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Frank Gibbons is doing a good wagon yard business with the old Elkhorn wagon yard in San Angelo. Try him.

From Edith.

I thought I would write a few lines.

We are having some very pleasant weather; every thing is very dry in this part of the country; cattle are looking well here; the farmers are about through with their work, and are waiting for rain.

George Arnett and Mr. Benson have gone to N. M. prospecting. we wish them all the good luck possible, but hate for Mr. Arnett to leave Edith, he is a nice and good man and has a nice family and this neighborhood would greatly miss them, they are not dissatisfied with Coke County, they have made made so much money while in Coke, they left to go to a new country where they can get grass for their cattle that is the way with all of us Coke Co. people will soon have to do, we are all doing so well in Coke, we will have to sell out and go further west. This is a fine stock country no doubt about that, I have lived in Coke two years and like it splendid.

Mr. Monell and Mr. Copeland started with their calves to San Angelo, last Wednesday; they sold them to Mr. Lovelady, several months ago.

Well, Mr. Editor, I am pretty sure we will have two weddings here soon, I hope they will give a big supper and invite all of us.

Nearly every body, in our neighborhood, have killed hogs; so spare ribs and sausage are plentiful; the quail are plentiful and the rabbits are fat.

I will close for this time hoping this will escape the waste basket Success to the RUSTLER. Aunt Sallie.

The people of Coke are invited to examine the large and varied stock of dry goods and close prices offered by Crayton and Robbins of Ballinger.

This paper gives notice to the "boys" that the new County Attorney is likely to make a vigorous prosecutor. We want to keep every body posted, you know.

Fresh Fruits at J. C. Turner's Stop at the Webb Hotel when in Lee

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COMMISSIONERS COURT PROCEEDINGS.

ORDERS OF COURT.

That three-fifths of the Advalorem fund be transferred to contingent fund as collected.

That A. P. McCarty be appointed Justice of the Peace of Pre. No. 1.

That H. H. Pearce be awarded the contract for printing the long delinquent tax list.

That Gid Graham be appointed County Attorney.

That J. W. Tonnell be awarded the contract for pacing three false arches in the court house.

BONDS APPROVED.

G. C. Berryman, County Surveyor.

M. McCutchen, J. P. No. 2.

D. L. Buchanan, Constable No. 1

L. W. Pruitt " " 2

J. W. Barnett 2 bonds, Clerk.

L. B. Murray, 3 bonds, Sheriff and tax Collector.

C. L. Hughes, Treasurer 2 bonds.

E. C. Rawlings, Commissioner Pre. No. 1.

Gid Graham County Attorney.

W. W. McCutchen, Assessor.

J. C. Newton, Commissioner Pre. No. 3.

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED.

M. H. Davis, Judge, 3 days, \$9.00

(Accepted \$6.00 and turned \$3.00 into the "Contingent" Fund. Ed)

E. C. Rawlings, Commissioner 9.00

M. H. Havens, Commissioner, 9.00

J. C. Newton, " 9.00

G. W. Perryman, Sheriff, 6.00

H. H. Pearce, Printing 1.70

Geo. D. Barnard & Co., 41.67

Wilkins & Reed, Printing 8.10

Accounts Allowed for Holding Special Election On Nov. 1.

SILVER P. O.

Tom Brown \$4; S. W. Lane; \$2

W. G. Bussey 2; J. B. Walker 2

W. E. Walker 2.

HAYRICK, ROBERT LEE P. O.

W. T. Caraway \$2; R. B. Blair \$2

R. H. Ross 4; G. W. Hannaford; 2

J. L. Ross 2.

ROBERT LEE BOX.

J. R. Patterson \$2; J. H. Dancer 2

W. C. Merchant 2; H. H. Hayley 2

I. M. Beauck 2.

BRONTE

T. E. Williams \$2; R. L. Kelly 4

W. H. Lewis 2; F. H. Popplewell 2

G. S. Kelly 2.

VALLEY VIEW, ROBERT LEE P. O.

J. F. Shurman \$2; L. M. Vowell 2

J. J. Casey 2; W. H. Phillips 2

J. A. Green 2.

FT. CHADBOURNE P. O.

R. B. Ross \$2; T. C. Baldwin 2;

R. E. Douglas 2; S. S. Cosper 2;

G. D. P. Clark 4.

DIVIDE, ROBERT LEE P. O.

J. Q. McCabe \$4; W. W. Murray 2

J. L. Hyde 2; S. Smith 2

D. S. Cunningham 2.

TENNYSON P. O.

D. W. Hale \$4; J. M. West 2;

J. M. Petross 2; A. J. Petross 2;

W. H. Thurman 2.

SANCO P. O.

M. Bird \$4; B. W. Belbo \$2;

L. S. Bird 2; J. W. Haasting 2;

B. P. Byrne 2.

Total number box which held special election, Nov. 1st. 9. Total

Cost to County \$104.00

ACCOUNTS ALLOWED FOR HOLDING GENERAL ELECTIONS

NOV. 3.

ROBERT LEE BOX.

J. R. Patteson, \$1.00

W. C. Merchant, 4.00

W. C. Hayley, 4.00

I. M. Beauck, 4.00

J. H. Barraghs, 4.00

Bronte Box.

J. B. McCutchen, 8.00

R. H. Hearall, 4.00

J. P. Hutchinson, 4.00

F. Popplewell, 4.00

A. P. Stone, 4.00

Divide, Robert Lee P. O.

J. Q. McCabe, 8.00

W. S. Tripp, 4.00

Temp Whitesides, 4.00

S. J. Chapman, 4.00

S. Smith, 4.00

Edith Box.

M. B. Sheppard, 6.00

Sam King, 4.00

A. B. Blackwell, 4.00

G. C. Arnett, 4.00

J. S. Pacatto, 4.00

Cedar Hill Box.

J. A. Tubb, 6.00

J. I. Westfall, 4.00

G. W. Tubb, 4.00

T. P. Strickland, 4.00

Wm. Greer, 4.00

Hayrick Box.

W. A. Robbins, 6.00

H. H. Hayley, 4.00

Q. W. Hanford, 4.00

J. L. Ross, 4.00

Larkin Hayley, 4.00

Sanco Box.

M. Byrd, 6.00

B. W. Eibbs, 4.00

J. W. Hastings, 4.00

B. P. Byrne, 4.00

T. J. Goss, 4.00

Ft. Chadbourne Box.

R. B. Ross, 6.00

R. E. Douglas, 4.00

G. N. Webb, 4.00

Geo. Wilkinson, 4.00

S. S. Cosper, 4.00

Fennyson Box.

C. Baker, 6.00

J. M. West, 4.00

D. W. Hale, 4.00

L. S. Lawhon, 4.00

W. P. Byrd, 4.00

Valley View Box.

J. F. Shurman, 6.00

L. M. Vowell, 4.00

J. J. Casey, 4.00

W. H. Phillips, 4.00

J. A. Green, 4.00

Pecan Box.

J. D. Hallmark, 6.00

John Reed, 4.00

Joe Webb, 4.00

B. U. Smith, 4.00

J. B. Winn, 4.00

Silver Box.

Tom Brown, 6.00

S. W. Lane, 4.00

Isaac Reed, 4.00

J. E. Reed, 4.00

J. S. Brown, 4.00

Twelve boxes.

Total Cost to County \$282.00

The Rev. Irl R. Eicks

Annual Almanac and monthly paper, Word and Works, are now known from sea to sea. We are pleased to call the attention of our readers to the Almanac for 1899, now ready. It is a splendidly printed and illustrated book of 116 pages and the storm forecasts and diagrams and astronomical and scientific matter are superior to anything that has ever been seen before in a 25 cent book. His monthly journal, Word and Works, is one of the best literary home and scientific magazines in the country; besides containing his monthly storm forecasts with explanations. The subscription price of word and works is \$1.00 per year and a copy of the Weeks Almanac is sent as a premium to every yearly subscriber. Single copies of word and works, 10 cents. Price of Almanac, 25 cents. Send your order to word and works pub. co. 2202 Locust Street, St Louis, Mo.

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TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Charles Hall, colored, nearly 100 years old, died at Terrell.

Dr. Daniel Dupree of Oak Cliff, aged 77 years, died suddenly.

Dan Glover was given fifteen years at Caldwell for murder.

Aaron Lewis was badly hacked with a hatchet at Houston by another man.

One hundred bales of cotton were badly damaged by fire at Waxahachie.

Tyler county's first carload of syrup has been shipped. It was sent to Coleman.

Austin Lewis, a pardoned ex-convict, was fatally stabbed in the heart at Cuero.

S. W. Butts, a member of the Dallas fire department, died at El Paso of consumption.

Rev. Homer T. Wilson has accepted the pastorate of the Third Christian church of Fort Worth.

The British steamer Roma, which stuck on a reef near Galveston, unloaded 500 tons before getting off.

The comptroller registered \$5000 of Tom Green county courthouse and jail refunding bonds.

Hudson's gin at Anson, valued at \$8000, and insured for \$5000, was destroyed by fire.

The house and contents of W. J. Raines at Tyler burned. Loss, \$5000; insurance, \$3800.

Jim Aden, charged with killing Andy Thomas, was admitted to bail at Gainesville in the sum of \$4000, which he gave.

John H. Ward of Fort Worth has gone to Washington to endeavor to get a military post established at his city.

The iron bridge at Reni crossing in Williamson county, costing \$2400, has been accepted by the commissioners of that county.

Ralph, the 4-year-old child of Oscar Hill, while playing too near a fire at Bonham, had his clothes catch fire and was severely burned.

The wife of Will Tolbert, living near Naples, Morris county, had one of her ears bitten off. She said it was done in a fight.

The Texas and Pacific Railway company has paid the comptroller \$2062.25 tax on \$206,227.68 of passenger earnings for the quarter ending Sept. 30.

The Austin conference of the Methodist Episcopal church convened at Austin, Bishop Fowler of New York in the chair. The bishop was tendered a reception in the Capital City.

