again the second Saturday in February.

Justice court is in session here this week with several cases on the docket.

The good showers of Tuesday night and Wednesday put a very good season in the ground.

POINT LOOKOUT.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 9th.—After wishing the Progress and its many readers a happy new year I will give out my annual forecasts for the year 1905, as indicated by the twelve days that is said to rule the twelve months in the year. After noting the indications carefully I am happy to announce that the indications are good. We may expect much high southwest wind in the months of February, March and April. The rainfall will be light the first three months as noted. The months of February and March will be cold and disagreeable. We may expect at least one good rain in May and June. In the months of, July and August we may expect but very little rain. As to the remainder of the months I deemed it unnecessary to notice. I have furnished the Progress and its many readers this information for many years and I feel sure that my forecasts have been as good as Mr. Hicks and Devoe's weather forecasts, if not better in this country.

The scribe served as a juror at Stephenville last week which accounts for the non-appearance of Point Lookout items.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore of this community on the 3rd inst. Mother and son are doing well.

Farmers are breaking land and making preparations for the new crop. All of us agree as to cutting down the acreage of the cotton crop. More corn, maize, hay, etc. are the topics of the day.

Miller Stephen killed a wild cat near his reside[illegible] week.

Health of th[illegible]ity is fairly good.

SHADY GROVE

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 8th.—R. M. Carroll has been ditching on his farm for the past week. He intends to cut down the acreage of cotton on his farm this year.

Lee Jones is storing his cotton for a better price.

Mr. Pair is hauling his cotton out of the yard at Dublin and storing it at home.

W. O. Carroll has a fine boy at his home.

Rev. Parrock has sold his farm to Mr. Sneed of Dublin and is moving to Llano county. We regret very much to lose Mr. Parrock from our community. He is an able minister and a good neighbor, and we wish him success in his new home.

J. G. Newby has built an addition to his residence.

Mr. J. J. Gilbreath is building an addition to one of his rent houses.

Sam White returned from a trip to the piney-woods a few days ago.

Farmers in general are very busy preparing their land for this year's crop notwithstanding the dry weather.

Some one took a ham of meat from Mr. W. O. Carroll's smoke-house a few nights ago.

ST. GEORGE.

Regular Correspondence.

Jan. 11th.—The rain of the past few days will help considerably toward the plowing.

Mr. Mammie Jones is sick with lagrippe.

Your scribe and family visited relatives in De Leon Sunday.

Bud Wells and wife visited here Sunday.

Mr. Bob Nails has moved to Mr. Jim Rucker's place and will work for him this year.

Mr. Sam Cole and wife are well pleased with their new home.

COMANCHE.

From the Exponent.

Jan. 13th.—Mrs. F. M. Browne has sold her one hundred shares of stock in the Comanche National Bank to J. B. Chilton and others.

Inspector W. A. Williams was here Tuesday and went over the proposed rural delivery of mail route from this place to Gustine and then back by way of Peeple's gin on the Leon river.

The members of the Central Christian church have called as their pastor Elder F. Grimm of Chicago, and he has accepted the call. He will preach two Sundays in each month.

The socialists are to begin a campaign in Comanche county for recruits, and will distribute literature, etc., At the recent election there were seven socialist votes polled in the county.

Mrs. S M. Vernon has moved from Dublin to Waco, where she expects to make her future home. She makes the move partly on account of business matters and to put her daughter in Baylor University.

The Dublin newspapers begin the new year with their columns almost clear of advertising, which is quite a contrast to the Comanche papers' big volume of advertising. The Comanche merchants are after business and the low price of cotton does not discourage them.

Two cases of genuine smallpox have developed near Duster. A Mr. Hooker and a Mr. Warren are the victims. They were on a trip to San Angelo recently and are supposed to have been exposed to the disease while away. Dr. Gray went out Saturday and placed them under quarantine, also a number of other persons who have been exposed. There is very little danger of the disease spreading. Dr. Patterson is now in charge of the patients, and he reports that they are getting along very well.

From the Chief

Jan. 7th.—Supt. Donaldson reports the addition of over fifty new pupils in the public school since the first of January.

Misses Lula Ridgeway and Alice Warren spent a few days visiting at Harbin in Erath county.

