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### Commissioners Court Proceedings.

**Orders of the Court.**  
 That J. H. Burroughs be appointed Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1.

That the reports of supervisors of the Roads be approved.  
 That the resignation of M. C. Rawlings as Commissioner Precinct No. 1, be accepted.

That J. H. Burroughs be appointed Commissioner, Pre. No. 1.

That Bond of J. H. Burroughs, as Justice of the Peace be accepted and approved.

That Bond of J. H. Burroughs, as Commissioner Pre. No. 1 be accepted and approved.

That an election be granted (on petition) school District No. 6, this County; for the purpose of determining whether or not the special school tax shall be abrogated. G. W. Tubb appointed presiding officer of said election.

That the following Ex-Officio Salaries be allowed, payable out of Contingent Fund:

J. W. Barnett, Co. Clerk, \$150.00  
 M. H. Davis, Co. Judge, 225.00  
 Gid Graham, Co. Attorney, 80.00

That all the Quarterly Reports be approved.

It is ordered that all fines be collected, if not collected in 90 days, persons fined shall work on the public roads, as the law provides.

That W. E. Ingram and J. C. Turner hold an election for Trustees in the Robert Lee High School District, on the first Saturday in June.

**Scrip Canceled.**  
 Jury Scrip \$577.48  
 Common Co. Scrip 112.67  
 Road and Bridge Scrip 2.94  
 Contingent Scrip 977.78

**BILLS ALLOWED.**  
 M. H. Davis, Judge, 6 days, \$18.00  
 E. C. Rawlings, Com. 1 day, 3.00  
 J. H. Burroughs, " 5 days, 15.00  
 M. H. Havins, " 6 " 18.00  
 J. C. Newton, " 6 " 18.00  
 G. W. Payne, " 6 " 18.00  
 L. B. Murray, Sheriff, 12.00

J. F. Sturman, returning officer of election \$2.00

H. H. Pearce, Printing Delinquent Tax List 163.86

J. W. Tunnell, Carpenter work 47.75

H. H. Pearce, Stationery 1.25

E. C. Rawlings, supervising roads 9.00

G. W. Payne, supervising roads 6.00

J. C. Newton, supervising roads 12.00

M. H. Havins' supervising roads 12.00

J. J. Vestal, repairing .25

R. P. Perry, freight 1.00

C. L. Hughes, Revenue stamps, Express and Postage 1.75

M. H. Davis, Trial fees, two cases 6.00

M. H. Davis, Ex-Officio account 56.25

M. H. Davis, Superintending schools and postage 27.50

B. T. Averitt, attorney for state in J. A. Miller case 5.00

L. B. Murray, conveying patient to Austin 66.00

L. B. Murray, wood for Court House 27.25

G. W. Lee, work on court house .75

Geo. D. Barnard, Blank Books 14.87  
 J. W. Barnett, keeping finance Ledger one quarter 25.00  
 J. W. Barnett, fees in several small cases 18.55  
 Dorsey Printing Co., books and stationery 61.00  
 M. H. Davis, Trial fee, case, No. 171 3.00  
 G. W. P. Gilbert, book for Co. Atty. 16.00  
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### Cattle items, 4th page.

### Ft. Chadbourne Notes.

#### Regular Correspondent.

Our Ft. Chadbourne country has been taking on matrimonial airs lately. Mr. Jake Stubblefield and Miss Macke were married the 15th inst. Also, Mr. J. B. Morris and Miss C. Sumerall, on the same day, Mr. Morris moved with his new bride to Mr. Bob Kirkland's, in the New Hope neighborhood. Ye scribe wishes the two couples a long, happy, and useful life.

We had two Insurance agents with us this week.

D. D. McCussey, of Decker, was visiting friends at Rock Springs.

Clay Williamson is down from Scurry, Clay says they have had it pretty cold up with them, but he thinks that Scurry is the county Messrs. S. S. Cosper, M. Allen, and Al Monteith went San Angelo.

The New Hope school gave a Literary entertainment Friday evening which was a very entertaining affair.

Mr. Ross' family have nearly all been down with la grippe but are getting up again and we suppose their appetites are returning as his daughter came to the store and said she wanted a buggy load of something to eat.

There has been so much grippe there were five of Mr. Charley Henderson's family down at once.

Miss Moring, of the Oak Creek school, gave a spelling match for her school Saturday night, several of our young men went over and took part in the spelling.

Mr. Asa Garry has bought him a brand new wagon; says he is going to New Mexico.

Mr. Red Robinson will take his two last bales of cotton to Ballinger this week; I am glad that Uncle Red is done picking his crop.

Allen Baldwin and J. A. Thomas went to Lee Saturday; Mr. Thomas came in right sick but was able to be at his school Monday.

Mr. Editor, give all the news a-

about the Philippines you can. The RUSTLER seems to get better each week.

### UNCLE TOM.

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### New Hope Locals.

I will send you a few lines from this part of the country.

We have a beautiful day. People are mending of bad colds. Mr. J. B. Morris and Miss Carrie Sumerall were married at the residence of Rev. W. C. Durr. We wish them much joy along the path of life.

Every one is plowing that can. Milton Reed went to Lee today. I will subscribe

### CROSS ROADS.

### No Trespassing!

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If it had not been for Mabel, Dick Legrew would have refused the invitation. He knew Maj. Worthington's dinners only too well, and he groaned in spirit as he thought of the magnificent courses, accompanied by nothing but insidious temperance drinks. For the good major was not only a rabid teetotaler himself, but he insisted on his friends becoming so when they dined with him. However, Dick would have kept to lemonade for a month—or at any rate a week—if thereby he might have gained Mabel, for he was hopelessly in love with the major's daughter, and she had hinted, not darkly, that she would be his if he could obtain the major's consent. This was by no means an easy task, for when the subject was broached a few months before Maj. Worthington had kindly but firmly refused to permit his daughter to marry a penniless barrister, as he called Dick—penniless, according to the major's notions, meaning anything less than a thousand a year. He liked Dick, however, and continued to be on the best of terms with him, and the young man never lost hope of gaining the prize eventually. So he went to the teetotal dinner.

It was a cheerful function, and a new temperance drink—a ghastly beverage called anti-Heidsieck—had a depressing effect upon most of the guests. When the ladies left the room, and cigars were handed round, things assumed a less funereal aspect. The major had an important communication to make. He had that afternoon consented to contest the Dale division of Southshire. The seat had been rendered vacant by the death of the member, and the conservative caucus considered that Maj. Worthington had an excellent chance of wresting the representation from the radicals, as he was certain to secure the entire temperance vote. The radical candidate, a rising barrister named Walter Greville, refused to give any definite pledges to the teetotal party.

The major's news created quite a sensation, and he was effusively congratulated all around, and told to "go in and win." But Dick remained silent. Presently he found an opportunity of speaking to the major alone.

"I'm sorry we've got to be on opposite sides in the election," he said, with an attempt at a smile. "Walter Greville is a great friend of mine, and I have promised to speak at one of his meetings."



"FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE."

"Well, we can't help it now," he said, with a laugh. "I must just risk the effects of your oratory."

"Then you won't be offended?"

"Of course not," replied the major, genially. "So long as you refrain from personal reflection on my private character."

Dick was greatly relieved to find that the major took it so cheerfully. He had hoped that his association with Walter Greville would be of use to him in his profession, but he was very anxious not to compromise his relations with Maj. Worthington.

Two or three weeks after this, on a Saturday evening, Dick happened to go to the Criterion restaurant. He went upstairs to the table d'hote room, where, to his astonishment, he came across Maj. Worthington. Somehow the major did not seem very pleased to see him, and shook hands rather coldly. Dick, however, was in the best of spirits.

"Up for the week end, I suppose?" he said. "May I sit at this table?"

The major continued to look embarrassed, and just then a waiter appeared with a bottle of champagne. "Shall I open it now, sir?" he said, turning to Maj. Worthington, who became very red in the face and stared alternately at the waiter and the champagne without uttering a sound.

"Isn't it right, sir?" murmured the waiter, deferentially.

Dick glanced at the bottle, and a smile overspread his countenance? He was enjoying the comedy.

"Pommery '92 is all right," he exclaimed, with a wink. "If you don't like it, major, I'll take it instead."

The waiter retired, mystified. Dick was the first to speak. He thought he saw his way to have a little fun.

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"What would the temperance voters of the Dale division think of this?" he said, with an air of mock gravity. "They look upon you as an unpromising enemy of alcohol."

"It's quite an exception, Dick," exclaimed the poor major, apologetically. "I only break away from teetotalism three or four times in the year. There are occasions when I simply hanker for a bottle of 'fizz.'"

