

# Coke County Rustler.

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## IT WILL NOT PASS.

### SENATORS LOOKING FOR SOME MEANS OF ESCAPE.

**Voted Down by the Foreign Relations Committee of the House, Then Returned to the Senate for Its Passage—One Section Not Liked.**

Washington, March 14.—It is now apparent that the conference report on the Cuban question, which is now before the senate, will have some trouble in getting through that body. As the days pass the senators are becoming more conservative in the matter and many of them realize that they went too far in the resolutions which they passed and are now seeking some way to escape. It will be remembered that the resolutions went through with a whoop and it was even said that this was caused by the prevalence of the jingo spirit throughout the country.

As soon as the senators had time to recover their breath they saw they had acted injudiciously and now they have a chance to retreat on the concurrent resolution which comes from the conference committee. The senators who voted for the resolution when it was before the body do not want to make a record for being hasty and so they have been looking through the resolution now under consideration to see if they cannot find some flaw in it. The resolution which is now under consideration is the house resolution.

They have discovered that this same resolution was before the foreign relations committee of the senate before the house acted on it and that it was voted down in that committee. The house then took it up and passed it and now it comes to the senate as a conference report and the senators are asked to vote for it though it was not approved by the foreign relations committee. Now the senators who want to turn tall say as this very resolution was not approved by said committee it is not proper that the senate should vote for it. They have discovered that there is one section of the resolution which is most objectionable, though to the outsiders there does not seem anything in it.

### Gould's Yacht Going Abroad.

New York, March 14.—Howard Gould's champion 20-rater sloop, Niagara, will try conclusions with English competitors during the coming season. She has been laid up at Southampton for the winter. Her skipper, Capt. John Barr, will start for Southampton next Wednesday and will at once put the yacht in commission. She will have a new mast of pine, lighter than that used last season, which was spruce. A new suit of canvass has been made for her by John Frazer of Birkenhead.

The Niagara's crew will follow her sailing master in three weeks and her owner has arranged for her to take part in the first races of the season on the Thames, which are arranged for May 15. She will race during May, June and part of July, and then return to American waters and compete here to the close of the season.

### Feeling Against the Commander.

Rome, March 14.—Out of the terrible storm of popular anger which swept over Italy when the news of the defeat of the army under Gen. Baratieri reached here little remains but a great resentment against the Italian commander. All rioting has ceased. The reserves who fled the country sooner than go to Africa at the call of the government are returning and it is not believed any steps will be taken to punish them.

Negotiations with King Menelik have been opened and it is anticipated that peace will be concluded before long and the war office has countermanded instructions sent to various points for the hurrying forward of reinforcements to Africa.

### Another Star Will be Added.

Washington, March 14.—The senate committee on territories yesterday decided with only one negative vote to report favorably Senator Gear's bill for the admission of New Mexico as a state. The negative vote was cast by senator Sewell of New Jersey, who gave as the reason for his opposition that the American population was in the minority in the territory. The other senators present were Messrs. Davis, Shoup, Elkins, Thurston, Bate, and White, leaving Messrs. Hill, Blackburn, Squire and Call absent.

### A Disgraceful Scene.

Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—Shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday the sheriff made his appearance with eight deputies in the corridors between the two house chambers. Senator Blackburn, with a few of his friends, including Jim Williams, Jack Chinn and others, came over to the senate cloak room about 11:30. At 11:30 sheriff Armstrong received instructions from Gov. Bradley to clear the senate cloak room in which were senator Blackburn and his friends.

As soon as the senate majority heard of this move of the governor the leaders of the Senator Blackburn grew hot, and at once drew up a resolution of rebuke to Gov. Bradley. It caused the wildest confusion.

Petrie (rep.) said it was extraordinary, and asked that a committee be appointed to confer with the governor and see if such an order had been issued by him.

Senator Blackburn grew fiery and bitterly scored the governor.

Senator Goble spoke bitterly. He said the governor had no right to interfere with the rights of the senate. "I, for one," he said, "am ready to protect my own rights and privileges."

Bronston said: "Never will a committee go to the governor with my consent or with my vote."

"Or mine," cried Goble and others. The sheriff, who was present, said he had received the orders mentioned from the governor.

Senator Bronston said: "I denounce the act of the governor if it were with the last drop of my blood. It is outrageous and unlawful; a treacherous act. I denounce it," he almost screamed. "Pass the resolutions and condemn the man who is governor by accident."

Senator Salyer moved to refer the motion offered by Mr. Bronston to the committee on rules, and this was done.

The roll call on joint ballot showed 128 members present, necessary to a choice, 65. The ballot resulted: Blackburn 50, Carlisle 13, Buckner 1.

The Republicans again refused to vote and there was no quorum. When Populist Poor's name was called he refused to vote.

The chairman announced there had been no election, and the assembly then adjourned.

### Rudin's Promise.

New York, March 14.—A special from Rome says:

It is learned that the Marquis di Rudini has promised the king not to take any proceedings against Signor Crispi. The ex-premier has informed his friends that his majesty will insist upon an energetic prosecution of the campaign until Menelik has been crushed. There is, however, good reason for supposing this to be incorrect.

The statement that Emperor William of Germany has opened negotiations with Austria to revise the Austro-German treaty of alliance in the sense that an attack by France on Germany shall be the casus loederis for Austria is unfounded.

Signor Crispi is making strenuous efforts to overthrow Marquis di Rudini as soon as parliament meets.

### More Fighting Material.

Washington, March 14.—The bureau of construction and repair of the navy department yesterday sent to the house committee on naval affairs a request for a special appropriation to put a number of war vessels into shape for service if they are needed. The sum of \$350,000 is asked for, and the department represents that with this amount the ships which are now out of commission can be made ready to go into commission if their services shall be needed. The committee decided to recommend that the appropriation of \$350,000 be made, and that the money be immediately available. They also reduced the regular appropriation for construction and repairs, which have been set at \$14,000,000, to \$12,500,000, to partially offset this action.

### Reported Favorably.

Washington, March 14.—At a full meeting of the committee on privileges and elections yesterday Senator Mitchell, chairman of the committee, was authorized to report his joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people. The vote in committee was 5 to 4 in favor of the amendment, three Republicans and two Democrats voting in the affirmative and two Republican and two Democrats against.

## CORBETT HAS SIGNED.

### THE EX-CHAMPION, OR "CHAMPION" MEANS BUSINESS.

**Wants to Know the Number of Rounds He Must Stand Up Before the Lanky Australian Two Weeks Before the Contest—Winner to Take All.**

Pittsburg, Pa., March 12.—The articles of agreement for a fight between James J. Corbett and Robert Fitzsimmons, forwarded by the National Sporting club of London, and cabled at the time they were promulgated, were received here last evening for Corbett's signature. Corbett read the agreement carefully and last night attached his signature without hesitancy. He agrees to every stipulation and fills in the blank as regards the division of the purse with the words: "Winner to take all." He leaves the date in June, 1896, for the club and Fitzsimmons to settle upon.

To the original articles Corbett has added the following clause:

"Marquis of Queensberry rules to govern the contest; each principal to be allowed the privilege of having gloves made to fit his hands; each principal to be notified two weeks before said contest of the exact number of rounds they are to participate in; principals request that the Associated Press of America be allowed to have their wires in said club to report said contest to America."

### Another Investigation Wanted.

Washington, March 12.—A downpour of sleet did not deter the crowds from coming to the capital yesterday and taking possession of the senate galleries.

Mr. Allen (Pop.) of Nebraska offered the first development as to Cuba in the form of a joint resolution authorizing and requiring the president to make a thorough and rigid investigation into the present state of war in Cuba, whether it is being conducted in accordance with the rules of civilized warfare, whether extreme cruelties are being practiced by either side, particularly to non-combatants, and appropriating \$20,000 to be immediately available for the purpose of the president's investigation.

Mr. Allen did not press for immediate action and without debate it went to the committee on foreign relations.

Mr. Hoar was then recognized on his resolution postponing the entire Cuban question until April 6 and directing the committee on foreign relations to make an inquiry in the meantime.

The senator said his course was taken with every feeling of respect for the chairman of the committee on foreign relations (Sherman). Turning to the latter Mr. Hoar added: "I regard him as the most illustrious public character on the political stage on this continent to-day. I sometimes differ with him, but always with profound respect for him."

The presiding officer announced that at two o'clock Mr. Hoar's resolutions would lose their place and go to the calendar.

Mr. Aldrich asked that unanimous consent be given that the resolutions retain their place.

Mr. Morgan objected.

Mr. Sherman interposed that he proposed to keep the privileged question—the conference report agreeing to the house Cuban resolutions—before the senate. He did not intend to allow it to be put aside by this resolution of Mr. Hoar's.

