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We call special attention to our clubbing arrangements with The Weekly Constitution, published at Atlanta, Ga. The clubbing price of the two papers being only \$1.80 per year, subscriptions to be sent through this office and the terms to be cash.

It is a fact perhaps not generally known that The Weekly Constitution has the largest circulation of any newspaper on the western hemisphere. Only a few months ago a large newspaper directory questioned the claim of circulation made by The Constitution and put up a forfeit of \$100 that it could be disproved that it had more than 100,000 circulation. The Constitution promptly accepted the offer and submitted its books to the representative of the firm. Mr. George P. Rowell, publisher of the newspaper directory, acknowledged his error publicly and paid the forfeit.

The Constitution, while being a democratic newspaper, is first and above all things a newspaper. It is a twelve-page, seven-column weekly, making eighty-four columns each week. Its subscription price is \$1 a year, but if taken under the arrangement with this paper we can give them both at the price above named.

The Constitution has a special correspondent in every important city in the United States and a representative in all of the leading centers of the world.

During the war with Spain, which has just been brought to a close, the reports of no newspaper in the south could compare with its news presentation from the front. Its special staff representative sailed with the army with it first embarked from Tampa, and of the 120 correspondents who went to Cuba, he was one of only seven who remained to see the flag hoisted over the public buildings in Santiago. Its special representative also accompanied the fleet in the Caribbean sea, and its Washington special service covered every detail of the important war reports originating at the capital.

The Weekly Constitution during the late Spanish war served the news of all the notable events from first to last, with the promptness of a daily. The victory of Dewey at Manila, the death of Eads at Bagley, the movements of troops and fleets, the destruction of Cervera's fleet, the operations in Porto Rico, the treaty, and the unfurling of the stars and stripes over Morro castle, Havana were all given in the Weekly on Monday, on the very day the news first appeared in the daily.

The Weekly Constitution makes a special feature of its agricultural page, which is presided over by Colonel R. J. Redding, director of the Georgia experiment farm, and a man who is recognized as an expert on all agricultural topics. He gives a full page every week on agricultural matters. A page is devoted to the women and a page to children, these two depart-

ments being presided over by Mrs. William King.

Among the regular staff members of The Constitution are Joel Chandler Harris, Frank L. Stanton and others well known throughout the country; while among its special contributors are such men as Wallace P. Reed, Bill Arp, Sarge Plunkett, Betsy Hamilton, Dr. Talmage and others of national reputation.

The Constitution has just completed the thirtieth year of its existence, Clark Howell being the editor and Colonel W. A. Hemphill its business manager. Its name is a household word in every southern state, from Virginia to Texas. It has always been in especially close touch with the agricultural masses of the south, and in having reached a circulation which carries it into 150,000 homes it has won a unique distinction which ranks it among the greatest of American weekly newspapers.

The Constitution will send a sample copy of its great Weekly free to any one sending his own name and the names of six neighbors, on a postal card.

Every man should take his county newspaper before anything else, and next to this he should take a good general newspaper, such as The Constitution. His county paper gives him the local home news, which is not supplied by a newspaper furnishing the general news from all parts of the country and from all over the world. Before a man seeks information from outside, he should first feel sure that he is being kept posted on what is going on at home. That is why he should take his county paper first. When, however the opportunity is offered to get the best weekly newspaper in this country with your home paper, the inducement is such as to elicit prompt response to our readers.

We will be glad to receive clubbing subscriptions with this paper and The Constitution, and if there are any who are now subscribers to this paper, who wish to take The Constitution also, we will be glad to receive subscriptions to the latter and forward them, having authority from that paper to do so.

The Constitution should be in every southern home!

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

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

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

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

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

C. I. Hood and Co., of Lowell, Mass., sends us a pretty calendar for 1899. They put up a good Sarsaparilla, which can be bought from nearly any of our dealers. By sending them six cents in stamps, you can get their pretty calendar.

Sanco Sunshine.

The Institute has come and gone; the visitors were heartily welcomed and given the freedom of the city and the keys to our shops, and if they can stand our fare, we will entertain them again when it is their pleasure to visit our city. The meeting was on time and fair weather predominated, which insured a large attendance. Was opened with a song by the choir from Robert Lee, followed a recitation by Miss L. B. Kornegay; then O. W. Gardner on "The Missions of the Public Schools." Song, "The Era of Discovery and Missions" by Miss Amelia Caraway. "Era of filibus ters" by Miss Alvia Ingram; Song Story telling in school by H. T. Carter; song; thus ended the exercises of Friday evening, with much interest.

How how should the course of study go in rural schools, S. B. Williams; Metoods in Algebra. L. S. Bird; recitation, Miss Emma Merchant; Work preparatory to first book in language, Miss Lucille Stephens; Value of fault finding in the school room, E. H. Ross; injury to the pupils by unprepared teachers, Miss Lou Wilkins; Incentive to study, J. L. Ross; followed by exercise of Sanco pupils. Generally each one did his part to make the entire meeting interesting and instructive. As a few did not come an hour or two were dilatory, the program as announced was not exactly carried out, though satisfactory. Such a large attendance is seldom at Sanco, even old Santa Claus never drew a larger crowd on his annual visit. The house and the windows was more than full at the windup Saturday evening.

Now as predicted, the little Rustler man lost more than he gained, by not being a partaker of this occasion.

Nothing worthy of record has been noticed in our little city papers of late. All is quiet, no complaint. Health good. Land plows well. Little transaction in cattle.

W. R. Presslar sold a few cows at twenty dollars. Plenty of cows worth a great deal more than that price, where there is feed and grass to carry them until spring.

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

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The doctor's patients seldom decline with thanks.

A man who forgets a favor seldom forgives an injury.

A small rent in a reputation soon becomes a large hole.

A patrol wagon brings some inebriates to a full stop.

Nothing succeeds like the success of some people's failures.

Probably Niagara falls because the bed of the river can't hold it up.

The square-rigged ship is apt to become a wreck-tangle in a storm.

People who never get down to business seldom get up in the world.

A woman void of curiosity must find life as tedious as a historical novel.

The every-day Christian has seven chances to the Sunday fellow's one.

A coal dealer says: "As we journey through life we must live by the weigh."

We often wonder if the prince of Wales doesn't feel that his life is being thrown away.

The man who spent the summer constructing air castles is now trying to borrow heat for the air.

You can't judge a wife's love by the kisses she gives her husband when he comes home; she may only be suspicious.

The poor man must go out and weather the storm, while the rich man can stay at home and storm at the weather.

History tells us the ancient Egyptians honored a cat when dead. Thence ancient Egyptians were wise in the day and generation.

How quickly our soldiers and sailors resume the employments of peace! Forty men recently discharged from the United States service, each with a shovel over his shoulder, marched in New York city against the works the snow storm had built. The soiled uniforms told of campaigning elsewhere, and of duty about which there is to some minds a suggestion of romance. The unromantic shovel was handled with a vigor which promised well for the victories of peace.

Wherever there is a close margin or a deadlock in a senatorial election the use of money on a very few men is sufficient to decide the case. Now, if these members of the legislatures were acting in full view of their constituents, they would not be likely to surrender to bribes or to create scandal in any way. But they are gathered together at points which, though central, are remote from the voters who elect him, and they feel free to engage in underhand transactions. The remedy for all this is to make the system of choosing United States senators democratic. They should be chosen by the people.

The greed of base gain goes far to counteract the good results of civilized contact with the less developed races. Said John Williams, the missionary martyr of the Pacific islands: "I dread to see an American ship come into our port, for although she may bring missionaries in her cabin, in her hold are the death waters of damnation." A pathetic petition, signed by Hika Kiba, Bokaku, Mwambongani, Mwujomoto and fifteen other oddly named native Christian women, has recently been received from Benito, in West Africa, beseeching their American sisters to use all their influence to prevent the sending of "rum, gin, brandy and other liquors" to tempt and destroy the people of Gaboon and Coriseo.

Experiments with spider webs, to test their utility and adaptability as substitutes for silk in certain processes in which the latter has hitherto been used, have demonstrated the superiority of the former. They have been proven of great value in the focal plane of telescopes, but a factory has been established near Paris in which ropes of spider web are woven to be used in the construction of balloons for the aeronautic section of the French army. In this the poor spiders have no sinecure. Each spider is constrained to produce and spin from thirty to forty yards of thread before it is released—a condition of things which would seem to make a "strike" on their part morally justifiable! After being spun, eight of these threads are then woven into yarn of greater consistency, strength and lightness than silken cords of the same thickness.