"Wasn't this rather an unfortunate time to choose," suggested Dick, remorselessly. "You see, I'm going to speak at Greville's final meeting on Monday. This little episode would make rather an amusing story, wouldn't it?"

"You don't mean to say you are going to make capital out of it?"

"Why not? I am not at all sure whether it is not my duty to Greville."

The major turned pale. "For heaven's sake," he exclaimed, "keep quiet about it. Hang it all, it wouldn't be fair to take advantage of such a thing."

"Everything is fair in politics," he replied Dick, sententiously. "Just think of the placards all over the constituency headed with 'The Teetotal Candidate on the Spree,' or something of that sort!"

The major squirmed. "You call yourself a friend of mine?" he urged. "Think for a moment how such a story would affect my reputation."

An idea had been hovering in Dick's mind for several minutes. He now gave expression to it. "Of course," he said, slowly, "I should not wish to injure your reputation if I thought there was any chance of your becoming a relative of mine some day."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean that if you would consent to my engagement—"

"You are threatening me," blustered the major.

"I never threaten. By Jove"—he broke off suddenly, as he glanced toward the door. Maj. Worthington turned his eyes in the same direction and saw Walter Greville.

Dick smiled. "This brings things to a climax," he said. "Greville is bound to see us. If you will give your consent, I will explain everything away."

"But this is blackmail!"

"Blackmail is a nasty word," replied Dick, calmly. "Now, for the last time, will you submit?"

"No, I'm — if I will," cried the major, determined to face it out. When it came to the point he never allowed himself to be bullied.

At this moment Greville caught sight of them and came across to shake hands with his opponent and Dick.

"Stay here, Greville," exclaimed the latter, "and help me with this bottle of Pommery. I can't persuade the major to. You know his cast-iron principles, eh?"

A great look of relief passed over Maj. Worthington's face. He was relieved for the time being.

The election took place on Tuesday, and resulted in the triumphant return of Walter Greville by a large majority. Dick was glad, of course, but he could not help feeling sorry for the poor major. A few days later he received a note from the defeated candidate asking him to call as soon as he had an opportunity. Dick wondered what the major had to say to him, and he called with as little delay as possible. He was shown into the library, where the major welcomed him warmly. As soon as the door had been closed, he came to the point.

"I was fairly beaten," he said, "and I want to thank you for the way you have behaved. You have saved my reputation."

"Nonsense," replied Dick, heartily. "Did you think that I was blackguard enough to slander a friend? Besides, what could I have said, anyhow? You never had the champagne, you know."

"There's something else I want to say," went on the major, after a pause. "I like you, Dick, and I am going to give my consent to your engagement to Mabel."

Dick sprang forward with a cry of joy. "How can I ever thank you enough?" he began.

"Don't thank me," said the major, cutting him short. He pressed the bell, and told the servant to request Miss Worthington to come to the library. Her surprise was great at seeing Dick, and as she shook hands she noticed an extra pressure. She looked toward her father a little expectantly. Presently he spoke. "I am going to leave you alone with Dick for a little while," he said; "he has something to tell you."

Then she understood, and threw her arms round the major's neck. He gently released himself, and said, "Keep that for Dick." In another moment he had left the room.—W. F. Winckworth.

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When Mr. Edmunds retired from the senate and took up the practice of law, he for a long time refused to accept cases which involved his appearance before congressional committees, or which would place him in the position of lobbying among his former colleagues. Apparently he has found it impossible to live up to this rule, for he has of late made several such appearances.

**Thinks it Legal.**  
Senator Ward is urging in the Michigan legislature a plan for single taxation on land values, optional with cities for levies for municipal purposes only. The Henry George scheme for general taxation would be against the state constitution, but it is held that this restricted application would be legal.

**A Pink Carnation.**  
Representative Norton of Ohio always wears a pink carnation in his left lapel. In this he follows the custom of ex-representative William M. Springer, who was known as the "Pink-carnation congressman." The Ohio congressman is a dressy chap. He has a half dozen showy waistcoats and many cravats.

**Engaged to Same Man.**  
Ethel—I have been engaged six times, and now I'm going to marry Charlie Simpson. How many times have you been engaged?  
Maude (demurely)—Only twice—to Charlie Simpson.

**Only One Native Senator.**  
The election of Senator Beveridge of Indiana, an Ohioan, recalls the fact that Oliver P. Morton was the only native born Hoosier senator Indiana has ever had.

When what women call "dainty" refreshments are served the men present never get enough to eat.

**\$3,000 for a New Corn.**  
That's what this new corn cost. Yields 113 bushels per acre. Big Four Oats 250 bushels—Salzer's Rape to pasture sheep and cattle at 25c per acre yields 50 tons; potatoes 11.20 per bbl. Bromus Inermis, the greatest grass on earth; Beardless Barley 60 bushels per acre; 10 kinds grasses and clovers, etc.  
Send this notice to JOHN A. SALZER SEED CO., LA CROSSE, WIS., with 10c stamps and receive free great Catalogue; \$1.00 Corn and 10 Farm Seed Samples. [w.n.]

An act of kindness will receive its reward.

## IS YOUR HAIR TURNING GRAY?

What does your mirror say? Does it tell you of some little streaks of gray? Are you pleased? Do your friends of the same age show this loss of power also?  
Just remember that gray hair never becomes darker without help, while dark hair rapidly becomes gray when once the change begins.

## Ayer's Hair Vigor

will bring back to your hair the color of youth. It never fails. It is just as sure as that heat melts snow, or that water quenches fire.  
It cleanses the scalp also and prevents the formation of dandruff. It feeds and nourishes the bulbs of the hair making them produce a luxuriant growth. It stops the hair from falling out and gives a fine soft finish to the hair as well.

We have a book on the Hair and Scalp which you may obtain free upon request.  
If you do not obtain all the benefits you expect from the use of the Vigor, write the doctor about it. Address, DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

### TEXANETTES.

Ennis methodists are to build a new structure.

Several residences are under construction at Abilene.

I. R. Dean of Myrtle Springs broke four ribs by a fall on ice.

The horse of Dr. J. W. Sargent froze to death in his stable at McKinney.

A 2-year-old child was burned to death near Alvarado, Collin county.

At Flatonia the dress of Emma Glencoe caught fire and she burned to death.

W. F. Jones, who resided about ten miles from Mount Pleasant, was frozen to death.

The Georgetown Hardware company's store was burglarized and about \$100 worth of goods taken.

The Texas and Pacific railway has let the contract for a depot at Fort Worth to cost \$150,000.

The water piping machinery at the Huntsville normal school burst, causing considerable damage.

Tom Kline, who was injured by jumping from a runaway hack at San Angelo, died of his injuries.

Rev. F. H. Wright of Dallas is holding revival services at the First Presbyterian church, Greenville.

The school board of Jacksboro met and ordered the free school to close on Feb. 24, on account of the funds running out.

A large number of the citizens of Emory met in the courthouse and passed resolutions of regret at the death of William Cameron.

The comptroller registered \$10,000 of El Paso city courthouse and jail bonds, \$11,000 refunding waterworks bonds and \$30,000 city school bonds.

The charter of the Sherman cotton mills, with factory near Sherman, and principal office at Dallas, capital stock \$10,000, has been filed at Austin.

The Bonham Grocery company at Austin, filed an amendment to its articles of incorporation, increasing its capital stock from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

At Van Alstyne parties unknown to the local peace officers wantonly fired three shots into the front of the Henderson building and shattered plate glass show windows valued at \$200.

R. B. Winn, 78 years old, living nine miles from Gilmer, and one of the first settlers of Upshur county, was found dead in bed. He had been ill for a few days, but not ill enough to take his bed.

Charles Upfold, who was shot at Vernon on August 20, died on the 14th. The ball passed through the spinal column, paralyzing him from the waist down. But Docley is charged with shooting Upfold.

A man was taken to Paris from Antlers, I. T., who had been badly burned by the explosion of a can of coal oil. He was working at a tiemakers' camp, and the oil can was set too close to the fire.

Rev. C. P. Bridewell, the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fort Worth, who has been elected to a similar position for the First Presbyterian church of Atlanta, Ga., has gone to that city to consult relative to the matter.

At a meeting of the students of Baylor university Marshall Pierson of Haskell county and Fred Roberts of Johnson county were elected debaters in the state debate to take place at Austin, in which all the noted Texas schools will be represented, including the state university.

The friends of Frank Marshall at Waco enjoyed cigars made by Meitigo operatives in a factory at Manila, of tobacco grown in the Philippines. Marshall, who is engineer on the Olympia, went ashore last Christmas day to get cigars for smoking after dinner and after laying in a supply he sent sent a box to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Marshall, his parents, requesting that they be distributed among his Waco associates.