The presiding officer announced that in view of the objection interposed by Mr. Morgan the Hoar resolution would go to the calendar.

This closed the Cuban debate for the day and the galleries were quickly emptied.

### Exciting Proceedings.

Washington, March 12.—Speeches were listened to yesterday by the house judiciary committee from delegations of clergymen and others who favor and antagonize the bill recently introduced by Mr. Morse of Massachusetts to place the name of God on the constitution.

An American flag was brought into the room by the opponents of the bill, on which was tied protests and remonstrances forwarded by various organizations. Each faction was given an hour to present its side of the question.

Considerable feeling was manifested by the partisans on both sides of the question and hisses and cheers frequently interrupted the speakers.

### The Kentucky Muddle.

Frankfort, Ky., March 12.—The 11th day of March, 1896, will be unenviably memorable in the history of Kentucky state politics. Blind partisanship and bitter passion usurped the place of cool judgment and sober thought. At times it looked as if there might be an outbreak of mob violence. When it became known outside that the house had unseated Kauffman (dem.) and that the senate had unseated the republicans, James and Walton, the aspect looked so threatening that many of the great crowd that thronged the corridors made a rush to get away. There was unseemly rush for the joint assembly door which was guarded by a large body of armed men. At one time the explosive point was almost reached. That point would doubtless have been reached if the republicans had attempted to force the unseated senators into the joint assembly meeting.

Kauffman, the democrat unseated by the house, was already in the hall.

Senator James, one of the unseated senators, got in by strategy.

This left one unseated democrat and one unseated republican in the joint assembly hall. This made honors about even on that score and tended to promote peace. There were revolvers waiting, silent but ready at the hall door and any one who wanted trouble could have it.

Within the hall of the jointly assembled matters were made to run more smoothly by the ruling of Speaker Worthington that the clerk of each house should call the roll for the vote of the house. Once under way the joint assembly proceeded to business in true parliamentary style. When it adjourned every member went out in the open air in good humor. The breaking of the quorum indicates that this will be the strategy of both parties through the few days that remain of this session, and that neither party will elect a senator.

The ballot resulted as follows: Blackburn, 54; Carlisle, 10; Buckner, 1.

The chair decided that as only 65 votes had been cast there was no quorum, and therefore no election.

Upon motion the assembly adjourned at once and the exciting events of the day, which are without precedent in the Kentucky or probably in any other state legislature, were at an end.

### Salvation Army.

New York, March 12.—A cable despatch from Gen. William Booth has been received at Salvation headquarters. It is the first public utterance of the paternal head of the army since the dissensions began. A few days ago the general arrived in London from the east and immediately had a conference with his eldest son, Bramwell, after which the despatch was written. It was read from the platform at the holiness meeting at headquarters last night.

Commissioner Eva Booth began to read the document to the audience, from which all save Salvationists had been excluded, but became so overcome by emotion when she read about the family love which has "subsided" among the Booths until now that she called upon one of her officers to finish for her.

### Not Even Napoleon.

New York, March 12.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: Interest here is acute in the Italian situation. It is admitted that Napoleon himself could not have continued the war under present circumstances. The Viedomosti seems to suspect the presence of the Austrian minister in Berlin. It says that if Germany and Austria wish to intervene it will be a signal for action by those powers that do not approve the course of Italy in Abyssinia. It says that there is no reason why Italy should not leave the bad course taken and join the alliance which guarantees peace. The fetes in Nice should indicate to Italy the policy to follow.

### Raging Storm.

New York, March 12.—Within one day of the eighth anniversary of the great blizzard a storm is prevailing here and along the Atlantic coast from New England southward, which is a powerful reminder of that terrible incident in the history of New York. The hurricane signal is displayed for the second time this season. Snow is falling in great quantities, but melting almost as fast as it falls. Lower temperature and increasing wind are predicted for to-night.

### IN COLDEST AFRICA.

**Most People Think It's Always Torrid There, Yet Natives Have Been Frozen.**

"In spite of all that has been written lately about the Transvaal Republic, most people have an utterly mistaken idea about it," said Albert Gerard-Thiers, the tenor, who is well acquainted with it, the other day. "Most people, I find, think that any spot in Africa is torrid and terrifically hot at all times, whereas, in reality, many of the nights, and particularly in June, are very cold, and it takes all the rugs and blankets that one possesses to keep him warm. Though the midday sun is almost as warm as any summer day," the tenor went on, "one needs to be well provided with covering if he proposes to pass the night on the Veldt. To give you some idea of the cold of the plains at night I may tell you that a few winters ago several natives on their way to the fields were frozen stiff on the road from Pretoria to Potchefstroom. Several of our party one day started from Bloemfontein for Pretoria, where the shooting was particularly good, and, as walking was cheap, we decided to go on foot, taking with us a couple of boys to carry our traps, which consisted of a change of linen, or rather flannels, a pair of blankets each, the cooking utensils and a spare gun. We had for our companion a young man whom we had met a few days previous to our departure—a young Scotchman but lately arrived in the country. Starting about 2 o'clock in the afternoon we walked briskly, with occasional halts for coffee, until about 10 o'clock at night, when the moon shone out in full, and we decided to turn in for the night. The wind was already blowing pretty fresh and we looked about for a place in the veldt where the ant hills were the thickest so that we could set fire to two of them to heat our kettles and keep us warm during the bivouac. After having a cup of coffee and sitting around the fire until thoroughly warmed our party slipped off their boots and, putting them under our heads for pillows, pulled our blankets over our heads and feet and were soon fast asleep, imagining, of course, the Scotchman would do the same. About 2 o'clock, when the night was the coldest, we were all awakened by a dreadful groaning and, pulling our heads from out our coverings, were astonished to see Mac huddled up on the ground with nothing over him but a rubber overcoat, shivering, chattering and moaning piteously. The fire was out. An icy wind was sweeping around the veldt. 'Good gracious, Mac, what's the matter? Where are your blankets?' we cried. 'I did—didn't bring any,' chattered the unfortunate youth. 'Didn't bring any? Then what on earth was that big bundle the Kaffir was carrying?' 'That is my best clothes,' moaned the sufferer. We were soon up and bundled the poor fellow into our own blankets, and, waking the boys, we made up a roaring fire and thawed him back to life. The next day on arriving at Winberg, you should have seen Mac rushing into the first store and, regardless of 'siller,' buy two of the thickest blankets to be had. This man had never slept before outside of four walls and had fondly imagined that in Africa he would need no covering. He made a common mistake about Africa."

### A CLEVER MAIDEN.

**She Chooses Her Cronies with an Eye to Becoming Rich.**

"Why do you go so little with Maud D—?" asked a mother of her daughter, a girl popular in society, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. "I find her charming." "You will laugh if I tell you, mammy," said this up-to-date young woman, "but it is simply because she is unbecomingly to me; I simply cannot afford it. I like her immensely, but an unbecomingly intimate friend is really a great affliction. There are girls that make you look stumpy and others that make you look fat. A fair, fresh girl will make a dark, sallow one look yellow; a tall, slender one look lower than ever, while the latter often makes the former resemble a broad-faced milkmaid. Look at Ethel M— and Carrie S—. They have been devoted to each other since they were babies, but the one grew like a bean-pole and the other stayed a roly-poly little thing, and now they look positively ridiculous together when they are walking on the avenue. Carrie, alone would be rather pretty, although she is short and plump, but with Ethel she seems a positive dwarf. That is the worst of tall people, by the way; they make every one else appear to be undersized. Of course, you cannot exactly choose a friend as you would a gown, because she sets you off to the best advantage; but, all the same, it is much nicer to have some one who harmonizes with your general appearance."



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growing so hot in Kentucky that  
the state militia has been called  
out to keep peace.

Ex-Governor John Ireland died  
at San Antonio on the 15th of this  
month. In his death Texas has  
lost a great and good man.

U. S. Deputy Marshall George  
Scarborough, in making an arrest  
of conspirators to a revolution  
against the Mexican government  
was shot through the chin last  
Wednesday night at El Paso.—  
Colorado Times.

On Monday 12 cars of the Cor-  
alitos cattle were unloaded here,  
on Tuesday 15 cars, on Wednes-  
day 14 cars and on yesterday 24  
cars. Joe Stoka, the man in charge,  
takes them to the Jumbo  
sanch for grazing.—Colorado  
Times.

A man is just what he makes  
himself. Every man who has a  
mind has some degree of talent,  
however small to begin with, may  
be cultivated until it reaches as-  
tonishing proportion. Boys, who  
read this, you can all be something  
if you will. It lies with you. If  
you have even a knuck, as we say,  
for a certain line of work, and  
have the will to work untiringly  
in that line you can make your  
self one of the worlds great men.  
Decide upon something; then stick  
to it.—Ex.

