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Sanco Sunshine.

As the day approaches for the meeting of Teachers Institute at Sanco, interest increases and hope greater, for fair weather and an interesting gathering of all who may come. The little RUSTLER man (who should travel a little for his health, make acquaintance gather news and see the prosperous city of Sanco) should be on hand, if for any reason he should not come, he will never find out how much he has missed in enjoyment.

Farming operations are becoming more active, not all the land will go uncultivated this year, even now some farms don't look like they belonged to poor widows. Much expectation of fair crops are had by the farmers.

Several Sancotes are gone to San Angelo for supplies.

Health good; prospects pleasing; nothing very interesting in the papers of our city; no late news by telephone or telegraph.

SANCO.

Remarkable Rescues.

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 Ed M. Mobley's Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

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Ft. Chaabourne Notes.

Regular Correspondent.

Since my last there has been some change in our neighborhood.

George Williamson left last Friday with his family for Searry County, I hope the good brother will prosper and do well in the County to which he goes.

Mr. Jack Montieth went with Mr. Williamson.

Tad Richards took his cattle near Midland.

Mr. H. P. Faucher has sold his land to a Mr. Price; Faucher will stay where he is until May, he gives Mr. Price possession of the field now; but keeps the house till May. Mr. Faucher talks of going to Fisher County.

A Mr. Weaver has moved to the Grimes place, on Oak Creek, north of Ft. Chaabourne.

McGerry goes to the Williamson place, so you see we don't lose any by the change.

Messrs. Will and Tom Richards took 176 head of steer yearlings to Nolan County for pasture. Mr. Will Richard's people look to be very lonely since the death of Mrs. Richard.

I see a good many of our people are taking advantage of the condition of Mother Earth and turning her over, I guess they think the other side of her needs to take a peep at the sun; yes our own Prof. Thomas thinks the earth is wrong side up and he had a fellow to start to plow this morning to right the wrong, I am afraid the Prof. will monopolize farming.

Our accommodating merchant, Mason Billingslea and son came in Saturday with a new lot of goods, they seem to be doing a good business.

Mr. Editor, our country is not on a boom, but is gradually moving to the front, our people are becoming more enterprising and are taking more interest in their country's welfare.

Hoping that the RUSTLER may find its way into every household in Coke County and by its sterling influence awake every man to a sense of his duty, in helping to bring our county to the front I am, with much interest,

UNCLE TOM.

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

Coke County is now and has been for two years running on a cash basis and paying running expenses, thereby saving the county about half of what the expense would be on a credit basis.

Not cheap goods, but goods cheap, at the new cash store.

D. L. BUCHANAN.

Meneille Gin Notice.

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

L. H. McDORMAN

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

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

Edith Etchings.

Regular Correspondent.

I failed to get my letter off last week, I live several miles from the P. O. so I may not write every week.

We are having some pretty weather and stock are doing fine, the weeds and grass are growing fast. I think we will have an early spring.

Messrs. George Arnett and Noah Bell went to San Angelo last week, to buy corn.

Miss Lula Newton is very sick with the pneumonia, I hope she will soon be better.

The young people enjoyed a social at Mr. Peas last Friday night.

We had preaching at Pecan on New Years Day, Brother Denton being absent, Brother Reed filled his place.

Mr. and Mrs. McBurnett was down from Nolan County, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reed.

I will close with Success to the RUSTLER.

AUNT SALLIE.

Occasional Correspondent.

Seeing no letter from Aunt Sallie last week, I thought I would give you the news.

It looks like we might have snow again.

Miss Lula Newton was real sick Saturday and Sunday but is better this morning.

There was a candy breaking at Mr. G. W. Peays Friday night, had a big crowd and all report a nice time.

J. R. Arnett has sold his cattle to Fred McKinsey or Mitchell Co. consideration not known.

H. E. Johnson, Deputy Clerk, made two trips to his ranch this week.

Thomas Webb went to San Angelo on business last week.

J. C. Arnett and family have returned from Big Springs, where they spent the holidays, and report a nice time.

Bill Jones.

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.

Honor Roll.

The following is the list of pupils of the Robert Lee Public School, higher grades, that averaged 95 per cent in recitations, 98 per cent in deportment, and 100 per cent in attendance, for last week, Jan. 2nd to 5th inclusive:

May Stewart, Pearl Hamilton, Roxy Ingram, Georgia Davis, Ina Barfield, Cornelia Montgomery, Ellen Gardner, Scottie Ingram, Lillie Trammel, Lydia Roe, Ollie Finch, Etella Reamer, Jim Barron, Braxton Toliver, Neely Gardner, Terrell Trammel, Dalton Johnson, French Ingram, Jack Couch.

O. W. Gardner,
 Prin.

We want a correspondent at Tennyson. Postage furnished, besides 52 copies a year of a moral paper, called The RUSTLER.

Coke County Hustler.

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ROBERT LEE, : : : TEXAS.

The son-in-law is often the child of sorrow.

The finger of destiny is undoubtedly on the hand of fate.

There is no earthly love so true and inexpensive as a mother's love.

A close student of human nature never lends money to his friends.

The moth is not a society favorite even if it does frequently appear in a dress suit.

The slip 'twixt the cup and the lip doesn't prevent the mustache from getting into the soup.

Milton and Homer were both blind. This is conclusive evidence that our of sight isn't always out of mind.

Some warm protests may be expected from our prohibition friends against the scheme to make Dewey a "full" admiral.

Though a woman be as much chased as ice in mint julep days, and as pure as baking powder, yet shall she not escape calumny.

If a crazy man should throw bricks through the windows of the German legation at Peking, as actually happened to the British ambassador's residence in Washington, each brick would cost China a province.

A prominent politician, having been defeated in the late election, was asked if he would now retire from politics. "No," he replied, "I have too many friends to reward to go out yet." In that reply was the whole philosophy of misgovernment. The man who is in politics for the sake of rewarding his friends is the very man who should forever be debarred from the public service.

The United States is generous and not disposed to harbor grudges when the offending party is ready to admit a mistake and shows a disposition toward better behavior in the future. Germany now professes friendship. If it manifests that friendship by a more just and generous spirit in its trade relations with us the spitefulness of the Germans in uniform in the far east will be overlooked, especially as no harm was really done by it.

Hobson has already done enough to warrant—nay! to urge—the navy department in any effectual means for his suppression. Enough to say that the whole country is nauseated and exasperated, and that Hobson's retirement from public observation will be the most popular thing the authorities could possibly contrive. He bores the American people. Everybody, in and out of the service, would be glad to forget him for the next few years.

Berlin dispatches announce that, according to all reports from the Rhine district, the vintage this year is most unsatisfactory, both as to quantity and quality. So small has been the yield of grapes and so sour that many vintners have not thought it worth the trouble to press their grapes, while many more have not so much as harvested the crop. Reports from the Moselle, Saar and Main districts are equally unfavorable. Wurtemberg alone reporting a fair vintage.

A twentieth century thank-offering of twenty million dollars—one-half to be devoted to the educational, the other half to the charitable, enterprises of the church—has been invited by the Methodist Episcopal bishops. They ask that it be subscribed and paid during the three years beginning the 1st of January, and have named a commission of clergymen and laymen to carry the plan into effect. It is a vast amount that is demanded, vast enough to test the faith and courage of even this great and generous denomination; but ours is not a "day of small things" in Christian benevolence, and there should be inspiration in the thought of the great things that twenty million dollars will do.

William Onion is the rather rank name of a man who has been brought before the London police courts one thousand times on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. In every city there are men—and occasionally a woman—who thus go back and forth between the saloon and the office of the police magistrate. On this side of the water we are gradually learning to place under guardianship and medical treatment those helpless slaves of appetite who cry out, with poor Roger:
My poor stomach's past reform;
And there are times when, mad with thinking,
I'd give up heaven for something warm.
To stop this horrible inward sinking.

EXTRA SESSION NOT WANTED.

The Administration is Exceedingly Anxious That Congress Will Expedite Business and Obviate Same.

Not Wanted.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The administration is fighting hard to prevent necessity for an extra session of the fifty-sixth congress. President McKinley wants no "summer school" of fledgling statesmen to talk currency reform and dip into the questions of foreign policy raised by the acquisition of new territory. It is his plan to hold all these matters in abeyance ten months longer, when the military government in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines can be superseded by civil governments framed by congress.

This programme may fall through the inability of congress to clear its calendar of the bills which must be passed before the end of the session or enacted at a special session called in March.

The house is well up with this work, but the senate is so far behind that each day adds to the probability of an extra session. Only seven weeks more remain and in that time it seems impossible for the senate to pass all the imperative matters.

