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To Test Legality of Forfeitures.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 23—Attorneys Ward & James of Austin and Cockrell and Hardwick of Abilene have filed several suits in the district court here which will test the validity of the office for forfeitures of school land purchases which have been declared by the land commissioner.

The claimants of school lands in various sections of the state will watch the progress of these suits with a great deal of interest, as their decisions will settle the title to hundreds of thousands of acres of land. The allegation of illegality are that the lands were sold under an act as amended as provided in case of failure to pay interest, forfeiture was to be obtained by judicial ascertainment that the more recent acts providing forfeiture by the commissioner impaired the obligations of contracts, which is forbidden in the state and United States constitution.

To Mandamus Land Commissioner.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 24.—The writ of mandamus filed in the supreme court to-day of R. S. Hogue vs. the land commissioner presents a most important question. It will be remembered that the state recently recovered 300,000 acres of land in Scurry and adjacent counties in the known as the Bacon and Graves suit. The last legislature made no appropriation of this land and the question is whether or not it belongs to any fund or whether it is public domain. The applicant for mandamus is a homesteader, having settled on 160 acres of land claiming it is public domain and that he has a right to pre-empt it as a home stead as a head of a family, and seeks in this suit by mandamus to compel the commissioner of the land office to recognize his right as such pre-emptor and to file his application and field notes therefor and that he may be permitted to perfect his title.

It is said that there are over 60 families on these lands, who moved on them during and prior to the Bacon and Graves litigation, some claiming it is belonging to the school land, and seeking to buy it as school land, and others having purchased from the Houston and Texas, Central railway, who at one time located certificates upon the lands, and others claiming as pre-emptors the legislature having failed to appropriate the lands. The land commissioner refuses to take action until the matter is settled by the courts.

Spain and Cuban hostilities began February 24, 1895, more than three years ago. During this time Spain has placed more than 120,000 warriors on the island of Cuba, to war against perhaps less than 40,000 Cubans. While the former's large forces have tried every tactic known to subdue the insurgents, they are no nearer conquered than when the first battle was fought. The Cubans are destined to be free, and will battle for this freedom against all odds which Spain can array against her.

Colorado Valley Railroad Meeting.

Pursuant to a previous call the citizens of Coke county met at the court house, Saturday evening March, 12th, 1898 to discuss certain business pertaining to the securing of the Colorado Valley railroad. H. H. Hayley was elected Chairman and O. W. Gardner, Secretary.

After an enthusiastic discussion by many of the leading citizens, the following business was transacted:

Having heard the report of the citizens, who had the soliciting of the bonus in charge, it was found that at least \$12000 bonus could be safely counted upon. To this amount may be added \$4000 exempted tax, provided such exemption shall be lawful. Thus there remains to be raised \$4000 more in order to secure the full \$20,000 bonus, the amount for which the company agreed to build the road to Robert Lee. A motion was made and seconded that a committee be appointed, consisting of men from different portions of the county, to solicit subscriptions to the bonus. Motion carried.

The following gentlemen were appointed.

SANCO.

W. R. Presler, C. H. Cooper, B. P. Byrne, Tom Brown, Rev. Isaac Reed, Sterling Lane.

PECAN.

L. J. Good, A. C. Gardner, J. C. Newton, J. S. Gardner, J. D. Collier.

DIVIDE.

D. S. Cunningham, Harve Chapman, and J. Q. McCabe.

VALLEY VIEW.

J. F. Sturman, J. A. Green, W. L. Lowe and W. C. Locke.

MULE CREEK.

Lum Hudson, Sam Sayner and Prof Jones.

BRONTE.

W. W. McCutchen, A. J. Petit, Dr. Key, Tom Higginbotham and Lee Good.

ET. CHADBOURNE.

Frank Robinson, Nelson Webb, W. M. Billingslea, T. C. Baldwin, Zack Boozer, E. F. Montgomery.

HAYRICK.

Will Robbins and R. B. Ross.

ROBERT LEE.

C. C. Merchant, S. C. Wilkins, J. F. Deats, H. H. Hayley, G. W. Webb and J. O. Toliver.

A committee to secure the right of way from the citizens of the county consisting of the following gentlemen:

L. H. Brightman, J. R. Patteson, D. T. Averitt, and Dr. G. W. Martin.

A committee to secure a right-of-way from non-resident land owners as follows:

G. W. Perryman, W. C. Merchant, L. H. Brightman and D. T. Averitt.

The above committees are requested to go to work immediately, and report the result of their efforts, in a meeting to be held at the Court House on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1898. It was requested that the secretary furnish a copy of these proceedings to the Coke County RUSTLER to be published in their next issue.

A motion was made and seconded that the meeting do now adjourn to meet on the above date. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned.

H. H. HAYLEY,
Chairman,

O. W. GARDNER,
Secretary.

On The Right Track.

Judge Harvey Adams, the well known and jovial Coke county stockman, was in town Thursday, and when met by the Stockman's young man, he was in high spirits over existing conditions in the great stock industry and over the general outlook.

"Down in the free state of Coke" said Judge Adams, "our cattle are doing finely. We had some dry weather down there last year, but the snow and the rain have helped things wonderfully. Our cattle gone through the winter in good shape, and every body is satisfied with the outlook. Any trading? No; there is no trading in our section for the reason that the surplus has all been sold. We have not got much to trade on.

"One of the most gratifying indications of the times is the vast amount of money that has been spent in West Texas for fine bulls. This shows that the day of the scrub has passed away. Charlie Goodnight, Chisum and others saw this thing coming years ago and began to prepare for it. All during the panic when cowmen all over the West went down in the collapse, these men kept right on making money and moving right up to the top. They saw that the scrub steer had to go—that the demand would be for our steers to go direct to the feed lots, and there the long horned lanky steer of the range was poor property in the feed lots of Illinois, Kansas and Missouri. They proposed to supply the demand for the necessary animal and always found a ready market while other men met with failure. But we have now caught on and we know how it is done now ourselves. Consequently, we are getting the stock-growing business of this section on the best foundation it has ever known.

"There is another feature of the situation that means a great deal for us, but which may not have suggested itself to your mind. In a year or two more parties from Illinois, Kansas and Missouri will be coming right here and contracting our unborn calves at fancy prices. They will make a stiff payment on the contract and then stipulate as a special favor that no branding irons be used. They take those calves north, feed and handle them for a season and bring them right back and sell them to us for breeding purposes. And why not? They will be just as good stock as can be produced anywhere.

"I want to see our people produce their fine breeding animals right here at home. We are now getting on the right track. We are growing blooded stock and raising plenty of feed for them. We are making West Texas the greatest stockfarming country on earth, and we will soon have the most prosperous country on earth."

Judge Adams is a keen observer and reads intelligently the drift of affairs. There is much sound horse sense in his review of the situation, and we commend it to the careful consideration of our readers. West Texas is now working out rapidly its proper destiny.—West Texas Stockman.

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WILL FREE CUBA.

President McKinley is Now Preparing to Intervene.

Chicago, Ill., March 14.—A Washington dispatch says: The end of Cuba's woes seems near, and that without war. President McKinley is preparing to intervene, perhaps within two weeks, for the purpose of restoring order in Cuba and saving the many thousands of human lives now endangered.

The governments of Europe are exercising a restraining hand upon Spain to prevent her committing a breach of the world's peace and to induce her to accept the inevitable without resort to force.

The creditors of Spain, who are in a large measure responsible for this diplomatic pressure exerted by their governments, have directly warned Spain she must not make war with America, and that if she does make war the money to carry on operations must come from the people of Spain and not from them.

The world has come to the same conclusion as that which the people of the United States have reached, that it is time to put a stop to Spain's vain efforts to reassert her rule in Cuba and to the horrors which have grown out of that futile endeavor.

The world has come to the conclusion moreover, that in the desperation of her bankruptcy and decay Spain must not be permitted to destroy the world's peace.

At this very moment quiet, secretive but none the less effective diplomatic pressure is being brought to bear upon the government at Madrid to induce it to accept the inevitable without useless and destructive war.

This pressure is now being exerted through the various ambassadors at Madrid. France is taking the lead through M. Patenotre, and Great Britain is not far behind. The representatives of Russia and Germany are co-operating.

The effect is already obvious. Spain is cooling down. Her statesmen, who may be said to be as able as the public men of any country, perceive the force of the argument used by the representatives of the powers. War with America is worse than unless if Spain can endure the loss of Cuba without revolution in the peninsula. Even a peaceful loss of the colony will be more easily endured than the bitterness, the savagery, the despair, the violence that are sure to follow in the wake of a disastrous war.

Perfecting Plans.

Washington, March 14.—The government is perfecting plans to make the movements of troops to the coast defenses, orders for which was issued by the war department on Friday and published at that time. A conference was held here yesterday by representatives of the following railroads to arrange for the transportation of light artillerymen and their accoutrements. The Atlantic Coast line, the Southern railroad, the Seaboard Air Line and the Chesapeake and Ohio. It was stated that companies of artillerymen consisting of about sixty men each would be transferred from Fort Monroe to the following points: Fort Caswell, on the Cape Fear river, Ga.; to Tybee, near Savannah; to Fort Morgan, near Mobile, and to Sheridan's Point, on the Potomac.

It was stated also, that a company would be moved from Fort McHenry, Baltimore, to some point on the Delaware river, near Philadelphia. The government wanted, it was declared, the arrangements perfected by to-day or tomorrow at the latest. No bids have been asked for regarding the transportation of heavy guns, and it is understood that the men were to be carried to the different points simply to man the batteries. It is not known when the contemplated changes will take place.

Rifles in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., March 14.—For immediate use, if required in arming volunteers, there are now stored in the government arsenal at Columbia, Tenn., 36,000 first-class Springfield rifles, and 800,000 rounds of ammunition. There are also two gattling guns, four field pieces and four mortars, with a plentiful supply of ammunition. The workshops and machine shops can be put in running order in a very short time. From nearly every county in middle Tennessee information of volunteers to enlistment is received daily.

The Permit Question.

South McAlester, I. T., March 14.—In his charge to the grand jury at Waggoner, Judge Springer declared his position on the permit question. He laid it down as his judicial opinion that there is no provision for the enforcement of the criminal laws of the Cherokee nation in the United States courts. He charged the grand jury not to indict anyone for breaking any tribal law as he saw no way to prosecute such an indictment when found.

Court of Inquiry.

Havana, March 14.—The court of inquiry did a good deal of work yesterday, examining Ensign Powellson and such divers of the wrecking company as have been investigating the wreck. It was said yesterday these divers have been released from further work of this kind, and instructed to pursue their labors under the wrecking contract.

The court will have the services of the naval divers as heretofore, and, if necessary, can call again upon the civilian divers. It is thought that the court will close its labors here during the present week, and will probably examine some of the survivors of the Maine at Key West. This rumor, however, is not officially verified, the members of the court insisting that they can fix no date for the conclusion of their sessions or their departure from Havana.

Everything indicates that the distribution of relief stores sent from the United States will go forward hereafter more speedily and effectively, attaining better results than ever before. While much good has been done, and no question raised as to honesty of intention, there is no doubt room for improvement.

Matters appear to have reached a crisis in Matanzas Saturday, where there was a want of proper preparation on the part of certain relief agents appointed from Havana, and where, in view of the large daily average of deaths, it was felt that greater dispatch should have been used in delivering supplies and in arranging to have them properly cooked. But this is now assured.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Eleven Men Perish in the Flames in New York City.

New York, March 14.—Eleven men perished by fire in the Bowery mission at 105 Bowery, early yesterday morning. The bodies were recovered, but so disfigured as to make identification in most cases impossible. The only body positively identified is that of John Foran of Stapleton, Staten Island, a machinist, 28 years old. Another body is thought to be that of William McDermott of Brooklyn, a painter, 28 years old. The register of the lodging house does not aid in the investigation, for Bowery lodgers as often as not register under assumed names.