J. S. Cox, of Sidney, recently sold a place at a profit of $500 and this will even up his losses on eleven bales of cotton he is holding.

The commissioners' court was in session Wednesday and Thursday. The salaries of the county officers were fixed, and other matters of detail connected with the county government were transacted.

Mr. Atterbury says the postoffice receipts for December were the largest in the history of the town. The receipts were $700. This does not include money orders, but only sale of stamps, postal cards, box rent, etc.

T. A. Deats has sold his two thousand acre ranch to E. D. Orear, a capitalist of Marysville, Mo., who has great faith in Comanche county. The ranch is located several miles south of town and is one of the best places in the county.

Tom Parker, who was here Monday from Weston, Collin county, tells of a big rabbit hunt indulged in recently by his community. Over three hundred cotton-tails were slaughtered in one day. He says the country is over run with them and that they are doing much damage to wheat and other farm products.

A. B. Dabney of this city has sold his half interest in a ranch of several hundred acres southwest of town to his brother Joe, and has bought a fine farm at a bargain ten miles this side of Brownwood on the Goldthwaite road.

W. T. Dobbs has sold his place here in town to W. L. Hasley of Dingler, and has rented and moved on Mr. Hasley's farm for the present year. They traded teams, hogs, cotton seed, corn, etc. and would have traded wives perhaps if the good women had not entered an objection.

The teachers of Gustine, Wilson, Farmer's Chapel, Newburg, Hazle Dell, Fairview, Swann, Union, Baggett, Energy, Pleasant Grove, Fleming, Lone Star, Lamkin, Gordon, Siloam, Bee Ranch, Cross Timber and Mexico are notified that there will be a meeting of the institute of this district at Gustine on Saturday, January 14th, at 10 a. m

The directors of the Comanche National Bank met last week and passed $100,000 to the surplus fund and $3,400 to undivided profits. The First National Bank declared a twelve per cent dividend and passed $2,000 to the surplus fund. The F. & M. National declared six per cent for eleven months and passed $2000 to the surplus fund.

Oscar Callaway surprised his friends by leaving the ranks of the bachelors during the holiday. Thursday, December 29th, he and Miss Stella Couch were married at Midlothian, Texas. The groom is one of our prominent attorneys and the bride was for awhile a popular teacher in our public school. Both are highly esteemed. They are domiciled in their home in the northeastern part of town which Mr Callaway bought of Mrs. Lottie Cox.

After an illness of several weeks "Uncle" Bob Carter passed away December 30th He was in his eighty-eighth year and had been a citizen of the town for twenty years. "Uncle" Bob was a respected citizen and had many friends who regretted that in the fullness of time he had to be taken away.

Things to Think About.

Very few men turn a deaf ear to false praise.

No man can turn back the hands of God's clock.

A man may be self possessed and still not own very much.

No man is such a hopeless fool as he that makes a fool of himself.

If you will reform men, there will be less need to reform the law.

Small duties cheerfully preformed, always bring large results.

Whiskey addles a man's brain if he has any, if not, it usually tangles his feet.

If your opinions are good, it is not necessary to defend them with bad language.

Advice like strong medicine, may be good for a man, but he don't like to take it.

There is as much in knowing when to retreat, as in knowing just how to advance.

The man who expects something, and goes after it determined to get it, seldom fails.

Continuous perseverance is the Adalin's lamp, which always brings you what you wish.

Fast living never brings any man to success, its usually attained by continuous plodding.

If you really want a good religion put your money and life in it; God believes in reciprocity.

A man may think at forty that he is older than he was at twenty but he don't know half as much.

There is nothing in thinking a woman is older than she says she is, if you only keep it to yourself.

Self-indulgence is a clear but rapid stream that will soon land you in a muddy and turbulent sea.

Religion is a principle not a theory, no amount of profession will ever open the door of heaven to a hypocrit.

Language is very deceptive, some men don't say what they mean, while others don't mean what they say.

Many a man who refused to clothe the orphans and widows to keep them warm in this world will burn in the next.

Some men search a long time and find only a gold brick, when the real dust was all the time hid in their cotton patch.

When you hear a man say "that every man has his price," dont' pay more than two bits for him, if you do you are cheated.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for many years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. This liniment is for sale by Overton Drug Co.