Scheduled in the order of its importance this is what the senate must accomplish if there is to be no extra session.

1. It must ratify the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States, discussion of which will not begin before next Wednesday.

2. Ten big appropriation bills, six of which have not yet passed the house, must be enacted. The failure of any one of those would compel an extra session because they provide for the maintenance of governmental machinery.

3. The bill granting a territorial form of government to Hawaii must be passed because delay until next December would create inextricable confusion. The measure has not yet passed the house and a long debate is likely over the proposed property qualifications for suffrage.

4. The bill authorizing the payment of \$20,000,000 indemnity to Spain for loss of the Philippines must be passed because the peace treaty provides that payment shall be made within three months of ratification. The indemnity payment will probably be made a "rider" to one of the appropriation bills in order to forestall any possible fight on it.

5. The bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the twelfth census will have to be passed, because it will take at least nine months to prepare for the inauguration of the work on January 1, 1900.

6. Failure to enact a law authorizing the beginning of work on the Nicaragua canal will cause complications which its advocates say may delay matters indefinitely.

Fatal Collision.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Four dead, two injured, one of these perhaps fatally, and the loss of property of the Southern railway to the amount of \$100,000 is the result of a wreck which occurred yesterday morning on the Knoxville and Ohio branch of the Knoxville division of the Southern railway, one and one-half miles west of Elk Valley.

The dead are: Engineer J. D. Maxey; Fireman Frank Ready, colored; Brakeman Ionza Hoover, colored; Flagman W. A. Dillon.

All these were burned to death or killed underneath the ruins of three engines and a number of cars and coaches of the two wrecked trains. It is known that Engineer Maxey was burned to death in or beneath his engine.

The injured are: Engineer Goff, badly but not fatally cut on the head and bruised; Fireman Geo. Huskisson, badly burned.

The wreck occurred at 11:30 o'clock. It was a head-end collision, freight train No. 68, second section, and mixed local train No. 3, meeting in an awful crash. Both trains were running at the rate of about thirty miles and hour, and the accident occurred so sudden that none of the trainmen were able to jump and attempt to save their lives.

Truck growers of Dallas county, Tex., have organized an association.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The whisky trade is booming in Kentucky.

A fire at Amory, Miss., destroyed three business houses.

Nearly 22,000 Confederate dead are buried in northern cemeteries.

An unnamed disease resembling chicken-pox has been epidemic at Lonoke, Ark.

In a rainfall at Vicksburg, Miss., 7.20 inches of rain fell, the greatest ever known there, in thirty-six years. It caused much damage and delayed trains.

The falling in of the roof from fire awakened J. J. Gray and family at Hinsleytown, Ky., and they escaped by a narrow margin.

Joe Newhall, while repairing a smoke-stack at Paris, Ky., fell forty feet to a tin roof. His only injury was a slight scratch.

A desperado named Joe Knight shot and fatally wounded a waiter in a Memphis restaurant for bringing him tough steak. The waiter died.

The new Continental Tobacco company, the trust recently formed, has been admitted to membership in the Louisville, Ky., Leaf Tobacco Exchange.

Sid Wilkins shot and instantly killed J. R. Stevens five miles south of Wynne, Ark., using a shotgun. Wilkins shot four loads into Stevens' body, tearing him nearly in two and blowing out his heart and vitals. Farm matters caused the trouble.

J. M. Lillard, 92 years old, of Harrodsburg, Ky., has been a Mason for seventy years and claims to be the oldest member of that order in the United States.

Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana are represented among the Confederate dead in the Fayetteville, Ark., cemetery, and her cemetery is being handsomely improved.

Fire in the paint shop of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway at Nashville, Tenn., destroyed ten coaches, including President Thomas' private car and the pay car. Loss \$20,000.

Stonewall Jackson camp of Confederate veterans at Staunton, Va., unanimously adopted resolutions opposing the granting by the government of pensions to Confederate soldiers.

J. W. Williams and Miss Lorena Barnes were united in marriage at Clarksville, Tenn., by Justice of the Peace Caldwell while standing in front of the latter's residence during a snow storm, while the squire married another couple at daybreak.

A suit was settled at Jacksonville, Fla., by a judge ordering a deed that was decided to be fraudulent being burned. It supposed value was \$5,000,000.

The one hundredth anniversary of Transylvania college at Lexington, Ky., was appropriately celebrated on the night of the 1st. The historical address was delivered by Prof. J. W. McGarvey of the Bible college of Kentucky university.

While compressing a bale of cotton at Pine Bluff, Ark., an explosion resulted, seemingly from the bale, which shook houses for blocks. The engineer was thrown some distance and seriously hurt. Another man was struck by a flying missile. The press was completely dismantled.

Thought Repulsed.

Washington, Jan. 9.—It is reported that the dispatches from Otis to Alger contain the information that Miller was practically repulsed at Iloilo. It is not admitted that a physical clash occurred, but it is said that Miller prepared to land and soon saw by the insurgents' attitude that he did not have a large enough force to effect a landing without a conflict.

Alger refuses to discuss the dispatches. He called at the white house and explained the news to the president.

A petition has been filed at Little Rock, Kan., to wind up the affairs of the Knights and Ladies of Columbia.

In Congress.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The anti-civil service reformers scored a victory in the house yesterday. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was taken up for consideration, and when the appropriation for the civil service commission was reached Mr. Evans (Rep.) of Kentucky, made a motion to strike it out. This motion has been made annually for a dozen years or more, but has invariably failed. But yesterday the opponents of the law laid great stress on the fact that they could not get a direct vote upon the proposition, and were therefore compelled to seek its nullification in this manner. Even these appeals failed to bring out the full strength of the opposition though the motion to strike out carried by a narrow majority—67 to 61. This was in committee of the whole, where no record is made of the vote. Mr. Moody of Georgia, gave notice that he would demand a record vote in the house, where the friends of civil service expect to reverse the decision.

Immediately after the senate convened yesterday the resolution offered Thursday by Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts, calling on the president for information as to the instructions to the commissioners who negotiated the treaty of Paris, together with all correspondence and reports relating to their work, was laid before the senate. Chairman Davis, one of the commissioners, desired that it be referred to the foreign relations committee, but Mr. Hoar insisted that the senate had as much right to such information as the members of the foreign relations committee, and that the president should decide whether the senate should have it. The resolution was adopted in secret session.

In support of the resolution offered some time ago by Mr. Vest of Missouri, in opposition to expansion. Mr. Caffery of Louisiana delivered an extended speech.

At the conclusion of Mr. Caffery's argument Mr. Morgan of Alabama announced, on behalf of the Nicaragua canal committee, the acceptance in a modified form of the amendments offered by Mr. Berry before the holidays to the pending canal bill. The amendments were not passed upon by the senate.

Storm at Mobile.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 7.—After intervals of rain during Thursday night and Friday morning the atmospheric indications of a heavy storm were noticed here between 9 and 10 o'clock yesterday morning. At the latter hour a heavy squall, accompanied by rain, came up from the northwest and burst over the city and river with great violence. The wind's velocity was computed to be forty miles an hour. Property in northern parts of the city, which is exposed, suffered severely. Over a score of tall smokestacks were blown down with sheds, stables, saw-mill buildings and several brick walls. Light vehicles were overturned and in two instances damaging runaways resulted. On Davis avenue three wooden buildings, including a colored church, were entirely demolished. The full force of the wind was expended in the cotton district and on the river, where several vessels unmoored were impelled at rapid speed toward the bay. The rigging of the light craft was destroyed in two instances. Trees have been uprooted in the city and all the Western Union wires east of here are down through the demolition of the iron roof of the Mobile and Ohio freight sheds. Two men were blown off the wharves into the river, but so far there has been no loss of life reported.

Snow in Northwest.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 7.—Snow has fallen over the entire Pacific northwest. The depth varies from six inches in the valleys to several feet in the foothills and mountains. West of the Cascade mountains the weather has been below the freezing point, while east of the Cascades in higher altitudes, very cold weather has been experienced, at some points the thermometer reaching 20 degrees below zero.

Placed in a Vault.

Havana, Jan. 7.—The funeral services over the remains of Col. W. H. Mabry of the first Texas, who died at Quemados camp on Jan. 4, took place yesterday. The coffin, draped with the stars and stripes, rested in front of the colonel's tent. The first Texas stood at "parade rest" while the services were read by the chaplain. The body was brought to Havana.

Col. Mabry's body has been placed temporarily in a vault at Colon cemetery.

Gunboats Sent.

Admiral Dewey cabled to the navy department that he had sent the gunboats Concord and Petrel to Iloilo to co-operate with the cruiser Baltimore in support of the army expedition. These vessels are the lightest draught vessels in his fleet, but have powerful batteries of six-inch rifles and rapid fire guns, which make them among the most useful vessels in the fleet. After they are no longer needed at Iloilo they will continue to cruise among the southern islands of the archipelago where American jurisdiction has not yet been established.