AGONCILLO FILES DOCUMENTS.

The Filipino Junta Representative at Washington Gives His Reasons for the Recognition of Agoncillo.

Agoncillo Again.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Irritated at his failure to force an answer from the state department to his first statement, Felipe Agoncillo has filed a second letter and a second memorandum. He is determined to load up the department with Filipino literature, and to secure the introduction in the senate of a resolution calling for the correspondence.

Thus the matter which the state department of necessity ignores would secure official recognition in congress. It is a shrewd move and Agoncillo's Washington lawyers are credited with the invention of the plan.

Agoncillo's second communication was taken to the state department on Tuesday. Like the first, it remains unanswered. It explains that on Jan. 6, Secretary Lopez conveyed a note to the state department requesting an audience for Agoncillo so the latter might present his credentials as envoy from the Philippine republic to the president. To Senor Agoncillo's sincere regret he has not been favored with a reply or an acknowledgment of the letter's receipt. He expresses his regret as being the greater, because of "the present unhappy relations existing between the American and Philippine governments in the Philippine islands."

Agoncillo explains his appreciation of the injurious consequence which might result from a conflict between the two governments he fears that the act of one Filipino or one American may result in grievous loss of life and that is his apology for again urging a speedy answer.

The accompanying memorandum is 3000 words in length. It begins by explaining that ever since Spanish control began 300 years ago, the Filipinos have been deprived of all rights of local self-government, despite the various treaties guaranteeing it, and that their position was worse than Cuba's, as they had no membership in the Spanish cortes. The American declaration of independence has largely controlled their hopes, aspirations and actions.

The memorandum quotes the declarations in its reference to all men being created free and equal, to the suggestion that just governments derive their powers from the consent of the governed, and to the indictment of the king of England, for keeping among Americans, in time of peace, standing armies.

The memorandum explains that the Filipinos, after rising repeatedly in rebellion, did finally on June 18, form an independent government, being in possession of the larger share of the Philippine islands. They insured to the people of the islands the ends contemplated by the American constitution.

From Iloilo.

Manila, Jan. 16.—Official dispatches just received here from Iloilo, Island of Panay, indicate that the natives are disposed to be friendly, although absolutely opposed to the landing of the United States forces without orders from Malolos, the seat of the so-called Filipino national government. Some of the officials at Iloilo are not in accord with the revolutionary movement, but are willing to accept an American protectorate and to go to state the case to Aguinaldo if furnished transportation by the Americans.

The United States transports Newport, Arizona and Pennsylvania, with the eighteenth infantry, the Iowa battalion, the sixth artillery and a detachment of the signal corps, constituting Gen. Miller's expedition, are anchored close to Guimaras island, between Panay and Negros, where an excellent water supply is obtained. The natives, though indisposed primarily to furnish the Americans with fresh supplies, now permit the American officers to go ashore, and furnish them with an escort during the day time.

The British steamer Treasury, which arrived at Burnin, Germany, Dec. 25 from Galveston via New York, had much of her cargo, consisting of 1621 bales of cotton, 6900 bags of cotton seed meal and 1500 bags of oil cake, contained in the second hold, all badly damaged by water.

Work on the \$10,000 Young Men's Christian association building at Cleburne, Tex., will soon begin.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Eight Iron Mountain freight cars were piled up in a wreck at Mandeville, Ark.

An epidemic of meningitis is raging at Albany, Ga. Seven deaths occurred in one day.

A reported discovery of lead at Lowell, Ark., occasioned much excitement.

Col. W. F. Young, a prominent ex-Confederate, died at Clarksville, Tenn., aged 69 years. He was a well-known tobacco man.

Mrs. Martha Moss, her son, Will, and her grandson, Frank Stewart, have been arrested at Fayetteville, Ark., charged with raising \$1 bills to \$5.

A Kentucky grocery firm at Danville has been dissolved because one of the members wish to discontinue selling cigars and tobacco. The non-tobacco man will continue the business.

Judge U. M. Rose was elected president of the Arkansas Bar association.

Mildred, 8 years old, daughter of Frank Wisdonn, was burnt to death at New Providence, Tenn.

A large and varied assortment of fowls were exhibited at the Arkansas State Poultry show, held at Little Rock.

The Tennessee Federation of Labor met at Nashville. M. J. Noonan of Nashville was elected president. Action was taken upon several bills to be submitted to the legislature.

Will Fight All.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 16.—Robert Fitzsimmons announces that he proposes fighting every man who wants to meet him during the coming year and then he expects to retire from the stage. He said:

"To show how willing I am to fight Sharkey, I'll close my show if Sharkey covers \$2500 I have posted and issue his challenge. When I wanted to retire they would not let me; now I am ready to fight. I'm going to start out this year to fight all of them, heavy and middleweights. I don't care whether they have any reputation or not. I'm going to lick them all if I can. Then I will retire."

Miss Arnold to Marry.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 16.—Miss Emma Arnold of St. Louis, who gained considerable notoriety last summer at Asbury Park, N. J., by kissing Lieut. Richmond Pearson Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, is engaged to be married to Mr. Charles Erber, a wealthy jeweler of Texarkana, Tex. Announcement to this effect is made by Mrs. M. Arnold, the young woman's mother. It was supposed here that Miss Arnold was engaged to a New York man, but according to her mother, she has been betrothed to Mr. Erber for several months. The wedding will take place in the spring. The date has not been fixed.

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Dingley Dead.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Hon. Nelson Dingley of Maine, leader of the Republican side of the floor of the house of representatives and representing the second congressional district of Maine in that body, died here last night at 10:30 o'clock of heart failure, resulting from extreme weakness due to double pneumonia.

He was unconscious during most of the day and death came quietly without consciousness being regained. There were present at the time Mrs. Dingley, Miss Edith Dingley, Messrs. E. N. and A. H. Dingley, sons of the deceased, and Dr. Deale, one of the physicians, who had been attending him throughout his illness. To within a few hours before his death the family believed, as they have throughout his illness, that Mr. Dingley would recover, and it was only when it became apparent that he was dying that they gathered at his bedside.

While the past few days have given great hope of recovery, the progress of the disease had made the patient dangerously weak and had seriously affected his heart. Late Thursday night and again yesterday morning Mr. Dingley had a bad sinking spell, from which he slightly rallied. There were further evidences of heart failure as the day progressed and the strongest stimulants were administered, but without effect. He failed perceptibly during the afternoon and as night came, hope was abandoned. Mrs. Dingley is very much prostrated by her husband's death and is now under the care of a physician.

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Washington Excited.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Official Washington was struck dumb when the detailed report of Commissary Gen. Eagan's testimony before the war investigating commission was received.

Such a breach of army regulations had never before occurred and such foul language in the presence of an investigating board of any description was a novelty that for horribleness has never been equaled.

After recovery from the first shock the matter was the talk of the city. The president and cabinet took it up; the department officials discussed it, army officers exchanged opinions and legislators found it more engrossing as a topic of conversation than the Philippines and the army bill.

A consensus of opinion is that Gen. Eagan should be booked for a court-martial, while some army officers declare that Eagan's commission should have been revoked by the president at once.

The disposition of the offender lies with the president and Secretary Alger. Upon them devolves the protection of the honor of the army. Gen. Miles' refusal to demand the appointment of a board of inquiry for the time being leaves the matter entirely with the secretary of war and the commander-in-chief of the army and navy. Their duty is regarded as clear.

The military code under which Gen. Eagan's offense is punishable contains the following provisions:

"Article of war No. 61.—Any officer who is convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman shall be dismissed from the service.

"Article of war No. 25.—No officer or soldier shall use any reproachful or provoking speeches or gestures to any other. Any officer who so offends shall be under arrest."

Conduct unbecoming an officer is defined in paragraph 4 of the regulations as follows:

"Courtesy among military men is indispensable to discipline; respect to superiors will not be confined to obedience or duty, but will be extended on all occasions."

Judge Advocate Gen. Lieber, said: "The secretary of war has full authority to arrest and court-martial Gen. Eagan. I have nothing to say as to the merits of the case. No papers relating to it are being prepared in this office."

Eagan Interviewed.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Commissary General Eagan consented to be interviewed. When the subject of his testimony before the investigating commission was broached, Gen. Eagan first made clear the statements, both as to facts and language.