Frank Williams, a resident of Dallas, while attempting to jump on a train in that city, was run over and terribly mangled. He died six hours afterward in terrible agony.

A horse rubbed his nose against the iron of an awning in front of the Postal Cable Telegraph company's office at Austin. He was instantly electrocuted, dropping dead.

While Wm. Reed was trying to unchoke the saws of a gin at Slate Shoals, near Paris, one of his hands was caught in them and it and a portion of the arm cut off.

J. F. Briscoe went to Dallas from Kaufman county in a wagon, having his family along. As they were proceeding on a main thoroughfare one of his children fell head foremost out of the wagon, striking the bois d'arc pavement with great force. Death followed in an hour.

Sylvester Guthrie, residing near Lampasas, was leading a mule. The animal became frightened and Mr. Guthrie became entangled in the rope. All his clothes were torn off and he was dragged to death.

On Nov. 30 thirty-one vessels, eleven of which were for foreign ports, left Galveston. This number has never been exceeded at the Island City, and only once in the past been reached—Oct. 30, 1897, but that was at the close of the famous blockade, and not due to ordinary conditions.

When the coverings of No. 3 hatch of the Lone Star steamer Matteawan were removed at Galveston there was not a trace of the fire that was discovered the evening before. After removing several hundred bales from that hold no trace of the fire could be found. The theory is that the fire was caught in its very incipency.

At a dance a few miles below Lockhart a difficulty occurred in which Graton Hooper and Will Hooper were seriously cut.

All Roads Exempt.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 5.—The commission has issued the following general notice:

Whereas, the judge of the circuit court of the United States for the state of Texas has issued a decree enjoining the railroad commission of Texas from enforcing all its rates, tariffs, schedules, circulars and orders promulgated and established by said railroad commission of Texas since the 10th day of August, 1894, fixing and regulating the rates of freight on nine of the principal railroads of this state; and

Whereas, these nine railroads can not participate in joint rates with the railroads of this state not so enjoined without violating that injunction; and

Whereas, the railroads of this state not so enjoined can, on that account do no business except that which is purely local to the several railroads, and interstate business, because of their inability to make joint rates with the railroads so enjoined; and

Whereas, if the railroads not enjoined should be allowed to charge their local rates, to be added to the through rates on connecting lines, this would so increase the freight rates as to become an excessive burden on the owners and shippers of such freight.

Therefore this commission hereby orders and directs that the railroads not so enjoined are hereby released from a compliance with its said rates, tariffs, schedules, circulars and orders until otherwise ordered by this commission. (Commissioner Mayfield dissenting.) Effective at once.

JOHN H. REAGAN, Chairman.

L. J. STOREY, Commissioner.

Commissioner Mayfield opposed the issuance of the above circular and stated that he appealed to the commission and did his utmost to prevent its promulgation, but to no effect. He said that he is in favor of making roads obey the commission's tariff, because that is what he is paid for.

Two Fatalities.

Bowie, Tex., Dec. 5.—A sad and heartrending accident occurred in this city. The 7-year-old son of Dr. R. H. Mitchell while out riding in front of his house on Wise street, his pony took fright at the running of the fire company's team and sounding of the gong, throwing the child, his foot hanging in the stirrup, dragging and kicking the child for half a mile. When the pony was caught the little fellow was dead.

F. B. Fair's horse ran away while out driving about the same time of the above accident, throwing him from his buggy. His skull was broken, from which he died. He was 60 years old. He leaves several married daughters, one of whom lives in Cooke county.

Harrison a Delegate.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 5.—Maj. A. Harrison, senior major of the fourth Texas, who resides in this city and is now at home on a short furlough, received notice that his leave of absence had been extended. He was notified also that he had been appointed by Adj. Gen. Wozencraft as a delegate from Texas to the National Guard convention, which convenes in Chicago on the 12th of this month. The state is entitled to three representatives. Maj. Harrison attended this convention last year, which met in St. Louis, and delivered an address which was received with so much favor that it was ordered printed in pamphlet form by that body and distributed among military men all over the United States.

Badly Shot.

Brookshire, Tex., Dec. 5.—Mr. Dan Wilpitz, a prominent farmer living near here, was assassinated. He was sitting near the window in his home. The assassin shot him with a load of buckshot from the outside of the house. The shot took effect in his shoulder and face. Nine shots took effect, which badly mutilated his face. Dr. L. W. Bains, the attending physician, has stated that he thought probably Mr. Wilpitz would live. A runner was sent to Sealy for dogs, but for some reason the dogs refused to trail. A party was arrested on suspicion.

Smith's Appointments.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 5.—Hon. Tom S. Smith, attorney general-elect, has announced his appointments as follows: First assistant attorney general, Hon. R. H. Ward of Austin; second assistant, Hon. Ned Morris of Henderson; third assistant, Hon. T. S. Johnson of Hillsboro; stenographers, Frank Booth of Hillsboro and Mr. Bailey of Rockdale.

Col. W. J. Bryan made a brief address to the Alabama legislature at Montgomery.

Old Rates in Effect.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 3.—Last night at midnight the railroads put into effect the tariffs of 1894, the tariffs in existence when the commission resumed rate-making. While the present commission rates and prospective reductions are enjoined, the commission is at liberty to proceed with rate-making, provided such rates are substantially higher than rates enjoined. The cotton tariff which now goes into effect fixed the rate on cotton to Galveston at 70 cents per hundred, or 10 a hundred advance. It is estimated, however, that at least 75 per cent of the cotton has been moved. The commission rates, as shown by affidavits at the recent hearing, were about 30.19 per cent lower than rates now in effect, averaging all tariffs.

Two Stagers.

Alvarado, Tex., Dec. 3.—Ben Coleman and Sam Lane have just concluded a game of engins here that is believed to be without a precedent in the history of the state. The game lasted twenty-five hours without intermission, except five or six minutes at meal time. Their meals were brought to them. 'It began as such games usually do, but soon drifted into a test of physical endurance. When twenty-five hours had elapsed friends interfered and prevailed upon the players to desist. They rolled 930 games and made over 2300 ten-strikes. Good feeling prevailed throughout. There was nothing at stake but the fees. Lane won about 65 per cent of the games. Coleman is 51 years old and Lane is 38. There was no sign of weakening on either side, and how long the game would have continued if friends had not interfered nobody knows. The staying qualities of both men are above par just now.

Farmer Robbed.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 3.—L. B. Tipps, a farmer living near Mead, I. T., was assaulted and robbed at Rock Creek, east miles east of Cale, while en route to his home from Denison. Mr. Tipps had divided his money, putting \$26.50 in one pocket and \$1.50 in another. The robbers knocked him down, rendering him unconscious, and took the \$4.50 from one of his pockets, but failed to find the larger amount. They took the horses loose from Mr. Tipps' wagon, and leaving him unconscious, rode away, taking the horses with them. Mr. Tipps was found, and a physician summoned to attend him.

Cars Dynamited.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 3.—Two street cars were dynamited by unknown parties last night on Elm street, one in business section, the other in the eastern part of the city. A wheel was blown off the down-town car, while the flooring was sprung in the other. The cars are the property of the Consolidated company, whose motormen have been on strike several weeks. Dynamite cartridges, it is claimed, were found on the tracks in other parts of the city. No one was injured.

Want to Get Out.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 3.—A petition signed by 800 enlisted men and three commissioned officers, asking that the fourth Texas regiment be mustered out of the service was forwarded to members of the Texas delegation at Washington. The matter leaked out at Camp Mosby, and Col. Edmond and Lieut. Col. Hardy left for Washington last night. The men of the regiment are tired of camp and garrison duty, but are anxious to stay in the service if they can be sent to Manila or Cuba.

Dastardly Deed.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 3.—Thursday night as Misses Mamie Clark and Emma Lightner were returning home from town, they were accosted on West Fifth street by a man, who struck Miss Lightner on the arm with a brick, inflicting a painful wound. The ladies ran into a house and telephoned for an officer. Constable Dixie Saunders soon arrived on the scene, but could find no trace of the culprit.

New Bridges.

The Katy bridge and building department is now at work putting up three new steel bridges. One is at Grandview over Island creek, on the main line, one over the Little Wichita Falls and one over Chambers creek between Furruston and Italy, on the Dallas and Hillsboro branch.

Elias Putman died at his home, five miles west of Graham, Tex., from the effects of a pistol shot wound.

Mr. Jake Pierce, thrown out of a buggy at Call, Newton county, Texas, some time ago, died of his injuries.

Against Commission.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 2.—Judge A. P. McCormick of the circuit court of the United States for the western district of Texas yesterday issued his opinion and order in the cases against the Texas railroad commission. He enjoins the commission from promulgating or issuing any tariff, schedule or order putting in force any rate or tariff on any commodity carried by the railroads of this state, and he further enjoins the commission and the attorney general from enforcing or attempting to enforce any penalties by reason of the refusal of the railroads to enforce the tariffs of the commission. The railroads are enjoined from putting into effect the tariffs of the commission.

The effect of the order of the court is to nullify the commission for all rate-making purposes till there is a decision on the merits of the case, as well as to nullify all tariffs heretofore made.

The judge's opinion, which is quite lengthy, says the valuation of the commission is confiscatory and the rates unreasonable; that the roads' property is practically taken; that if the commission rates were continued in force, Texas railroads would depreciate in value.

Last Chapter Closed.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 2.—The last chapter of a very noted case, relating to the killing of the most noted outlaw of the land since the days of Jesse James were closed here yesterday when Deputy United States Marshals Booker, Reynolds, McKee, Lindsey, Letherman, Thompson, Tucker, Little McAfee, Kilgore and Hart were charged in the Federal court with murder. The statements of the deputies even at this day are interesting, showing as they did how the trail of the Longview bank robbers was followed, and how a number of men were corralled in a house near Elk, I. T., on June 8, 1895. Then the deputies divided into two bodies and watched the house for hours, and finally a man, having received warning from a woman that he was discovered, made a break from a back window and attempted to escape. Then the Winchester of Loss Hart spoke, and the man fell on his face, with his 45-caliber pistol under him. At that time none of the deputies had any idea who the dead man was, and the body was taken to Elk and photographed. Later it was hauled to Ardmore, and when within ten miles of that place it was ascertained from Mrs. Dalton that Hart's bullet had laid low her husband, the famous outlaw, Bill Dalton. After hearing the evidence all the defendants were discharged.