Confidence is expressed at the war department that Gen. Miller will land all the troops from his transports by the end of this week. It has been decided that a close confinement of the troops on ship board for over a week would have a damaging effect on their health and spirits which can not be permitted and therefore Gen. Otis will set a limit on the Pacific negotiations with the insurgents there.

With the display of force that the army and navy will be able to make in the neighborhood of Iloilo by the end of the week, it is thought that the natives will abandon their show of resistance and welcome the soldiers. In any event, however, according to the present understanding, the troops will be landed without further delay.

Looting Denied.

Hong Kong, Jan. 7.—The newspapers publish the following from Iloilo, evidently from a Filipino source:

"When the Americans arrived at Iloilo they found absolutely no looting upon the part of the Filipino forces or conduct of any kind unworthy of civilized people. In conformity with their agreement with the Spaniards the Filipinos entered Iloilo in an orderly manner and formally hoisted the Filipino flag. The Americans found a good government established and meeting with the complete approval of the foreign residents. The postoffice, customs and other departments were working smoothly under the entire control of the Filipinos. This disposes of the allegations of the inclination of the Filipinos to loot and kill. The Filipinos occupied Iloilo on the same humane principles which have guided their actions against their Spanish oppressors."

The correspondent adds that the reports of an opposition republic having been established are refuted by the facts that the governor and general commanding at Iloilo have assured the American delegates from the war ships that they could settle nothing without orders from the national government at Malolos.

Brazilian Bishop.

New York, Jan. 7.—Impressive services marked the consecration yesterday of the Rev. Lucien Lee Kinsolving as bishop for Brazil. The services were held in St. Bartholemew's Protestant Episcopal church. The event was of historical interest, inasmuch as the Rev. Mr. Kinsolving will be the first protestant bishop for Brazil. Bishops, priests and laymen from many states were present at the services. The services began at 10:30 o'clock and occupied two hours.

Bishop Dudley of Kentucky was the officiating bishop at the ceremonies and the brother of the bishop-elect, Rt. Rev. Dr. George Herbert Kinsolving, of Texas, preached the sermon.

The most impressive part of the ceremonies was the bishop-elect's "promise of conformity" and the "laying on of hands" by twelve bishops.

Bunks Broke.

Columbus, O., Jan. 7.—Two hundred members of the fourth Ohio volunteers gathered here to be mustered out were hurled from improvised beds in the auditorium at an early hour yesterday and twenty-five men injured, quite a number being seriously hurt, although no fatalities are expected. In order to accommodate the men temporarily double-decked beds had been constructed out of tent floors and scantling, and under the weight of the sleeping soldiers the structure toppled over. All the injured were second battalion men.

Stringent Regulations.

Profiting by the experience of the recent war, Secretary Alger has issued stringent regulations for the sanitary inspection each Saturday of all military camps, including regimental, brigade and division hospitals. A special medical inspection also is ordered on the last Saturday of each month. Similar inspections will be made on the last day of each month of all posts and general hospitals.

Filipinos Pugnacious.

Paris, Jan. 6.—An official telegram received here by the Filipino junta says that Anguinado has gone to Iloilo at the request of the insurgents there to place himself at their head with the view of their possible fighting with the Americans. The dispatch also gives a list of the members of the new Filipino cabinet:

President of the cabinet and minister of foreign affairs, Mabini.

Minister of the interior, Teodoro Sandico, a civil engineer, educated in England and Belgium and taken to Manila from Hong Kong by Rear Admiral Dewey.

Minister of war, Gen. Baldomero Aguinaldo, a cousin of Aguinaldo, the president of the so-called Filipino government, and a leader of the insurrection from the beginning. He is described as a large land owner of Cavite.

Minister of finance, Gen. Trias, a close ally of Aguinaldo.

Minister of public works, Gregorico Gonzaga, a lawyer, until recently the Filipino agent at Hong Kong and formerly Spanish attorney general in the Vizayas.

The cabinet is described as homogeneous, every member being pledged, according to these advices, to resist the American military occupation of the Philippines. A member of the Filipino junta here explains that Aguinaldo did not run away, but "left Manila for the mountainous region behind Cavite in order to make secret arrangements for his voyage to Iloilo."

The Filipino who furnished this information also categorically and specifically asserts that the latest telegraphic advice declare that if the Americans insist upon the occupation of the principalities by the American troops the whole of the Filipinos will resist by force of arms.

Senor Tuason, who has been appointed Filipino agent at Paris and London, is expected to arrive here shortly. The members of the junta assert that the new cabinet will bring forward the "most energetic policy." Mabini, it appears, claims recognition of the independence of the Philippine islands and will not consent to the release of the Spanish prisoners, but it is added he is willing to come to an understanding with the Americans, "as allies," for the surrender of the Spanish military and civil officials and others, which will only be made on the following conditions:

1. The negotiations to be opened formally between Spain and the national Filipino government, Spain nominating a delegate to treat therewith.

2. An exchange of prisoners and Spain to repatriate, firstly all the Filipinos held prisoners for having been directly or indirectly connected with the insurrection, secondly all prisoners of war condemned as traitors, revolters or deserters, or for having in any manner seconded the Filipino movement during the present century, this surrender to be made before the Filipinos release the Spanish prisoners Spain to grant amnesty to all Filipinos and Spaniards accused of complicity in the insurrection.

3. Spain to defray all the expenses of repatriating the Filipino prisoners and also the cost of maintaining and repatriating the Spanish prisoners held by the Filipinos, such payment being considered a war indemnity; the national Filipino government consents to pay the expense of repatriating those Filipinos captured in formal action, although it is added, "as a matter of fact the Filipinos are also entitled to demand the payment thereof by Spain." Friars taken prisoners, it is further asserted, will not be included in the exchange, seeing that they acted as papal agents during the war, but their surrender would be made on the condition, firstly, that the apostolic delegate will ask their liberty in the name of the pope; secondly, that all bulls and pontifical decrees granting special privileges to the religious orders be revoked; thirdly, that all rites of the secular clergy be respected; fourthly, that no friar hold any parish, cathedral, episcopal or diocesan preferment; fifthly, that all such preferments be held by native or naturalized Filipino clergy, and sixthly, that rules for the election of bishops be fixed.

Boy Killed.

Lake Charles, La., Jan. 6.—Benjamin Louis, aged 10 years, was instantly killed near West Lake while hunting rabbits with another boy, Tommy Kaufman. The boys were concealed waiting for game. A rabbit started up, which the Kaufman boy saw first and stood up to shoot. Just as he was pulling the trigger the Louis boy arose in his place directly in the line of sight of the Kaufman boy and the discharge blew off the top of his head.

Cleveland's Views.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 6.—Ex-President Cleveland, asked for an expression on the question of expansion and annexation, said:

I do not care to repeat my views concerning the prevailing epidemic of imperialism and territorial expansion. Assuming, however, that my ideas on the subject are antiquated and unsuited to these progressive days, it is a matter of surprise to me that the refusal of certain natives of our new possessions to acquiesce in the beneficence of subjecting them to our control and management should in the least disturb our expansionists. This phase of the situation ought not to have been unanticipated, nor the incident naturally growing out of it overlooked. The remedy is obvious and simple. The misguided inhabitants of our annexed territory who prefer something different from the plan of their control which we propose or who oppose our designs in their behalf should be slaughtered. The killing of natives has been a feature of expansion since expansion began, and our imperialistic enthusiasm should not be checked by the prospective necessity of destroying a few thousand or a few hundred thousand Filipinos. This should only be regarded as one stage in a transcendently great movement, a mere incident in its progress. Of course some unprepared souls would then be lost before we had the opportunity of Christianizing them, but surely those of our clergymen who have done so much to encourage expansion could manage that difficulty.

President to Filipinos.

Manila, Jan. 6.—President McKinley's proclamation to the Filipinos cabled to Maj. Gen. Otis from Washington, has been issued here. The proclamation assures the Filipinos that their property rights will be scrupulously respected, and that natives will receive appointments, winding up as follows:

Finally, it would be the earnest and paramount aim of the military administration to win the confidence, respect and affection of the inhabitants of the Philippines by assuring to them in every possible way that full measure of individual rights and liberties, which is the heritage of free people, and by proving to them that the mission of the United States is one of benevolent assimilation, substituting the mild sway of justice and right for arbitrary rule. In the fulfillment of this high mission, supporting the temperate administration of affairs for the greatest good of the governed, there must be sedulously maintained the strong arm of authority to repress disturbance and to overcome all obstacles to the bestowal of the blessings of God and stable government upon the people of the Philippine islands under the free flag of the United States.

