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Our New Sultana Makes Her Star a Flag

Word comes from the island of Sulu that the dowager sultana has just completed with her own hands a new flag to be carried by her royal son, the reigning sultan. The flag is red and the field, on which appear the five stars, is blue. The four smaller stars represent the four principal tribes which owe allegiance to the sultan. The large star in the center is supposed to stand for the sultan himself. People who are versed in the internal politics of the Sulu archipelago say that the dowager sultana may get her son into trouble by making his star so much larger than the others. The chiefs and datus of the four tribes are mighty men of war and are expected to object strongly to the undue prominence given their nominal chief on the new flag.

Chinese Visiting Cards.

The Chinese carte-de-visite is a great curiosity, consisting of a large sheet of bright scarlet paper and bearing the name of the owner in very large letters, the larger the better. The paper is folded ten times and the name is written on the right-hand lower corner, prefixed thus: "Your unworthy friend, who bows his head and pays his respects," "Your very stupid brother," or something to that effect. In place of "Yours truly," "Your stupid" is written on the Chinese card. The return of these cards to the visitor is considered etiquette. They are too costly for general distribution. So it is necessary that each card should do duty several times.

Decked in Red Pepper.

New York Tribune: A decoration which rivals in brilliancy the Dewey bunting display is to be seen in the Italian quarters of this city. Huge ropes of peppers, hung from the windows to ripen, drape the walls of the houses. Peppers are considered a necessary part of every Italian housewife's cuisine, and a winter supply of them, purchased while they are green, is provided for every household. There are many ways of cooking them. They are sliced and fried in fat, stuffed with meat and rice and baked, and are employed in nearly all soups.

Raising Reindeer.

At Telemarken, in eastern Norway, a company has just secured a tract of mountain land fifty miles square for breeding and raising reindeer. As a start 2,400 head of deer have been bought, and it is intended that this number shall be increased by births and buying to something like 4,000 head, 1,000 of which will be killed every year. In addition to the sending out of venison in the carcass refrigerator cars and chambers on vessels, a quantity will be put up in tins to prevent glutting of the markets in the winter.

A Reasonable Governor.

Gen. Funston says in a letter to a western friend that one reason why the Twentieth Kansas achieved the reputation it did was that Gov. Stanley invariably confirmed his (Funston's) recommendations for the promotion of officers, "although at various times under severe pressure to do otherwise." The governor appreciates the fact that "a colonel's power over a regiment depends greatly on his recommendations for promotion taking precedence over any social or political pull."

Was in No Hurry.

A parrot used to live in a Newcastle, England, public-house bar, where there was always a great trade on Saturday nights. One evening the parrot was missed. Search was made; at length it was discovered in the middle of a field surrounded by crows, which were steadily plucking out its feathers. As the rescuers approached the now half-naked bird was heard to call out: "One at a time, gentlemen, if you please; if you only wait you'll all be served."

Naturalist's Scheme.

A naturalist found that black ants were devouring the skins of some bird specimens on a table, so he made tar circles on four pieces of paper, and put one under each leg of the table. Ants will not cross tar. Pretty soon he found the ants busily at work again, and, looking at the tar circle, found each one was bridged by bits of sand which the clever ants had brought in from the street.

Ratisbon Bridge.

One of the oldest bridges in Europe is soon to disappear under the demand for better navigation of the river it spans. This is the stone bridge with fifteen arches and a total length of 994 feet, built across the Danube at Regensburg (Ratisbon) in Bavaria by Duke Henry the Superb in 1135-46.

Liquid Air in Surgery.

In the use of the X-rays, it is possible that one of the earliest practical uses of liquid air will be in surgery. Already experiments have indicated that a spray of liquid air can be applied as a local anesthetic, but the application should never be made except by an experienced operator. In a few minutes a small part of the body can be frozen as hard as ice, and surgical operations conducted with the aid of liquid air are attended with no hemorrhage. In the Medical Record Dr. A. C. White describes various experiments with liquid air, including the successful treatment of such diseases as sciatica, neuralgia, and typhoid poisoning. Boils and carbuncles can be aborted with liquid air, and it is useful in the treatment of ulcers.

Use for Old Watches.

New York Tribune: Almost every household has a few old gold and silver watches tucked away in obscure bureau drawers. The works are usually worthless, and the size of the old-fashioned timepieces make them undesirable, even if they could be put in order. Here is a suggestion for utilizing the cases, which are often quaint and beautiful: Take out the works, have a jeweler cut off the thumbpiece and fill in the hole. Then make a round velvet or satin pincushion to match the colors of the bedroom, and fit it carefully into the metal case. A fat Dutch watch engraved with windmills, transformed into a blue silk cushion, makes a most effective addition to a delft boudoir.

Warm Baths More Healthful.

A tepid bath is more permanently refreshing than a cold one. The latter seems to refresh more at the moment, but cold water promotes rapid circulation, thus causing heat, whereas tepid will leave the skin cool and moist. A small quantity of ammonia, or the addition of a little soda, to the bath is useful in case of undue perspiration, but water with additions of this kind must not be used for the face. Bathing with ammonia in the water will prove very refreshing to a tired body or weary feet, after a long walk or bicycle ride.

Making Billiard Balls.

It requires skilled labor to turn out a billiard ball. One-half of it is first turned, an instrument of finest steel being used for the work. Then the half-turned ball is hung up in a net and is allowed to remain there for a year to dry. Then the second half is turned, and then comes the polishing. Whiting and water and a good deal of rubbing are requisite for this. It is necessary at the end that the ball shall, to the very fraction of a grain, be of a certain weight.

The Kohinoor Diamond.

The famous Kohinoor, the property of Queen Victoria, weighs 102 1-2 carats, but on account of its purity is rated as worth three times as much as the Orloff. Some authorities claim that the Rajah of Mattan, Borneo, owns a diamond weighing 367 carats, but its purity is doubtful. The great Braganza diamond, weighing 1,680 carats, was found in the collection of the emperor of Brazil, but it is believed to be really a remarkable specimen of a colorless topaz.

The Same Except in Name.

A ranch or plantation in Peru is a hacienda; in Venezuela it is a hatos, in the Argentine Republic an estancia, in Chile a rancho, in Uruguay a finca, and the proprietors are called hacendados, hatoras, estancieros, rancheros and fincaros, respectively. In Peru there are volunteer fire companies in nearly all the cities similar to those we used to have in the United States before the days of paid organizations, and they are called "bombarderos."