For a Jubilee.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 2.—The people of Waco, in a mass meeting, authorized the Karnival klub to start preparations at once for the jubilee, to take place in 1900, and adopted a resolution authorizing the committee to raise the funds needed for carrying out the plan on a scale as large as the Omaha exposition. A site will be selected of between 100 and 200 acres near the city, rolling and capable of being highly beautified by artistic improvement, which will include the creation of a lake of not less than forty acres' surface of navigable water for regattas.

The committee to carry out the great jubilee project is composed of leading business men.

Telegraphic Annex.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 2.—Manager C. C. Davis of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph company was notified that a telegraphic annex would be given Sherman, desks, instruments and equipments having been shipped. The rapidly growing territorial business of the Sherman exchange has caused it to be the fourth Texas city in which it has been necessary to place a telegraphic annex. In this, as in all other lines of business, the strides made by Sherman in the last few months have been phenomenal.

Spaniard Suicides.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 2.—Florentine Perez, a Spaniard, suicided in Juarez, Mexico, yesterday morning by shooting himself in the right temple with a six-shooter. Perez had been employed as a clerk in the City of London store, but was discharged. As a result of his dismissal he became despondent, and at noon yesterday was found dead in his bed, his pillow saturated with blood. Life had been extinct many hours.

Mrs. Brown Potter is out of danger. She will return to the stage in January. The prince of Wales and others have telegraphed her congratulations.

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"There is one flower," says a writer in a London paper, "which has apparently been overlooked by Americans in their search for a suitable floral emblem, which, I think, is worthy of their attention. I refer to that of the tobacco plant (nicotiana) in its many varieties. It is handsome; the plant is, I believe, indigenous to America, and its importance, as the source of the human race, is indisputable. But its claims to selection by Americans are the greater when they consider that this flower will serve to perpetuate, in years to come, the memories of their recent exploits in Cuba and Manila."

PECAN GROWING PROFITABLE.

What an Experienced Grower Has to Say of the Industry.

The following instructive paper on pecans was recently read at a farmers institute. The author is Dr. O. D. Faust, of Bemberg, South Carolina.

Probably at no previous time has there been such an interest taken in the planting of nut trees all over the United States as now. The forests of the Southern states have furnished us the finest nut trees on top of the green earth. If he be a benefactor of his race who causes two blades of grass to grow where only one blade grew before, how much more must he benefit the world who plants that which shall continue to grow in beauty and strength and become of still greater benefit to the world as the years go on?

The rest of the foregoing instructive paper together with some good points on the growing and marketing of this, the best of all our home grown nuts, can be secured by sending two cent stamp to Henry Pfeiffer, Kansas City, Mo.

Christmas presents will be the next in order.

The Diploma and Gold Medal.

Were awarded to the Chicago Scale Company of Chicago, Ill., at the Omaha exposition for the best stock and hay scales over all first-class makes, no cheap scales were considered. This company sells more scales than any other, and their prices are lower than those of any reliable scale. They also handle hundreds of useful specialties for farmers and others. They send catalogue free.

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if afflicted with Thompson's Eye Water.

BIG BLAZE IN NEW YORK CITY.

Some of the Largest and Costliest Buildings in the Lower Part of the City Damaged Considerably.

Great Fire.

New York, Dec. 5.—In a blinding rain storm last night the massive block of buildings on Broadway, Nos. 253 and 259 inclusive, between Murray and Warren streets, was almost destroyed by fire. Within three hours \$1,000,000 worth of property was destroyed. The fire began in the five-story brick building occupied by the men's furnishing goods firm of Rogers, Peet & Co., on the southwest corner of Broadway and Warren streets. Adjoining the Rogers, Peet & Co. building and south of it was the magnificent white building of the Home Life Insurance company and next to that was the brown stone building of the Postal Telegraph company, erected at a cost of millions only a few years ago.

Within a few minutes after the discovery of the fire the Rogers, Peet & Co. building was a roaring furnace and an alarm had been turned in which brought scores of engines to the scene. It was but a short time when the flames had eaten through the wall of the Home Life Insurance company building and were roaring high above the lofty structure. Thousands of people gathered on the scene and the blinding glare of the flames lit up the lower part of the city. Even in the downpour the great crowds of people grew and the police reserves were called out from many stations and kept the people back for blocks. Great showers of sparks were carried in all directions by the gale that blew sixty miles an hour.

It was a picturesque fire, The Home Life building was occupied by that company and by a large number of prominent men in various lines of business. Every effort was made to save the valuable papers stored in some of the offices, but many of them were lost. The offices of the Rapid Transit commission were on the ninth floor of this building and it is believed that all the plans and schemes of work with which the commission has been working this many years have been destroyed. In the Postal building as well there were many serious losses of a private nature and when the flames reached the operating room of this structure, which they did within three hours after the outbreak, the one or two solitary operators who remained at their posts were compelled to flee for their lives, leaving unsent messages at the keys.

The fire burned even more fiercely in the Home Life building, owing to the great height of this structure and in an incredibly short time the upper half of this magnificent building was in flames. The water towers in the street were unable to throw their heavy streams only into the lower part of the structure and the firemen, though they worked with great bravery and untiring energy in the blinding smoke and heat, could do little in the face of such a fierce sweep of flames and gale. It was only a question of time when the Postal building, so far as the upper stories were concerned, went the way of the others.

The estimate of the losses by Chief Bonner was \$1,000,000.

Southern Enterprises.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5.—Among the new industries reported during last week by the Manufacturers' Record were:

A \$30,000 zinc mining company at Harrison, Ark.; \$50,000 mercantile company at Augusta, Ga.; 25,000-spindle and 400-loom cotton mill at Rockmart, Ga.; \$100,000 brewing company at Paducah, Ky.; \$50,000 ice company at New Orleans, La.; \$50,000 machine works company at Baltimore, Md.; 20-barrel flour mill at Bonda, N. C.; \$20,000 gas and chemical company at Washington, N. C.; 30,000 Lumber company at Bellhaven, N. C.; \$12,000 lumber company at Washington, N. C.; 3000-spindle addition to cotton mill at Fayetteville, N. C.; 5000-spindle addition to cotton mill at Chester, S. C.; 40-barrel flour mill at Lee Spring, Tenn.; \$100,000 phosphate company at Nashville, Tenn.; \$300,000 cotton machine company at Memphis, Tenn.; \$5000 peanut company at Petersburg, Va.; \$18,000 railroad shop at Weston, W. Va.; \$200,000 fur-spar company at Wheeling, W. Va.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Jake McGee was found murdered at Rutherford, Tenn.

Hamburg, Ark., lost eight business houses by fire, with a loss of \$20,000.

The Mississippi state fair, held at Vicksburg, was a success in every respect.

The upper stories of the Orr building, a fine brick structure at Hot Springs, Ark., burned. Loss, about \$4000.

Reps Jones, one of the most prominent railroad contractors in the south, died at Knoxville, Tenn., of a paralytic stroke.

Four prisoners broke jail at Eureka Springs, Ark., attended a dance, and next morning returned to jail and asked for breakfast.

Will Dorse, a rolling mill man, had his neck broken by a billiard cue in a Birmingham, Ala., saloon, by a man named Will Reno.

Near Heathman, Sunflower county, Mississippi, James Bartley shot and killed his brother, Allen, who was chastising their sister.

Hon. J. B. Thompson, a noted lawyer of Mississippi, and a grandson of Judge Jacob Thompson of that state, a member of President Buchanan's cabinet, died at Yazoo City.

Sister Esther Marie, mother superior of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, at Louisville, Ky., passed away from heart disease. She was connected with the home for fifteen years.

Dr. Marie Eugene Berjot, son of an influential member of the first national assembly of the French republic, and godson of Gen. Lafayette, died at New Orleans. Dr. Berjot was 81 years old.

J. M. Aughey, a fireman on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, fell from the gangway of the engine of a freight train near Nashville, Tenn., and met with instant death.

Harlow Spencer, the oldest miller in Kentucky, aged 88, is quite ill at Fort Spring, near Versailles. After Henry Clay's last defeat for president, Mr. Spencer vowed he would never vote again, and he has faithfully adhered to his vow.

Gen. Joe Wheeler has been presented by admiring constituents in the eighth congressional district of Alabama, which district he represents in congress, with a thoroughbred Kentucky horse.

Will Goldston, wanted on a murder charge in Autauga county, Alabama, shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Warnock, at Birmingham, Ala., while the latter was attempting to arrest him. The officer leaves a widow and four children.

Galloway college, a well-known Methodist institute of learning located at Searcy, Ark., was totally destroyed by fire. Two hundred persons, including 175 young lady pupils, were in the building, but all escaped. The building and furniture were valued at \$60,000, with \$33,000 insurance.

Large Ship Owner.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 5.—Henry Radcliffe, Cardiff, Wales, the fourth largest individual ship owner in the world, and from the port that recorded the heaviest shipping tonnage of any in the world, left for Galveston, where he goes to look into the shipping facilities of that port with a view of placing more of the Radcliffe ships into southern ports. Mr. Radcliffe was accompanied by David G. Pinkney, the representative of the firm of Rotterdam, Holland, and E. T. Agius of London, a young English student, who is studying American institutions. The party will remain in Galveston three days. While in New Orleans these distinguished English capitalists received much attention from the business men of the city and the commercial exchange.

At Beaumont, the Gulf, Beaumont and Interstate railway got judgment against the Texas and New Orleans railway for \$19,000 statutory and \$247 actual damages. The suit was caused by the refusal of the latter road to handle freight for the former.