Gatling Gun Bursts.

New York, Jan. 6.—One of Dr. Gatling's new cast steel guns which Gen. Miles regarded as likely to revolutionize coast defense artillery, burst last night at the Sandy Hook proving grounds. It was an eight-inch gun, constructed in accordance with the inventor's latest theory. It was loaded with a charge of 140 pounds of powder and a 300-pound projectile.

Government officials are exceedingly cautious in testing new ordnance and all interested in the test were concealed in a bomb-proof shelter. The gun was discharged by means of an electric button. Pieces of the flew in all directions, and about the walls of the shelter, but no one was injured.

Seeking Spaniards.

Madrid, Jan. 6.—The government telegraphed the Spanish naval commander at Manila to send two gunboats to Balanbac, one of the Philippine islands, situated thirty miles south of Palawan, to seek Spanish prisoners. The government also requested Gen. Rios to take further steps to obtain the release of the Spanish prisoners and remind the rebels that Spanish government will release deported rebels.

More Rioting.

Havana, Jan. 6.—There has been more rioting. There were three encounters last night, one resulting fatally. Sanguily was insulted and was vindicated. The story that Bresmes is supposed to have blown up the Maine is without foundation.

Bland & Robertson's warehouse at Taylor, Tex., with several thousand dollars' worth of grain, hay and other stuff, burned.

PASTURE AND FARM.

Reports from many sections of Texas state that wheat is doing well.

Cattle dealers are shipping many cattle to St. Louis from Bonham.

Nearly all North Texas counties were visited by rain on the 5th.

The recent snows in the Midland country have done wonders for the grass and wheat.

Considerable tobacco will be planted in Harrison county this year. Only the best seed will be used.

It is said that the soil of the island of Luzon is admirably adapted to the growth of Sumatra tobacco.

Maj. J. W. Allison received at Ennis 8000 western Texas sheep to be put on feed of cotton seed meal and hulls.

Col. John N. Simpson, the banker and cattleman of Dallas, it is said will soon assume charge of a business concern in Kansas City.

The imports of cattle from Mexico during 1898 were 137,419 head as against 295,861 head in 1897, and of sheep 28,019, against 73,922 in 1897.

Ex-Gov. W. D. Hoard of Wisconsin, president of the Farmers' National Congress, says people will wake up some day and find Texas is a dairy state.

Prince Simmonds of Hillsboro shipped a carload of mules to Tyler.

T. B. Miller, a cattle feeder of Seguin, reports his feeders as doing well and fast fattening.

Under the new quarantine regulations Mexican cattle are barred from entering the United States at any time of the year for any purpose except that they pass satisfactory inspection.

Mr. Burrell Cox has moved to Haskell from Greer county, Oklahoma, and will occupy the R. M. Dickenson residence. He brought down a herd of about 6000 sheep for which he has leased the Abbott pasture.

About 6000 head of the Gillett cattle were sold a short time ago at Wynoka, Ok., to G. M. Walden. The stock was sold by Houston & Marum, as attorneys for the Evans-Snyder-Buell company, and the price realized was \$75,000.

Maj. John E. Henderson of Red Hill, Cass county, says he had one acre of land planted in sugar cane, had put up 7000 stalks of seed, ground up the balance and made syrup; putting up 56 gallons for his own family and sold the balance for \$150 cash.

The steamship Glenaim loaded at Galveston 137,412 bushels of corn for Belfast, Ireland. The corn is to be used for feeding stock in the Emerald Isle. It is the first shipment made to Ireland in two years, when the steamship Helen carried some to be made into whisky.

The largest single shipment of pure bred cattle, consisting of 441 bulls, was consigned to A. G. Boyce, manager of the Capitol Freehold Land and Cattle company's ranch in the panhandle. It took fifteen cars and special train privileges were accorded.

E. A. Pofrath of Fort Worth, who had been on a ten days' trip through Bee, Live Oak, Tacona and McMullen counties, says he found very little grass. The cattle are subsisting principally on prickly pear and look most remarkably thrifty.

The tobacco curing house at Jasper gave employment to quite a number of people. The tobacco is re-sorted and graded. The tobacco raised around Jasper is of good quality on an average, and quite a number intend raising it this year.

Colgan & Keenan of San Antonio have shipped to their Dimmitt county ranch eighty pure bred Hereford calves. The calves were bred by Mrs. Adair of Palo Duro, Armstrong county, and pronounced to be beauties by all those seeing them.

An effort is being made by David Boaz of Fort Worth to have a cotton oil mill erected in that city.

All stock on feed at Beeville is reported doing well.

G. R. and C. B. Nelson of Musquiz, Mex., have been visiting various points in Southwest Texas on cattle matters. They are proprietors of a large ranch in the Santa Rosa valley, and have been on a business trip to Kansas City.

There have been more large hogs slaughtered in Cherokee county this winter than ever known before. It farmers talk of the hogs they have slaughtered, weighing from 300 to 500 is said to be a common thing to hear pounds.

TEXANETTES.

Four prisoners escaped from jail at Tyler.

M. F. Daniel, a well known Waxahatchie cotton buyer, is dead.

Jimmie Wells of Brownwood, accidentally shot himself while hunting.

C. E. B. Herman's 8-year-old child at Gainesville was badly burned with powder.

The cornerstone of the First Christian church at Fort Worth will be laid on the 23d.

Four murder cases are on the Ellis county criminal docket for this term of court.

Rev. R. C. Pender has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Paris.

The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Texas Bankers' association meets in Dallas Feb. 1.

A. M. Parker of Houston has assigned for the benefit of creditors. Creditors' claim amount to \$21,948.

J. D. Muckelroy, a former leading citizen and business man of Kaufman, died in that city after an illness of seven weeks.

Arthur Murphy, 17 years old, while rabbit hunting near Bonham, accidentally shot himself in one of his limbs.

John Kilgore, member of a prominent Texas family, pleaded guilty in the federal court at Tyler to robbing the Quitman postoffice.

Richard Coke, son of the late senator, aged 29 years, died at Waco. He was a farmer, and managed the large Brazos cotton plantation of the Coke family.

The postoffice at Lott, Falls county, was robbed by burglars, who blew open the safe and took away all the cash and stamps, amounting to about \$400.

Seventeen citizens of La Grange were arraigned for gambling. Some pleaded guilty and paid their fines, while others decided to fight the cases. It has caused quite a stir among the residents of that city.

Zach Joseph, a saloonkeeper of Winsboro made an assignment for the benefit of creditors. R. T. Mattox and J. H. Jones are the assignees. Liabilities and assets unknown.

T. W. Daugherty of Abilene filed his voluntary petition in bankruptcy and was declared a bankrupt by Referee K. K. Leggett. His liabilities were placed at above \$6000. Assets nominal.

The citizens of West Paris have decided not to allow their city to be taken into the city limits proper, and will make the fight at Austin to prevent the proposed amendment to the city charter.

The Sherman, Shreveport and Southern railway company paid the comptroller \$126.30 tax on \$12,630.88 of passenger earnings for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1898.

J. Pizer, doing a grocery business at Ennis, was adjudged, on his own petition, a bankrupt in the federal court at Dallas. As soon as Mr. Pizer was informed of the court's action he turned over his goods and effects.

Rafeal Ruiz, a young man aged 20, committed suicide at Brownsville by shooting himself through the brain with a pistol, dying instantly. He was married only three months.

B. W. Pearce, merchant of Navasota, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court at Galveston. Liabilities \$2087. No assets except about \$600 of personal property, which is exempt under state law.

Taylor Barnes of Nacodoches, who was shot recently about three miles from Palestine, died in jail in that city of his wounds. Jim Woth, accused of the deed, married a cousin of Barnes since the killing.

Tom Griffin, who resides near Whitney, while returning from hauling a load of lumber to Bosque county, was sitting on the hounds of the wagon when the coupling pin dropped out, frightening the team. They ran away, Griffin fell on his head and concussion resulted, from which he died.

Hon. J. W. Gill, one of the representatives of Dallas county in the lower house of the legislature, was united in marriage at Longview on the 4th to Miss Ada Brawn. The bride and groom have arrived at the capital of the state.

The hardware store of Mr. Foster at Lott was burglarized several nights ago. Four Colt's pistols, a quantity of ammunition, and also a number of tools were taken by the miscreants. Forty dollars is the extent of the loss of Foster.

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Costly Carpet.

In the treasure room of the Maharajah of Baroda is said to repose a carpet which cost close upon \$1,000,000. It is only ten feet by six feet in size, but is woven from strings of pure pearls, with center and corner circles of diamonds. It required three years to manufacture this jewel of a carpet, which was intended as a gift to a beautiful Mohammedan belle.