Clocks.

Many clocks with weights and wheels were in use in England during Chaucer's time and most of the monasteries of the fourteenth century possessed clocks, though these were used to show the astronomical movements, as well as the passage of hours. Throughout the fifteenth century clocks were made mostly by armorers and blacksmiths, as they were constructed of iron and steel.

Ohio's Liquor Traffic.

Ohio, with the Dow law, was the pioneer state in establishing the excise system upon which the Raines law in New York is based, and from reports filed with the state auditor in Columbus it appears that there are now in Ohio 10,874 saloons, a gain of 698 over the number in the returns of a year ago. The yearly income of the state from the Dow law is \$548,116.69.

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Jan. 11, 1900. SAMUEL SPENGLER, Falkville, Ala.
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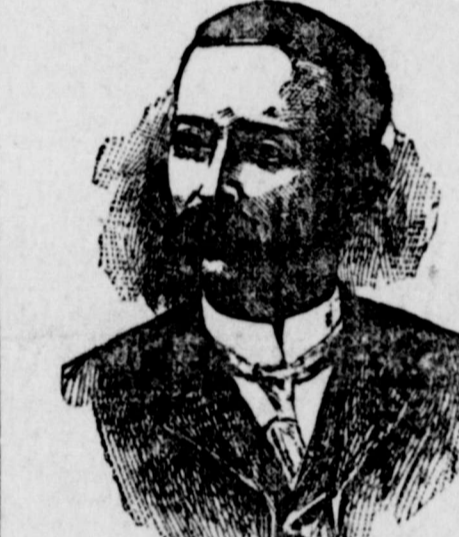
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JOHN D. PORTE, Pittsburg, March 1, 1899.
Of JOHN D. PORTE & Co., Real Estate and Insurance, 428 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

The agonizing itching and burning of the skin, as in eczema, the frightful scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair and crusting of the scalp, as in scalled head; the facial disfigurement, as in pimples and ringworm, the awful suffering of infants and the anxiety of worn-out parents, as in milk crust, tetter, and salt rheum—all demand a remedy of almost superhuman virtues to successfully cope with them. That

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In a communication from Prof. O. W. Gardner, at El-Dorado Ark., he informs us that he is very well pleased there. Has a school of 325 pupils. We heartily rejoice at the Professor's success.

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The Picture Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Caywood and Prof. Joe King, delighted the Robert Lee public with their show Saturday night.

Moving pictures on canvas was the main feature, and it was Robert Lee's first of the kind.

Songs by Mrs. Caywood and Prof. King and dancing by Miss Edna Fay, Caywood were other attractions.

The music on the organ by Prof. King was not appreciated like it would have been if it had been rendered on a piano.

Altogether, however, the exhibition was very good and easily worth the price of admission.

If you want Fruit Trees Shrubs or Vines from the Reliable Austin Nursery, just drop H. D. Pearce at Ballinger, Texas, a card stating what you want, and they will come in a few days. Will do to set out until the first of March.

Prof. McGee, of Abilene, the veteran Teacher of Penmanship in Texas, is in the midst of a flourishing term here. The Professor understands his business, and has instructed over eight thousand pupils since entering this class of work. He is also a pleasant gentleman of the old school, whom it is always a pleasure to meet.

G. C. Arnett, the Pecan stockman was in town last Saturday.

H. E. Johnston and J. B. Patten returned last Friday from San Antonio and Austin. They report a royal good trip.

List Of Jurors For Dist. Court.

Grand Jury

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| W. R. Boykin, | Jim' Barrio, |
| W. M. Billingslea, | J. W. Bradley, |
| W. F. Bathey, | H. Bristian, |
| W. J. Bumbie, | J. P. McDonald, |
| John Cornelius, | John Gardner |
| A. S. Enbanks, | W. J. Griffin, |
| John Sa'ner, | J. T. Hamilton, |
| W. J. H. Rogers, | G. P. Kirkland, |
| T. L. Vaughn, | B. F. Hasty, |
| T. A. Higginbotham, | G. C. Laswell, |
| J. W. Jackson, | W. H. Lewis, |
| K. M. Mays, | B. F. Montgomery, |
| S. Smith, | M. H. ODaniel, |
| W. R. Presler, | F. M. Pritchard, |
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Silver Sittings.

Mr. Editor.
I wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

This is one of the coldest days of 1900, snowy and gloomy.

There is some sickness in our village; Mr. John Padgett has been sick two weeks; glad to say he is improving.

Little Willie McClanahan is sick we hope nothing serious.

Mr. L. E. Matthes is to leave for his new home in the far west in a few days; he gave the young people a very nice and well danced last Wednesday night a few of the Edith boys attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller from the Cedar Hill neighborhood was visiting in Silver this week.

Mr. Smith from near San Angelo is out here buying seedlings; I guess the Silverites can furnish a nice bunch of yearlings.

Some of our neighbors are beginning to farm; Rev. Isaac Reed has ten or fifteen acres of land broke.

There is to be a pound supper at J. R. Norfleets Wed. night. Success to the Rustler.

Silver Peak.

Two of the "gentlemen of fortune" who attempt to live by their wits have been selling "suits" (un made) in Coke lately we hear they have unloaded several hundred dollars worth of their wares.

Ft. adbourne, Texas.

Dear RUSTLER:-

As the two weeks just past was so favorable for farm work, I failed to get in my communication but yesterday was the coldest day of the winter. Our people have most of their land broken,

and it seems that everything is moving on to prosperity. Yes Mr. Editor if you would come into our community (if your eyes are not bolden) you could see the word prosperity over ever mans door and if you should go to his field, you could see the word prosperity on his gate posts; in fact every thing seems to promise success to our people. There is more wheat growing here than for some years past, also there are more hogs being raised than before so you see that we mean to raise our bread and meat; so much for the financial side.

Now I will give you something of the literary work that is being done at Rock Springs. I don't think there is better work done in any school in Coke County than is being done at Rock Springs, Bronte not excepted though I notice with pleasure the success of the Bronte school. Our trustees seem to take a lively interest in the school they have visited the school several times and stirred the patrons up and they have visited the school more often than usual. Our school has organized a literary society; they discuss a question every other Friday evening last Friday their question was, resolved that the poor man has more pleasure in this life than the rich man, the speakers on the affirmative side, were Evan Baldwin, Miss Blanch Robinson and Bert Douglas; the Neg. Joe Lindley, Miss Berdie McDonald and Sidney Robinson; the affirmative gained the question. The next question is resolved but Austin deserves more honor in what he did for Texas than Houston; they also have recitations from other members of the society. Mr. Elmer Christian was elected Pres. Mirie McDonald Sec. there were several visitors out to hear the discussion. Prof. Thomas has his whole school hard at work and all seem very much interested.

