

THE COKE COUNTY RUSTLER.

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Tennyson Notes.

While this rain pours I write a line for the RUSTLER.

Crops are flourishing. Corn is an assured crop of 10 bushels to the acre. Cotton is in bloom and looks fine. June corn is up and grain looks nice.

I don't see how we get our mail as regular as we do. If the mail carrier was not a valiant soldier he could not travel the roads. I tell you the road is horrible, I'd rather go to the Philippines as to carry the mail over the road. The Court ought to all be indicated for suffering such a road in the County.

D. W. offers a reward to any man, woman or child that will tell him of any authority in the Holy Scripture that says a negro has a soul.

James Allison has concluded Coke is good enough for him, so he becomes a fixture.

While it is raining Jim Hale has nothing to do but boss his boys.

Look out, the RUSTLER watermelon is growing fast, may have to send it by mail carrier.

Vegetables are going to waste they are so plentiful.

J. D. and W. C. have been helping J. Allison put up his pasture fence.

Bro. Dalley and family and Bro. Bradley and family are attending the reunion at Ballinger this week.

THE CRANK.

Estray Notice.

Reported by J. A. Newton, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Coke County Texas on 13th day of June 1899. One snutty black horse about 3 years old, unbranded, running in H. E. Johnson's pasture about 15 miles West of Robert Lee Texas.

(Signed) J. W. Barnett,
Co. Clerk Coke Co. Tex.

Notice.

I have now a large stock of Coffins on hand; but must have cash or good security.

Respect,
J. H. Burroughs.

Pearce-Hayley.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Pearce to Mr. W. L. Hayley on Wednesday of this week, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pearce, was a great surprise to the many friends of the popular bride.

Rev. G. C. Berryman of Robert Lee performed the ceremony, in a most impressive manner, only the immediate members of the bride's family and a brother of the groom being present.

The bride is one of Ballinger's best and most intelligent young ladies, and is a jewel worth the best efforts of a manly man.

Mr. Hayley the happy groom, is a prosperous, drug merchant of Robert Lee, who has many warm friends who wish him every happiness.

The blessings and best wishes of the LEDGER go out to these happy young people.—Runnels Co Ledger.

Dillon Dannelley is agent for the San Angelo Steam Laundry.

From Bro. Mulligan.

Written for the RUSTLER.

MR. EDITOR:—

Us fellows out here at Way Back are sorter in a muddle. Tell you how it is. Had trouble in our church. Old Bro. Landmarker thinks the church should withdraw from young Bro. Simlin Head because of the young brother's gambling, dancing, and so forth. That is one trouble.

Then there is Deacon Side Tracts and Deacon Rula Busta that both wants to run for the same office in the County at the next election. They want to be commissioners. Then Bro. All Gabb wants to be County Judge. Now old Bro. Landmarker says that it is doubtful if any of the brethren can engage successfully, in politics and at the same time be truly religious and he introduced a resolution to that effect in the church, but it met with an overwhelming chorus of "Noes." Bro. Rula Busta then "suggested" that the church, being one of the strongest in the county, should only put out one candidate for each of about half the offices in the county and then to "swop" the entire vote of the denomination with strong candidates (outsiders) for the other offices so as to insure our members being elected. This "suggestion" was carried by a two thirds vote. Then, Mr. Editor, came the tug of war. Bro. Let-us-Nod woke up and found he had been dreaming off "official pie" and his three sons were all there, and his two sons-in-law, and they made a deal with Bro. Side Tracts to support him in the Conference if he and his followers would do the same for Bro. Nodd.

Then Prof. Silver Tongue wanted to get a certain school and agreed to work for Bro. All Gabb if they could exchange work honestly, and that bargain, Bro. Simlin Head spoke up and said he was with the Professor in everything. I tell you, Mr. Editor, county politics is a great thing.

I think sometimes I'd like to have office mys lf and I don't know any more about it than—than some officers over in Arkansas. For fear of doing too much at one conference we adjourned and set next Saturday night to make out our ticket. MULLIGAN.