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"Eh?"
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"I wouldn't want to see the expression of her eyes."

Certain Lines.

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Coke County is with Bryan and Bailey.

Richard Coke Jr. died at his home in Waco, a few days ago. This County was named for his father.

Stonewall County boasts of the biggest fool in Texas. He broke into a newspaper office.

1898 experienced a third less bank failures than '97, and mercantile failures even less than for 24 years past.

We beg leave to introduce our readers to a new correspondent for the RUSTLER, from Valley View this week. Read the communication.

Rev. Eugene T. Bates has an elegant studio in the little Methodist parsonage here. Among his volumes are Sacred and profane Histories, Theological Works, Encyclopedias and Dictionaries, which are a treat to the eyes of all lovers of reading and literature.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit to the advanced department of the Robert Lee High School last Monday. Among other interesting items we noticed, was Prof. Gardner's Algebra class, each of whom seemed to be much interested in advancing themselves in higher mathematics. Some of the pupils have come to our town from distant parts of the county to take some of the advanced courses, which our school affords.

The RUSTLER notes from the Bronte letter last week, that Mr. John Culp and Miss Lee Adams were married. We congratulate John on obtaining one of Coke's fairest and best daughters, as well as a childhood friend of the RUSTLER people.

The Coke County Rustler, published at Robert Lee, Coke Co., Texas, by Hubert H. Pearce, come to our desk marked X. We gladly exchange with the brother and extend a welcome hand. The Rustler is a neatly printed five column quarto, full of news and ably edited. — Higgins News.

Republican papers don't do much comparatively, in this upper part of the 12th Congressional District. The Sterling City News for instance, has lost much of its caste and patronage, ostensibly for no other reason than its politics. Its editor however has the Post Office there and is fixed anyway.

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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.

Lomita Letter.

Regular Correspondent.
We flatter ourselves by believing the readers of the RUSTLER would like to hear from us again. Know of one family who reads it because Lomita has a correspondent, or at least the writer was told that was the reason and of course takes it all in; however it may be "Mule Creek" flattery.

We are a fun loving people at Lomita and surrounding country. During the holidays had several "hop parties, apron parties and play parties."

At the apron party at Mr. R. Y. Haggerton's, Mr. Will Phillips carried off honors, or rather the cake for doing the best sewing quite a recommendation for a young man isn't it? But poor Mr. Homer Lowe, what has he to recommend him? Nothing but a "Pumpkin" and crooked stitches.

With all of Lomita's festivities and other amusements during Xmas, we had no marriages to report. It seems we are a little out of fashion, doesn't it? But our boys and girls are all in school, and are going to wait until they get grown.

During Christmas the writer received through the mail, a neatly done up package, believing it to be a box of Bon-bons from brother, sister or some good friend, hastily untied the card and found not the bon-bons but something none the less appreciated, far more useful, a nice box of delicately perfumed stationery, for which the RUSTLER will please accept sincere thanks.

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Notice to Tax Payers.

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Austin, Texas, Jan. 7th, 1899.

To Tax Collectors:

Your attention is especially directed to Section 10, Chap. 103, Laws of 1897, which reads as follows:

If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or his property by law until the 31st day of January next succeeding the return of the assessment rolls of the county to the Comptroller, a penalty of ten per cent on the entire amount of such taxes shall accrue, which penalty, when collected, shall be paid proportionately to the State and county, and the collector of taxes shall, by virtue of his tax rolls, seize and levy upon and sell so much personal property belonging to such person as may be sufficient to pay his taxes, together with the penalty above provided, interest, and all costs accruing thereon."

The object of the law is to collect the taxes due. The penalties provided are intended to enforce the collections. It is therefore suggested that you give notice to the tax payers throughout the county, of the requirements of the law, in order that the people may be advised so as to avoid the cost that will accrue upon failure to pay their taxes on or before Jan. 31st.

The Exercise of diligence by every tax collector in the enforcement of the provisions of this statute, will not only insure material decrease in the delinquencies, but will be beneficial to the tax payers of the State as a whole.

Very respectfully,

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Mr. Lee Hamilton and bride returned from San Angelo last Tuesday.

School books at Mrs. Ingram's

Mr. L. F. Scarborough was in town, from Sanco, Wednesday.

Messrs. Harrison and Webb have received a lot of new goods.

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

John Burroughs baby has been quite sick for some days.

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

A kind of bad cold and "Grippe" had a grip on nearly every body about town last few days.

J. M. Gunnels was in town last Saturday. He lives across the Colorado.

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

Mr. Don Green is now the smiling new proprietor of the Round Front.

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

Messrs. Perry and Son have improved the interior of their Hotel lately by adding canvas and wall paper.

A. K. Lauders was cuying goods in town Wednesday.

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

W. Newt Copeland, from above Edith, was in Tuesday.

Mr. J. L. Barron has sold his grocery store to A. L. Lewis, late of Pontotoc, Mason County. Mr. Lewis is a good business man and will no doubt make a success.

J. W. Tunnell, a substantial citizen from down the river a few miles, paid the RUSTLER a pleasant visit Friday.

Miss Lou Wilkins, a very pleasant young lady, who teaches the school at Valley View, was in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Merchant is having her residence improved by having a chimney built and other improvements.

Prof. J. L. Ross, of Hayrick, was attending to business in the capital city Saturday.

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.

The Epworth League meets tomorrow night, at the Methodist Church.

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We notice Messrs. J. W. Reed and Co. have received about three wagon loads of shoes this week. Still some people persist in saying Coke County is not a good place in which to merchandise.

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

W. J. H. and Aaron Rodgers were in this week attending to business. They live in the Bronte country.

Prof. J. A. Thomas was attending to business in town Saturday last.

Wm. Winans was in Saturday. The old gentleman was suffering some from a recent attack of the "grippe"

Miss Willie Chambers, one of Coke's most popular teachers, was in town latter part of last week. She teaches at the Lomita School House, about half way between here and Tennyson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yates, from near Bronte, were trading in town last Saturday.

J. H. Burroughs has painted the front of the I. O. O. F. Hall, which adds much to its appearance.

The Teachers Institute meets at Sanco this afternoon. We hope their fine programme will all be carried out.

A number of our religious young people enjoyed singing hymns and anthems at Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webb's last Sunday night.

"Uncle Billy" Jackson, stone mason, is spending a few days in town, resting up.

G. C. Fletcher, of Bronte, will read the RUSTLER again. Says his family missed the paper the month he done without.

E. H. McDonald, who lives near Ft. Chadbourne, was in yesterday. He starts '99 right by having his name inserted on the RUSTLER's roll.

Milford Fulcher, from Hayrick, was riding a wheel in town Monday. Charley Esku was his preceptor.

W. C. Merchant took a trip over to Sweetwater this week, on legal and land business for his firm.

E. Meneille and bride have returned from their wedding tour and are at home on his fine ranch near the mouth of Yellow Wolf.

Coke County had no fights during the recent holidays. Our people are nearly all either peaceable, religious, or belong to some Church.

Elder Simon Lane was in town a few days ago and informed the editor that he had sold his place near Silver and would leave Coke. He will probably locate at Colorado City. We regret to lose him.

Some fellow "expanded" his lungs a little near the Post Office Tuesday night. We were a couple of blocks away at the time and another block a couple of minutes later.

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

Bill McDonald seldom takes rides over the County, for his health, especially in the winter time. We hear that he made a good round sum buying County warrants.

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.

Our friend, W. W. Samrall, was in town from his section on Booser, last Friday. He knows a good thing when he sees it, and reads the RUSTLER.

J. A. Miller had his name placed on the RUSTLER books this week. Nothing like starting the New Year right.

Mrs. A. A. McCraw was in town shopping last Saturday.

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Gid Graham, the new County Attorney, is hustling after business in his line these days.

Miss Emma Merchant spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in town, returning to her school at Edith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. A. Miller, who lives down the river a few miles, had the misfortune to dislocate his shoulder the other day, caused by his horse falling with him.

Since our last issue, we see people carrying water from Vestal's well by the bucketful. They read the RUSTLER.

Will Perry is sick with the La-Grippe. He has been confined to his bed for several days.

Rufe Whitesides, from over on Booser, spent a few days in town this week, socially.

Joe Webb and Mr. Fields were in from up the river yesterday.