New York, March 14.—A thorough search of the premises at 105 Bowery, which were partially destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning, discloses the fact that eleven persons were burned to death.

No. 105 Bowery is one of the best known lodging houses on that thoroughfare. It is called the Bowery Mission lodging house, and is conducted by the Christian Herald. The four upper rooms were fitted up as a cheap lodging house with accommodations for 150 males.

Saturday night almost every bed was occupied. At 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning one of the lodgers discovered flames coming from a wash room on the third floor, but before he had time to alarm the house the fire was noticed by passers-by on the street. By this time the flames had eaten their way to the top of the building and were bursting through the roof.

When the alarm was given and the inmates aroused a wild scene of excitement ensued. Many of the lodgers became panic-stricken. They rushed into the hallways and fell over each other in their efforts to reach the street. Those on the lower floors got to the street safely by the stairways, while those on the upper floor groped their way through the blinding smoke to the metal fire escape in front of the building. The majority of them only saved portions of their clothing, while several of them were naked. Those who made their way to the streets by the fire escapes were superficially burned by the excessive heat of the iron ladders, which in many places had become red-hot from the flames within.

After the fire had been extinguished sufficiently so that a search of the place was possible, the police and firemen entered the building and the work of searching for the victims was begun. So many bodies were found in the early stages of the search that it was estimated that over forty persons must have been killed. However, the officers fortunately overestimated the loss of life, only eleven bodies in all being found.

Tragedy in Mississippi.

Charleston, Miss., March 14.—Capt. Rube Davis was shot and killed at Payne, five miles south of here Saturday evening by his son-in-law, Jesse Denman. Trouble grew out of Davis' ill treatment of his wife. Saturday young Denman went to Davis' house and told him he must leave, which he did, but armed himself and returned. He shot at Denman, who returned the fire, and Davis fell dead. An inquest was held and the jury decided the killing justifiable. Both men are well known.

France, it is said, intends to occupy Loi Chau, in the Quang Tung peninsula, near Han Nan, as a naval base.

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All Strength in His Limbs

gave out. The physicians told us it was paralysis, which sometimes follows an attack of diphtheria. We did everything for him, but he grew worse until he was in a pitiful condition. He suffered terribly at night and complained continually of his head, and in what little sleep he was able to get, moaned unceasingly. He lost all control of the muscles of his body and limbs. He had no appetite and complained of feeling sick at his stomach all the time. After we had tried many different remedies and had about given up all hope we commenced giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time he ceased to complain, his appetite improved and at the end of three months he was able to attend school a part of the time. Now he is well and quite a strong and rugged boy. You are at liberty to use this testimonial if you

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FARM AND STOCK ITEMS.

The fat stock from the Dublin and Brownwood mills is now being moved. Matthew Cartwright, of Kaufman, Kaufman county, recently bought 300 3 and 4-year-old steers from Wiley Kirby here for which he paid cash \$10,000.

W. E. Moorehouse of Kaufman, Kaufman county, shipped one car of beef steers to Kansas City, and one car to Chicago, several days ago, over the Midland.

Farmers all over Denton county say they are needing rain, as the ground is too dry in some places to plow. With about two exceptions not a creek in Denton county is running, having been below low-water mark for months, and the stock raisers also, who depend upon the creeks for stock water, are needing rain.

J. D. McCutcheon of Longview brought in 200 head of stock cattle to the fat stock show, which he proposes placing on a range near Henrietta. There were also several fair-sized shipments to the Territory, Coalgate, Atoka, and other points. The movement of live stock to the Territory is rapidly increasing.

The Rio Grande had two trains of stock in Fort Worth several days since from Brownwood consigned to White Eagle, I. T., over the Santa Fe. The shipments of fat stock from the mills on the Rio Grande are generally transferred to the Santa Fe at Bird station now, a new station recently established just south of the hospital in this city.

The fruit men of Cherokee county have jubilated over the prospects of a large crop this year until a few days ago, when they discovered little worms in the blossoms destroying the germs. If they are not got rid of in some way they will greatly damage the fruit crop. These little worms did great damage last year to the fruit. Quite a number are having their orchards sprayed.

C. H. Brown of Denton, who had twenty head of Durham cows on exhibition at the fat stock show at Fort Worth recently, sold eight head to Waxahachie parties at \$75 a head. Twenty head of Durham steers were sold at the Union yards for the Denver market at \$4.15 per 100 pounds. Twenty-five Durham cows brought 3 cents, intended for same market.

Mr. Geo. Miller of Corsicana, Navarro county, who owns a large tract of land about two miles northwest from the city, has begun the work of planting a part of it in pecan trees. He will plant forty acres this season, and will add to it for several successive years. The matter of pecan culture is awakening no little interest in the people here, it growing out of the steady demand and good prices for nuts this season.

The following cattle sales were made during the cattle raisers' convention, at Fort Worth several days since. Vecker & Dugan of Denver bought of J. D. Jackson, Alpine, 3500 yearlings and 500 2-year-olds, graded, \$80,000; Ed. R. Stiff of Collin county to O'Brien, Standberry & Watkins Bros. of Gainesville, 15 fine bred bulls, \$2500 each; B. M. Brutton of San Angelo to Paul & Harrison of Panhandle, 2500 2-year-olds in Lubbock county, spring delivery, \$25 1/4; Mrs. Adair of Scotland to Rome Bros. of Clarendon, 2500 1-year-old heifers, without any cut back, \$20; Landergin Bros. of Eureka, Kan., bought from Bird & Mertz, of San Angelo 3500 3s and 4s for April delivery, \$26.

Texas now has five or six poultry journals, all of which seem to be reasonably well patronized. This is merely an indication of the recent growth of public sentiment favoring improved fowls. Poultry shows are becoming a popular entertainment in all our larger towns, and every other man you meet has, or wants some fine fowls of some sort or other. This is a healthy sentiment and means a better fed people, and consequently a better people—for man is largely made of the food he eats. Can there be any question that a people fed on eggs, and the various dainty dishes that can't be made without eggs, and fowls cooked in the numerous and appetizing ways known to our dainty housewives, would ultimately become superior to a similar people fed on corn dodgers and fat pork, hog's grease and baked potatoes? There is a wonderful power in food as every careful breeder of animals knows. So true is this that it is yet a mooted question whether food or breed has had most to do in bringing live stock to their present degree of perfection. Man is an animal, and in some cases. Man is an animal, and in some cases a "domestic animal." We have known and admired such, and as a rule they eat largely of poultry products.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

BESSIE.



"Oh, Felix!" she cried out, with a great sob in her throat, "I see it all now. But no one ever told me before. And father was lost at sea, and mother had us little ones to take care of, and somehow everyone's hand was against us, and we had to fight our way along, so I got somehow not to care about anything."

"Don't cry, Bessie!" soothed the lad. "Don't fret, that's a good girl! Here—take the gold cross and keep it. I don't care much for it."

So they parted. At home Felix found that his father had come to take them up into the mountains for a few weeks, before they returned to their city home—and so he never got the chance to tell Bessie Raven good-by.

Ten years afterward! Three and twenty is a dangerous age for flirtations, but Felix Enfield had never been seriously smitten until that time when he crossed the Atlantic in the steamer Will o' the Wisp, and fell in love with the captain's Spanish-eyed daughter.

"If you don't marry me," said Felix, with comical earnestness, "I'll throw myself into the sea."

"There's not much danger of that," said Miss Richfield, quietly.

"But I am in earnest!" protested Felix.

"So am I!" said the damsel with the blue-black eyes.

"Don't you love me?" pleaded Felix.

"I don't dislike you," demurely answered Miss Richfield.

"Then I shall hope," declared Felix.

"Hope is a commodity that is free to all!" said the young lady.

But at the voyage's end Mr. Enfield was deeper in love than ever.

"Look here, Miss Richfield," said he; "if you don't say you'll have me, I won't leave the steamer's deck! I'll go back and forth perpetually between New York and Southampton!"

"I don't think papa would care for so permanent a passenger," said Miss Richfield, with a mischievous twinkle in her eyes.

"But, really! Do you know, Miss Richfield, I believe you are engaged already."

She colored a little.

"Why?" she asked.

"Ah! you think I have no eyes. You think I haven't perceived that you always wear a black velvet ribbon around your neck—a black velvet ribbon, from which is suspended some trinket of gold, hidden in the lace frills of your collar. Is it a gauge?"

"Yes," Miss Richfield calmly answered; "it is a gauge of true love. If I ever am married—"

"If," almost scornfully ejaculated the lover.

"Well, when I am married," Miss Richfield corrected herself, "it will only be to the gentleman who gave me this!"

"Then I may consider myself rejected?" slowly spoke Felix, with a face of the bitterest chagrin.

"Not quite," said the dark-eyed damsel, softly, as she drew the golden trinket from her throat and held it toward him. "Don't you remember who gave me this?"

He uttered an exclamation of recognition.

"It is the golden cross I gave, years ago, to Bessie Raven!" cried he.

"Yes," she said, quietly, "and I am Bessie Raven."

"You!"

"Yes. My mother died shortly after you gave me this. My uncle, who had just returned from the West, adopted us all. Two of my sisters are in boarding-school. My brother is being educated in a German university. And I am my uncle's adopted daughter, known only by his name."

"But, Bessie, you said you would marry the one who gave you that!" cried out Enfield.

"So I will," confessed Bessie, laughing and blushing, "if he is still infatuated enough to persist in wanting me."

They were married within a month—a regular true-love match—and old Mrs. Liddington finds herself grand-aunt-in-law to "only Bessie Raven!"

"And really," says she, complacently, "I don't think Felix could have made a better match!"—New York Daily News.

OVERWORKED BRAIN.

From the Record, Pierceton, Ind.

Determined to rise in his chosen profession as an educator, Ernest Kemper, of Pierceton, Ind., overtaxed himself mentally and physically. He was ambitious, his mind was always on his work. From early morn until late at night he continually poured over his books.

"Burned the candle at both ends." Few persons even with the strongest constitution, can keep up under such a strain. In addition to his studies, Mr. Kemper was teaching a school some three miles from his home. Finally, his excessive study and the exposure of going to and from school in all kinds of weather undermined his health.

He was taken to his bed with pneumonia and his overworked brain almost collapsed. For several weeks he was seriously ill.

Catarah had taken root in his system and his mind was in a delicate condition. He was sent to Colorado where he spent three months without receiving any benefit. Then a noted oculist from Cleveland treated him without avail, and then a hospital in Chicago was tried, but all absolutely without benefit. Finally his physician recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and from the first box he began to improve.

When he had taken nine boxes he was completely cured. This famous blood and nerve medicine had accomplished what all his former expensive treatment failed to accomplish. Mr. Kemper says his catarah has entirely left him; he is strong again and weighs nine pounds more than he ever did. He gives the pills the entire credit. He is starting teaching again and feels abundantly able to continue the work. To prove that the above is true in every respect, Mr. Kemper made an affidavit as follows:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of September, 1897.

R. F. WARR, Notary Public.

We doubt if these pills have an equal in all the range of medicine, for building up a run-down and debilitated system.

The further a woman brings eggs, the more she wants for them.

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-Tobacco, 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.

His Business. Brink—Higbee knows how to take people. Coley—He ought to, he drives a cab.

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

We never have a good opinion of a man to whom making an apology comes easily.

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

Kentucky's Latest Snake Yarn. The latest "snake" story from Kentucky tells of a contest between a brainy lizard and a hungry rattler. It was a tree-climbing contest, in which the lizard would run clear to the top of a sapling and patiently wait until the snake wound its weary way up; then the lizard would make a leap for life and the snake would also fling itself from the tree. But before the pursuer could get itself straightened out the lizard would scramble up another sapling. This merry-go-round was kept up nearly four hours, when the snake became discouraged and crawled away.