"I had my own grievances," Gen. Eagan said, "a terrible charge was brought against me. I was accused of cheating; no, I mean I was accused of poisoning soldiers under the pretense of experiment. If it had not been for that charge I might not have spoken before the commission as I did. For three weeks I chafed under the charge of having poisoned soldiers under the pretense, yes, under the pretense of experimenting with chemicals. If it had not been for this charge, perhaps I would not have used such language before the commission. Let those that criticize my language be placed in the position in which I was placed; let them be charged as I was charged and they will understand my language better. It is the gored bull that feels the pain."

Storm at Dieppe.

Dieppe, Jan. 14.—Immense damage has been done to the Plage garden and casino here, and at Pourville the gale has worked a similar injury, the beach being torn up and the valley flooded for an area of three kilometres. Ten chalets facing the sea have been destroyed, forty bathing boxes washed away and the casino wrecked.

At Le Treport, sixteen miles north-east of Dieppe, the casino was half carried out to sea, and many chalets have been damaged. The whole coast is strewn with debris.

To Inspect.

New York, Jan. 14.—A dispatch from Washington says: Gen. Breckenridge was given orders late Thursday afternoon to proceed without delay to Cuba and Porto Rico on an inspection trip, which will last for months. He was directed to report to Maj. Gen. Brooke and to Adj. Gen. Corbin.

Fred Sawyer was hanged at Waxahachie, Tex., for an assault on Mrs. Fannie Fuller at Ennis.

Pronounced Suicide.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 14.—The coroner's hearing on the death of Guy A. Morgan, a medical student, formerly of El Paso, Tex., and Nashville, Tenn., who was found dead in Forest park Wednesday, was resumed yesterday. It pronounced the case one of suicide committed while suffering from temporary aberration of mind.

Unknown Dead Body Found.

An unusually large number of mudbers have formed in the Brazos river.

Killed at Church Door.

Ironton, O., Jan. 14.—Robert Baldwin, aged 26, son of the Rev. Jarney Baldwin, pastor of the Baptist church at Kitts Hill, this county, was shot and killed by Salmon Farrell last night. Baldwin had trouble with Charles Webb, who had been reprimanded by Rev. Baldwin for disturbing a meeting. Webb and Farrell waited at the church door until young Baldwin came out, when they assaulted him and Farrell shot him through the heart. In the excitement Farrell and Webb escaped, but were followed by the sheriff and a posse. The fugitives appeared to be trying to reach West Virginia.

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Miss Arnold to Marry.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 16.—Miss Emma Arnold of St. Louis, who gained considerable notoriety last summer at Asbury Park, N. J., by kissing Lieut. Richmond Pearson Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, is engaged to be married to Mr. Charles Erber, a wealthy jeweler of Texarkana, Tex. Announcement to this effect is made by Mrs. M. Arnold, the young woman's mother. It was supposed here that Miss Arnold was engaged to a New York man, but according to her mother, she has been betrothed to Mr. Erber for several months. The wedding will take place in the spring. The date has not been fixed.

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Germany's Attitude.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The mask is off. Germany stands toward this country in a threatening attitude and the administration is not unprepared to meet the vital issue should it rise.

As a first step a retaliation bill specifically directed against the pending Imperial meat inspection bill will be introduced and passed simultaneously with the passage of the German government measure.

It can be said that the state department is preparing the retaliatory measure which will be transmitted to the house committee on agriculture in the nature of a suggestion. If the situation warrants a presidential message urging the passage of the bill will be sent to congress.

All past diplomatic assurances from Germany as to her friendliness toward this country are now regarded in official circles as so many false pretenses. Beginning with Admiral von Diederichs' insolence to Admiral Dewey in which the German cruiser Irene narrowly escaped the commission of a warlike act, the situation has been growing in rancor, until the introduction of the meat inspection bill in the reichstag and the boldness and skill displayed by Aguinaldo, have come to be regarded as twin evidences of Germany's hostility.

The situation at Manila is admitted critical, much more so than the trouble at Iloilo. There is here a well-defined fear that the demonstration at Iloilo was designed to attract a large portion of Otis' forces from Manila so that the 20,000 armed insurgents near the Philippine capital could make a successful dash for the control of the city.

The retaliatory bill in the course of preparation at the state department will practically exclude from this country German wines, toys and hardware bric-a-brac. The yearly imports on these lines aggregate \$75,000,000.

A state department official said last night that the efforts of Ambassador Dr. von Holleben were in vain and that the kaiser would insist on railroading his meat inspection bill through the reichstag.

German Duel.

In a duel at Metz, Germany, Lieut. Schlickmann of the Bavarian infantry shot and killed Herr Tillman, a civilian.

In accordance with the emperor's decree, duels are allowed only in exceptional cases and by the consent of the court of honor.

Tillman, who was shoved off the sidewalk by some officers last May, struck one with a stick and boasted of it in the restaurant. The court of honor decided that as he was a member of a wealthy family he could give satisfaction, and selected Lieut. Schlickmann to represent the regiment. The father of Tillman vainly appealed to the police to stop the duel.

Choate Appointed.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The president has sent to the senate the nomination of Joseph H. Choate of New York to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Great Britain.

Joseph Hodge Choate was born in 1832 in Massachusetts, and is the son of Dr. George Choate. He was graduated in 1854 from Harvard law school, and was admitted in 1855 to the bar. He formed a partnership with William H. Barnes, but in 1859 became a member of the firm of Everts, Southward & Choate. For the last ten years Mr. Choate has been generally acknowledged to be the leader of the New York bar.

Well Pleased.

London, Jan. 12.—In a chorus of welcome the papers greet Joseph Choate as Col. Hay's successor in London. The purport of their comment upon the appointment is that the new ambassador "will not have to remove difficulties, but only to foster friendship," as the Daily Telegraph puts it, and the Times says the selection is "not only one to which no exception can be taken, but even a high compliment."

Warlike Elements.

New York, Jan. 12.—John Barrett, ex-minister to Siam, writes from Hong Kong that Hong Kong is full of warlike elements.

American and English in the far east favor our control. Dewey still favors that.

Barrett is still of the opinion that Aguinaldo can be controlled by diplomacy.

Heavy rains have swollen the Sabine river in Louisiana.

Censorship Over Cable.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The news of the establishment of censorship over the cable at Manila was taken as an indication of gravity of the situation there, but caused no surprise among those familiar with the reports for the last two weeks. The censor was put in charge for a two-fold purpose—to prevent threatening reports sent out to the world and to prevent Aguinaldo and the Filipino junta in Paris from communicating news and advice to Aguinaldo. The insurgents will be cut off from the outside world and the European power furnishing them aid and comfort will have to send messengers.

Gen. Greeley, chief of the signal service office, said: "I did not yet know the fact that a censorship had been established officially, but it is a matter which is within the original jurisdiction of Gen. Otis. I do not hesitate, however, to express the opinion that it would have been proper from prudential reasons to have established this censorship some days ago. Had that been done it would not have been possible for agents of Aguinaldo to have sent important information from Washington, which I am informed was done from the Filipinos' representatives here."

Gen. Greeley says that while the Hong Kong-Manila cable is an English concern, we have a right to control the Manila end, which is in our territory. Spain controlled this cable for the same reason during the recent war.

Important advices were received by the war department yesterday, but were kept secret. They are supposed to contain information about the hostile demeanor of the 20,000 armed insurgents near Manila, and the supplemental force of 15,000 in the more remote parts of Luzon.

The United States has but 19,500 troops in the Philippines, with 17,000 at Manila, and 2500 at Iloilo.

Foraker for Expansion.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Mr. Foraker of Ohio addressed the senate yesterday in favor of expansion, taking a decided stand. Messrs. Bacon of Georgia and Allen of Nebraska offered resolutions pertaining to the Philippines.

The house yesterday completed and passed the bill for the codification of the criminal laws of Alaska, upon which it has been working intermittently for a week. An amendment was adopted providing a high license system in the territory with a species of local option.

Denies It.

London, Jan. 12.—A correspondent says:

Senor Sagasta denies that only negotiations are in progress for the sale of the Carolines, remarking that the previous consent of the cortes would be necessary. This is not to be taken, however, as indicative of any determination to sell. The premier intends to convoke the cortes as soon as the United States has approved the peace treaty.

Contract Signed.