Bryan Callaghan, who has been connected with the municipal government of San Antonio for twenty years, ten of them as mayor, has been defeated for re-election by Marshall Hicks, the latter's majority being 784. The campaign was a hot one.

### New Stamps.

The postoffice department is to issue new series of stamps for use in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. The 1-cent Cuban stamp will bear a representation of the statue of Columbus at Havana; the 2-cent stamp a map of Cuba; the 3-cent stamp a picture of the statue, "La Cubana," an emblematic marble female figure which stands in a Havana park; the 5-cent stamp, a picture of a New York and Cuba mail company steamer, and the 10-cent stamp an agricultural scene in which a Cuban is plowing with oxen. The Porto Rico and Philippine stamps have similar designs.

### Remarkable Family.

Cardinal Vaughan is a member of one of the most remarkable families which have helped to make church history. Of nine brothers and three sisters, no fewer than eleven have entered the service of the Roman Catholic church, each brother in turn, from the cardinal down, who is the eldest of the family, forfeiting his claim to the family estates.

### Workingman's Home.

Mrs. Sarah Tyson Rorer, the famous expert in cookery, has taken a house in one of Philadelphia's poor quarters and will make of it a model workingman's home, her design being to demonstrate the possibilities of house-keeping on the average wages of an artisan. Mrs. Rorer's income from lectures and other sources is about \$10,000 yearly.

### Never Missed a Day.

The late James H. Scott was Iowa's oldest newspaper man and never missed a day at his desk in the Dubuque Herald office for forty-one years.

Doing as you please is sometimes the cause of trouble.

How nice it is to find a bad dream is not true.

You must be methodical in order to save money.

Every man has at least one redeeming trait.

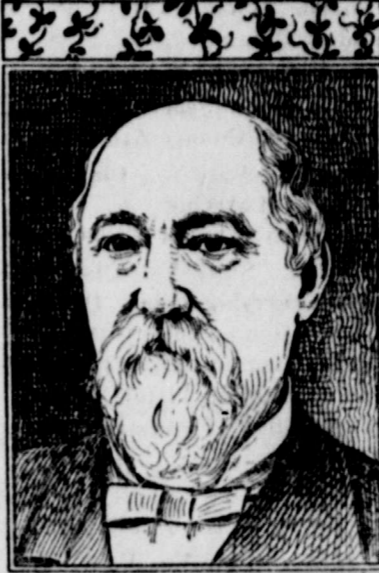
Learning off makes as many mistakes as ignorance.

It is surprising how well a homely girl looks in a picture.

## MISSOURI'S WAR GOVERNOR

Restored to Health by Pe-ru-na.

A LETTER FROM THE AUDITOR OF THE INTERIOR.



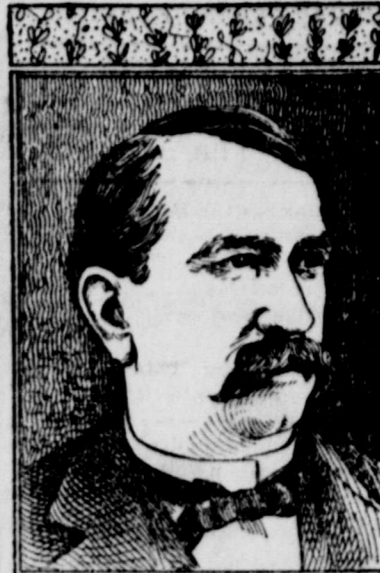
GOV. T. C. FLETCHER.

Hon. Thomas C. Fletcher, the noted war Governor of the State of Missouri, is a great friend of Pe-ru-na. He writes:

The Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen—For years I have been afflicted with chronic catarrh, which has gone through my whole system, and no one knows the torture and misery I have passed through. My doctor has prescribed various remedies, and I have never found any relief until I was persuaded by a friend to use Dr. Hartman's Pe-ru-na. After the use of one bottle I feel like a new man. It also cured me of a dropping I had in my throat, and built my system up generally. To those who are suffering with catarrh I take pleasure in recommending your great medicine. Very respectfully, Thomas C. Fletcher.

Everything that affects the welfare of the people is a legitimate subject of comment to the real statesman. The statesman is not a narrow man. It is the politician who is narrow. The true statesman looks out on the world as it is, and seeks, as far as is in his power, to remedy evils and encourage the good.



HON. WM. YOUNGBLOOD.

Treasury Department, Office of Auditor for Interior, Washington, D. C., Dec. 10, 1898.

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Gentlemen—I've often heard of your great medicine and have persuaded my wife, who has been much of a sufferer from catarrh, to try Pe-ru-na, and after using one bottle she has wonderfully improved. It has proved all you have claimed for it, and I take pleasure in recommending it to anyone who is afflicted with catarrh. Yours, Wm. Youngblood, Auditor for the Interior.

Catarrh in its various forms is rapidly becoming a national curse. An undoubted remedy has been discovered by Dr. Hartman. This remedy has been thoroughly tested during the past forty years. Prominent men have come to know of its virtues and are making public utterances on the subject. To save the country we must save the people. To save the people we must protect them from disease. The disease that is at once the most prevalent and stubborn of cure is catarrh.

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Come sometimes **Soreness and Stiffness** muscles and joints.  
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The Tin Tags taken from Horseshoe, "J. T.," Cross Bow, Good Luck—and Drummond Natural Leaf—will pay for any one or all of this list of desirable and useful things—and you have your good chewing tobacco besides.  
Every man, woman and child in America can find something on this list that they would like to have and *own*—FREE!  
Write your name and address plainly and send every tag you can get to us—mentioning the number of the present you want. Any assortment of the different kinds of tags mentioned above will be accepted as follows:

1 Match Box, quaint design, imported from Japan	25	19 Alarm Clock, nickel, warranted	300
2 Knife, one blade, good steel	25	20 Carvers, buckhorn handle, good	200
3 Scissors, 4 1/2-inch, good steel	25	21 Six Rogers' Teaspoons, best qual.	275
4 Child's set, Knife, Fork and Spoon	25	22 Knives and Forks, six each, buckhorn handles	250
5 Salt and Pepper, one each, quadruple plate on white metal	50	23 Clock, 8-day, Calendar, Thermometer, Barometer	500
6 Razor, hollow ground, fine English steel	50	24 Stove, Wilson Heater, size No. 30 or No. 40	500
7 Butter Knife, triple plate, best qual.	60	25 Tool Set, not playthings, but real tools	650
8 Sugar Shell, triple plate, best quality	60	26 Toilet Set, decorated porcelain, very handsome	800
9 Stamp Box, sterling silver	70	27 Watch, solid silver, full jeweled	1000
10 Knife, "Keen Kutter," two blades	70	28 Sewing Machine, first class, with all attachments	1500
11 Butcher Knife, "Keen Kutter," 8-inch blade	75	29 Revolver, Colt's, best quality	1500
12 Shears, "Keen Kutter," 8-inch, nickel	75	30 Rifle, Winchester, 16-shot, 22-cal	1500
13 Nut Set, Cracker and 6 Picks, silver set, 6-inch	100	31 Shot Gun, double barrel, hammerless, stub twist	2000
14 Nail File, sterling silver, amethyst set, 6-inch	100	32 Guitar (Washburn), rosewood, inlaid with mother-of-pearl	2000
15 Tooth Brush, sterling silver, amethyst set, 6-inch	100	33 Bicycle, standard make, ladies' or gents'	2500
16 Paper Cutter, sterling silver, amethyst set, 6-inch	100	BOOKS—50 choice selections—same as last year's list, 40 tags each.	
17 Base Ball, "Association," best qual.	100		
18 Watch, stem wind and set, guaranteed good time keeper	200		

This offer expires November 30, 1899.  
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## COKE COUNTY RUSTLER

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF COKE CO.

HUBERT H. PEARCE,  
Editor.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24, 1899.

**Subscription Rates.**  
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**Advertising Rates.**  
Made known on application.

Entered at the post-office at Robert Lee, Texas, as second-class matter.

Editor Rhodes, of San Angelo, has shown his good judgment lately, by praising the Coke County paper, and fighting the Wright Land Bill.

The Banner-Leader at Ballinger has changed hands. J. T. Billips a former proprietor, assuming control again. We wish the paper continued success.

The new Commissioners worked last week like "old hands." They are riding the "economy" horse on a through trip.

Coke County's protest against the Garner Wright Land bill was made known to the House of Representatives at Austin last Monday.

