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THE supreme court of Montana has just decided that sheep or personal property belonging to a national bank can not be taxed.

WE are in receipt of the premium list of the second annual Texas Fat Stock Show to be held at Ft. Worth March 8th, 9th, and 10th.

THE Hamilton County Herald contained last week 20 announcements for offices. Only one for a district office and the rest for county offices.

When a girl falls in love her mother laughs at her, but if her son has a similar affliction she pets him and doctors him as if he was sick.—Ex.

M. O. Davis of San Angelo, who is tax assessor of Sterling county, spent several days in Colorado last week. He informed the editor that he expected to be a candidate for the next legislature.—Colorado Spokesman.

THE Texas Farm and Ranch offers \$100.00 in cash to readers of advertisements in Farm and Ranch, and after having done so, writes the best essay on the value of advertisements of a reader of a paper, the first \$50; second \$25; third \$15, and for fourth best \$10.

Tom Powers received a telegram from Tom Morrison, who was at Eastland Saturday, announcing that Jim Miller had just been acquitted in the district court of the charge of killing Bud Frazier. The killing occurred at Pecos last year, and both parties were well known here.—West Texas Stockman.

The populist papers throughout the state are urging Hon. C. H. Jenkins, to become the nominee of that party for governor. Mr. Jenkins, however, will not, we are informed, accept the nomination under any circumstances, as he can not neglect his private business to make the race.—Brownwood Banner Bulletin.

## Block 97.

The settlers on Block 97, in their meeting at the court house last Saturday evening, decided to bring mandamus proceedings against Land Commissioner Baker, to force him to receive their files, under the homestead law, on the land. It seemed to be the prevailing opinion among those interested that the mandamus proceedings would result in removing all cloud from the settlers' rights to the lands.—Scurry County Light.

Hon. John H. F. Skipper of Skipper's Gap is a candidate for land commissioner. If you know any thing about him or how he got his title you know more than any body else we have been able to find. But who can blame him for wanting to draw a good salary.—Colorado Spokesman.

We used to know dear Johnnie about seven years ago, and at that time he was only a little one horse farmer and held a position as post master at Skipper's Gap, Erath county. But we have not heard from Johnnie since that time, but we can say that as far as we know Johnnie is very fond of "pie."

It makes that tired feeling come over this editor to get a nice juicy looking letter in his mail from down east somewhere, and on opening it, find a proposition to exchange a three-dollar clock for \$100.00 worth of advertising space, with twenty line reader to be thrown in for good count.—Ex.

Oregon has sold off her cattle so closely during the past season that it has become a serious question with her stockmen as to where she is to find the stock to fill up her depleted ranges. But this is a condition not confined to Oregon. It exist in every range region in the North and West, and the demand upon the Texas breeding grounds will be enormous.

We do not want our readers to think we were giving them "stuffy" about crossing up hogs with sheep. We talked with old man Justo Rodriguez about the matter in person and he assured us that he had bred them and that they produced a thrifty, splendid offspring and that all that was necessary was to get a laab and raise it with your hogs. The increase, he says, will partake more after the hog, but they eat more grass, vegetation, and are therefore more thrifty and easily kept fat.—Pleasant Monitor.

## Railroad News.

The railroad meeting called for last Saturday night materialized in good form and confidence in securing the Colorado Valley was greatly strengthened.

About \$13,000 was reported on the list and other names have been added up to about \$1500 more since.

A number of large property owners have not yet responded, some have not been approached and altogether the prospects are bright the requirements will be met.

Ballinger will get that road! Don't forget it brother.—Runnels County Ledger.

## Why the Negro is Called "Coon."

Many years ago, when superstition held greater sway than now and the influences of the occult and weird were most potent, a cunning negro slave had acquired the reputation of possessing a familiar spirit and of being able to perform many uncanny mysteries. His fellow slaves held him in great awe, and even his master grew to a belief in his powers. This finally led to a wager, in which the greater part of the master's fortune was staked on the negro's divining ability. A barrel was placed on the lawn and a live coon placed under the barrel. Then the negro sooth-sayer was sent for and told to inform the crowd what was under the barrel. He tried in various ways to escape the exposure, but without success. Realizing that he was cornered, he leaned on the barrel dejectedly and remarked: "Well, you've got this old coon at last," whereupon a great shout applauded what was considered Sambo's remarkable astuteness and his reputation was forever firmly established.—Baltimore Sun.

## New Cattle Disease

JAMES RICE, of Marshall county, Kansas, is experiencing a new disease among his cattle. He has 60 head of heifers, which he purchased in Colorado, one of which he noticed at the time was afflicted with a peculiar disease, resembling a cancer. Since then 40 others of his herd is affected the same way and some of them, he thinks, are about to die. People who have seen them in the feed lots say that the stench arising from the affected cattle is sickening. Several cattlemen have been to see them, but they have been unable to determine what the disease is, and Mr. Rice has written to Governor Leedy and the State Veterinarian for information. This is the only herd of cattle in Marshall county affected in this manner and efforts are being made to keep the herd in the feed lots until the State Veterinarian arrives and reports on the disease. Nothing like this has ever been seen in Kansas.

## How to Become Successful.

You want good advice? Rise early. Be abstemious. Be frugal. Attend to your own business and never trust to another. Be not afraid of work, and diligently, too, write your own hands. Treat every one with civility and respect. Good manners insure success. Accomplish what you undertake. Never be mean—rather give than take the odd shilling. Honesty is not only the best policy, but the only policy. Time is money. Make your word as good as your bond. Reckon the hours of the day as so many dollars, the minutes as so many cents. Live within your income. Ninety-nine may say no, the hundredth, yes. Take off your coat; don't be afraid of manual labor. America is large enough for all. Keep out of politics unless you are sure to win. You are never sure to win so look out!—Framer's Tribune.

## Tit For Tat.

A preacher recently said that a newspaper that told the truth, and the whole truth, couldn't be a pecuniary success. To which an exchange replies as follows: "The minister who will at all times, and under all circumstances, tell the whole truth about his members, alive or dead, might not occupy the pulpit more than one Sunday, and in some cases might find it convenient to leave town. The press and the pulpit go hand in hand with the white wash brush and pleasant words, magnifying little virtues into big one. The pulpit, the press and the grave-stone are the great saint-making concerns.—Ex.

There are now in this country only about 1,000,000 more sheep than there were about twenty years ago, although there has been so great an increase in population. When we consider in connection with this largely decreased number of our flocks relative to population, and that mutton is continually becoming a more popular meat, we shall appreciate the reasons for believing that it will be many years before supply can be increased to such volume as to seriously depress the present satisfactory prices.

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## TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

C. L. McCoy, confectioner in Temple, Bell county, filed a deed of trust recently. The amount due preferred creditors is \$1693; assets about \$1800.

The charter of the Barry Mercantile company of Barry, Atascosa county, was filed at Austin the other day; capital stock \$5000. Purpose, to do a general merchandise business.

A few nights ago on the north side of the river at Llano, Llano county, a difficulty occurred between Charley Dabbs and George McCoy, which resulted in Dabbs being seriously stabbed.

The cotton gin belonging to H. L. Smith, about ten miles north of Roby, Fisher county, burned down several nights past; a total loss. Insured for about \$1600. Origin of fire not known.

J. F. Batsell's residence in Cleburne, Johnson county, was destroyed by fire several nights ago. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building was insured for \$3500 and the household goods for \$1200.

Manuel Houswith, aged 35 years, living in Taylor, committed suicide several nights ago by cutting his throat from ear to ear. He was a married man, and leaves a wife and two children. He had been suffering for some time with disease, and it preyed upon his mind until he committed the rash act.

The Old School Presbyterian congregation is preparing to build a new church at McKimney, Collin county. A lot has been purchased and paid for. Several thousand dollars have already been subscribed. The old church and lot will be sold as soon as possible. A \$10,000 or \$15,000 structure is contemplated.

Alex Hervey, a negro, charged with burglary, who has been confined in the county jail at Daingerfield, Morris county, for the past three months, escaped several mornings ago by cutting a hole in a brick wall, through which he crawled out on to the porch and jumped to the ground. Officers are on his trail.

In the criminal district court at Galveston recently Aaron and Albert Smith, colored, were convicted of highway robbery and each given five years in the penitentiary. They are brothers, 20 and 18 years of age, and held up another negro some time ago at the point of pistols. They secured but 45 cents from their victim.

Ground was broken a few days ago for the erection of machine, boiler and carpenter shops for the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway at Yoakum, DeWitt county. The buildings are to be brick. The machine and carpenter shop is to be 70x144 feet in dimensions, and the boiler and blacksmith building is to be 70x100 feet.

Mrs. Gray, wife of Squire J. W. Gray of Allen, Collin county, fell dead several mornings ago at the home of her son-in-law, Prof. J. T. Bell, who lives some distance from Allen. Hemorrhage of the lungs is the assigned cause of death. The deceased was 71 years old and was an old settler in Collin county. Her husband survives her.

The ground was broken at the State Orphans' home in Corsicana the other day for the new hospital building, the contract for the same having been awarded to J. E. Whiteselle & Co. of Corsicana. The building will be of brick and stone and constructed with especial reference to hospital purposes, and will have all modern conveniences.

Charters were granted several days past at Austin to the following corporations: The Copper River Gold Mining and Prospecting company of Fort Worth; capital stock \$10,000. Purpose, transaction of manufacturing or mining business. Velasco Box factory of Velasco, Brazoria county; capital stock \$10,000. Purpose, manufacture and sale of boxes and other wooden wares.

Two costly fires occurred north of Dallas several nights ago. A large barn on the farm of J. S. Drumheiler, near Richardson, was destroyed. Farm implements and machinery, 800 bushels of corn and a vast quantity of fodder and small grain were consumed. It is alleged that the fire is of incendiary origin. A barn on the farm of Mrs. William Caruth, six miles from Dallas, was also destroyed by fire. Twelve head of mules and the wagon and harness were saved. Other contents of the building, valued at \$800, were consumed. The barn was the property of Mrs. Walter Caruth, and the principal loser was a man named Hunt, who operates the Caruth dairy.

Will Harper, the young man who is charged with shooting Joe Jeter a few days ago in Texarkana, and who subsequently surrendered to the officers, was allowed bail on a second application. The amount of his bond was \$500. He was not able to furnish it and was sent to jail.

## GEN. BLANCO.

He Was Enthusiastically Received on His Inland Trip.

Havana, Feb. 1.—Gen. Blanco, received from Spanish sources, was welcomed to the version of his trip returned enthusiastically at Sanita de Cuba. The provincial deputies tendered him a banquet at which in the course of a reply to a toast to his health the general urged that all elements of the population should endeavor to contribute to the establishment of peace.

The Spanish general Luque, with 800 infantry and 160 cavalry in two columns, while reconnoitering near Macagua and Cayamo, in the direction of the Melia district, beyond Holguin, discovered that the insurgents had concentrated their forces. He attacked them at Mejia and a sharp engagement ensued. The Spanish accounts say that Gen. Luque took the insurgent trenches by a bayonet charge. The insurgents fled leaving five killed. Of the Spanish Major Segundo Camarara and Lieut. Augustin Luque, son of Gen. Luque, were seriously wounded, two soldiers were killed and twenty wounded. On January 27, Gen. Luque arrived at Holguin.

Yesterday morning United States Consul General Lee gave a banquet at the Havana Yacht clubhouse at Mariño beach to the officers of the United States warship Maine. The guests were Capt. Sigsbee, Lieuts. Cattlin, Holman, Hood and Jungen, Chaplain Chadwick, Paymaster Littlefield, Dr. Henneberger, Chief Engineer Howell and Cadets Holden and Boyd of Washington. The company included also several well-known American residents and representatives of the English and American press residing in Havana, Messrs. Atkins, Caldwell, Halstead, Hilbert, Laine, Pepper and Scovel.