Lemon Juice in the Manicure Water. The best manicure acid is a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cup of tepid water. This not only whitens and removes all stains from the nails, but it loosens the cuticle much better than scissors do. A dash of lemon juice, too, in a glass of water is an admirable tooth wash after the use of onions or anything that will affect the breath.—New York Evening Post.

How to Cure a Red Nose. Prepare a wash containing 154 grains of powdered borax, a teaspoonful of eau de cologne and five ounces of soft water. First dissolve the borax in the water and then add the eau de cologne. When the nose burns, dampen it with this lotion and let it dry on. If when dry it still burns, repeat the treatment.

BEETS AS LARGE AS YOUR ARM.

The editor of the "Brown City, Michigan, Banner," recently paid a visit to Western Canada, and speaking of a garden that he saw in the Edmonton District, says:

"On August 23rd we had the pleasure of visiting the model seven-acre garden at Edmonton, owned and operated by one Donald Ross, a typical Scotchman, and as whole-souled, good-natured old gentlemen as you often meet. He gave the Yankees each a hearty handshake as we were introduced in succession by the Canadian Government Agent, who was our guide and pilot while at Edmonton, and to whom we are indebted for many courtesies conferred. Mr. Ross informed us that he cleared from \$800 to \$1,000 annually from the sale of roots, vegetables, flowers and plants. We here state that we never before saw such a growth of vegetables at that season of the year. He said that he raised 750 bushels of onions to the acre. Beets were growing as large as your arm, turnips the size of one's head, and cabbages as large as a patent pail. Following are prices that Mr. Ross gave us as receiving for his produce: Beets, 50 cents per bushel; carrots, 40 cents; onions, \$1.25; turnips, \$5 per ton; cabbage, 4 cents each; green corn, 25 cents per dozen; tomatoes, \$1.50 per bushel; potatoes, 25 to 30 cents; cauliflower, \$1.00 per dozen; cucumbers, 15 cents per dozen; strawberries, 25 cents per box; squash, 4 cents per lb., and other produce in proportion. He kept a hot-house 12x180 feet, heated by a furnace by means of flues. One man beside himself attended this garden, except at time of gathering the crop."

Agents of the Canadian Government are now located at different points in the United States, and using their efforts towards securing settlers on the fertile lands of Western Canada, to which the gold fields are tributary.

It is easy to go to law or war, but no one knows when the end may be.

Crescent Hotel, Eureka Springs, Ark. Opens March 1st. In heart of Ozark Mountains, climate mild and bracing, scenery wild and beautiful. Unequaled medicinal waters. Excursion rates, through sleepers, via Frisco Line. Address: Manager Crescent, Eureka Springs, or Geo. T. Nicholson, G. P. A., Frisco Line, St. Louis, Mo.

Every one is a jingo in his love affairs.

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

Every man thinks he is strictly first-class.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5 cts.

Worthless men get along too well in this country; they encourage others.

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

If a man becomes suddenly great or famous, his wife is never too old and wrinkled to have her picture taken.

Headache Quickly Cured. Dr. Davis' Anti-Headache never fails, 25c.

A meal never tastes right if prepared by a woman whose hair is around her face.

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

The smaller the town, the more fearless its amateur actors.

TOWER'S FISH BRAND POMMEL SLICKER



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

FOR 30 DAYS MORE YOU CAN TRY IT FOR 25 CENTS.

Cured of Rheumatism. CANNOT FIND WORDS ENOUGH TO PRAISE YOUR WONDERFUL REMEDY "5 DROPS."

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago, Gentlemen:—I thought that I would write you a statement and tell you how I have got along since I have used your "5 DROPS." I must say that I am entirely well once more, thanks to your wonderful remedy. It has accomplished more good from the same bottle and the dollar bottle than the thirty dollars' worth of medicine I have used of other manufacturers. I tried all kinds of medicine I saw advertised for Rheumatism, but could not get any relief from the dreadful suffering till I got a sample bottle of your "5 DROPS," and after taking the same for a few days I began to have less of those severe pains racking through my body. After I got the sample bottle most used I could begin to rest some every night, after I had used about half the dollar bottle then a 10c bottle was sent me. Oh! what a comfort it was! when I could sleep again at night without any more suffering. I am so thankful to you and your "5 DROPS" that I cannot find words enough in praise of your wonderful remedy for the cure of Rheumatism, and I can only recommend it to all suffering humanity and say that they cannot purchase any better medicine than "5 DROPS" for all their ills. Thanking you, gentlemen, for all your kindness, I remain, forever, your friend, R. M. LIFE, Porterdale, Wis., Feb. 10, '98.

SUFFERED THE TORTURES OF THE DAMNED. President Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago. My Dear Sir:—After suffering the tortures of the damned for a long time from an attack of Rheumatism, I wish to say that your Rheumatic Cure "5 DROPS" has cured me of all my troubles, which were all caused by one complaint—Rheumatism. I had Heart Trouble, Piles, Bladder Trouble and Constipation. I would not take \$500 and do without the remedies even if it only cured the Catarrh for me, which it has done. Therefore, I willingly take the agonies for the sake of your medicine, for they are a boon to mankind. Gratefully yours, J. W. DENNIS, 120 Normal Av., Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1898.

"5 DROPS" cures Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuritic Headaches, Earache, Toothache, Heart Weakness, Gout, Swelling, La Grippe, Malaria, a Gripping Numbness. For THIRTY DAYS LONGER.

Agents wanted in new territory. Write us to-day. SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167-169 Dearborn St., CHICAGO, ILL.

WILL FREE CUBA.

President McKinley is Now Preparing to Intervene.

Chicago, Ill., March 14.—A Washington dispatch says: The end of Cuba's woes seems near, and that without war. President McKinley is preparing to intervene, perhaps within two weeks, for the purpose of restoring order in Cuba and saving the many thousands of human lives now endangered.

The governments of Europe are exercising a restraining hand upon Spain to prevent her committing a breach of the world's peace and to induce her to accept the inevitable without resort to force.

The creditors of Spain, who are in a large measure responsible for this diplomatic pressure exerted by their governments, have directly warned Spain she must not make war with America, and that if she does make war the money to carry on operations must come from the people of Spain and not from them.

The world has come to the same conclusion as that which the people of the United States have reached, that it is time to put a stop to Spain's vain efforts to reassert her rule in Cuba and to the horrors which have grown out of that futile endeavor.

The world has come to the conclusion moreover, that in the desperation of her bankruptcy and decay Spain must not be permitted to destroy the world's peace.

At this very moment quiet, secretive but none the less effective diplomatic pressure is being brought to bear upon the government at Madrid to induce it to accept the inevitable without useless and destructive war.

This pressure is now being exerted through the various ambassadors at Madrid. France is taking the lead through M. Patenotre, and Great Britain is not far behind. The representatives of Russia and Germany are co-operating.

The effect is already obvious. Spain is cooling down. Her statesmen, who may be said to be as able as the public men of any country, perceive the force of the argument used by the representatives of the powers. War with America is worse than useless if Spain can endure the loss of Cuba without revolution in the peninsula. Even a peaceful loss of the colony will be more easily endured than the bitterness, the savagery, the despair, the violence that are sure to follow in the wake of a disastrous war.

Perfecting Plans.

Washington, March 14.—The government is perfecting plans to make the movements of troops to the coast defenses, orders for which was issued by the war department on Friday and published at that time. A conference was held here yesterday by representatives of the following railroads to arrange for the transportation of light artillerymen and their accoutrements. The Atlantic Coast line, the Southern railroad, the Seaboard Air Line and the Chesapeake and Ohio. It was stated that companies of artillerymen consisting of about sixty men each would be transferred from Fort Monroe to the following points: Fort Caswell, on the Cape Fear river, Ga.; Tybee, near Savannah; to Fort Morgan, near Mobile, and to Sheridan's Point, on the Potomac.

It was stated also, that a company would be moved from Fort McHenry, Baltimore, to some point on the Delaware river, near Philadelphia. The government wanted, it was declared, the arrangements perfected by to-day or tomorrow at the latest. No bids have been asked for regarding the transportation of heavy guns, and it is understood that the men were to be carried to the different points simply to man the batteries. It is not known when the contemplated changes will take place.

Rifles in Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., March 14.—For immediate use, if required in arming volunteers, there are now stored in the government arsenal at Columbia, Tenn., 36,000 first-class Springfield rifles, and 800,000 rounds of ammunition. There are also two gating guns, four field pieces and four mortars, with a plentiful supply of ammunition. The workshops and machine shops can be put in running order in a very short time. From nearly every county in middle Tennessee information of volunteers for enlistment is received daily.

The Permit Question.

South McAlester, I. T., March 14.—In his charge to the grand jury at Waggoner, Judge Springer declared his position on the permit question. He laid it down as his judicial opinion that there is no provision for the enforcement of the criminal laws of the Cherokee nation in the United States courts. He charged the grand jury not to indict anyone for breaking any tribal law as he saw no way to prosecute such an indictment when found.

Court of Inquiry.

Havana, March 14.—The court of inquiry did a good deal of work yesterday, examining Ensign Powellson and such divers of the wrecking company as have been investigating the wreck. It was said yesterday these divers have been released from further work of this kind, and instructed to pursue their labors under the wrecking contract.

The court will have the services of the naval divers as heretofore, and, if necessary, can call again upon the civilian divers. It is thought that the court will close its labors here during the present week, and will probably examine some of the survivors of the Maine at Key West. This rumor, however, is not officially verified, the members of the court insisting that they can fix no date for the conclusion of their sessions or their departure from Havana.

Everything indicates that the distribution of relief stores sent from the United States will go forward hereafter more speedily and effectively, attaining better results than ever before. While much good has been done, and no question raised as to honesty of intention, there is no doubt room for improvement.

Matters appear to have reached a crisis in Matanzas Saturday, where there was a want of proper preparation on the part of certain relief agents appointed from Havana, and where, in view of the large daily average of deaths, it was felt that greater dispatch should have been used in delivering supplies and in arranging to have them properly cooked. But this is now assured.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Eleven Men Perish in the Flames in New York City.

New York, March 14.—Eleven men perished by fire in the Bowery mission at 105 Bowery, early yesterday morning. The bodies were recovered, but so disfigured as to make identification in most cases impossible. The only body positively identified is that of John Foran of Stapleton, Staten Island, a machinist, 28 years old. Another body is thought to be that of William McDermott of Brooklyn, a painter, 28 years old. The register of the lodging house does not aid in the investigation, for Bowery lodgers as often as not register under assumed names.

New York, March 14.—A thorough search of the premises at 105 Bowery, which were partially destroyed by fire at an early hour yesterday morning, discloses the fact that eleven persons were burned to death.

No. 105 Bowery is one of the best known lodging houses on that thoroughfare. It is called the Bowery Mission lodging house, and is conducted by the Christian Herald. The four upper rooms were fitted up as a cheap lodging house with accommodations for 150 males.

Saturday night almost every bed was occupied. At 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning one of the lodgers discovered flames coming from a wash room on the third floor, but before he had time to alarm the house the fire was noticed by passers-by on the street. By this time the flames had eaten their way to the top of the building and were bursting through the roof.

When the alarm was given and the inmates aroused a wild scene of excitement ensued. Many of the lodgers became panic-stricken. They rushed into the hallways and fell over each other in their efforts to reach the street. Those on the lower floors got to the street safely by the stairways, while those on the upper floor groped their way through the blinding smoke to the metal fire escape in front of the building. The majority of them only saved portions of their clothing, while several of them were naked. Those who made their way to the streets by the fire escapes were superficially burned by the excessive heat of the iron ladders, which in many places had become red-hot from the flames within.

After the fire had been extinguished sufficiently so that a search of the place was possible, the police and firemen entered the building and the work of searching for the victims was begun. So many bodies were found in the early stages of the search that it was estimated that over forty persons must have been killed. However, the officers fortunately overestimated the loss of life, only eleven bodies in all being found.