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Action Against Katy.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 9.—Assistant Attorney General Hill has filed in the fourteenth district court quo warranto proceedings against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad company of Texas, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the property and the forfeiture of the charter or the railroad company, for alleged violation of section 5, article 10 of the state constitution, which prohibits any railroad company from leasing, purchasing or in any other manner obtaining control of any railway line owned or having under its control a parallel or competing line of railway; and for alleged violation of its charter obligations by mismanagement, because, according to the alleged statements of its own officers, it is insolvent and unable to pay interest or operating expenses; and for alleged acquisition of parallel lines and thus depriving the people of sections of the state traversed by such lines of the advantages of competition in freight rates, whether the points sought to be reached by the shipper be St. Louis, or other northern or eastern points, New Orleans, Galveston, Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas, or in some foreign country.

The document is lengthy. It alleges the company threatens to consolidate the Sherman, Shreveport and Southern road, a competing line, with its own road; that defendant company, organized under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Texas, has violated the constitution in permitting itself to be consolidated with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Texas, and has injured the public by directing the traffic to the line owned by this said Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company; that it has issued stocks and bonds for purposes unauthorized; that it has violated its charter obligations by illegal management; that a majority of the board of directors residents of the state of Texas are not bona fide stockholders; that it has purchased the Galveston, Houston and Henderson road. Judge Smith will hear the case on the 24th instant.

Wallace Dead.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 9.—Wm. Alexander Anderson Wallace, known as Big Foot Wallace, died at his home near Devine about 2 o'clock Saturday morning of pneumonia, aged 82 years. He was taken with a cold about a week ago, which developed into the fatal illness. The tidings reached this city by telephone message and details of the closing hours are meager. He was never married, but leaves a brother, Alexander Wallace, whose home is at Lexington, Ky.

About the last trip of the old veteran was upon the occasion of the Dallas Fair last October. He was very feeble then, and those who saw him realized with sorrow that the summons across the great divide was not to be long delayed.

No Clue.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 9.—As yet there is no clue that might lead to the identity of the parties who held up the north bound Mexican Central passenger train six miles south of Juarez Saturday night. The four robbers were undoubtedly Americans and it is believed that they are now safe on this side the river.

The express contained a sum of money aggregating \$40,000, and it is believed that the robbers were after that.

A Wells-Fargo official notified the El Paso officers of the attempted robbery and requested them to be on the lookout for the four men.

Car Casualty.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 9.—A street car on the Brunner line ran over a man named Armstrong of Brunner, a mile west of the limits, on Washington road. The body was badly crushed and mangled. The motorman, one of the oldest and most careful in the service of the company, saw the prosstrate form across the track, but could not stop the car until the fore trucks had passed over it. Appearances indicate that the man had been killed and then laid on the track. Armstrong was a painter and had a small family living in Brunner.

Huge Centipede.

While pulling cotton from a bale on the square at Paris, Tex., a large centipede, fully nine inches long and quite lively, was found. It was killed and exhibited by the cotton buyers.

The week of prayer was generally observed throughout the state.

On His Trail.

Carrizo, Tex., Jan. 7.—The man supposed to be Beeler of San Antonio was trailed by Agent McKenzie of the Wells-Fargo express and Marshal Barthelow of Laredo to the Dolores ranch, thirty miles above here on the river. The trail was lost by darkness. Thursday noon McKenzie tapped a telegraph line and notified Sheriff Haynes, who immediately sent out deputies, and by dark all points where he could cross were guarded. The Mexican side was also guarded and the Mexican authorities state by courier that he has not passed the river. It is impossible for him to escape, as the river is lined with officers. The man bought a fresh horse at Patina ranch and ate at Sause ranch, twelve miles from the river. McKenzie has picked up two horses ridden by the man.

Material Unloaded.

Wichita, Tex., Jan. 7.—Within the past month there have been sidetracked and unloaded here three carloads of spikes, twenty-five or thirty carloads of new ties and about eleven cars of steel rails. Naturally this has aroused considerable speculation. Local railroad officials say that the Denver is only storing these for repair purposes, but there are many citizens who shake their heads and significantly place their finger on the side of their nose and point to the fact that when the Denver passes into the hands of the new owners the Wichita they will be compelled to extend to secure a paying business.

Franchise Granted.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 7.—At a meeting of the city council a franchise was granted to the Denison, Bonham and New Orleans to build their line in the city limits. The franchise grants the road the right to enter the city on South Travis avenue, follow the avenue south to the intersection of Johnson street and thence proceed west on Johnson street to the point where the company proposes to erect its shops and roundhouse. The franchise allows the company to build such spurs and tracks for switching and such other purposes as will be necessary on the streets over which it passes.

Candidates on Hand.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 7.—Col. V. T. Pace of Dallas, candidate for sergeant-at-arms of the senate, is here mixing with the members of that branch of the legislature. He served as assistant sergeant-at-arms of the last senate, and is well and favorably known to all of the old members.

Col. Henry W. Purl, formerly sheriff of Williamson county, is here looking after his candidacy for sergeant-at-arms of the house. Col. Purl is well known to the people of southwest and west Texas.

J. C. Adrian, formerly of Waco, but for some time past a resident of Austin, is a candidate for assistant sergeant-at-arms of the senate. He is endorsed for the position by the labor unions of the state.

Lady's Fortitude.

Plano, Tex., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Saxon, wife of Rev. George S. Saxon, pastor of the Methodist church here, and late chaplain of the first Texas regiment, slipped and fell on a wooden walk in their back yard, sustaining a compound fracture of one of her limbs, just above the ankle. There was no one at home at the time of the accident, but like a true soldier she crawled on her hands and knees into the house, secured a bowl of water and towel and bathed the broken limb, then called for a lady neighbor to summon her husband, who was up town when the accident occurred. She is resting as well as could be expected.

No Change Wanted.

Orange, Tex., Jan. 7.—The following telegram signed by all of the mill owners at this place, was sent from here:

Senator C. W. Fairbank, chairman joint high commission, Washington, D. C.: We employ 3500 men and trust your committee will make no change in existing lumber tariff. This bears less protection probably than any other manufactured product, and the material used in carrying on our operations are all heavily taxed.

Verdict for Plaintiff.

Waxahachie, Tex., Jan. 7.—In the case of Miss M. E. Holloway of Ferris against the Houston and Texas Central railroad for damages, the jury gave the plaintiff a verdict for \$3000. The case will be appealed.

Secretary of agriculture will investigate the beef contract matter.

Rangers' Work.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 6.—The following is the report of the work performed by the different companies of state rangers for the month of November:

Company B, Capt. W. J. McDonald—Arrests for assault to murder two, arrests for aggravated assault one, arrests for theft of horses three, arrest of escaped convict one, arrests for minor offenses five, attendance on district court thirteen days, number of scouts thirteen, assistance to sheriff thirty days, stolen horses recovered and returned to owners seven, guarded jail at San Saba five days, number of miles traveled 1575.

Company D, Capt. John R. Hughes—Arrests for theft seven, arrests for burglary two, arrests for minor offenses thirteen, number of scouts thirteen, assisted different sheriffs seven times, attended district court seven days at El Paso, wagon and horses recovered and returned to owner one, number of miles traveled 1068.

Company E, Capt. J. H. Rogers—Arrests for theft two, arrests for carrying concealed weapons four, arrests for minor offenses four, arrests for perjury one, arrests for aggravated assault one, assisted different sheriffs eight times, number of scouts twenty-four, stolen horse and buggy recovered and returned to owner one, miles traveled 1565.

Company F, Capt. J. H. Brooks—Arrests for theft of cattle six, arrests for minor offenses four, number of scouts fifteen, assisted different sheriffs twelve times, attended the district court at Cotulla twelve days, number of cattle recovered and returned to owner two, miles traveled 1750.

On the Way Home.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 6.—Gov. Culbertson received the following telegrams yesterday:

Washington, Jan. 5.—Gov. Culbertson, Austin, Tex.: Following received from Gen. Brooke, Havana: "Have already ordered body of the late Col. Mabry taken to Austin, Tex., under escort of Lieut. A. E. Devine of first Texas."

H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant General.

Havana, Jan. 5.—To Gov. Culbertson, Austin, Tex.: Remains leave tomorrow via Miami. Austin will be destination unless change is requested.

DWYER.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Hon. C. A. Culbertson, governor of Texas, Austin: Following cablegram has been sent Gen. Brooke, Havana: Secretary desires body of late Col. Mabry, first Texas volunteer infantry, to be embalmed and remains shipped to Jefferson, Tex., for final interment. Report of action taken by you to be cabled to governor of Texas."

H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant General.

Oil Struck.