Social Amenities.

The Suiter—I called at your house last evening as a gentleman might and I behaved myself as a gentleman should, and I must say it was not pleasant to be kicked out of the house.

The Parent—No; the pleasure was mine.

Erath County Marriage Licenses.

Following marriage licenses have been issued by the Erath county clerk since last report:

Frank Yell and Miss Annie Hughes, Thurber.

M. H. Edwards and Miss Pearl Herron, Duffau.

T. J. Farrow and Miss Laura Greenway, Alexander.

L. E. Crawford and Miss Pearl Bishop, Harbin.

Thos. Stem and Miss Nannie Favors, Lingleville.

Ed Wiley and Miss Virgie Fitzgerald, Harbin.

R. G. Milling and Miss Nora Earp.

C. C. McNeil and Miss Novie Chapel.

Lee Pickett and Miss Mattie Holmes, Bluff Dale.

J. W. Bobs and Miss Redia Whisenant.

W. S. Steps and Miss Maud Turner, Clairette.

Napoleon Foster and Miss Annie Hill.

J. S. McComb and Miss Tommie Nichols.

Henry McIntire and Miss Ethel Stone, Salem.

P. R. McDaniel and Miss Maud Benton, Desdemona.

W. H. Young and Miss Lucy Davis.

Samuel D. Johnson and Miss Mary Mildred Chine, Clairette.

Lee Glanton and Miss Callie Carpenter.

G. W. Clark and Miss Sina Barton, Dublin.

J. A. McCurdy and Miss Mollie Munch, Purves.

R. L. Henderson and Mrs. Hattie Smith.

Charles P. Freelove and Miss Louise Lightfoot.

Brown Davis and Miss Minnie Oliver.

T. O. McElroy and Miss Myrtle Baldwin.

W. B. Brown and Miss Effie Ola Rasberry.

Henry Briston and Miss Addie Leatherwood.

J H. Young and Miss Alice Garbrough.

E. B. Hanwell and Miss Lula Meeks.

Guy Birdwell and Miss Olena Waynick.

Joe L. Hancock and Miss Annie Ascue.

R. E. Merworth and Miss L. E. Pruett.

Clint Allen and Miss Mollie Padgitt.

Refugio Ortis and Miss Tervia.

G. W. Clark and Miss Gina Barton.

R. L. Henderson and Miss Mattie Smith.

J. L. Humphries and Miss Mattie Norwood.

Rufus Broiles and Miss Maggie Booher.

G. W. Brann and Miss Minnie Turnbow.

Wm. M. Thomas and Miss Gertrude Oxford.

J. B. Courtney and Miss Alice Pearl Ballew.

S. E. Burt and Miss Addie Pape.

J. W. White and Miss Teda Jarrott.

W. B. Glenn and Miss Della Crews.

W. Wiatt and Miss Onie Miller.

A. M. Dunsworth and Miss Ida Whitacre.

Guy Aycock and Miss Aften Salyer.

Luther Rose and Miss Margaret Helms.

H. C. James and Miss Francis McEachern.

Geo. Miller (col) and Mrs. Ella Grant.

Dave W. Adams and Miss Maggie G. Brown.

J. M. Crank and Miss Minnie Williams.

Refugio Libas Miss Rosalea Cardnas.

George Wright and Mrs. Ollie Williams.

E. E. Ratliff and Miss Lillie Anderson.

D. O. Davis and Miss Minne Coleman.

J. W. Day and Miss L. A. Long.

J. W. Hancock and Miss Effie Coppedge.

A. E. Boyd and Miss Etta Hailslip.

Jim Watson and Miss Maggie Stewart.

William Frew and Miss Maud Carney.

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A Farmer's Dream.

A farmer had a dream. He dreamed that he had raised a thousand bushels of wheat and he was happy over the fact. Then he dreamed that he sold it for $1.00 a bushel and his happiness was great. But he dreamed again that he had sold it to a thousand different people, a bushel to each one, and that nobody had paid him and he was sad. When he awoke it was broad daylight, and leaping out of bed, he excalimed to his wife: "Rebecca, I have had a solemn warning and I known the meaning of it. I am going right off to town and pay that printer the dollar I owe him on the paper.—Ex.

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