Well we did have it Saturday night. The whole membership was on hand, and curious to say all the women were out too.

Bro. Silver Tongue moved that only the male members participate in the candidate selection. After much discussion the motion carried, and the ladies retired.

Bro. Schemer then made a great speech on all of us sticking together and following our leaders all the way down the line. I heard Bro. Schemer and Bro. All Gabb whispering apart and then Bro. Schemer made a big speech in favor of unity and all acting together. His motion to that effect carried unanimously. Then Bro. Side Tracts, the chairman, announced 5 minutes intermission at the conclusion of which the candidates would be selected. That five minutes was what the "sire-pullers" wanted. The way they did work and talk. Up in the a-

men corner sat a number of the dignified brethren under the immediate shelter of old Bro. Landmarker, Bro. Gospel truth, Bro. Straight Talk and a few more of those who did not want any politics mixed with their religion.

A rap on the pulpit stand, with a pocket knife, called the church to order, Bro. Side Tracts still in the chair. Bro. All Gabb moved that the Church members present call from labor as a church and go into "executive session" politically. Prof Silver Tongue explained that executive session meant "secret" session. After some discussion the motion carried, only a few voting no. After the vote was taken Brother Landmarker slowly rose to his feet, stamped his foot, shook his gray locks, and said "Brethren this is a disgrace to Christianity, a travesty on religion, an insult to our Savior, revolting to refined minds and dishonest in the extreme. Hear me two minutes longer and I will leave you to your own meditations and machinations." By this time every one was silent and all attention. He continued, "Bro. All Gabb ought to be expelled from the Church for uttering falsehoods in the last campaign; Bro. Simlin Head ought to be suspended until he quits dancing, and gambling Bro. Quill, the Editor, ought to be ashamed to uphold Prof. Silver Tongue in his bids, on the children's money; and Bro. Let-us-Nod ought to be too wide awake to allow himself to be humbugged. He will never get office in this county. Last of all brethren, I, myself ought to be kicked out of here for mixing with you", and the fiery old gentleman put on his hat and walked out. Bro. Rula Busta was the first to come to himself with a long drawn sigh of relief, saying, "Let us proceed with the order of business." Then Bro. All Gabb rose up quickly and was recognized by the chair, I tell you people he made a big speech. He told us that he wanted to be County Judge, that he would save the County \$3,000.00 a year in expenses, that he would so manipulate affairs that all Jurors would go home after each Court with their money in their pockets, that the County Officers, Ex-Officio were all placed too high, that they should pay for their own wood, stationery, etc. He also said that we wouldn't give it away on the outside, but he was fixing up a lot of campaign thunder that would catch nearly all the "rabbit twisters". He said he would get on the strong side of the Prohibition question would tax the land of the resident citizens at \$1.00 per acre and that of non residents at from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per acre thereby making it easy on the voters as the non residents would have to pay nearly all the taxes and in that way most of the running expenses of the county. Then brethren again I positively will not accept one cent of the children's money, nor will I accept over \$200. ex-officio. I will sern the purside over the Commissioners Court for \$2.00 per day. I will keep all the books of the office up in apple-pie order and have everything pertaining to the office in good shape. I will see that other officers do their duty. What is a County

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Bro. All Gabb took his seat amidst deafening applause.

While everything was warm Bro Schemer nominated his ticket for us to all support, and with his combination well in hand, got them to vote on one candidate at a time until he had each of his four candidates nominated,

For Co. Judge All Gabb.
" " Com. Rula Busta.
" " & Dist. Clerk Can't Write
" Sheriff & Tax C.

These are our candidates and we are all to work and vote for just anybody else to get votes for these four. There are a hundred of our church in the County and only 400 other votes, so we expect to get through all right. Bro. Schemer says it's a winning ticket.

While the motions were being put, Brother Gospel Truth, Straight Talk, and a few more left the Conference.

Thus endeth the second lesson.

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HIDDEN IN THE CLOSET

It was early morning, and Thomas, Lord's valet, had waited on his master's American guest to see what he desired to do for him.

