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#### A glimpse of Cripple Creek.

For more than a third of a century, the eyes of the world have been fastened on Colorado as the gold-seekers paradise, the realization of glorious dreams, the location of fabulous bonanzas, the place where the fortune-hunter listens not in vain to the alluring songs of the Goddess of Gold—the true El Dorado. When Silver was queen, Colorado was her throne. When Silver was stricken down and Gold became King, Colorado was his Empire; and today the Centennial State wears the laurel wreath and shines with a splendor which has no equal since the dawn of civilization. One by one, have other golden states and empires yielded the palm to Colorado until today she sits proud sovereign of them all. Her mines and mills and millions have existed and charmed the multitudes and attracted to these glittering peaks and yawning chasms and silent nooks, these cataracts and towering crags and melody of waving pines, a mighty army of sturdy sons of toil with picks and shovel in hand and a resolution in their hearts to delve deep and dig for her hidden treasures.

A generation has been born and is turning gray since first the rush for gold began: The gold ribbed mountain of Boulder, Clear Creek and Sumite, of picturesque San Juan of Leadville and Cripple Creek were passed over in the mad rush for the golden sands of California. But one by one they wandered back again and prospecting, discovered and developed camps that have astonished the world. One of the last of these but by far not the least was Cripple Creek, the most famous gold camp in the world. Let's take a flying trip to the place of interest in this most wonderful camp. We will take a look at Victor first as it is the first town we strike coming in on either railroad.

Victor is a town of about 6000 inhabitants it has well graded streets, a good system of water works and electric lights and is a thoroughly alive mining town. It is situated in the S. E. portion of the Cripple Cr. district on the eastern slopes of Battle and Squaw Mountain. The first thing that attracts our attention is the large mines above us on Battle Mt. Lets go up and take a look at them. we pass quite a number of good mines but keep climbing until we reach the Portland mine, which is owned by a company of Stockholders, most of whom live in Denver and Colorado Springs. Stock in this mine is worth \$1.43 on the dollar. There are some 400 men working underground here all getting \$3.00 for night hrs. work and are turning out thousands and thousands dollars of ore daily. The machinery is the most modern, the drilling underground is done by compressed air and the mine is lighted by electricity, there is also a large electric hoist 500 ft. underground.

Adjoining and lying to the east is another very large and rich mine, the Independence is owned by Mr. Stratton individually. There is a number of interesting

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#### Ft. Chadbourne Notes.

Regular Correspondent.

Good morning, Mr. Editor, I wish you and the readers of the RUSTLER. A Happy New Year.

Our public school resumed its work this morning. Prof. Thomas gave a week's vacation and went back east to visit his people he says he had a nice time, and is back with the Rock Springs people, ready and anxious to go to work.

Dr. Penticost has moved to Brown County, we were in hopes that he would locate in our neighborhood.

Buster Robinson will move in the house vacated by Dr. Penticost.

A Mr. Hastings has rented land of T. C. Baldwin and has moved into our neighborhood.

The Rev. Wm. Barn preached for our people yesterday.

Mr. Ed. yesterday (Sunday) was the first day of the week, first day of the month and first day of the year 1899, and I hope that the Editor took those dear little babies to Sunday School, and that the people of our grand old County—Coke, made a new start in the S. S. and Church work.

I heard a gentleman say, a few days ago, that the RUSTLER had improved so much lately, he thought every man in the county should take it.

The young people met at Hayrick Saturday night, had a musical entertainment, watch party, supper and a general good time, a good many of our Rock Springs young folks were there.

Success to the RUSTLER.

UNCLE TOM.

#### Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found her self benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found her self sound and well; now does her own house work, and now is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at E. M. Mobley's Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

Always read the last page of the RUSTLER. There is always something good on it.

Misses Alvia and Scottie Ingam Emma Stickney, Lillie Trammell and Ethel Pearce, are among the students in Bicycleism lately. We hear that some of them are becoming expert Cyclists.

Chas. Roe returned from San Angelo yesterday. Many of his friends were glad to see him.

Our friend W. C. Lock gave the young people a pleasant dance last Wednesday night at his home on Wild Cat.

Stephen Parker, from the Valley View country, was in town Wednesday.

#### Bronte Locals.

Regular Correspondent.

We are having fine weather for farming. The farmers are all busy plowing, the soil is in fine condition as the recent snow and rains made a good season.

Every thing went off quiet at Bronte, only one fight—no arrest has yet been made the parties being a muck hog and a dog.

Married, at M. M. McCutchen's Mr. John Culp and Miss Lee Adams.

Bronte had a nice Christmas Tree.

Kearney Mayes and wife spent Christmas with relatives on Grape Creek.

Lee Good left last week for Kansas.

Mr. Stroud, late of Williamson County, brother-in-law to Rev. A. M. Lackey is stopping at the Herrall place and will buy a tract of land near Bronte.

Mr. Peterson has a sick child.

Mr. J. D. O'Daniel Jr. and wife presented some of their friends a nice Xmas dinner.

On Wednesday last, M. H. O'Daniel and wife gave a grand fare dinner and musical entertainment to Mr. Thomas Cross and bride, late of McLennan County.

Mr. George Keesee has built a new house in Bronte.

Mr. Forrest Clark has returned from Coleman where he spent a merry Christmas.

Also Mr. Bob Cumbie has returned from Erath County, he says he had a fine time and saw lots of pretty girls.

Mr. Pink Eaton, our gunner, is building a new residence up near his gin.

#### LUCENE.

Silver Findings.

I will give you a few items from our place again.

All the young folks enjoyed a sociable at Prof. J. B. Hudman's last Thursday night.

School opened Monday after a week's vacation.

Rev. Isaac Reed is on the sick list this week, but is improving now.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie will return from Kansas in a few days.

Mr. Will Bussey and brother went to Colorado City this week.

We hear Rev. S. W. Lane sold his place to Mr. Norfleet. Mr. Norfleet will move to his new home soon.

There was a pound supper and dance at Mr. Tom Roberts last night, which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

If I am not too late I will say New Years Gift to every one.

I will close for fear of the waste basket.

Much success to the RUSTLER and Readers. I remain,  
 SILVER PEAK.

Mr. H. W. Walton is now living above Sanco, on the Laswell farm.

J. J. Vestal's well of wonderful fine water receives notice on our eighth page, this issue. We are expecting our new reporter to give to the public a chemical analysis of that water soon.

Antelope, Jack county, is to have a daily mail.

A. J. Lane's residence at Greenville burned, loss \$500.

The new telephone exchange building at Dallas was opened on the 26th ult.

Near Fort Clark while hunting, Robert Whipkey killed Max Schaber and wounded Henry Schaber.

Telephone communication has been established between Hillsboro and the Hill county poor farm.

Mrs. Cady, 87 years old, living with her son, F. M. Cady, one mile from Gatesville, was found dead in bed.

John Zuhn, a prosperous German farmer, expired suddenly near La Grange while assisting a tenant move.

Mrs. Davis, wife of Col. Robert A. Davis, one of Ellis county's wealthiest citizens, died at Waxahachie, aged 76 years.

Col. J. W. Whaley, one of Clay county's oldest pioneers, settling there in 1860, passed away near Blenvenue. He owned much property in the county.

Ed Malevansos, doing business as a fruit dealer, at Houston, made an assignment to J. N. Taub, trustee, for the benefit of his creditors to the sum of \$2392.

Midland recently donated \$500 to Baylor college to assist in the education of poor, deserving girls who are unable to prepare themselves for the duties of life in an educational way.

Ben S. Lemmon, of Dallas, of the editorial staff of the Texas State Journal, and Miss Iona Bell Griffith were united in marriage at Luton, Mo., the bride's former home.

Conductor W. H. Cummings, who had the misfortune to lose his left hand a few months ago, has been appointed by the Santa Fe as general yardmaster at Fort Worth.

John Copeland, Esq., of Marshall, referee in bankruptcy for Harrison county, has issued notice to all creditors of I. Brisker and Max A. Bernstein that the first meeting will be held in that city January 7, 1899.

W. S. Browning, the walking evangelist, was married near Alto, Cherokee county, to Miss Mattie L. Mason. Rev. Mr. Browning says that from this date Alto will be his headquarters instead of Dallas.

"Uncle" John McMin, aged 99 years, a resident of Collin county for fifty years, died near Nevada, that county. He lived in Lamar county several years previous to moving to Collin.

Geo. W. Bordeaux, dealer in gents' furnishings, made an assignment at Palestine for the benefit of his creditors. Wm. Broyles was appointed trustee; assets \$13,000, liabilities about \$11,000.

A. M. McDaniel of Red Water, killed an eagle worthy of note. It measured from tip to tip of wings exactly seven feet, was two feet ten and half inches from beak to end of tail feathers and its claw spread was eight inches.

A boy baby two or three months old, was found on the door step of a citizen at Waco and given shelter and such other attention as he needed. The little one was in a stupor from drugs administered to keep it quiet.

Lieut. George Webber of the battleship Montgomery was at Texarkana, spending the holidays with his father, Col. Thomas E. Webber. Lieut. Webber's departure was from Norfolk, Va., where the vessel is in for repairs.