Consul General Lee presided, assisted by Vice Consul General Springer. The former proposed "Capt. Sigsbee and the splendid officers of the Maine." Capt. Sigsbee responded and then proposed "The United States and Consul General Fitzhugh Lee, its representative in Cuba."

There were no other toasts. Consul General Lee, Vice Consul General Springer and another member of the party distributed alms among a number of poor people whom curiosity had attracted to the clubhouse.

After the banquet several officers of the Maine witnessed a bull fight, a box having been provided for them by Acting Capt. Gen. Parramado. The attraction was Mazzantini, Spain's celebrated bull fighter.

## Steamer Disabled.

Martha, N. S., Jan. 31.—The British steamer Balmoral, Capt. McRitchie, which left London Jan. 11 for Philadelphia, with 1000 tons of cement and chalk, was towed into port Saturday afternoon by the steamer Sir Walter Raleigh, with her propeller gone. Fourteen days after leaving London the Balmoral experienced the last of a succession of fierce storms, in which the propeller was carried away. At this time she was 110 miles south of Sable island, and she found herself drifting helplessly.

## President Diaz.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 31.—A special from the City of Mexico says: President Diaz is preparing to make a visit to the United States. His itinerary is not yet completed, but he will visit, it is understood, all the principal cities, including St. Louis, Chicago, New York and Washington, and the Pacific coast. A train of three magnificent cars, ordered months ago from the Pullman company, has reached this city, and another will follow shortly. The vice president will assume the duties of the chief executive during President Diaz's absence.

## Murdered by an Unknown Assassin.

Amite City, La., Jan. 31.—Saturday night between 8 and 9 o'clock John S. Hutchinson, a quiet and peaceable farmer, living two miles west of Tickfaw station, in Tangipahoa parish, was murdered on his front gallery by an unknown assassin. Only one shot was fired, the gun being loaded with buckshot, and four penetrating the head and body, causing almost instant death. Mr. Hutchinson was born and raised within sight of where he was killed, and has always lived in that neighborhood.

## In a Serious Condition.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Lucile Blackburn Lane, daughter of ex-Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, and wife of Mr. Thomas Lane, who accidentally shot herself with a small pistol two weeks ago, is again in a serious condition, after a period of improvement, and her relatives and physicians are apprehensive lest the wound, with new complications which have set in, may result fatally. An abscess, indirectly traceable to the wound, has formed near where she was shot.

## British and Rebels.

Calcutta, Jan. 31.—Gen. Westmacott telegraphs from Camp Mattamati that the fourth brigade became entangled in a gorge near Shinkamar Saturday and suffered serious losses. Lieut. Col. Houghton, Lieuts. Sewing, Dowdall, Hughes and Walker, together with five men of the Yorkshire light infantry and three Sikhs were killed. Major Earle, Lieut. Hall and seventeen men of the Yorkshires were wounded, Major Earle severely, and seventeen privates are reported missing. The receipt of the dispatch has caused a great sensation here, and further details are anxiously awaited.

It appears that a combined movement was placed to cut off the retreat of a number of Afridis who had been driving their cattle to graze on the Kajural plain, west of Bara fort. Two columns marched from All Musjid and Jamrud to block the way north; a third column from Bara marched westward over the plain toward the hills, while a fourth, consisting of the Yorkshire regiment and a regiment of Sikhs, advanced from Mamani, with a view of getting to the rear of the Afridis and preventing their escape toward Bara valley. The first columns performed their allotted movements without loss, meeting with very few of the enemy. The fourth, under Col. Sappings, left Mamani early Saturday morning. The leading troops reached Sankumar at 10:30, finding no opposition. Col. Houghton, with the Sikhs, proceeded about a mile, to search the caves.

On the arrival of the main body at the Kotai it was discovered that a company of Sikhs had somehow been withdrawn from the high ridge on the west, the key of the position, which the enemy forthwith occupied. To retake this involved heavy loss. Lieut. Dowdall was killed while charging at the head of his men. About midday the troops began to return to the camp, the enemy harassing the rear guard and left, and causing many casualties. The rear column cleared the pass about 5 o'clock, with the assistance of Gen. Westmacott, who came up with two guns and 400 rifles on receiving Col. Sepping's message that the force had become entangled. The retirement was conducted admirably, the officers speaking in the highest terms of the gallantry of the troops.

Col. Houghton's body has been recovered, and search parties have started for the others. The column has been reinforced by 725 men from Bara, and Col. Stuart, with fifty infantry, two guns and a squadron of cavalry will move to the north of the pass. The enemy's losses were severe, as they charged within thirty yards of the troops.

Gen. Sir Power Palmer, who succeeds Sir William Lockhart in the chief command, is preparing to make reprisals. Sir William Lockhart arrived yesterday.

## THE LATIMER RIOTS.

Sheriff Martin and His Deputies to be Tried.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 31.—The case of Sheriff James Martin and his eighty deputies, charged with the murder and felonious wounding of a score of striking miners at Latimer in this county on September 10 last, will be called for trial in the criminal court Tuesday, February 1. It is expected that the trial will last a week or more. Able counsel has been employed on both sides. The first battle will be over the selection of a jury. More than 100 witnesses have been subpoenaed, but not all of them will be heard. The commonwealth will claim that the strikers were only exercising their rights as American freemen when they marched on the public highway unarmed. It will be contended that they were not lawless; that they had offered no personal violence to any one and that they were not bent on destroying property. The lawyers for the prosecution will quote decisions from the higher courts to show that such a body of men had a right to move on the public highway while engaged on a special mission. On the other hand the counsel for the defense will charge that the strikers were riotous, that they were armed and that their intention was to destroy property.

They will call witnesses to show that the people living in the strike district were fearful for their lives and that some of them moved away for safety. It will also be shown that the sheriff had come in contact with the strikers at Hazelton on the morning of September 10 and that he then and there warned them by reading the riot act that they were violating the law and that they should disperse and go to their homes. Instead of accepting this advice they jeered the officer of the law and proceeded on their march to Latimer.

The Had Author's Terror. Rhymer—"The typewriter is a wonderful invention, isn't it?" Spacer—"Yes, but it isn't a marker to the editor's blue pencil."

## RETAIL LUMBER MEN.

An Association Which Has Been in Session at Kansas City Visits Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 31.—The retail lumber men of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri, who have been attending a convention at Kansas City, and who came south for a few days' sight-seeing, arrived in Galveston 200 strong yesterday morning.

Although according to the original itinerary, the lumber men were billed to spend Sunday here, a telegram, received by Secretary McMaster on last Thursday, spoke of Monday morning as the time of their arrival. Consequently the big party dropped in unheralded and were practically left to their own resources during the day. But the visitors struck out for the wharves and the beach, and as they are a jolly, good-natured, intelligent body of business men, who know how to ask questions, they saw much to interest them.

The general verdict was that there sight of Galveston's magnificent beach was well worth the trip to this city. The party came here direct from Port Arthur on a special train.

The party left at 11 o'clock last night en route for Beaumont, where they will breakfast in the morning, then leaving for Texarkana, where they will stop to inspect the lumber mills, thence to Kansas City and home.

## DARING ROBBERS.

They Attempt to Burn the Town of Plano.

Plano, Tex., Jan. 31.—One of the boldest attempts to burn and plunder the business portion of this town was made at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning, when an alarm of fire was turned in.

The oil tanks containing about 100 gallons of oil, situated in the rear of the grocery stores of H. C. Jones and Dudley & Huntley, on the north side of Mechanic street, and only two stores between them, were set on fire simultaneously by incendiaries, who pried open the rear windows of both stores.

Luckily the fires were discovered a few minutes after they were set. The fire department did splendid and quick work in confining the fire to the oil tanks at both stores, putting out the fire in the Jones building with the chemical engine, and a line of hose was run into Dudley & Huntley's, getting the fire under control in ten minutes after the first alarm.

Campbell & Kerr's gent's furnishing goods store, next door to Jones, was entered through the rear window and the cash drawer torn loose from its fastenings and found lying in the middle of the floor. A box of parlor matches were scattered over the ground at the foot of the window where they entered. Nothing was left in the cash drawer and no goods were missing.

At Chandler & Sandifer's dry goods store the rear window was pried open and the store ransacked for money, but they obtained none. No goods were missing.

The burglars attempted to gain an entrance in H. B. Beatty's drug store at the rear window and failed.

The damage at Dudley & Huntley's on building and stock will amount to \$260, insured in the Fire association and Merchants' Insurance company. H. C. Jones' damage to stock and building by water and smoke will hardly exceed \$125, fully insured in the Sun Mutual Insurance company of New Orleans and the Palace Insurance company of Manchester, England.

Three suspicious characters, two white men and a negro, were arrested after the fire and locked up, but the authorities not being able to secure any evidence against them, turned them loose, with orders to leave town. The citizens by subscription last week made up enough money to order a \$350 latest improved hose wagon that will carry 1000 feet of hose, and to be pulled by horses. The wagon will arrive in about thirty days.

A tank of gasoline was sitting within two feet of the burning tank of oil in Jones' store, but did not catch fire. The citizens here are terribly worked up over this attempt to burn the town, and the guilty parties, would no doubt meet with harsh treatment.

## Found Dead.

Brownsville, Tex., Jan. 31.—Yesterday morning at an early hour Ordnance Sergt. E. F. Wachtel, of the post here, was found dead in his room from the effects of a gun shot. About 9 p. m. Thursday a shot was heard by residents in the vicinity of the deceased's quarters, but no surprise was felt, and not until Saturday night was any inquiry made regarding the absence of the sergeant. Sunday morning parties sought admittance to his room, but received no response, forced an entrance, finding the above state of affairs.

Six men have been jailed at Burlington, Ia., charged with the murder of Mrs. Rathburn and daughter.

A Great "Find." Manager—"Have you ever appeared upon the stage?"

Fair Applicant—"No."

Manager—"What qualifications do you think you possess for a successful career before the footlights?"

Fair Applicant—"I have just secured from the secretary of the navy an invitation to christen the next battleship; but I am quite certain that he intends to let some other girl do it."

Manager—"Good! We'll have a play written especially for you."

## B. and O. Presidents.

The recent annual meeting of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company, which was its seventy-first, brings to mind the fact that the B. & O. has had ten presidents in seventy-one years as follows: Philip E. Thomas, Louis McLane, Thomas Swan, William C. Harrison, Chauncey Brooks, John W. Garrett, Robert Garrett, Samuel Spencer, Charles F. Mayer and John K. Cowen. The line was put in operation to Harper's Ferry in 1834, was built to Winchester, Va., in 1836, and to Strasburg in 1870. Westward it went to Cumberland in November, 1842, and on to Wheeling, W. Va., by Jan. 1, 1853. The Parkersburg branch from Grafton to Parkersburg was opened May 1, 1857. It is the only great railroad company that is being operated under its original name and charter.

Some people who are only malicious, think they are witty.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

A "good joke" on a man is worse than a whipping.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

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No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

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104 and Liquor Habits NEW HOME CURE. Painless, Guaranteed. Write Dr. PURDY, Houston, Tex.

## THE TELLER RESOLUTION.

It Was Adopted by the Senate by a Vote of 47 to 32.

Washington, Jan. 29.—In accordance with agreement the senate convened at 10 a. m. yesterday.

By unanimous consent the routine business was waived and Mr. Stewart of Nevada opened the last day's discussion of the Teller resolution. In supporting the resolution, Mr. Stewart maintained that money, whether it be silver or gold or paper, was a creature of law, the creation of money being inherent in all independent nations. He said that this statement had been upheld by the highest of tribunals, and cited historical instances of such creation of money.

There were many speeches made on the resolution. Several amendments were defeated.