There certainly was something odd in the gentleman's manner, and he had not the look of one who had enjoyed refreshing slumbers. At last, just as the man turned to leave the room, he spoke:

"Thomas, I have been awake all night."

"My Lord will regret to hear it," said Thomas.

"Something odd disturbed me," continued the gentleman. "One of the maids kept me awake all last night."

"One of the maids, sir?" cried Thomas.

"Yes, Thomas. She kept running into my room at least every half hour to look in the glass and admire herself. She came out of that door," and he pointed to one in a corner, "and walked straight up to the mirror; the light from the night lamp fell upon her face; she seemed to catch my eye in the glass each time, and smiled at me as she did so. She wore a short, quilted skirt, a little black bodice, and full white sleeves. She had a gold cross tied about her neck by a black ribbon, and wore a little cap on her black braids—a young girl with a French face, Thomas. Do you know her?"

Thomas made no answer. He looked at the gentleman steadily and grew pale. At last he spoke:

"If I have the honor of understanding you, sir, the young person came through the door?"

"Yes," said the American.

"More than once, sir?"

"About once an hour from midnight until dawn."

"And smiled at you in the glass, where you saw her face? I understand she did not look toward you as she passed, sir?"

"Right, Thomas."

"May I beg you to do me the favor of looking into this room, sir?"

The gentleman followed Thomas to the door through which he asserted that the young person passed, and saw nothing but a closet about twelve feet square, with no door save the one that opened into the large room, and high in the ceiling a little w dow through which a bird could scarcely have flown. It contained no furniture whatever.

"There must be a secret door—or—"

understood everything, but she never stirred, and she never said anything to him, no, nor to the maid, sir.

"This was her room, sir. In that little closet Rosette had her bed, to be ready if she called her. But one morning my lady's bell rang furiously, and the maid who answered it was told to do my lady's hair, for Rosette had gone back to her native country."

"All the time she was doing it the girl thought she heard a faint, moaning sound, and was frightened, and went back to the rest pale and trembling, and before night it was well known in the house that that little closet there was not only locked, but nailed up."

"After that my Lord seemed to take to his wild ways again in a measure and drank a great deal, and my Lady died alone. There never were any children; but they both lived to be old indeed, and at last—Lady died in this room and was buried in the church yonder."

"My Lord was an old man when that time, but as soon as the funeral was over he went into my Lady's room and stood a long while before the locked and nailed door."

"Then he said to himself: 'I cannot die until I know,' and ordered it to be opened. There were hundreds of nails in it; but they were all out at last, and the lock was forced, and my Lord arose and entered the closet."

"It wasn't long before he found a few bones and an ornament or two, but it was plain that the girl had been tied hand and foot and bound to the bed and left there to die—if she was not murdered outright by the jealous lady."

"But ever since, sir, whenever there is going to be misfortune in the family, whoever sleeps here in this room sees Rosette come out of her closet and smile in the glass. No one ever sees her face, only its reflection. I hope no trouble will follow, now, sir."

As for the American, he slept elsewhere the next night. He had no admiration for ghosts, even the family ghosts of noblemen, and he had no desire to see Rosette smile at him in the glass again.—New York Daily News.

Oddities in Umbrellas.

Many curious umbrellas are made. One I have seen, says James Gilmer Speed in Woman's Home Companion, can be taken apart and put in one's pocket. The stick is of wood about an inch in diameter. The cover can be turned inside out and folded into a



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or—something!" cried the American.

"I am not mad, and I was wide awake."

"Yes, sir," said Thomas, still more solemnly. "An ordinary young person could not have contrived to disappear, but the young person you have seen has been an apparition, sir, for more than 200 years."

"An apparition!" cried the American gentleman.

"Yes, sir," replied Thomas, "an apparition, sir. I think you have seen Lady's gentleman Rosette, sir. It is ten years since she was seen before to my knowledge, but she has been seen often."

"I should like to hear more about Rosette," said the gentleman.