### Coke County Stock Notes.

M. B. Sheppard, of Edith, sold to W. E. Ingram 34 steer yearlings at prevailing prices.

M. B. Sheppard sold to W. F. Ingram 6 two year old steers at \$18.00 a round.

J. D. Collier sold to W. E. Ingram 6 two year old steers at 18.00 a round.

W. E. Ingram bought six 2 year old steers from M. B. Sheppard and 8 from W. H. Campbell; prices from \$16 to \$18.

W. E. Ingram bought steer yearlings from the following named parties at usual prices: M. B. Ulmer, 35; W. R. Pressler, 6; J. H. Campbell, 12; L. F. Scarborough, 15; W. F. Perry, 9; B. W. Wilbo, 15; L. W. Fields, 6; B. C. Rawlings, 70; J. C. Newton, 4; J. P. Angel, 8; W. H. Campbell, 23; J. E. Stewart, 2.

B. H. Winans sold to W. E. Ingram, 2 cows for \$35.00

### 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.

Judge Davis adjourned Court on 22nd in honor of George Washington's birthday.

The Telephone, "or bust."

## County Court Proceedings.

No. 93. State Vs. R. P. Perry; Slander, Continued.

No. 12. State Vs. Lee Conner Disturbing the Peace. Dismissed, on motion of County Attorney.

No. 144. State Vs. Clay Williamson. Carrying a Pistol. Plead guilty. Fined \$25.00

No. 145. State Vs. Chay Williamson, carrying Pistol. Dismissed, on motion of County Atty.

No. 146. State Vs. Clay Williamson, carrying Pistol. Dismissed by motion of County Atty.

No. 147. State Vs. Harve Lowery; aggravated assault and battery. Bond declared forfeited.

No. 148. State Vs. V. O. Barfield; playing cards in an out house. Plead guilty, and fined \$10.00

No. 149. State Vs. M. Trammell permitting minor in his billiard hall. Bond declared forfeited.

No. 150. State Vs. Harve Lowery; unlawfully playing cards. Bond declared forfeited.

No. 151. State Vs. W. E. Carter carrying knuckles. Plead guilty and fined \$25.00

No. 153. State Vs. Ben Tannehill and Robert Harris; unlawfully tearing down fence. Dismissed, on motion of County Atty.

No. 154. State Vs. W. F. Buchanan; gaming. Plead guilty, and fined \$10.00 and costs.

No. 155. State Vs. G. W. Martin; gaming, plead guilty and fined \$10.00 and costs.

No. 156. State Vs. W. W. McElroy; gaming, plead guilty and fined \$10.00 and costs.

No. 157. State Vs. Thomas Cheney; gaming, plead guilty and fined \$10.00 and costs.

No. 158. State Vs. W. W. McElroy; carrying a pistol. Continued.

No. 159. State Vs. Bill Timms; gaming, plead guilty and fined \$10.00 and costs.

No. 160. State Vs. Dennis Maddox; gaming; continued.

No. 161. State Vs. W. F. Buchanan; gaming, plead guilty and fined \$10.00 and costs.

No. 162. State Vs. Lewis Maddox; unlawfully cutting down timber and trees and carrying away from land not his own. Verdict of not guilty by jury.

No. 163. State Vs. W. F. Buchanan; gaming, dismissed, on motion of County Attorney.

No. 164. State Vs. D. Boring gaming, continued.

No. 165. State Vs. T. S. Jackson; gaming, bond declared forfeited.

No. 166. State Vs. Tom Richards, gaming. Continued.

No. 167. State Vs. V. O. Barfield; gaming, dismissed, on motion of County Attorney.

No. 168. State Vs. G. W. Martin; gaming, dismissed on motion of County Attorney.

No. 169. State Vs. Bill Timms; gaming, dismissed, on motion of County Attorney.

No. 170. State Vs. Ben Tannehill and Robert Harris; unlawfully tearing down fence, continued.

No. 171. State Vs. E. H. Winans; aggravated assault battery, plead guilty, fined \$25.00 and costs

An interesting and patriotic programme was executed by our teachers and the school Wednesday afternoon, Washington's birthday.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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Is the man to employ to transfer you in San Angelo. He meets all trains, and has a comfortable carriage. GIVE HIM A TRIAL.

### Kangaroo Court!

The "Koke County Kangaroo Court" held its first session last Friday night. The officers of the "Court" consisted of Judge G. W. Martin; Prosecuting Attorney, "Kangaroo Bill" Laswell; Sheriff, Lord Earl Johnson; Clerk, Great Frederick Lewis; Licensed Atty. Long Jim Burroughs and Hard Handed Pearce. Two complaints were filed by the Prosecuting Attorney; one secured a continuance to next term, through the effects of Attorney Burroughs for the defence. The other case was against a well known citizen for allowing "shelled wood" to creep into his wagon, from a neighboring wood yard. On account of family connection, influence, and fear of a "licking" the RUSTLER reporter will not give true names of defendants to our many readers. It will suffice to say that the prosecution made a strong case, with "Attorney Bill" to push it. "Attorney" Pearce entered two pleas for defendant, an alibi, and a case of temporary "non compos mentis". After some lengthy examinations of numeras and willing witnesses and some soaring flights of imagination and eloquence from the "Lawyers," the jury found the defendant not guilty, as charged in the indictment, but sentenced him to "5 years in the Koke County Kleptomanic Kollege."

Mr. J. W. O'Field and Mrs. Annie Lightfoot were married last Sunday by M. McCutchen, Justice of the Peace at Bronte. The RUSTLER extends congratulations

Free delivery to any part of the city, of all heavy goods, purchase of D. L. Buchanan.

Miss Emma Stickney invited a few friends to dinner, in honor of her birthday, last Sunday.

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Call on this enterprising firm for any thing in their line.

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Sold or Repaired, at Reasonable Rates.

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Large line and low prices.

Bed room suits, \$16.50 up. Rocking Chairs, \$1.50 up.  
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### Stockholders Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Colorado Valley Railway Co. will be held at Sweetwater, Tuesday, March 14th 1899, at 11 o'clock A. M. all Stockholders are especially requested to be present.

D. S. Arnold Jr.,  
Sec.



J. E. STEWART keeps a line of good GLASSWARE. Call and take A LOOK.

Read your County Paper.

# DAVIS & CO., Headquarters for Groceries and Cotton Buyers,

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

## LOCAL CHIPS.

Attend the debate on "Expansion" tonight.

Mr. McCraw and son Willis, were in town Saturday.

Call at this office and examine the Latest Improved Singer Sewing Machine. Sold on easy terms.

W. T. Caraway and W. F. Stephens were in from the Hayrick country this week.

Professors Thomas and Ross, from Rock Springs and Hayrick, visited the capital last Saturday.

### Wanted!

A wife, that can cook, wash, iron, and milk three cows.

T. C. Jackson,  
Robert Lee, Tex.

Prof. F. K. Pepplewell, Prin. of the Bronte school for some five years, paid our town a visit last Saturday.

Good accommodations and polite attention given to all at the O. K. Wagon Yard in Ballinger.

H. P. Fancher, who lives near Ft. Chadbourne, was in town last Monday. He took advantage of one of our cut rate clubbing propositions and will have all the news, home and foreign, this year.

J. D. Collier and Co., the Edith merchants, have sold more goods since Jan. 1st 1899 than ever before in the same two months of any preceding year. Why? Because, their prices are bed rock, and would be competitors are not in it.

Last Saturday was "pay day" for all who had been laboring for the County lately. You "know the rest."

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

A. J. Adams, of Bronte, was in own first of the week. Hereafter he will keep posted on Coke by reading the RUSTLER.

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

S. S. Craddock, one of Sanco's good citizens was among us last Monday. He was one of several who took advantage of our clubbing rates and saved 27 cents.

Frank L. Harris was over "courting" this week.

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

Last Friday night the young folks enjoyed a "play party" at Mr. and Mrs. Trammel's residence.

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

Mrs. Tom Atkins has been quite sick this week.

### Meneille Gin Notice.

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

L. H. McDORMAN

Read EVERY page this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barron gave the young people a pleasant social party Wednesday evening.

Call on S. J. Carpenter, Ballinger, when you want a good hand made stock saddle. No machine in shop.

Miss Ina Vestal entertained a few friends on her birthday, the 22

Important news items on every page this week.

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

"Territorial Expansion" tonight at Court House. Come.

Stop at the Webb Hotel when in Lee

Young Mr. Padgett, of Silver, was in town last Thursday.

Miss Lucile Stephens, who teaches the Cedar Hill school was in town last Saturday.

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

Miss Amelia Caraway was in our city last Saturday, shopping.