Sergt. Charles Carlson, second gunner of the battleship Oregon, left Texarkana for Pensacola, Fla., where he is to resume his duties aboard ship. He was visiting friends in Texarkana.

A number of the Sherman volunteers mustered out of the immune regiment at Galveston have notified Lieut. Laubach, who is recruiting for the seventeenth for service in the Philippines that they desire to re-enlist. They are all most excellent material.

The annual banquet of the Bonham fire department was a grand success. After the banquet an interesting program was carried out, consisting of songs and recitations and talks by prominent business men of the city. The attendance was quite large.

# IS UNDER AMERICAN CONTROL.

## The Island of Cuba Turned Over to United States Authorities at Havana With Impressive Ceremonies.

### Evacuation Ceremonies.

Havana, Jan. 2.—The sovereignty of Cuba passed from Spain to the United States yesterday.

The form of the transfer was simple, consisting only of an exchange of speeches in the salon of the palace, the hauling down of the Spanish flag and the raising of the stars and stripes of the United States on the flag-staff on the palace roof. Salutes were fired from the heavy guns of the forts and the warships before and after the change of flags. The raising of the stars and stripes was greeted with cheers by the people, who covered the roofs of the buildings around the palace and plaza.

Maj. Gen. John R. Brooke, governor of Cuba, and Maj. Gen. Ludlow, governor of the city of Havana, accompanied by their staffs, arrived at 11:30 in carriages, Gen. Brooke and Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, Gen. Brooke's chief of staff, in the first carriage. In each of the other carriages rode a Cuban general with American officers. The Cubans were Gens. Laeet, Mario, Meocal, Mayla Rodriguez, Serafin Sanchez, Jose Miguel Gomez, Nodarte, Rafael de Cardenas, Agramente and Vidal and Col. Vallente.

At 11:45 Maj. Gen. Lee, military governor of the province of Havana, with his staff, joined Gen. Brooke.

On entering the palace the American general went to the salon facing the plaza, which is on the second floor.

Capt. Gen. Castellanos entered the salon without ceremony from the left and greeted Gen. Brooke and others.

After shaking hands Gen. Brooke sat upon a sofa, while Gen. Castellanos moved toward the group of Cuban generals.

British Vice Consul Jerome introduced him to Gen. Maria Rodriguez.

At the last stroke of 12 the boom of a gun brought all eyes to the point in the room where stood the captain general, who was talking with an American officer. Immediately all was silence.

Capt. Gen. Castellanos handed the manuscript of his speech to Capt. Hart, interpreter, and began to speak.

Addressing himself to Gen. Wade, president of the United States military commission (though he seemed to look at the floor), Gen. Castellanos said:

"Gentlemen: In compliance with the treaty of Paris, the agreement of the military commissioners of the island and the orders of my king, at this moment of noon, Jan. 1, 1899, there ceases in Cuba Spanish sovereignty and begins that of the United States. In consequence, I declare you in command of the island, with the object that you may exercise it, declaring to you that I will be first in respecting it. Peace having been established between our respective governments, I promise to give all due respect to the United States government and I hope that the good relations already existing between our armies will continue until the termination of the evacuation of those under my orders in this territory."

After Capt. Hart had translated the address, Gen. Wade said to Gen. Brooke:

"I transfer this command to you."

Maj. Gen. Brooke said:

"I accept this great trust in behalf of the government and the president of the United States, and (addressing Capt. Gen. Castellanos) I wish you and the gentlemen with you a pleasant return to your native land. May prosperity attend you and all who are with you."

Gens. Brooke and Castellanos then shook hands, after which Gen. Castellanos and staff retired from the room.

**Ordered Mustered Out.**

Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary Long has ordered that about 800 sailors, volunteers, who enlisted solely for the war be mustered out. Only about 200 of the volunteers are now left in the service. The department made this order reluctantly for the effect will be to compel many of the vessels to be put out of commission at a time when they are needed, but under the law the secretary had no discretion in the matter.

The steamship Algiers sailed from New Orleans for Havana with 13,891 sacks of flour.

### SOUTHERN NEWS.

Mayfield, Ky., had an \$18,000 fire.

Gov. Johnston of Alabama pardoned and paroled fourteen convicts.

Joe Calderina, a boy, was run over and killed by a cane car at Litcher, La.

At Owensboro, Ky., a farmer named Wayne Smith was killed by Pud Terrill, a barkeeper.

The dry goods store of Henry Wessel at Baltimore, Md., was entered and \$7000 taken in money and checks.

Frank Hurley, a carpenter, fell from a building forty feet high at Cerulian Springs, Ky., and fractured his skull.

The Louisiana State Agricultural society will hold its annual meeting at Shreveport on the 25th.

Shreveport is making an effort, through the Order of the Orient, to have the Mardi Gras this year.

The Baptist institute at Danville, Morgan county, Alabama, burned. The building cost \$5000 and was uninsured.

At Haynes, Ark., J. J. Hughes, a merchant, shot and killed Dr. W. N. Scott. This is the third man that Hughes has slain.

Rev. George T. Chandler, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Knoxville, Tenn., has accepted a call to Kosciuski, Miss.

The remains of Mrs. John Whiting, a prominent Alabama lady, aged 99 years, who died at Birmingham, were interred in Montgomery.

A committee of Pine Bluff, Ark., business men will go to Washington to urge an appropriation from congress for improving the Arkansas river.

A \$10,000 monument, erected by the school children of New Orleans to the memory of John McDonogh, a philanthropist, was dedicated in the Crescent city.

### Brooke in Command.

Havana, Jan. 2.—After the ceremonies were over in the palace Gens. Brooke and Chaffee, with others, stepped upon the balcony and looked down upon the plaza. A big American flag over the arsenal was in full view and further away the stars and stripes could be seen over Cabanas fortress. Meanwhile the officials of Spain were saying farewell to their nation's seat of power in the new world.

Turning to his officers, Gen. Castellano said, with tears in his eyes:

"Gentlemen, I have been in more battles than I have hairs on my head, and my self-possession has never failed me until to-day. Adieu, gentlemen, adieu."

Then, with arms upraised, he moved away.

Gen. Brooke held a reception in the palace, attended by thousands of Cubans. Cuban generals were introduced and Gen. Brooke told them he expected their assistance. Gen. Laeete assured them this would be done.

The parade of United States troops was a grand one. Many houses were decorated. The stars and stripes were run up at Morro Castle and Cabanas and Spanish troops marched out.

As Capt. Gen. Castellanos was escorted to the wharf by Gens. Clous and Chaffee the band played the Spanish Royal march.

Gen. Castellanos thanked Gen. Clous and as he stepped into his launch wept. Crowds of Spaniards, men and women, all dressed in black, sat on the wall and silently watched the fleet pass out. There was not a shout, not a handkerchief was waved. Men and women wept together. The Spanish squadron, which sailed to rendezvous at Martinique, consisted of the Rapido, with Admiral Manterola on board; Galacia, Marquis de Molinas, Vincente Yanez Inzon, Marquis de Ensenada, Vasco Nunez and Patriota, the last towing the transport Filipinos.

Gen. Wade received the following:

I congratulate the commission upon the successful termination of its mission and the peaceful occupation of Cuba by the United States.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

### Mexican Ambassador Dead.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senor Don Matias Romero, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, died at the embassy here at 4:10 o'clock yesterday morning. On Wednesday last an operation for appendicitis was performed upon the ambassador, and although the operation was entirely successful the resulting shock proved greater than he could bear. Up to 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning, however, it was thought that he was in a fair way to recover, but at that time a high fever set in and he sank rapidly until his death. About his bedside were his sister, Mrs. Garcia, and his aunt, the secretaries, and other attaches of the embassy, his physicians and ex-Secretary and Mrs. John W. Foster.

The death of Mrs. Romero, which occurred some months ago, was a great shock to the ambassador and on his return from Mexico, whither he had taken her remains for interment, his friends remarked that he was greatly broken and showed unmistakable signs of failing health. While in Mexico at the time Mr. Romero was stricken with fever, and although he was soon able to return to the United States he never fully regained his health.

At the special request of the president and other high officials of the Mexican government, they were kept constantly advised of Senor Romero's condition and immediately upon his death yesterday morning telegrams announcing that fact were sent.

Senor Romero probably was the best known member of the diplomatic corps in Washington and was for some time its dean. When Great Britain raised her mission to an embassy the added rank placed Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, at the head of the corps, though a junior in years of service to Senor Romero, who was raised only recently from the rank of minister to that of ambassador, Mexico taking advantage of an act of congress providing that the president should have power to raise our foreign ministers to the rank of ambassadors whenever a foreign government should raise the rank of its accredited representative.

Great Britain, Italy, Germany, France and Russia set the example, which Mexico followed in order to honor the diplomat who had represented her so ably at Washington for more than twenty years in all, and had served her faithfully and well in other capacities at home.