New York, Jan. 12.—Mr. Huntington signed the contract for the purchase of the Galveston City company's property for the Southern Pacific terminals at Galveston at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He said he hoped to be considered henceforth as one of Galveston's most enthusiastic supporters. As soon as the necessary consents are obtained and the details arranged the work of establishing at Galveston the finest and largest terminals in the country will begin.

New Senator.

St. Albans, Vt., Jan. 12.—Hon. B. F. Fildes of Montpelier notified Gov. Smith that on account of family reasons he was compelled to decline the appointment as United States senator to succeed the late Senator Morrill.

The appointment was at once offered to Hon. Jonathan Ross of St. Johnsbury, chief justice of the supreme court of Vermont who accepted.

The pope is to hold a council at Rome this year.

Journalists' Club.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 12.—The executive committee of the International League of Press Clubs met yesterday at the Journalists to arrange for the annual convention to be held in Baltimore. It was decided to hold the convention early in April. Representatives will attend the convention from all the large cities of the country and a number of matters of interest to newspaper workers will be taken up.

Eagan on Miles.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Gen. Eagan has put it to Gen. Miles. If he had gone any further in his comments upon Gen. Miles' testimony before the war investigation commission, it would have burnt the wire in two before his language had been transmitted very far.

He had called Gen. Miles everything printable and has said that even the Washington bootblacks, to say nothing of swell society, should not notice him.

He says that Gen. Miles is all sorts of a liar, that he should be drummed out of the army and that he "lied with as black a heart as that of the man who blew up the Maine."

Not satisfied with deluging the head of Gen. Miles with his wrath Eagan took a fall out of the proprietors of the New York Journal, Herald and World. These, he said, should be sent to the penitentiary for high treason in purloining government secrets during the war.

All of this sensation grows out of the army beef contract and Gen. Miles' criticism upon the commissary general's department. It is a seething sensation and a scandal of the first water. What Gen. Miles will do about it remains to be seen. It is likely that he will again go before the commission, but in any event the matter has reached a stage where congress will have to take hold. The esprit du corps of the army can not survive such feuds as this between Miles and Eagan and it is said by friends of the president that the latter is becoming sick of the whole matter.

None of the war department officials will say a word about the new developments, but it is known that Secretary Alger regards the Miles-Eagan episode as the most serious of the many disputes with which the war department has had to contend, and it is felt that a general cleaning up can not be long delayed.

Pugilism Denounced.

New York, Jan. 13.—The Asbury Park, N. J., board of trade has denounced pugilism.

Rev. E. S. Widdeler, an Episcopalian clergyman, said:

"The one thing which has done more than anything else to blast the prospects of Asbury Park during the past year is the training of prize fighters here. They have been told that they can not go to Allenhurst, yet the same men come to Asbury Park and are caressed in a certain sense by some of our city officials. The influence against Asbury Park has been great and it will take years to overcome it. I recognize that we can not keep them away if they desire to come, but it is unnecessary for them to get official recognition."

A resolution was then offered that the board discontinue the training of prize fighters in Asbury Park and the motion was adopted unanimously.

James J. Corbett was the first pugilist to train at Asbury Park. Fitzsimmons was the star attraction last summer and Kid McCoy trained there for the Sharkey fight.

Little Done.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Little business was transacted by the senate in open session yesterday. Sixteen bills on the private pension calendar were passed and a joint resolution extending the thanks of congress to Miss Clara Barton and other officials of the Red Cross society for their beneficent work in Armenia and Cuba was adopted.

The house passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill without any amendment. During the general debate two set speeches were made against imperialism by Messrs. Carmack and Gaines of Tennessee.

Indian Bill.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The senate appropriations committee has reported the Indian appropriation bill. It contains a provision authorizing a limited return to the contract system of Indian schools.

Considerable hog stealing is reported in the Chickasaw nation.

Responsibility Fixed.

London, Jan. 13.—The admiralty court has found that La Bourgoigne of the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique is alone to blame for the collision with the British ship Cromartyshire, July 4, last near the Sable Islands, off the coast of Nova Scotia, resulting in the sinking of the steamer and a loss of over 500 lives.

Gen. Wheeler favors an increase of the army.

Severe Self-Punishment.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—A remarkable case of self-torture as a punishment for fancied sins has been brought to light here. Lena Walshlaeger, a young woman who came to this country from Germany about a year ago, is in the hospital recovering from an operation to remove a needle imbedded in the walls of her stomach. The needle was the third that had been removed from this young woman's body, two others having been taken out last March. The Roentgen rays have revealed the presence of seven more. Miss Walshlaeger says that two years ago she was an inmate of a convent in Germany where she had been put by her mother when the latter emigrated to the United States. Miss Walshlaeger frequently broke the rules of the institution and according to her story she was told by one of the priests in the convent to prick herself with a needle for each breach of propriety. The girl tried to carry out these instructions, but courage failed her, so she arranged a number of needles in the belt of her shirt waist so the sharp points would pierce her whenever she moved. She endured this, she says, for several months, then unable to bear it longer ran away and with the aid of friends came to Chicago, where her mother lives. It is the theory of physicians that the needles worked their way into the young woman's flesh while punishing herself in this novel manner. After seven needles were located and removed another skiagraph will be taken to determine if any more needles remain.

Two Arrested.

New York, Jan. 13.—Jas. McNaughton, former president of the Tradesmen's National bank, and Allen McNaughton, president of the Wool exchange, and one of the directors of the Tradesmen's National bank, were arrested yesterday and arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields charged with conspiracy to defraud in connection with the certification of a check drawn upon the Tradesmen's National bank to the order of the United States Trust company for \$510,000 when the trust company was alleged as having no funds in the bank to its credit. Both pleaded not guilty and they were held in \$25,000 bail each for examination next Tuesday.

Against James McNaughton there were two complaints. On the additional charge of wrongfully certifying the \$510,000 check he was held in \$10,000 bail, making \$35,000 in all. The technical charge made against both men was conspiracy in violating the statutes.

Favorable Report.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The house committee on Indian affairs ordered favorable reports on bills extending three years the time in which the Galveston, McAlester and St. Louis Railway company shall build a road through the Indian Territory, authorizing the Arkansas and Choctaw Railway company to operate a railway through the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations; to create a board of health and regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in the Indian Territory. This bill in effect extends over this territory, the laws on the subject now in effect in Arkansas.

Boom Collapsed.

New York, Jan. 13.—A dispatch from Gloucester, Mass., says: A copper boom that burst in Clifton, Graham county, Arizona, has caused a loss of \$250,000 to the stockholders in this city. About fifteen years ago a company was formed by a committee of local men and experts who reported that they were fabulously rich, and the stock was eagerly subscribed, many of the stockholders taking as large blocks as \$50,000.

For Postmaster.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The president sent these nominations to the senate: Postmasters—Texas: Annie H. Dumars, Angleton; Wm. McManis, Baird; Winfield L. Vinson, Lufkin.

The Miles-Eagan controversy is causing much excitement at Washington.

Dingley Better.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Representative Dingley, according to his physician, Dr. H. B. Deale, has now passed the crisis and is considerably improved. Dr. Deale is now confident of his patient's recovery. Wednesday night Mr. Dingley gained much rest, sleeping naturally, as he has not been able to do for several nights, and the gain in his condition yesterday afternoon was very perceptible.

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Course through the veins, feeds, nourishes and sustains all the organs, nerves, muscles and tissues of the body. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes warm, rich, pure blood. It is the best medicine you can take in winter. It tones, invigorates, strengthens and fortifies the whole body, preventing colds, fevers, pneumonia and the grip.

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Henry A. Salzer, manager of the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., sent his alma mater, the Charles City, Iowa, College, a check for \$3,000 as a New Year's gift.

Some women age themselves trying to look young.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

LUCAS COUNTY.
FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.
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We hear that J. Jay Robbins late of Ballinger, has moved to Bronte and will engage in business there with his brother J. F. Bronte is to be congratulated, as the Robbins boys are as good citizens and as pleasant gentlemen as any community need wish.

A little "Shott was shot" and "Not was not" story is going the rounds of the West Texas country press. This paper has no room for such rubbish and will not impose upon its readers by reproducing it. The author of this quarrel between "Shott" and "Not" must be a disciple of Darwin.