Tragedy in Mississippi.

Charleston, Miss., March 14.—Capt. Rube Davis was shot and killed at Payne's, five miles south of here Saturday evening by his son-in-law, Jesse Denman. Trouble grew out of Davis' ill treatment of his wife. Saturday young Denman went to Davis' house and told him he must leave, which he did, but armed himself and returned. He shot at Denman, who returned the fire, and Davis fell dead. An inquest was held and the jury decided the killing justifiable. Both men are well known.

France, it is said, intends to occupy Loi Chau, in the Quang Tung peninsula, near Han Nan, as a naval base.

America's Greatest Medicine

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very sick and for several days it seemed as if he would never be any better. After a while he began to improve and in a few weeks was able to go out, although weak and miserable. Then, gradually

All Strength in His Limbs

gave out. The physicians told us it was paralysis, which sometimes follows an attack of diphtheria. We did everything for him, but he grew worse until he was in a pitiful condition. He suffered terribly at night and complained continually of his head, and in what little sleep he was able to get, moaned unceasingly. He lost all control of the muscles of his body and limbs. He had no appetite and complained of feeling sick at his stomach all the time. After we had tried many different remedies and had about given up all hope we commenced giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time he ceased to complain, his appetite improved and at the end of three months he was able to attend school a part of the time. Now he is well and quite a strong and rugged boy. You are at liberty to use this testimonial if you

desire, as we feel we cannot say too much in praise of Hood's Sarsaparilla as a blood purifier and building up medicine." Mrs. R. E. ANDERSON, Cumberland, Maine.



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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.

A man who has a diamond, wonders why he paid so much for it.

NO BLONDYKE FOR ME! Thus says E. Walters, Le Raysville, Pa., who grew (sworn to) 252 bushels Salzer's corn per acre. That means 25,200 bushels on 100 acres at 30c a bushel, equals \$7,560. That is better than a prospective gold mine. Salzer pays \$400 in gold for best name for his 17-inch corn and oats prodigy. You can win. Seed potatoes only \$1.50 a barrel. Send This Notice and 10 Cts. in Stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get free their seed catalogue and 11 new farm seed samples, including above corn and oats, surely worth \$10, to get a start. w.n.h.

There is probably less sincerity manifested at an amateur musicale than upon any other social occasion.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has been a God-send to me. Wm. B. McClellan, Chester, Florida, Sept. 17, 1895.

In every parlor you will find a mandolin which the husband quarreled with the wife for getting.

How This? We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Tracy, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Wadding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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FARM AND STOCK ITEMS.

The fat stock from the Dublin and Brownwood mills is now being moved.

Matthew Cartwright, of Kaufman, Kaufman county, recently bought 300 3 and 4-year-old steers from Wiley Kirby here for which he paid cash \$10,000.

W. E. Moorehouse of Kaufman, Kaufman county, shipped one car of beef steers to Kansas City, and one car to Chicago, several days ago, over the Midland.

Farmers all over Denton county say they are needing rain, as the ground is too dry in some places to plow. With about two exceptions not a creek in Denton county is running, having been below low-water mark for months, and the stock raisers also, who depend upon the creeks for stock water, are needing rain.

J. D. McCutcheon of Longview brought in 200 head of stock cattle to the fat stock show, which he proposes placing on a range near Henrietta. There were also several fair-sized shipments to the Territory, Coalgate, Atoka, and other points. The movement of live stock to the Territory is rapidly increasing.

The Rio Grande had two trains of stock in Fort Worth several days since from Brownwood consigned to White Eagle, I. T., over the Santa Fe. The shipments of fat stock from the mills on the Rio Grande are generally transferred to the Santa Fe at Bird station now, a new station recently established just south of the hospital in this city.

The fruit men of Cherokee county have jubilated over the prospects of a large crop this year until a few days ago, when they discovered little worms in the blossoms destroying the germs. If they are not got rid of in some way they will greatly damage the fruit crop. These little worms did great damage last year to the fruit. Quite a number are having their orchards sprayed.

C. H. Brown of Denton, who had twenty head of Durham cows on exhibition at the fat stock show at Fort Worth recently, sold eight head to Waxahachie parties at \$75 a head. Twenty head of Durham steers were sold at the Union yards for the Denver market at \$4.15 per 100 pounds. Twenty-five Durham cows brought 3 cents, intended for same market.

Mr. Geo. Miller of Corsicana, Navarro county, who owns a large tract of land about two miles northwest from the city, has begun the work of planting a part of it in pecan trees. He will plant forty acres this season, and will add to it for several successive years. The matter of pecan culture is awakening no little interest in the people here, it growing out of the steady demand and good prices for nuts this season.

The following cattle sales were made during the cattle raisers' convention, at Fort Worth several days since. Vecker & Dugan of Denver bought of J. D. Jackson, Alpine, 3500 yearlings and 500 2-year-olds, graded, \$80,000; Ed. R. Stiff of Collin county to O'Brien, Standberry & Watkins Bros. of Gainesville, 15 fine bred bulls, \$2500 each; B. M. Brutton of San Angelo to Paul & Harrison of Panhandle, 2500 2-year-olds in Lubbock county, spring delivery, \$25 1/4. Mrs. Adair of Scotland to Rome Bros. of Clarendon, 2500 1-year-old heifers, without any cut back, \$20; Landergin Bros. of Eureka, Kan., bought from Bird & Mertz, of San Angelo 3500 3s and 4s for April delivery, \$26.

Texas now has five or six poultry journals, all of which seem to be reasonably well patronized. This is merely an indication of the recent growth of public sentiment favoring improved fowls. Poultry shows are becoming a popular entertainment in all our larger towns, and every other man you meet has, or wants some fine fowls of some sort or other. This is a healthy sentiment and means a better fed people, and consequently a better people—for man is largely made of the food he eats. Can there be any question that a people fed on eggs, and the various dainty dishes that can't be made without eggs, and fowls cooked in the numerous and appetizing ways known to our dainty housewives, would ultimately become superior to a similar people fed on corn dodgers and fat pork, hog's grease and baked potatoes? There is a wonderful power in food as every careful breeder of animals knows. So true is this that it is yet a mooted question whether food or breed has had most to do in bringing live stock to their present degree of perfection. Man is an animal, and in some cases, Man is an animal, and in some cases a "domestic animal." We have known and admired such, and as a rule they eat largely of poultry products.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

BESSIE.



"Oh, Felix!" she cried out, with a great sob in her throat, "I see it all now. But no one ever told me before. And father was lost at sea, and mother had us little ones to take care of, and somehow everyone's hand was against us, and we had to fight our way along, so I got somehow not to care about anything."

"Don't cry, Bessie!" soothed the lad. "Don't fret, that's a good girl! Here—take the gold cross and keep it. I don't care much for it."

So they parted. At home Felix found that his father had come to take them up into the mountains for a few weeks, before they returned to their city home—and so he never got the chance to tell Bessie Raven good-by.

Ten years afterward! Three and twenty is a dangerous age for flirtations, but Felix Enfield had never been seriously smitten until that time when he crossed the Atlantic in the steamer Will o' the Wisp, and fell in love with the captain's Spanish-eyed daughter.

"If you don't marry me," said Felix, with comical earnestness, "I'll throw myself into the sea."

"There's not much danger of that," said Miss Richfield, quietly.

"But I am in earnest!" protested Felix.

"So am I!" said the damsel with the blue-black eyes.

"Don't you love me?" pleaded Felix.

"I don't dislike you," demurely answered Miss Richfield.

"Then I shall hope," declared Felix.

"Hope is a commodity that is free to all!" said the young lady.

But at the voyage's end Mr. Enfield was deeper in love than ever.

"Look here, Miss Richfield," said he; "if you don't say you'll have me, I won't leave the steamer's deck! I'll go back and forth perpetually between New York and Southampton!"

"I don't think papa would care for so permanent a passenger," said Miss Richfield, with a mischievous twinkle in her eyes.

"But, really! Do you know, Miss Richfield, I believe you are engaged already!"

She colored a little.

"Why?" she asked.

"Ah! you think I have no eyes. You think I haven't perceived that you always wear a black velvet ribbon around your neck—a black velvet ribbon, from which is suspended some trinket of gold, hidden in the lace frills of your collar. Is it a gauge?"

"Yes," Miss Richfield calmly answered; "it is a gauge of true love. If I ever am married—"

"If," almost scornfully ejaculated the lover.

"Well, when I am married," Miss Richfield corrected herself, "it will only be to the gentleman who gave me this!"

"Then I may consider myself rejected?" slowly spoke Felix, with a face of the bitterest chagrin.

"Not quite," said the dark-eyed damsel, softly, as she drew the golden tassel from her throat and held it toward him. "Don't you remember who gave me this?"

He uttered an exclamation of recognition.

"It is the golden cross I gave, years ago, to Bessie Raven!" cried he.

"Yes," she said, quietly, "and I am Bessie Raven."

"You!"

"Yes. My mother died shortly after you gave me this. My uncle, who had just returned from the West, adopted us all. Two of my sisters are in boarding-school. My brother is being educated in a German university. And I am my uncle's adopted daughter, known only by his name."

"But, Bessie, you said you would marry the one who gave you that!" cried out Enfield.

"So I will," confessed Bessie, laughing and blushing, "if he is still infatuated enough to persist in wanting me."

They were married within a month—a regular true-love match—and old Mrs. Liddington finds herself grand-in-law to "only Bessie Raven!"

"And really," says she, complacently, "I don't think Felix could have made a better match!"—New York Daily News.

Courtesy of the Old School.

From the San Francisco News Letter: Everybody knows Col. Caldwell. The colonel is a Virginian of the old school. The colonel's pley has condensed into one creed, courtesy to women. He never leaves a room with a lady in it without backing through the door. Miss N., who is very practical, remarked the other evening: "Col. Caldwell, have you eyes on the back of your head?" "I would have them, madam, were you behind me."

An acquaintance the other day asked: "Colonel, do you always back away from the ladies?" "I do, suh! but I don't back down from the men, suh!"

A lady, much given to Browning, asked the following question, receiving the following answer: "Col. Caldwell, is falling in love an evidence of reason?" "My dear, madam," replied the colonel, "in love we desert the calm of logic and surrender ourselves to the rose-tinted delirium of insanity."

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OVERWORKED BRAIN.

From the Record, Pierceton, Ind.

Determined to rise in his chosen profession as an educator, Ernest Kemper, of Pierceton, Ind., overtaxed himself mentally and physically. He was ambitious, his mind was always on his work. From early morn until late at night he continually poured over his books.

"Burned the candle at both ends." Few persons, even with the strongest constitution, can keep up under such a strain. In addition to his studies, Mr. Kemper was teaching a school some three miles from his home. Finally, his excessive study and the exposure of going to and from school in all kinds of weather undermined his health.

He was taken to his bed with pneumonia and his overworked brain almost collapsed. For several weeks he was seriously ill.

Catarrah had taken root in his system and his mind was in a delicate condition. He was sent to Colorado where he spent three months without receiving any benefit. Then a noted specialist from Cleveland treated him without avail, and then a hospital in Chicago was tried, but all absolutely without benefit. Finally his physician recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and from the first box he began to improve.

When he had taken nine boxes he was completely cured. This famous blood and nerve medicine had accomplished what all his former expensive treatment failed to accomplish. Mr. Kemper says his catarrah has entirely left him; he is strong again and weighs nine pounds more than he ever did. He gives the pills the entire credit. He is starting teaching again and feels abundantly able to continue the work. To prove that the above is true in every respect, Mr. Kemper made an affidavit as follows:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of September, 1897.

R. P. WATT, Notary Public.

We doubt if these pills have an equal in all the range of medicine, for building up a run-down and debilitated system.

The further a woman brings eggs, the more she wants for them.

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-Tobacco, 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.

His Business.

Brink—Higbee knows how to take people.

Coley—He ought to, he drives a cab.