"Yes, sir," said the valet. "This is an old family, and about 200 years ago there was a Lord Herbert who was a gay, wild young nobleman, and was a great admirer of the ladies, sir. However, by the time he was 30 he was married and settled down, and began to be much thought of and respected. So was his lady, too, sir, though she was not handsome, and was haughty."

One day, however, the English servants did not like—she was a foreign maid with her from France—a girl named Rosette, and as pretty as a picture.

"One day, sitting before her glass, Rosette combing her hair for her, she heard her husband come into the room. Her back was toward him and Rosette was behind her, and they forgot the mirror, and so, sir, she saw in it, without stirring, both their faces, and she saw the girl smile at her husband and she saw him smile back at her. She

small bundle. By touching a spring the ribs came off, straightened out, and may be placed in the hollow of the stick, which is then a presentable walking stick. It is found very convenient by its owner, who is a drummer. Another is still more ingenious. The handle is curved, and when a spring is pressed a pipe flies out. The ribs are stowed away in the center and the owner has a walking stick, but in the center there is also a rapier, which may be drawn out. Another neat invention is a hat-stick which contains a camp chair. Three steel supports are pressed out of the top of the stick, a triangular piece of canvas put on, and a seat is laid which is at least as comfortable as a bicycle saddle. All of these strange umbrellas come from the old world. The umbrella-makers say that Europeans take much more pride in their umbrellas than do people in this country. Many little jokes are concealed in the umbrella handles there. A handle may present the appearance of the head of a monkey or a cat or some other animal, and a secret spring will cause the little creature to open its mouth and spurt a drop of cologne on the beholder.

Insult to the Bride.

"Such an insult!" she exclaimed. "What?" he asked. "Why, you know what long hair Brown, who married Miss Smith to-day, always has had?" "Of course." "Well, just before he became a benedict he had it cut short. Just think of the natural infatuation."

Says it is Untrue.

Chicago, Ill., June 30.—Dean C. Worcester, member of the Philippine commission, has cabled the Times-Herald denying reports that Filipino prisoners were shot by order of American officers. This was in response to a cable inquiry quoting the letter of Charles Brenner, a soldier, who wrote home:

"Company I had four prisoners. Did not know what to do with them. They asked Capt. Bishop what to do. He said: 'You know orders.' And four natives fell dead."

Commissioner Worcester's answer follows:

Manila, June 29.—Editor of the Times-Herald, Chicago, Ill.: The original statement of Brenner is untrue. Brenner's charge was promptly investigated by the military authorities here. No facts were ascertained to support the charge at the time of the first inquiry, but the investigation has been renewed and is being prosecuted vigorously and extensively. This investigation has not yet been completed.

Brenner's charge has some semblance of truth, for the reason that it is now believed that two prisoners were shot in the heat of battle for refusing to pass to the rear when ordered to do so.

This matter is being probed to the bottom. It is an isolated case.

The inhabitants of the towns recently captured had been maltreated, robbed and left destitute by the insurgents.

The natives rejoice at the arrival of the American troops, who neither burn their homes nor loot their property, and who feed the hungry.

The inhabitants are resuming their ordinary occupations and are ready to cooperate with us.

The wounded insurgents are brought to Manila, where they receive the same care and attention as our wounded.

WORCESTER.

Won All.

New London, Conn., June 30.—Harvard won all of the boat races yesterday—three victories over Yale on three hours—and the western sky glowed crimson yesterday evening when the Harvard varsity crew pulled over the finish line six and a half lengths ahead of Yale. After eight years of defeat the students of Cambridge are tasting the sweets of success.

Harvard's university eight won from Yale over a four mile course by six and a half lengths in 20:52. Harvard's freshmen eight won from Yale over a two mile course by two and a half lengths in 9:33 1-2. Harvard's substitute four men won from Yale over a two mile course by six lengths in 10:51.

Not to Go.

Memphis, Tenn., June 30.—The Commercial Appeal's Washington correspondent wires as follows:

It was announced positively yesterday afternoon that Gen. Wheeler would not be ordered to the Philippines. This is coupled with the explanation that the president does not wish to expose the veteran to the hardships of the Philippine climate at this season of the year. The president feels that Gen. Wheeler has borne his share of the burden in his gallant work before Santiago.