It pays to keep on the right side  
of a newspaper man. Every news-  
paper treasures up in its memory  
the names of its friends and like-  
wise its enemies. It never over-  
looks a chance to assist the former  
but never goes out of the way for  
latter. Human nature is the same  
anywhere. People who show a  
newspaper man kindness never  
make a better investment or one  
that more surely repays them a  
hundred fold, sooner or later. As  
has been duly said: There occa-  
sionally comes a time in the life  
of everyman when a word said by  
a newspaper makes or unmakes  
the individual mentioned.

**The Notice Issued.**

Austin, Texas, Mar. 14.—The  
commissioner of the general land  
office this afternoon gave notice  
that he will proceed November  
1 to forfeit all school land sales  
delinquent in interest payments  
in accordance with the opinion of  
the attorney general promulgated  
March 7.—Ft. Worth Gazette.

The attorney general rules that  
all land sales under the acts of  
1874, 1879, 1881, 1883 and 1887,  
amendments, together with all  
sales under the last law, 1895,  
may be forfeited without judicial  
ascertainment.

The governor will have the  
State quarantine line staked and  
ridered with rangers and the cat-  
tlemen pledge themselves to help  
to see the line respected. The  
men north of the line should give  
Secretary Morton credit for this.  
—Coke County Rustler.

The Rustler probably is not a-  
ware of the fact that Governor  
Culbertson first issued a procla-  
mation establishing said quaran-  
tine line, and then, in order to  
make his proclamation more effec-  
tive, went to Washington and had  
the Secretary of Agriculture to  
revoke his order shutting out  
Texas and to restore the old origi-  
nal line—as established by his re-  
cent proclamation. Now who do  
you think should have the credit?  
Sonny, aint you a little slow to  
catch on! its the observance of  
the line that the RUSTLER had re-  
ference to.



**SUFFERING IN SILENCE.**

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dure the dragging torture of the ill  
peculiar to womankind in the silence  
of home. They suffer on and on—weeks,  
months, years. The story of weakness  
and torture is written in the drawn  
features, in the sallow skin, in the list-  
less eyes, in the lines of care and worry  
on the face.

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### Bronte Doings.

Bronte, Texas, Mar., 11th 1896.  
Ed. Rustler:—The long talk of High School at Bronte seems to be assured. The committee, who were appointed to receive bids for the location of the house met Saturday evening and several bids of land and money were received. A bid made by Geo. Harris, T. E. Williams, Dr. Key, J. B. McCutchen, G. W. Woulard and A. P. Stone of two acres of land and \$110, was accepted by Prof. Popplewell and the house will be built where the San Angelo road crosses the creek, South of the Post Office. The bids were by Messrs Scott, Hudman, Lucas, Fairley, Fletcher, Holman and Shook, amounting to ten acres of land and \$55, and; By Messrs Woulard, Scott, Fairley Lucas, Shook, Fletcher and Hudman of six acres of land and \$50.

Prof Popplewell stated that the house would be built and ready for occupancy by fall.

Wishing that the Rustler may have the same success in the future that the people of Bronte have had in the past, and that the people of Robert Lee will build a school house worthy of their town.

I am yours truly,  
A. P. STONE,  
Secretary.

N. L. Stewart was in town Thursday.

Mr. I. J. Good, of Pecan was in town Thursday night.

E. C. Good attended court at Ballinger Thursday and Friday.

Jim Burroughs is not out for the Treasurers office yet, no not yet.

The Kentucky legislature has adjourned without electing a senator and without making provision for needed revenue.

### Greer County.

Washington, Mar. 16.—The case of the United States vs State of Texas involving the ownership of Greer count was decided in the supreme court in favor of the United States.

Justice Harlin handed down the opinion. The case involves 1,500,000 acres.

### Loving Remembrance.

Mrs. Sallie Glass, who died on March the 12th 1896 at 4 o'clock a. m. (at the age of 35 years) leaves five children and a loving husband to mourn her loss. To her bereaved relatives and friends we can offer but little worldly consolation, but we do hereby tender them our heartfelt sympathies:

"Tis hard to break the tender cord,

When love has bound the heart;  
Tis hard, so hard, to speak the words,

Must we for ever part?  
Dearest loved one, we have laid thee,

In the peaceful graves' embrace,

But thy memory will be cherished,

Till we see thy heavenly face."  
A FRIEND.

### The School House Question.

Of course all are in favor of a good school, and necessarily, in order to have a good school, all are in favor of building a good school house—in what each one thinks to be the proper way and the right time. Now, what is the sentiment of the town? and how are we to know the sentiment of the town? Is it business sense for each one to "whoop up" and pull for his own dear propositions and to ignore the enterprise an other may propose? We think not.

Let the people hold a meeting, organize and discuss ways and means and times, not only for the building of the school house, but, for each and every advantage that presents its self for consideration

It wont cost you anything to come out to a meeting and discuss the question. There are some who are now ready to subscribe money to the building, and if any one has not the ready money and wants to help the good cause, subscribe the amount you wish to donate to be paid in three or six months or when there is a sufficient amount subscribed for the building, and thereby hold what we can get now.

### CHEAP GROCERIES!

#### CHEAP GRAIN

—AND—

#### FREE WAGON YARD!

By doing business on a strict cash basis this year I will be able to sell groceries and grain at a very small profit. I have greatly improved my wagon yard and now have good water and good roomy stalls in the same, which my patrons are invited to use free of charge.

Respectfully,  
John Barron.

### Decker Dots.

Decker, Texas, March, 16, 1896.

ED. RUSTLER:

I will try and give you a few dots from our neighborhood.

Corn planting is the topic of the day among the farmers and some anticipate planting cotton.

Decker farmers are very industrious

Pink Robinson has bought the place owned by Thad Everett and will move in this week.

Mrs. Bolon is quite sick this week.

Horace Cook went to Colorado Monday.

George Robinson passed through Decker Sunday on his way to his ranch in Mexico.

Bill Jones is on the sick list this week.

Jim Montgomery is a resident of Decker now.

Jim Harding has just returned from Ballinger, where he has been attending court.

We regret to learn the death of Mrs. W. J. Glass, she was well known in Decker and her many friends mourn her death and their heart felt sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and children.

I am Respectfully,  
DICK.

### Hayrick Locals.

Hayrick, Texas, Mar. 16, 1896.

Ed. Rustler:—Hayrick still lives The Old Mount, rising high and grand above us and witnessing all that we do continually reminds us

that we should ever strive to make our lives sublime that we should possess characters elevated as it is elevated.

The farmers here say that a good rain would be an advantage to their farm work.

Mr. Will Burns, of Oak Creek also, Messrs. John and Sam Alexander of the same place, will soon move up here, on their lands purchased at this place, to become citizens of Hayrick. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

The subscription school being taught at this place is progressing.

The literary society of this place which has been very interesting, as well as profitable, has been suspended on account of the busy time.

Wishing success to the Rustler and its readers.

I remain,  
Respectfully yours,  
Jarod.

T. K. Wilson bought of M. Z. Smussen 84 2 year old steers at \$14. per head.

### News To "The Boys."

Sanco, Tex. March, 12, 1896.

#### To The RUSTLER:

We read an account of "The Boys" baching in the last weeks paper, and we think those boys won't have to bach much longer.

The Sanco girls have bachelor beaux very often, and those boys seem to be very popular, specially with us.

Pansy & Lily.

Judge Perryman is as much in favor of the school house as any one and will next summer, invest \$25 in it. Dont forget that Robert Lee will erect a substantial school house in ample time for the next session.

Letter to Cliff Crighton and K. Green.

Robert Lee, Texas, Mar.—  
Dear Boys:—Seeing that you boys are qualifying, I would be glad to receive an introduction to or correspond with either of you. I know we could make a match. That is right boys, dont give

up: if you dont first succeed try, try again.

You can call on me at my home or I will meet you any day you want to get the licenses—the sooner the better, as I am in need of a man to take care of the children, cook and wash while I haul pumpkins and milo maize out of the field. I have a ten acre field, a dougou, a well, a cow with red calf, one mule, 5 gallons of molasses, 100 pounds of flour, one dog and one cat. I am good and loving: 7 feet high; weigh 76 pounds; wear no. 10 shoes; beautiful red hair: Roman nose; graduated at Studibope college—am a good skollar and have eleven dear children.

Your anxious lover,  
Mrs. Cross Eye.

From New Hope.

New Hope, Tex. Mar. 15th 1896  
ED. RUTLER:

Seeing nothing from this neighborhood, I will try and scribble a few lines. Mr. Editor, have you forgotten the gay times we have had in days gone by? We were then but meek and lowly sheepherders, but what a change! You are proudly perched upon the editorial stool of one of the best papers in the west, while I am a proud pedagogue, "teaching the young ideas how to shoot." Surely the saying that, "Everydog has his day" is fulfilled. New Hope is the "hub" of this part of the county. During last the five years New Hope has furnished to the world five school teachers, one deputy sheriff and several prospective preachers, so you see, Mr. Editor, we are slowly, "gitten there."