These disposed of, the decks were cleared for the final vote on the resolution. The earlier votes had shown that its passage was a foregone conclusion, yet there was the keenest interest at this culminating feature of the contest.

"On this vote," announced the vice president, "the yeas are 47 and the nays 32, and the resolution is agreed to."

The pairs throughout the voting were as follows: Turley with Deboe, Faulkner with Elkins, Gorman with Frye, Jones of Nevada with Proctor, and Walthall with Spooner. The first named would in each case have voted with those sustaining the resolution and against all amendments, while the last named would have voted against the resolution and for the amendments. There was no demonstration on the announcement, and at 7 p. m., on motion of Mr. Allison, the senate adjourned until Monday.

Washington, Jan. 29.—This was private bill day in the house, under the rules, but Mr. Groat (Rep.) of Vermont, in charge of the District of Columbia appropriation bill, attempted to supplant the regular order with the consideration of that bill. This immediately caused a renewal of the fight over the bill to pay the book publishing company of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, \$228,000 for damages sustained by it during the war, which had already consumed the entire time of two private bill days. The friends of the latter measure, under the leadership of Mr. Cooper (Dem.), of Texas, rallied in opposition to the motion and defeated it on a rising vote—yeas 72, nays 129.

In continuation of the filibustering tactics begun last week, Mr. Dalzell secured the yeas and nays, in order to consume time. The roll call developed such an overwhelming majority in favor of the bill—the vote being 75 to 168—that Mr. Dalzell offered to make terms with the friends of the bill for the relief of the Methodist book publishing company, and it was finally arranged that after debate until 4 o'clock a vote should be had directly on the bill. Those who participated in the debate were: In favor of it, Messrs. Dinsmore (Dem.) of Arkansas, Dooliver (Rep.) of Iowa, Dockery (Dem.) of Missouri, Sims (Dem.) of Tennessee, Mahon (Rep.) of Pennsylvania, Sullivan (Dem.) of Mississippi, Terry (Dem.) of Arkansas, Gaines (Dem.) of Tennessee and Grosvenor (Rep.) of Ohio. In opposition to it, Messrs. Dalzell (Rep.) of Pennsylvania, Hepburn (Rep.) of Iowa, McEwan (Rep.) of New Jersey, Dingley (Rep.) of Maine and Connolly (Rep.) of Illinois.

At 4 o'clock the bill was favorably passed to the house, and, on the demand of Mr. Dalzell, the vote on its passage was taken by yeas and nays. The bill was passed—yeas 188, nays 67.

The house then, at 4:30 p. m., took a recess until 8 o'clock, the evening session to be devoted to the consideration of private pension bills.

This was the first night session of this congress devoted to pension legislation. No disposition to contest developed, and the entire calendar of twenty-nine bills was cleared before the hour of adjournment—10:30—arrived.

### Stopped by the Police.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29.—"Mysterious" Billy Smith and Charles Johnson met at the Arena last night in what was programmed as a six-round bout. Before a minute of the first round had elapsed the affair was stopped by the referee, assisted by the police. In that time Smith had "cross-buttocked" his opponent, hit him while he was lying on his back, and then kicked him in the side. In the first clinch Smith repeatedly fouled his man. He was then summarily ejected from the ring, and afterward from the premises.

A federal grand jury is investigating the burning of the two Seminole Indians.

## Trouble Between Whites and Blacks.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 29.—Trouble has broken out again between the blacks and the whites in Lonoke county, and a race war is threatened which, when once started, may outrival anything of the kind witnessed in the south in years. The trouble has been brewing for a long time and the feeling between the races is so bitter that the first spark will cause an explosion.

The center of the trouble is the town of Lonoke, a place of some 2000 inhabitants, about one-half of whom are negroes. A portion of the white people of the town have been trying to rid the place of the negroes and clashes have been frequent in the past. Several negroes have been killed by whites and others have been driven out of town.

There has been little resistance upon the part of the blacks up to this time, but they are now organizing for the purpose of mutual protection and the next clash is almost certain to produce serious results. This clash is expected to take place within the next week or two, notice having been served on the negroes that they must leave the county within that time or suffer the consequences.

The following written notice, bearing date of January 23, has been tacked on the door of nearly every negro in the town of Lonoke and on many cabins in the surrounding country: "You are hereby notified that you and every other negro in Lonoke county must leave Lonoke in thirty days and never come back again. If you don't go you will be hung to the limb of a tree and your carcass filled with lead."

The notices are not signed, but are adorned with a skull and cross bones. Notices have also been posted on the doors of negro school houses warning the teachers to close the schools and get out of the country without delay. Many of the negroes have taken their families and all of their belongings and moved out of the county and several negro schools have been closed.

## TO FURNISH PROVISIONS.

### An Expedition to Leave Portland, Ore. for Alaska.

New York, Jan. 29.—Edward G. Rosenfield has left New York for Portland, Ore., to take charge of a midwinter expedition for the Klondike. He expected to get into Dawson City before March 15, with a supply of provisions large enough to relieve any existing distress.

His plan is to go from Portland to Alaska, landing at Haines Mission, Pyramid harbor, about eighty miles inland from Juneau. He will then go over the Chilkoot pass and Dalton trail to Fort Selkirk and up the Yukon river to Dawson. He is the general manager of the Snow and Ice Transportation company, which proposes to establish a permanent line from Dawson to the ocean for express, freight and passenger traffic.

Mr. Rosenfield has a contract with Acting Secretary of War George D. Meiklejohn for the transportation of the government relief expedition to the Klondike. He will take with him fifty soldiers under the command of Capt. Brainard, who was an officer in the Greeley expedition. The government sends 150 tons of provisions, agreeing to pay Mr. Rosenfield \$500 a ton from Linn canal to Dawson.

In addition to government troops and supplies they will carry 200 passengers, with about 100 tons of miscellaneous freight belonging to them and 100 tons of their own for their trading store. "We will take half a dozen Indian guides," said Mr. Rosenfield, "who are familiar with the country and several couriers with dogs to send back with reports of the expedition. We will take no women."

"All the men who have been accepted as passengers are able-bodied men. Each man must obey instructions and do whatever work may be required. We figure on a thirty days' trip, although we may be able to make it in half the time."

### Pension Granted.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Texas—Mexican war survivor, reissue and increase: Alex. T. Hawthorne, Dallas, \$8 to \$12. Mexican war widow: Elizabeth Sutton, Detroit, \$8. Widow Indian war: Eliza Jane McCormack, Omaha, \$8. Indian Territory—Original: William H. Hendrix, Tishomingo, \$8. Oklahoma Territory—Original: Frank Greer, Watonga, \$6. Original widow, etc.: Diana Crystal, Augusta, \$8.

### Must Pay a Tax.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 29.—The supreme court of the state, sitting at Richmond, has handed down its opinion in the case of the city against the newspapers of Norfolk, and ruled that they must pay the license tax recently imposed by the council, thus reversing the opinion of Circuit Judge Prentiss, who ruled that it was illegal because the city could impose no tax where the state failed to do so.

## A STEAMER SUNK.

### The City of Duluth Struck a Bar and Goes Down.

St. Joseph, Mich., Jan. 28.—The big steamer City of Duluth arrived off this port from South Chicago Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock, and attempted to enter the harbor. There was a tremendous wind from the northwest, and a heavy sea rolling. The Duluth kept on her course into the harbor, and at the mouth of the river struck a bar and was thrown heavily against the north pier, breaking in two immediately. The mammoth steel arches on each side of the boat gave way immediately and the boat dropped two or three feet. A large hole was stove in the port side of the boat as she swung around, and she went to the bottom in an hour, leaving only her cabin and a part of her bulwarks above water.

The two tugs, Morford and Protection, which had accompanied the big boat on her trip across the lakes, made several desperate attempts to reach her and got her crew and passengers off, but were every time unsuccessful. The life-saving crew was summoned and reached the scene in quick time, considering that they had disbanded for the winter. At midnight they had shot a mortar line to the boat, and the rescue began. The first one to be taken ashore was August Kerwin of this city. He dipped into the water several times during the perilous trip, and was badly frozen when he was pulled out onto the pier. The rest of the passengers were taken a shore in this manner, one at a time. There were seventeen passengers, and twenty-three of the crew. Capt. McLean was the last to leave, he being taken off at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. There were several ladies on board. The members of the life saving crew took turns going out in the car after them. Mrs. William Tyron is now dying from the effects of the trip. She was in a delicate condition, and was badly frozen, and was seized with nervous prostration. There is no hope for her to live.

The City of Duluth is an old boat, but one of the largest sailing on Lake Michigan. She has been in the grain carrying trade for many years. She is owned by the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior Transportation company, and was being operated here this winter by the Graham & Morton Transportation company. She had a heavy cargo of corn and flour, and a deckload of merchandise for local merchants. There is no hope of saving anything from the wreck, as there is a very high sea rolling. No boat can reach her, and she is rapidly going to pieces. The engineer says that when the boat struck the engine jumped a foot and was immediately torn to pieces. The water rushed in, put out the fires, and the firemen barely escaped up the ladder in time to save themselves. The floor of the cabin deck gave a mighty heave upward, and the passengers were thrown into the wildest confusion.

## WHEAT SITUATION.

### The Letter Combine Claim to Own all the Surplus Wheat in the Country.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28.—"Basing our estimates on the government figures, we think we now own every bushel of surplus wheat in this country," George B. French, the active manager of the big wheat combination said for himself and Jos. Letter, who is the visible head of the "clique."

He said further: "According to the most reliable estimates obtained we think there is not more than 15,000,000 bushels of wheat unaccounted for. Scattered over different parts of the country we have holdings of at least that amount, so we can safely claim to have possession of all the surplus." Added to the estimate of 530,000,000 bushels for last year's crop the 30,000,000 bushels carried over from the crop of 1896 gave Mr. French his basis of 560,000,000 bushels as the original supply. This he proceeded to dispose of as follows:

Exported to date 145,000,000 bushels, estimated necessary for home consumption 340,000,000 bushels, estimated necessary for feed 60,000,000 bushels, making a total of 545,000,000 bushels comfortably put away. The difference between the original estimate surplus and the amount accounted for is 15,000,000 bushels. This is the amount of wheat which, according to Mr. French, furnishes the key to the situation, and on which the "clique" has put a price of 10 cents in advance, of the Chicago price for May wheat, whatever that may be from day to day.

"The situation is simply this," declared Mr. French. "Everything goes to show that this country has sent abroad more than its exportable surplus. We think wheat has been over exported to the extent of 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 bushels, and that the United States is the country in which to sell."

Vestor Aranguren, an insurgent general, was killed near Tapaste, Cuba, recently.

## Cattlemen's Convention Over.

Denver, Col., Jan. 28.—The National Stock Growers' association convention, after three days of harmonious and important deliberations, came to an end yesterday.

The organization of the Live Stock Association of the United States of America was completed by the selection of an executive committee.

The other cattle centers of the country, in consideration of the splendid efforts of Denver in making the present convention a success, waived their claims upon the next year's meeting and the vote was unanimous that it should come to Denver.

The closing number on the programme was the last barbecue to be given in America where buffalo is to appear on the menu. Among the rare viands were nicely cooked elk and opossum, besides beef, mutton and pork in great quantities. The barbecue was held at the Union stockyards and from 25,000 to 30,000 people attended. So great was the crowd that the six tons of meat served was hardly enough to satisfy all, and before the crowd could be served the tables against which they were surging broke away, and brushing aside police and military guards, the crowds overran the grounds, helping themselves to what was in sight. Gov. Adams and Mayor McMurray were present, but their exhortations were unheeded. The crowd was good natured and no one was hurt in the stampede, but there being no possibility of restoring order the management declared the barbecue over. The mistake made by the barbecue committee was in issuing too many tickets, 35,000 having been given out.