Mr. R. E. Douglas and Mr. Harwell made a trip to Angelo to do some shopping.

Mr. Wm. Billingslea went to Ballinger for goods, came in with more new plows, Billingslea and Son have sold two disc sulky plows and several walking turning plows; they are doing a good business.

Mr. Alsop from down east has gotten in, you know he bought the Youngblood place; we welcome Mr. Alsop to our community.

I like to read Bro. Fair's letters hope he will write often. Bro. Fair your children are all well have built a new house and moved into it. Ellis is working for Cyrus Odom.

Rev. Underwood has rented land from Mr. Myers two miles east of Ft. Chadbourne.

Bro. Clark of the M. E. church preached a good sermon for our people the 2nd. Sunday. I think Bro. Clark will do good work among us this year. I like his position on S. S.; he gives us encouragement on this line; but I don't like the showing in the Rustler that there were only four S. S. in Coke county so Mr. Editor I for one will try to make it better; by trying to help organize a S. S. in every school house in the county; What will you do?

Hoping that the year 1900 will be the year that Coke co. will awake to find herself well organized in S. S. work. I am yours in hope.

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| Attorney, | G. D. Graham |
| Corr | J. W. Barnett |
| Sheriff & Tax Collector, | L. B. Murray |
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| Treasurer, | C. L. Hughes |
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| Surveyor, | |

Church Directory.

BAPIST Services on first Sunday in each month. N. D. Bullock, pastor.

CHRISTIAN Services on second Sunday in each month and Saturday night before. J. B. Hooten, pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL Services on third Sunday in each month, L. A. Clark, P. C.

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Plan of the Robert Lee Circuit.

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Lee A. Clark, P. C.

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ROBERT LEE, - - - TEXAS.

FIELD, RANCH, GARDEN.

Farmers are preparing for big crops. Corn is selling in the ear at from 30 to 35 cents at Temple.

J. P. Hamilton shipped a carload of hogs from Vernon to Fort Worth.

Temple reports a steady demand the past year there for all kinds of grain.

Col. B. B. Groom of Panhandle City sold some fine Durham cattle at Midland.

Peach trees bloomed last week on the place of Dr. Harrington at Brandon, Hill county.

Mr. Pierson at Greenville sold 285 bales of cotton for 71-8 cents, receiving a check for \$10,286.62.

A society with a capital of \$15,000 has been organized at Port Arthur for the purpose of raising rice.

The cattlemen and their ladies who went on the excursion to southern Texas were royally entertained.

A. M. Jones, living in Wichita county, is having a barn erected, which, when completed, will cost \$2500.

Farmers in the neighborhood of Waco are expecting this next spring the largest wheat crop grown in that section for a number of years.

Mr. A. Cannon, living just out of Waxahachie, sold two 1-year-old hogs at that place that weighed 400 pounds each. Mr. Cannon raised them himself.

During the livestock convention at Fort Worth Keline Bros., of Wyoming, bought of Andy Long for Wyoming delivery 1000 head of cattle; terms private.

W. O. Keeney of Montana bought at Fort Worth of Reynolds Bros. of Albany, Tex., 3500 head of fine cattle, paying \$23 per head for the 2s and \$18 for the 1s.

Lettuce, turnips and several other articles of garden vegetables are abundant in the garden of Ennis, and grass fields recently have furnished excellent grazing for stock.

J. N. Janes bought at Fort Worth, for the Janes Bros. & Brown Cattle company of Amarillo, thirty-nine head of Hereford bulls that have been shipped to their ranch.

L. D. Warren of Hillsboro shipped a carload of fat hogs and a carload of fat calves to the Dallas market yesterday, and next day shipped another carload of hogs to the same market.

The annual meeting of the state farmers' congress will be held at College Station on July 2, 3 and 4. A very interesting programme will be prepared and a large attendance is anticipated.

Shipments from Corsicana one day lately were: Edens Bros. & Wilson, seven carloads of fat steer cattle; Sweetman, seven carloads. The cattle went to Chicago over the Cotton Belt.

Lettuce, new potatoes, young onions, radishes, turnips, kale, spinach, etc., are all grown in the gardens near Corsicana. This has been the best season for winter gardens known at Corsicana for years.

Frank Collinson, of the Moon ranch, which is located twenty-five miles south of Childress, says that 90 per cent of their cattle are in fit condition for market. Grass is good in that section this winter.

Mr. Weber has returned to Fort Worth from Borden county, where he has 200 head of cattle on pasture, and he found his cattle were not doing well. He says grass is very short and has been so badly rotted by the rains that there is no substance in it, and that cattle are getting very poor and weak.

S. M. Stevenson has returned to Santa Fe, N. M., from Havana, where he has been with cattle for Coot & Slaughter. He has been gone since Dec. 26, taking over 600 head. He says he found a good market.

The Fannin County Fruit Growers' association held an interesting meeting at Bonham several days ago. Several farmers and fruit growers brought in their list of what seeds they would need for their spring garden.

Farmers in Navarro county were busily engaged sowing oats last week, and the indications are that a larger acreage than ever will be put in this grain. Ex-Lieut. Gov. Jester began planting on his Valley Hill farm, and says he will increase his acreage.

BAD FOR BRITISH.

Were Forced to Retreat Across the Tugela River.

HUNDREDS OF THEM KILLED.

Gen. Buller and Warren Had to Retire, Leaving Many Dead and Wounded on the Scene of Action.

London, Jan. 29.—Gen. Buller's dispatch to the war office states that Spionkop was abandoned on account of lack of water, inability to bring artillery there and the heavy Boer fire. Gen. Buller gives no list of casualties. His whole force withdrew south of the Tugela river, with the evident intention of reaching Ladysmith by another route. Following is the text of Gen. Buller's dispatch, dated Spearman's Camp, Saturday, Jan. 27, 6:10 p. m.:

"On Jan. 20 Warren drove back the enemy and obtained possession of the southern crests of the high tableland extending from the line of Acton Holmes and Hangers Port to the western Ladysmith hills. From then to Jan. 25 he remained in close contact with the enemy.