School will be out in two weeks. Last Thursday the people of this neighborhood

were shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Glass. She was buried in the New Hope cemetery Friday at 1 o'clock p. m. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Broyles. Before the coffin was lowered it was opened for the sorrowing friends to take a last, fond look, and it disclosed a mother with the little infant resting on her arm: It was a touching scene.

Mr. Glass has the sympathies of this entire community.

Respectfully,  
Ex-Sheep Herder.



## JOHN IRELAND DEAD.

THE STATESMAN, PATRIOT AND SCHOLAR

Passes Away Quietly With Neuralgia of the Heart at San Antonio Surrounded by His Children, and Texas is Robbed of Another Great Man.

San Antonio, Tex., March 16.—Ex-Gov. John Ireland died here at 11:55 yesterday of neuralgia of the heart. He had been ill in this city since March 2, and was consequently very weak. His death was not unexpected.

Less than a minute before his daughter, Mrs. E. C. Carpenter, of Seguin, had given him a glass of water to drink. It was then that he died, for when she again faced him he was dead.

Gov. Ireland became ill while coming to this city from Seguin on the morning of March 2. A physician on the train diagnosed his illness as neuralgia of the heart, and administered restoratives, which were effective, but when he reached this city he had to be put to bed immediately, and he has been confined to it since then.

Mrs. E. C. Carpenter of Seguin and Mrs. J. W. Graves of Houston, his daughters, were with him when he died, as were also their husbands and three of his grandchildren.

Mrs. Ireland's presence was prevented by sickness.

The body will be taken to Seguin today at 11 o'clock for interment.

John Ireland was born on Jan. 1, 1827, in Hart county, Ky. He was the son of Patrick Ireland, a native Kentuckian of Irish descent, who died at the age of 70. His mother was Rachel Newton, born in Kentucky, who died when John was but 12 years old. His educational advantages were confined to the common sense schools of the country, but self-reliance which buoyed him above the restraints of circumstances. His endeavors were fixed upon the purpose of achieving an honorable place among men. Bursting the trammels of his early youth he sought to obtain in the realities of life that knowledge of which his school facilities had afforded him but a thirsting taste. In 1847 he was appointed deputy sheriff of his native county and about a year afterward he was elected constable, which position he held for three years.

The knowledge of process and legal business which the duties of these offices afforded him directed his ambition to the bar, and in 1851 he began the study of law in the office of Robert D. Murray and Henry C. Wood at Mumfordsville. He at once impressed into service of his efforts those habits of close application and patient industry, which attended him through life, which constructed the sure steps of his advancement and formed the sesame of his great success. So constant and thorough was his process in mastering the general principle of the common law that in scarcely more than one year he was admitted to the bar and entered upon his practice. Casting about for a new field and more inviting prospects he was attracted by the glittering future and allurements of the rising empire in the southwest, and in 1853 removed to Texas. Early in that year he landed at Galveston and began life in his adopted state, which has been fruitful of trial and triumph, labor and success. After a three months' residence in San Antonio he settled in Seguin, which was his unofficial home up to the time of his death.

At Seguin his professional and political life began. He held many important offices, having served as a member of two constitutional conventions, and was twice elected governor. He was a great lawyer.

### A Petrified Squirrel.

Waco, Tex., March 16.—The dispute as to the possibility of changing flesh into stone by natural processes of petrification, which admittedly occurs to wood and other substances, is settled in the minds of some people here by the sight of half a squirrel in solid stone which the finder declares he took from the bank of the Brazos river. It has the appearance of a genuine mineralized carcass, some of the gray hairs being still visible on the shoulders.

Charley Howard, a colored boy, found the petrification and sold it to a local druggist. The experts who have examined it say it is too much of a wonder to pass upon without a careful investigation. If it is an artificial product it is a wonder of sculpture. The composition resembles limestone. It cuts readily with a pocket knife. The hindquarters are missing and the broken end is stained with the red color of the upper Brazos water. One ear is broken off, otherwise the head is perfectly preserved.

Shreveport and Keochic, La., have been quarantined, on account of the prevalence of smallpox.

The Honsatonic Brass company of Wallingford, Conn., burned on the night of the 15th. Loss \$50,000.

Congress seems to do little else than pass pension and appropriation bills.

### A Fleishish Wretch.

Waco, Tex., March 14.—Excitement in the neighborhood of Chilton, Falls county, is running very high. Two little daughters of two farmers, namely Dave Hayden and Ben Kirsey, were going through Lane's pasture on the way home from school when they were assaulted by a white man. The children's screams attracted section hands, who rushed to their rescue and the assailant fled. The news of the assault spread like wild fire.

Citizens were aroused all over the precinct and suspicion fell on Oscar Dudley, a white man, aged 32. Dudley was arrested by Constable Taylor and hurried to Marlin, none too soon, for the neighbors of the parents of the little girls were infuriated and bent on lynching. The lynchers increased in number hourly and marched on Marlin.

The aspect of affairs there became extremely threatening, and Sheriff Ward determined on sending the prisoner to Waco for safety. He selected Deputy Carlton for the purpose of conveying the prisoner to this city. It was no easy task, but by the exercise of some strategy the deputy sheriff succeeded in getting on the Waco and Northwestern cars and arriving here safely with his prisoner.

Oscar Dudley, who stands charged with the assault on the little girls, is a single man. He clung close to Deputy Sheriff Carlton and appeared much gratified to find himself safe within the walls of the Waco jail. While it is certain that any sized crowd can be kept at bay here with the aid of the local military, nevertheless Sheriff Baker feels called upon to be especially vigilant. It is not over four hours' ride for angry men from Chilton to Waco and to such a high pitch of excitement are the people wrought in that vicinity there is no telling what they may attempt.

The parents of the assaulted children respectively are people of the best standing. The Chilton precinct and all that region is settled by prosperous and law-abiding people, yet they feel so intensely indignant over the outrage just committed in broad daylight in their midst that many of them are beside themselves with rage. One of the leading farmers of the neighborhood, who was here when the prisoner was brought in, said:

"Every day the paths through the fields are crowded with our children, and we must strike terror in their behalf. It is our only hope.

Couriers in from western Falls county say the citizens are holding meetings and influential men are urging against violence. Vigilance will not be relaxed here until all danger is averted. Oscar Dudley, who is accused of assaulting the little girls, grew up in Chilton precinct and is well known. He was an acquaintance of the parents of the assaulted children. The affidavit charging Oscar Dudley with the offense was made before the justice of the peace at Marlin, Falls county.

### In a Destitute Condition.

Eagle Pass, Texas March 14.—Among the passengers on yesterday's train were twenty-one negroes from the Tahuahilo colony in Mexico. Forty-two more, the last of these colonists arrive to-day. By selling what little household goods they had the negroes managed to hire a wagon to haul the women and children from Tahuahilo to Torreon, the men walking. At Torreon Mr. L. M. Jackson, manager of the Mexican International railroad, kindly gave them transportation to Eagle Pass. Like the main body that arrived here last summer, they came in utter destitution, in rags and with nothing to eat. Consul Parks, who has earned the blessings of the negro race by his energetic efforts in behalf of the unfortunate colonists, to-day wired Washington asking permission to purchase rations for this last remnant and will endeavor to obtain transportation to their homes in Alabama.

### Another Probable Lynching.

Mexia, Tex., March 14.—Yesterday morning the little town of Armour, fifteen miles in the country, was startled over the announcement that a brutal assault had been made upon a small school girl while en route to school. A posse was immediately organized and about noon a white man was arrested and carried to the home of the girl for identification. The child did not positively recognize him as the party seen running away from the place where the assault was committed. The county is thoroughly aroused, and at 12 o'clock last night a large body of armed men are gathered and declare that they will kill him before morning. The party arrested has served one term in the penitentiary. There is no doubt that Judge Lynch will have an inning if the prisoner can be taken from the officials.

Among the incongruous substances which have been used for pulp may be mentioned banana skins, bean stalks, pea vines, clover, timothy hay, straw weeds, hair, fur, wool, asbestos and husks of every kind of grain.

Leaves make strong paper and nearly every kind of moss can be utilized. There are patents for making paper from shavings and sawdust, from tissues and tan bark.

## KENTUCKY'S MUDDLE.

GOV. BRADLEY HAS DECLARED MARTIAL LAW.

The State House in Possession of the State Troops—The Governor Was Forced to Call Out the Militia by Men of All Political Parties.