Charles F. Collins, six times mayor of Petersburg, Va., and a member of the Confederate congress, suicided in that city.

The schooner Dan Freeman, beached near Galveston, has been floated without damage.

Fired Shots.

Pana, Ill., June 30.—The agents of mining companies in Missouri, Kansas and Texas succeeded yesterday in employing 230 negroes, who left for Beaver, Mo., and other western striking miners' camps to take the places of union miners. They occupied four coaches and on passing the works of the Pana Coal company, opened fire upon the office and mine buildings, doing considerable damage. Seventy-five went to Cartersville, Ill., and fifty to Evansville, Ind.

Buffalo Conference.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 30.—The national social and political conference resumed its session yesterday to discuss non-partisan effort in political reform. The subject is divided into eight subdivisions—expansion and militarism; permanent internal, tribute internal, proportionate representation, recall or imperative mandate; single tax, non-partisan temperance and organized labor. Each speaker was limited to ten minutes and Rev. H. W. Thomas of Chicago presided and discussed "Expansion and Militarism."

Some Time May Elapse.

Washington, June 30.—The first volunteers to be raised for service in the Philippines will be those of the skeleton regiments now being formed by Gen. Otis. It is not believed there will be the least difficulty in obtaining these men. It is probable that some time will elapse before the troops of the provisional army are sent to Manila, but meanwhile they will be drilled and taught marksmanship in camp. It is estimated that three months are required to make soldiers of new recruits. The officers of the war department think that a number of volunteers now coming home will re-enlist. The officers desire to return to the Philippines for a short time after they have had an opportunity to see home and friends. These men are regarded as the most desirable for the regiments being organized by Gen. Otis. It is learned at the war department that there is no actual rush to get the new organizations to Gen. Otis at the present time. The rainy season having set in, it is not believed that these troops will be necessary for service except to relieve those who have been on active duty.

The transport service is said to be sufficient, though ships may be chartered temporarily if needed. The announcement that a portion of the provisional army was to be raised has caused a swarm of politicians to be sent to the war department by those who are seeking commissions in the new regiments.

Texas Midland Rates.

The following excursion rates are announced by the Texas Midland railroad:

Texas Postmasters' convention, Waco, July 12-13.—Round trip tickets one fare; selling date, July 11-12; return limit, July 14.

Basket picnic, Parvin's Grove, July 4.—Round trip tickets limited to 4th.

Colored excursion to Trinity river, July 13.—Round trip tickets limited to day of sale.

Texas Farmers' Congress, College Station, July 25 to 28.—One fare rate.

National Association of Merchants and Travelers, Chicago, Aug. 9 to 16, 23 to 30; Sept. 6 to 13, 20 to 27.—One and one-fifth fare.

North Texas Gun club shoot, Sulphur Springs, July 4.—One and one-third fare.

National Convention Epworth League, Indianapolis, July 20 to 23.—one and one-third fare, plus \$2.

International Convention B. Y. P. U., Richmond, Va., July 13 to 16.—One standard fare, plus \$2.

Killed Mayor and Self.

Muskegon, Mich., June 30.—Mayor James Balbiernie was assassinated at noon yesterday by J. W. Tayer, a disappointed office-seeker. Tayer shot the mayor while the latter was standing in the doorway of his store. The ball entered his left breast above the nipple.

After the shooting Balbiernie turned and ran upstairs to his living rooms and dropped in the hall. He expired in twenty-five minutes.

Tayer swallowed some carbolic acid and then turned the revolver upon himself and fired. The ball entered his left breast. He died at 10 o'clock. John W. Tayer was ex-city poor director.

At Sherman the jury in the case of Bob Smith, colored, charged with the murder of Arria Taylor, a white woman, gave Smith the death penalty.

State Librarian Digges died at Austin of blood poisoning.

For Juveniles.

New York, June 30.—Collis P. Huntington has bought a tract of land of 1350 acres in Hanover county, Virginia, where, at his expense, a well equipped building with the latest modern improvements is to be erected for the confinement of juvenile offenders of the negro race.