S. J. Carpenter has opened up a new stock of Saddles and Harness, at Ballinger.

Prof. Baldwin was in latter part of last week. He reports the N. E. corner of the county as being all right.

Mrs. Fletcher and daughter, Miss Addie, from Bronte, were in town last Friday.

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

Rev. Eugene T. Bates filled his appointments last Sunday at eleven and night at the Methodist Church here. His morning theme was "The Sabbath Day."

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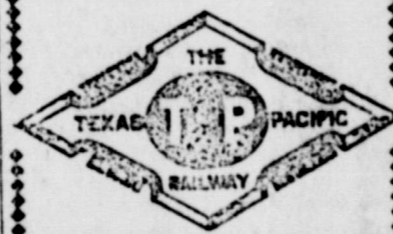
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Recitation.—Miss Roxy Ingram.  
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Essay.—Prof. O. W. Gardner.  
Song.  
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Some men make more noise in doing a day's work than others make in a lifetime.

Many of our laws seem to have been enacted for the purpose of executing injunction.

The ancients evidently considered life worth living, judging by the way they cling to it.

No matter how little a person has to do he does it with an air as if he really amounted to something.

It is beginning to look as if Agoncillo may fool around until he receives official recognition from some policeman.

The fact that there are just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught is rather encouraging to the piscatorial class.

Of course, the Nicaraguan canal will have plenty of locks, but there won't be any canal if the first thing is a deadlock in congress.

Those Pennsylvania legislators who are alleged to have been bought by Quay may not be suckers, but they associate with C. O. D.

The manager of an Obkosh skating rink has drawn the color line. He must have a notion to run for office in one of the Carolinas.

Secretary Long says that it could make no difference whether Sampson was present or not at the Santiago fight, and the facts seem to bear the secretary out.

Chicago philanthropists have established a hotel for working girls where board, lodging and baths may be had for two dollars a week. What has become of the New York undertaking of this sort?

An exchange informs us that Joaquin Miller has had his hair cut. That shows that the rewards of literature, though slow, are certain. Twenty years ago he could not have afforded such a luxury.

Cairo, Egypt, is to have the overhead trolley, but, then, the overhead trolley has some appropriateness in a place where one of the principal lines of business is the exhibition of mummies and other antiquated things.

A story comes from Peoria to the effect that a young woman who was arrested and locked up was courted, won and wed before she got out of her cell. Of course it may be all right, but it looks a good deal like an attempt to popularize the Peoria jail.

A statement of losses in this country by embezzlements, forgeries, bank-wreckings and the like, during the year just closed, gives an aggregate of toward six million dollars. Only \$21,000 of the amount is credited to postmasters. In the great company of the officials thus commissioned, temptation to steal government property made few conquests. It is of course a blot on our public service record if any office-holder proves faithless, but with large opportunity for wrong-doing, the delinquents are the rare exceptions to the rule of honest men serving the government industriously and with no disposition to plunder the people.

"Treasury of Remedies for the Mind," is the inscription in the library at Alexandria, Egypt. Well-chosen libraries are more than remedies; they are preventives of moral and intellectual disease. Mr. Andrew Carnegie, when a boy, was invited with other working boys to spend his Saturday evenings in the private library of a rich man. They were even allowed to take the books home with them. Realizing the good work this man was doing, young Carnegie resolved that if ever he were able, he would establish free libraries for working people. This resolve he has carried out in three cities and towns of Pennsylvania, one in Iowa, and nine in his native Scotland; and he now offers to give one to Washington. "And if I live," he adds, "there will be more." Such royal gifts are not within the power of many; but who has not a few books which light the fires of aspiration in some impoverished young life?

### Loubet Chosen.

Paris, Feb. 20.—M. Loubet was Saturday elected president of the French republic by the national assembly at Versailles. M. Loubet received 483 votes, against 270 votes cast for M. Meline.

The assembly met at 1 o'clock. M. Loubet declared the sitting open amid the applause of the Leftists, during which M. Loubet proceeded to draw for tellers.

When M. Paul Deroulede, organizer of the League of Patriots and a deputy representing the second district of Angouleme, voted he attempted to speak from the tribune where the urns are placed, but M. Loubet forbade him to do so, which called for protests from the Rightists and applause from the Leftists. M. Deroulede, however, persisted in speaking and repulsed the ushers and others who rushed up to expel him from the tribune, which he finally left.

Before retiring M. Deroulede shouted: "The president of the republic ought to be elected by the people. I will not vote here." Then turning to M. Loubet, M. Deroulede cried: "Do you deny what M. De Beaurepaire has written?"

To this M. Loubet replied: "I am not called to answer you."

M. Deroulede retorted: "I know what you are."

M. Dumont, anti-Semite, representing in the chamber the first division of Algiers, also attempted to speak and a great commotion followed, during which cries of "Down with anarchy" were raised.

In the meantime the voting continued and at 2:40 p. m. the ballot was completed.

M. Meline loudly announced that he had voted for M. Loubet.

Emile Loubet, who until his election to the presidency was president of the French senate, was born at Marsanne on Dec. 31, 1828, was educated for the bar and began his practice at Montelimar. He entered political life in the general election of 1876, when he professed himself a republican and opposed to general and complete amnesty. He was elected by a great majority and at once associated himself in the assembly with the Republican Left. He was one of the deputies who refused a vote to the De Broglie ministry in 1877.

After having been twice elected to the assembly, he became a candidate for the senate in his old department and was elected in 1885. He became a member of the first Tirard ministry, which only survived for three months, holding the position of minister of public works. When M. De Freycinet declined to undertake the presidency of the council he was intrusted with the reconstruction of the ministry and took the position of minister of the interior, from which M. Constans had retired in 1892.

The official count showed that 812 votes were cast and that M. Loubet received 483, M. Meline 270 and 59 were scattered.

### National Senate.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate spent most of Saturday on postoffice appropriation bill, but failed to complete it. After an animated discussion of the pneumatic tube system, Mr. Culom's amendment increasing the appropriation for that purpose, and designed to extend the system to Chicago was tabled. An echo of the old star route developments was heard when several senators criticized the method by which a combination of speculators secured the star route contracts.

Bills were passed extending the time for the Arkansas and Northwestern Railway company to construct a railroad through the Indian Territory; granting an extension of time for the construction of a railroad through the Indian Territory to the Gainesville, McAlester and St. Louis Railway company and giving a preference right of entry to persons procuring a cancellation of fraudulent or double allotments to Indians; providing for the acquiring of rights of way by railroad companies through Indian reservations, Indian lands and Indian allotments.

Terrell, Tex., is to have a free public library.

### Samoa Matter.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Samoa complications are about to pass into the safe lines of diplomatic treatment, in the judgment of the officials here, who say there is really not much danger in the situation if sensible councils prevail, and subordinate officials refrain from overzealous acts and words and letters. No official notice is expected to be taken of the epistle written by Chief Justice Chambers to his brother in this country criticizing the Germans so freely.

### DIXIE DOINGS.

Six persons were frozen to death at New Orleans during the late cold spell.

The Arkansas state council of the Catholic Knights of America convened at Little Rock.

The plants of the Greer Machinery company and M. F. Whittle Trunk company, at Knoxville, Tenn., burned. Loss \$100,000.

The convention of cotton planters and representatives of allied interests to have been held at New Orleans has been indefinitely postponed.

Deputy Constable Martin of Birmingham, Ala., in attempting to arrest Boston Davis, has a pistol fight with the latter. Martin and a boy were seriously wounded and four bullets put into Davis, killing him.

The city council of Chattanooga, Tenn., has passed an ordinance requiring saloons to close at 10 o'clock at night, except Saturday night, 11 o'clock then being the hour. They are not to open until Monday morning at 5 o'clock.

Eugene Peters, a Washington City millionaire, married Miss Clara Louise Mackay at Malvern, Ark. He gave an elaborate champagne supper at Hot Springs, spent about \$5000 on impetuous sports, and himself and bride departed for New Orleans.

Dr. Thomas J. Buffington, aged 78, and Miss Fanny Conrad, 19 years old, were married at New Orleans. This is the doctor's third matrimonial venture, his other wives being sisters and the aunt of his present better half. They are residents of Baton Rouge, La.

### Still Troublesome.

Manila, Feb. 20.—The California volunteers abandoned Guadalupe church at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, which has since been set on fire and retired to San Pedro Macati. The rebels still hold the country in the vicinity of Guadalupe, Pasig and Patero, despite the efforts of the gunboats to dislodge them from the jungle on both sides of the river.

The heat is intense. Under present conditions it is impossible to provide shade for the troops in certain parts of the line, particularly McArthur's division. King's brigade is also exposed from San Pedro Macati to Cull-cull, where it joins Ovenshine's brigade.