### Troops Sail.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 31.—Nearly 3000 United States troops sailed from Charleston to Cuba yesterday. The transports Minewaska and Manitoba went out on the morning tide and the Ward line steamer Saratoga went to sea later in the day. On the first named ship there were Gen. Bates, his headquarters staff, the brigade hospital and the sixth regiment of Ohio volunteers, bound for Cienfuegos; the Manitoba carried Gen. Sanger, his headquarters staff and the twelfth regiment of New York volunteers, while the Saratoga carried 450 men of the first regular infantry. In addition to the troops each vessel carried an immense quantity of supplies, provisions, baggage, lumber, etc. The Saratoga goes to Havana, while the Manitoba takes Gen. Sanger and his staff to Matanzas, of which city and district he will have military charge.

### Miss Mills Marries.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The marriage of Miss Frances Mills to Lieut. George Richards, United States marine corps, at the Covenant church, was a brilliant military event. The bride was escorted by her father, Senator Mills, and attended by Miss Beulah Parsons as maid of honor. Lieut. Rufus H. Lane, of the marine corps, was best man. Rev. Dr. Ennis, of New York city, an intimate friend of the bride's family, officiated with Rev. Dr. Hamlin. Only the bridal party and relatives attended the reception which followed the ceremony at Senator Mills' home on S street. The couple are taking an out-of-town trip and will be this winter at the navy yard.

### Shafter-Sampson Squabble.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Shafter is incensed over Admiral Sampson's statement respecting operations at Santiago. He has reported to Secretary Alger, but the report is couched in such strong terms that Secretary Alger withholds it. Shafter claims Sampson failed to carry out the plans made at the conference.

The London Saturday Review says the United States is a world power.

### Cuban Manifesto.

The Cuban delegation to the United States has just prepared and sent to Cuba an elaborate appeal in circulation form to be widely distributed to all natives to remember that they fought for independence and not for annexation.

The manifesto reviews the struggle to throw off Spain's tyranny and recounts the glories of the victory and refers to the action of congress in declaring that a stable government shall be established.

"If annexation were to be desired it would be better to have it brought about now than later and for that reason it is desired that the question should be settled finally at the present time. Yet it is sufficiently known that the Cubans made war and fought for independence, not for annexation and that all the precious blood that has been shed and all the hardships endured and all the suffering were to gain independence and nothing short of that.

"It is ridiculous to try to answer the accusations that the Cuban people are indolent, that they are uneducated, unfaithful and unable to govern themselves. Their industry, labor and energy have made Cuba in many respects one of the most productive countries of the world.

"Their duty now is to stand by the lone star banner which signifies independence and liberty, the greatest blessing of heaven.

"Remember that Cuba has not fought and endured for a change of masters, but that her people may be their own masters.

"We are none the less grateful to the people of the United States for their aid and support and in doing what they have done to free Cuba from Spain they have but repaid the great debt which they owed to humanity, justice and the right for aid they received from Lafayette and France during their war for independence."

### Filipinos' Reply.

Hong Kong, Dec. 31.—The Filipino junta here has replied to the report of Commissioner Harden, who was sent to the Philippines by the government of the United States to report on the conditions there prevailing, as follows:

"We deny that Aguinaldo will be satisfied if made a general in command of five native regiments and that if this is done the national army could be disbanded and disbanded."

"We repeat our appeal for an impartial inquiry by an able commissioner and implore the American people to refrain from a hasty decision.

"The Filipino government views with alarm Commissioner Harden's proposal to impose in American a high protective tariff against Philippine products.

"Hollo surrendered to the national army, which is the completion of the occupation of the island of Panay. There is no truth in the reported establishment of an opposing republic in the Viscayas. All the officials in the Viscayas hold Aguinaldo's commission.

"The Filipinos are yearning for a peaceful settlement of all questions. To their brothers across the sea the Filipinos send greeting and earnest prayer that with the New Year will come a day when a new era of peace, prosperity and good fellowship with the free and beneficent people of the United States. Though but an infant among nations, yet are we strong if assured of the good will of the great American nation."

### Decided to Yield.

Havana, Dec. 31.—The Cuban patriotic committee, consisting of 150 leading Cubans, lawyers, doctors and business men, at a meeting which lasted until 4 o'clock yesterday morning decided to yield without reservation to the wishes of Gen. Brooke and Gen. Ludlow in the matter of postponing the six days' celebration and has approved a manifesto to the Cuban population of Havana on the lines of Gen. Ludlow's reply on the subject of the proposed celebrations, quoting some portions of it and paraphrasing others.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 31.—The destruction of the Sulphur Lumber company's mills at Sulphur station was the heaviest loss that has been noted in the lumber circles of this section for years. The institution had just undergone elaborate renovations and had an equipment that was worth \$50,000. The total loss in machinery and appurtenances is listed at \$65,000 with an additional loss of \$2,000,000 feet of dressed lumber.

#### Robbins Sworn In.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—Hon. J. W. Robbins became treasurer of the state of Texas Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at which hour he was sworn into office by Judge R. E. Brooks of the district court here. His bond of \$75,000 was approved by the governor earlier in the day. The formal induction into office of Mr. Robbins was witnessed by the outgoing treasurer W. E. Wortham, and a few clerks of the department.

Treasurer Robbins' new force of clerks have already arrived and will enter upon their duties immediately. Mr. Robbins has retained the following clerks, who served under Mr. Wortham: J. R. Brown, H. L. Haynes, R. C. Lomax, A. I. Kirksey and J. T. Wortham.

Mr. Wortham retires from the treasury department after twenty-five years' continued service, the last eight years as treasurer. He is now cashier of the First National bank of this city.

#### Text Book Board.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 2.—The state text-book board met Saturday and formulated a report, as required by the following section of the text-book law: "The board shall prepare and submit to the governor before the twenty-sixth legislature shall convene, a report, wherein it shall discuss the feasibility of state publication of common school text books, and submit estimates of the probable cost to the state of such publication."

The board agreed to report to the governor that it does not at the present time see the feasibility of state publication, as the present contracts have not been given a proper test, and the state publication is reported to be a failure.

#### Charters Filed.

The following charters were filed in the secretary of state's office at Austin:

**Independent Society of Charity, Love and Harmony of America,** principal office in Paris, Tex., no capital stock. Purpose, benevolence and charity. Incorporators, Wm. Davis, W. D. Scott, Ben. Green and Lee Green.

**Hico oil mill of Fort Worth,** capital stock \$50,000. Purpose, the construction, erection, maintenance and operation of cottonseed oil mill. Incorporators, Winfield Scott, Robert McCart, E. R. Harrold and others.

**The Patriots of Yoakum,** no capital stock. Purpose, the support of a library for the use of its members and for social and literary pursuits. Incorporators, A. G. Steere, A. W. Turner, George T. Southwell and others.

#### Dr. Carroll Resigns.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 2.—At the close of one of the ablest sermons of his life yesterday morning Dr. B. H. Carroll tendered his resignation of the pastorate of the First Baptist church. It was a great surprise to nearly all the members of the congregation. The First Baptist church of Waco is one of the first of the denomination to be organized in Texas. It has grown under Dr. Carroll's preaching during a long course of years to be a powerful and influential body. The congregation met yesterday afternoon and accepted the resignation. A committee of fifteen was appointed with Dr. Carroll as chairman to select a new pastor, thus giving the retiring pastor the leading voice in the naming of his own successor. The doctor says after so long service he desires to withdraw from the active ministry.

#### Reed Will Attend.

The death of Senor Romero, the Mexican minister to Washington, will prevent the attendance of President Diaz and also President McKinley upon the inauguration ceremonies of Governor Joseph D. Sayers.

Although the two above-mentioned persons can not attend, Speaker Tom Reed and several other prominent members of congress have promised Maj. Sayers that they will be present at his inauguration.

#### Store Burns.

Celeste, Tex., Jan. 2.—T. P. Debenport's store burned yesterday morning about 2 o'clock at Lane, five miles west of here. The building was owned by J. P. Pierce, the postmaster. T. P. Debenport lost goods valued at \$3000; insured for \$1500. J. P. Pierce's loss on building \$350. Mr. Pierce was insured for \$200. The postoffice was in the building. Everything was burned and the building was falling in when the fire was first discovered. Origin of fire not known.

John A. Grogan, postmaster at Quitman, died from the effects of a burn he received.

#### Fifty-Third Anniversary.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 31.—The fifty-third anniversary of the admission of Texas into the Union was celebrated with music, oratory and recitations. The speakers were: O. L. Stribling, T. A. Blair, J. W. Davis, O. H. Cross, Pat Neff, Dr. Suhler, Mrs. Work, department president of the Woman's Relief corps; Dr. Wiess, Dr. Page and others. The speeches were short. The tributes to the dead governors interred at Oakwood cemetery, Coke and Ross, were very eloquent.

The celebration brought out historical incidents overlooked by most students of Texas history. The attitude of pro-Spanish settlers in Texas during the struggle was described by sons of colonists who possess invaluable records of the epoch in which Texas was being transferred from Mexico to the United States. There were citizens of sterling worth and purest patriotism who believed the best plan for Texas was to become again a dominion of Spain. A Spanish lady wrote to Gen. Houston on the subject, but got no encouragement. During the heat of the opposition in which Henry Clay led, France and England sent agents to the capital of the Texas republic offering patents of nobility to the Texas leaders, grants, land and armies to defend the frontiers, all of which offers the patriots rejected.