While rustling for the Rustler in San Angelo last Monday we concluded to try and do our town and County a good turn, so we called on one of the Rust Brothers who do the largest telephone business in West Texas. Mr J. X. Rust is a pleasant gentleman and kindly gave us half an hour of his valuable time during which he informed us that his company intended building a line to Robert Lee, either from Ballinger or San Angelo. They are very busy placing telephone exchanges, local phones, etc. in San Angelo and Colorado City just now what will take the time in a few weeks to ride over the territory and decide from which R. R. Point to build the line. Rust Bros. use only first class phones, wire posts, insulators, etc. and are considered one of the leading resident telephone promoting firms in Texas.

Neighboring papers are clipping a column interview with Mr. Wheatcroft, late Rail Road promoter, in this section. He gave them a lot of taffy on the "C. V. R. R." question. When work resumes we will let our readers know.

Several young people attended the teacher's Institute which convened at Sanco, Jan. 13. They report quite an enjoyable time and large attendance. The good people of Sanco know how to entertain and always encourage education every opportunity.

It gave us much pleasure to notice Coke County people patronizing the RUSTLER'S advertisers in San Angelo, last Monday.

Notice to Tax Payers.

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER.

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,

R. W. Finley,

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Prof. H. T. Carter was in Friday.

Mrs. Eli Rabin was in town last Friday shopping.

School books at Mrs. Ingram's.

C. W. Warner, from near Ft. Chadbourne, was in town yesterday.

Mr. G. C. Laswell has purchased the Mobley drug store, building, fixtures and all at a consideration of \$1250.00. We wish Mr. Laswell success with the new venture.

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

Read the card of Bob Dudley, Angelo carriage transfer man.

Joe S. Cotten is doing a fine business with the Hotel San Angelo, above the Concho National Bank. Try him once and you will stop with him again. Notice his ad.

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

Mrs. T. A. Boykin, of Mountain Creek, was in town Monday.

Mr. L. G. Phillips, of Bronte, dropped into our office Monday, and ordered the RUSTLER to keep a coming.

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

J. P. Angel was in Saturday.

J. W. Ashurst and wife were shopping in our little city last Saturday.

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Miss Amelia Caraway is teaching at the New Hope School House, near Ft. Chadbourne P. O.

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

Mrs. Lollar, who lives near the Indian Creek school was shopping in town last Saturday. She is much pleased with the school taught there by Prof. S. B. Williams.

Bro. G. C. Berryman has moved to town. He and family are living in the Grandma Hayley house.

Mrs. W. N. Copejand, an old time Kunnels County friend, was in town shopping last Saturday. They now live on the river above the mouth of Yellow Wolf Creek.

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

See the notice to tax payers on our fourth page.

John I. Murtshaw was trading in town latter part of last week.

Little Miss Viola Meek called on the Rustler last Friday morning to see us print some of the papers.

Mrs. G. W. Webb is visiting her son, Nelson near Ft. Chadbourne, this week.

Bro. Bates failed to fill his appointments here last Sunday at eleven and night. All on account of the La Grippe having a hold on him.

J. M. O'Neill, from Ballinger, representing the Woodmen of the World, spent a few days in our town about a week since.

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

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

Buck Holman, who lives near Bronte, was in town, on business yesterday.

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

T. A. Higginbotham, a good and substantial citizen from the Bronte country, was in town last Friday. He had his date set forward into 1900.

Mrs. W. F. Buchanan and family are now living in the Findlator house, above J. R. Patterson's.

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

C. L. Hughes, County Treasurer, and H. H. Pearce, Editor, took a business trip to San Angelo, first of the week.

A sneak thief stole one of the Lewis Bros.' saddle out of the wagon yard, and a bridle from Uncle Rufe Perry, one of the dark nights last week.

Dr. C. C. Cann, an oculist from California, is visiting our town this week.

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

Joe Flowers, the hat and shoe man, was working the town early Monday morning. Flowers evidently believes in the adage that "The early bird catches the worm."

To kill the mange on your dog, use Nussbaumers Antiseptic Stock Ointment.

Prof. J. A. Puckett, who teaches the Divide school, was in town Saturday.

J. C. Newton, County Commissioner from Edith, was in town Saturday, with a pocket full of "rocks," which he was spending with our merchants.

A mail contractor, name unknown to us, was doing business in our little city last Monday and Tuesday.

We saw Mr. William Childress, a gentleman well known to all of us, in San Angelo the other day. He instructed us to keep the RUSTLER coming of course.

See Jack Douglas' card on our first page. He's a good wagon yard man.

See the Second Hand Store ad, among our single column cards.

J. N. Buchanan and family now occupy the Dr. Woodard house in the upper part of town.

A Jack Crockett has moved his family to Angelo, where he is barbering.

Mr. Forrest Clark, the esteemed RUSTLER Reporter at Bronte, was in our city on business yesterday. We were sorry to learn from him that his father, Dr. J. F. Clark, one of our best friends, was in poor health.

Notice the new furniture ad of Mrs. Fitzgerald's in this issue. We took a half hours' peep at her goods and prices the other day and pronounce both all right.

If you want 5 or 100 gallons of genuine cane syrup, Ribbon Cane or Sorghum at reasonable price. Call on Dr. G. W. Martin, Robert Lee, Tex.

Lon McGill passed through town Saturday en-route to Ballinger.

Nelson Webb was in Saturday, from Ft. Chadbourne.

"Jones" and his son, "Bill Jones," "Aunt Sallie," and "Sister Beth" were all visitors to the Capitol during the last seven days. We are always glad to see our kinfolks as well as the "Joneses."

Ed C. Rawlings, Commissioner, from Bronte, was in town last Friday a few hours.

Ed. McDonald had the misfortune to lose one of his horses here last Friday. The horse had a severe case of colic and was doctored by Veterinary Surgeon Thomas too late.

Small Stock Jewelry at PEARCE'S DRUG STORE.

While Miss Alvia Ingram was returning to her school Sunday, accompanied by her mother and sister, the horse became frightened, overturned the buggy, throwing out the occupants but happily no one was injured. The buggy, however, was considerably wrecked.

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

Pay your taxes before the first of February, unless you want ten per cent cost added.

J. M. Fields, from near Bronte, was in town the latter part of last week.

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. 8th to 13th inclusive:

Pearl Hamilton,	Dollie Stewart,
Mable Davis,	Elen Gardner,
Elsie Laswell,	Lillie Trammel,
Lydia Roe,	Effie Murray,
Pearl Murray,	Stella Reamer,
Gertrude Stepp,	Roy Hamilton,
Howard Montieth,	Neely Gardner,
Terrell Trammel,	Clyed Warren,
Jack Couch,	Fannie Laswell,
	O. W. Gardner,
	Prin.

The following are the pupils of the Paint Creek School, who averaged above 88 per cent in attendance, deportment and recitations for the month of December. Fred Blackwell, Tommie King, Willie King, Preston Blackwell, Ora Collier, Maewin Dickey, Emma Merchant, Teacher.

Keneille Gin Notice.

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

L. H. McDORMAN
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.

Attention! ExConfederate.

"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.

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MUSIC DEALER. SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Bills Introduced.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 14.—In the senate yesterday Mr. Dibrell's bill appropriating \$110,000 to pay members' mileage and per diem and pay of officers was read a second time and passed finally under suspension of the rules requiring bills to be read on three several days.

The bill by Mr. Wayland appropriating \$20,000 for contingent expenses of this session was read a second time, ordered engrossed and finally passed under a suspension of the rules.

At this juncture a message from the governor was received and read in which he called attention to the contract between the state and Hogg & Robertson by which the \$110,000 was collected from the United States government.

By Mr. Greer—An act requiring the claimant of the title to land under the statutes of limitation of five years and of ten years to record a declaration of his claim after the same has matured, and providing what said declaration shall contain, and defining the rights of innocent purchasers of the land so claimed, and further providing the compensation of clerks for recording such claims.

By Mr. Potter—An act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies having charters granted or amended since the 1st day of January, 1887, and which have failed, or about to fail, to construct their roads and branches, or any part thereof within the time required by law, extending the period within which to comply with the law two years.

Mr. Miller secured the adoption of a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee, consisting of three members of the senate and three of the house, to count the vote for governor and arrange for the inauguration of the state officers.

In the house the pending business was a resolution directing that 1200 copies of the house journal be printed and that each member be allowed eight copies. Adopted.

A resolution by Kittrell, which was referred, requested the government to allow Texas to keep the \$45,000 due the United States and to apply it toward the colored normal school at Prairie View.

Burned to Death.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 14.—At 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning the old Telegraph hotel, a two-story frame structure on Main street, was discovered on fire and in a few minutes the building and its contents were in ashes and W. H. Denny, a rice farmer, who occupied room No. 20 on the second floor, was burned beyond recognition.