Visits President.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Cuban commission, headed by Gen. Garcia, met President McKinley yesterday afternoon. As a result of the conference, the commissioners were informed:

That Cuba should have an independent form of government at the earliest possible moment consistent with the pledge of the United States made to the world that when the Spaniards were driven out a stable form of government should be established.

That the proposed army of occupation should be reduced to the lowest figure in keeping with the dignity of the United States, and that less than 25,000 soldiers will be sent at this time.

That a recommendation will be made to congress that a certain allowance should be paid the Cuban soldiers who acted as allies of the United States after war had been declared.

It was this result that so cheered the commissioners that they officially gave out a statement last night that the conference with President McKinley was most satisfactory and encouraging.

The commissioners met the president at 2 o'clock, and were in conference with him an hour and a half. Senor Quesada, the representative of the Cuban assembly in Washington, accompanied his compatriots, and acted as interpreter, as well as master of ceremonies.

Immediately after the formal introduction had been accomplished, Gen. Garcia, in a most informal manner, told the president of the wishes and desires of the Cuban people concerning their future form of government. He said that he and others who had fought for years for the independence of the island felt assured that a government of Cuba by the Cubans, as guaranteed by the United States, was a question of time only. He had not the least fear that this country would not keep its pledges. The only difference of opinion that could exist was as to the time when Cuba should be turned over to the Cuban himself. He hoped the president would make the probationary terms as short as possible. He argued at length that the Cubans were in a fit condition to take care of themselves, and referred to the reports made by Gen. Butler and other American officers as to their qualifications of self-government. He finally urged that the army of occupation to be sent to Cuba should not exceed 25,000 men.

During this presentation of the case President McKinley listened with the utmost attention, frequently interrupting to ask a pointed question on some point. When the general had concluded, the president told him that, acting on the suggestions of Admiral Sampson, Gen. Wade and Gen. Butler, he had already concluded to cut the original assignment of troops for Cuba in half. He further assured Gen. Garcia that the island would be turned over to the Cubans themselves at the earliest possible moment.

Concerning the present condition of the Cuban soldiers and the Cuban people in general, the president informed the commissioners that it was his intention to render as much aid as possible. Provisions would be sent to the island as fast as ships could carry them and that all would be fed. He also added that he considered the Cuban soldiers as allies of the Americans, and he would recommend to congress that these men should receive compensation.

In the evening Gen. Garcia received a call from Gen. Miles, with whom he spent nearly an hour. It is the intention of the commission to at once report the successful result of this conference to the members of the Cuban assembly, by whom it will be given to the Cuban people.

Indiana Divorces.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 3.—In view of the fact that the next general assembly is to be asked by churches to make changes in the laws governing divorce, there have been many requests at the office of the state statistician for figures showing the per cent of divorces. The statistics compiled show the number of marriage licenses issued during the year ending June 30, 1898, to be 25,043, while the divorces number 2896, or over 10 per cent of the number of marriages.

Services at Capital.

Washington, Dec. 3.—A brilliant official and religious service commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of Emperor Francis Joseph's accession to the throne of Austria was held at St. Matthew's church yesterday. The ceremony was under the auspices of the Austrian delegation and in recognition of its national character. President McKinley and Secretary Hay were present in behalf of the United States government, while the foreign governments were represented by the full strength of the diplomatic corps.

Texas the Flagship.

Orders have been issued by Secretary Long to the armored cruiser New York to proceed to Havana. The battleship Texas, which has left Tompkinsville for Hampton Roads, will become the flagship of Commodore Phillip, who will remain as commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic squadron until the return of Rear Admiral Sampson.

The New York will be the first armored-clad of the United States to enter Havana harbor since the battleship Maine reached there. Upon her arrival Rear Admiral Sampson will hoist his flag on board, and, it is expected, will come north in her the last of next month. It was stated at the department that there was no special cause which induced Secretary Long to send the cruiser south, as Spain has complied with the American demands for the evacuation of the island and there is no new question which requires a demonstration. Cool weather is coming on, and there is less danger of the crew contracting yellow fever, though Capt. Chadwick, commanding the vessel, will use every precaution to prevent that disease getting aboard.

Fiftieth Anniversary.

Vienna, Dec. 3.—Emperor Francis Joseph yesterday upon the fiftieth anniversary of his accession to the throne, issued a general order to the army thanking the soldiers for their loyalty and fearless valor throughout his reign, and declaring that he will ever look upon the army as the shield and protector of the throne and fatherland.

Amnesty has been granted to political offenders in Hungary and a number of decorations have been gazetted.

All the newspapers without distinction as to politics, published articles extolling the Austrian emperor as the guardian of European peace.

The day was ushered in with the booming of cannon and a grand reveille sounded by the bugles of all the regiments of the garrison. The city was gayly decorated with flags and the streets were thronged with people wearing black or yellow or red and white and jubilee bells.

Guthrie Matters.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 3.—At 5 o'clock yesterday evening Joseph Pentecost, an ex-member of the city police force, and James Bower, a country school-teacher, formerly of Horton, Kan., quarreled in a saloon over a game of cards, and friends parted them. An hour later they met in another saloon, renewed the quarrel and Pentecost shot Bower three times. Two balls went through his body, producing fatal wounds. Pentecost at once gave himself up and was jailed.

The territorial grand jury indicted half a dozen prominent men for shooting quail out of season and for selling them for shipment, two dealers for shipping them, also the Wells-Fargo express agent and employes, and the cases will be vigorously pushed. Numerous other cases will be brought, and the outcome promises to be very sensational.

Removal Deferred.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The war department has decided to adopt at once the suggestion of Gen. Wood, in command at Santiago, that removal of remains of American soldiers from that section of Cuba be deferred until February. While it is fully realized that this postponement will be of great disappointment to friends and relatives of dead soldiers, the officials believe they have no right to expose to the horrors of the yellow fever outbreak the large population of Santiago and the neighboring towns from mere sentimental considerations.

Have Sailed.

New York, Dec. 3.—The North German Lloyd line steamers Werra and Fulda sailed yesterday for Havana, where they will take on Spanish officers and soldiers for Cadiz.

Bonham, Tex., is to have a twenty-ton ice plant.

By Volcano's Light.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 3.—Further information of the active volcano discovered in the Atlin gold district in British Columbia is to the effect that the volcano furnishes the miners a light by which to work their claims during the ong darkness of the Arctic winter. The glare from the spouting lava reflected back against the sky gives an almost continuous twilight to the upper end of the Atlin district.

One Dallas firm paid to the tax collector of that city nearly \$12,000 taxes.

Death of a Ranger.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 1.—Capt. C. R. Perry, one of the oldest Texas rangers and Indian fighters, is dead. He was one of the best known characters on the great southwestern frontier, and was personally known to all of the famous Indian chiefs as a great brave. He was wounded twenty-two times with arrows and seven times with bullets. He was with Gen. Burleson, grandfather of A. S. Burleson, recently elected congressman from this district, in all his Indian battles. In one of the Indian battles on the Nueces river, south of San Antonio, in the early '50s, Perry was desperately wounded and apparently dead. Gen. Burleson and his rangers pronounced him dead and attempted to dig a grave with their butcher knives, but the work was so difficult and slow, and fearing another assault by the Indians, they "cached" his body in rocks and brush to keep off wolves, intending to return from San Antonio, whither they were bound, to decently bury it. Four days later they were astonished to see Perry meandering into San Antonio, and in less than a month he was ready for service. During the night after the rangers left him he revived and struggled out of his cache and made his way to San Antonio, reaching there just as his companions were about to start for the Nueces to give him a decent burial. He left the ranger service in 1886.

Killed in a Runaway.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 1.—Monroe street, near Twelfth, directly back of the city hall, was the scene of a frightful and fatal accident yesterday, in which Harvey Austin, employed as driver and hostler for Mr. John Scharbauer, the cattleman, met with instant death. He was driving a mettlesome horse from Mr. Scharbauer's stables on the west side, down town to the blacksmith's to be shod. While he was moving forward along Monroe street, near Tenth, the animal became frightened from the reins dropping and started on a gallop. Austin strove with might and main to hold in the scared animal, and might have succeeded had not one of the checklines parted and the horse managing to get the bit between his teeth, had the driver at his mercy.

On the frightened animal dashed and made straight for a telephone pole in front of the residence of Charles Nash, on Monroe street, between Ninth and Tenth.

Seeing that his only hope of safety lay in getting the lines, which had become entangled in the axle of the buggy, he bent over and his forehead came in contact with a telephone pole.

Blood flowed from his nose, mouth and ears. He gave one faint gasp and was dead.

Railroad Assessments.

Excepting Cameron and Liberty counties the comptroller's report will show that the assessment of railroad property in Texas by county tax assessors was as follows: Eight thousand nine hundred and eighty-four miles valued at \$62,576,608, rolling stock \$7,956,391, an average of \$7850 per mile. This is substantially the same as the last report. The commission's valuation of the property is \$141,192,215 or \$60,659,216 more than it is assessed for. A certified copy of the assessment furnished by Comptroller Finley was used in the injunction hearing at Dallas.

Farmers Fight.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Dec. 1.—A difficulty occurred between two farmers residing five miles northwest of town. One of them, Mr. R. F. Stevens, is badly wounded from cuts with a knife in the arm and in the abdomen. The difficulty occurred at Mr. Dimry's house, and Stevens is still there, unable to be removed and receiving kind attention from Mr. Dimry and his family.

Contract Let.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 1.—The city council met last evening to open bids for the construction of the waterworks. The contract was awarded to Kelly & Steel of Georgetown for \$26,234.75, to be completed by June 1 next. Gorman of Dallas submitted a bid of \$26,544, and Alcott of Dallas for \$26,899.96. Mr. Kelly says that he will be laying pipe by Dec. 10.

Two men resisted a hold-up at Pryor's ranch, near San Antonio, when one was shot in the side and the other badly beaten. Their valuables were taken.

Hillsboro, Tex., is to have a two-story ice house.