Frankfort, Ky., March 16.—Gov. Bradley has ordered out all three of the regiments of the Kentucky state guards. The McCreary guards were ordered out at 9:45 o'clock last night and took possession of the statehouse. The first regiment of Louisville arrived here on a special train at 2 a. m. The state capitol will be very strongly guarded when the legislature meets to-day.

The riot bell rang from the engine houses at 11 o'clock last night and at the same moment Gov. Bradley ordered out the militia. Ten minutes later the McCreary guards, fifty-two strong, Capt. Noel Gaines, were in possession of the statehouse and martial law was proclaimed. Until yesterday Gov. Bradley had persistently refused to call out the militia, though urged to do so by citizens, irrespective of party.

The Blackburn leaders, he was informed, had been preparing all day to take forcible possession of the statehouse to-day. Threats were made that the senate would arrest the governor to-day for usurpation of authority in giving the instructions he gave Saturday night to the sheriff of Franklin county to clear the corridors and cloak-rooms. All trains yesterday brought in reinforcements for the men bent on mischief to-day. It was only at the last moment when the presence of these crowds presaged serious danger that the governor yielded to repeated requests of orderly citizens of both parties and called out the militia.

The sergeant-at-arms, Somers, had sworn in Jack Chinn, Jim Williams, Eph Lillard and other desperate men as his deputies.

It was also reported to the governor by numerous affidavits that armed men had been collecting in the capitol for two or three days with a view of taking charge of the joint assembly to-day.

Senator Bronston came into the governor's office and asked why he was barred from the statehouse, who was the peace officer of the state and why the militia had been ordered out. He then told the governor he could see affidavits that would be filed in the senate to-day. This evidently referred to an effort to impeach Gov. Bradley by the senate, which has been threatened.

The excitement in the city is great and the streets are full of people. No little apprehension is felt. Gov. Bradley in an interview at midnight said: "On Saturday, March 14, the president officers of the two houses, along with the others, had made affidavit that armed desperadoes had intimidated members of the legislature and that some of them had assaulted a senator and refused to let him leave the chamber; that a portion of them claiming to be deputies of the sergeant-at-arms of the joint assembly forcibly prevented, on the 14th of March, the doorkeeper of the house of representatives doing his duty. They interfered with the proceedings of the joint assembly and permitted outsiders to continue their intimidation, and also permitted numerous other persons who were armed to occupy the senate chamber and cloak rooms of the two houses during the joint session aforesaid, and that the said authorities were powerless, overawed or unwilling to act, and unless I interfere to protect the general assembly legislative action would be prevented, riot and bloodshed would follow and the security of the lives of citizens and officers of the commonwealth required action on my part. Under these circumstances I felt that I could not allow such a state of things to continue, and called out the state guards."

### Cotton Crop of 1895.

Washington, March 16.—The report on the cotton crop of 1895, which will be issued by the department of agriculture to-day, will no doubt be the most thorough and exhaustive statistical research ever undertaken by the department so far as the crop is concerned. All the railroads and water transportation companies in the south, without exception, have made returns of monthly shipments from the states of production; every cotton and woolen mill, with one or two exceptions, have reported to the department its monthly purchases and the services of over 10,000 township and precinct agents, five or more in every cotton growing county, have been engaged to ascertain the amount of cotton remaining on hand Feb. 1, in plantations, stored in warehouses, at public gins, at steam compresses and at railway depots and yards.

This method of estimating the cotton crop was undertaken for the first time last season, but the improvements this year applied have been so general and so decided, it is believed, to take the forthcoming estimate substantially correct.

### Looks Serious.

Washington, March 16.—Representative Linton, of Michigan, the leader of the A. P. A. sentiment in the house received some days ago a letter from Capt. Thomas Phelan, of Kansas City, the well known Irish agitator, in which Capt. Phelan challenged him to fight a duel at Bladensburg, the challenge being preceded by a long denunciation of Mr. Linton's course in opposition to the church school appropriations and the placing of the statue of Father Marquette in the capitol.

Mr. Linton paid no attention to the communication, and from other sources it found its way into the newspapers.

Mr. Linton was asked if he had made any reply to the challenge. He said: "Ever since the house defeated the appropriations for sectarian institutions in the District of Columbia bill partly through my efforts my mail has been loaded every day with a great number of letters from religious fanatics and cranks denouncing me violently, threatening dire vengeance and death in various forms. All of these letters I have thrown in the waste basket. There have been so many that there was not time to read them all and I have not paid any attention to any of them, and I suppose went into the waste basket with the others. I had forgotten the letter, nor did I think who Phelan was until the letter and sketch of his career was printed in the papers. Since publicity has been given to it I may conclude to make some reply, not so much to Phelan as to the fanatical spirit which he represents. Of course fighting duels is not in my line. That sort of performance is considered rather ridiculous by Americans of this generation. The threats which I have received from cranks have not alarmed me in the least and I would prefer that no publicity be given them.

"I am not an enemy to the church, but I am unalterably opposed to government appropriations to assist sectarian works.

### A Postmaster Suicide.

Kansas City, Mo., March 16.—To escape arrest for embezzlement of government funds Frank Mapes, postmaster for this city, committed suicide yesterday morning in his own residence.

On Thursday last two postoffice inspectors arrived here and began an investigation of the office. Upon their arrival Mapes showed no uneasiness, but as they pursued their investigation through Friday and Saturday he became nervous and depressed in spirits. The inspectors finished their work Saturday night and their investigation proved the postmaster to be an embezzler from the general funds of the office to the amount of probably \$9200.

Mapes undoubtedly knew the condition of his trust and it is evident he feared arrest. He decided upon death. At breakfast he complained of being ill and retired to his room. Soon afterward he had his wife send for three men who had been friends of long standing. When these men arrived at the house Mrs. Mapes met them at the door. No sooner had she swung open the door than a pistol shot rang through the house. Mrs. Mapes and the three men ran to the postmaster's bedroom. They found him in the agonies of death. He had blown out his brains and died almost instantly. The deceased was appointed by President Cleveland three years ago. He was under \$20,000 bond to the government with local business men as sureties. The funds embezzled are said to have been squandered in gambling and drink. Deceased belonged to the Knights Templar and Elks. His family is provided for by \$10,000 life insurance, which he carried.

### British Troops.

Cairo, March 16.—The Egyptian council stated on Friday that Lord Cromer, the British agent, had announced that a thousand British troops drafted at European stations were coming here directly to take part in the advance upon Dongola.

It is reported that France, as a guaranteeing power to the Egyptian bondholders, will refuse her consent to the cost of the campaign, which is estimated at £2,000,000, being charged to the Egyptian budget. In support of this decision it is alleged from French sources that no movement exists in the Sudan warranting such a campaign, and that on the contrary the Kalifa Abdullah has lost all his authority and has withdrawn his loyal adherents from the Cassala district, himself fearing assassination.

### The Salary System.

Washington, March 16.—The senate committee on judiciary was in continuous session all day Saturday on the proposition embraced in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill to pay salaries instead of fees to the officers of the federal courts. The committee will recommend the change, but will make several amendments to the bill as it came to them from the house.

The yacht Ailsa won in the regatta at Cowes on the 13th inst., five minutes ahead of the Britannia.

The fact is, a great many worthless people have had luck.

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The latest photograph of the Hon. I. N. Walker, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Write to F. H. Lord, Quincy Building, Chicago, and you will receive one free.

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## Spring

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Mrs. C. Killins, 55 Chestnut street, Lafayette, Ind., suffered for years with nervous prostration and malaria. She almost lost control of herself. Doctors did her no good. She took Veno's Curative Syrup, and in a short time was almost well. The world is full of quacks and humbugs. Every trade and profession is polluted with them. The medical profession has not escaped. Many men are practicing who ought to be blacksmiths. Some practice without diplomas. Many travel and claim to do wonderful things, when in reality they are nothing but mountebanks. Some have represented themselves to be connected with Veno, and claim to cure cripples and diseased people. Don't believe it. They are ignorant pretenders. There is only one Veno and only one medicine that will make cripples walk, and that is VENO'S ELECTRIC FLUID. Veno was the first and only man who ever did or could make rheumatic and paralytic cripples walk, and Veno's Electric Fluid is what he always used. It cures pain instantly, and when used with Veno's Curative Syrup will cure the worst and most desperate cases of rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, paralysis and all aches and pains. VENO'S CURATIVE SYRUP is made from the famous Llandrindod mineral water, and is warranted to cure malarial fever, nervousness, dyspepsia, liver, kidney, blood and stomach disorders, sleeplessness and bad appetite. It is free from poison and mercury. Price 50 cents each. Ask your druggist to get these remedies for you, or write to The Veno Drug Co., Pittsburg, Pa.