At the morning session the organization of the Live Stock Association of the United States, which was partially completed Wednesday night, was taken up again and the executive committee selected, consisting of one member from each state represented. It was also provided that the governors of states not represented should appoint members to fill vacancies.

The executive committee is as follows:

Arizona, Col. Fred S. Donan; Colorado, John W. Springer; Idaho, A. B. Clark; Illinois, Charles W. Baker; Indiana, J. B. Conner; Iowa, A. Craig; Kansas, G. W. Melville; Michigan, N. H. Hinds; Minnesota, Theodore L. Schermels; Missouri, C. A. Thompson; Montana, J. M. Holt; Nebraska, Peter Jansen; New Mexico, W. C. McDonald; Oklahoma, E. S. Donnelly; Oregon, R. G. Judson; South Dakota, Frank M. Stewart; Texas, A. B. Robertson; Utah, E. H. Collister; Wyoming, D. N. Stickney.

The executive committee of the National Stock Growers' association of the United States held their first session at the Brown hotel last night. Hon. John W. Springer of Colorado was unanimously chosen president, John M. Holt of Montana, vice president, Charles E. Martin of Colorado, recording secretary and C. W. Baker of Chicago treasurer.

Mr. Springer appointed the following standing committees:

Finance and ways and means—C. W. Baker of Illinois, A. B. Robertson of Texas, Peter Jansen of Nebraska, D. N. Stickney or Wyoming and F. M. Stewart of South Dakota.

Transportation—A. S. Donan of Arizona, J. M. Smith of Utah, R. C. Judson of Oregon and W. G. Melville of Kansas.

Legislation—H. H. Hinds of Michigan, W. C. McDonald of New Mexico and F. M. Stewart of South Dakota.

Arbitration—A. B. Clarke of Idaho, J. A. Craig of Iowa and E. S. Donnelly of Oklahoma.

Markets—Theodore L. Schermels of Minnesota, A. B. Robertson of Texas and John M. Holt of Montana.

Sanitary—James A. Craig of Iowa, H. H. Hinds of Michigan and H. A. Jastro of California.

As consulting members Dr. Charles Gresswell of Colorado, Dr. R. G. Kieberg of Texas and Dr. Victor A. Norgaard of Washington, D. C., were added to the committee.

The members of the executive committee were named as delegates to attend the stock conventions to be held in Fort Worth, Texas, in Montana, in Wyoming and in South Dakota in April.

### After Ghouls.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Wednesday night the bodies of Mrs. Jane Corbett and Stephen Bennett, which were taken by grave robbers from the cemetery at Eagleville, thirty miles south of this city, about two weeks ago, were returned from Burlington, Vt., and will be reinterred. Detectives traced the bodies to Vermont, and the man in this city who shipped them, finding the pursuit was being vigorously made, telegraphed to Burlington, and the bodies were sent back, the prices originally paid for them—\$110—being made good. One arrest, Dr. Heimack, has been made, and others are expected to follow. Prosecutions against all concerned will be pressed.

## FARM AND STOCK ITEMS.

Six carloads of cattle were shipped to St. Louis and two carloads of hogs to Fort Worth by Harris & Duman, stock dealers at Clarksville, Red River county, a few days ago.

Two hundred and fourteen head of dehorned steers were shipped to Bonham, Fannin county, recently by Mr. Hackett, a cattleman, who is feeding there. They are to be fed for the market.

Breeders at Abilene, Taylor county, have found the raising of fine jacks a profitable business. One firm sold eleven jacks during the last few months at prices ranging from \$300 to \$1000 each.

The Walker county poultry exhibit was held at Huntsville several days ago, and proved a great success. A live stock exhibit came off in connection with it, at which some fine stock was shown.

The X Q Z ranch at San Angelo received ten registered Hereford bulls from Missouri recently. Several eastern buyers have been in San Angelo during the past few days looking at steers with a view of buying. A. F. Clarkson sold to F. M. Bourn 150 coming 2s at \$20 and forty coming yearlings at \$15, all extra quality, recently.

Sixty-eight head of fine Hereford bulls were at the stock yards in Fort Worth a few days ago. They were bred on the ranch of McClelland & Brandon in Missouri, and were destined for Colorado City, Mitchell county, to be sold. The prices asked for these bulls go from \$100 a head to \$250, and from their appearance stockmen think they will readily bring the money asked.

A prominent produce dealer in Fort Worth states that the demand thus far this year for seed potatoes has more than doubled that of last year. He says there seems to be no end to the demand. A great part of this unusual activity in this line of produce is due to the Wichita valleys, from which section at least three times as many orders have been received this year as last.

One of Abilene's prominent citizens has stated that the people of the west are perhaps more prosperous than those of any other section of the state. Last year the farmers in that country raised wheat, oats, corn, cotton and all the forage crops in great abundance, and besides, the pasture lands grew great crops of grass, and consequently cattle, sheep, horses and mules went into the winter in the best of condition.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas are now sending south over their line 150 empty stable cars to load with market cattle which is destined for both Kansas City and St. Louis. The fact that empty stable cars are again in demand by the different roads verifies the statements made that the cattle that have been prepared for market at the various feeding points are about to be moved. The advancing prices are responsible for this.

Fred Horsbrugh, manager of the Espuela ranch, located in Dickens and Crosby counties, reports that the condition of live stock throughout that section of the panhandle has never been excelled at this season of the year. Rain was badly needed for a time, but the recent downpour has filled the tanks. There are some twenty-two large water tanks, besides several perennial streams, on the Espuela ranch, and the stock have not been suffering from want of water.

Cattle raisers west of Fort Worth, in the Abilene and Colorado districts chiefly, are waging war on the prairie dogs. The dogs yearly destroy more grass than can be estimated—enough to maintain thousands of head of cattle. It costs about \$2 to rid by poison a section of land (640 acres) of this nuisance. All sorts of impracticable schemes have been inaugurated heretofore to remove these little animals that destroy so much valuable herbage, such as starting factories for boiling them up for lard, making gloves out of their hides and other similar impossible projects, not one of which ever materialized, and now the people to whom grass means a living are trying to exterminate them by poisoning.

Besides being necessary to avoid bankruptcy and ruin to the farmer, diversifying crops is necessary to prevent bankrupting the soil. The same crop grown on the same land year after year will ultimately, if not rapidly, exhaust the soil. But our farmers do rotate their crops with corn, then cotton, then corn, then cotton and so on world without end. But this kind of rotation does not save the land. Both corn and cotton, being subjected to clean cultivation, afford the elements an opportunity to get in their degrading work; and soluble matter and humus are both washed out of the soil and into the streams and lost to the farm. It is time our farmers were beginning to take heed lest they find themselves depending for crops on commercial fertilizers.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

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W. S. BANKS, of Temple, is out for Associate Justiceship of the court of civil appeals of the 3rd supreme judicial district.

We have heard it said that W.W. McElroy is entertaining an idea of opening a new grocery business in Sweetwater.—Sweetwater Reporter.

The Coke County Rustler is now one of the most creditable papers in this section of the country.—Sweetwater Review.

One of the pretty community school mamas of Wise county, to encourage promptness promised to kiss the first scholar at school each morning, and the boys took to roosting on the fence all night.—Dallas News.

San Angelo may be a "fast" place, but a "errapin out run a rabbit once upon a time," and it may be that that town will be asleep when the Colorado Valley runs by. Wake up neighbor, there is but little time for slumber on this question.

The school land question still seems to be unsettled. It is getting time this matter was adjusted, so that it can be let alone. The idea of keeping it as a mere campaign issue, with a change of law at most every legislature, is getting the people tired. Test the constitutionality the present and past laws, if they are questioned, and if found sound let them stand, and stop complicating the matter by additional legislation.

Some people think the Colorado Valley is sure to come this way whether we raise the bonus asked or not, but it is possible for this idea to be a delusive one. It is our opinion the road will be built where the greatest inducements are offered, and if this be correct it is time for us to act our part at an early date. And the same may be said with regard to San Angelo's action.

Many good items of news are lost to the newspapers by the modesty of people, who hesitate to tell the reporters of the matters concerning themselves. Not that they do not want it to appear in print, but they are afraid they would be pushing themselves forward. This is a wrong idea. From a reportorial standpoint the man who will stop a newspaper reporter on the street and inform him that he has been in Houston or some other city, that he is going to get married or his wife entertained friends from a distance is the best man alive. May his likeness in our next issue cut the earth.—Ex.

The oat acreage will be largely increased in Coke this spring, if seasons will admit it.

Wheat, oats, cotton, Kaffir corn, blooded cows, hog, chickens, vegetables, and strict attention to the farm will make the West Tex. farmer the independent man in the world.

It is generally known that there are wild camels in Arizona. They were originally the property of the government. An attempt being made to transport supplies across the plains by caravan. But the experiment was a failure. Then the railroad came. The camels were abandoned and are now running wild.—Ex.

Keep your eye on the farmer who is turning the soil, even if it is not thoroughly wet, and observe at harvest time the difference in his crop and the one who waited for more rain.

MANY counties in the state already have a full set of candidates out, and some suggests that it is a good plan, as they can make their race before crop time, thus avoiding the usual custom of hindering the farmer or helping him hoe, picking, etc., which the average candidate naturally detests.

### New Railroad.

The Charter of the Fort Worth and Northwestern railroad has been approved for filing by the attorney general. This corporation proposes building a line of railroad 120 miles long from Ft. Worth to Throckmorton, through the counties of Tarrant, Parker, Young and Throckmorton. Capital stock, \$250,000. Incorporators: B. B. Paddock, W. A. Paddock, R. F. Arnold, W. W. Cargill and others.

We sometimes hear our business men complain about the jobber at San Angelo selling to the retail trade at same figures they sell to them at wholesale. This if true, will some day be a bad feature for the wholesale dealers at that place. It is not business, and only goes to show that they think they have a halter on the jobbing trade. A little co-operation on the part of our business men can correct this wrong.

### RAILROAD NEWS.

Mr. George Moore interviewed by the Rustler.

Mr. George Moore and wife came in from Sweetwater and were guests of the Davis Hotel Tuesday night. Mr. Moore is General Superintendent of the Colorado Valley railroad.

Questioned by the Rustler he said: "We have fifteen miles of the road graded and seven miles completed and the train running over it. We have enough material on the ground to complete thirty three miles of the road which would bring the road considerably into Coke county, and just before leaving Sweetwater Tuesday morning

I purchased twenty-five miles more of steel. In a month or six weeks we will have the road completed to T. S. Foster's ranch, twenty-five miles from Sweetwater."

"If the bonus required of us is raised when will the road reach Robert Lee?" was asked him.

"I think we can reach Robert Lee the last of August or the first of September, if not sooner," was his reply.

When asked how long he was going to stay with us, he said: "I will leave in the morning to go over the proposed route from here to San Angelo."

"If San Angelo will raise \$40,000, will she secure the road?"

"No sir" was the reply, and then said after he went over the proposed route could say what would be required of San Angelo.

He says in the spring work will be opened up a new and the road pushed to completion.

From the San Angelo Press.

General Manager Wheatcroft, it is said, has gone east to float the Colorado Valley bonds, as it did not rain enough in this section to put stockwater."

J. J. Good, his sons, Ed, Lee and the baby were in from Coke county this week. They said that the Colorado Valley railroad is sure coming and no mistake.

The last number of the Coke County Rustler was a "hot number," especially on the railroad, and its improvement is noticeable weekly. It is evidently getting ready to be what it knows will be expected of it when Robert Lee is a railroad center.

Dr. Lathan, and wife, of Robert Lee, passed through the city this week, enroute home from San Saba, where they have been visiting.

Rome Shield, Dick Runyon, —Carpenter, Ed and Lee Good, and a few others accompanied by a large pack of hounds and two cooks, have gone on a three days hunt in the Colorado mountain.