#### Sent for Scurry.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 31.—The announcement from Washington that Maj. Thomas Scurry of the first Texas volunteer infantry, now at Havana, has been ordered to report to the war department for special duty, was read here with much interest. Maj. Scurry, as is well known, was appointed adjutant general of Texas by Governor-elect Sayers, and it is reported that his resignation as major in the volunteer army was recently forwarded to the war department with a request that it take effect Jan. 15. The object of calling him to Washington for assignment to special duty is not understood here, but it is believed by some that it means that he is to be transferred to the regular army. It is said that the major has long had that ambition, and in the event of its realization, he will not, of course, become adjutant general of Texas.

#### Bankruptcy Petition.

The New Year's Ladies' Home Journal gives assurance of a purpose to make that magazine more useful and helpful, and stronger in its literary and artistic features, during 1899 than ever before. It contains a number of practical articles, besides a score of features of lighter interest, and opens with a full page drawing by W. L. Taylor, illustrating Longfellow's Village Blacksmith. Early Colonial social life is mirrored in "The Most Aristocratic Social Event in America"—the annual ball of the Philadelphia "Assembly," an article that will be read with unusual interest.

#### Prairie Fires.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 31.—Late information confirms the report of an epidemic of diphtheria at Shelby. About twenty cases have been treated up to this time and six deaths occurred, three of these in one day. The disease is of a most malignant type. There is nothing like a panic in this city, but many citizens think all communication for the present at least between that stricken little village and Brenham should be prohibited, and the city council will probably be asked to use all necessary precautionary measures.

#### Sawmills Destroyed.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 31.—W. S. McBee, a grocery merchant of Sherman, filed a petition for bankruptcy in the office of the clerk of the United States court here. The leading creditors named are Dallas Mortgage company of Dallas, \$1140; C. M. Davis of Denison, \$800; Patty-Joiner-Eubank company, Sherman \$1022; C. C. Franks, Sherman, \$400; Diamond Mill company, Sherman, \$547.50, and there are also a number of smaller creditors. The property in the hands of Mr. McBee is scheduled at about \$5000.

#### Heavy Loss.

Cedar Bayou, Tex., Dec. 31.—For the last few days the prairie has been on fire constantly. It is estimated that nearly 100 square miles have been burned off. Very little range remains for cattle, and if the winter becomes severe many of them will die. A good many fences have been burned, also barns and outhouses. Mr. Andy Smith's barn, containing his corn and cotton crop, was consumed by the flames, and proved a total loss. Men, women and children have been out fighting fires.

#### Heavy Robbery.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 30.—The Wells-Fargo Express company is out a package containing, admittedly, \$60,000 and the driver of its local money wagon has been missing since 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The money was sent to the city by the Southern Pacific Railway company from Houston, Tex. for its paymaster to use in meeting the pay roll from here to the west as far as El Paso.

The pay car, in charge of Paymaster Patrick J. Tudor, arrived in the city from the east Wednesday afternoon and met the roll here with money it brought. It was to receive the money stated and proceed west this morning.

At 1 o'clock that afternoon it was turned over to the money wagon driver, Charles A. Beeler, for transmission to the Southern Pacific depot. Beeler started in the direction of the depot, for he was seen to turn a corner driving along in that direction about two minutes after getting the money. About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon an old colored man drove the wagon up to the local office, stating that while hunting he had found it with the horse badly driven and abused and almost lifeless tethered in a thicket five miles west of the city.

A telephone message was at once sent to Paymaster Tudor, who answered back that no delivery had been made.

The officers were at once quietly notified. No trace of Beeler or the money has been found.

The place where the horse was found by the old man is within half a mile of the Southern Pacific tracks, along the route westward from this city.

While rumor has it that the loss is far greater than the figure given the Wells-Fargo officials say that \$60,000 was the sum received and now missing.

Beeler was practically raised in west Texas, and had been with the company's local office here for nine years past, and since Aug. 29 was driver of the money delivery wagon. He enjoyed the absolute confidence of his employers, and during all the years of his service little in the way of fault had been found with him in any way. He has a wife and child who occupy a humble cottage in the eastern portion of the city.

A warrant was sworn out charging Charles A. Beeler with embezzlement. The express company has offered a reward of \$5000 for the recovery of the money and the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who secured it. The company also offers 10 per cent of any part of the money recovered.

#### Marlin Fire.

Marlin, Tex., Dec. 30.—The old Wrenn hotel, a photograph gallery and two two-story brick buildings on the southeast corner of the square were destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock yesterday morning and another two-story brick badly damaged. Loss estimated on buildings and contents about \$10,400. The hotel building and gallery belonged to W. T. Fannin. Loss \$1500, not insured. The hotel was occupied by R. E. Bland, whose loss on furniture was \$800, insured for \$500. Wade Bros. occupied the photograph gallery and had their fixtures insured for \$250; a total loss. The corner brick belonged to Mrs. S. S. Ward, loss \$2000, insured for \$1500. The Ball office was damaged.

#### Shot Himself.

Palmer, Tex., Dec. 30.—News reached this city that A. J. Maris of Clemma, Tex. three miles north of here, committed suicide at an early hour by shooting himself with a revolver. Justice of the Peace A. J. Sanders of this city was called by telephone to hold an inquest and rendered a verdict in accordance with the above. Deceased was a single man, and for some time has not been apparently in his right mind.

#### Gave Bond.

Aspermont, Tex., Dec. 30.—Dug Harrow, who was indicted in October, 1896, charged with the killing of W. H. Clinton of this county on July 4, 1896, came in and surrendered to Sheriff Gardner and had a habeas corpus hearing before District Judge P. D. Sanders, and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$6000, which he readily furnished and was liberated.

#### Purchased Fire Engine.

Honey Grove, Tex., Dec. 30.—The city council has purchased of the American Fire Engine company of New York a No. 3 Silsby steam fire engine, 700 gallons capacity, 1000 feet of hose and forty-five feet of hook and ladder truck.

#### PASTURE AND FARM.

A regular down-pour rain visited the panhandle on the 23d ult., followed by heavy snow.

Farmers around Blue Grove, near Henrietta, rounded up and killed 300 jack rabbits in one day.

J. S. Eliff and N. Blunzer lost 100 head of cattle on the salt flat near Nuecestown, Nueces county.

According to the latest reports Oklahoma now contains 775,851 cattle, 203,975 horses, 38,887 mules, 257,740 hogs and 56,863 sheep.

A Dallas man has a lemon tree that has borne this season six lemons of average size and quality compared with those imported.

The report of the Illinois live stock commission states that tuberculosis is widespread in Illinois, and recommends an appropriation to stamp it out.

A farmer took to Waxahachie a collection of Ben Davis and Shockley apples. They were pulled from the trees, near that city, in October, and were sweet and juicy.

The slow soaking rain around Bandera, following the snows put a fine moisture in the ground, and greatly encouraged the farmers with their grain crops.

Stock on the range in Chambers county is in good shape and grass plentiful and so far the loss of stock from the recent cold weather is comparatively nothing. On the range there is about 50,000 head.

George H. Adams of Creston, Col., has thus far this season sold \$58,000 worth of yearling bulls, 158 bull calves, one pure bred bull and one pure bred heifer.

Most of the wheat sown in San Saba county has come up beautifully, and the farmers are feeling in good spirits over the present favorable prospects for a bountiful and profitable yield next summer.

Green Davidson a prominent stockman of San Antonio, is back from a trip to Maverick and Dimmit counties, where he reports range conditions as excellent and stock all doing well.

Messrs. Word & Son of San Antonio are feeding 700 beeves on corn at Hillsboro. They are also feeding 1000 head of hogs. They estimate that they will consume 20,000 bushels of corn.

A Durham milch cow belonging to W. H. Hook, the Santa Fe railway agent at Dougherty, I. T., gave birth to two strong, healthy, well developed female calves. The calves are half Durham and half Jersey, both about the same size and color.

Some of the leading business men of Houston are considering the establishment of a permanent fair at that city. Somewhat of the nature of the recent Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Festival, but conducted upon a more extensive scale is in view.

The Drovers' Journal believes that the advancing prices of grain are forcing many unfinished cattle to market. A Chicago cattleman said that the most feeders ever made was when corn was at 60 cents per bushel.

Ed. English sold to Felix Shaw the ranch and live stock of the former in Dimmitt county, 5300 acres of land, at \$2.25; 3500 head of cattle at \$18, everything counted, and 430 goats at \$1 a head, cash payments for everything.

The abundant moisture put in the ground by the recent snow and subsequent rainfall has made the condition of wheat better than it was at this season last year. There is also an abundant supply of stock water on hand.

The cattle in the Sabine Pass section are in fine condition all excepting the old cows being fat. The range is in good condition. There are about 1000 head of cattle on range; the small number is accounted for by the fact that the market being high the bulk of them have been sold. There are none being fed for market.

The Beaumont Irrigation company has bought pumping machinery that can supply 22,000,000 gallons of water a day. The water will be taken from Pine Island bayou into a large flume, which will carry it five miles out on the prairie, there to be again lifted and delivered upon 15,000 to 20,000 acres of adjoining rice land.