The building and contents were valued at \$3000, with \$1600 insurance.

Not Discouraged.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 14.—The petroleum hunters in the Waco district do not feel discouraged, for although oil in paying quantities has not been struck yet both gas and oil has been discovered in so many wells it is felt that the explorers are on a hot trail. Mr. Henry C. Scott of St. Louis and his associates are getting ready to spend money freely drilling wells hoping to get both gas and oil. They will drill within the city limits, on the east side of the river.

Narrow Escape.

Bonham, Tex., Jan. 14.—Jim Graham narrowly escaped death here by coming in contact with an electric current. Mr. Graham started to enter a drug store and as he stepped up on the iron sill in the doorway he was instantly knocked senseless and was with difficulty that he was removed. It was found that the rain of the night before had soaked the wire, causing the current to burn through the same and run down to the iron column, thus charging it heavily with electricity.

Resigned.

Texarkana, Tex., Jan. 14.—J. P. Freeman, for several years station baggage agent at Texarkana for the St. Louis Southwestern railway (Cotton Belt), tendered his resignation and Mr. W. W. Cockwood of Memphis, Tenn., has arrived here and relieved Mr. Freeman. Mr. Freeman will engage in other business in Shreveport.

In the senate on the 13th McLauren of South Carolina spoke against expansion. In the house the navy personnel bill was discussed.

The war investigation commission passed a resolution of censure against Gen. Eagan.

Shafter at San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 16.—Major Gen. W. R. Shafter, late commander of the fifth army corps in the operations before Santiago, Cuba, arrived in the city from Washington Saturday, accompanied by Capt. W. H. McKittrick and wife, the daughter of Gen. Shafter; Capt. E. H. Plummer, Major Robt. H. Noble and J. H. Edwards of San Francisco.

A crowd of 1500 people gathered around the Pullman sleeper which the party occupied and greeted Gen. Shafter with a continuous cheering. At the depot the party was met by Capt. J. N. Shafter of this city and the party drove to the Menger hotel, where Mayor Callaghan and a large number of prominent citizens awaited their arrival. Gen. Shafter stepped forward and bowed to the people assembled and then retired to his room. He was fatigued and not feeling well. He met only the family of his brother while at the hotel and excused himself from being interviewed.

Gregg County Storm.

Longview, Tex., Jan. 16.—A twister passed through this county from the southwest corner to the northeast corner four miles northwest of Kilgore. The cyclone swept down and demolished a tenement house on the Moore place, in which were a woman named Mrs. McCune and five children, dangerously injuring all, and fatally injuring Mrs. McCune. The husband was away from home.

Acres of forest trees are uprooted, and everything was swept before the wind's fury. The rain was the heaviest ever witnessed, and the creeks are so swollen that communication is impossible with the southern part of the county. All wires went down, and trees were across the International and Great Northern railroad in several places.

Flood of Bills.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 16.—There was no session of the senate Saturday.

In the house, after the announcement of several committee bills were introduced and one petition.

A resolution requesting the finance committee to report as soon as possible the deficiency appropriation bill was introduced by Tarver of Webb and adopted.

Everything pertaining to taking newspapers was tabled.

The speaker announced the appointment of the following clerks: Stenographers, Miss M. E. Green, J. D. Lyons, H. C. Jarrell, Henderson Fowler. Private secretary, P. J. Shaver.

A Shave and a Wife.

Several months ago was published an item relating to A. M. Daugherty of Pilot Point, who had sworn when the Virginus crew was killed that he would never shave until the stars and stripes waved over Cuba and who when Cuba was taken charge of by the United States shaved for the first time in over twenty-five years. A St. Louis paper heard of the occurrence and from Mr. Daugherty secured a write-up of the event, which was closed with an offer to marry any young woman who wanted to. A Miss Lindsay of St. Louis saw the write-up and began a correspondence, with the result that last Friday at the City hotel in Pilot Point the two were married, Rev. J. P. Russell officiating.

Pilot Fined.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 16.—Gus Peterson was fined \$5 in the criminal district court Saturday on the charge that he falsely represented himself to be an executive officer of the state—a branch pilot of the port of Galveston. This is one of the test cases brought to test the rights of the pilots who have set up shop in opposition to the pilots appointed under the state law. The opposition pilots claim the right to act under United States license. The case will be appealed.

Blaze at Edna.

Edna, Tex., Jan. 16.—Fire at 3 o'clock yesterday morning destroyed the Young hotel, A. J. Rose and John Traylor business buildings. The occupants of the buildings were: N. N. McDonald and Robinson & Co., merchants; Wm. Bergebrdge, saloon; Chronicle office of Ward & Labauve. Aggregate loss \$20,000, insurance \$2500.

Diphtheria Death.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 16.—The little daughter of Mrs. S. Caldwell died at Paris, from diphtheria. The yellow flag was hoisted at the residence.

Legislative Proceedings.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 13.—In the senate the chair announced that the lieutenant governor-elect appoints Will J. Bullock of Wichita and F. B. Hugûs of Hill county as general committee clerks.

By resolution of Mr. Burns Miss Mary de Zavalla of San Antonio was employed as assistant engrossing clerk.

The rules of the twenty-fifth senate were adopted to govern this senate until new rules can be promulgated.

The various standing committees were announced.

The following resolution by Mr. Morris was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, that when the senate adjourns to-day that such adjournment be as a mark of respect to the memory of Gen. W. H. Mabry and those other gallant officers and men who laid down their lives for their country in the recent war with Spain, and also as a mark of respect and sympathy of this body with the families of such deceased soldiers of Texas.

Mr. Dibrell offered a resolution providing that the senators be allowed to purchase at the state's expense ten copies of any daily paper, the cost of which not to exceed 3 cents each.

Mr. Yantis offered an amendment striking out "ten" and inserting "five copies."

The amendment was adopted and the resolution adopted as amended.

In the house Rev. Mr. Gattin was elected chaplain, Mr. Burney, Journal clerk, and J. L. Robertson, assistant.

The pending business was Mr. Wooten's resolution authorizing the employment of ten committee clerks.

Mr. Bailey of DeWitt offered an amendment authorizing the employment of nine pages and nine porters, each to receive \$2 per day.

Mr. Wooten accepted the amendment. Mr. Kennedy of Limestone, moved to reduce the pay of pages to \$1.50.

The yeas and nays were demanded on a motion to lay the amendment on the table, the vote resulting 82 yeas, 38 nays.

The Wooten resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Kittrell of Harris, offered a resolution instructing the finance committee to inquire what has been done toward collecting the money due Texas as bounty on sugar raised by the state, and suggesting that it be used toward establishment of an industrial school for girls. The resolution recited the failure to collect the money was due to the governor then in office.

Mr. Bailey of DeWitt, offered a resolution authorizing the speaker to appoint an assistant to the postmistress at a salary of \$3 per day.

An amendment to make the pay \$2 per day was defeated by a vote of 90 to 30, after which the resolution was adopted.

Bills Introduced.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 13.—The following bills were introduced in the senate:

Senator Sebastian—To provide for the erection of an asylum at Abilene for the care of epileptics. The bill provides for the removal of the unfortunate of this class from other asylums and for their care at the proposed asylum. He also introduced a bill which makes the use of abusive language in assault cases a justification by the defendant in such assault.

Senator Miller introduced a bill providing for the redemption within two years by the debtor of real estate sold under a mortgage or deed of trust or execution. He also introduced a bill for the creation and regulation of legal premiums.

Culberson's Message.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 13.—Gov. Culberson's farewell message to the legislature congratulated the legislatures on the stoppage of pugilism; spoke of trusts and monopolies; referred to labor laws, delinquent tax law and legislation against mob violence; spoke of the fee bill; satisfactory condition of charitable institutions; touched on revenue necessary for the maintenance of the public schools and for general purposes; announced passage of Confederate amendment; renewed recommendations in regard to Johnson grass, investments by life insurance companies and many other matters.

The Ennis, Tex., city council has reduced its own and the other officials' salaries.

E. F. Noyes, a Union veteran, died suddenly at Dallas, Tex.

Pastry Without Butter.