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Abilene is to have a creamery.

Coke county people rejoice with Judge Bowman at his success in securing a good state appointment.

Congressman Bailey is now under fire from political opponents both Democratic and Republican. He seems to enjoy a little skirmish.

No Court House lobby does business in this County. We speak from the card.

Fisher and Sampson came through all right with their election contest cases in Sterling, the other day. They were elected Assessor and Treasurer.

Perry Mc Connell, of Sutton County, and Joe Akin of Glasscock County, two of Texas' best sheriffs, were beaten, by small majorities, in the late election.

P. W. Hudman of Bronte, Coke county, is here prospecting and locate if he can find a small place near town that he can buy. He is a good man, and we would be glad to have him locate in our midst. —Big Springs Enterprise.

There is more profit in one yearling than in five bales of cotton and the yearling can be grown as compared with cotton, as compared with cotton, at one-tenth the cost of time and labor. How long will it take for Texas farmers to catch on to this and adopt the stock farming ideal?—San Antonio Stockman and Farmer.

There was a warm Prohibition election over in Bibb county, Ga., the other day. White women were near the polls singing hymns, serving coffee and pleading for Prohibition. Negro women were to be seen near, wearing ribbons, and trying to defeat the white ribbon people.

We rise to remark that this county has a set of Commissioners that will pull the county through the next two years with less expense than any other county in the state, which polls half as many votes.

Judge Blair, a lawyer from Waco, when he left this place after adjournment of last District Court got lost and laid out on a cold dark night between here and San Angelo in a cedar-brake. All this was accomplished by attempting to make the trip on a dark night.

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Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Ed M. Mobley's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

W. A. Robbins, of Hayrick, was in town Friday.

J. B. Winn, of Edith, has moved into Robert Lee and will winter here. We welcome him.

School books at Mrs. Ingrams

A. K. Lauders, from near the mouth of Yellow Wolf, was in Friday buying goods.

Eld. Jno. Reed was down with some cotton the other day, from his fine place above Edith.

F. H. Walker, of Valley View, was in town Saturday last.

W. F. Buchanan went over to Angelo, on business, first of the week.

No ranch, farm or stable can afford to be without a can of Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Jim Stewart has received a part of his Christmas goods.

There is likely to be a Baptist Sabbath School organized at Robert Lee soon.

Some of the boys had a "hot time in the old town" last Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

J. C. Newton, old and new commissioner from Edith has been helping to hold down county expenses this week.

Edd Hennessey, of Bronte, and Milt Dunlap of Hayrick, were in town Friday.

When in Ballinger call and see Baldwin & Carter for bargains in groceries.

J. W. Reed & Co., have some fine Satsuma vases, genuine imported articles from the Orient, which they are selling at less than New York Cost. Take a peep at them.

Ed. Rawlings, of near Bronte, has been in town first half of this week attending to his duties as Commissioner.

Arkansaw Smith is doing a fine business in San Angelo, and can save you money on groceries. Try him.

W. B. Fletcher, was in town Wednesday. He lives near Bronte.

J. R. Patteson concluded not to qualify as County Attorney and Gil Graham was appointed by the court. We predict that Mr. Graham will make a vigorous prosecuting attorney.

Sam Jacobs was doing business with the Robert Lee Wednesday.

Robt. Winens and fair bride, from the Valley View country were in town shopping last Wednesday.

School Entertainment to-night Friday by Prof. O. W. Gardner's pupils. Given at close of subscription term.

Miss Ellen Gardner had the misfortune to step on a pine splinter the other day. Dr. Martin extracted the thorn, which was over an inch long.

Milt H. Havens, has been representing his constituents and the county as well in the Commissioners court this week.

Crews and McGregor, of Ballinger, will not be undersold by anybody in West Texas. They are experienced in the Furniture business, and keep an up to date line of goods.

R. L. Storey has returned from a three months trip to middle Texas. He says Coke is all right.

Eld. G. C. Berryman preached interesting sermons, Sunday at eleven and eight. His theme was "Religion versus Ritualism".

Baldwin & Carter, Ballinger buys for cash, and can therefore sell cheap groceries.

Prof. W. B. Green and Uncle Jimmie Chambers, from the Sanco community, were in town early part of the week.

Bob Blair, from near Hayrick, was attending to business in the capital early in the week.

Notice the "Fair" ad in this issue. Coke County people, who visit Angelo, cannot afford to leave without seeing this lovely display of goods.

W. W. McElroy came down from Sweetwater last Monday. His wife and son, Raby, returned home with him Tuesday.

Christmas Cards, at PEARE'S DRUG STORE.

Dr. Martin was professionally engaged in the Sanco country about three days, commencing last Saturday.

A large stock of ladies dress goods, at prices to suit every body, at Crayton and Robbins, Ballinger, Texas.

W. F. Buchanan is the new and genial manager of the Round Front.

Marriage license were issued on the 3rd to Chas. E. Jackson Miss M. R. Johnston.

A. J. Payne, Sanco's Commissioner, has been attending to business in the capital this week.

Groceries guaranteed fresh at Baldwin and Carter's, Ballinger, Texas.

Bro. Berryman now holds the keys to the Surveyors office. The Assessor W. W. McCutchen will office in same room.

S. S. Ackleson, from up the river, was in town trading last Saturday.

Gin Notice.

After November the 1st the Robert Lee gin will commence ginning cotton each week on Thursdays and continue till all cotton in yard is ginned.

H. W. WALTON.

Why can Arkansaw Smith sell so cheap? He pays cash and sells for cash and has fresh goods all the time.

The Coke County people are invited to patronize Frank Gibbons wagon yard when they visit San Angelo.

When in Ballinger call and see the stock of furniture, at Crews and McGregor's. They have a big stock of everything in the furniture and Undertakers line.

Some of these prices are given here to show the good people what they can do in the way of saving your money. A good bed, steel for \$2.50, 3.00 and up to 5.00 The best double cane seat chair for .75 Large rockers for \$2.00 A first class sewing machine, fully warranted for \$25.00 Prices on all other goods in proportion. When in Ballinger examine their goods as to quality, get all their prices and you will be convinced that they are in the lead.

For rope burned horses use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

The editor of the Ruster while in San Angelo a few days ago, dropped in to see J. S. Miles, the buggy, wagon and harness man of that city, and found Mr. Miles very busy unpacking and marking his goods, consisting of four or five cars of buggies, wagons and harness, just received. After introducing himself to him, we made him stop long enough to show us

the two makes of wagons he now has, in stock; one the New Capital, the other a less price wagon, The Luedinghaus, that took the premium over 23 other wagons at the last St. Louis Exposition. Mr. Miles told us in the conversation, that wagons had been sold too high in San Angelo, considering their make, and this was the reason he had bought these wagons so that the public can get something worth their money.

He substantiates this by offering to refund to any one, buying either a "Capital" or "Luedinghaus" wagon of him, \$10.00 within twelve months, if they can show good cause why it is not better than any other ever bought in San Angelo. After examining the wagons and noticing the extra heavy tires, Bois d'arc rims, and the simple California brake, we can recommend, to our Coke County people, that Mr. Miles has exactly what he advertises, the best wagons in San Angelo, or West Texas.

One of our Coke County boys, Dennis Maddox, has returned from San Antonio, where he secured an honorable discharge from the U. S. Infantry. Dennis can tell all about camp life, etc. and looks well in his new and bright blue uniform.

Attention! ExConfederates.

"The Campaigns of Walker's Texas Division" in a book of 314 pages, bound in silk cloth, price \$1.50 and can be obtained of H. D. Pearce, Ballinger, Texas. Only a few copies of this interesting book can now be obtained. A copy of it can be seen at the RUSTLER office.

Dr. Latham is a good collector. He followed a dead-beat out of the county and made him pay up the other day.

To kill sand fleas on your dog or your chickens use Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment

Granville Moore sold his ranch to Frank Harris for \$2000, and has gone to Crockett county to locate another ranch.

Novels, cloth bound, 20c and up at Pearce's Drug Store.

William Wineas was in town Wednesday.

Judge M. H. Davis informs us that he only accepts two dollars a day for his services as presiding officer of the Commissioners Court. He donates the other \$1.00 per day to the Contingent fund to help pay the running expenses of the County. We commend this scrupulous action of the Judge in thus redeeming his campaign promise along this line. We think he earns and ought to have the \$3.00 a day as the law directs, but must give him credit for his conscientious scruples in fulfilling his promises during the heated campaign.

Attend the Free Entertainment at the School house tonight

Public Free School begins the City Monday.

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BESIEGED BY JABALIS.

During the summer of 1887, while escorting a party of surveyors, who were engaged in locating the international boundary line between Mexico and our own territories of Arizona and New Mexico, we made camp near some water holes in a wild part of the desert, with no human habitation within several hundred miles of us. The country round about was rocky and desolate, broken into coulees, abrupt mounds and painted buttes, and diversified here and there by stunted cottonwood trees, petrified limbs and branches of thick chaparral. For a number of days the weather had been pleasant, but at last a drizzly rain set in, which kept everyone closely confined to camp.

While the moisture was falling thick and fast a Mexican officer, accompanied by an escort, rode up and claimed shelter which we were glad enough to grant for the sake of their company.

The officer related a startling story of having encountered four large Mexican lions not two hours previous, which animals seemed quite ferocious and hungry, and actually had disputed their passage through the chaparral.

The men of the escort had fired and wounded two of the animals, but the quartet of lions finally took themselves sullenly off and disappeared in the timber.

He also said that the country to the south was full of black-tail deer, and as for small game, such as long-eared rabbits, sage hens and chaparral cocks, they were so numerous and tame that they could almost be knocked over with clubs.

Rain or shine, this was an opportunity not to be lost and three of our party, accompanied by one of the Mexicans as guide, at once set out for the hills, where the game was said to be.

We rode on through a rocky, half mountainous country, covered with stunted trees and sharp-pointed chaparral, and then, far away in the distance, on the summit of a bunch of crags, we descried a dozen objects outlined against the sky, which appeared to be mountain sheep of the Sierra Madre variety.