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

We never have a good opinion of a man to whom making an apology comes easily.

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

Kentucky's Latest Snake Yarn.

The latest "snake" story from Kentucky tells of a contest between a brainy lizard and a hungry rattler. It was a tree-climbing contest, in which the lizard would run clear to the top of a sapling and patiently wait until the snake would make a leap for life and the snake would also fling itself from the tree. But before the pursuer could get itself straightened out the lizard would scramble up another sapling. This merry-go-round was kept up nearly four hours, when the snake became discouraged and crawled away.

Lemon Juice in the Manicure Water.

The best manicure acid is a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cup of tepid water. This not only whitens and removes all stains from the nails, but it loosens the cuticle much better than scissors do. A dash of lemon juice, too, in a glass of water is an admirable tooth wash after the use of onions or anything that will affect the breath.—New York Evening Post.

How to Cure a Red Nose.

Prepare a wash containing 154 grains of powdered borax, a teaspoonful of eau de cologne and five ounces of soft water. First dissolve the borax in the water and then add the eau de cologne. When the nose burns, dampen it with this lotion and let it dry on. If when dry it still burns, repeat the treatment.

FOR 30 DAYS MORE YOU CAN TRY IT FOR 25 CENTS.

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(Trade Mark.)

Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., Chicago, Gentlemen:—I thought that I would write you a statement and tell you how I have got along since I have used your "5 DROPS." I must say that I am entirely well once more, thanks to your wonderful remedy. It has accomplished more good from the same bottle and the dollar bottle than the thirty dollar worth of medicine I have used of other manufacturers. I tried all kinds of medicine I saw advertised for rheumatism but could not get any relief from the dreadful suffering till I got a sample bottle of your "5 DROPS," and after making the same for a few days I began to have less of those severe pains racking through my body. After I got the sample bottle most used up I could begin to rest some every night; after I had used about half the dollar bottle then a full pain left me. Oh! what a comfort it was when I could sleep again at night without any more suffering. I am so thankful to you and your "5 DROPS" that I cannot find words enough in praise of your wonderful remedy for the cure of rheumatism, and I can safely recommend it to all suffering humanity and say that they cannot purchase any better medicine than "5 DROPS" for all their ills. Thanking you, gentlemen, for all your kindness, I remain, forever, your friend, R. M. LIFE, Portersfield, Wis., Feb. 10, '98.

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BEETS AS LARGE AS YOUR ARM.

The editor of the "Brown City, Michigan, Banner," recently paid a visit to Western Canada, and speaking of a garden that he saw in the Edmonton District, says:

"On August 23rd we had the pleasure of visiting the model seven-acre garden at Edmonton, owned and operated by one Donald Ross, a typical Scotchman, and as whole-souled, good-natured old gentlemen as you often meet. He gave the Yankees each a hearty handshake as we were introduced in succession by the Canadian Government Agent, who was our guide and pilot while at Edmonton, and to whom we are indebted for many courtesies conferred. Mr. Ross informed us that he cleared from \$800 to \$1,000 annually from the sale of roots, vegetables, flowers and plants. We here state that we never before saw such a growth of vegetables at that season of the year. He said that he raised 750 bushels of onions to the acre. Beets were growing as large as your arm, turnips the size of one's head, and cabbages as large as a patent pail. Following are prices that Mr. Ross gave us as receiving for his produce: Beets, 50 cents per bushel; carrots, 40 cents; onions, \$1.25; turnips, \$5 per ton; cabbage, 4 cents each; green corn, 25 cents per dozen; tomatoes, \$1.50 per bushel; potatoes, 25 to 30 cents; cauliflower, \$1.00 per dozen; cucumbers, 15 cents per dozen; strawberries, 25 cents per box; squash, 4 cents per lb., and other produce in proportion. He kept a hot-house 12x180 feet, heated by a furnace by means of flues. One man beside himself attended this garden, except at time of gathering the crop."

Agents of the Canadian Government are now located at different points in the United States, and using their efforts towards securing settlers on the fertile lands of Western Canada, to which the gold fields are tributary.

It is easy to go to law or war, but no one knows when the end may be.

Crescent Hotel, Eureka Springs, Ark. Opens March 1st. In heart of Ozark Mountains, climate mild and bracing, scenery wild and beautiful. Unequaled medicinal waters. Excursion rates, through sleepers, via Frisco Line. Address Manager Crescent, Eureka Springs, or Geo. T. Nicholson, G. P. A., Frisco Line, St. Louis, Mo.

Every one is a jingo in his love affairs.

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

Every man thinks he is strictly first-class.

Smoke Sledge Cigarettes, 20 for 5 cts.

Worthless men get along too well in this country; they encourage others.

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

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Keeps both rider and saddle perfectly dry in the hardest storms. Substitutes will disappoint. Ask for Fish Brand Pommel Slicker. It is entirely new. If not for sale in your town, write for catalogue to A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.

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Good rains were reported last week over a large portion of Texas.

Wright Cuney, the negro republican leader died in San Antonio last week.

The general opinion is now that war with Spain will be averted, but how the difficulty will be settled is as yet unknown.

Uncle Sam has spent more than \$10,000,000 of the \$50,000,000 appropriated by congress for the government's defense.

The talk of war brings to memory many of the hardships of our last war, but in the face of all this it seems that some are eager for the conflict again.

The cattlemen's convention last week at Fort Worth was well attended, and one of the most enthusiastic since the organization of the association.

The bicycle manufacturers of the United States exported wheel to the amount of \$6,092,736 worth last year. This shows that the bicycle rage is on in other countries as well as at home.

The war cloud still hangs low. At a caucus meeting of the United States senators the first of the week, it was agreed that congress should not adjourn until the administration had taken steps to have the Maine crime atoned for and the Cuban question settled.

Our farmers, or a large number of them, are in position to raise cotton one year and sell the next if they think prices will warrant the holding. This shows our people are in better shape than the downeast cotton farmers, who have to sell as fast as gathered to satisfy their debts.

Mack Stewart is still in prison at Parrel, Mexico. He will shortly be transferred to the prison at Chihuahua, which is regarded as an indication of a speedy decision of his case. Judge McLeary has gone to the city of Mexico and hopes to accomplish something towards an early commutation of his sentence and a final pardon and release.—S. A. Press.

And now we see the chasm no more between the boys who wore the blue and those who wore the gray. A common enemy proves that we are brothers at heart. Thank God for this patriotism that lies deep down in the heart of every man, north, east, south and west, whether he voted for Bryan, McKinley or Watson. It requires a little outside threatening occasionally, to show us how we love each other.—Abilene Reporter.

To Be Left Dark and Dry.
H. C. Hord, Tom Trammell, R. B. Byron and Frank Long, of Sweetwater, spent Thursday night in the city and it is reported that their business here was to figure on our electric light plant and water works. If Sweetwater succeeds in bodily moving these plants and shutting us off from both light and water we will be in pretty bad fix, don't you think?—West Texas Stockman.

Teddy Knowles is authority for the statement—and nobody would doubt Teddy—that news has been received from Mike Kenney, announcing that he had received an offer of \$225,000 for his Klonyke claim! Interested with him, as will be remembered, are John Findlater, Jr., Burton P. Wade and Wm. Seymour. Their many friends will be glad to congratulate them on their good fortune, and—wish they were 'in' on it.—San Angelo Press.

In Hard Luck.

There were two stockmen in a Santa Fe smoker yesterday. A clergyman was also on board, and when he looked through the glass of the compartment he was horrified to see one of the stockmen hand a bottle of whiskey to the other, who turned it skyward and let the warming liquid gurgle down his throat. The minister opened the door, stepped up to the man who was drinking and laying his hands on the shoulder of the man just as he was stopping to take a breath, said: "My friends, do you know you are on the road to hell?" "Just my luck," said the stockmen, "I always get on the wrong train."—Standard.

H. M. Cosper, who is with his sons, contracting on the Colorado Valley railroad, is here wanting to contract for the construction of the C. T. & M. R'y. from Abilene to the Gap. Mr. Cosper and sons are doing fine work on the C. V., and we have no doubt that they will be awarded a good slice of work on this road, if the people ever come up with the wherewith to start its construction, especially the non-residents.—Abilene Reporter.

Bowman For The Legislature.

Judge T. H. Bowman will return to Big Springs in a few weeks and announce as a candidate for the legislature from this, the 106th, district. He is one of the best, most deserving men in Texas and would make a legislator that this or any other district ought to be proud of. He is well acquainted with what laws we have and knows well what laws we need he is a strong man intellectually, a fluent speaker and is a man that the lobby and that the Austin bug juice would have no influence over. Let's send him to the legislature. He would bring the district to the front more prominently than any man we have ever had.—Colorado Spokesman.

Judge Bowman is now a citizen of Coke county, and we hear some mention of his name as a suitable man for the county Judges' office here.

No time in the history of the South, and especially Texas, have the efforts been put forth for its development as now. It seems that "progress" is uppermost in every mind, and in a few years the harvest will begin to ripen. Then as the old saying goes, "we can live at home and board at the same place."

THE COLORADO VALLEY R.Y.

Shall We Have It? If So, Now
Is The Time To Strike.

The time has come to make the final effort to secure the railroad for Robert Lee.

The first 25 miles of the grade is nearing completion, and the next 25 miles of the road will soon be finally located, and that will tell the tale for Robert Lee. If it is brought here it will make a thriving, pulsating, populous little city that not only centralize the wealth of the country, but will command the commercial respect of other towns of the great West. It will bring us enterprise, wealth, school and good society.

On the other hand, if it misses the town, it will blot it out—wipe it off the face of the earth.

While Robert Lee is not a metropolis, the county can ill afford to sustain such a loss.

From the best information at hand it appears that there only remains from four to five thousand dollars of the required bonus to secure the railroad—the one thing needful for the town and county.

Let each man who has been put on the committees for the promotion of the good cause do all in his power for it, and let every citizen of our common county respond willingly and liberally.

Let us line up as one people, as neighbors, in one great, common cause, and in only a few months join again in reaping the greatest boom that has ever yet been offered our people.

This is no time for theorizing and objecting—it is a time for business—a time for securing an enterprise that must precede all other enterprises of importance. If the people of Coke county have business sagacity, enterprise and patriotism, the time has now come for a grand display of the same in raising the remaining four or five thousand dollar bonus for the C. V. R.

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The best Stable and Stock Ointment in the world for branding, altering, marking and sneering, for wire cuts, old sores, collar saddle or harness sores, scratches mange, scab, ticks, sand fleas, etc. It prevents Screw worms, and at the same time heals the wound. We will send a free sample box, post paid, by mail to any one sending their address to The Nussbaumer Chemical Co., San Angelo, Texas.

It has just leaked out that Bud Price bought a supply of lumber at San Angelo recently to build a house with. We only want to put the old ladies who have girls to spare onto his plans.—Sterling News.

W. J. Bryan will be almost sure of the democratic nomination in 1900, and he is perhaps the first candidate on record doing active campaign work from one election to the next.

The County Democratic Executive Committee was in session here last Saturday, but owing to the Colorado Valley railroad meeting being called at the same being more important there was no business attended to.

Several wagons of emigrants passed through town this week.

J. F. DEATS,

Dealer In

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North West Side Square, Robert Lee.

Fresh Goods BEST Quality and
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Our Spring Goods have arrived and we think we can save you money on anything in our line. Before buying give us a call, and we will prove what we say.

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All kinds of work neatly and quickly done.

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TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

Fate Foster, and Geo. Bonner, two young boys of Weatherford, were out hunting several days ago, when Foster accidentally discharged his gun, the contents taking effect in Bonner's left side. He was severely injured.

The Germania Fire Insurance company of New Orleans, La., filed their annual statement and paid taxes at Austin recently, as follows: Occupation \$267.58, office fees \$22, agents' certificates \$53; total \$332.58, and were granted a permit to do business in Texas during the current year.