"The enemy held a strong position on a range of small kopjes from northwest to southwest across the plateau from Acton Holmes, through Spionkop to the left bank of the Tugela.

"The actual position held was perfectly tenable, but did not lend itself to an audience, as the southern slopes were so steep that Warren could not get an effective position, and the water supply was a difficulty.

"On Jan. 23 I agreed to his attacking Spionkop, a large hill, indeed a mountain, which was evidently the key to the position, but was far more accessible from the north than from the south.

"On the night of Jan. 23 he attacked Spionkop, but found it very difficult to hold, as its perimeter was so large, and water, which he had been led to believe existed in this extraordinary dry season, was found very deficient. The crests were held all that day against severe attacks and a heavy shell fire.

"Gen Woodgate, who was in command at the summit, having been wounded, the officer who succeeded him decided on the necessity on Jan. 24 to abandon the position, and did so before dawn Jan. 25.

"I visited Warren's camp at 5 a. m. on Jan. 25 and decided that a second attack on Spionkop was useless, and that the enemy's right was too strong to allow me to force it.

"Accordingly, I decided to withdraw the force to the south on the Tugela. At 6 a. m. we commenced withdrawing the train, and by 8 a. m., Jan 27 (Saturday), Warren's force was concentrated south of the Tugela, without the loss of a man or a pound of stores."

Boer Head Lager, Ladysmith, Jan. 25.—The British dead left on the battlefield yesterday number 1500.

The Boers say that the British loss is 1500 killed Wednesday.

It is believed that this includes the wounded.

The Boers also claim that 150 of the English troops surrendered at Spionkop.

P. J. Norwood, a prominent citizen of Cleburne, is dead.

Miners and operators are still holding conferences at Indianapolis, Ind.

Killed His Family.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 29.—In an Oyer the Rhine teneament Charles Bartruff, a tanner, murdered his wife, his son Carl, aged 5 years, his daughter aged 3 years, and then tried to set the house on fire by overturning the hot stove and piling the furniture on it. The skulls of all the victims were crushed with a blunt instrument. No one saw the deed but its perpetrator. He remained in the burning room until arrested by the police.

Many Will Go.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 29.—Estimates made by local shippingmen show that 15,000 men are intended to reach Cape Nome by the first steamers from Puget Sound and Dawson. Two-thirds of these will go from Tacoma, Seattle and San Francisco, and the balance will go down the Yukon river from Dawson and other Yukon towns. A great prospective race is in sight between these two contingents.

First arrivals will secure the best part of the beach.

Democrat Seated.
Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 29.—The first actual test of strength between the Republican and Democratic forces in the Goebel-Taylor contest came Saturday, and by the admission of the Republican leader, proved a clear majority for Goebel. The Democrats claim the result of Saturday's struggle as decisive, while the Republicans, although freely admitting a defeat, declare that they will fight to the finish, and have still strong hopes of retaining Gov. Taylor in his seat.

The fight came on the vote of the house in a contest brought by H. S. Van Meter of Fayette county for the seat heretofore held by Henry S. Berry. Both sides realized that the test of real strength would be made on this issue, and every effort was made to get out the best possible vote. There were before the contest fifty-nine Democrats, including Speaker Trimble, in the house and forty-one Republicans. The latter claimed confidently Friday night that they would be able to swing at least fifty votes, with chances of two or three additional. The Democrats claimed to be certain of 52 votes. The vote in favor of Van Meter was 51 to 45. Hays (Rep.) and Sledge (Dem.) were absent. Berry had no vote because of his personal interest in the contest. Speaker Trimble did not vote.

As soon as the session began W. A. Burkamp, chairman of the committee, which had heard the evidence in the contest, rose to speak in behalf of the adoption of the majority report, which he had prepared and presented yesterday. Under special rules of the house, adopted Saturday each side was to have not less than twenty nor more than fifty minutes for argument, and the member presenting a report to have thirty minutes to speak for his cause. Mr. Burkamp made an elaborate legal argument in support of Mr. Berry, and when he had consumed his time Representative G. A. Holland spoke the full fifty minutes in behalf of Van Meter. He was stopped by the speaker, his time having expired. Mr. Burkamp announced that he wished to divide his time with Representative Slack, the house leader of the Republican minority. The speaker ruled that he could divide his time with nobody. Mr. Burkamp then moved for a debate of two hours, one hour being given to each side. It was overruled by the speaker.

Mr. Slack moved a recess of thirty minutes be taken. The speaker declared the motion was introduced to produce delay, saying he would allow no such dilatory practices. Mr. Slack's motion sealed the fate of Mr. Berry. The vote on the motion to substitute the minority report in favor of Mr. Van Meter for the majority in favor of Mr. Berry, then proceeded. As the call proceeded Representative Baird, who was considered doubtful by both sides, declined to vote. Mr. Cochran was the first Democrat to vote for Berry; Egbert followed him, then came Grider, Lafferty, Orr, Hinton and Willingham. When the call was finished the vote was 46 to 46, several members present not voting.

Egbert changed his vote, making it 47 to 45 in favor of Van Meter. On the call for absentees, Baird sided with Van Meter, Democratic cheers greeting him as he announced his vote. Three more Democrats, who had not responded to the rollcall, voted for the minority report, and the clerk announced the total—51 to 45.

The majority report, as amended by the minority report, was then adopted and Mr. Van Meter was declared a member of the house.

Fine Asphalt.

City of Mexico, Jan. 29.—What is believed to be the best asphalt deposit in Mexico is about to be developed. It is situated near Tampico and is controlled by Mexicans, who have refused offers from American contractors for operating it. The deposits will be operated wholly by Mexicans.

A strong combination of leading Mexican capitalists have acquired a large tract of oil-producing land near the Pacific coast, and are preparing for active operation.

Nationalists Routed.

Paris, Jan. 29.—The election of 99 senators resulted in a rout for the Nationalists, only three out of them being elected.

The Nationalists made a great show of military men, including Gen. Mercier, Lambert, Prex, Rabillot, Prothar, Cleroet and La Veure and Co's Ravant and Montell. Admiral Galibert was also a Nationalist candidate. Of these Gen. Mercier and Lambert alone succeeded, both commanding large majorities. Gen. Mercier was their principal candidate.