**TAKING A BATH PROPERLY.**  
 Some Timely Hints Upon an Important Subject.

Bathing is a very important daily duty, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, yet few people know how to take a bath to get the most good out of it. There are certain things that add to the comfort of a bath which should not be missing from a well-appointed bath room. Every bath room should have a cork or rubber mat beside the tub. Woolen mats absorb moisture and become dingy and unhygienic. Every bath room should have attached to the wall beside the tub, low enough to be accessible, two small wire trays; one to hold the sponge and the other the soap in the intervals of bathing, when these articles are not in active use. Every bath room should contain a set of shelves on which should be kept soap, tooth powder, a can of almond meal, a jar of cold cream, a bottle of ammonia, a bottle of alcohol, a bottle of lavender or violet water, a bottle of listerine and a bottle of witch hazel. Of course, the woman who indulges in lotions and bleaches will keep them also. If medicine is kept in the bath room it should not be mixed indiscriminately with the toilet preparations but should have a section to itself.

The brushes which very woman needs for her bath are a flesh brush for occasional use, a rubber complexion brush and a nail brush. Some skins are kept smooth by friction; others are roughened. It will, therefore, be the part of wisdom not to indulge in continual scrubbing until one discovers which sort of skin one has. Cold water is not cleansing. It is bracing; it is hardening and it helps to make the skin firm, but it is not cleansing. The shock of cold water application closes the pores at once and they retain all the impurities which they should cast out. So that the woman who wishes to be clean must wash in warm water every day and use her cold water sponge only as a skin tonic. When one is fatigued a sponge bath with warm water and alcohol will restore one's strength and vigor. When one is not well a thorough rubbing down with oil is an excellent medicine.

**QUEER STORY OF REAL LIFE.**

**A Young Girl Arose from the Grave to Live Many Happy Years.**

One night in 1801 a little girl about one year old was deposited on the steps of the founding hospital at Brest. She was dressed with much finery and a note attached to her skirts told that her name was Solange and that she would be reclaimed by her father, says an exchange. The claim was never made, however, and in due time the child was transferred to the orphan asylum to be educated. As she grew up she developed a most extraordinary beauty; but her intellect appeared to be very weak and she suffered from frequent nervous fits. When she was twelve years old she was sent out into the streets to sell flowers, and her beauty and her modesty attracted many people's good will; but she grew weaker and weaker, and at last she died, or at least it was thought so. According to French custom, she was buried in an open basket, and, as it was winter and the soil was frozen, she was laid into the grave covered only with a thin layer of sand. During the night she awoke, and, pushing the sand away, crept out from the grave. Not exactly understanding what had taken place, she was not so very much frightened; but in crossing the glacis between the cemetery and the fortifications she was suddenly stopped by the cry: "Qui vive?" and, as she did not answer, the sentinel fired and she fell to the ground. Brought into the guardhouse, her wound was found to be very slight and she soon recovered. But her singular history and also her great beauty had made so deep an impression on a young lieutenant of the garrison—Kramer—that he determined to be her protector and sent her to one of the most fashionable educational establishments in Paris. During the next few years Kramer was much tossed about by the war; but when in 1818 he returned to Paris he found Solange a full-grown woman, not only beautiful but accomplished and spirited, with no more trace of intellectual weakness or nervous fits. He married her and for several years the couple lived happily in Paris.

**The Ideal Christmas.**

The ideal Christmas is found not in the land of flowers, but in the snow-bound, rugged country of the north. Without keen, frosty air, long stretches of hill and meadows covered with snow, ponds and lakes incrustated with ice; within, roaring fires of hickory wood, halls ringing with the shouts of children and tables heaped high with the good things of life—these are the conditions which seem essential to the complete enjoyment of the great feast day of the church.—New York Herald.

**Russian Journalists.**

A congress of journalists, the first public general meeting ever held in Russia, will meet at the all-Russian exhibition at Nijni Novgorod next summer. Among the proposals discussed will be that for a "Journalist Court of Honor," to settle by arbitration disputes between newspapers or writers.

With most of your friends, you treasure up things they occasionally do or say that offend you.

**If the Baby Is Cutting Teeth,** Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for Children Teething.

It is said that cut fish live to be so old that moss grows on their backs.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. Baker, 4225 Regens Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, '06.

A man says lots of pleasant things to his wife when company is present.

Take Parker's Ginger Tonic home with you. You will find it to exceed your expectations in abating colds, and many ills, aches and weaknesses.

If you do not want to be mysteriously murdered, avoid riches.

Pain is not conducive to pleasure, especially when occasioned by corns. Hinderooms will please you, for it removes them perfectly.

There is a time in everyone's life when he can expect satisfaction.

Free to "Comrades."

The latest photograph of the Hon. I. N. Walker, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Write to F. H. Lord, Quiney Building, Chicago, and you will receive one free.

Every man wants it understood that he is very sympathetic.

**"A Word ...in Season."**

The season is Spring.—Spring when you call on your body for all its energy, and tax it to the limit of effort. Does it answer you when you call? Does it creep unwillingly to work? It's the natural effect of the waste of winter. So much for the season. Now for the word. If you would eat heartily, sleep soundly, work easily, and feel like a new being, take

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## LOCAL CHIPS.

Stock are fattening.  
Grass is getting fine.  
Sheep range is "immense."  
Will Price was in town Monday.  
Lee Saturday and Sunday nights.  
A good rain would be welcomed by farmers.  
Some say the fruit crop is killed.  
Rev. A. M. Jay is to preach at the court house tomorrow.  
Remember that John Barrons' tree wagon yard is open to all.  
Browns Iron Bitters for sale by J. T. Hamilton.  
Jine Johnston was in the city a day or two this week.  
J. H. Burroughs was at Ft. Chadbourne the first of the week.  
Last Saturday was a lively day in town.  
Elph Harris, of Angelo, was in town Monday.  
Dan Buchanans' baby, we are glad to learn, is getting well.  
N. L. Stewart sold W. H. Collins 70 cows and yearlings at \$12 and \$10 respectively.  
M. B. Patterson, one of Sanco's best farmers dropped into the RUSTLER office while in town Wednesday.  
Bro. Bates went to Sanco Thursday evening, he preaches there Sunday.  
Owing to the inclement weather the school meeting fell short Saturday night.  
Miss Lula Douglas, of Ft. Chadbourne attended the social party at Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reeds last Friday night.  
Brother Bates preached here Sunday and Sunday night, those who failed to attend church were losers.  
Johnie Gardner was down from his ranch Monday and reported sheep to be all o. k.  
M. C. Brister and family of Sanco, returned from San Angelo Thursday, where they had been shopping.  
Durrant, the San Francisco murderer, who is under sentence to hang, is reading law. Wonder where he will practice.  
The last issue of the Sweetwater Review contained more than half a dozen brand new announcements for office.  
County Judge Bowman, of Howard county, is a candidate for the 13th Texas seat in congress, he is a straight out 16 to 1 er.  
Maj. G. W. Perryman, attorney of Robert Lee, is attending court this week.—Russels County Banner Leader.  
H. D. Pearce received a crate of fine strawberries from his son, Herbert, at Angleton, the first of the week.—Ballinger Ledger.  
Saturday Lee Good shipped five cars, 104 head of his feed steers to Chicago. Banner Leader.  
A first class sand storm blew for a while Tuesday evening.  
Please date contributions to the Rustler and sign full name, not for publication, but we must know from what source information comes.  
J. S. Dickey, of Grape creek, was in town Wednesday looking for bargains in cattle.  
Leo Good, Ralph Harris and Dr. Latham went to San Angelo this week.

# CALL ON PROBANT & CO. OF SAN ANGELO TEXAS. FOR YOUR DRY GOODS, GROCERIES AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Mr. J. L. Foster, of Panther Gap, brought us a fine load of dry wood this week on his subscription, for which he has our sincere thanks.

Dr. Toliver informs us that Mr. T. B. Andrews, who has been quite sick for nearly a month, is improving.

Jeff Davis and Dennis Maddox on Tuesday last, found a considerable part of a human skeleton up the Colorado river about five miles from town. A large auger was lying with the bones. The remains had evidently been there for a number of years.

Tom Hennessey, one of Brontes most industrious and successful farmers was having some blacksmithing done here Monday. He then had about 70 acres of land broke.

Mr. Joe Webb and family, of Edith were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrison Thursday, while here he gave the RUSTLER office a call. Mr. Webb, says that rain is badly needed in his section of the country.

One man bought land at Bronte on the strength of the proposed school building. Do you see a moral in that for Robert Lee to act upon?

The Rustler is much gratified with the contribution in this issue and we hope the good start will be kept up, and if it is, the paper will grow more interesting week by week.

J. D. O'Daniel Sr., of Bronte, has been at work on the Masonic hall building this week, putting in new sleepers, foundation etc.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### RATES FOR ANNOUNCMENTS FOR OFFICE.