At Chicago some time ago straight Texas steers sold at \$5 per hundred pounds with a demand that was far in excess of the supply. This was indeed gratifying news to the cattle raisers of the Lone Star state, causing buoyant spirits.

Two thousand turkeys were shipped from Lampasas in two days, most of them going to Galveston.

## The Good

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Mrs. Young—Oh, they're not for me. I want something for my poor husband. He comes home night after night hardly able to stand or speak. He says everything goes around him, and he thinks it's indigestion.

#### His Experience.

"Ah," said the Boston spinster, "but you have never known what it is to have loved and lost!"

"I haven't, eh!" replied the man from Chicago. "Well, I guess I came pretty near it the time my first wife's father dropped every cent he had, on the board of trade, just three days before our wedding."

#### Many Large Towns.

Japan with a population of 45,000,000 has 220 towns that have more than 100,000 inhabitants. In 1886 the number of such towns was 117. Osaka has increased from 300,000 to 510,000 inhabitants in ten years. Yokohama from 89,000 to 180,000, Kobe from 80,000 to 185,000. Tokio has now a population of 1,300,000.

#### Needed More Paint.

"I know the pumpkin pie was rather thin as to filling," said the landlady, almost crying, "but I don't think he had any right to say what he did." "What did he say," asked the second table boarder.

"He asked me if I didn't think that the piecrust wouldn't be improved if it had another coat of paint."

#### The Very Man.

"Yes," said the rough old engineer, "it was Jim Forney fast enough. He was running away with that little music hall girl, Tottie Templeton." "By George! Who will break the news to mother?"

"Soggy is the very man. He's been braking for the last twenty years!"

#### The Colon's Cat.

Senor Cristobol, the cat rescued from the Spanish cruiser Cristobol Colon after that vessel had been demolished off Santiago, was exhibited at the Chicago cat show. The cat was presented by the sailors of the Oregon, who rescued it, to Capt. Clark.

#### Chalk Settles.

"They say she takes a milk bath every day," said the rural spectator. "Yes," answered the urban spectator. "With a glass, one can see how the chalk has settled in her."

Clothes frequently savor of the spice of wickedness.

### A LIVING WITNESS.

**Mrs. Hoffman Describes How She Wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for Advice, and Is Now Well**

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The condition described by Mrs. Hoffman will appeal to many women, yet lots of sick women struggle on with their daily tasks disregarding the urgent warnings until overtaken by actual collapse.

The present Mrs. Pinkham's experience in treating female ills is unparalleled, for years she worked side by side with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, and for sometimes past has had sole charge of the correspondence department of her great business, treating by letter as many as a hundred thousand ailing women during a single year.



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If other people did not make so many mistakes we should all be saved a great deal of unnecessary trouble.

In Siam, debtors who are three months in arrears, can be seized by their creditors and made to work out their debt. Should the debtor evade his obligations by running away, his wife or his children may be held in slavery until the debt is paid off.

### NOT ON THE MAP.

How far is it to Paradise?

In faith, I cannot say;

Last eve I saw a lad and lass  
Stroll slowly out that way.

How far is it to Paradise?

No chart the goal reveals;  
It lies not far, for folks I know  
Have gone there on their wheels.  
Chicago Record.

Hon. S. J. Chapman and son, Dick, of Coke County, were in the city this week. The Judge reported things quiet up his way and stock, as far as he had noticed, unharmed by the recent cold spell. —S. A. Press.

### Romantic Marriage.

On last Sunday night at about twelve o'clock Mr. Lee Hamilton and Miss Minnie Buchanan, started to San Angelo to get married. Arriving there they were refused license, and, nothing daunted they drove on to Sherwood, Irion County, and were married there at 2 P. M. on Monday. They were accompanied to San Angelo by the handsome and gallant soldier boy, Dennis Maddox who came back with the news and team Tuesday. These young people have grown up from infancy in our county and are well known to all of us. The RUSTLER voices the sentiment of several hundred people in wishing them much happiness and prosperity. We learn they will visit in San Angelo a week or ten days before their return. There seems to have been no objection from their parents to the young people's marriage.

To Correspondents: If possible we would like to have your communications early in the week so as to get them all in the paper, which we expect to go to press each Thursday afternoon.

### Letter from N. C. Lucas.

ED. RUSTLER:  
Economy gave to seed, so I thought I would write to all my friends and only be out one postage, so you see that's economy.

To all my friends: This leaves me and family well, we are pleasantly situated at Big Springs. I suppose we will remain here till spring, then we will resume our journey to N. M. Then south 60, east, and back to place of starting.

We have had some very cold weather here, a short while back, our dear old Mother Earth was completely enveloped in a lily white robe and for ten or fifteen days we were not permitted to behold her lovely face, but after the lapse of that time, the clouds began to gather and lower, thereby causing the heavens to send sufficient moisture to fade her white robes away, for which man and beast rejoiced to see the change.

We spent a pleasant Xmas, on Xmas Eve, we went to an Xmas tree, eight miles from town, we had not been there but a short while, when to my surprise I received a heavy solicitation to act as Santa Claus. Why is this; flashed through my mind, at once the answer came flitting back through my mind and the problem was closely solved; they had no false face, and would want me if I would only serve. I refused.

Then Christmas day, which again brought us to the school house, where we had the pleasure of witnessing a marriage ceremony, Bro. Adams, officiating; then prayer, song and an able sermon suitable to the occasion; from thence we repaired to the home of the bride's father. Now this brings us to the place, where the climax is capital; now friends you may fancy to self, that you can see your old friend, N. C. making his way to a table, that was trembling underneath so much fine eatables, through sympathy I was inclined to lighten its load.

I will bring this communication to a close by extending to my many friends all the well wishes that a true friend's heart can afford, the RUSTLER force included. Happy New Year to All, and if we never all meet on earth, may we meet in the happy far beyond.

N. C. LUCAS.

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Miss Addie Allen, from Ft. Chadbourne, was in town visiting Mr. G. W. Webb's family this week.

Askansaw can and will sell you groceries cheaper than any house in San Angelo, "and that's no lie" either.

## President McKinley's Advice To Students.

Integrity and industry are the best possessions which any man can have, and every man can have them. Nobody can give them or take them from him. He can not acquire them by inheritance; he cannot buy them or beg them or borrow them. They belong to the individual, and are his unquestioned property. He alone can part with them. They are his to keep. They make happy homes. They achieve success in every walk of life; they have won the greatest triumphs for mankind. No man who has them ever gets into the police court, or before the grand jury, or in the work house or in the chain gang. They give one moral and material power. They will bring you a comfortable living, make you a respected yourself and command the respect of your fellows. They are indispensable to success. They are invincible. The merchant requires the clerk whom he employs to have them. The railroad corporation inquires whether the man seeking employment possesses them. Every avenue of human endeavor welcomes them. They are the only keys to open the door of opportunity to a struggling manhood. Employment waits on them, capital requires them; citizenship is not good without them. If you do not already have them, get them.

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### All Ex-Confederates.

In Coke County are invited to meet with the Richard Coke Camp U. C. V. No. 699, on the third Saturday in January, same being the 21st of the month, at Court House in Robert Lee.

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Judge Perryman is somewhat an Antiquarian. He has a copy of the first number of the Coke County Democrat, the first paper ever published in this County. He also keeps as a relic, a copy of the third issue of The Runnels County Record, the first paper ever published in Runnels County.

Edd Hennessy from Bronte, was in Wednesday.

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## LOCAL CHIPS.

J. R. Patterson was out locating some real estate a day or two this week.

School books at Mrs. Ingram's J. D. Hallmark, a pleasant gentleman who lives near Edith, was in the County Seat Tuesday on business.

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

Mr. E. C. Good was in the city last Tuesday.

Ralph Harris and Will Veck, both from San Angelo, were in town last Tuesday.

When in Ballinger, top at the O. K. wagon yard.

"Shag" McCollock returned from Seurry County the other day.

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

Sheriff Murry sold under deed of trust, a small house and lot for \$100.00, and a wagon for \$26.00 last Tuesday.

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

Henry Radde, who lives near the line of Sterling County on the divide, was in last Tuesday, and had his date moved forward into 1900.

Feed at Lowest Cash prices at D. L. BUCHANAN.

J. D. O'Daniel Sr., a good citizen of the Bronte neighborhood, was attending to business, in the Capital of Coke, Tuesday.

The devotees of the "Terpsichorean" muse enjoyed themselves at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Don Green, last Thursday night all report a splendid good time.

Mr. Robt. L. Hayley, from Indian Creek, paid the RUSTLER a very pleasant business visit on the last day of the old year.

The O. K. Wagon Yard at Ballinger is close in and solicits the Coke County patronage.

The young people enjoyed a pleasant social and conversation party, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hughes, last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomason are visiting relatives and friends here for a few days. They live in San Angelo.

### A Narrow Escape.

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.

B. A. Boykin, was in Monday.

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

A dance at Mr. R. T. Chaney's home in the northern part of town last Saturday night, was enjoyed by a number of our young people.