GENERAL WARREN

Pushed Back by the Boers After Capturing Spionkop.

LADYSMITH IS IN DANGER.

British Army Was Harassed for Hours by Heavy Fire from the Boer Guns—Loss Expected to Be Great.

London, Jan. 27.—England's reaction from the wild elation of Thursday over the capture of Spionkop to the dull gloom of yesterday, when Gen. Buller wired that it had been abandoned, leaves the country in the lowest ebb.

There has been absolutely no news from the front since Buller's message, and experts are freely predicting that another disaster has overtaken the army.

Even the most optimistic feeling is blue, and torrents of abuse and criticism are being poured on the generals, and every man at the front, save Roberts, who has not tried yet and been whipped by the wily Boers.

So gloom is the nation that the worse possible news could not depress it more. In fact, there is a general expectancy of more bad news.

Ladysmith will have to fall unless something is done rapidly. English consols are away down in price and the stock market is dead.

General business is at a complete standstill, and no news but defeats makes the situation anything but cheerful.

Parliament meets Tuesday, and evidently there will be a flood of criticisms, censures and attacks on the government.

Meantime the country waits for the next message from Buller to learn whether he is retreating with his whole army or trying a last desperate attack with his full strength.

Commenting on Buller's reports, the Daily Telegraph says:

"They form one of the saddest chapters of our military annals. They will awaken widespread feelings of disappointment, amazement and even indignation. It is a tale of magnificent bravery and splendid chivalry, but also of reckless, unscientific soldiery."

"The nation will be stirred by the recital of gallantry of our officers and men; it will weep to think so many noble lives have been wasted through the absence of proper scouting, and of hard-won victories which have been thrown away."

Maj. Gen. Younghusband, one of the most famous retired generals in the British army, said that Warren's defeat sealed the doom of Ladysmith.

"The abandonment of Spionkop means the failure to relieve Ladysmith," he predicted. "Unless White succeeds in fighting his way out, he must inevitably surrender."

The cabinet held a war meeting yesterday afternoon, and at its close one of the ministers said:

"There will be no let-up in fighting. We will win. We are waiting for more news from Buller, but we know he will press on to the relief of Ladysmith."

Harassed for hours by a heavy fire from the Boer guns Gen. Warren was forced to evacuate Spionkop after holding it for a day under a hail of fire so incessant and so accurate that the British troops were mowed down by the score. No attempt has been made as yet by Gen. Buller to send a list of Warren's casualties.

American-Asiatic Association.

New York, Jan. 27.—A hundred members and guests of the American Asiatic association sat down to the second annual dinner of the organization at Delmonico's last night. Among those who sat at the table arranged for the guests of honor were Senator John L. McLaurin of South Carolina; Jutaro Komura, minister from Japan; Chas. Deby, ex-United States minister to China; Wu Tang Fang, minister from China; Cornelius Bliss, John Barrett, ex-minister to Siam, and Brayton Ives. The English and American colors at the head of the table were the only decorations. Letters of regret were received from President McKinley, Secretary of State Hay, Secretary of the Treasury Gage, Senators Beveridge, Lodge and Aldrich, and Morris K. Jessup, president of the chamber of commerce. Minister Wu Tang Fang wore his brilliant oriental costume of silk, embroidered with heavy gold braid and decorated with Chinese characters.

Manila News.

Manila, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from Sorsogon, dated Thursday, Jan. 25, says Brig. Gen. Kobbe's expedition has occupied Sorsogon, Donsol, Bulan, Legaspi and Virac on Catanduanes island. The only resistance was at Legaspi, where five Americans were wounded and forty-five dead and fifteen wounded Filipinos were found.

It is expected that there are 125,000 bales of hemp in these provinces and 75,000 bales in the ports of Sorsogon and Legaspi. The United States gunboat Nashville's shrapnel burned 8000 bales in Legaspi. The expedition arrived off Sorsogon Jan. 20, and the town displayed white flags. Gen. Kobbe and Col. Howe, with a battalion of the forty-seventh infantry, landed here and raised the United States flag. The insurgent force, numbering 300 men, evacuated the place. The natives were passive.

During the morning of Jan. 23 the Nashville and Venus, with four companies of the forty-seventh infantry regiment under Major Shipton, approached Legaspi. Filipinos were flying and the trenches were crowded. A detachment of 150 picked men, led by Major Shipton, landed on the beach about a mile north of the town. The Nashville bombarded the trenches and the enemy retreated to Albany, whence they were easily dispersed to the hills.

About 200 insurgents, armed with rifles, forced 600 unwilling villagers, armed with bows and arrows, to serve in the trenches in the close range fighting before the enemy fled. The Filipino dead were mostly villagers who were attempting to flee.

The expedition will proceed to Samari and Leyte, where the forty-third infantry and a battalion of the third artillery will be distributed.

The natives complain of lack of food, resulting from the blockade. They are strongly opposed to the return of the friars. Native priests are officiating in the churches.

Lieut. Col. Webb C. Hayes has defeated an entrenched force of the enemy at Sariaga. One American was killed and five wounded. A record of eleven American prisoners was found. Capt. Casteel, while scouting near Baras with his company, encountered 400 insurgents. He was reinforced by Capt. Gracie and the enemy was driven to Tanay. One American was killed and one wounded.

The Nicaragua Canal.

Washington, Jan. 27.—A statement made last week by authority, to the effect that the government has engaged in no exchanges with foreign governments respecting the Nicaragua canal, since the beginning of the present congress, may now be reiterated. Certain conferences which have taken place in London between Mr. Choate, our ambassador, and Lord Salisbury have not, as erroneously inferred in some quarters, had to do with the subject of an isthmian canal, but related entirely to minor affairs. Respecting the attitude of foreign nations toward the United States in the event that the pending Nicaraguan canal bill becomes a law, it can be stated that the subject has received nothing more than a preliminary consideration, and it is questionable whether inquiries from any foreign power would be acceptable while the bill is pending before congress and its fate is uncertain. In the event of the final passage of the bill, it is probable that the first overtures directed to any foreign government by the United States in connection with this matter would be made to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and not to a European power.

Jesus Gonzales, a section hand, was found dead near Eagle Pass.

A Peculiar Accident.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 27.—At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Miss Rose Willis, 28 years of age, of No. 15 Oak street, met with a most peculiar accident and narrowly escaped instant death. Miss Willis weighs a little more than 200 pounds, and for several weeks she has been compelled to use crutches, owing to a temporary injury.