The Buffalo's searchlight discovering the rebels unusually active about 10 o'clock in the evening, signaled the flagship for permission to fire upon them, and this being granted, bombarded the enemy's trenches for twenty minutes. The only effect of the fire was apparently to drive the rebels further inland. Beyond a few ineffectual volleys from the trenches, which were returned with interest, the enemy made no demonstration and all is quiet along the rest of the line.

Scouts claim to have seen Gen. Pio Del Pilar, who commanded the rebels at Paco, with his arm in a sling directing the troops. Gen. Montenegro, the insurgent commander-in-chief, is reported to be personally conducting the movements in front of Gen. King's line at San Pedro Macati. The signal corps is arranging signals with the navy for future operations on the left. With the exception of the Port of Holo, trade with Philippine ports is still blockaded.

### Left Montreal.

Senor Agoncillo and his compatriot, Senor Marti, left Montreal bound for New York en route to London, expecting to sail on the American liner St. Paul. Their decision to depart was sudden, for the two latest additions to the Filipino embassy in the United States, E. R. De Rios and H. Rivera, who arrived here yesterday morning from Chicago, were surprised at meeting Agoncillo and Marti on the station platform. Agoncillo recognizes now that the treaty has been passed and signed, that his mission to the United State is ended.

R. E. L. Saner of Dallas has been appointed by Chairman Bell secretary of the Texas State Democratic executive committee to succeed Joe Lee Jameson, resigned.

### Aguinaldo's Promise.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20.—A friend of Pratt, the American consul general at Singapore, gives what purports to be the facts of an interview between Aguinaldo and Pratt. He says Aguinaldo was promised the same treatment for the Philippines as was given Cuba. Dewey was a party to the agreement.

Work has commenced on the Arkansas Central railway between Charleston and Paris.

### Sudden Attack.

Paris, Feb. 18.—The Figaro attributes the death of M. Faure to a sudden violent attack of angina pectoris.

M. Del Casse, the minister of foreign affairs, telegraphed to the foreign sovereigns informing them of the president's death.

M. Meline, in the course of a conversation with a press reporter, said that the president himself recently informed him that for a long time he had been suffering from heart trouble which had caused him cruel pain.

M. Casimir-Perier, upon learning of the calamity expressed profound grief. He called at the Elysee to present his condolence to Mme and Mlle. Faure.

Dr. Lanne-Longue, in an interview had with him by a representative of Echo de Paris, said:

When I entered the room the president was already conscious of the seriousness of his condition and said: 'I am very sick.'

'As a matter of fact, from the first there was no hope. Ataxy supervened almost immediately and was followed by paralysis of the left side. Finally the patient fell into absolute coma and died at 10:30. He was unable to speak during the last moments.'

'To sum up, it was a sudden attack and from the first all efforts were useless. The president did not experience any premonitory symptoms. He had only a slight loss of appetite, which could not cause alarm, and I was much surprised to see him thus struck down. He had not recently had any official fatigue, but the Fashoda affair had greatly disturbed him. The Dreyfus matter had also caused him real grief, and he was very anxious regarding the home and foreign situation in France.'

### Flood at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 18.—The situation here last night was pitiable and alarming. The fear of high water has been realized and the rush of the increased volume and the ice from the upper James, together with the backwater from the gorging of the ice below the city, has resulted in none of the heaviest floods ever known.

The wharves at Rocketts, the landing place for steamers, and the streets for blocks around are under water and the Virginia Navigation company's wharf has been swept away. The depressed section of the city between Shohocke and Churchills is also under water and hundreds of cellars are flooded.

One of the electric light plants is under water and power and lights are cut off from certain sections of the city. The gas-works are momentarily expected to be overflowed. To add to the calamity of the night, the lime and cement warehouse and coal office of S. H. Hawse & Co., was totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$25,000, insured.

### Elected Directors.

New York, Feb. 18.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nicaragua Canal company these directors were elected: Capt. J. W. Miller, president of the Providence and Stonington line; Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central railway; R. L. Edwards, president of the Bank of the State of New York; Herman Oelrichs of the North German Lloyd Steamship company, Gordon McDonald of the Continental Trust company, John J. Emory, Henry D. Pierce, William F. Cochran, Henry A. Parr, Rudolph Flinsch, John J. Agar, Edwin S. Lancaster and H. Wise Miller.

### Sinking Condition.

New York, Feb. 18.—The steamer Rotterdam from Rotterdam, which arrived yesterday, reports that on Feb. 6, in latitude 40.33, longitude 48.26, she sighted the British steamer Rossmore from Liverpool for Baltimore in a sinking condition. The Rotterdam stayed by the Rosser for sixty hours. Capt. Duncanson of the Rossmore reported that nine members of his crew had been taken off by a steamer before the Rotterdam came up.

The pope celebrated mass for the repose of the soul of the late President Faure of France.

### House of Commons' Action.

London, Feb. 18.—In the house of commons yesterday the government leader, A. J. Balfour, expressed deep sympathy with France at the death of President Faure.

The Liberal leader of the house, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, concurred on behalf of the opposition in Mr. Balfour's remarks.

D. H. Barnes has been confirmed as postmaster at Port Arthur, Tex.

### In Congress.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The house yesterday finally passed the sundry civil appropriation bill, to which it had devoted over a week. No important amendment had been adopted. The speaker's ruling upon the motion to recommit the bill with instructions to incorporate it in the Nicaragua canal amendment was sustained 165 to 96. The naval appropriation bill was taken up and over half the bill was completed during the remainder of the day. There was no general opposition to the measure, although it carries \$44,000,000, being \$8,000,000 more than the largest naval appropriation bill ever passed by congress.

At its session yesterday the senate adopted a resolution instructing the vice-president of the United States as president of the senate to express to the government and the people of France the sympathy of the senate in the bereavement that has fallen upon the French republic in the death of President Faure.

The naval personnel bill, for which the navy department has been contending for so many years, was passed by the senate. It was under discussion for several hours, but was passed practically in the form in which it was reported by the senate committee. Its provisions have heretofore been fully given. The remainder of the day's session was devoted to the passage of bills of private pensions, calendar and to the reading of the Alaska code bill.

### Closed.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The conference here between the trunk line railway presidents and the interstate commerce commission closed the conference here for the present excepting the event of a radical change in the freight rates. The report of the conference, it is stated, has been that every road has maintained the rates mutually fixed. Many roads, it is stated, have put in new tariffs to conform to those of other roads. This general uniform movement, it is added, has brought about a considerable reduction in the published rates. The observance of the reduction of these published rates, which now is general and complete throughout the trunk line territory, is stated to be almost unprecedented. Shippers in some instances are asking further revision of the rate from the schedule which went into effect Feb. 1.

### President's Condolence.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The following was cabled:

Department of State, Washington, Feb. 16.—Porter, ambassador Paris: The president of the United States desires you to convey to the family of the late president of the French republic, the expression of his heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable bereavement. The whole world mourns the loss of one of its greatest statesmen, and this country has an especial share in the sorrow of her sister republic. JOHN HAY.

### Sympathy Sent.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, at the opening of the reichstag yesterday announced the death of President Faure and expressed the sympathy of the German people and Emperor William with France, "which," he added, "was lamenting the demise of a man who, as chief magistrate, had unwaveringly promoted the great interests of peace and concord with the welfare of nations, mindful of the common tie uniting all civilized nations."

### Caused by Children.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 18.—Hood and Wheeler's furniture store, B. Melchior's general merchandise store and eight residences were burned at Pratt City, six miles from here. One house had to be torn down to stop the flames, or a great part of the city would have been destroyed. The fire was started by a lot of little Italian children playing with matches. A little baby, belonging to a Frenchman, is missing, and it is believed was burned. The total loss was \$14,000, with \$1500 insurance.

The British barkentine Brazil, which went ashore near Long Island, is a total wreck.

Incessant rain has caused floods in Jamaica.

John A. McMurtrie, the millionaire railroad contractor of Denver, Colo., is dead.

Three adults and a baby were burned to death in a Chicago fire.

#### Down to Business.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 20.—In the senate Saturday Kerr secured the adoption of a resolution thanking the citizens of Galveston for courtesies shown on the occasion of the visit of the twenty-sixth legislature and further thanking the officers and men of the Texas and the secretary of war for his permission to visit the fortifications of the firing of the big 10-inch gun.

Several bills were introduced.