The RUSTLER will charge the following prices for announcing candidates for office.

### Announcement Fees Always In Advance.

All District Officers.....\$7 50  
County Officers.....5.00  
Precinct Officers.....2 50

#### For County Judge.

We are authorized to announce W. C. Merchant as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Coke county, subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

#### For Tax Assessor.

We are authorized to announce Frank Robinson as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County.

#### For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

We are authorized to announce Mr. I. J. Good as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Coke county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Mrs. W. F. Buchanan has gone to Ballinger to see Mrs. Asnal Dancer, who is said to be very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis, paid Kerney Mays and family a visit Thursday.

## THE SPRING ROUND UPS AT ROBERT LEE.

### —THE LAST ANNOUNCEMENT!

Parties desiring photos are informed through this medium that I will positively be at Robert Lee through March only, and you will only have a few more days to get a nice picture here.

Respectfully, T. Irby.  
"Pho to ist."

Tax Assessor H. E. Johnston, who has been doing the Bronte country this week, reports several new "comers" in that section, also, that Mr. J. B. McCutchens little girl, Minnie, got her arm broken by jumping out of a wagon at church at Bronte last Sunday. Farmers there are up with their work and waiting for rain.

### Residence For Sale.

One of the best residences in Robert Lee for sale for only \$300. \$100 in cash, the balance on easy terms.

Good, roomy house, well finished and painted; 2 lots fenced; both cistern and well, good lots, stables and other improvements. Buy before the bargain is called in. Apply at this office.

In an other column will be found the announcement of Frank Robinson for the office of Tax Assessor of this county. Frank having been a resident of this county since his boyhood, all know him to be sober, moral, industrious and he is pre-eminently qualified for the office to which he aspires. Give his claim due consideration.

Patronize the man who advertises. You do not visit your neighbor unless asked to, and do not attend a wedding or party without an invitation; then why should you intrude upon the privacy of a storekeeper without an invitation? Buy of the live go-ahead business man who not only invites you to come in and see him every day, but educates and keeps you posted on what is popular on his line of goods.—S. A. Enterprise.

Dr J. F. Riggs invites the Coke county people to go to see him when in need of Dental work. He gives you the advantage of twenty two years experience. Of fice at his residence, corner Oaks and College Streets, San Angelo, Texas.

Rev. G. M. Gardner is to preach at Paint Creek school house tomorrow morning and in the afternoon: dinner on the ground: Prof. Wilcox, of Water Valley and others are to be there to furnish good music, and a royal time is expected. All are invited to attend.

For a nice, quiet room with home comforts, go to the OAKS. Use of bath rooms free of charge. Mrs. Carr kindly solicits your patronage. San Angelo, Texas.

Hon. W. D. Cochran and Mr. Chas. Dubois, prominent San Angelo lawyers, are in town on legal business.

From San Angelo Standard.

The Cattle Raisers association of Texas, in convention assembled, has unanimously decided to boycott the Chicago live stock yards until the latter discontinues the \$2 per car terminal charges on cattle shipped from Texas.

Frank L Harris a large cattle man from Coke county, was in the city Wednesday on his way to the Westbrook ranch to receive cattle.

# ONLY ONE CAN LEAD.

We have taken the lead by giving the farmers more for their

## Cotton

than any one else. We now intend to keep the lead as we have always done, by giving the best goods for the lowest prices. We have far by the largest stock of Spring and Summer Goods that has ever been seen this far West.

## Our Clothing Has

been selected with more care than usual, in regard to style and fit it is perfection, and our prices on ALL-WOOL goods are about the same as our competitors charge for "shoddy." We have the only selected stock of shoes in west Texas, and as we believe in

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and quick returns we will fit any Man, women or Child in COKE COUNTY and and guarantee them the best pair of shoes they ever wore, for the money.

Samples of Dry Goods sent on application, and you do not have to buy unless the prices and quality suit you.

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**SAN ANGELO**

**TEXAS,**

### Notice.

I or J. W. Reed, are now ready to receive all money subscribed to build the church in Robert Lee Eugene T. Bates.

Wm. Yardley's case in district court of Glascock county was continued.

Take the cash to Bennick, Stewart & Co. put your own price on goods wanted and take them.

Ed and Lee Good bought of Frank and Ralph Harris 1000 3 and 4 year old steers and 1500 cows all to be delivered at Sweetwater as soon as they can be gathered. The entire outfit will be shipped to the Territory. Terms private.

Temp Whiteside was in from the T. K. Wilson head-quarters on Grape creek Tuesday.

Dr. Latham moved into the F. B. Perry residence Monday.

Judge G. W. Perryman has all the lands in this county belonging to the Security Mortgage and Trust Company for lease and sale—parties wishing further information will apply to him.

G. W. Webb went out to his old home, at Ft. Chadbourne, Sunday and returned Monday with a load of corn.

Mr.—Webb, of the Webb ranch near Maverick, was in on business Monday.

Tankersley, the H. & T. C. land agent was here the first of the week.

That prosperous young ranchman and staunch RUSTLER friend, J. P. Angel, was in town Saturday and set a worthy example by paying his subscription up into '97. If the girls let him get through this leap year, they will have a mist a chance of a lifetime.

Get one of those excellent Canton Clipper corn and cotton planters of Burroughs & Co.

D. T. Averitt sold his residence to Sheriff Murray this week. Consideration \$300.

Deputy Sheriff Bud Woods, of Nolan county, was in town Saturday night with Neal Boyett, who he is taking to Garden City as a witness in the Bill Yardley case.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Robinson took his father to Gardner City court this week in the Yardley case.

In this issue Mr. I. J. Good announces for the sheriffs office. Mr. Good is one of Cokes' oldest and most substantial citizens, an old-time Democrat, and man eminently fitted for the office he asks. Give his claims your consideration, and rest assured that if you see fit to vote for him you will have no cause to regret it.



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Best and cheapest in the market.

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Stoves, Rope, Oils, Pipe, etc., at Lowest Prices.

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**Polk Livery Stable.**

I have bought the POLK LIVERY STABLE and every Buggy, Hack and Harness is new and first class, with the very best TEAMS. In connection with the Stable I run the only Wagon Yard. Coke county patronage is most respectfully solicited.

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Mr. Q. Loe, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals or beds 25 cents. Good rates by the week or month. Call there, try him once and you will go again.

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Is the place to stop. Everything is home like; nice, clean and comfortable. Good grub, pleasant rooms, and beds that you can sleep in. Only Hotel in Sweetwater. Fare \$1.00 per day.  
A. J. Roy, Proprietor.

**Wagon Yard Chang-  
ed Hands.**

We desire to notify the public that we now own and operate the Wagon Yard formally owned by W. E. Eskridge on Hutching Ave and will take the utmost pains to see that all customers are given every accommodation. Good camp houses and other conveniences; also feed kept for sale. The Coke county people are cordially invited to give us a trial, and you are our customers.

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Having closed out my saloon, all who are indebted to me will please come in and settle up at once.  
Respectfully, F. B. Perry.

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H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.  
LOOK OUT!

**GOING! GONE.**

Mr. Irby, the photographer, wishes to remind the good people of the county and town that his time in Robert Lee is drawing to a close and if you want a good picture taken, come at once.

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## FOR ANOTHER'S SIN.

(By Parkin the Butler.)



**MR. MORTIMER** Barbican was an old man, one of the old types of English aristocracy, fiery, imperious and inordinately proud of the integrity of his name and ancestry. At the time I went into his employ, years ago

now, he was living alone with his only daughter at his family seat in Gloucestershire.

A strange-looking, tall lady was Miss Linda Barbican, with large black eyes and pale, hard-set features, bearing the traces of some inward sorrow.

Sir Mortimer, I learned, had had a son, whom he had disinherited and disowned, owing to some act which had brought dishonor on the name of Barbican, and he forbade all mention of the scapegrace of the family.

One evening some few months after I had been there I was summoned to the door by the clanging of the front door bell.

A young man, shabbily dressed, with a reckless, albeit a handsome, face, stood on the doorstep and scanned me nervously as I looked questioningly at him.

"Is my—Sir Mortimer Barbican disengaged?" he asked, huskily.

"Yes, sir," I answered, "Will you please come in?"

"Is there any one in the library?"

"No, sir."

"Then show me in and tell your master I must see him."

"Very well, sir! What name shall I give?"

"Oh, never mind the name! He'll know me fast enough," he added bitterly.

Sir Mortimer looked up in a surprised way when I communicated to him that a visitor had arrived and wished to see him. He opened the door and strode into the room.

"Father!"

"That was all. One short, despairing cry, and father and son stood face to face once more.

A gray, drawn look stole over my master's face, as for a brief moment he stood eyeing the prodigal who had so mysteriously appeared. Then he found his tongue.