Yesterday morning, while passing a window on the third floor of her residence, one of her crutches slipped and the lady plunged through the window, falling to the brick pavement below. The fall resulted in a fracture of the skull, and Miss Willis up to a late hour last night had not recovered consciousness. Her physician, however, thinks there is a chance for her recovery.

Fire badly damaged and destroyed thirty-eight bales of cotton at McKinney the other night.

TEXANETTES.

Baird is to have a new hotel.
Corsicana has a barbers' union.
Fort Worth has a cooks' union.
El Paso is manufacturing pig iron.
Corsicana is to have a new steam laundry.
Joe Burgher was fatally shot at Conway, Ark.
The La Grange Cotton mill company has been organized.
Lebanon, Collin county, has just organized a Masonic lodge.
The Gulf and Brazos railway is building a depot at Mineral Wells.
E. C. Ahldin, a native of Switzerland, died suddenly in a Temple boarding house.
Armanda Saenz, a Mexican, was found dead near Lockhart with a gunshot wound in the groin.
J. H. Cochran's warehouse at Lewisville collapsed, owing to a poor foundation, emptying 5000 bushels of oats onto the ground.
Ivan Hedges, a switchman in the Katy yards at Denison, was sandbagged and robbed. The amount secured by the robbers was \$46.
Burglars entered the store of McCamont Bros., at Big Springs, and carried off rings, watch chains, pocket knives, etc., to the value of \$300.
W. J. Deht, charged with forgery at Austin, was acquitted. He was immediately rearrested on a similar charge on a warrant from Dallas.
Mr. E. L. Dodge of Denison and Miss Lillie F. Perkins of Lynchburg, Va., were married at Dallas. The bride is a niece of Gen. Joe Wheeler.
J. M. Leonard of Denison has two cousins serving in the British army in the Transvaal. Capt. J. S. Cummings and Lieut. Gridley of Leeds, Eng.
Senor Manuel Alvarez of Mexico was at San Antonio purchasing mules. The purchases are thought to have been made for the Mexican government.
Mr. Swan Hudzietz and family and Mr. Eugene Williams will leave Cleburne about February 14 for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to make that country their home.
At Cisco the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. India was standing before a store. His clothing became ignited and he received such serious burns that death soon resulted.
Smith & Kerr have just finished up another good producing oil well on the Kerr property north of Corsicana. The well is a good gasser and the oil output is estimated at ten barrels per day.
Arthur Jones, who was for years a Texas ranger in the panhandle and southwest Texas and later for a number of years tax assessor at Amarillo, died after a lingering illness of three months.
Ciserius Romero, a Mexican, while standing beside a fire in the yard of a residence at Luling, where a fandango was being held, fell backward over a stump, falling on a log and breaking his neck.
R. P. Mayo, a few months ago fenced a large body of school lands in the northeastern portion of Lamar county, which he purchased from the state. He received information that the wires had been cut in a number of places.
The grand jury of Bastrop county returned indictments against Jim Coleman, Tom Daniels, Walter Reese and Lees Reese, charging them with the murder of Will Clements. A special venire of 125 is ordered for each case.
The barbers of Waco have organized a union.
While Mrs. Alex Ramsey, living between Cottonville and Jennings, was visiting at Rock Ford, sixteen miles south of Paris, a loaded shotgun shell fell from the mantelpiece, which she was dusting, into the fire and exploded. Some of the shot took effect in her flesh.
Four Delta county boys took to Paris a few days ago and sold 106 dressed rabbits. Two of them did the shooting; the other two picked them up.
The Red River presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, composed of Lamar and Delta counties and a portion of Red River county, met at Detroit.
While playing with some boys, Charley Parker, aged about 15 years, touched a live electric light wire and was killed instantly at Honey Grove. The palms of the hands were badly seared, and through the sole of both shoes holes were burned.

Senate and House.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 26.—The senate met yesterday morning with a quorum present, and after prayer by the chaplain a resolution by Mr. Neal was adopted ordering 300 copies of the senate journal printed daily.
The house bill appropriating \$45,000 to pay mileage and per diem of members and officers of this session was reported favorably from the finance committee and was passed finally under a suspension of the rules.
The house bill appropriating \$10,000 to pay contingent expenses of this session was reported favorably by the finance committee and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.
In the absence of Assistant Secretary Walker a resolution was adopted directing the lieutenant governor to assign a committee clerk to do his duties. Mark Goodwyn was appointed assistant secretary.
A resolution was voted down looking to the discharge of alleged unnecessary clerks.
Austin, Tex., Jan. 26.—The house was called to order at 10 o'clock yesterday by Speaker Sherrill.
Chairman Schluter, chairman of the committee on revenue and taxation, moved that the committee be excused during the remainder of the morning session. Adopted.
Chairman Henderson of the finance committee moved that Mr. Tolbert of Grayson be added to his committee. Adopted.
Mr. Kennedy moved to reconsider the resolution adopted Wednesday providing for the postage allowance of members and officers of the house during the session.
Mr. Shropshire moved to table, but withdrew the motion by request, and the motion was debated, and afterward the motion to reconsider was adopted without opposition.
By Mr. Bridges—Resolution to order the public printer to print 700 extra copies of the journal, beginning with the first day, the three copies at present allowed to each member not being sufficient.
Mr. Terrell moved to table. Lost.
Mr. Terrell then moved to refer to committee on contingent expenses, which was opposed by Mr. Savage, chairman of that committee.
The motion to refer to committee on contingent expenses was lost.
Motions to adjourn were made by several members, but Mr. Neff, who was in the chair, ruled the motions out of order.
Speaker Sherrill, who was on the floor, suggested that the house should remain in session until the mileage and per diem expense bill had been signed.
The chair then put a motion to adjourn, and it was lost.
Ayes and noes were called for on the resolution to order 700 extra copies of the journal without reference to the committee on contingent expenses. Adopted—ayes, 68, noes 18.
By Mr. Grubbs—That the sergeant-at-arms be authorized to order printed 2000 copies of the proceedings of the house on the 23d and 24th, provided the cost did not exceed \$25.
By Mr. Bridges—To amend by striking out 2000 and substituting 1000. Motion to refer was lost.
A message from the governor was received and read.
An amendment providing for printing of 1000 extra copies of house journal for the 23d and 24th came up. Motion to table was voted down.
The question recurred to original motion to order 2000 copies printed. Ayes and noes were called for and the resolution was adopted—ayes 51, noes 34.