Two and half to five dollar shares by the farmers and stockmen of Tom Green and Coke counties will build a factory that will turn out cotton cloth sufficient for the whole of this section and lots to spare.

County Judges Fokes, of Iron, and Chapman of Coke, take great personal interests in the school affairs of their counties, for which they are entitled to praise, though it is not apparent that this is what actuates them. All honor to such public officials!

## THE SPOT CASH HOUSE.

I have again gone into business at my old stand with a complete line of

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A story is told of a colored preacher who was holding a meeting in a large tobacco barn in a rural district in Kentucky. An empty tobacco hogshead was pressed into service as an elevation upon which to stand while delivering his discourse, warming up with his subject, he soon became excited. Throwing his arms into the air above his head, and elevating one foot, he exclaimed: "De righteous shall rise and de wicked shall fall!" At the word "fall" he brought his foot down vehemently upon the head of the hogshead, and like a flash it gave way, and he dropped out of sight, being short of statute. Amid the precipitated uproar he reached up and grasped the chime of the barrel and drew himself into view, shouting, "Bress God, dey shall rise again!"—Ex.

A few months ago, Mr. Byron Every of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent size for sale by Ed M. Mobley.

From everywhere come words of praise for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. "Allow me to congratulate you on the merits of your Remedy. It cured me of chronic bronchitis when the doctor could do nothing for me." Chas. F. Hemel, Toledo, O. For sale by Ed M. Mobley.

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### EDITH DOTS.

Edith, Tex., Feb. 2, 1898. ED. RUSTLER:—I will try to give you the news of this neighborhood.

Mesrs. Ed and Will Good and families are at their father's on a visit.

There too be a big wolf chase to-day. There is a loafer wolf that has been seen in Mr. Good's pasture, and they have about twenty hounds together, so you see Mr. wolf had better be gone.

Mesrs. Thomas and Kelly, the rustling organ men have been doing this settlement for a few days.

Quite a number of the neighbors met at Mrs. Brown's last night and enjoyed themselves singing.

Mr. G. C. Arnett is off buying cattle.

J. R. Arnett has gone to San Angelo after lumber, but it will not be that way when we get the Colorado Valley to Robert Lee.

Rev. Jno. Reed has gone to San Angelo to get paint to paint his new house.

A. C. Gardner says he is losing some sheep.

PETE.

## LOCAL CHIPS.

A good rain is needed badly. Pay up your subscription.

Wiley Byrd was in town this week.

N. B. and Dr. Gatliff were visitors to city this week.

We are having some fine spring weather now.

Dr. G. W. Martin paid Manes-tee a visit this week.

W. C. Barron is having him a cistern dug.

Emmet Reed played the devil for us a day or so this week.

Nothing new on the railroad question this week.

Johnie Gardner now sports a "ban new" bicycle.

Corn planting time will soon be here.

A. Hammond was in town a few hours one day this week.

Will and Went Pruitt, of Bronte were in town Thursday.

Mrs. R. B. Higgins, who has been dangerously sick, is reported to be improving.

J. W. Hall and son Loved paid their respects to San Angelo this week.

E. C. Good and family were visiting in the city this week.

Miss Ida McDonald is visiting in San Angelo this week.

Judge Chapman was on the sick this week.

Sam King and wife of Edith were visiting in the city Sunday.

Miss Ida Scarborough, of Sanco is here taking music lessons under Prof. Kellam.

J. J. Austin passed through the city the first of the week on his way to San Angelo.

Postmaster Harrison made visit to his ranch Wednesday.

Judge G. W. Perryman made a visit to Dallas Thursday on business.

Col. B. J. Nerton left Tuesday for T. L. Vaughn's, of Bronte, where he goes to erect a residence for Mr. Vaughn.

Dr. J. B. Latham was called to see Mrs. Lum Hudson the first of the week, who was said to very low.

A. K. Landers, of up the river was in town Monday having some blacksmithing done.

K. M. Mays and wife, of their ranch near Bronte were visiting in the city Monday, the guest of the Davis Hotel.

I. J. Good, one of Coke county's enterprising cattlemen, spent Thursday night in the city returning home Friday.—Sweetwater Reporter.

J. J. Sayers sold out his household goods at Auction last Saturday and will make his home at San Antonio where Mrs. Sayers is awaiting him.—Ballinger Banner Ledger.

S. C. Wilkins, the Sr. of the RUSTLER paid San Angelo and Ballinger a business trip this week.

G. J. Moore is going to killing prairie dogs, he having seen Bass Bros., "ad" in the RUSTLER sent to them for poison. See?

Judge G. W. Perryman sold last week to Thad Ditmore a town lot on the west side of the square for \$75.

Rufe Whitesides, the rustling cowman and society gentlemen, of Boozer was a visitor to the city the first of the week, and report the doggie ad o. k.

Alvis Ashley left the first of the week for Brown county, where he goes to live. He will be grately missed by the young people of this place.

Surveyor Graham done some surveying for County Attorney W. C. Merchant this week.

C. W. McCutcheon of down the river was in the city a few hours one day this this week.

Sheriff L. B. Marry, of Coke county, arrested Ben and Wayne Hubbard, wanted for the robbery of Walnut Springs postoffice. They are held at San Angelo awaiting the arrival of Boaque county officers.—Stevenville Journal.

We want a correspondent at every precinct in the county. Don't stand back and wait, but send us the news and when in town call around and get stationery. Help us to make the RUSTLER a good local paper.

W. W. McElroy, came down with the Sweetwater mail Monday night and informs us that Mr. Donahue, who he sold the mail line too some time ago, and who has been driving for some time, had skipped out and could not be found.

A. C. Gardner, the Edith sheepman was in town Wednesday wanting to buy cotton seed. He says he has lost something near 250 head up-to date and that if it should happen to come a cold rain he would go out of the sheep business.

W. W. Thompson, son-in-law of Mrs. W. B. Harrison, arrived from Williamson county the first of the week. He says they are having plenty of rain in that part of the country.

In the school trustee election here Tuesday the following persons were elected: H. E. Johnston, 25; J. R. Patteson, 23; J. T. Hamilton, 19; G. W. Perryman, 12; and C. W. McCutcheon, 11.

### Notice.

To the Democratic Executive Committee of Coke county, you are respectfully reminded to meet at the Court House in Robert Lee on Saturday, February 19th, 1898.

J. P. Hutinson,

Chairman.

Nelson Webb of the Ft. Chadbourne country was in the city the first of the week visiting his parents. He says he has several new neighbors and still more coming.

The teachers Institute was a grand success here last Friday Saturday. Everybody seemed to take an interest in it.

W. C. Benson, one of Edith's prominent citizens was on the streets a few hours the first of the week.

### Notice

J. M. Perry is now sole proprietor of the WINDSOR SALOON at Sweetwater, having purchased W. F. Buchanan's interest in said Saloon. He solicits the trade of Coke county. All goods guaranteed or money refunded. He handles nothing but the best. Try him.

Rev. R. M. Cumbie preached at the church house here Thursday night. He will preach at Hayrick each second Sunday in the future.

Will Whitesides, of Comanche county, brother of Rufe Whitesides was in the burg Thursday.

If you have friends in the east you would like to have come to Coke, send them the RUSTLER.

Read the "ad of J. F. Deats, the wide-a-wake groceryman in this issue. He is one of ours best business men. Give him a call when in need anything in his line.

"Grand Pa" Keller, Lee Green and others, from Sanco, went to San Angelo with cotton the first of week.

J. E. Morris, the chicken man, has discovered a furniture polish which makes old furniture as good as new, and destroys the germ of bedbugs. All work guaranteed or money refunded. Produce taken in exchange for work.

Quite a number of Coke county people were in San Angelo trading this week.

R. P. Perry made a business trip to San Angelo the first of the week.

G. S. McClusky, the blacksmith, has just received a full supply of material horse shoes, wagon timbers, etc., and is fully prepared to do your work.

All efforts at getting Mrs. Cosper in the asylum have failed, and she is now being cared for by the county.

H. M. Bennick and W. A. Stepp made a business trip to San Angelo the first of the week. We are informed the letter purchased a stock of groceries and grain, which he will open up here this week.

Go to the Loe Restaurant, when in San Angelo. First class meals only 20 cents.

Another new business in town this week. Let the good work go on.

J. D. Colloier & Co., are selling good cotton checks at 4 cents per yard, and everything else proportionately low at the Edith Store.

Judge McCallum, of Mitchell county, says that with a dog poison made by Bass Bros. in Abilene, \$2 per section has rid large portions of his country of the dog pest. He says that all we need in this country is co-operation upon the part of all, and a few days will settle them for years. Even three times the cost mentioned would be returned several times in one year in grass alone. When we come to calculate the number of cattle the grass eaten by prairie dogs would fatten, we can see something of the loss they inflict upon the country yearly. We shall take up this subject again in the near future.—Abilene Reporter.

This is a little better than Bass Bros. promise, but the dogs can be killed with this poison cheaply. The price is \$1 per bottle (for peck wheat) 4 bottles, \$3.50; 5c per bottle extra by mail. For sale by all druggists.

A. J. Crockett, the barber, returned last week from Robert Lee. He came back with a sad heart from the fact that his wife, who had been sick for some time, died while he was gone. His two children are with his mother. He has the sympathies of the Spokesman in his sad bereavement.—Colorado Spokesman.

Mr. A. S. Eubanks and little son, Isaac, one of Bronte's best citizens were among the visitors here last Friday. Mr. Eubanks informs us that he hauled eight bales of cotton to Ballinger on one wagon last week, and that he does not want to try it again, as he would have to take the wires off the top of every gate between the above places.

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These facts are very important for every one proposing to go to Alaska and the Yukon country to know, for should he be persuaded by some out-fitter to take one of the cheap brands of baking powder, it will cost just as much to transport it, and then when he opens it for use, after all his labor in packing it over the long and difficult route, he will find a solid caked mass or a lot of spoiled powder, with no strength and useless. Such a mistake might lead to the most serious results. Alaska is no place in which to experiment in food, or try to economize with your stomach. For use in such a climate, and under the trying and fatiguing conditions of life and labor in that country, everything must be the best and most useful, and above all it is imperative that all food supplies shall have perfect keeping qualities. It is absurd to convey over such difficult and expensive routes an article that will deteriorate in transit, or that will be found when required for use to have lost a great part of its value.

There is no better guide to follow in these matters than the advice of those who have gone through similar experience. Mr. McQuesten, who is called "the father of Alaska," after an experience of years upon the trail, in the camp, and in the use of every kind of supply, says: "We find in Alaska that the importance of a proper kind of baking powder cannot be overestimated. A miner with a can of bad baking powder is almost helpless in Alaska. We have tried all sorts, and have been obliged to settle down to use nothing but the Royal. It is stronger and carries further at first, but above all things, it is the only powder that will endure the severe climatic changes of the arctic region."

It is for the same reasons that the United States government in its relief expeditions, and Peary, the famous arctic traveler, have carried the Royal Baking Powder exclusively.

The Royal Baking Powder will not cake nor lose its strength either on board ship or in damp climates, and is the most highly concentrated and efficient of leavening agents. Hence it is indispensable to every Alaskan outfit. It can be had of any of the trading companies in Alaska, but should the miner procure his supplies before leaving, he should resist every attempt of the out-fitter to palm off upon him any of the other brands of baking powder, for they will spoil and prove the cause of great disappointment and trouble.

## PEDDLERS IN MEXICO.

### Why an Old Woman Wouldn't Sell All Her Honey at One Time.

"While traveling in Mexico a few years ago I had a funny experience with a Mexican vender which goes to show what little business ability the lower classes have," said E. F. Guignon of St. Louis. "I was en route to look at some mines away up in the mountains. At the station where we left the train to take the stage I saw an old woman selling some honey. She did not have more than ten pounds of it altogether and as it looked so good I wanted to buy it all to take along with us. I asked our interpreter to buy it. Much to my surprise the old woman would sell him but two boxes, claiming that if she sold it all to him she would have nothing to sell to other people, neither would she have anything else to do during the remainder of the day!"