Light, flaky and digestible pie crust and all kinds of fine pastry can be made with Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder entirely without butter or with one half the usual quantity, or with a little lard or other shortening if desired. Pie crust made in either of these ways is more wholesome and digestible besides being more economical and easier prepared. One-third the flour can also be dispensed with, and the crust rolled that much thinner, the raising qualities of Dr. Price's Powder swelling it to the requisite thickness. Those who enjoy the appetizing qualities of the delicious home made pie will rejoice to know this secret. All the elements of ideal excellence are combined in

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Sugar Started Him.

She was not an S. P. C. A. woman, but she was interested in animals and she had heard somewhere that a lump of sugar would start a balky horse when nothing else would. The horses have been having a hard time this slippery weather, and when they have been working some time, and with every step forward sliding two steps backward, they give up in despair, and then the crowd gathers to see the fun. There was a balky horse in front of the woman's house, and she had watched for some time with much sympathy while the driver had tried every means in his power to start the horse, but it took considerable courage to suggest her remedy. Finally she could bear it no longer, and getting a few lumps of sugar she gave them to the driver who held them in front of the horse's nose, walked a few steps backward, the poor old horse started up with new courage, and the trouble was over.

Pump Pudding's Rival.

Queensland is inaugurating a new departure in the fruit trade. It is found that dried bananas take the place of raisins in puddings very well, and an enterprising firm in Queensland has sent to the agent general's office in Victoria street, Westminster, a consignment of dried bananas, with the object of opening up a market for them in England. As soon as the public have tested for themselves the agreeable flavor which dried bananas give the puddings there is sure to be a demand for them.—Consular Journal.

Father a Dentist.

"Hub!" exclaimed fierce Reginald, aged 6, as he examined Willie Cleaver's little brother, "according to the Detroit Free Press, 'he ain't got no teeth.'" "Course he ain't," said Willie! "he ain't old enuff yet." "Well, Charley Tompkins' little brother Harry ain't no older'n what he is, an' he's got a hull lot o' teeth." "That don't make no difference," argued Willie; "'n 'sides, Harry Tompkins' pa he's a dentist."

New Terminal Agent.

J. F. Legge has been appointed terminal agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Washington, D. C., in charge of passenger and freight stations and will assume the duties of that position on Jan. 1. Mr. Legge is an old B. and O. man, having been superintendent of the fourth and fifth divisions in years gone by and connected with the road in various other capacities. He was in charge of the Washington terminals from 1884 to 1887.

Umbrellas, like friends, are often invisible when wanted.

Vegetable Lizard.

Mr. A. H. Verrill describes in Popular Science News a chorus inhabitant of tropical forests called the lizard tree, but which, he remarks, might well be named the centipede plant. This singular growth consists of a stem jointed like a bamboo, with green leaves growing directly from the bark, and slender white roots springing from the joints, with which it maintains its hold upon the bark of the tree whereon it grows. When it has attained a length of 3 or 4 feet, the lower sections of the lizard plant drop off, and, fastening upon any convenient object, begin their independent growth. When thus growing upon the ground, if the plant encounters a tree it immediately begins to ascend the trunk.

Great-Hearted Boy.

There is an 8-year-old boy in Emporia with a heart in him as big as a man's, says an exchange. Observing for successive days another boy, 6 years old, carrying big bundles of clothes, which his mother washed in order to earn a support for him and her, an idea struck him that a nice little red wagon would lighten his burden. So he went among his friends and collected \$1.60 in nickles and with this he bought the little wagon and gave it to the washerwoman's boy for a Christmas gift.

Fading Memory.

"Why, grandpa, you used to say that you killed six Indians with one shot; then you cut it down to five; now you say it was four." "Well, well, my child, I suppose that's because my memory is failing every year."

"With or Without?"

"With or without?" asked the barber, as the customer took his seat in the chair. "Without," replied the customer. Whereupon the barber shaved him without any conversation.

Refuted.

"I don't believe," said the millionaire's wife regretfully, "that our son-in-law has any business ability." "Business ability?" exclaimed the millionaire. "Huh! he married our only daughter, didn't he?"

All Trust Him.

The Mother—Somehow I feel that I can trust my daughter to you. The accepted one—You can, indeed, madam. Every body trusts me.

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"They say Bibley has great expectations." "Yes, he was telling me the other day that you owed him \$100, and he expected you would pay it some day."

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PASTURE AND FARM.

Grain in Llano county is reported short.

There is double the acreage of wheat in the Greenville section this year than last.

Richard Conley, a well known breeder of blooded sheep at Marshall, Mich., has been visiting in the state.

At San Angelo G. B. Bell sold seventy-five head of yearlings to J. M. Shannon at \$17 per head.

B. F. Darlington of San Antonio has sold to Sheriff R. E. White of Austin a registered Hereford calf for \$150.

The rainfall of last week will prove of great benefit to the agricultural and stock interests of the state.

B. W. Ferris, a prominent citizen of Waxahachie, intends establishing a ranch somewhere in Western Texas.

Eleven cars of cattle were shipped to Terrell to be fattened for northern markets. They were sent from West Texas.

T. B. Butong of Sonora, Sutton county, has just put to feed at Ennis 8000 head of sheep from the Devil's river country.

B. F. Darlington of San Antonio received a telegram from A. A. Bates of Irwin, O., saying he had consigned to him one carload of registered Durham and Red Polled bulls.

Parties have been at Farmersville with a view of establishing a cotton seed oil mill and have met with considerable encouragement.

Moore & Allen of San Antonio have shipped to that city two carloads of grass cows from their ranch at Standard.

W. J. McIntyre of Alpine has purchased the M. Hoff ranch near Marathon for \$18,000. The Hoff cattle will be removed to the Pecos ranch.

Mr. J. Baker of Cuero sold to A. G. Kennedy of Beeville 1200 steers, 2s and 3s, at \$19 and \$22.50 per head, spring delivery.

At a meeting of the Melon Growers' association at Pearsall a few days ago it was learned that the members would probably plant 2000 acres in melons this year.

Farmers of Cherokee county are in splendid circumstances. There is more corn, syrup and meat in the county than have been known for several years.

Hogs and cattle are being shipped from Norman, Ok., now in large numbers. There will be shipped from that place in the next four months not less than 12,000 head of cattle.

Texas sent 50,806 fewer cattle to Kansas City in 1898 than in the previous year. The decrease from the Indian Territory was 27,125; from Missouri, 25,143; from Kansas, 18,066.

Horses in Washington county are dying of a disease resembling blind staggers. The disease comes on suddenly and in almost every case proves fatal. About twenty horses have died.

L. Peyton, a Kansas City man, says his saturated with gasoline and thrown into the hole inhabited by prairie dogs and the hole then closed by packing with dirt, it will kill them.

The fine diffusion plant known as the Calasieu sugar refinery was sold at Lake Charles, La., by Master Commissioner T. T. Taylor to J. C. Morris, president of the Canal bank of New Orleans, for \$25,500. The plant was sold under mortgage.

W. H. Jennings, one of the most prominent stockmen and heaviest operators in the southwest, whose home has been at Pearsall, although much of his time has been spent in San Antonio, has moved his family to the latter city.

John T. Lutz of Meridian, Miss., purchased of D. & A. Oppenheimer of San Antonio, 1500 feeding steers, 3s and 4s past, at \$27 per head, immediate delivery. They were sent to Meridian and will be sold to butchers in that section.

A mixed car of Durham and Hereford bulls from Collin county has been sold by a Fort Worth man to a cattle company at Coahuila, Mex., at \$65 per head. They are yearlings and are natives of Collin. They were ship-

Where? At the reception the mild man with the melancholy air was talking to a lady whom he had known for some years, but only saw infrequently. "Ah," he remarked, "I saw you last week. Now, where was it? Some awfully stupid place, I remember. Where was it?" "Why, it was at your wife's 'At Home.'" The gentleman with the melancholy air now became more melancholy than ever.

Drawing Trade. A Russian shopkeeper has hit upon this form of advertisement! "The reason why I have hitherto been able to sell my goods so much cheaper than anybody else is that I am a bachelor, and do not need to make a profit for the maintenance of a wife and children. It is now my duty to inform the public that this advantage will shortly be withdrawn from them, as I am about to be married. They will, therefore, do well to make their purchases at once at the old rates."

Due to Reporters. "Ah," said the prominent statesman as he settled back in his chair to read his paper, "all my success in this world is due to that young man who just left me."

"So?" inquired one of his friends, "and who is he, pray, may I ask?" "Certainly," came the brisk reply. "He is Snorkins, the young reporter who writes all my interviews for the newspapers."