The house bill by Smith of Grayson relating to the ascertainment of the accounts of the school and other funds was next considered. The substitute bill by the senate committee on public lands was adopted in lieu of the house bill and engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules. The substitute empowers the governor and the commissioner of the general land office to employ four additional clerks to tabulate the account in the general land office between the state of Texas and the permanent school fund, and providing for the ascertainment of the amount of public domain of the state of Texas at the time of the adoption of the constitution of 1876 and what has been done with same.

A message from the governor relating to the burning of the penitentiaries was received and read.

Wayland's bill providing that tax collectors shall be entitled to the commissions on all moneys paid by non-residents to the comptroller as taxes on property in their counties respectively was ordered engrossed and finally passed under a suspension of the rules.

Tarver's house bill appropriating \$250 to remove the remains of Big Foot Wallace from Frio county to the state cemetery at Austin was passed to a third reading and finally passed.

Greer's bill requiring the claimant of the title to land under the statute 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 was engrossed and passed finally under a suspension of the rules.

In the house Mr. Tarver offered a resolution of respect to the memory of B. M. Vanderhurst, lately deceased. Mr. Bailey offered an amendment that when the house adjourn it be in further respect to his memory. The amendment was accepted and the resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Several local bills were passed, including the Austin charter.

#### The Compromise.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 20.—The commission and the railroads have effected a compromise and the new tariff sheets are being prepared.

Commissioner Mayfield dissented and issued a statement. After saying he regrets being unable to agree with his colleagues the commissioner asserts that the roads' receipts during the past eight years have been steadily increasing and that the commission has been just to them in every instance.

Chairman Reagan is quoted saying that the understanding between the commission and railroads was the best thing under the circumstances, that the commission has surrendered none of its duties and reserves the right to make emergency rates when necessary.

#### Killed by a Tramp.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 20.—An unknown tramp murdered Catarina Ruiz, a drunken Mexican in the rear of a saloon on the West Commerce street. Ruiz staggered up against the tramp as the latter came out of the rear door of the saloon with a tin can full of beer. The beer spilled and the hobo threw the can in the drunken Mexican's face. The hobo retreated and the Mexican continued to stagger in his direction, whereupon the tramp drew a razor and with one lash cut the Mexican's throat. Death resulted in the course of a few seconds through the severing of the jugular vein.

#### Claims Ejectment.

Paris, Tex., Feb. 20.—A man who says his name is Lovell and who claims Farmersville, Tex., as his home, got off the Santa Fe north bound train here and hunted a policeman. He says he was ejected from the train, and claims he is a divine healer and was on the way to Kansas City to cure a man named Robinson, who had telegraphed him. He became much excited while talking to City Marshal Shankin and he was put in the city prison until the county authorities can look after him.

#### House at Work.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 18.—Shropshire's bill, providing that in seduction cases defendant must offer marriage to plaintiff before pleading to the indictment to secure immunity from prosecution, was laid before the house and passed finally.

A resolution by Mr. Browne approving the congressional appropriation for the improvement of Buffalo bayou channel and urging the Texas legislation to support said appropriation was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Peery's bill, providing for a method for the extermination of prairie dogs, was laid before the house on third reading and final passage, and after an hour or more had been spent in speaking for and against it and in trying, without success to amend it, the bill passed by a vote of 54 to 41.

On motion of Mr. Schluter the general occupation tax bill reported by the committee on revenue and taxation was made the special order for next Tuesday morning.

On motion of Smith of Grayson the house refused to concur in senate amendments to house bill providing for a commission to examine into the condition of the public lands and a conference committee was asked for.

The motion was subsequently withdrawn, the maker thereof stating that he had received information that as a matter of fact the senate amendments he referred to had never been acted upon.

A humorous resolution by McAnally, providing for adjournment from March 6 to March 9 to attend the Monterey bull fights, was referred to the committee on stock and stock raising.

A resolution by Sutherland, extending sympathy to the French nation because of the death of its president, was adopted.

No session of senate.

#### Looted and Fired.

Gonzales, Tex., Feb. 18.—Karney is a small town about eighteen miles south of Gonzales. It consists of a general store and gin. Yesterday about 5 o'clock the store-house was discovered to be on fire and before assistance could reach the place the entire structure was in flames and the store, with all its contents were totally destroyed, including the postoffice and telephone booth.

An investigation subsequently developed the fact that the store had been looted by burglars and they afterward set fire to the building to cover up their tracks. Sheriff Glover immediately departed for Karney with his bloodhounds, but at the time of sending this dispatch he had made no discoveries that would explain the mystery surrounding the fire. All postoffice supplies were destroyed, including the mail sacks.

#### Newspaper Man Dies.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 18.—Mr. B. M. Vanderhurst, for years connected with the press of the state, died yesterday at the residence of his mother in this city. He had been sick for a long time with consumption. He worked up to almost the last. A few days ago, while working for the daily papers of the state in reporting the proceedings of the house, he collapsed. He was taken home and became worse till the end came. He was one of the brightest men on the press of this or any other state. Generous and loyal to his papers and his friends, he leaves behind him a host of men who will regret to know of his death.

#### Wagon Sleepers.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 18.—The Wagner Palace Car company has announced a new line of sleepers to be put at once between Denison and Austin. Travel on the sleeper between Denison and San Antonio has grown so heavy of late that it is necessary for another line of sleepers, running to the state capital. The Wyandotte, Mercedes and Glacier have been ordered to Denison from Chicago, are twelve-section, drawing-room cars and will constitute an excellent service between this city and the state capital. They will be run on trains Nos. 1 and 2.

#### Bus Runaway.

Gainesville, Tex., Feb. 18.—A bus team ran away and smashed the vehicle into fragments. The bus had only one passenger in it—Mrs. Hattie Holman—who had just arrived from the north on the Santa Fe train. The vehicle collided with a telephone pole, was not only torn to pieces, but turned upside down. Strange to say the lady was not hurt seriously, though she was considerably bruised.

#### Writ Refused.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 17.—The writ of mandamus prayed for by W. C. Linden was refused by the supreme court. It was to compel the comptroller to pay him prosecuting attorney's fees in two cases, wherein conviction was secured, but in which the sentences were made concurrent, that is, the term in the penitentiary given defendant hereunder, began and ended with terms given him in two other cases.

Payment was refused by the comptroller because the appropriation bill passed by the twenty-fifth legislature contained a clause prohibiting the payment of clerks, sheriffs and attorneys fees in cases where conviction is followed by the giving of concurrent terms, and Linden raised the question of constitutionality with regard to this clause, maintaining that its purpose was to change the law regulating the payment of official fees and that therefore it was not germane.

In refusing the writ of mandamus the court held that said clause simply proposes to limit the payment of official fees in criminal cases and not to change said fees, and is therefore constitutional. As to how far the legislature can go in this limiting business, the following, which appeared in the court's opinion in this case, will give a pretty good idea of what it thinks about it. It says:

"Should they even fail to appropriate money for a salary fixed by the constitution, the officer affected by it is without remedy before the courts."

#### Officers Elected.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 17.—The Woodmen of the World elected the following officers:

Head consul, Morris Sheppard of Texarkana.

Adviser lieutenant of jurisdiction, C. W. H. Matherly of Gainesville.

Head clerk, W. A. Fraser (re-elected) of Dallas.

Head escort, James L. Slatten of Hillsboro.

Head watchman, J. D. Alexander of Garland.

Head sentry, W. R. Mills of Denison.

Head managers, C. C. Chaffe of Victoria, J. W. Ledbetter of Round Rock, Dr. S. S. Stahl of Yoakum, H. W. Wiseman of Cleburne and Edward Garrett of Galveston.

Delegates to the sovereign camp at Memphis next month, Dr. C. C. Weaver of Itasca, E. H. Love of Honey Grove and H. A. Mayo of San Antonio.

After adopting customary resolutions of thanks to the local camps, the press, the railroads and hotels for courtesies, the head camp adjourned to meet in the city of Fort Worth on the second Tuesday in February, 1901.

A grand banquet was given at the Oriental hotel.

#### Prospects Favorable.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 17.—Several farmers in the city from the Territory all agreed that the outlook for the wheat is still very promising. Some of them were of the opinion that wheat had been slightly damaged by the cold snap, but it was a consensus of opinion that the severe cold lasted so short a time, the thaw is coming so gradually in cloudy weather that it will save wheat where a quick thaw had warm sunshine would have killed it.

#### Entertained Philip.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 17.—Yesterday evening an impromptu affair that proved delightful was a reception given Commodore Philip at the Lawler hotel as he passed through to New Orleans. He was presented by Capt. James Lawler, an old friend, to the guests individually and shook hands with each. It was followed by supper and after fifty minutes he left for New Orleans.