## FADS IN FLOWERS.

Florists' shops abroad are much different from the ones in this country. In London, for example, funeral wreaths and emblems are displayed in the windows, with their prices attached. Some are attractive, others very hideous. Lichen is fashionable there for crosses and wreaths, and from this grisly-gray background calla lilies and white roses peer.

Set pieces, the "gates ajar," broken columns and floral pillows, are always painful, for, in the first place, the natural grace and beauty of the flowers is destroyed, and in the next there is no excuse for the emblems. Flowers for the dead should be scattered in careless handfuls—then only are they comforters, with their graceful beauty unimpaired. The modern custom of adding to a death notice the words, "Friends will please omit flowers," may be traced to the reluctance of the survivors to be confronted with those ghastly set pieces which have raged so long.

## Whitecappers Again.

Marlin, Tex., Jan. 29.—Renters on Mrs. Fannie Clarkson's place, near here, have been "notified" by the whitecappers to cancel their rent contracts, which are on a basis of money rent. There is considerable agitation about the matter. Many people who have received these notices are afraid to say much lest the whitecappers would be incensed thereby and wreak summary vengeance on them. The following is a sample of the notices that were tacked up on Mrs. Clarkson's farm:

"Mr. Ammonett: You are hereby notified to recant your trade with Mr. Reed for the sake of your wife and children and our wives and children, as we understand you have rented for money rent. Please take notice and be governed accordingly, as we don't intend notifying any one more than once. You most obedient

"COMMITTEE OF 200."

Judge S. R. Scott in his charge to the grand jury for the January term instructed them particularly to investigate the whitecap disturbances. A copy of the grand jury's report of their investigation reads as follows:

"There is one class of offenses, however, which we regret to acknowledge, has prevailed to some extent, the perpetration of which we have been unable to ferret out, although nearly, if not quite half of the time has been spent in the investigation. This is what is generally called 'whitecapping,' viz: the writing of threatening anonymous notices on fence and gateposts and in one reported instance on the door of a tenant house. The riding around at night of disguised men warning peaceful citizens not to make certain trades or to cancel one already made and in the cutting of a fence around a certain farm in the county because the owner thereof refused to rent for other than standing price. We have investigated these offenses very carefully, but we are unable to find sufficient evidence to warrant an indictment in any case. It is to be trusted, however, that the disposition to this kind of lawlessness will speedily pass away and that our county officers will not only keep a watch out for future offenses, but also for evidence that would tend to determine past offenders."

## RAILROAD EXTENSIONS.

### There is Prospect of Several Being Built from El Paso.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 29.—The extension of the White Oaks railroad to the New Mexico line at Canadian river, has made it a reasonable certainty that direct connection will be made at the Kansas line at Liberal with the Rock Island system, thus giving the Rock Island a straight shoot into El Paso at a distance of 535 miles, a saving of two mountain ranges over the Santa Fe route from Trinidad. The prophesied connection at Liberal is not denied in the White Oaks offices. All of this new line is over level country, susceptible of a high cultivation through irrigation and rich in a wide variety of minerals, noticeably fine coal deposits.

At the same time, President J. J. Hagerman has arranged to extend his road, the Pecos Valley, to Panhandle, the terminal of the Santa Fe in the northern panhandle of Texas, close by the Denver and Gulf road, cutting through the panhandle to Fort Worth from Denver. This will give the Gulf road both Rock Island and Santa Fe connection with the ETAINUNNET connections in Texas addition to connection with the Santa Fe at Trinidad and with the same road and the Rock Island at other northern points. With these new lines assured there is revived talk of carrying out the plan of the Santa Fe to connect Roswell with Albuquerque, also to build across New Mexico from Panhandle to Albuquerque, also of a probable extension from Pecos City, the present terminal of the Pecos Valley, to Marathon, on the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific, and south from there to Roquillas, on the Rio Grande river, and south into old Mexico to connect with the Mexican Central down near the city of Chihuahua. There is also talk of the Santa Fe's building a connecting link between Pecos City and San Angelo, the present western terminus of the San Angelo branch running west from Temple.

## Gulf Ports Rates.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 29.—The railroad commission is in receipt of a request from Jens Moller of Galveston that the general freight agents and a number of other persons be summoned to appear as witnesses at the hearing to be had Feb. 4, to discuss the question of gulf ports in the matter of rates. The gulf ports in the matter of rates. The request will not be complied with, however, as the hearing will not cover the subjects Mr. Moller seems to anticipate.

The cotton mill operatives at New Bedford, Mass., are still on a strike.

## A BIG BLAZE.

### Gainesville Visited by a Very Destructive Fire.

Gainesville, Tex., Jan. 28.—At 5 o'clock yesterday morning fire destroyed the Stevens, Kennerly & Spragins company's hardware establishment. The stock and house are both a total loss. The building was insured for \$7000, stock for \$25,750. B. F. Melton's saddle and harness store is damaged to the amount of \$1000, with \$750 insurance. The stock is damaged to the amount of \$500, covered by insurance. The insurance on the Stevens, Kennerly & Spragins company's loss is divided among the following companies: Liverpool, London and Globe and Hartford, Orient and Western, \$1000 each; Connecticut \$2000, Norwich Union \$4750, London and Lancashire \$2000, Norwalk \$1500. These amounts were on the stock. The companies carrying the building insurance could not be learned. The Liverpool, London and Globe had the Melton loss.

This is the heaviest fire loss Gainesville has had for five years, the total reaching fully \$50,000. Stevens, Kennerly & Spragins company had purchased and had fitted up elegant and commodious new quarters, into which they had moved. Wednesday night after 6 o'clock they settled with the contractor and employes, the finishing touches having just been put on and the house turned over to them.

Two kegs of powder exploded during the progress of the fire with terrific force and Bob McGee, who was managing a hose nozzle, was badly hurt. He is now at home tossing in delirium and his physician refuses to express an opinion as to his condition. The origin of the fire is not known.

## KLONDIKE COUNTRY.

### There Will be a Great Rush for the Gold Fields in the Spring.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 28.—G. W. S. Johnson of Callista, Cal., and just returned from the Klondike country, was a passenger on the last east-bound limited. He is the reputed possessor of mining interests in the northwest territory valued at \$750,000 and he returns thither in the early spring. Mr. Johnson had in his pocket several natural nuggets as large as small doughnuts which he showed a reporter. He said reindeer were of no special account up in that country; dogs were the proper motive power. The perils of the pass were great, but not to the extent many people imagined, and as for starvation along the Yukon that was mostly romance. There was food enough to carry the winter-imprisoned men through. Mr. Johnson predicted that in the spring there would be a rush for Alaska far beyond all expectation. The population of Dawson City was bound to be 100,000 at an early day and prospectors would be scattered all over the country. There was an immense amount of gold there awaiting only the pick of the miner to be brought to the surface. Even at this early day all the sailing accommodations possible were spoken for already, and the size of the emigration or exodus would be limited by the ability of steamers to handle the traffic.

As to suffering up there, there was no more than could be reasonably expected. The sufferers were men who would experience tribulation anywhere, such as the idle, the shiftless and the lazy.

## Sentenced For Counterfeiting.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 18.—Deputy United States Marshal Joe McKee returned to Paris Wednesday night from Jefferson, with Tom Woodson, J. P. Jennings, C. M. Whitecotton, R. S. Shaw and George Moore, who were tried before the federal court at Jefferson, with the exception of Moore, for unlawfully using the mails, and were each sentenced to a year and a day imprisonment. Moore was given five years on the charge of counterfeiting.

## Receiver Not Wanted.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 25.—The case of H. A. Clark vs. R. C. Collins, an application for the appointment of a receiver for a business in Denison, involving about \$6100, was brought to a close yesterday. Judge Bliss stated, after the examination of one of the witnesses for the plaintiff, that under the circumstances set forth Mr. Collins would have the right to proceed with his duty as trustee, and the application was withdrawn by the plaintiff.

## Port Arthur Channel.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 28.—On the dissolution of the injunction of Charles T. Crary vs. the Port Arthur Channel and Dock company, on Tuesday, the channel company started another dredge to work on the channel. This makes two dredges at work in the channel at present. This company has already dredged over two miles of its channel. The last dredge commenced work at the pass end of the channel and is working north.

## Fruit and Vegetable Growers.

Tyler, Tex., Jan. 27.—Pursuant to a call, the Smith County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association met at the courthouse at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Farmers and truck growers from every portion of the county were in attendance. A number of talks were made regarding the adaptability of the soil and climate of this section for a diversity of crops. Ideas were also exchanged as to the best method of preparing fruits and vegetables for shipment in large and small quantities. Interest in this new industry has been steadily increasing for the past few years, and last year about fifty carloads of fine fruits and vegetables were shipped to the northern and western markets, netting the shippers handsome profits. The railroads are lending encouragement to the industry, and will give the growers the benefit of the lowest rates and quickest time and agree to furnish special service when as many as six carloads can be shipped at a time.

A permanent organization was effected, with L. A. Henry as president, L. M. Green secretary and Major James P. Douglas treasurer.

A committee of eight members from different communities was appointed to ascertain and report at the next regular meeting the amount of acreage that would be planted in vegetables this season. Instructive talks were also made regarding the proper methods of propagating and transplanting tomato and other plants.

## INJUNCTIONS DISSOLVED.

### Three of Considerable Importance Set Aside at Beaumont.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 27.—The district court in vacation yesterday dissolved three injunctions that are of considerable importance to the citizens of this community. The first is an injunction by Chas. T. Crary against the Port Arthur Channel and Dock company seeking to restrain it from going ahead with its channel pending a condemnation suit the company had against him in the county court. The judge dissolved this injunction on the ground that the county court had jurisdiction and power to grant any and all relief that Mr. Crary might be entitled to.

The next was an injunction by the Sabine and East Texas Railway company vs. the Gulf and Interstate Railway company of Texas, in which plaintiff sought to restrain the defendant from crossing its line so as to make a connection with the Pittsburg and Gulf. This injunction was also dissolved on the ground that the petition showed a condemnation suit was pending, and therefore the district court has no jurisdiction over the subject matter.

The third case was between the same two parties, with their positions reversed, in which the Gulf and Interstate railway sought to enjoin the Sabine and East Texas from laying additional siding on the land which it proposed to occupy with its crossing. In the meantime the Gulf and Interstate had by order of the court given bond and obtained an injunction of similar import, and which last proceeding is yet pending. There seems to be considerable excitement among the employees of the two railroad companies over the matter. The Gulf and Interstate laid its track this evening. A few days ago it was thought that the railway companies would compromise, but this was a mistake.

The case of the Port Arthur Channel and Dock company vs. Jefferson county Channel and Dry Dock company, a condemnation proceeding was continued.

## Tax Levy.

Denton, Tex., Jan. 27.—The following tax levy for 1898 has been made by the city council: School maintenance, 45 cents on the \$100 valuation general fund, 25 cents on the \$100; interest on city hall and street improvement bonds, 2 cents on the \$100; sinking fund on city hall and street improvement bonds, 2½ cents on the \$100; interest on schoolhouse bonds No. 1, 1 cent on the \$100; sinking fund on schoolhouse improvements bonds No. 1, 2 cents on the \$100; interest on schoolhouse bonds No. 2, 7 cents on the \$100; sinking fund on schoolhouse bonds No. 2, 2½ cents on the \$100; waterworks, 20 cents on the \$100, a total of \$1.22 on the \$100; poll tax, \$1.