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Two Blocks for a Drink. "Well, how do you like your suburban home with all the city conveniences?" asked the citizen. "Between you and me," said the man who had moved lately, "that promise of all city conveniences proves to be a fake. I have to walk two blocks to get a drink."

Buried Under Floor. In certain parts of Africa it is considered a mark of disrespect to bury out of doors at all. Only slaves are treated in such unceremonious fashion. The honored dead are buried under the floor of the house.

Why She Flattered. "Notice how the soprano flattered?" "She had good reason. They have lowered her salary."

Heroes of the War with Spain

thousands of them, are suffering from lingering diseases induced by life in poisonous southern camps, the result of changes of climate, or of imperfect nutrition caused by improper and badly cooked food. Sleeping on the ground has doubtless developed rheumatism in hundreds who were predisposed to the disease. In such cases the Boys of '98 may take a lesson from the experience of the

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Remarkable Operation. A remarkable surgical operation has been recently performed in Paris. A laundress had her scalp torn off from the nape of the neck to the eyebrows by her hair catching in some belt- ing. She was taken to the Proussals hospital, where Dr. Malherbe, after seeing her, sent for her scalp. He obtained it after a delay of several hours, shaved off the hair, washed it with antiseptics, and applied it in place again. The scalp has grown onto the head.

Germany and Asia Minor. It is inevitable that Asia Minor shall eventually pass from Mohammedanism, and whether Germany accomplishes the task or not, the Sultan must yield to a Christian nation. It is just as inevitable that diseases of the digestive organs must yield to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which are usually called dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness.

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"I sincerely thank you for the good advice you gave me and for what your medicine has done for me."

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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 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 2 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.

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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.

Tennyson—Fourth Sunday 11 a m Saturday night.

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Bronte News.

Regular Correspondent.

We are still having fine weather; plowing is the order of the day around Bronte.

Mr. K. M. Mayes delivered 70 head of fine yearlings to Mr. Jas. Hearshe last week.

Mr. S. V. Hudman returned to Bronte, from Big Springs, where he visited his father, P. W. Hudman, he says his father is well pleased with the country.

Mr. Chas. Tate, late of Williamson County, has moved in our midst, we welcome him.

Mr. T. J. Mitchell, late of Alexander, is stopping with Doctor Clark.

Mr. Kearnie Mayes and John Heggood went hunting one night last week, and the music Kearnis's pack of hounds made was enough to make a panther go up a tree, or a wolf hunt the plains.

Mr. Milton Laswell and Miss Mary Pruitt will be married next Sunday at half past ten o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents. Both are popular young people.

Mr. J. R. Smith will sell or rent his homestead on West Live Oak, and visit his old home in Miss. Will also ship two car loads of horses. Mr. Smith says the Rustler has improved wonderful since the new editor has taken charge.

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Edith Etchings.

Regular Correspondent.

A few dots from Edith might interest the readers of the RUSTLER.

Messrs. Halmark and Newton are losing some very fine calves with black-leg.

Messrs. J. R. and J. O. Arnett have gone to Colorado City on business.

Mr. Bells family have been down with La Grippe the last few days.

Mrs. H. Porter has been down with rheumatism for about six weeks.

The young people had a candy breaking at Mr. Pool's one night last week, a large crowd and all report a nice time.

I see a letter from our neighborhood, from one Bill Jones, I think I know Bill, and I think there will be a Mrs. Bill in the near future, but lets keep still about it.

Well we all about Edith, feel somewhat interested about the annexation of the Phillipine Islands to the U. S. and all are opposed to it, to a man and woman, and stand square with our galant young Texan, Joe Bailey, on the subject of expansion. And we are with him on the subject of a man holding a commission in the U. S. Army and a seat in the Congress of the U. S. and think that our great and grand General Joe Wheeler ought to step down and out of one or the other and abide the requirements of the Constitution of the grandest nation upon the face of the Earth. And we know that if W. J. Bryan runs for President in 1900, he will carry our box and probably Sanco.

Now, Mr. Editor, don't think your old Aunt is going into politics, as a business.

AUNT SALLIE.

"Bill Jones" was an old married man, but we think old man "Jones" from the divide has run "Bill" out.—Ed.

Occasional Correspondent.

We are having some nice weather and most of our farmers are taking advantage of it by preparing their land for another crop.

Mr. G. C. Arnett has bought him a Disc plow, he says he is going to be a granger too, as well as a cow man.

Dick and Bass Arnett carried some calves to the Fred McKenzie ranch yesterday.

J. C. Arnett Sr. and J. R. Arnett will make a business trip to Colorado City tomorrow.

J. D. Collier, our hustling merchant, is receiving new goods each week.

Dalton Johnson, son of H. E. brought out a Casady Sulkey Sat.

There was singing at Rev. John Reed's last night, but there was not many out owing to so much "Grippe" in the neighborhood.

Mr. Clem Halmark is making a crop with his uncle, J. D., this year.

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Valley view Locals.

The Valley View school will give holiday Friday on account of Institute at Saco.

Mr. Dun, of Wilson County, Bro. Lackey's nephew, has moved to Valley View.

Mr. Casey and family have gone to Taylor County on a visit.

Friday morning, Mr. Bob Irwin got kicked by a horse, near the temple.

Our school has an enrollment of 49. The attendance is excellent. Below we give some language work contributed by the 3rd grade. It is given as written by the pupil and is taken from a picture in the first book in grammar. Considering the circumstances or environments it is excellent and we offer it as an incentive to other work.

A story of John, Harry, and Kate.

John, Harry and Kate was a play with their little wagon and they got tired of playing with their little wagon so Harry told his little sister to sit down in her little wagon and he would take her picture so she sit down in her little wagon and so Harry told her big brother to help him so his big brother told him he would.

So Harry sit down to take his little sister's picture and she would not sit still, so Harry said, Sit still Kate. So when he got the picture took he said it was not a good one, so he said he would do better next time.

Willie Green.
Age, 11 yrs.

Nar battie, or Cedar Hill.

Once more I will try to give the readers of the RUSTLER some of the news of this community.

There is some sickness. G. W. Tubb and several of his family are on the sick list. Harve Martin was taken very sick last week but is convalescing. his wife also who has been suffering from rheumatism is getting better. The Cedar Hill school is getting along nicely under the management of Miss Lucile Stephens.

Miss Mattie Webb, the blind lady from Coleman, is teaching instrumental music, she has a very good class.

Preaching last Saturday and Sunday by the pastor, Rev. G. C. Berryman; the Sunday School at this place have decided to have a S. S. celebration, the first of May. I have been told the Cedar Hill school is the only Baptist Sunday School in the county, I think the S. S. a grand work and we all should encourage it, and more than the man I knew who was given to gambling, his son said he always knew when pa had lost on Saturday, by him talking in favor of Sunday Schools.

J. A. Tubb was off from home several days this week setting up some grave stones he had sold.

I notice the RUSTLER is improving, it will get there yet.

BUNK.

Divide Doing.

It has been sometime since my last communication, but you will please excuse my silence; for I only promised to apprise you of important events as they happen; I have no way to make them happen. Besides, my son Bill, over at Edith, is proving himself a good reporter and I thought he roiden out and take in the whole thing as Edith is only a suburb of the divide.

Well, the Christmas holidays passed off quietly, and Santa Claus did the square thing as usual. The Xmas tree was a success, young and old seemed to enjoy the occasion immensely.

Our Sunday School was re-organized last Sunday, and will continue to run when the weather will permit an attendance.

Mr. Pritchard had the misfortune to get one of his feet crushed between his wagon and a bush a few days before Xmas, and as a consequence, has been sporting a crutch a great deal of the time since. We understand that the foot is improving.

Since the holidays began, there have been three parties in our community: one at Mr. Chapman's

one at Mr. D. S. Cunningham's, and one at Mr. W. S. Tripp's. We presume the youngsters enjoyed each of them to the fullest extent.

There have been no weddings on the Divide this winter but the signs of the times indicate that there may be a few in the near future. At least the boys are willing. By the way, Mr. Editor, could you not send some of that wonderful water up here? If some of our young ladies could be induced to take a few drinks of the stuff, the matrimonial knot would be tied instanter; the boys hold themselves ready for any emergency.

"Ye scribe" wishes the RUSTLER success during the new year. May it continue to Rustle and Hustle until it grows in favor as much above its contemporaries as its editor has grown, in avoid-
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Hubert Pearce

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