It was decided to stalk them. So, after picketing the horses, we divided our party, two of us going up a small canyon to the left, the other two swinging around to the right, with a mutual agreement to keep on and finally meet at the base of the crags to compare notes, where the sheep had first been seen.

The Mexican guide and myself were together, and we climbed to a ridge where, peeping over, we scanned the country for miles in every direction, but could see no living creature. Then,



RAN FOR OUR LIVES

from the right, where I was not looking, came five beautiful black-tails, dashing swiftly down the mountain valley, and not two hundred yards behind them were a full pack of timber wolves in hot pursuit. We both fired at once at the leader. Down dropped the buck, tumbling head over heels among the rocks, and the others scampered away at the top of their speed. The wolves, evidently frightened at the loud report, scattered in an opposite direction, and we never saw them afterward.

We were now sure of a good supper of venison, and as soon as the game was dressed and quartered, each of us shouldered half and started off down the canyon to the left in search of our comrades.

Never shall I forget the scene that met our eyes after we had advanced about four hundred yards through the timber. Even while flaying and preparing our own game, rapid and continuous firing could be heard far off to the left, but now, upon approaching nearer, loud shouting and hollowing came to our ears, which told that something unusual had happened or was going on.

We dropped our meat and went forward at a run, only to find our two friends snugly up a tree with only one gun between them, and surrounded by at least half a hundred Mexican jabalis, who held them close prisoners.

These pugnacious little brutes are called pecaries in Texas, where they are quite well and unfavorably known, and of all the animals on the American continent, they are, considering their size, certainly the wildest, most belligerent and extremely daring little rascals ever created. They will unhesitatingly attack overwhelming numbers, and have never yet learned the meaning of the word fear. Running in squads or droves of a few

or a hundred or more they generally attack united, and seldom yield a contest until the last member of the band is unable to continue the fight.

But while the Texas specimens are small, and exceedingly hostile, their cousins on the farther side of the Rio Grande are a dozen times more dangerous, for the latter are in size almost equal to a full-grown hog, and are armed with lance-like tusks, double-edged and keenly pointed. With these fearful weapons, that cut like knives, they often inflict such terrible wounds that one might better trust his limbs to the tender mercies of a buzzsaw rather than to the tusks of one of these ferocious creatures.

As soon as this drove of jabalis caught sight of us they abandoned their prisoners, and with loud snorts charged directly down upon us at railroad speed.

We took to our heels and ran for our lives; but the Mexican, who was evidently used to their tactics, grasped my hand firmly, and darting out into the canyon, over the ragged rocks, we ran at headlong pace, until we reached a sort of butte or mound, up the side of which we scrambled in a manner and style that I never dreamed possible.

Here we in turn became prisoners, and at once began to pick off our assailants, who had formed in a circle around the mound, snorting and grunting viciously, but apparently without the sense or ingenuity of climbing up after us.

Our broadsides had laid nineteen of them low, but somehow this did not seem in the least to discourage them, for they still circled around the mound, intent upon holding us prisoners until the last one of the drove should be killed.

We had now about run out of ammunition, but just then a shot rang out from the timber, and then in quick succession another and another, each one of which settled the earthly career of a jabali.

Our two friends, coming down from their original tree and following our retreat, had mounted a second tree, where, at close range, they were able to render us valuable assistance. Each shot told, and finally we counted thirty-nine jabalis lying dead on the ground at the base of the mound. The remaining survivors, six in number, now gave up the fight, and with a last savage, angry snort, trotted away and were soon lost to view in the thick chaparral and stunted brush oak timber.

We descended, joined forces, and then started on the back trail.

Our comrades had lost their opportunity for a hunt, so we picked up the venison, which still lay where it had been dropped, and just about dark resumed our march in search of the ponies. The copse where they had been picketed was found without much difficulty, but here a second and awful surprise was awaiting us.

Two of the horses lay dead on the ground, and a third was so fearfully mangled that we shot him out of mercy. The fourth one was entirely missing. It was a plain story to be read, as plainly and as clearly as from a written or printed page. In the soft mud were innumerable huge tracks, which indicated that the four lions mentioned by the Mexican officer had been at work. The poor, tied ponies, with possibly one exception, had no doubt been attacked and literally torn to pieces by this quartet of fierce brutes. In this helpless condition they had been pounced upon by the lions, and after being killed had been partly devoured by their terrible enemies.

It was a dangerous position for us to be placed in; and so not waiting to secure bridles or trappings, and hastily gathering an additional supply of ammunition from the saddle pockets, without losing any more time than was absolutely necessary, we once more set out on the back trail, and made all speed to reach camp.

Marching in single file with the Mexican guide leading and carrying a resinous torch, about midnight a detachment from the camp with the Mexican officer at their head, met us, and from them we learned that the missing pony, badly frightened and fearfully scratched and clawed, had come galloping back to the camp three hours before. Our friends immediately set about to organize a search party, and it was with a great feeling of relief that they at last found us safe and sound, for they had almost given us up as dead or lost in the wild and desolate country that marks the international boundary line.—J. M. T. Partello.

A Tandem Ride.

Two lovers on a tandem bike,
Taking a moonlight run;
Two hearts that beat in love alike,
Four feet that pedal as one.

Four hands clasped and four lips
smack'd
When the bike ride was done.

—Detroit Free Press.

Bound to Come Down, Too.

"How milk has come up!" "But it's higher in Africa." "How do you know?" "Because that's where cocoa nuts grow."

Short-Lived Republic.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The dissolution of the United States of Central America, after a national existence of less than a month, is announced in a dispatch received by one of the highest officials of Central America. It states that the success of the revolution in Salvador and the overthrow of President Guterrez led to a meeting of the three commissioners who formed the executive head of the union until a president was elected, and a decision reached to abandon the union, leaving each of the three states forming it—Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras—to resume its former status as an independent sovereign nation.

When the union was formed on Nov. 1 last Messrs. Galliges, Mathus and Ugarte were placed in charge until the presidential election was held this month. It is this executive committee which has now determined to abandon the plan of the union.

In addition to the foregoing dispatch the state department has been advised through Minister Merry and also through one of our consular officers that the uprising in Salvador had been successful, and that peace was restored after much disturbance.

As a result of the collapse of the union Messrs. Zelaya, Bonilla and Regalado became the executive heads of their several countries. It is understood that this condition is much preferred by the government of the United States, which would rather deal directly with Nicaragua and the other countries than with an anomalous union.

Leading Central American officials said that on the ruins of this attempt at a union might be built a more substantial union, embracing all of the five states of Central America. The absence of Costa Rica and Guatemala from this union operated largely toward its failure.

Senor Correa, charge d'affaires of the three countries in the union, was at the state department yesterday making anxious inquiries. He cabled for information and was looking for full reports on the status of affairs.

Insurance Losses.

The marine underwriters of New York say of the losses sustained by their companies as the result of the storm beginning last Saturday will probably amount in the aggregate to something more than \$1,000,000. Owing to the lack of sufficient data of a trustworthy character it will be some days before a definite statement of the full extent of the losses can be made. There will, in all likelihood, be a large amount of salvage realized from the wrecks.

Most of the vessels carrying insurance were covered to the full amount of their value, though some of the smaller craft known to have been lost were uninsured. The premium charges for the different vessels upon which insurance will be paid varied considerably, and they were not in any case abnormally high for this season of the year. There is yet no truth in the report that it has been decided to increase rates as a result of the losses for the last few years. When, however, the full effects of the storm upon marine risk shall have been ascertained, the whole matter of rates may come up before the American Institute of Marine Underwriters.

Nothing Heard of Her.

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 2.—Another day has passed, and the mystery of the steamer Portland has not been given up by the sea. It was a day of constant watching of more than thirty miles of coast line, and the sea grudgingly held its victims, yielding only five. Twenty-five bodies have been recovered out of the entire passenger and crew list, the exact number of which is still unknown. The number of people who went to their death on the Portland will never be known, but almost hourly persons are reported missing from different places in New England, until now it seems possible that the number was over 150.

The war investigation commission resumed its sittings at Washington.

Gone to Savannah.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 2.—Col. W. J. Bryan left yesterday evening for Savannah, Ga., to rejoin his regiment. His furlough does not expire until the 5th, but his health being fully recovered he felt it his duty to return. A number of prominent political leaders, among them ex-Congressman Towne and Thomas C. Patterson of Denver, have been in conference with Col. Bryan during the week.

Belgium does not want the Canaries.

Would Not Discuss It.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Gen. W. R. Shafter was shown a copy of Admiral Sampson's report on the operations of the United States fleet at Santiago after the destruction of the Spanish squadron, in which the admiral denounced as false the suggestions, which he attributed to Gen. Shafter, that the navy was unwilling to co-operate in forcing an entrance to the harbor and intimidated that the services of the navy were not properly recognized by the commander of the land forces.

Gen. Shafter did not conceal the fact that Admiral Sampson's criticisms annoyed him greatly, but he declined to go into any extended reply to them.

"This controversy has been fought over before," he said. "The records speak for themselves. My letters and dispatches to Admiral Sampson are given in his report and tell the story. I have nothing to add to them."

The general went over the newspaper synopsis of the admiral's report and pointed out that the correspondence given therein showed that he had requested Admiral Sampson to send a representative to the ceremonies of the surrender of Santiago, and that he did not sign the terms of the surrender himself.

"As I did not sign them, I certainly would not consent for Admiral Sampson to do so," he said.

Many Indictments.

Carlinville, Ill., Dec. 2.—The Virden riot grand jury made its formal report to Judge Shirley yesterday evening. The grand jury dealt pertinently with the affair, and, as far as it was able to ascertain, returned true bills against the principal participants in the tragedy of Oct. 12 at Virden. Ten indictments, involving fifty-four persons, were returned. Against ohn R. Tanner, governor of Illinois, there are three counts for palpable omission of duty and malfeasance in office. Fred W. Lukins, general manager of the Chicago-Virden Coal company, is charged with manslaughter on two counts.