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

Notice the new advertisement of Mr. Tom Cross, a new black smith, who has just established himself in our town.

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

Raus Steward, of Ballinger, is up in Coke looking after his real estate and other interests here.

Not cheap goods, but goods cheap, at the new cash store. D. L. BUCHANAN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parker, from near Olga, Nolan Co., spent some days visiting relatives here and at Hayrick.

I. C. Ross is quite sick at his home in the Walling neighborhood.

Mr. Cross and bride arrived from Travis County, last week, and are living in rooms rented from Dr. Martin. Mr. Cross will soon commence blacksmithing here.

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

Mr. Will Perry has bought the Jno. Nicholas preemption over on Wild Cat, at private terms.

Mr. Will Hamilton spent some days in town having a good time last week. He is foreman on J. T.'s ranch on Boozer Creek.

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

Ebb Dancer, one of the "boys" from San Angelo, is visiting his parents here and having a good time generally.

Mr. Miller Bird, a substantial citizen from near Sanco, was attending to business in town last Monday.

L. B. Murray, our efficient Sheriff, made a flying trip to Austin, latter part of last week.

Mr. Forrest Clark, one of Bronte best boys and the RUSTLER's wide awake correspondent, was in the Capital, last Monday.

### Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

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Mr. J. C. Newton, of Edith, was in town last Monday.

G. W. Payne, from Sanco, an esteemed friend, was in town last Monday.

Gid Graham has purchased the Lowe residence, in North West part of town.

W. B. Green, Deputy Sheriff, is now residing in the residence recently vacated by H. W. Walton.

Read Glimyses of Cripple Creek on our first page.

On New Years Night the young people enjoyed a pleasant time singing anthems, etc. at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Latham.

Patronize the the cash grocery store and wagon yard, run by D. L. BUCHANAN.

Bro. Berryman, Baptist Pastor, preached an interesting sermon at the M. E. Church last Sabbath at eleven. His text was Ephesians, First Chapter and fifth verae. His theme was "Adoption".

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

The RUSTLER has put up Job work for the following named parties during the last few days: Gid Graham, Co. Attorney; J. W. Reed and Co., Merchants; Fred Lewis' Cycle Stable; B. F. Meek and Son, Merchants; Simpson and Hunt, Photographers,

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

Capt. J. P. Hutchinson, a venerable and pleasant gentleman from near Bronte, was in town Monday.

### Moneille Gin Notice.

Will grind corn on Saturday before the Third Sunday in each month.

L. H. McDORMAN.

Joe Webb and Hugh King, of Edith, were both in Robert Lee, the very same day, last Friday.

Eld. R. M. Cumbie, of Bronte, was one of the RUSTLER's esteemed Christmas callers.

### 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.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Starmon, on morning of Dec. 22, a fine boy.

Mr. Dalton Johnson spent the holidays in town, after a lot of hard work on H. E.'s ranch up the river.

### 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.

Mr. Earl Johnson is looking after his father's ranch, up the river, these days.

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The Robert Lee Post Office hours on Sunday's will be from 8 to 9 o'clock each Sunday mornings. Parties desir- their mail, will please act accordingly.

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**Washington, Dec. 30.**—A delegation presented to the president yesterday two petitions, one from the great majority of the organized Protestant Christian churches of the world and the other from the Pan-Presbyterian alliance. The first was signed by the representatives of 145 national and denominational churches existing on all the six continents. Baptists, Congregationalists, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians unite in their approval of the petition. It asks for the reduction of the heavy armaments maintained by Christian nations, "ready upon provocation to go to war and settle their disputes by bloodshed," and also requests the influence of the government of the United States in favor of international arbitration as a substitute for war.

The second petition is from the Pan-American Presbyterian alliance which also united in the first petition and which includes eighty national and denominational churches throughout the world. The second petition asks for a "permanent and peaceful method for the settlement of all controversies arising between the peoples of the British empire and the United States of America."

The delegation in presenting the petition emphasized the fact that both originated in the United States, the first for universal disarmament in the year 1890 with the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, south. The delegation also stated that they were not to be regarded as "the advocates of a policy of peace at any price," or with maintaining the opinion that all war is sinful.

The signers of these petitions represent more than 80,000,000 Christians in all parts of the world, 25,000,000 of whom are Presbyterians.

The president responded cordially to the delegation, saying that he favored arbitration as between Great Britain and America. He also said that he had responded promptly to the czar's proposal for disarmament, but that under present circumstances the armaments of the United States could not be lessened, but would in any event be no less than would satisfy European nations.

**Miller Arrives.**

**Manila, Dec. 30.**—The expedition under Gen. Miller arrived at Iloilo Tuesday and found that the Spaniards had evacuated the place on Saturday. The steamer *Charuca* transferred the Spanish forces to Mindanao.

In accordance with an agreement the rebels entered the city and trenches on Monday at noon. They immediately established a municipal government. Guards were placed over foreign property. Everything is quiet and orderly. There was some looting during the night, but five natives were shot and this had an exemplary effect.

The only foreign ship in the harbor was the British cruiser *Irene*.

A new Filipino cabinet has been formed, the personnel of which is as follows:

- President of the cabinet and minister of foreign affairs—Senor Babini.
- Minister of war—Senor Luna.
- Minister of the interior—Senor Aranteta.
- Minister of agriculture and commerce—Senor Beuncamino.
- Minister of public works—Senor Canon.

**Oppose Pensions.**

**New York, Dec. 30.**—The following resolution, offered by Comrade Beasley, formerly of North Carolina, was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Confederate veteran camp of New York:

Resolved, that the Confederate veteran camp of New York condemns in unmeasured terms the efforts of Senator Butler of North Carolina (who is not a Confederate veteran) to debauch the manhood of the south by seeking to obtain pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers from the United States and any similar effort by any southern member of congress will be abhorrent to the camp and meet with unqualified condemnation.

**Elevator Burns.**

**Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.**—Elevator X, on the Hastings and Dakota division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, at Eleventh avenue, south, burned yesterday. The main elevator with its annex and 290,000 bushels of wheat with its contents, and the loss will be at least \$200,000. The insurance is ample to cover the loss, which will be \$75,000 on the building and \$135,000 on the wheat.

**Canada Concerns.**

**Toronto, Can., Dec. 30.**—The *Toronto World*, which opposes the present Liberal government at Ottawa, has a startling editorial under the heading, "Canada on the Brink," in which it warns the people of this country that times are critical, so far as the maintenance of Canada as a free, independent and integral portion of North America is concerned.

"Unless Canadians," declares the *World*, "are fully alive to the situation and speak out in no uncertain way, they will find themselves between a grasping annexation movement in the United States, having for its end the domination of the whole continent, and a great party in England is prepared to make almost any sacrifices to the United States in consideration of some kind of support of England in her race with Russia, France and other European powers."

The *World* then refers to the recent speech at Macon, Ga., of Maj. Gen. James H. Wilson of Delaware, in which that gentleman expressed the hope that he "would see the day when our starry flag shall float everywhere, from the frozen north to the sunny clime of Central America."

"We believe," the *World* proceeds, "that these words of Gen. Wilson only show too well the opinion of a great number of Americans when once their appetite for expansion is aroused in the direction of the north, and if once they get it into their heads that they only have to go far enough in their great game of bluff, which seems to be their best and their strongest card in diplomacy will force Canada into annexation."

In conclusion the paper says: "We are nearer the absorption than ever we were. Do Canadians realize it?"

**Anti-Breakfast Fad.**

**Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.**—The anti-breakfast fad has gained so many converts in this city during the past few weeks that there is serious talk of organizing a society of the breakfast of abstainers. Those who are practicing what they call the "new health rule" are some of the most intelligent and cultured people of the city, and are confined to no particular class or profession. It is claimed by them that the human system can easily subsist off two meals per day and that many of the stomach derangements are brought about by the habit of taking a heavy breakfast immediately after arising. The fact that the converts to the hobby are all enjoying good health at present seems to be an argument in favor of their belief.

**Resumes Old Command.**

**San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.**—Official notice has been received by Maj. Gen. Merriam that Gen. Shafter is to be again assigned to the command of the department of California. It is expected that Gen. Shafter will take charge about the 10th of next month. Gen. Merriam has not yet been assigned. He may go north again to the department of Columbia. The impression prevails, however, he will go to Denver to command the department of Colorado and the department of California and Columbia will be combined under Shafter.

**Priest as a Pythian.**

**Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.**—Father Walsh, a Catholic priest of this city, has been elected a member of a local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His application for membership was made in the usual manner and being favorably passed upon by the lodge his election followed without question. He admitted that he had been elected a member of the organization with his consent, but said that he had not yet been initiated, and until this latter ceremony had taken place he could not be considered in any sense a member.

The gold shipments from Australia for the year 1898 amounted to £12,520,000. The shipments to America increased by £2,000,000.

Dan A. Stuart says Corbett sprained an ankle in the fight with Sharkey; that he examined the injured limb.