#### Summoned to Washington.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 17.—An official order was received here commanding Col. W. C. Miner, sixth U. S. infantry to proceed at once to Washington. Col. Miner left for Washington, accompanied by his wife. A dispatch received here announced that company M, third Texas infantry, Capt. Shields, and eighty-five men, were mustered out of the service at Eagle Pass yesterday.

#### Appointments.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 17.—following appointment has been made by the governor: Dr. R. B. Combs of Bastrop as secretary of the state board of health.

Quarantine appointments were made as follows: Dr. B. H. Carlton of Velasco as quarantine officer at Velasco; Dr. B. F. Calhoun of Beaumont as quarantine officer at Sabine Pass.

#### Presented to Philip.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 16.—Never before were there so many people in Harmony hall as there were last evening to witness the presentation to Commodore John W. Philip, late commander of the battleship Texas, of a Bible and a sword, the gifts of the Sunday-school children of Texas.

Never before was there gathered in Galveston such an enthusiastic audience, made up largely of children.

When the doors were opened there was a rush that not even policemen and ushers could stop, and every seat in sight, save those on the platform, was appropriated in the twinkling of an eye.

There were probably 2000 people in the hall, occupying every available inch of space. Perhaps the number who could not obtain admission was even greater.

The audience applauded the introductory remarks of the chairman, Mr. William T. Armstrong, the address of Mr. W. B. Paddock of Fort Worth presenting the Bible, and that of Mr. E. Boynton of Waco presenting the sword. They greeted little Louise Jordan of Victoria when she appeared to make the actual presentation of the Bible, and applauded her remarks; and when Master Willie Embrey, the 8-year-old boy from Brenham, presented the sword, they broke forth in storms of applause and approval, for he indeed proved himself quite an orator.

When Commodore Philip replied to these addresses he made several allusions to "our ship," which provoked demonstrations, but when at the conclusion he unfurled the flag which flew from the Texas in the battle of Santiago and presented it to the children of Texas, the climax was reached.

Then the audience called for Capt. Sigbee, and he made a very impressive and interesting talk about the good ship Texas and the great state for which she is named, further endearing himself to the people of the Lone Star state.

When Capt. Sigbee had taken his seat some one in the audience expressed a desire to see the other officers of the Texas, and those gentlemen arose to accommodate the audience, and of course there was more applause.

The train bearing the main body of the legislative party did not arrive in time for the ceremonies.

#### Penitentiary Board.

Huntsville, Tex., Feb. 16.—The penitentiary board was in session here yesterday looking into the matter of rebuilding the burned cells and offices. The following appointments were made by the board: For physician at Huntsville, Dr. W. E. Fowler of Bastrop; for chaplain at Huntsville, Rev. S. H. Morgan of Madinsonville; for physician at Rusk, Dr. E. G. Guinn of Jacksonville; for chaplain at Rusk, Rev. Frank T. Mitchell of Tyler. The board after investigating the condition of the old walls made arrangements to rebuild at once and employed Eugene T. Helner of Houston to superintend the rebuilding. There were enough funds turned over by late Financial Agent Rice to Mr. Hill, his successor, to rebuild without calling on the legislature for a special appropriation.

#### Health Officers.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 16.—The governor made the following appointments of health officers: Dr. A. S. Wolf of Brownsville at Brownsville, Dr. W. E. Pugh of Rockport at Aransas Pass, Dr. W. M. Yandell of El Paso at El Paso, Dr. T. M. McFarland of Port Lavaca at Pass Cavallo, Dr. Malone Dugan at Eagle Pass at Eagle Pass, Dr. J. M. McKnight of Laredo at Laredo.

#### Blown Up.

Ilano, Tex., Feb. 16.—The assay office at the Schryver gold mine, five miles east of town, was completely destroyed by a piece of dynamite placed under the stove to thaw out. Mr. Clifford, the manager, saw it ignite and jumped out of the window in time to save his life. All his possessions were destroyed, including a fine assay outfit and expensive scientific library. The loss amounts to about \$1500 with no insurance. No one hurt.

#### Graves Decorated.

Feb. 16.—Yesterday, the first anniversary of the destruction of the Maine in Havana harbor, was remembered by some of the friends of the old soldiers and other patriotically inclined, who decorated the soldiers' graves in the cemetery with such flowers as could be obtained in honor of the memory of the country's dead.

The Border National bank has been organized at Eagle Pass, Tex.

"Haven't books I can give me?" a woman asked another day. The exchange, furnish almost everything, but it did not have a professional exerciser on its books a minute before that question was asked, but did a minute after. A young woman who had just registered for something in that line of work overheard the request and volunteered her services, and forthwith a nice little dachshund had an attendant. Now the young woman's mornings are all taken up in wandering up and down Fifth avenue "exercising" society pets for \$10 a month for an hour a day, and \$5 for half an hour a day.

#### Performed His Own Ceremony.

The Toronto courts are about to be called upon to decide whether a man may legally perform his own wedding ceremony. The case in point is that of the Rev. Mr. J. W. Pfohler, who, on Oct. 12, 1898, married himself to Lois Markle. This is the first time that a man has performed the rite for himself in Canada, and both Pfohler and his wife now want the validity of their marriage established. It would have been much cheaper for the divine to have enlisted the services of another clergyman in the first place.

#### Of the First Rank.

Prof. J. B. Johnson of Washington university, St. Louis, who has just been elected dean of the faculty of the university of Wisconsin, is an engineer of the first rank, and is president of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education. He was graduated from the university of Michigan in 1878, and up to 1883, he was engaged as engineer on the United States lake survey.

#### Russia Will Lead Probably.

From the present outlook Prof. Woodward thinks that Russia will be the largest foreign exhibitor at the Paris exposition, with the United States second. No other country, except Russia, has so much space as the United States.

Christmas troubles sometimes form an endless chain.

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**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.  
 Eld 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.  
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Regular Correspondent.  
 Seeing many interesting letters in the RUSTLER from people of Coke county; I here with attempt to bring ideas by dipping pen in the ink bottle, that might find a way to the public through the charity of the Rustler. We are tempted to offer short articles on economy, agriculture, horticulture, manufacturing, commerce, currency, and politics, or something similar, having length, breadth and depth, but without any weight, for we are persuaded that the understanding of the Editor carries all the avoirdupois sufficient to overtax the average dimensions of western Rustlers, but we forbear, seeing the fat leading stock on account of bad treatment and Arctic breath. We hesitate to contribute in a way to reduce the weight of the little Rustler man, believing sufficient punishment has been on tap for the last two weeks, to last until hot weather because as unwelcome as the cold has been.  
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**Tennyson Notes.**

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 I see Lomita has a young man who is playing havoc with the wolves. How nice it would be if we only had him, for it is no uncommon sight to see two or three wolves pass by every few days.  
 Miss Alvia Ingram, our Juniper teacher, visited her parents, at Robert Lee, Saturday, the 11th inst.  
 Mrs. W. B. Jsnes is very sick and under the treatment of Dr. Key, of Bronte.  
 Messrs. B. A. and A. Taylor visited Ballinger this week.  
 Mr. J. S. Cox made a business to San Angelo this week.  
 We visited the debating society at Juniper and had a real enjoyable time, there being a nice turnout of patrons and outsiders. The children did their part well, we are glad to see them take such an interest in their school work.  
 Mr. Scott has just returned from Brown County where

he has been for some time. He brings with him Mrs. Bob Petross, who will visit friends and relatives for a few weeks.  
 Grandma McKelroy is very ill this week, we hope to see her up again soon.  
 We are busy folks with bustling ways.

**NEW COMER.**

**Estray Notice.**

Returned by G. W. Wayne, commissioner, precinct No 4, coke county, Texas, on 15th day of February, 1899. One black and white pided cow, about six years old, branded < S on left shoulder, marked under-crop right ear. Also one yearling, branded same as cow.

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 Pearl Hamilton, Roxy Ingram, Elsie Toliver, Mandie Chaney, Cornelia Montgomery, Lydia Roe, Elsie Laswell, Elled Gardner, Lile Roe, Ollie Finch, Elsie Murry, Pearl Murray, Stella Reamer, Charlie Perry, Roy Hamilton, Howard Montieth, Neely Gardner, Dalton Johnson, Jack Couch.  
 O. W. Gardner, Prin.

Following is a list of the pupils of Paint Creek school, whose average in attendance, deportment and recitations for the month beginning January ninth and ending February tenth, is above 85 per cent:  
 Frank Walling, Joda Key, Fred Blackwell, Henry Manning, Tommie King, Oscar Benson, Preston Blackwell, Vida Key, Beulah Gardner, Kellie brown, Lutie Blackwell, Eula Blackwell, Ella Blackwell.  
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