In the indictment against Gov. Tanner, half a dozen complaining witnesses, employes of the Chicago-Virden Coal company, testified that they were intimidated and prevented from following their legitimate employment by an armed body of men numbering 1000, who unlawfully and feloniously were assembled in Virden; that the governor had been notified by the sheriff of Macoupin county that no protection was to be had from the county, and was earnestly importuned for state assistance.

Judge Shirley fixed Gov. Tanner's bond at \$500.

At Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—The emperor and empress of Germany arrived here from Potsdam to review the guards corps. Their majesties were loudly cheered and on their arrival at the Brandenburg gate they were welcomed by Burgomaster Kirschner on behalf of the city. The burgomaster referred to the works of peace achieved by the emperor and by the empress who was his majesty's faithful companion, and shared all his exertions.

The emperor in reply, after cordially shaking hands with the burgomaster dwelt upon the magnificent impression his visit to east had left upon him and expressed pleasure at being home again.

His majesty added that everywhere in the east he found the Germans were highly esteemed and he expressed the hope that his journey would help to open new markets for German enterprise, besides strengthening the international peace.

Want Carolines.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—A German government official, in an interview with a correspondent, confirms the report that Germany is negotiating with Spain for the purchase of the Caroline islands. It is understood that Spain expects to get 10,000,000 francs for them, which Germany considers excessive.

A number more of wrecks are reported from the New England storm.

Burned to Death.

Perry, Ok., Dec. 2.—The home of Hiram Biggs, a farmer living seven miles southeast of here, caught fire yesterday morning and Biggs, his wife and three small children were burned to death. The family was asleep. Awakened by the smoke, they found they had but one means of escape—through the burning front rooms—and in the attempt to pass through all were lost.

Sixteen thousand British troops have gone after the mad mullah.

A BRIDE'S BORROW.

She Had Lost Her Own Perfectly Lovely Name.

She had been married just two weeks and cruel fate had torn him away from her for two whole hours, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. She had planned what she would do. She had a new book and a box of candy and some embroidery and she nobly resolved to bid him good-by cheerfully and not have tear-stained eyes when he returned either. She rode down to the station with him and he kissed her good-by. She watched him get into the train and her eyes grew misty. Two hours! If he missed the train he might be gone two hours and twenty minutes. What did he want to see that horrid lawyer for, anyhow? Surely a lawsuit, even one that involved money, was a small matter to take him away from his bride of a fortnight. The train moved slowly out of the station. He stood on the platform, waving his hat and throwing kisses to her, oblivious of the amusement of the baggagemen on the station platform. She watched the train swing around the curve and cross the bridge. Suppose the bridge should break? The train would plunge into the river and he would be drowned. But the rumble was far off now. The bridge was crossed in safety. She wished she had not married. She had always thought that widows must feel that way. What was the use of marrying only to be bereft of one's husband? She had been very happy as a girl. Very happy, indeed. Why had she given up her care-free existence to be the lonely wife of a man who cared more for money and lawyers than he did for her? Why had she done it? Simply to please him, because it was easier to comply than refuse. A boy whizzing by on a bicycle stopped and handed her a letter. She looked at the superscription, "Mrs. Sidney Willis," and groaned in spirit. Even her name, her pretty aristocratic name, of which all her family was so proud, was gone. How chilly and formal and lonely it would be to be always called Mrs. Willis and never be Miss Dolly Van Schaick again. She had reached the house now and she wandered disconsolately upstairs. She thought of all the pretty things that had been said of and to Miss Van Schaick and the more she thought of it the more bitterly did she bemoan her lost name. She forgot her embroidery and her candy and her book and gave herself up to tears. She didn't even hear the whistle of the train from New Rochelle. At last there was a knock at the door. "Go away," sobbed the unhappy Mrs. Willis. "But Dolly, it's me—it's Dick. What is the matter?" besought Mr. Willis through the keyhole. Then she opened the door and told him. He was offended. It took a good many kisses and explanations to make him appreciate the superiority of Van Schaick to Willis. But, once convinced, he sympathized with her and consented to call her Miss Van Schaick for a month "until the novelty wore off."

Poet Poe Not Expelled from College.

William H. Browne writes the following letter to the Baltimore News: "I see a paragraph going the rounds of the papers to the effect that it is remarkable that Edgar A. Poe should be honored by a bust erected in the university from which he was expelled. It has been shown again and again that Poe was never expelled from the University of Virginia. Mr. J. H. Ingram, the author of a well-known life of the poet, wrote to Mr. William Wertenbaker, secretary of the faculty, to inquire about Poe's conduct and standing, and that gentleman, who was librarian during Poe's residence and knew him well, replied, not from memory only, but after searching the records, that 'at no time did he fall under the censure of the faculty.' Mr. Woodbury, another biographer, says that during Poe's residence he did not come under the notice of the faculty, which is stated to have been at that time unusually watchful and strict."

The Joys of Childhood.

Johnny and Tommy, who are the noisiest children in Yorkville, were playing. "Let's play on this doorstep," suggested Tommy. "No," Jimmy said, "there isn't any fun in doing that. That's an empty house. Let's go down the street and play. I know where there's a newspaper man's house. He works all night and sleeps in the daytime." And the pair of cherubs started off to the spot where the maker of thoughts for seventy million ladies and gentlemen was trying to replenish his empty think tank by the balmy sleep process.

Could She Talk?

"Can she talk, old man?" "Can she? Why, last summer, in the mountains, she didn't even let the echo have the last word."—Puck.

Anxious to Learn.

She—They say the Clippersons have always lived away beyond their means. He—I wonder if we could get them to show us how!

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Meant New Haven.
Joseph Jefferson, at a recent dinner in New York, said that when called upon for a certain speech in New Haven, Billy Florence once delivered himself thus: "It is here, and to you, ladies and gentlemen, that I owe my present success in my profession. We knew each other when boys and girls. We played marbles together under the shadow of the old church, and now to receive this warm welcome from old friends—what can I say? Simply that I never can forget the people of Hartford." A man in the front row said, "This is New Haven, Mr. Florence." "I mean New Haven, of course," said Florence, gravely.

Difference of Opinion
Terrance V. Powderly and Count Leo Tolstol are in opposition over the proposal to establish in the northwest a colony of some 10,000 of the Donkhorbtsi, who have so long been persecuted in Russia because of their religious beliefs. It will take \$150,000 to move them. The immigration commissioner says they shall not come if he can prevent it, as he regards them as paupers. Tolstol says they are not; that they are farmers who would help the country.

Opposed to Chips.
"No, madam, I cannot split the wood to which you so indelicately refer. It would be a violation of a sacred promise I made to my aged mother."
"Nonsense! What kind of a promise?"
"We have the poker habit in our family, ma'am, and I promised mother I'd never touch a chip in any form."

It is always the package that we do not care about particularly that is promptly delivered.

A Race Against Fire.
The crew of a steamer from Spain discovered in mid ocean that flames were raging in the hold. For ten days they bravely fought the flames. If men would fight as persistently against disorders of the stomach, there would be fewer premature deaths. The best weapon for such a fight is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

No one enjoys to-day who worries about to-morrow.

CROPS AND CATTLE.

Texas-fed cattle are now going to the big markets.

Reports of horses dying of the blind staggers come from Fannin county.

Farmers in some portions of southwest Texas will soon commence sowing oats.

C. E. Crews of Childress recently received a bunch of 1000 calves from Greer county.

Alex Taylor of Childress left recently for Shackelford county to receive a bunch of stock cattle, about 400 in number.

John W. Harding of Henrietta sold recently at Kansas City forty-eight steers weighing 1187 pounds, at \$4.30, or \$51 per head.

The recent rains in several north Texas counties were of untold benefit to wheat, as the cereal was needing abundant showers.

Recently at Childress, Fred Horsburg, manager of the Spur ranch, sold 1025 two-year-old steers at private terms to Kansas parties.

Four young Wacoites have gone to gather pecans. They went thoroughly prepared to gather all the nuts obtainable, and anticipate reaping a rich financial harvest.

R. H. Moseley of Llano will ship 550 head of steers to Cuba on the 10th inst. He has bought these steers in small bunches in Llano and Blanco counties.

It is said that enough acreage has been promised by farmers near Grape-land to insure the production of thirty cars of cantaloupes. The crop has been contracted for.

The consumption of cotton by southern mills for the cotton year just ended is reported to be 1,250,000 bales, or 25 per cent more than the quantity consumed during any previous year.

Superintendents J. W. Fuller of the Keystone and J. F. Foster of the Cook's Hereford ranches, sold to E. Garcia of Laredo a carload of bull calves at \$30 per head.

John T. Roach, a citizen of Nicaragua, is in Texas, buying hogs to stock a ranch in that country. He expects to send nearly a shipload of live stock to that country from Texas.

Mr. J. W. Overton, who secured the contract to supply the military camps in Cuba with beef, has been credited with being both a Floridian and a Texan. He is credited as a citizen of Overton, this state.

E. G. Liebold, a prominent stockman of Bandera county, is preparing to place 5000 mutton sheep in full feed of hulls and meal at McGregor, Tex. He has great confidence in the future of sheep feeding in Texas, and his venture in this direction will be watched with much interest.

W. P. Harned, the well known short-horn breeder of Bunceon, Cooper county, Missouri, held his third annual sale at Bunceon lately. Though the weather was wintry, there was a fairly good crowd present, most of the buyers being from Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

James Hamilton of San Angelo has bought from P. T. Hunt of Taylor county 1200 muttons with wool on at \$2.50; from Henry Liging of Willow 925 muttons with wool on at \$2.50, and from Claude Hudspeth of Ozona 1800 muttons, shorn, at 3 cents a pound, delivery of all at San Angelo.