**Sayers Calls on President.**

**Washington, Dec. 30.**—Representative Sayers, governor-elect of Texas, saw the president yesterday to say farewell. Mr. Sayers will leave for Texas in a few days and will be inaugurated governor the 17th of January. There has always been a warm friendship between the president and Gov.-elect Sayers. They served together for years in the house.

Louisville, Ky., is to have a winter race meeting.

**Prickly Lettuce.**

One of our worst weeds is Prickly Lettuce, an illustration of which we publish on this page. On the Pacific Coast the plant is known quite widely as Chinese Lettuce, under the misapprehension that it came from China. It is in reality a native of Europe. It is not known at what date it was brought to America, as it probably obtained a foothold here long before it was noticed by officials competent to determine its character. It seems to have been first observed in Massachusetts in 1868. Thence it made its way quickly westward, being able to spread rapidly on account of having an awned seed that can travel long distances before the wind. It is now spread all over the country. When it gets into the grain fields it sometimes entirely smothers the grain.

This plant grows from one to six feet high, branches laterally, as shown in the cut. The flowers are yellow. The plant has a milky juice and by some has been mistaken for a "milkweed." Its production of seed is very prolific, a single plant having been known to produce over 8,000 seeds. The eradication is very difficult, on account of some characteristics of the plant. It



is so deeply rooted that on fair soil it is almost impossible to pull it up. To cut it off with a mowing machine or even with a scythe is impractical, as the stump sends out new shoots that soon flower and bear seeds. Where land is badly infested it may be used for hoed crops or often for pasturage, especially of sheep. The plants must not in any case be allowed to go to seed.

**A Cheap Ice House.**

No expensive structure is needed for an ice house, though there is an object to have no wasting away, it should be made tighter than where this does not matter so much, says a writer in *Country Gentleman*. Slabs from the saw mill do very nicely for the roof, and the sides may also be of rough boards. Where desired the ice house may be one corner of the woodshed partitioned off, in which ice will keep quite as well as in a more costly structure. Even stacking is often resorted to, by laying down rails for a floor, on which to stack the blocks comparatively. Cover heavily with some material which is non-conducting, such as straw, hay, etc., finishing the top so as to shed rain, bracing the sides with boards and rails to keep covering in position. Care must be taken in getting at the ice, always to open at same place and cover up thoroughly, or some hot day will turn it to water. In putting in the ice no matter where it may be, always surround it with non-conducting material like sawdust.

**Utilizing Bog Lands.**—Covering bogs with a layer of sand or gravel 4 to 6 inches thick has been successfully practiced in Ireland and European countries, but it is doubtful whether this method is generally applicable in the United States. Oats, potatoes and buckwheat have been found to thrive better than wheat or clover on recently reclaimed bogs. The grasses generally have been successfully grown on such soils, and, as already stated, they seem to be well adapted to celery and onions and are extensively used for the growth of these crops. In Europe sugar beets are grown with good results on such soils.—Bulletin 78, Department of Agriculture.

**Too Late Melons.**—Every year, when frost cuts the tender leaves of melons and stops further growth, the cultivator finds a great number of melons unripe, and therefore worthless. For an unripe melon, being mostly water, and having very little substance, isn't worth much as feed for stock and is not, indeed, as good as a green pumpkin of the same weight. Of course all this extra growth of vine and the unripe melons on it is wasted plant food. If concentrated on the melons earlier started, it would make them larger and also make them ripen earlier. With a small amount of trouble both the number and value of ripe melons may be thus increased.—Ex.

**It Was Bleached.**

The lady professor suddenly reached forward and deftly picked a long light hair from her husband's coat.

"Wretch," she cried, "whose is this?"

"One of your own," he answered stoutly.

"We will see," she haughtily observed, and speedily vanished through a door labeled "laboratory." For an hour or more the sound of clinking of tubes and glasses was faintly heard through the heavy partition.

Then the door suddenly opened and the lady professor stood on the threshold.

Her face was blazing. "Villain," she cried, "it was bleached!"

But he had gone.

**Old Servant's Devotion.**

The blind devotion with which an old servant did his duty was frustrated on one occasion when his master had a dinner party. During the dinner Henry was very nervous and made two or three blunders.

His master showed his annoyance and cast angry glances at his servant, but the poor man could not settle quietly to his work.

At last when the dessert had been placed quietly on the table, he stole timidly behind his master's chair and said:

"Please, sir, can you spare me now? My house has been on fire for the last hour and a half!"

**Desired Ejection.**

During the hearing of a case in court the other day a funny answer by the prisoner convulsed the court in laughter.

"Silence in the court!" thundered the magistrate. "The next person who laughs will be instantly ejected."

At this the prisoner burst out laughing.

"Stop that foolish noise!" said the magistrate.

"Well, I do call that hard!" said the prisoner. "You said you would eject the next person who laughed, and I am only waiting to see you carry out your promise."

**Poorly Paid.**

According to a musical person who ought to know, church choirs in New York are poorly paid, if paid at all. The best paid soprano, he says, sings in one of the Fifth avenue churches. She gets \$50 a week. The average annual salary of a first-class soprano in a rich choir is from \$800 to \$1,200; tenors, from \$800 to \$1,200; contraltos, from \$600 to 1,000, and basses from \$400 to \$80. And the man or woman with a voice has to have a pull with the musical committees of the big churches at that.

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

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**What He Got.**

Says the editor of the *Lost Creek* (Col.) *Lyre*: "We were kept at the lodge on business Tuesday night until the howling coyotes announced the coming of day, and in the resultant dispute with our wiser half received the facial blemishes which our dastardly enemies attribute to a less worthy cause. 'War is —!'"

**May Bring Leprosy to this Country.**

Our soldiers in Hawaii may contract leprosy and bring it to this country. While leprosy is to be dreaded, there are a thousand times as many victims to stomach disorders, but there is a cure in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Other ailments that the Bitters are a specific for are malaria, fever and ague. Sold at all drug stores.

Many brides' domestic plans run to canned goods.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1898.

Christmas has gone and so has the average man's money.

**MANITOBA'S CAPACITY.**

**Enough Wheat to Supply Britain All She Requires from Abroad.**

**Toronto, Nov. 10.**—The "World" comments on the report of the United Empire trade league on the capacity of Canada as a granary for Britain. The report refers to Manitoba as follows: Manitoba has an area of forty-seven million acres. Deducing ten million for lakes, rivers, town sites and waste land, 37,000,000 acres are left for farm cultivation or homes for 116,000 families on 320 acres each, and as up to now there are only 27,000 farmers there altogether, that leaves room in one province for 89,008 more wheat growers. Supposing, then, we got them there and each one of them out of his 320 acres grew on an average 100 acres at 20 bushels to the acre; if you figure it up you will find it is quite possible for Manitoba alone to supply us with all the wheat we require from abroad. It is only a question of money and comparatively speaking not money either. The cost of one first-class battleship (about \$750,000) would put 5,000 families onto farms in the Northwest, allowing \$150 to each to find them in implements, seeds, horses, etc., and would keep them until their first crop was harvested. Five thousand farmers, averaging 100 acres of wheat each at 20 bushels to the acre, means an extra 10,000,000 bushels, for if that scheme is not liked Britain would put a duty on foreign wheat. In addition to the wheat lands of Manitoba there are the millions of acres in Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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### Preventing Hog Cholera.

Hog cholera is very prevalent this year in most of the great corn raising states. Every reader of this paper should exercise the greatest care in protecting his hogs from the disease, as preventative measures are much cheaper and more successful than curative ones. Cures for hog cholera are, to say the least, of doubtful value. The farmer may, however, do much to prevent his hogs from getting cholera. In the first place he may keep his yards and runs clean. This will not prevent hog cholera in all cases but it is believed that filthy surroundings make the coming of the disease more certain. The hogs should be kept away from streams that run through other farms, as it has been found that in the main hogs that drink from streams and rivers have the cholera to greater extent than others. The hog cholera germs live in water for a long time and if a stream be exposed to the advent of the germ it proves a fruitful source of contagion.

Wherever possible the herd should be divided into small groups and kept apart. This may cost something both in time and expense, but it is one of the best preventive measures, especially if the groups can be placed on parts of the farm where hogs have not run and that are not near farms that have had cholera. If the disease breaks out, remove the well hogs and not the sick ones. The ground may have been already contaminated. In removing well hogs from an infected pen do not put them into pens with other well hogs, as they may cause the disease to be spread. The drinking water should be carefully watched to see that it is impossible that the germs be carried to the hogs in that way.

Many cures have been recommended, the best of which is probably that advocated by the department of agriculture, which however is not advocated in a very positive manner. It is only the best remedy that presents itself in lieu of a specific. It is as follows: 1 part wood charcoal, 1 part sulphur, 2 parts sodium chloride (common salt), 2 parts sodium bicarbonate, 2 parts sodium hypo-sulphite, 1 part sodium sulphate, 1 part antimony sulphate. These ingredients should be well pulverized and then thoroughly mixed. The dose is one tablespoonful to each 200 weight of hog once a day. It is best fed by mixing with bran, middlings or some other soft food. After having been induced to eat it once, hogs will usually return to it with a relish. It must not be understood that this is a specific, though there are on record many cases where it has apparently cured the disease.