Waxahachie, Jan. 6.—Mr. John Dunlap, who owns a farm a few miles south of this city, announced that he had struck oil on his place while digging a well. He will probably sink piping deeper and see if he cannot strike the subterranean reservoir. When told of the find Mr. Van Sweet said that he owned a farm up the creek and that he had dug several hundred pounds of grate coal from the creek bank and thought there was a big vein close around. Two years ago it was announced that Mr. Blas Baumgartner had discovered a vein of coal on his place, which is in direct line with Mr. Sweet's, and a little further on is Mr. Dunlap's place, on which oil was found. It is more than possible that the coal croppings point to deposits of oil in the valley on which these farms are located.

Money for Teachers.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 6.—The state department of education is sending out notices to the treasurers of the school funds throughout the state advising them to draw on the state treasurer at the rate of 25 cents per capita of the scholastic population, the total distribution for the month amounting to about \$207,000. The payment for the corresponding month last year amounted to \$103,208, which was 15 cents per capita on the scholastic population.

Getting Ready.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 6.—The superintendent of public buildings and grounds has begun the work of putting the two legislature chambers in shape for the coming session. The two chambers will be kept closed to all visitors from now until the legislature convenes.

Terrible Fate.

Sherman, Tex., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Salling, wife of William Salling, a farmer of the Elmton neighborhood, twenty miles southwest of Sherman, in the interior of the county, met a horrible death, the particulars of which, as far as anyone has been able to learn, have just been brought to this city.

Members of the family returning from the field found her writhing in agony in the yard. Nearly every vestige of her clothing had been burned off and the flesh was frightfully crisped. The face had practically escaped, but the hair was singed from her head, the scalp being a solid blister.

She was taken into the house at once and every attention given her in the power of the relatives, neighbors and physicians, but her intense agony did not seem to have one moment's cessation, until four hours after she was found, when she died. She was never able to speak, and just how the frightful accident occurred no one knows, but it is believed that while she stood at the mantel over the fireplace coals rolled out upon the hearth and ignited her clothing or probably in moving about her skirts were thrown into the blaze.

It is also probable that in her intense fright she ran out into the open air, where a brisk breeze fanned and aggravated the blaze. She was alone at the time, and it is probable it occurred a half an hour or more before she was found.

Goes to Oregon.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 4.—Eugene L. Giroux, arrested here two weeks ago as a fugitive from Baker City, Ore., by authority of a certified copy of an indictment sent from Baker county charging that he sold a salted mine, made an attempt to avoid returning to Oregon with the officers. He applied for a writ of habeas corpus after the governor of Texas had issued the warrant and employed five of the best lawyers in El Paso to argue his case. They were opposed by District Attorney White of Baker City and the hearing lasted two days. Yesterday the judge decided that he could not legally set the prisoner at liberty. Giroux's attorneys immediately excepted and gave notice of an appeal, but Attorney White notified the court that he would require the prisoner to be confined in jail until the case was argued before the supreme court. Giroux thereupon said that he would fight the case no further and his attorneys so stated. He leaves here within a few days for Oregon.

Sayers at Home.

Bastrop, Tex., Jan. 4.—Maj. J. D. Sayers came home yesterday and will remain here about a week. He is in most excellent health and spirits, seeming ready to enjoy the brief rest from public duties, while old friends gather around about him glad to seize the opportunity of hearing him talk, in free and unrestrained way, not for publication, but just from honest and earnest convictions frankly spoken. He expresses the highest appreciation for the friendship and kindly feeling so universally shown him in Washington as the hour of his departure hence came and his conversation reveals him thoroughly alive to all the interests of the day, both state and national, always holding "duty" as his watchword and honest effort, his chief weapon of warfare, say his friends here.

Left Intact.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 4.—The railroad commission recently issued blank forms C, D and E to the roads to be returned, filled out every month. These forms covered every expense entailed in freight and cost per pound for the transportation for same over roads in Texas, interchangeable freights being separated from local and both from interstate and foreign, and the third form cover every expense entailed in handling the different freights. The roads have petitioned the commission to strike out different portions of these forms, but the commission refused to make any changes and decided to leave the forms intact.

Wass Received.

The Terrell fire department has received 800 feet of new fire hose. This is of first-class quality and with the other amount already on hand gives the department a supply of hose sufficient for any emergency.

The managers of the inaugural ball at Austin have arranged with the railroads for an excursion rate of one fare for the round trip for Jan. 14 to 15 inclusive.

Novel Plan.

The newest and most novel device for collecting money has been put forth in New York by the Salvation Army, and it has met with remarkable success, because it has struck the popular fancy. It is an iron boiling pot, such as is used in every household, suspended from a tripod of red sticks about the height of a man. The inscription is "Keep the pot boiling," and it leaves absolutely no doubt of its object. There is a man in charge, of course, to see that contributions are not stolen. The fact that there is no importunity causes many to contribute who otherwise would refuse.

Woman Controlled.

In London there is a woman, Miss Penman, who has control over more than 500 conductors in the employ of the London Tramway company. Miss Penman is the only woman in England who occupies the very unique position of superintendent of street railway conductors. She engages all the conductors—500 all told—and the inspectors, receives their reports from day to day, and superintends the numerous details appertaining to the distribution of tickets, the checking of the men's daily returns, and the dismissal of men when occasion arises.

In a Curious Manner.

Professor Grassi's discovery that malaria is spread by a particular species of gnats has been proven in a curious manner at the Santo Spirito hospital at Rome. All attempts to communicate the disease to animals had failed when a patient in the hospital volunteered to have the experiment tried on himself. He was exposed to the gnats, developed the fever, his blood showing malaria bacilli, and was then treated with quinine. The doctors think that they are now in a way to discover a serum that will render people immune to the malaria.

Give Her Time.

"Have you kept track of Sue Baxter, who used to go to school with us?" said one woman to another, as they were reviewing old times.

"Oh, yes."

"What is her last name?"

"It is impossible to tell yet."

"Why?"

"Because she's only about 40 years of age, and she may marry half a dozen times yet."

Can be Changed.

The young man had gone into a shop to buy a fountain pen. The girl in charge on the fountain pen showcase had supplied him with a sheet of paper, a bottle of ink, and several of the pens, and in trying them one after another he covered the sheet of paper with the words "Tempus fugit," the girl looking on with a kindly interest. "If you buy one, and it doesn't suit you, Mr. Fugit," she remarked, "you can bring it back and I'll change it."

Did Not "Call."

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Origin of the Galloways.

In a pamphlet on the "History of the Galloways," Col. D. McCrae says: Galloways are a hardy hornless breed of beef cattle, which take their names from an old district in the southwest of Scotland. Near the sea, and along the valleys of the rivers are many glens of rich fertile land. On the higher ground the surface is more undulating and irregular with numerous small lakes, wide stretches of mossy moorland, rocky hills, and high heathery mountains. The climate is mild and moist, and while cattle usually have winter shelter provided, they sometimes winter well without any, and sheep are out all the year. In the days of the Romans it contained dense forests, largely of oak, and many traces of the Roman occupation may still be seen. The forests have disappeared, but there is still in many sections considerable wooded shelter.

Much has been written about the origin of our modern breeds of cattle. The Romans when they came into Britain found the great Bos Urus roaming through the forest. Caesar, says this animal resembled the domestic cattle, but in size was more like an elephant, and exceeding wild and fierce, with immense horns. Professor Low says their skeleton indicates an animal "nearly three times the bulk of the oxen of the present time." Much has been written to show that our modern breeds are descended from this savage wild ox, but the bulk of opinion seems to be against this supposition. Youatt in his work on the cattle of Great Britain says: "There appears to be the remnants of two distinct breeds of aboriginal cattle, one in the parks of Chillingham, in Northumberland; the other at Chatterhault in Lanarkshire. The first are middle-horned, and the second are polled. In continuation of the first we have the Devon, the Hereford, the Sussex, and the Highland cattle. The others would appear to survive in the Galloways, the Angus humbles, the Suffolk and the Norfolk." This may be a feasible supposition, but it is just as likely that these wild cattle are the descendants of the domestic animals escaped into the forest, and become wild there. Youatt says: "In the comparative young and uncertain life which our earlier and later ancestors led, these cattle would sometimes stray and be lost. The country was then overgrown with forests, and the beasts betook themselves to the recesses of the woods, became wild, and sometimes ferocious. They, by degrees, grew so numerous, as to be dangerous to the inhabitants of the neighboring district. As civilization advanced, and the forests became thinned and contracted, these animals were seldom seen, and at length almost disappeared. They are still to be found in a few parks." Instead of attempting to domesticate the buffalo we have brought with us the breeds of cattle used by our forefathers in Europe. The buffalo is readily tamed and has been more than once used as the ox in the plow. To judge by the historical accounts he is a meek and mild animal compared with the ancient Urus. When the white man came to America the horse was unknown, now there are many bands of wild horses descended from those escaped from settlers both in North and South America. The most likely theory is that our modern breeds of cattle are descended from the domestic cattle brought into Europe by the early settlers. The Scots are said to have come across Europe and through Ireland into Scotland, from Scythia, and it is a singular fact that Herodotus, the historian, who wrote about B. C. 400, says: In Scythia "the oxen have no horns." It is therefore probable that the Galloways are the direct descendants of the old Scythian breed of polled cattle.