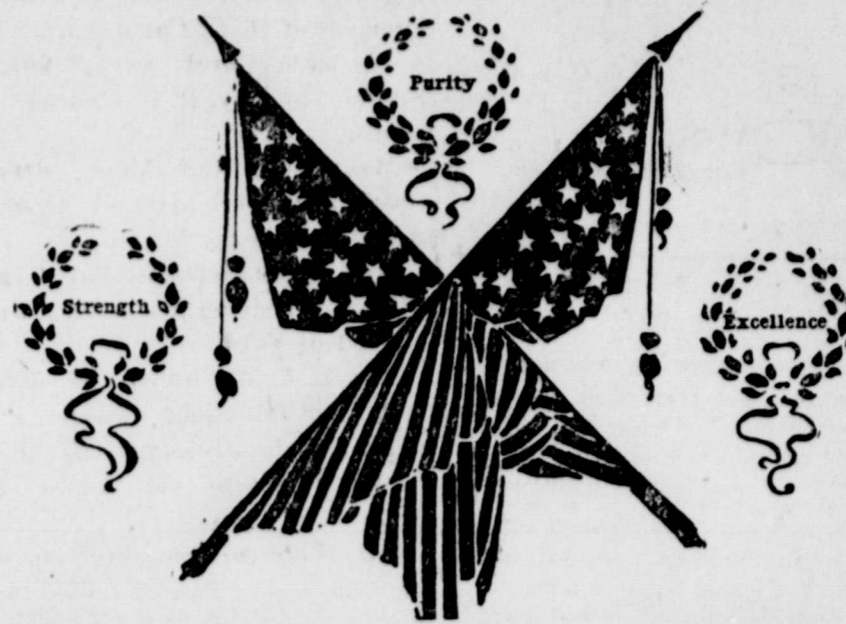
The sale of the Clover Blossom shorthorns, the herd of Mr. George Bothwell of Nettleton, Caldwell county, Missouri, which took place at the Kansas City stock yards sale barn, was attended by a fair crowd of buyers, in spite of the disagreeable weather. Most of the offerings were young animals.

The persimmon crop of Texas this year was an abundant one, and the flavor of the fruit, after being interviewed a few times by J. Frost, all that the most fastidious epicure could desire.

There is a great demand for hickory nuts by wholesale dealers therein. One Texas firm of nut exporters advertised for fifty carloads.

A large amount of vegetable seeds, including carrot, cauliflower, lettuce, parsnips, corn, spinach, onion, etc., were sent by the government to Manila several months ago. It is thought most of them can be grown in certain parts of Luzon. Potatoes are also to be sent.

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Keeps Cartoons.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt is one of the few wives of political notabilities who share their husbands' enjoyment of cartoons. Mrs. Thohas Platt has said that she sometimes fears to open paper. So, too, Mrs. Russell Sage. But Mrs. Roosevelt has made quite a collection of the multitudinous representations of the rough rider.

Gave the Command.

It is related of Francis McKinley, great-uncle to the president, that when he was shot for participation in the Irish uprising of 1798 he snatched the bandage from his eyes and himself gave the command to fire.

The woman whose fur coat is finished and ready to wear is the one wishing for a cold snap.

If color produces moods we ought to be happy.

They Are Reliable.

The American Farmer is sincere in what it says and whenever it endorses an article, be it machinery, proprietary medicine, or a man individually, we want our readers to believe that what we say we have good reason to understand is true. For a year or more there have been endorsements of the Swanson Rheumatic Cure Company, of 167 Dearborn street, Chicago, by this paper. People have written us to know if this company is responsible, and if its remarkable remedies, for the cure of rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, catarrh, kidney troubles, etc., really had merit. We have therefore been at extra pains to investigate, and once again we add emphasis to our former endorsement of that company. There may be isolated cases here and there which, probably through neglect in following directions, or from exposure or some unexplainable reason, the wonderful Five Drops remedy does not do the work. But it is a case where the exception proves the rule. Mr. Swanson is a gentleman of character and personal integrity, and, we believe, would no more attempt to deceive the public than the writer of this article. They still offer to send a sample bottle of "5 Drops" for 25c or a large bottle, 300 doses, for \$1, prepaid by mail or express. Address as above.

Persimmons are very much in evidence at this time.

I know that my life was saved by Pisco's Cure for Consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Michigan, April 21, 1895.

The colder the night the quieter the canine.

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

A man never "paints" the town in water colors.

Discovery of Tobacco.

Tobacco was discovered in Santo Domingo in 1496, in Yucatan by the Spaniards in 1520. It was introduced into France in 1560, and into England in 1583.

Semi-invalidism is an unpleasant physical state.

A baby usually makes an excellent alarm clock.

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I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 257, meets every Thursday night at hall in Robert Lee. I. J. Good, N. G. J. H. Hayley, Secretary.

Robert Lee Staff Directory.

Robert Lee and Son Angelo, daily except Sunday. Arrives 5:30 p. m. and departs 7:30 a. m.
Robert Lee and Ballinger, daily except Sunday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 7 a. m.
Robert Lee via Sando to Silver, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 6 a. m.
Robert Lee and Ft. Chabourne, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arrives 6 p. m. and leaves at 7 a. m.
Robert Lee and Tennyson, Tuesday and Saturday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves at 6 a. m.
Robert Lee and Edith, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arrives at 2:30 p. m. and leaves at 7 a. m.
Robert Lee and Streetwate, Sunday and Friday, 8 p. m. arrives, Tuesday and Saturday, 6 a. m. leaves.

Church Directory.

Baptist—Each First Sabbath at 11 a. m., and at night. At Methodist Church.
Eld. G. C. Berryman, Pastor.

Christian—Services on Second Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and at night, at School House.
Rev. Hooton, Pastor.

Methodist Episcopal South—Services Third Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., and at night.
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

Methodist Protestant—Services on Fourth Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., and at night, at Methodist Church.
A. S. Miller, Pastor.

Methodist Sabbath School at 3 p. m. each Sunday.
J. C. Turner, Supt.

Primitive Baptist—Second Sunday and Saturday before in each month at Valley View School house.
Gid Graham, Pastor.

Plan of Robert Lee Circuit of the M. E. Church South:
FIRST SUNDAY—Bronte 11 a. m. & 7:30 p. m.
SECOND SUNDAY—Rock Springs 11 a. m.; New Hope 3 p. m. and at Olga 7:30 p. m.
THIRD SUNDAY—Robert Lee 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
FOURTH SUNDAY—Sando 11 a. m. and at Hayrick 3:30 p. m.
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

Eld. G. C. Berryman, Baptist, preaches at Cedar Hill school house on Second Sunday and Saturday before in each month.
Eld. Walker (W. Smith), appointments: Indian creek school house third Sunday and Saturday before in each month. Antioch Church, Rock Springs school house on the fourth Sunday and Saturday before, at 11 a. m. and at night.

Eld. A. M. Luckey's appointments: Bronte—Third Sunday and Saturday before, 11 a. m. and at night. Valley View—First Sunday at 11 a. m. Tennyson—Fourth Sunday 11 a. m. Saturday night.

Official Directory.

JUDICIAL.
Judge, J. W. Timmins.
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Surveyor, A. G. Berryman.
Hides & Animal Inspector, Will Perry.

COMMISSIONERS.

Precinct No. 1, K. C. Rowling.
" " 2, M. H. Havens.
" " 3, J. C. Newton.
" " 4, G. W. Payne.

Maverick Murmuring.

A few dots from this part, we presume will not be out of place. Our Sunday school is progressing very nicely, under the management of M. G. Caperton. We have church every fourth Sunday, by Rev. R. H. Hearall as pastor.

Mr. Baxter and Miss Susan Chasteberry were married at San Angelo Thursday evening.

Miss Dode Jones, of San Angelo is over visiting her sister, Mrs. A. G. Ten Dyck.

Mrs. L. E. McCauley will leave today for Frickham, where she will spend the holidays and then she will return to her home at Heartsome, L. T.

T. J. Webb and daughter spent a few days in San Angelo this week.

Brown Marshall made a flying trip to sweetwater the first of the week.

The young folks all report an enjoyable time at the dance at Mr. and Mrs. Jim Casteberry's Monday night.

If this escapes the waste basket I will come again soon.

VIOLET.

Coke County people will get good groceries and good treatment, when they trade with Baldwin and Carter, Ballinger.

Lomita Letter.

Regular Correspondent. Seeing our first letter was published we are encouraged to write again.

Mr. Lum Hudson has sold his ranch and bought a residence in San Angelo, where he will move soon. The community regret to lose him, very much, for he is a useful and enterprising man.

The people of Lomita organized a Literary Society and Spelling match at the school house Friday night. First meeting was quite a success. Miss Lula Cannon gave us a nice recitation and she and Miss Minnie Ringer sang two beautiful songs. Every one is invited; it will meet every Friday night when the weather is favorable.

Water is becoming a scarce commodity in this part of the moral vineyard. Mr. Frank Walker is digging a well on his place in search for the elixir of life.

Prof. Carter returned from his school at Mt. Margret Friday evening, to spend Saturday and Sunday with folks at home.

Sister Beth.

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Honor Roll.

The following is the list of pupils of the Robert Lee School that averaged above 98 per cent in each of the following: Attendance Recitations, and Deportment, for last week, Nov. 28, to Dec. 7. Lia Barefield, Dalton Johnston, Earl Johnston, Roy Hamilton, Charley Perry, Neely Gardner, Howard Montfeth, Cornelia Montgomery, Maud Chaney, Pearl Hamilton, Lee Hamilton, French Ingram, Braxton Toliver, William Stepp, Cora Johnston, Elsie Toliver, Elsie Lasswell, O. W. Gardner, Prin.

Small Stock Jewelry at PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.

Frank Moore, son of W. B. Moore, of Ft. Chabourne, was pardoned out of the penitentiary the other day and is now at his father's house. He went up from Coleman some five years ago.

The following is a list of the pupils of the Paint Creek school who averaged over eighty five in the month of November in attendance, deportment and recitations: Ella Blackwell, Ora Collier, Fred Blackwell, Prestore Blackwell and Joda Key.

Emma Merchant, Teacher.

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