A horse attached to the wagon of J. C. Larue, at Bonham, Fannin county, became frightened several days ago and ran away, starting from the square, going down South Main street. In turning a corner south of the planing mill Mr. Larue was thrown out and seriously injured and is in a critical condition. The wagon is a total wreck.

Fayette Hilson, a negro residing in Rose Hill, a suburb of Texarkana, was killed several days ago while under the influence of liquor and endeavoring to raise a disturbance. Officers were called out to Rose Hill for the purpose of arresting Hilson, and it was while they were doing this, in company with two assistants, that Hilson was shot.

Willie Ware, a negro boy about 19 years old, was accidentally killed at Calvert, Robertson county, recently, by the discharge of a shotgun. Willie had had a difficulty with another negro and went into the house for his gun. His mother tried to keep him from getting the weapon, and in the scuffle the gun was discharged and the entire contents entered her son's body, killing him instantly.

The charter of the Port Arthur Rice and Irrigation company was filed recently at Austin. Capital stock \$100,000. Purpose, constructing, maintaining and operating dams, reservoirs, lakes, wells, canals, flumes, laterals and other necessary appurtenances for the purpose of irrigation. Incorporators: E. S. Mosher, J. M. Mason, C. A. Braley, of Kansas City, Mo., R. A. Greer, of Beaumont, and F. M. Hammond of Port Arthur.

Several days since, while a workman was engaged soldering the oil tank at Gibson well No. 1, in east Corsicana, the oil tank caught fire from some source or other, and in an instant, almost, the well house and derricks, which had not been removed, were wrapped in flames, a column of fire and black smoke nearly 1000 feet high ascending. The well had just been drilled in and was a good producer, belonging to conductor Gibson of the Cotton Belt road. The engine house, well house, derrick and well boring rig were ruined, the total loss being about \$1000. No insurance.

The attorney-general at Austin recently approved and the secretary of state filed the charter of the Cane Belt Railroad company. Principal office at Eagle Lake. Capital stock \$15,000. Purpose, construction and maintenance of a line of railroad from Eagle Lake, in Colorado county, in a southern direction, to the town of Bonus, in Wharton county, a total distance of fifteen miles. Incorporators, E. P. Newcome of Bonus, Wm. Dunovant, W. T. Eldridge, Thomas F. Boulden, J. W. Thatcher, Perry Clark, O. Green, Rudolph Greenbaum, William Jasper Magee, F. P. Herbert, all of Eagle Lake. Mr. W. T. Eldridge of Eagle Lake secured the filing of the above charter.

The charters of the following corporations were recently filed at Austin: People's Ice Manufacturing company of Dallas; capital stock \$50,000. Purpose the manufacture and sale of ice and the supply of light and electric power, cold storage, the sale of ice manufacturing machinery, etc. Incorporators: W. H. McGrath, John Frost, and Frank Kepplinger, Dallas Steam Candy company, of Dallas. Capital stock \$40,000. Purpose, to do a wholesale confectionery business; incorporators: M. D. Garlington, C. L. Moss, and Mrs. Anna Garlington, Tinkle Ginning association, of Corsicana; capital stock \$6000. Purpose, conducting of a general cotton ginning business; incorporators: J. D. Derrough, H. S. Cook and A. Butler, Lancaster School association of Lancaster, Dallas county; capital stock \$15,000; purpose, the building and maintenance of an educational institution; incorporators: F. M. Hammond, F. M. Waite, and R. P. Henry.

Lee Eden's residence was burned at Rockwall, Rockwall county, several days since. Covered by insurance in the American Central. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

TO BE ABOLISHED.

Military Headquarters at San Antonio, Texas Have Been Abandoned.

Washington, March 12.—Hoping for the best and preparing for the worst about represents the situation in the war and navy department these days. The officials still profess confidence that there is to be a peaceful outcome of the present threatening difficulties, but meanwhile prepare with serenity to meet their duty if events should shape themselves otherwise. The most important and significant developments of the day were the decision of the house naval committee to place in the naval appropriation bill a provision for three new battleships, and the conclusion on the part of the secretary of war to issue this morning an order creating a new military department, including within its confines that part of the country which would be in all likelihood nearest the field of hostilities in case it should come to that.

The order will create a commotion in the south. The present department of Texas is abolished, and the headquarters, which have been at San Antonio, Texas, for so many years, are abandoned. In place of the old department is created a new one, the Department of the South. Gen. Graham, at present commander of the department of Texas, will command the new department.

This department will include the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. All of these states save the last are at present attached to the department of the east, under command of Gen. Merritt of New York. It is said at the war department that Gen. Merritt is fully compensated for the strength of the command which passes away from him by the addition to his forces of the two regiments of artillery now recruiting. Headquarters of the new department of the south will be at Atlanta, Ga., chosen because of its fine strategical value and from its excellent railroad connections. At present the government has no accommodations in Atlanta for the headquarters of the department, so it will be obliged to hire the most available buildings.

Gen. Wilson, chief of engineers, who has been in Florida, is expected back to-day, to report to Secretary Alger upon the progress of the fortification work in that section, and probably especially as to the defense of Tortugas.

News From Havana.

Havana, March 12.—The weather continues to be delightful, and the city is as tranquil as the skies are blue.

Capt. Sampson seems to have recovered from his slight indisposition, and the United States naval court of inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine, over which he presides, is pursuing its usual course.

The relief work of the Red Cross society in the city and country is daily becoming more effective and regular.

Miss Clara Barton and the collector of customs have had most pleasant interviews, during which Miss Barton assured the official that the Red Cross people earnestly deprecated any attempt, no matter from what source, to evade or infringe the custom laws of Spain or Cuba, and the collector expressed his desire and intention to do all in his power to expedite the admission of legitimate relief supplies.

The American yacht Anita, which brought a congressional party here, has been fined \$500 for, it is alleged, not having her papers in proper order. The gentlemen who arrived here on the Anita, Senators Gallinger, Thurston and Money, and Representatives Cummings and Wm. Alden Smith, accompanied by their wives, were presented at the palace yesterday morning by Consul General Lee, and were cordially received by Capt. Gen. Blanco.

A Spanish representative says the government troops operating in the Sierra Maestra have had a battle with the insurgents and have inflicted "numerous loss" upon the insurgents, also capturing five prisoners and destroying the plantation of the enemy. The troops, it is further said, lost three men killed and had ten wounded.

Inspection Trip.

New York, March 12.—"I shall start upon my trip to inspect the fortifications upon the seacoast of the southern states on Monday next," said Gen. Wesley Merritt in an interview. The itinerary of his trip, which will take about a fortnight, provides for going direct to St. Augustine. From there he will proceed to Key West, and will visit in turn all the defenses on the Florida coast. He will go on up the coast of Georgia, and also to the forts defending the harbors of South Carolina and North Carolina.

Flat Dwellers in London.

Dwelling in flats is making great headway in London, especially in the west end, but many persons are averse to being known as residents of such. Landlords advertise them as "mansions built in stories."

Torpedo Boat Destroyers Needed.

New York, March 12.—Speaking of the possibility of the United States obtaining naval vessels abroad John Platt of Thorpe, Platt & Co., of this city, the American representatives of John Thronycraft & Co. of Chaswick, England, one of the largest constructors of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers in Great Britain, said:

"I have just returned from Washington, and I was assured that this government desires now more than any other class of vessels a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers, and had it been considered practicable by the navy department to have the boats built in England the Thronycraft company would have by this time begun work on several vessels of the Thronycraft type for use here. Acting upon suggestions received in Washington, however, I have consulted members of three or four ship building concerns in this country relative to the quick construction of vessels of the Thronycraft type. I have been assured by them that with the detailed working plans of the vessels in their possession and under an ordinary commercial contract—that is, a contract free from all unnecessary red tape—they could collectively complete by working day and night a fleet of ten such vessels within seven months.

"The representative of one firm assured me that it could send out the first vessel within six months. I am authorized by cable by the Thronycraft company to offer to dispose of complete plans of the Thronycraft vessel to this government at practically a moment's notice. The vessels are 210 feet long and 275 tons displacement, mounting four six-pounders and one 13-pounder and equal to thirty knots.

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AMUSING WARFARE.

Amenities Between the Spaniards and Insurgents.

New York, March 12.—A dispatch from Key West says: Senator Proctor and Col. Parker gave a most graphic and amusing description of the skirmish between a company of Spanish cavalry and a handful of insurgents which took place while they were on a train near Mantanzas and which was undoubtedly prepared for their special benefit.

Before reaching the station they noticed that the telegraph wires had been cut and some slight obstructions placed on the track to impede their progress. On a hill in the distance they could see silhouettes of a dozen Cuban insurgents outlined against the sky. In the valley the Spanish cavalry had started toward them, but they were brought to a sudden halt by the bullets from the enemy.

The distance was too great to hear the shots, but the smoke from the Cubans' rifles gave warning of what was taking place. The Spaniards halted and formed a hollow square, while the officers sought safety behind some convenient trees. Meanwhile the insurgents called for a truce and withdrew into the dense woods, and the Spaniards returned to the station in time to meet the train and receive the congratulations of the commander of the district.

Italy's War Preparation.

New York, March 12.—A dispatch from Rome says: There is feverish activity in the Italian government manufacturing of arms and ammunition at Turin, Florence and Naples, after idleness since the end of the African campaign. They are running overtime. A correspondent learns on authority that large orders for munitions of war have been received from Spain, and that the Italian government is willing to fill them in an indirect way by placing new arms in the hands of the Italian troops and selling the old ones to intermediary traders, who would hand them over to the Spanish authorities. Spain has depended largely on Italy lately for her arms. There is at this moment an order with the Italian branch of the Armstrongs-Elswick company, which has a foundry at Castel-a-Mare, near Naples, to furnish two 9-inch guns for the Cristobal Colon, which was built in Genoa.

Burned to Death.

St. Louis, Mo., March 12.—Mrs. Helena Schwann was burned to death Thursday while lighting a gasoline stove. When she struck a match to light the stove her dress ignited. Her screams attracted her three small children, who ran to her and attempted to pull the burning clothes from their mother. The woman was burned almost to a crisp, and died in terrible agony. The three children were all badly burned about the hands and face.

HE BROUGHT IT FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR.

And kept it two years.

The great World's Fair, at Chicago, in 1893, while it gave pleasure to many, gave pain to not a few as an indirect result of their visit to the White City. People were lured along the miles of wonderful exhibits by the new marvels that met the gaze at every step, and did not realize their exhaustion until they dropped into a chair in some breezy corner by the lake, and "cooled off." That's what began the trouble, in many cases. Of one such case, Mrs. L. W. Stevens, Fort Fairfield, Me., writes:

"My husband took a severe cold and cough two years ago last October—time of the World's Fair, which we attended. This cough lasted over two years, was accompanied by spitting of blood, and nothing could be found to help him, although various remedies were tried. Several doctors were consulted, but their prescriptions afforded no relief. Finally, I saw an advertisement of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my paper and prevailed upon my husband to get a bottle and try it. The very first dose helped him, and he was completely cured in a short time. We feel

very grateful for what Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has done for us, and shall keep it constantly on hand in the house."—Mrs. L. W. Stevens, Fort Fairfield, Me.

Two years of doctoring for a cough, two years of "remedies" that gave no help, of prescriptions that profited only the men who wrote them, and then a trial of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, which helped from the very first dose and effected a complete cure in a short time. The difference between Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and all other cough medicines could not be better stated than in this comparison of results. It has cured the most stubborn and obstinate cases of chronic bronchitis and asthma. It is a specific for croup and whooping cough. It cures all coughs and colds and all affections of the throat and lungs promptly and effectively. In response to numerous demands Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is put up in half size bottles—sold at half price—so cents. More about cure effected by Pectoral in Dr. Ayer's Cure-book. Sent free. On request, by the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

An Explanation.