The government is working with a serum in which the officials have much confidence, but we do not know that it can be obtained for use by our readers.

The doctoring of rumpy fowls by the North Carolina Experiment Station in its experiments with poultry diseases seems to have been very successful. This is a line that should be followed, and any results obtained will be sure to be widely published for the good of poultry raisers. We are aware that these experiences do not really prove the efficacy of the medicines used, as there are perhaps a number of diseases called by the one name of rump. It is possible that the disease treated at the station mentioned differs from some other cases of rump that might be cited. The fact that in one case a well bird was kept for weeks with a pen of sick fowls without taking the disease would seem to indicate that in that case the disease was not strongly contagious. We have known rump in such a form that everything seemed to fall before it. Whether this was due to a different germ or to the greater vigor of the same germ we of course cannot determine. Sooner or later the germ or germs will be isolated and we can then know with greater certainty the results of certain methods of treatment.

### A Brooder Dust Bath.

Have you ever wondered, asks an exchange, at the unerring instinct manifested by little chicks almost as soon as they come out of the shell? How quickly they scratch and dig and roll in the soft earth, and how they lark in the sunshine and go through the motions of taking a dust bath—if you but offer them the opportunity. And they will do this just as readily if their mother is a silent box, otherwise a brooder, as if they were running with a hen. But what delights a little chick most is to be constantly on the move, constantly feeding or sleeping. With what exceeding delight they venture out into the big world, their sharp little eyes spying out hundreds of minute insects and grubs. De we take a hint and supply these conditions as far as possible? Or do we dump a lot of food before them to gorge on and coop them up in a little 3x4 pen?

### Peculiar Present.

Many queer gifts come to the minister of a New England country church at the annual donation visit of his parishioners, but the oddest and creepiest thing of the kind was a present to the parson's wife which took the form of an obituary quilt. It was of patchwork, made in large squares, and on every square was a lettering worked in black worsted. In one square appeared the words, "Sacred to the memory of Solomon Tubbs. Died October 7th, 1867." In the next square was inscribed, "In memory of Martha Phillips. Born June 11, 1833. Died January 14th, 1864." On every square was an obituary notice couched in a style similar to the first one, and they covered a time running from 1851 to 1867.

### As to Providence.

A country parson went to see a humble parishioner, and, if possible, to comfort him some little under heavy trouble which had befallen. The pastor found the homely old man in his desolate cottage alone. He said many things, and added that we must try to take all affliction humbly, as appointed to us by Providence. "Yes," said the good old man, who was imperfectly instructed in theology, "that's right enough, that is; but somehow that there old Providence have bin agin me all along, but I reckon as there's One above as'll put a stopper on he if he go too fur."

### To be Congratulated.

He is one of those gushing old beaus who think flattery the key to favor with the gentler sex. The other evening he was at a reception with his wife, and they met the handsome Miss Blank, at whom he had fired a whole battery of compliments. Then turning to his wife he said: "It's a good thing I didn't meet her before I married you, my dear."

### Furnished Information.

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### Etiquette Victim.

"Young Goosey has a dreadful cold." "Hasn't he? But he couldn't help catching it, you know. His Derby hat blew away just as he was entering the theater, and the only hat they could lend him in the box office was a high silker. He couldn't wear that, you know, and so he went home bareheaded." "Why couldn't he wear it?" "Because no gentleman would wear a silk hat with a Tuxedo coat."

## The Ills of Children.

Dr. Hartman offers his advice to parents on the treatment of coughs and colds.

# LEARN

to guard against colds. Nearly all the ill of children begin with taking cold. If your child catches cold don't wait a moment before attacking that cold. To the ignorance or neglect of parents is due the fatal termination of many children's complaints.

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I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 357, meets every Thursday night at hall in Robert Lee. I. J. Good, N. G. H. H. Hayley, Secretary.

**Robert Lee Mail Directory.**

Robert Lee and San Angelo, daily except Sunday. Arrives 5:30 p. m. and depts. 7:30 a. m.

Robert Lee and Ballinger, daily except Sunday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 7 a. m.

Robert Lee via Sanco to Silver, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Arrives 7 p. m. and leaves 6 a. m.

Robert Lee and Ft. Chadbourne, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arrives 6 p. m. and leaves at 7 a. m.

Robert Lee and Tenyson, Tuesday and Saturday, arrives 7 p. m. and leaves at 6 a. m.

Robert Lee and Edith, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arrives at 12:30 p. m. and leaves at 7 a. m.

Robert Lee and Sweetwater, Monday 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 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. O. 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

FIRST SUNDAY—Bronte 11 a. m. & 7:30 p. m.

SECOND SUNDAY—Rock Springs 1 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—Sanco 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's 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. Lackey's appointments: Bronte—Third Sunday and Saturday before, 11 a. m. and night. Valley View—First Sunday at 11 a. m. Tenyson—Fourth Sunday 11 a. m. Saturday night.

**Official Directory.**

**DISTRICT.**

Judge.....J. W. Timmins, Attorney.....D. D. Wallace, Sheriff.....L. B. Murray, Clerk.....J. W. Barnett,

**COUNTY.**

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**COMMISSIONERS.**

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**Sanco Sunshine.**

Latest by wire says Mr. S. Crockett has concluded to move back to Coke having bought out Mr. Wm. Campbell who will proceed to look up another place, though he is not certain of remaining in Coke.

Also, Mr. J. Bullian has returned to Coke and will oversee for Grandpa Keller.

Mr. Lee Green will hold the fort vacated by our general Dept. Sheriff, W. B. Green.

So you see the population is not decreasing, while it is shifting to better condition.

Mr. Wm. Scarborough, the Sanco merchant, speaks of going out of business, we suppose he's tired of doing well and wants to do better, that is about what built up west Texas.

Some plows are running for a new crop, possibly to make 4 cent cotton at a loss better do nothing at no cents, and take a good long rest to recuperate.

School is progressing nicely with fair attendance.

We hope for fine weather during the meeting of the Teachers at Sanco soon.

**Valuable Information!**

For young and old.

I have solved the rebus that has caused so much confusion in our little burg. As some may not understand, I mean in regard to the marriages that have taken place in the last few weeks.

It was all caused by drinking from Mr. J. J. Vestal's well near his shop. It is certainly strange but nevertheless true, that this well possesses some magical power which has a strange effect on the young people of our town. You may wonder how I come to find this out. Well, I will tell you then you will be convinced. There has been so many weddings and all of them in such hurry that my curiosity had become aroused so I ask Emmitt and Lee and several other boys that caught the disease what they had been taking lately and they could think of nothing, only they had been drinking from Mr. Vestal's well. So I went down to get me a drink and found Larkin Hayley, Henry Fry, Lee Powel and several other boys there drinking, you may look out for some more news. I don't think the water has any effect on old folks for Mr. Vestal informed me that he had been drinking for two weeks, already and sees no show for a runaway yet.

Respect.  
ME.

Send the RUSTLER to your relatives or friends who live beyond the portals of Coke. One dollar a year is cheaper than writing a letter every week.

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little jokes told on him before he made his discovery of this mine it is said his wife quit him and sued for a divorce on the ground that he could not support her, his daughter was forced to work out while Stratton begged his daily bread and kept on prospecting and today he is said to be worth forty million dollars, his wife came back very lovingly he give her \$50000 and told her to go.

We will next take the Florence and Cripple Cr. R. R. for the thwn of Cripple Creek, 5 miles, trains sun every hour on three roads and are crowded going and coming. We pass through Eclipse Elkton and Anaconda, each a busy mining camp, where caowds of miners rush on and off the trains with lunch basket and candle in hand as it is shift time at the mines.

Cripple Creek! the brakeman shouts as our little narrow gage train sweeps around the crazy point of gold hill honeycombed with its many miners and were in Cripple Creek a city of 20000 and twice that many half souls—the hub of the mining camp.

Cripple Creek has some very fine stores and shops, as well as beautiful mansions and swell hotels. There are also some large reduction works and ore samplers located here.

We will next visit Altman, it is a little mining town, situated on the top of Bull-Hill, at an altitude of 11,147 feet above the sea level which is the highest incorporated town in the world. From here we can look to the North, and see grand old Pike's Peak, all white with snow, and by looking closely can be seen the famous Cog Wheel Rail Road as it winds its way around the craggy points, until at last it rises above the timber line to the supreme summit, 14,147 ft above sea level.

Looking to the West for miles and miles can be seen hills rising above hills until far into the back ground, rising above them all, can be seen the ever snow-white Sangu de Christo range, the continental divide.

It is growing late and we hasten down the hillside and take a ride over the only mountain electric road in the world.

The Sun has sank beneath the horizon, and it is dark as our car climbs down the hill, often we can look thousands of above and below and see thousands of electric lights twinkling like myriads little stars, and listen to the hum of machinery on every side, and the clicking of the pick and shovel of many a miner, as he busily searches for the royal metal; some making their thousands, others spending their all.

We are at Victor again, tired and sleepy and are soon on our beds of slumber having golden dreams of Cripple Creek mingled with visions of home sweet home in the sunny south land.

Success to the RUSTLER and its many readers,

C. W. Scarborough,

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

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