From the Governor.
Austin, Tex., Jan. 26.—The following message was received from the governor yesterday:
To the Legislature: I herewith transmit, for consideration with the items for appropriation submitted on Wednesday, a resolution adopted by the board of penitentiary commissioners at its regular meeting held at Austin Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1900: "Resolved, That the penitentiary board recommends that the governor ask the special session of the twenty-sixth legislature for permission for said board to use, in the erection and equipment of a twenty-ton ice plant at the house of correction and reformatory near Gatesville, Tex., \$3000 of the amount appropriated by the regular session of said body for the maintenance of said house of correction and reformatory during the year ending Feb. 28, 1900, in view of the fact that said amount can be spared from the fund indicated without interfering with the successful operation of the reformatory and can be employed to a much better purpose in the establishment of the manufacturing plant mentioned."
JOSEPH D. SAYERS, Governor.

Mrs. Rich Convicted.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 27.—Mrs. John D. Rich, alias Mattie D. Rich, the Chicago woman surrendered to Mexico to be tried for the murder of her husband in Juarez last May, was yesterday adjudged guilty by the Mexican court and sentenced to serve fourteen years in prison.
The finding of the court was read to the woman in her cell yesterday morning, she being unable to attend court, owing to a broken leg. Only her attorneys and the court officials were present.
The woman collapsed completely when she heard the sentence and screamed like a maniac. It required the combined strength of two guards to prevent her from assaulting the officials.
She was finally quieted, however, and then she asked the pardon of those present for her conduct.
Defendant lawyers will appeal to the higher court at Chihuahua and in the event the finding of the lower court is affirmed, Gov. Ahumada will be asked for a pardon.
Money is required to prosecute the appeal and a subscription list has been opened here by United States Marshal Hillebrand.
A search of Mrs. Rich's cell revealed the fact that a quantity of nitric acid and other poisons had been concealed there. She will be imprisoned at Chihuahua.

Going to Mexico.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 27.—Next month Mr. James I. Moore will start for Sonora, the northwestern state of the republic of Mexico, to make a complete exploration of a 33,000,000-acre concession to Dr. Prieto and others, recently granted by the Government of Mexico. Mr. Moore is interested with the gentlemen to whom the Mexican Government has made the grant and he intends to ascertain the value of the princely domain by going all over it, not only in the mining portion in the Sierra Madre hills, but along the coast and between the coast and the hills, in which the enormous pastures lay, which are being developed by American enterprise. Mr. Moore will make his headquarters either at Guaymas or at Hermosillo. He has several American associates, and also a number of experienced natives, the purpose being to prepare the way for large colonies from the United States and from Europe.
Mr. Moore is a son of Dr. Thomas Moore, deceased, the distinguished old pioneer and a brother of Mr. Bart Moore, formerly of Texas and now of New York. The departure of Mr. Moore and other Texans to Sonora is a response to a general invitation given by President Diaz and by the state authorities of Sonora, the purpose being to bring in crowds of first-class people, with a view to developing the enormous resources of the region and to tranquilize the region, which has been in a state of almost continuous revolution from the earliest days of Spanish occupancy.

Charged With Murder.

Hillsboro, Tex., Jan. 27.—Deputy Sheriff D. M. Jones brought W. H. Smith in from the country yesterday and placed him in jail. He is charged with the murder of John Byars. Byars, was shot three months ago, but lived until about ten days ago. Smith, who was charged with the shooting, was prostrated with rheumatism and could not be brought in until yesterday, when it was deemed safe to remove him. His examining trial was set by Justice Slatten for Jan. 29 at 10 a. m.

Taking Precautions.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 27.—Three times within a twelvemonth has there been small-pox in the Katy hospital at Sedalia, Mo., and every time it was taken there by negroes who were sent to the hospital from Texas or the Indian Territory. In one case the negro was sent to the hospital from a small territory town with the hospital certificate testifying that he had the measles.
The fact that the disease has been taken into the hospital was due to the ignorance of the physicians who sent them. The small-pox has given the hospital officials so much trouble that the chief surgeon has determined to prevent the disease again appearing there and to that end he will admit no negroes from any portion of Texas unless they are examined by the physicians of the hospital department here and given a certificate as to their freedom from infectious or contagious diseases.

Tax Bill.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 29.—By Wednesday next, unless the present aspect of things undergoes a radical change, the house will be wrestling with the tax bill, and the pyrotechnics incident to its discussion will be in full play.
But for the fact that the railroads have been promised a hearing Tuesday the committee would be prepared to present its report earlier.
On the contrary, nearly every member has reserved to himself the right to propose in the house such amendments as he may favor engrafting upon the bill.
Representatives Morrow and Tolbert have prepared substitutes for section 7 of article 5,083 and for chapter 12, which they may submit to the committee or wait and offer in the house. The substitute proposed for section 7, article 5,083, is as follows:
"Every credit for a sum certain payable either in money or property of any kind (except credits secured by liens on lands the taxes on which are provided for by article 5212, chapter 42), shall be valued at the full value of the sum so payable.
"If for a specific article or for a specific number or quantity of property of any kind it shall be valued at the current price of such property at the place where payable. Annuities or moneys payable at stated periods shall be valued at the price that the person listing the same believes them to be worth in money, provided that the person listing the same shall be allowed to deduct from his credits the amount that he may be owing by lien on real estate situated in this state; and provided further, that any person claiming any deduction shall be required, when called on by the assessor or the commissioners' court sitting as a board of equalization, to make an exhibit of his credits and debts."
For chapter 12, relating to tax mortgages, it is proposed to substitute the following:
"Art. 5212. Every debt secured by mortgage, deed of trust, vendor's lien, contract or other obligation in writing, upon land or real property situated in any county of this state shall bear its proportionate share of the taxes, state county, city and district, levied upon and required of such real estate; and the person owing such debt secured who shall pay the taxes on such real estate shall be entitled to a credit upon such debt for such proportion of the taxes paid as the debt secured bears to the assessed value of the real estate, and said credit may be deducted from said debt as against any holder of said debt, and any contract by which the provisions of this article are waived or contravened shall be null and void; provided, however, that the provisions of this article shall not apply to contracts with the state of Texas or any county or any municipality of said state."