National Inspection of Meat.

The inspection of meat for interstate commerce is, by direction of Congress, conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry. It was instituted in 1891, and now there are 128 abattoirs in 33 cities where the Bureau inspects all meat slaughtered. The number of live animals inspected in 1897 was as follows: Cattle, 8,250,025; sheep, 8,044,355; calves, 448,983; hogs, 25,566,744; total, 42,310,107. Of these the following numbers were rejected: Cattle, 25,146; sheep, 11,260; calves, 2,653; hogs, 53,144; total condemned, 92,304. This last total does not show a large percentage of diseased animals in this country, but it is unpleasant to think that, without government inspection, many of them would find their way into the butcher's block; some would be condemned by state or municipal inspectors. In addition to the above figures, there were post-mortem inspections of 26,590,689 animals, and 49,295 parts of carcasses were condemned. Besides, there were killed by city inspectors 641 cattle, 1,527 sheep, 40 calves, and 2,081 hogs that had been rejected in the stock yards by the officers of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

DISCOURAGING TIPS.

English Railroad Officials Trying to Break Up the Practice.

It was stated recently by several officials of railway companies having termini in the metropolis that the question of the tipping of porters had been engaging the attention of the respective general managers, says the London Times. The subject was one which bristled with difficulties, inasmuch as the traveling public encouraged, rather than discouraged, the practice. In the rules and regulations for the observance of the staff of each of the railway companies there was a clause specially directed to the question of the acceptance of tips, which provided that any servant detected receiving gratuities of any kind was liable to instant dismissal. Unfortunately, passengers were not aware of the existence of such a regulation or totally ignored it. If the public would only report cases of incivility on the part of porters on occasions when tips were not forthcoming, the railway companies would be in a position to deal more effectively with the question. The companies desired it to be known that the directors did not, as had been suggested by the men, take into consideration the amount a porter was likely to receive in tips when fixing the wage of an employe. The wages paid to the men were commensurate with the services rendered to the companies. The managers were, of course, well aware that at many of the larger stations a porter could easily earn, in the nature of tips, on an average at least £1 per week.

A FORTUNE TELLER'S LEGACY.

Says a dispatch from Old Town, Me., to the New York Sun: Every French-Canadian resident of Maine believes that a miracle has been performed over the grave of Paul Beaupre, who died and was buried in the woods above Grindstone Falls, four years ago. Beaupre, or Bo Peep, as he was called by his acquaintances, was a fortune-teller and peddler of snakeskin charms, who traveled from camp to camp in winter selling his amulets and preying upon the credulity of his countrymen by pretending to reveal future events. Four years ago he was taken ill with pneumonia while staying at a camp on the East Branch and died inside of a week.

Before his death he expressed a wish to have his body taken to Montreal for burial, pronouncing a fearful curse upon those who neglected to obey his last request. Among other catastrophes that were to follow a denial of his wish were the sudden death of the camp foreman, the loss of the year's cut of logs, and the burning of the camp. He also said that if he were buried in the woods a living cross would grow up from his grave which should serve as a perpetual warning to all unbelievers.

Beaupre died in November, 1894. His body was sewed up in new blankets and carried to a rocky point above Grindstone, where the bearers placed it under the roots of a great yellow birch tree which had lately been overturned in a gale. When the remains had been duly disposed in the stony opening one of the men chopped off the fallen tree trunk with an axe, allowing the stump to fly back, thus filling the hole and burying the body under tons of earth.

Two weeks later the camp boss was killed by a fallen limb. The following spring the logs were hung up for want of water and while they were lying on the shore waiting for rains a forest fire swept through the woods, burning the logs and the camp where the men had worked. This autumn a party of Frenchmen who had been hunting deer stopped at Bo Peep's grave and were surprised to find that the yellow birch which covered his remains had sprouted from the stump, sending up three shoots which had interlaced so as to form a cross about ten feet tall. When they saw that the last of the dead man's predictions had been fulfilled they came out and circled the story all over eastern Maine, since which time the grave has been visited by scores of French-Canadians, all of whom believe that a miracle has been wrought above the dead.

Fertilizing Sour Lands.—The first object sought in fertilizing should be to correct the acidity of the soil and to set up the processes of decomposition of the organic matter and nitrification so as to convert the inert into available plant food. Liberal applications of decomposing manures, such as barnyard manure, in connection with dressings of lime have usually been found effective for this purpose.

Considerate Colonel.

A Boston paper tells the following story of the late Col. Henry Lee "A business man in Boston was so fortunate as to have a very gentlemanly little fellow for an office boy—he's a business man himself now, and well fulfills the promise of his youth. One day he was sent to Col. Lee's office with a message. He returned, delivered the answer, and no more was thought of it until the next day, when the good colonel climbed three long flights of stairs to say that he had never seen so courteous and gentlemanly a boy; that he had done his errand with a grace and courtesy that many a man might envy, and that he felt it his duty to come and say so to the boy's employer."

Feeding Fish.

Col. "Jim" Fennessy, the well known theatrical man, has stocked his lake on his Kentucky farm with bass and other game fish. Recently he discovered a stranger fishing in the lake. "Jim" didn't know it, but the stranger had been fishing all day and had caught nothing. "Are you aware that this lake is private, and that you are not permitted to catch fish in it?" asked Col. Fennessy. "I'm not catching your fish," said the stranger; "I'm feeding 'em."

Choice of Weapons.

"You are an iceberg!" exclaimed her elderly but well-preserved adorer, pale with anger and mortification. "A dozen cupids, with a hundred arrows, could never find a vulnerable place in your flinty heart!"

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On a Long Island farm is an apple tree which bore two crops of fruit the past year, and the farmers are taking unusual interest in this peculiarity of nature. Just as much interest is being shown in Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which cures dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and blood disorders when other remedies fail to benefit.

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"It affords me great pleasure to tell all suffering women of the benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for what she has done for me. My trouble was ulceration of the womb. I was under the doctor's care. Upon examination he found fifteen very large ulcers, but he failed to do me good. I took several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, also used the Sanative Wash, and am cured. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine saved my life, and I would recommend it to all suffering women."

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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. H. H. Hayley, Secretary.

Robert Lee Mail Directory.

Robert Lee and San 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 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 Tennyson, 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. 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 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, 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.

Tennyson—Fourth Sunday 11 a. m Saturday night.

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Bronte News.

Regular Correspondent.

Bronte is in the swim, another store house will be built by Robbins Bros. and Crayton of Ballinger; we will have a Masonic Hall also, which will be a great benefit to the community and add much to the looks of our beautiful village.

Bront School is getting on nicely under the efficient management of Prof. F. R. Popplewell, 65 pupils in attendance.

Mr. Ofield and Pink Eaton are running a new blacksmith shop at Bronte, Mr. Ofield having rented his farm east of Bronte to Mr. Clemons of Valley View.

James Shook is going to feed cattle for Will Robbins. Little Maggie Harris has been sick for several days, we are glad to hear she is convalescent.

Geo. McDorrall and wife and Mrs. Vaughn went to Ballinger Sunday.

Rev. R. M. Cumbie preached an able and interesting sermon on last Sunday; and also Bro. K. Pace preached.

A musical entertainment was given at the residence of R. M. Cumbie last Friday night, a large attendance both young and old.

Mr. T. E. Williams, one of Bronte's prosperous merchants, went to San Angelo last week.

Mr. D. E. Scott, one of our prosperous farmers will go to San Angelo, this week with cotton and corn, he has on file a large package of RUSTLERS.

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Read the RUSTLER.

Valley view Locals.

Rev. Graham and family have moved to Lee, much to the regret of their many friends here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sturmon, a son.

The "candy breaking" Saturday night, at Mr. Green's, was quite an enjoyable affair.

Mr. Robinson, in building a chimney, found under one stone sixteen snakes of which fourteen were rattle snakes.

Every one enjoyed the Christmas Tree here.

The Valley View school will give a "Friday Afternoon Reception" in about two weeks.

Mr. Wyatt and son, and Mrs. Brightman were intending to leave this week for Comanche. There are many sighs at their departure, especially Mr. Henry's.

A number of young folks here attended the wedding at Indian Creek.

Valley View has a new Methodist Minister now.

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

Judge Davis has appointed, as Census Trustees the following named gentlemen, who will be entitled to a cash fee of 4 cents per capita for all pupils taken.

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