"So it is you, you bound?" he said, his features working strangely, while there was a tone of suppressed rage in his voice; "it is you, is it? Have you

ever he was, and heaven knows I thought I had none worth speaking of, had done his work well. I became a frequenter of the turf, a gambler, and nearly—but, thank heaven! not quite—a thief. I was tempted some few weeks ago to join a band of burglars who contemplated robbing my father's house. But though I had sunk low I was not quite bad enough for that, and overcome with remorse I determined to seek an audience with my father and warn him of his danger. The result of that interview you know and—"

Here he broke off abruptly, a queer break in his voice.

I will pass over the rest of our conversation and merely state the plan which the remorse-stricken man had formed to checkmate the robbers.

I must explain that at the back of the house was a courtyard, shut in on three sides by the kitchen premises of the house. It was a small window—that of the pantry—which was to be the mode of ingress. Young Mr. Geoffrey—that was the son's name—was to lead the burglars in their enterprise. He would conduct them through the window, and then, with the aid of myself and Sir Mortimer, whom I was to apprise of the robbers' advent, would help to overpower the others, two desperadoes, for they had not wished to have too many concerned in the job.

Friday came, and it was, I am bound to confess, with no slight feelings of apprehension that I looked forward to the work which was before me, for I am no fighting man. Of course I had not mentioned the meditated robbery to the old baronet, for that would have spoiled everything.

At 12 o'clock I stole noiselessly down to the kitchen and quietly waited till the burglars should arrive. I had not long to wait. I heard the muffled sound which warned me that they had commenced operations, and, slipping away as noiselessly as I had come, I departed to apprise my master of the outrage on his property.

I found him sitting in his bedroom on a chair, clad in his dressing-gown and slippers. His face was buried in his hands and he was evidently lost in thought. At my entrance he started violently and gazed with wonderment, not unmixed with anger, at me as I intruded myself on his solitude. I at once came to the point.

"Sir," I said, "there are burglars trying to force an entrance at the back."

Now, my master's bedroom was at the extreme wing of the building, so had it not been for the fact that I already knew of the contemplated robbery he would probably have heard nothing of the burglars, taking it for granted that they succeeded in reaching the dining-room, where the family plate, their object, was secured.

He gazed at me curiously for a few seconds and then calmly walked across the room to his chest of drawers, which he opened, taking therefrom a small revolver, which he slipped into his pocket, handing another to me at the same time.

Sir Mortimer took the lead, and, following close behind him, I noiselessly stole along at his heels. Arrived at the kitchen door, the sounds inside told us we had come on the scene at the right moment. The baronet threw open the door. The gas had been lighted and, standing in the middle of the room were three men, young Mr. Geoffrey, apart from the other two, pale and haggard-looking.

And then I do not rightly know what happened. It was all done so quickly. Sir Mortimer, stepping calmly into the room, raised his revolver and fired at his son, who was waiting for me, who had lost all presence of mind, to act on the initiative. With a groan he threw up his arms and fell forward with a dull thud on the stone floor. The other two did not wait for more, with incredible swiftness darted through the pantry, and, locking the door behind them, made good their escape.

Just then a white-robed figure appeared at the open kitchen door and gazed wildly about her. As her eyes fell on the body of a man lying prone and lifeless on the floor Miss Linda Barbican, for it was she, rushed forward and with a moan threw herself down beside her brother, apparently dead, killed by his father!

"My sin has found me out!" she moaned. "My sin has found me out!" And then, her eyes wandering to the little pool of blood, which was crimsoning the cold flags, she cried out: "I can bear it no longer! Father, father, the forgery was my work!"

Casting one look of concentrated hate and anguish on the wretched girl at his feet, he brushed her tremblingly aside, and knelt down, moaning softly to himself, beside the body of his apparently lifeless son.

Mr. Geoffrey did not die. His father had shot somewhat high, and the ball had glanced down the collar-bone, making a long jagged wound. But still he was seriously ill, brain fever setting in afterward, and for some time he lay hovering between life and death.

I explained fully to the baronet the scheme his son had formed for thwarting the burglars, who, by the way, were captured some weeks after the attempted burglary, and Sir Mortimer's feelings of remorse and sorrow at the way in which he had wronged Mr. Geoffrey were terribly poignant.

As for Miss Linda, her story can be briefly summed up in the following: Years ago she had a worthless lover, with whom she was completely infatuated. Gambling and other forms of excess had left him in low water, and his sweetheart had forged the check to give him the money he had needed so sorely, laying the blame on and weaving her subtle net of accusation around her innocent brother. What ultimately became of her I never knew.

If I had only kept my presence of mind and carried out my instructions the baronet's hand might have been stayed, and Mr. Geoffrey would not have been shot. But, then, perhaps Miss Linda would not have confessed. Thank heaven, there are not many women like her in the world.

## EX-GOV. BROWN IN MEXICO.

A Mexican Paper Attempts to Interview Him on Venezuela.

The Hon. John Young Brown, who, until ten days ago, occupied the post of governor of the Blue-Grass state, arrived in this city last night via the Mexican Central, in special officers' car, says the Mexican Herald. Though the governor was feeling rather tired after days of railway journeying, he courteously gave a short interview to a Herald representative. The governor bears some personal resemblance to Isaac Pusey Gray, who, until his lamented death, acceptably filled the position of United States minister here.

"Well, governor," said the Herald representative, "what is your opinion of President Cleveland's special message?"

"I have not yet read it. Our party saw the Mexican Herald of today, but not yesterday. I would rather not express an opinion on the subject until I have read the message and other information bearing on the case. I am heartily in favor of the Monroe doctrine, but I decline just now to talk further on this subject. Will till I've read the message."

"What are your impressions of the country as far as your opportunities of observation have gone?"

"Very favorable. What we have seen on our journey south through this historical and picturesque land has interested all of us very much. We started from Louisville last Saturday, and arrived in Eagle Pass night before last by way of Mobile and New Orleans. We stopped off twenty-four hours at the latter city. We intend to stay a week in this city taking in the sights. I look forward to meeting the progressive and able chief of the Mexican executive, as well as my old and valued friend, Gov. Crittenden. We are going to-night to a hotel, but probably we shall make our car our headquarters. I wish to say that we have been treated with every courtesy by the officials of the roads over which we have traveled, and by the Mexican custom-house officers at Ciudad Porfiria Diaz, who passed our baggage without examination."

Gov. Brown came to Mexico for rest and change after the cares of office.

**This Dog Runs a Bake Shop.**  
August Abert, an enterprising baker doing business down near the French market, owns an intelligent dog (Fifine) that keeps his master's shop for him, writes the New Orleans correspondent of the Philadelphia Times. Abert has a little bake room behind the shop and as he always gives his personal attention to the oven Fifine proves invaluable in waiting upon customers. The dog carries strapped about her neck a little bank whose slot is arranged to receive nothing more nor less than a nickel.

The customer may help himself to a loaf from the counter but we betide one who tries to depart without depositing the requisite nickel in Fifine's bank. If more than one loaf is taken an equal number of deposits must be made in the bank or Fifine will know the reason why. She knows very well how to use her teeth in case of necessity, though she is usually as mild as a lamb and quite a favorite with her customers, but if her master should be needed she has only to pull the bell rope which communicates with the bake room and he is on the spot. Occasionally an ugly customer comes along. Recently, for instance, a tramp tried to work Fifine for a supper, but the dog grabbed his ankle as he was making for the door without the formality of a deposit, pulled the bell and kept him safe and sound till Abert appeared and a policeman could be summoned.

**Black Snow.**  
Bolquet, Servia, and vicinity was treated to a real meteorological phenomenon on the night of the 9th ult., in the shape of a "black snow." In ancient times such occurrences would have been thought to be a presage of a visitation of the plague or some other dire calamity. Nowadays it is known to be due to a species of fungus spore which is caught up by the wind and carried across a wide expanse of country before being finally deposited along with snow or rain.

Theban mummies have been found which give proof that in the days of the Pharaohs there were dentists who filled decayed teeth with gold.

## She Was a Little Off.

A San Antonio gentleman applied to a life insurance company for a policy. On being examined the doctor of the company asked:

"Has there ever been any insanity in your family?"

"I'm not sure about that. One of my sisters jilted a man worth a half million."—Texas Sifter.

## Must Not Use It.

The Ohio Wesleyan University has adopted a rule absolutely forbidding its students to use tobacco in any form. It has made a great stir among the students.

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**The Latest.**  
The latest joke about England claiming the discoveries of Prof. Nansen, if he has made any, gets an additional point from a new map of the world, recently published in good faith by the London Graphic. It makes the British possessions in Canada include all of north Greenland and reach to the pole.

**Mrs. F. C. Adams.**  
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**Goes Quick.**  
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