## New Steamer Launched.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 27.—The stern-wheel steamer Naomi, which was built here, was launched yesterday afternoon in Buffalo bayou and her machinery tested. The new boat is owned by E. I. Johnson and Lankford Bros. The boat is sixty feet over all, with a width of beam of sixteen feet. The machinery was made in Houston. The boat was built for the Brazos river trade, and will ply between points on that river, Chocolate bayou and Galveston. The new boat left yesterday afternoon for Galveston.



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In making cafe parfait the cream may be flavored with chocolate, vanilla or strawberry, the parfait taking the name of the flavoring. Use good, thick cream, very cold; add to it half a pound of powdered sugar, and a gill of black coffee; mix thoroughly; stand the basin in a pan of cracked ice, and with a wire egg-beater beat to a froth. This will take about five minutes. Put the mixture into a mould, put on the lid, cover the joint with a piece of waxed paper; pack it in coarse salt and ice, and stand aside for two hours. Or it may be packed in the freezer and served in tumblers.—Mrs. S. T. Rorer in Ladies' Home Journal.

**A New Crazy Scent in Connecticut.**

A lot of fanatic in the State recently immersed an old rheumatic woman bodily in the water to "heal her" as they said. She nearly died in consequence. How much better it would have been to have treated the poor old woman for her infirmity with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which not only cures rheumatism, but prevents indigestion, liver trouble and nervous prostration. Give it a systematic trial.

Smokers try all new 5 cent cigars, and finally expect to find one that is good as a ten center.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. If a "good friend" is a pleasant acquaintance, that is about all you can reasonably expect.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5c.

Everyone occasionally wonders "how any one so nice can do such a thing."

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Kerner, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 23, '96.

Lying has become so common that people believe anything except what is told them.

Beauty is Blood Deep. Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic cleans your blood and keeps it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets.—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

When a woman can sing a little, she usually becomes very disagreeable in other ways.

To Cure Headache in 15 Minutes. Take Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache. All Druggists.

What has become of the old fashioned woman who was afraid of her husband?

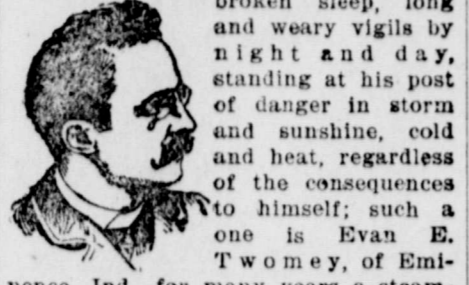
Educate Your Bowels with Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c-25c. If C.C.C. fail, druggists refund money.

Everyone has neighbors that are mighty funny.

**A STEAMBOAT CAPTAIN.**

**His Long Experience With Dangers Seen and Unseen.**

The life of a steamboat captain is fraught with many dangers. Exposed to climates of all sorts, irregular and broken sleep, long and weary vigils by night and day, standing at his post of danger in storm and sunshine, cold and heat, regardless of the consequences to himself; such a one is Evan E. Twomey, of El



lence, Ind., for many years a steamboat captain. During all these years of exposure he has kept himself sound, active and in splendid health. How did he do this? He says: "Whenever I take a little cold a few doses of Pe-runa sets me all right. Pe-runa has been a great help to me. I always keep it on hand." Prevention is better than cure. So great is his gratitude to Dr. Hartman for the benefit that Pe-runa has been to him through his many years of battle with the elements that he says at the close of one of his letters to the Doctor: "I trust God will bless you in blessing the people with good health." Thousands of such letters are received by the Doctor. Pe-runa is a specific for catarrh, coughs, colds, la grippe and all other climatic diseases.

Send for a free copy of Dr. Hartman's latest book entitled "Winter Catarrh." Address The Pe-runa Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

**Among Dear Friends.** Belle—"I never saw such a girl as Betty; she can't keep a thing to herself."

Beulah—"I guess you never saw her when she had a box of caramels."

**To Cure Headache in 15 Minutes.** Take Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache, 25c.

Everyone has something ancestral, if it is nothing more than a disease.

**Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.** To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c. or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Every young doctor is anxious to cut out somebody's stomach.

**All Kinds of Seeds.**

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of the John A. Salzer Seed Co., which appears elsewhere in this issue. Those who expect to make any seed purchases will make a mistake not to write this concern. They are thoroughly reliable, and are the largest seed growers in America. It is advisable to make seed purchases without further delay, as the season is rapidly advancing. The John A. Salzer Seed Co. will send their interesting catalogue for 5 cents in stamps to defray the postage. They have made numerous offers this year, which deserve consideration.

It is finally said of every man that he either acts or looks like Napoleon.

**PAID HIS BILLS IN FIGHTS.**

**Debtor Whips a Landlord and Lawyer Until They Call It Even.**

From the Louisville Dispatch: In relating a fight he once had with a man from Illinois, S. H. Piles of Paducah says: "At that time I lived in Smithland. W. P. Fowler was judge, I was sheriff, J. W. Code was clerk, Blount Hodge was there and Ben Barnes, Dr. Sanders, T. C. Leech, Judge Bennet, J. W. Bush and many others of the old timers lived there then. I kept a hotel called the Waverly house. The man from Illinois put up with me. I gave him one of the best rooms. He stayed several days. I got uneasy about my bill and asked him for it. He said that I was in a h—l of a hurry, and that he would pay it whenever he got ready. I very foolishly told him that if he did not pay me right then I would take it out of his hide. He pulled off his coat and said he was ready to settle, and we went at it. We fought for some time, and I thought I had whipped him, but I am sorry to say that I was mistaken. He rested a short time and jumped on me again. When we fought out this round I again thought I had whipped him, but, alas! I was again mistaken, for he rested for a time and came at me again. By this time I was very tired of the fight. He got me down on the floor, and, after thinking about it for years, I think I was whipped. When he let me get up I told him he did not owe me one cent, and could stay at the Waverly house free of charge as long as he wanted to. This man from Illinois had a lawsuit in our court, and David Greer was his lawyer. David had the suit up in nice shape, and expected a big fee, but, alas for David! This man from Illinois, flushed with victory after getting through with me, concluded to settle with David as he had with me. He went to David's office and told him he had settled his bill with Sam Piles, and now he was ready to pay him his fee in the same way. David got up out of his chair and backed himself up in the corner and told the man from Illinois that he did not owe him one cent, and also told him that if it would be unpleasant for him to stay longer with me that he could go home with him and it would cost him nothing to stay as long as he desired to; but the man from Illinois had not completed his mission at Smithland as yet. He owed Tom Robertson a livery stable bill; he called on him to settle. Tom told him he owed him nothing. He then called on Mr. Cade, and he told him the same thing. The last time I heard from this man from Illinois was that he was fighting the livery stable man at New Liberty, Ill., to get his horse out of the stable without pay, and he did so."

Most of the Time She Was Confined to Bed.

**A BENEFACTRESS' KIND ACT.**

**From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.**

Mrs. John Tansey, of 180 Baker Street, Detroit, Michigan, is one of those women who always know just what to do in all trouble and sickness. One that is a mother to those in distress. To a reporter she said: "I am the mother of ten children and have raised eight of them. Several years ago we had a serious time with my daughter, which began when she was about sixteen years old. She did not have any serious illness but seemed to gradually waste away. Having never had any consumption in our family, as we come of good old Irish and Scotch stock, we did not think it was that. Our doctor called the disease by an odd name which, as I afterward learned, meant lack of blood.

"It is impossible to describe the feeling John and I had as we noticed our daughter slowly passing away from us. We finally found, however, a medicine that seemed to



Most of the Time She Was Confined to Bed.

help her, and from the first we noticed a decided change for the better, and after three months' treatment her health was so greatly improved you would not have recognized her. She gained in flesh rapidly and soon was in perfect health. The medicine used was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I have always kept these pills in the house since and have recommended them to many people. I have told many mothers about them and they have effected some wonderful cures.

"Every mother in this land should keep these pills in the house, as they are good for many ailments, particularly those arising from impoverished or diseased blood, and weakened nerve force."

**Blind Girl's Remarkable Memory.**

Josephine Brainerd, a colored girl, 9 years old, is an inmate of the general hospital at Allegheny, Pa., where she has astonished the attendants by memorizing whole poems, plays and stories, and even the Declaration of Independence, after having heard them read once or twice. She has been blind for several years, but has a better education than most girls twice her age.

Every man feels that he will cut a mighty poor figure as an old man.

**BETTER THAN A SILVER MINE.**

The editor estimates that the increase in yields had by the American farmer by planting Salzer's Potatoes and new creations in Wheat, Oats, Corn, Rye, Grasses and Clovers the past year amounted in round numbers to \$50,000,000. The reason of this is Salzer's farm and vegetable seeds are bred up to big yields. Salzer is the largest grower of grasses, clovers and farm seeds in the world; 100,000 barrels potatoes, \$1.50 a barrel and up.

Just Send This Notice with 10 Cents to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get their great catalogue and 11 packages farm seeds, positively worth \$10, to get a start with. w.n.h.

So far, the doctors have persuaded people to have everything else cut out but their tongues.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.**

We are asserting in the courts our right to the exclusive use of the word "CASTORIA," and "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," as our Trade Mark. I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the face-simile signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on every wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA" which has been used in the homes of the mothers of America for over thirty years. Look carefully at the wrapper and see that it is "the kind you have always bought," and has the signature of CHAS. H. FLETCHER on the Wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.

March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

A Christian scientist may be as sick as ever, but won't admit it.

**NO MISTAKE.** Thousands have been cured promptly of **NEURALGIA** BY **SAINT JACOBS OIL**

**FAKES FURNITURE and CARPET CO., DALLAS - TEXAS. WRITE FOR CATALOGUE.**

**CANDY CATHARTIC Cascarets CURE CONSTIPATION REGULATOR OF THE LIVER**

**To Prevent Accident.**

It has long been the custom of ships lying at the Brooklyn navy yard to discharge their powder as precaution against accident, and the regulations as to entering a man-of-war's powder magazine are of the most stringent character. It sometimes happens that a single catastrophe is responsible for extra precautions that become permanently imbedded in naval regulations, and doubtless the destruction of the frigate Fulton at the Brooklyn navy yards sixty-nine years ago was responsible for the stringency of the present rules as to discharging powder. The Fulton was a temporary receiving ship and one day while the officers were at dinner a gunner entered the magazine without proper precautions. The result was an explosion that blew up the ship and killed forty out of one hundred persons on board.—Exchange.

**Friendly Criticism.** Miss Reed—Oh, Mr. Wright, I am delighted with your new novel. It possesses some admirable qualities.

Mr. Wright (pleased)—I'm glad to hear you say so. What particular quality do you admire most?

Miss Reed—The cover; I think it's just too lovely for anything.

The Bible says it is more blessed to give than to receive.

**Star Tobacco** is the leading brand of the world, because it is the best.

If a snow ball is thrown into a crowd of boys, it always hits a sissy.

**Live Wild Animals Wanted.** Chas. Payne, of Wichita, Kansas, a dealer in living wild animals, would like to purchase live wild turkeys and deer, and any of our readers who have any or can get any, are advised to write to Mr. Payne at the above address.

The men never carry pocketbooks, they carry the money.

**To Cure Constipation Forever.** Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

A man is always looking for letters, but he never answers them.

**Walter Baker & Co's Breakfast Cocoa** Absolutely Pure, Delicious, Nutritious. Costs Less Than ONE CENT a Cop. Be sure that you get the Genuine Article, made at DORCHESTER, MASS. by **WALTER BAKER & CO. Ltd.** ESTABLISHED 1780.

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**ROOFING** The best Red Rope Roofing for 10c per sq. ft., caps and nails included. Sample free. The FAY MANILLA ROOFING CO., Camden, N.J.