He—Why are you in half mourning?
She—My half-brother was buried last Sunday.

RUNNING EARS.

The Result of Chronic Catarrh of the Middle Ear.

Mr. W. Brigham, Pilot Knob, Wis., writes to Dr. Hartman as follows: "Last April we commenced doctoring my son Edgar for chronic otitis, running of the ears. He is now about fifteen years old and had been troubled with it since he was two years old. It became very bad and ran constantly. He began to get discouraged himself, and we had little hopes of his recovery, when I wrote to you. But we were persistent in carrying out the prescription that you sent me. It has now been about seven months since there has been any discharge. Wax has formed in the ear and he appears perfectly well. I am very much pleased with your remedy." Chronic otitis is catarrh of the ears. If allowed to run without proper treatment it results in total deafness. Pe-ru-na cures catarrh, wherever located.



Dr. Hartman has lately published in book form a series of lectures on the different phases of catarrh. It is called "Winter Catarrh," and will be sent free to any address by the Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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I, Dr. Samuel Pitcher, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the name that has borne and does now bear the fac-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.

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WORKING WOMEN WHO SUFFER.

Should Get Mrs. Pinkham's Advice—The Whole Truth can be Told to her Because she is a Woman.

The suffering and pain endured by some working women is almost past belief. Here is a letter from one of the multitude of women who have been restored to health and usefulness by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel as though your advice had lifted me from the grave. I must have been very near it. I suffered terribly at time of menstruation, was constantly troubled with cold hands and feet, was extremely nervous, could not sleep well, was troubled with frightened dreams, had heart trouble and a feeling as though my breath was going to stop, also had leucorrhoea. I tried to get help but all remedies failed, until I wrote to you. I cannot thank you enough for your kind advice, and I wish to tell every one the great good your remedies have done me.—TAMMA C. HOOVER, Wolfsville, Md.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for a quarter of a century has been helping women to be strong and well.

The following statement from Miss H. PATTERSON, of 2531 Lawrence St., Philadelphia, Pa., should interest all working women who are troubled with female complaints:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I must write and tell what your medicine has done for me. I am a working girl and have to stay at my work all day. I suffered greatly with bearing-down pains and backache. I was advised by a friend to try your Vegetable Compound. I did so and can say positively I am cured. I have recommended your medicine to all my lady friends, and would advise any of my sex suffering from female weakness to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound a trial, for I know it will cure."

Mrs. Pinkham invites all women troubled about their health to write to her at Lynn, Mass., and secure her advice free of all charge. All such letters are seen and answered by women only.

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A Legacy from Two Bishops. Two of the brightest lights the Southern Methodist Church has ever had were the late Bishops Duggan and Kavanaugh, who, before they went to their reward, left Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine a legacy which has not only been of value to us, but has proven a boon to suffering humanity. Below we give their own words in which they made the bequest:

From Bishop Duggan: Richmond, Va., July 23rd, 1890. "Your Liver Medicine did me great service to myself and family. We find no substitute for it. The parcel which you generously sent us a few years ago is nearly exhausted. We can't do without it, with you to send us another supply. IT IS INVALUABLE." Very respectfully,
D. S. DODDGE.

From Bishop Kavanaugh: The following is from Rev. Bishop H. E. Kavanaugh, D. D., to Dr. M. A. Simmons, March, 1891. "I confess that I have been reluctant to figure advertisements in regard to medicine, but feel myself so much a debtor to you for 'ESTEY'S LIVER-BLIVER' that I feel it a sense of gratitude on my own part, and justice to the public require that I should waive this objection, and allow you to publish whatever I may have written in regard to the character and value of your medicine. May many a sufferer be as much benefited by them as I have been." H. E. KAVANAUGH.

Presbyterians Believe in It. Rev. Dr. Crisman cured of Dyspepsia and Rheumatism. Bagefield Cumberland Presbyterian Church, E. B. Crisman, D. D., Pastor, Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 14, 1890.

I am still using Simmons' Liver Medicine. It is invaluable to me. I began its use eight years ago and it cured me of both dyspepsia and rheumatism and keeps me in perfect health. I prefer to order it from you direct for I know then that I get the genuine and get it fresh. I am to start on the 22nd to a meeting of the Synod of Tennessee at Cleveland. If I can serve you in any way on the trip I will be glad to do so.

Respectfully,
E. B. CRISMAN.

An Eminent Baptist Has Spoken. Rev. J. R. Graves, editor and proprietor of "The Baptist," Memphis, Tenn., says: "To M. A. Simmons, M. D., Iuka, Miss.: I received a package of your Liver Medicine and have used it. It works like a charm. I want no better Liver Regulator and certainly no more of Zellin's mixture." J. R. GRAVES, Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 17, 1890.

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FEARFUL TRAGEDY.

John L. Driscoll Kills His Wife and Then Attempts Suicide.

Nashville, Tenn., March 11.—Yesterday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock one of the most horrible tragedies ever committed in this city came to light and investigation showed that John L. Driscoll, a well-known shorthand instructor, had killed his wife and then attempted suicide in their apartments in the Chamber of Commerce building in the very center of the city.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Dr. J. M. Coyle called on the manager of the building and showed him a note from Prof. Driscoll requesting the doctor to call at his apartment and stating that Mrs. Driscoll was dead and that he (Driscoll) would be dead by the time Dr. Coyle arrived. Dr. Coyle and Mr. Jones, the manager, went to the room and the door was locked. Entrance was made through the transom and Mrs. Driscoll was found on the bed dead and Driscoll in a comatose condition. It was evident at once that Mrs. Driscoll had been dead for many hours. Driscoll was taken charge of and resuscitated sufficiently to give an account of the tragedy. He is now under watch at the city hospital by order of the police authorities, having confessed that he killed his wife. In his statement or confession he says he induced his wife this morning to take a large quantity of morphine, she believing that the dose was a very small one and that he did so because he found there was no "place" in the world for him, and without him his wife could not live. Then he took a large amount of the drug to kill himself.

Driscoll had been out of employment for two months and has been drinking heavily, which, with despondency, crazed him and caused him to kill his wife and attempt his own life.

Mrs. Driscoll was last seen about 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and Driscoll had given orders that she was not to be awakened, and told the elevator boy to bring no one to the room. The body showed that death had taken place during Tuesday night. Driscoll is said to have been seen on the streets yesterday and last night. He is about 60 years of age, well educated, came from Mississippi, and served in the confederate army, and has been living here since 1893. Those who knew him best state that he was crazed by drink and despondency. While out of danger, he yet talks incoherently and in a rambling way.

ENRAGED CITIZENS.

They are After William Messer and Will Lynch Him if Found.

Little Rock, Ark., March 11.—A mob of enraged citizens of Cleburne county are in hot pursuit of William Messer, a white man, whose home is near Quitman in that county, and a lynching is considered inevitable when they capture him. Messer is charged with one of the most revolting crimes on record. He is accused of murdering his daughter. A month ago Mary Messer mysteriously disappeared and Messer is now accused of having murdered her. Judge Middleton issued a warrant for Messer's arrest and a posse of officers went to serve the writ. They surrounded the house and called upon Messer to surrender. He refused and bolted through the rear door, firing at the officers as he ran. Several shots were fired at Messer, but none took effect. He took shelter on a bluff near the house and a fusillade of shots were exchanged. Messer finally made his escape. The posse was at once reinforced by a large number of citizens, who are searching every cliff and ravine and are determined upon lynching him should he be captured alive.

The Brig Army Wrecked.

San Francisco, Cal., March 11.—When the steamer Mona, which arrived Wednesday, left Sydney, a hurricane was blowing, spreading devastation on sea and shore. The brig Army was wrecked and all hands on board were swept into the sea in sight of shore. Hundreds of people saw the disaster, but were unable to lend any assistance. The captain and eight of the crew perished. Another vessel, the name of which could not be ascertained, foundered and her crew of six were drowned.

Kentucky Senate.

Frankfort, Ky., March 11.—The senate yesterday passed the Goebel election bill over the governor's veto and the house will do so to-day. The house passed the bill originally by a larger majority than the senate. This bill puts the entire election machinery of the state in the hands of three commissioners, who are expected to be W. T. Ellis of Owensboro, W. S. Prier of New Castle and James B. Poyntz of Marysville. The commissioners will be selected at a Democratic joint caucus to be held to-night.

Triple Alliance.

London, March 11.—A correspondent says: I have it on the highest authority that a triple alliance between Great Britain, the United States and Japan is pending.

London, March 11.—The parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Mr. George N. Curzon, replying in the house of common to Mr. Roland Monroe-Ferguson, liberal, representing the district of Leith, said no communications on the Cuban question had been exchanged between the British ambassador at Washington, Sir Julian Pauncefote, and the government of the United States.

The question which it was announced the Hon. Valentine Duncombe, Conservative member for the west division of Cumberland, would ask, whether, in view of recognizing the identity of the interests of all English-speaking people, the British government will consider the advisability of placing the services of the British fleet at the disposal of the United States in the event of complications between the United States and any foreign power, was not put. Relative to the withdrawal of his question, Mr. Duncombe said:

"After consultation with my friends, I decided that the exact form of the question made it inopportune to put it. It was framed owing to the widely held opinion in the house of commons that it is high time the foreign powers should be told in unmistakable terms that any blow struck at either Great Britain or the United States was equally a blow at either. I was profoundly convinced of this yesterday. Many members, more than I supposed would do so, came to me in order to say they heartily indorsed my question. I am convinced that the government would have desired to answer my proposed question affirmatively and would have done so had it not involved other considerations besides expressing what I believe the present government sincerely holds, that in face of foreign complications the interests in the future of Great Britain and the United States are inseparably intertwined. Yesterday's expressions and indorsement we will eventuate as soon as we can frame the question in the exact terms which clearly express the feeling of the house of commons, that any trouble threatening the United States will be shared by Great Britain."

CAPTAIN'S GALLANTRY.

Kicked out Representatives for Insulting Americans.

New York, March 11.—A dispatch from Havana says: Capt. Eulate of the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya, who was seen in New York recently, has just figured in an incident here which proves that some at least, of Spain's best officers will not cater to the rabble's desire about Americans in Havana. The Vizcaya lay near the Fern before the latter made room for the Montgomery, and when the vessels swung closest together words spoken on the quarter deck of one could be heard on the other.

The Vizcaya's captain on Monday stood on the quarterdeck and heard a boat load from the shore use abusive language as they rowed about the Fern. Men on the latter vessel, although they knew the compliments were intended for them, ignored the billingsgate and the shore party pulled to the Vizcaya and boarded her. When they were all on the deck, near the larder, the captain of the Spanish cruiser, with a word to one or two of the marines, stepped briskly forward to meet the newcomers.

They smiled and bowed most obsequiously. This salute had the effect of placing their bodies in a posture exactly fitted to the captain's purpose. Out shot a neatly polished foot and the nearest obsequious gentlemen was straightened by the shock with great force. In the cry which followed pain, surprise and injured pride found voice. The captain who had been carried away momentarily by indignation, then stepped back and the marines, following his example, hustled and slyly booted the rest of the patriots to one side.

As they regained their feet the captain said, with some feeling, that they were persons of a sort which placed the country in a false position and sometimes precipitated the sacrifice of useful lives and money. The boat was quickly pulled ashore.

Curtailed of Production.

Fall River, Mass., March 11.—A curtailment of production in the cotton mills of New England is under discussion by manufacturers of this city as preliminary to an appeal to the manufacturers at large to adopt this policy the coming summer. Mill brokers here are chiefly interested at present, as officers of the Manufacturers' association say nothing has been done by the executive committee or leading members.

'Twas in a Crowd.

He—"I hate to be squeezed in a crowded theater like this—don't you?" She—"Yes. There are too many people around."—New York Life.

FIRE AT BELTON.

Furniture Store and Newspaper Plant a Total Loss.