Silver Ring on It.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 29.—On the farm of Mr. Jack McCommas, five miles north, a pigeon dropped dead in sight of a farmhand. On picking the bird up, he discovered a silver ring on one of its legs. The following inscription is stamped in the metal, which may serve to identify the owner of the bird: "N. A., 4650." The bird was a carrier pigeon, and had evidently traveled a great distance. Some nomadic pot hunter took a shot at it, no doubt, and killed it.
Gendarmes unearthed a Carlist arsenal in a house in Palencia, capital of the province of that name in Spain, and seized 100,000 cartridges and a large quantity of arms. Six Carlists who are implicated fled across the frontier.

Five Cases.

Brenham, Tex., Jan. 29.—Dr. I. G. Jones, assistant state health physician, arrived here yesterday to make a diagnosis of some cases suspected of being small-pox. In company with the county and city health physician and four other local physicians, Dr. Jones visited three houses in the western part of town and made a diagnosis of five cases every one of which he pronounced to be small-pox, but of a very mild character.

Killed by an Auger.

Benjamin, Tex., Jan. 29.—A serious accident near this place, resulted in the death of N. S. Ward. Mr. Ward was assisting in boring a well and the parties engaged were in the act of taking the auger out of the well when the brake broke, turning the auger loose, striking Mr. Ward on the neck.

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From W. R. Boykin.

Mr Editor.

On the evening of the 6th, after being confined to my bed for about six weeks, I got up and started for Austin, accompanied by Mrs. Boykin. We came as far as Bronte that evening, and stopped all night with brother and sister Harris, who know how to make a friend feel at home and a sick man comfortable. On the 7th we came on to Ballinger, and took the train that night at 3:45. Took breakfast in Brownwood, dinner in Teaple, and arrived in Austin on the 8th about 7 P. M. I was rainy disagreeable weather on the way down here and for three or four days after we got here, but since then it has been the most pleasant weather I think that I ever saw at this time of the year.

When we first came here I was so weak I could not walk more than three hundred yards without going completely exhausted, and I weighed one hundred and twelve pounds I am gaining strength fast, and weigh 124 lbs. a gain of twelve pounds in a little over two weeks.

If I continue to improve, my good wife will return home in a few weeks, but I will remain here as long as my health continues to improve. We may however, go on to the coast and stay a while.

I received a copy of the Rustler a few days ago, which was a welcome visitor.

Last Monday evening while walking around, who should I meet, but John Patten, and H. E. Johnston. They left Tuesday morning for San Antonio.

There is many places of interest here that I might write about, but I have only written this short letter; that our friends might hear from us without writing personally to them.

Success to the Rustler, and good wishes to our friends.
 W. R. Boykin, Austin Texas,
 Jan. 23rd 1900.

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From Bro. Berryman.

I desire to express my thanks to you for your remembrance of me, in the visits to my sanatorium of the Rustler. I appreciate those visits as the visits of an old friend.

From my hermit's cell here on the banks of the beautiful Ohio, I send you a New Year's greeting may you see many returns of the New Year.

It does not seem long since I took my leave of Coke, but in that brief time how many changes have taken place in Robert Lee; some of them sad while some are joyous.

I was pained to read the death of Willie Stewart. May God comfort and bless the bereaved family and relatives.

I was delighted to learn that the Baptist church had secured as its pastor my worthy friend and brother, Elder N. D. Bullock of Sterling. I am sure you will have no occasion to regret your choice. I am rejoiced at this forward movement.

Herein, brethren and sisters, members and pastor of the Robert Lee Baptist church I say, All hail, and may God bless you all.

Here in Louisville, one hundred miles below Cincinnati, on the broad Ohio River, about five hundred miles from St. Louis, and more than a thousand miles from Robert Lee, is located the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the greatest school of the kind in the Baptist denomination. There are about two hundred and fifty preachers in attendance this session. More than twenty of that number are from Texas. The Seminary was never better equipped for work. It has an able and amiable faculty. The Pres. who is also Prof. of Systematic Theology and Pastoral Duties, is a Texan, a son of whom Texas is justly proud.

We are just now in the middle of the intermediate examination. This is a time of careful searching of text books and lectures. But this tention lasts but a few weeks and will be over with this week, only to be renewed three months hence.

We are having very pleasant weather. It rains about every other day and some times oftener.

Our health is very good, considering the change from a village on the lovely Colorado, to a crowded and smoky city of more than two hundred thousand souls, on the waters from the Alleghany

mountains.

I hope the Editor's wife and babies are well. We are well.

I have written this unsolicited. But I thought I could by this means write to a great many of my friends at once. So if this escapes the omni present waste basket, I may write again.

Yours Truly,
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Editor Rustler,
 Robert Lee, Te

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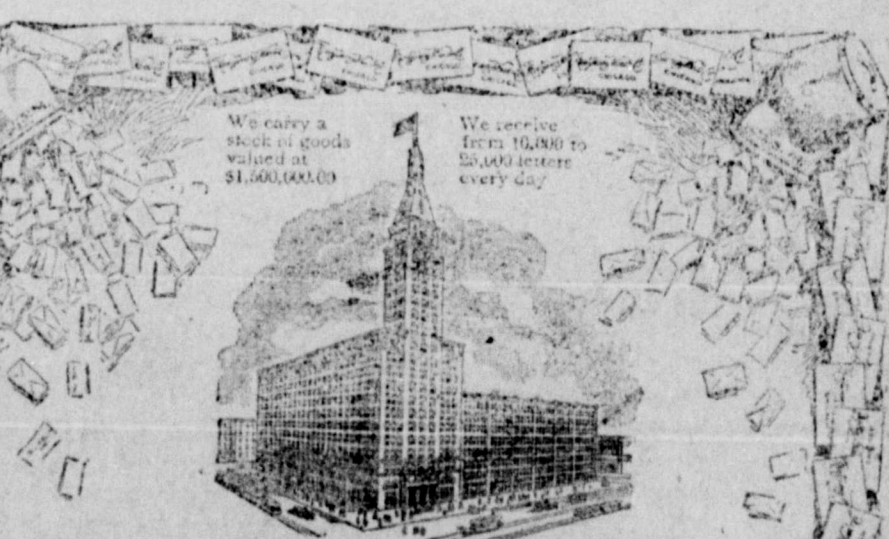
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