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When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper

**DR. AYER'S** is the name to remember when buying Sarsaparilla. Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been curing people right along for nearly 50 years. That is why it is acknowledged to be the sovereign Sarsaparilla. It is the original and the standard. The record of the remedy is without a rival,—a record that is written in the blood of thousands, purified by its power. "I nursed a lady who was suffering from blood poisoning and must have contracted the disease from her; for I had four large sores, or ulcers, break out on my person. I doctored for a long time, both by external application and with various blood medicines; but in spite of all that I could do, the sores would not heal. At last I purchased six bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, thinking I would give it a thorough trial. Before the six bottles had been taken, the ulcers were healed, the skin sound and natural, and my health better than it had been for years. I have been well ever since. I had rather have one bottle of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Sarsaparilla than three of any other kind."—Mrs. A. F. TAYLOR, Englewood, N. Dak. **Get Ayer's Sarsaparilla.**

**FERRY'S Famous Seeds** The best seeds known are Ferry's. The best seeds sown are Ferry's. The best seeds known are Ferry's. It pays to plant. Ask the dealer for them. Send for FERRY'S SEED ANNUAL and get all that's good and now—the latest and the best. **O. M. FERRY & CO., Detroit, Mich.**

**TOWER'S FISH BRAND POMMEL SLICKER** Keeps both rider and saddle perfectly dry in the hardest storms. Substitutes will disappoint. Ask for Tower's Fish Brand Pommel Slicker—it is entirely new. If not for sale in your town, write for catalogue to **A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.**

**DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY** gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Send for book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment free. **Dr. H. W. GREEN'S HOME, Atlanta, Ga.** **AUTHORS**—We want your stories, poems and book MSS.; best prices; inclose stamp. Authors and Writers Union, Chicago, Ill.

**CURE YOURSELF!** Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammation, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astringent. **THE EVANS CHEMICAL CO., gent or poisonous.** Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 3 bottles, \$2.75. Circular sent on request.

D. L. Buchanan has leased the G. T. Maddox old place a mile west of town and says he needs the house, but would like to rent the farm.

Do you need job printing? The RUSTLER would be pleased to do it, and will figure with you right on prices and give you satisfaction in work.

J. F. Deats has bought out W. F. Buchanan and says that from this day on he will sell for cash, and that he would not sell goods to his best friend on time.

We learned, while at San Angelo the first of the week, that Ballinger had raised \$20,000 of its required \$30,000 bonus for the Colorado Valley railroad, and was holding public meetings twice-a-week, in order to get the amount up. The people there know from sad experience the result of letting a railroad pass them, and are hustling to prevent its repetition. Let Robert Lee and Coke county grasp the situation and act with judgement, and not have to pass "the school of experience."

**We Must Have a Settlement.**

All persons knowing themselves indebted to J. F. Deats or Deats & Buchanan are hereby requested to come in at once and pay up, as we are needing the money to pay our debts. Respectfully Deats & Buchanan.

MAYOR PADDOCK, of Fort Worth says that while he was in London, Eng., recently he met a banker who told him that his banking house contributed £20,000, or about \$100,000, to the McKinley campaign fund, preferring McKinley's high protective tariff ideas to the free silver policy. He father says the same banker said his house would, with delight, give one hundred times as much for a democrat campaign fund. Mayor Paddock is a gold standard democrat, and indorses the policy of foreign bankers contributing money to control elections in this country. —Terrel Times Star.

The St. Louis National Live Stock Reporter of January 13 says: There are not as many smooth, little, top quality Southern horses and mares being shipped South as there were during last season. North and South Carolina buyers were taking large numbers last year of a class of little chunks and drivers that weighed from 900 to 1000 pounds that shapely, fat and broken, and they sold generally from \$45 to \$60. In their stead this year the same buyers are purchasing mules.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericktown, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He has been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and America but got no permanent relief. One day he picked a newspaper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by Ed M. Mobley.

A man in California saved himself from hanging by marrying the only witness against him, as a man's wife can not be made to testify against him. The Brenham Press suggests that in a year he will want to trade back, and accept the rope.

**EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.**

Edited by O. W. GARDNER.

Another Institute has come and gone; another opportunity for our teachers to show their loyalty to the progression; another season of inspiration, pleasure and profit to those who attended.

It is general conceded, by those in attendance, that our last Friday and Saturday's Institute was one of the best ever held in Coke county. We had more teachers present and fewer subjects slighted than at any previous time. The discussions were lively, earnest, and instructive. The teachers seemed to be more enthusiastic. The teachers seemed to be more enthusiastic in their work than usual. All of which indicate an upward tendency in our public schools, as well as in our teachers. The Friday nights program was an excellent one and the music was exceptionally rare.

At the Saturday's meeting besides carrying out the regular program, the following business of the Institute was transacted. The appointment of a program committee, the election of a chairman an editor for the "Educational Column," and the time of next meeting fixed for the last Friday and Saturday in March.

Miss Lucy Kornegay, Mr. Jno. Ross and Mr. J. A. Thomas were appointed to arrange a program for next meeting and O. W. Gardner was re-elected chairman and editor.

The following teachers were enrolled:

J. A. Baldwin, Alvia Ingram, Edna Reed, S. B. Williams, W. B. Jones, H. T. Carter, G. N. Sheppard, Mrs. Vida Hallmark, J. L. Ross, J. A. Thomas, Lucy Ben Kornegay, Annie C. Smith, Gertrude Robinson, B. H. Ross, Jas. W. Fletcher, J. B. Hudman, B. U. Smith, E. B. Merchant, Wm. B. Green, T. S. Ditmore and O. W. Gardner.

No other county of the State can boast of a much larger per cent of attendance, using the teachers actually engaged in the teaching as the basis of calculation.

There was a large and appreciative audience of visitors during all the sessions. Space forbids publishing the list of visitors, but many of our leading citizens were present and gave us the benefit of their "approving smile."

The following program was arranged for the next meeting, — March the 25th and 26th: —

**FRIDAY MORNING PROGRAM**

10:00-10:15—Biography of David Page.—Miss Willie Chambers.  
10:15-10:35—Evils resulting from frequent changes of teachers.—B. U. Smith.

10:35-11:0.—Some means of building up school library.—Mrs. Vida Hallmark.

11:00-11:30.—How to teach percentage.—S. B. Williams.

11:30-12:00.—General Discussion.

**—NOON—**

**FRIDAY EVENING.**

1:00-2:00.—Physical Conditions (a) cleanliness in the school room.—Mrs. G. W. Martin.

(b.) Studying together.—J. B. Hudman.

(c.) Absolute silence.—T. S. Ditmore.

(d.) Children's eye-sight.—W. B. Jones.

(e.) Voice of teacher and child.—J. A. Baldwin.

(f.) School room decorations.—Miss Edna Reed.

(g.) The desk.—Miss Alvia Ingram.

2:00-2:20.—Mistakes in managing

a bad boy.—J. B. Hudman.  
2:20-2:40.—Objects of county institutes.—S. B. Williams.

2:40-3:00.—The specific ways in which teachers lose time.—T. S. Ditmore.

3:00-3:20.—The art of questioning.—B. U. Smith.

3:20-3:40.—Territory development of the U. S.—E. B. Merchant.

3:40-4:00.—Signs in Algebra.—F. K. Hoppellwell.

**FRIDAY NIGHT.**

—Music.—

Address of Welcome.—Judge Averitt.

Response.—J. L. Ross.

—Music.—

Essay.—Miss Annie C. Smith.

History stories.—O. W. Gardner.

Recitation.—Miss Edna Reed.

—Music.—

Education and religion.—H. T. Carter.

Recitation.—Lucy Ben Kornegay.

—MUSIC.—

**DEBATE:**

Resolved: That compulsory education should be adopted in U. S.

Affirmative (Benny Ross, W. B. Green.

Negative (J. A. Thomas, G. H. Shepherd.

—MUSIC.—

**SATURDAY.**

9:00-9:30.—Penmanship.—J. W. Fletcher.

9:30-9:40.—Incidental teaching —Miss Gertrude Robinson.

9:40-10:00. Sarcasm in the school room.—Mrs. G. W. Martin.

10:00-10:20.—Biographical sketch of Jno. Witherspoon.—H. T. Carter.

10:20-10:40.—The specific value of parsing.—W. B. Jones.

10:40-11:00.—Busy work for little folks.—J. L. Ross.

11:00-12:00.—Discipline General discussion.

**Com. on Program**

(Lucy Kornegay

J. L. Ross.

J. A. Thomas

**Pure Seeds for Trial.**

To give our subscribers an opportunity to test their famous seeds, Messrs. May & Co., the well known seed grower of St. Paul Minnesota, who order of one million packets of seeds tested over 99 per cent pure (Government Report) will mail seven-teen trial packets of choice varieties of Flower Seeds to any of our readers sending to them only ten cents in silver or stamps. This is their Giant Collection, and consist of one Packet each, Asters, Mignonette, Antirrhinum, Pinks, Poppies, Alyssum, Zinnias, Nigella, Godetia, Pansy, Calendula Petunias, Sweet William, Portulaca, Sweet Peas, Calliopsis and Candytuft. On each packet will be printed full cultural instructions.

They will also send to any Gardener or Farmer one Package of their Extra Early Tree Tomato on receipt of six cents in stamps. Their handsomely illustrated Catalogue will be mailed free on application, to any one who intends to purchase Seeds, Plants or Bulbs this Spring. Be sure and mention our paper when writing May & Co.

**NOTICE**

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Colorado Valley Railway Company, for the election of directors, to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, at Sweetwater, Texas, on Tuesday March the first, 1898, at eleven o'clock a. m.

D. S. ARNOLD JR. Secretary.

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**WAGON YARD.**

D. A. Cameron is proprietor of the Central Wagon Yard in Ballinger. And as its name indicates it is centrally located, easy of access; well, wind mill and plenty of good fresh water, dry graveled yard; good roomy stalls and camp houses an abundance of all kinds of feed and in fact every accommodation belonging to a first class wagon yard. We will guarantee good treatment under the present management. Remember the Central Yard.

**Skin Diseases.**

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders for horses are the best tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. Price, 25 cents. Sold by Ed M. Mobley.

There are many subscribers on our books that have read the RUSTLER every issue for several years, and many times have they been made to rejoice at seeing their names in print, and been called "one of our best citizens," and other pet names, yet we have not received one cent for all this rejoicing and—well "misrepresentation" will modify the term. Our best citizen" pay up occasionally, and we have had these delinquents in the wrong company.

**Whitney's Lightning Danderine.**

Will cure dandruff and any diseases of the scalp. I sell it on a positive guarantee. Come to see me. E. W. YARDLEY.

If you want the RUSTLER to be a paper worthy of reading and visiting your homes, call in and pay your subscription. It cost money to get out a good paper and it has to be paid out every week. Some of our readers are several years behind, and patronage that don't pay is not appreciated by any business.

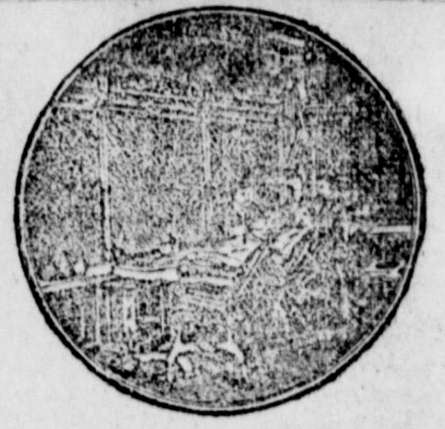
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From the Clerk of the Circuit Court

Fernandina, Fla., Feb. 28, 1898.

Mr. J. George Sahrer, Druggist, City. Dear George:—Please send a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I would not feel easy if I knew there was none of this valuable Remedy in the house. I have given it a fair test and consider it one of the best remedies for croup that I have ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. Any cold my children contract yields very readily to this medicine. I can conscientiously recommend it for croup and colds for children.

Yours respectfully, Geo. E. Wolf. Sold by Ed. M. Mobley.



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