Belton, Tex., March 14.—Fire was discovered Saturday night at 11:45 in a warehouse in the rear of Smith & Corbin, on East street, owned by J. Beringer, and attached as an ell to the furniture store of Wigley & Co. The blaze was under full headway when the alarm was sounded. The flames quickly communicated themselves to the stock of furniture, making a fire of such intense heat as to almost drive the firemen from the contest, but the brave laddies made almost superhuman efforts and confined the fire to the warehouse, the furniture store and the Belton Journal newspaper office. All three are a total loss. Some damage was done to adjoining buildings, but they were saved from destruction. The building occupied by Wigley & Co. was a three-story structure, and contained an unusually large stock of furniture. It was owned by D. Sullivan of San Antonio. The losses are as follows, so far as ascertainable: D. Sullivan & Co., building \$10,000, insurance \$4000; J. Beringer, building and contents \$2500, insurance \$1500; Wigley & Co. \$1250, insurance \$8500; George Robinson, building and newspaper plant \$6500, insurance \$6200; M. Froderman, damage to building not known, insurance \$1000; Dr. W. N. Rogers, damage to building not known, insurance \$1300; Smith & Corbin, damage to building and stock not known, fully covered by insurance. The Belton Journal's files for thirty years were destroyed.

Whitcaps Near Texarkana.

Texarkana, Tex., March 14.—Word was brought to this city yesterday by J. R. Hanna, a reputable farmer of Sulphur township, at the extreme end of the county, to the effect that the negroes in that settlement have been kept in a state of terror by some unknown white men, who have organized as a sort of whitcap band for that purpose. Last week letters were left at the homes of several well known colored men there, warning them to leave the place under dire consequences. Henry Nard, a well disposed negro residing near Era, Ark., received such a notice, and at once turned it over to his white friends. Mr. Hanna states that this condition has existed in his neighborhood since January, and during this month this very Henry Nard was called on by the outlaws and strung up three times by the thumbs. Two more negroes, Henry Earl and George Baker, were also taken out and whipped, the whitcaps expecting by such treatment to extricate confessions from their victims against certain persons residing in the community. The matter has been taken up by the officers and leading citizens, and will be pushed to a finish.

Ordered to Galveston.

San Antonio, Tex., March 14.—Light battery K, first artillery, was yesterday recalled from the target range at Kerrville and ordered to Galveston. The battery had just reached the range, after a march of three days, and without giving the men or horses more than a day's rest, has started on the return. The order was issued by Gen. Graham, commander of the department, on instructions received from Washington yesterday. Capt. J. W. Dillenback, who commands the battery, returned by train last night with five men, who are to get affairs in shape for the departure of the battery immediately on their return from the range. Light battery K consists of four breech-loading pieces 3 2-10-inch caliber, and seventy-five men. It is reported to be the crack battery of the regiment.

Burglaries at Troupe.

Troupe, Tex., March 14.—Two burglaries occurred here Saturday night. The general merchandise store of Z. T. Williamson and the drug and hardware store of Strickland & Turner. The doors were pried open with an iron bar of some kind from the front. The exact amount lost can not be ascertained as yet. No clew as to who did the robbery. Some of the goods were found near the International and Great Northern railroad freight depot, hidden under some lumber, and some things that were not taken here. They had wrapping paper of some firm name in Terrell.

Robbed the Cars.

Texarkana, Tex., March 14.—A gang of robbers invaded the yards of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad company at this place a little after midnight Saturday morning. They made for a car of meat and looted it. Saturday when the consignee of the goods went to receive his property he made the discovery, and thereupon refused to accept the shipment. The railroad company was then compelled to reship the car to its consignor and make good the difference in loss. The thieves have not been captured.

Andrew Schuller shot his wife and killed himself at San Francisco several days ago.

A WORD OF ADVICE.

To Those Coming to Alaska or the Klondike Gold Fields.

One thing should be impressed upon every miner, prospector or trader coming to Alaska, to the Klondike, or the Yukon country, and that is the necessity for providing an adequate and proper food supply. Whether procured in the States, in the Dominion, or at the supply stores here or further on, this must be his primary concern. Upon the manner in which the miner has observed or neglected this precaution more than upon any other one thing will his success or failure depend.

These supplies must be healthful and should be concentrated, but the most careful attention in the selection of foods that will keep unimpaired indefinitely under all the conditions which they will have to encounter is imperative. For instance, as bread raised with baking powder must be relied upon for the chief part of every meal, imagine the helplessness of a miner with a can of spoiled baking powder. Buy only the very best flour; it is the cheapest in the end. Experience has shown the Royal Baking Powder to be the most reliable and the trading companies now uniformly supply this brand, as others will not keep in this climate. Be sure that the bacon is sweet, sound and thoroughly cured. These are the absolute necessities upon which all must place a chief reliance, and can under no circumstances be neglected. They may, of course, be supplemented by as many comforts or delicacies as the prospector may be able to pack or desire to pay for.—From the Alaska Mining Journal.

A book of receipts for all kinds of cookery, which is specially valuable for use upon the trail or in the camp, is published by the Royal Baking Powder company, of New York. The receipts are thoroughly practical, and the methods are carefully explained, so that the inexperienced may, with its aid, readily prepare everything requisite for a good, wholesome meal, or even dainties if he has the necessary materials. The matter is in compact though durable form, the whole book weighing but two ounces. Under a special arrangement, this book will be sent free to miners or others who may desire it. We would recommend that every one going to the Klondike procure a copy. Address the Royal Baking Powder Co., New York.

MINSTRELS' HUMOR.

Witty Answer of an Irishman Who "Never Argued with a Lady."

The minstrels of Ireland are not all gone from the highways and byways of Erin, says an exchange. The mournful harp and plaintive pipe may have given way to the breezy banjo and crooning violin, but the songs which these accompany are the songs of Ireland still. Down by the rotten Claddagh wharves of old Galway town I came upon a rapt audience, says a well-known traveler, enraptured by the dulcet notes of Tim Brennan, the "wandering minstrel of Tipperary"—one of the sweetest singers I ever heard and one who would have been great were it not for his love of "the cinder in it," as they aptly term the west of Ireland mountain dew. I had seen Tim many times before in Ireland. Our trappings had brought us into the same relations of artist and responsive auditor so many times that as he tipped me a comforting wink of recognition I noticed that his violin had been replaced by the temporary, though ample musical makeshift of a banjo brought from the head of an ancient Irish churr. In the pause following his ballad I felt emboldened to toss him back his wink, with the query: "And, Tim, why didn't you bring the churn with its head?" "Faith yer honor," he replied, in a flash and with a winsome smile, holding the churn-head banjo aloft so all could see, "faith I never argue wid a lady—an', yer honor, a bould Irish woman stud at its other ind!"

N. W. Ayer & Son.

N. W. Ayer & Son, the successful newspaper and magazine advertising agency of Philadelphia, have issued an announcement stating that Albert G. Bradford and Jarvis A. Wood were admitted to partnership in the firm January 1. The new members are not beginners in the advertising business. They have been connected with N. W. Ayer & Son for years and have worked their way to the top by careful attention to business and painstaking work for the firm and its patrons. In connection with the new partnership announcement, N. W. Ayer & Son review the history of the firm. From a humble beginning in 1868, when the business of the first year amounted to but \$15,000, the concern has jumped slowly but safely until its annual business amounts to over \$1,500,000—a sum that represents a daily payment to newspaper and magazine publishers of \$5,000.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Astonishing.

Mother—"And what do you think of my daughter's French, Count?"
Count—"Eet ee ze most astonishing French I haf evair heard."—Tid-Bits.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Edited By
O. W. GARDNER.

Fortunately for the editor, and more especially for its readers, the column has been very graciously favored with a series of excellent essays, contributed by some of our most valued teachers. For which their respective authors are hereby tendered our thanks.

Bear in mind, fellow teachers, that you will be expected to answer "present," when the roll is called next Friday and Saturday the 25 and 26th inst., at the Public School building in Robert Lee.

We are anticipating a better meeting than even our last. This will be the last Institute of the school year perhaps, so make it a point to attend regardless of any little inconvenience at which you may be placed. Don't stand back upon expenses for you will be entertained free of charge, by the good people of Robert Lee. So come right on and make your self felt as one of the teaching force in Coke county.

Spring is upon us, with all its pleasantness in reality. For several reasons this is a season to be dreaded by the schools and teachers. In the first place the weather changing from cold to warm has a tendency to spread that overwhelming disease known as "spring fever" tiredness by nature. Then it is, when a majority of the schools are nearing their close, thus putting most pupils in an attitude of anticipating a change of life for a while at least. Some will be thinking of the happy vacation and anxious for its arrival while others will be sorrowful on account of its close. Many thus falling off cause a break in the regular orders of class work, thus frustrating the plans laid out, and defeating the purposes of the teacher. At this period of the work the teacher has all but exhausted his scanty resources of supplementary, or incidental teaching, thereby losing one of his most useful helps to school interest and enthusiasm.

Let us put forth greater efforts, ransack more educational magazines and encyclopedias; devise a greater number of novel and interesting methods to appeal to the pupils interest and curiosity.

Arkansas Smith can and will sell you more goods for the cash than any man in San Angelo.

Died.

Little Curtis, the little 6 month old babe of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sturman, on last Tuesday, the 14, and was laid to rest in the Valley View cemetery. Rev. Gid Graham officiating. There was a large attendance at the funeral. The RUSTLER sympathizes with the bereaved parents and relatives.

If you want to buy a Sewing Machine, get W. W. Allen's prices on the Celebrated White. Give him a mail order for anything you need in Machine supplies. Needs for all kinds of machines.

Subscribe for the Rustler. Only dollar per year.

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

W. C. Barron and W. E. Ingram returned home Wednesday from the southern and eastern part of the state on a cow buying expedition. Mr. Barron bought while gone 1900 steers and sold to Mr. Williams of San Angelo 1500 all at private terms. He informs us that he went as far east as Waco and that cattle are as high there as here.

ED. RUSTLER:

We had a fine rain Friday night and the farmers and stockmen are happy.

I forgot to mention in my last letter the return of M. L. Youngblood from an extensive visit to friends and relatives in Hamilton county.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Brown, who has been sick several days, is getting along nicely now. W. T. Price has dug him a cistern. He says he is going to stop drinking tank water.

Jim Reed was down from the H. X. W. ranch, visiting his parents and his best girl yesterday.

Rev. Hampton preached an interesting sermon to an attentive congregation yesterday.

I. J. Good has returned home from the cattle convention.

PETE.

Wheatcroft cashed his bonds on the Colorado Valley immediately, and did not have to pay three or four months' board, like Ex-Gov. Hogg and D. W. Snyder, and then return empty-handed. He may have been a man of extreme poverty and obscurity, but he proved all right as a bond seller—even our corpulent Gov. Hogg could not reach him in that capacity with a 40-foot pole.—Colorado Spokesman.

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We are anxious to build up Western Texas and commencing at once and continuing until April 30th we will sell to all comers from Ft. Worth and stations East, including Alexandria, La., round trip tickets to Abilene, Pecos and stations intermediate, and to Eddy and Roswell New Mexico, at rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip; tickets good 30 days from date of sale.

This will be the best time of the year to see Western Texas and you ought to take advantage of the opportunity.

See nearest Ticket Agent for further information, or address E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, T. & P. Ry., Dallas Texas.

E. H. Winens, one of Valley View's most prominent stock-farmers was in town a few hours one day this week. While in town he called in and payed up his subscription to the RUSTLER. He reports his section of the country getting along nicely.

Chas. A. Farquhar is proprietor of the Farquhar Grocery store now, and would like to see all his friends at the old stand at San Angelo.

Married.

Mr. Fayette Mayes and Miss Gertie Stewart, were married on Wednesday the 16th at the home of the brides brother, Mr. K. M. Mayes, of Bronte. Rev. Gid Graham officiating. The RUSTLER with their many friends wish them much happiness.

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