The purchase was made on the recommendation and through the agency of Dr. H. B. Frissell, principal of the Hampton Institute.

Will Go.

Washington, June 30.—Senator Warren of Idaho called upon the president yesterday with reference to his western trip. The president contradicted the published reports that he had no idea of going west this summer. He still intends to go unless circumstances should intervene, but he is unwilling as yet to consider definite plans, and both the time and extent of his trip are matters for future determination.

Six persons broke jail at Denton, but one returned.

THE TOWER OF LONDON.

Locking Up a Quaint and Ancient Ceremony.

The main guardhouse at the Tower, which has just been pulled down, was hard by the Bloody Tower. It is at this spot, says the London Graphic, that the quaint and ancient ceremony of locking up the tower is nightly performed, as it has been for centuries. A few minutes before 11 o'clock the head warder, or yeoman porter, as he is properly styled, clothed in a red cloak, carrying a portentous bunch of keys, and accompanied by another warder carrying a lantern, appears in front of the main guardhouse and roars out, "Escort, keys!" The sergeant turns out with some of the men, and follows the yeoman to the outer gate, the whole party being challenged by all the sentries with "Who goes there?" and the answer is simply "Keys." The gates being locked the keys are brought back to the main guard. Here the sentry stamps and roars out, "Who goes there?"

"Keys," is the reply.

"Whose keys?"

"Queen Victoria's keys."

"Advance, Queen Victoria's keys. And all's well."

"God bless Queen Victoria!" cries the yeoman porter.

"Amen," responds the main guard.

"Present arms!" cries the officer on duty, and amid the rattle of the salute he kisses the hilt of his sword. The yeoman porter marches off with the keys and deposits them in the lieutenant's lodgings, and from that time throughout the livelong night you can only circulate within the tower precincts if you know the countersign.

SEA-BATHING.

In proportion to the immense number of those who bathe in the sea every summer very few are injuriously affected and yet the absolute number receiving more or less injury is large. Sea-bathing is eminently tonic in its effects, but is not suited to all who are weak and need building up.

Very thin persons, the anemic, convalescents from severe illness, and especially persons with weak or diseased hearts, are not apt to be benefited by sea-baths, and should as a rule avoid them. The effect of the cold water is to drive the blood from the surface to the internal organs, and the resulting disturbances of circulation may be dangerous in those with heart disorders or weakened blood-vessels, for this reason the aged, especially, should be very careful.

These remarks apply to still-water bathing as well as to surf-bathing, but surf-bathing in any case is distinctly unsuited to all but the robust.

Certain precautions are advisable for all who bathe in the sea. In the first place, bathing should never be indulged in when overheated, nor within two hours after a hearty meal. On the other hand, bathing on a perfectly empty stomach, as before breakfast, is not advisable; it is a good plan for early morning bathers to take half a glass of milk and a soda cracker before starting for the beach.

The time of staying in the water must depend upon the individual; some people can stay in fifteen or twenty minutes without ill effect, but for most people a five-minute plunge is as much as is advisable.

The habit of going in and out a number of times, sitting on the beach to dry in the intervals, is far from wise. Of course one should invariably make for his bath-house at the first intimation of chilling or teeth-chattering, and should there immediately strip off the wet clothing and rub back, chest and limbs with a rough towel.

One of the most serious accidents from sea-bathing is inflammation of the ears. No one who has a discharge from the ears should ever bathe in the sea, especially in the surf, and all would do well to stop the ears with a little plug of cotton before going into the water.

Many people who cannot bathe in the sea are greatly benefited by the sea air and by taking sponge-baths, or even tub-baths, in salt water in their own rooms every morning, this being followed by brisk rubbing with the rough bath-towel. The tonic effect of this procedure is marked.

Inopportune Times.

"The trouble is," explained the Filipino, "that these Americans always want us to fight at the most inopportune times." "Why are they inopportune?" "Because the Americans want us to fight."

His Concession.

"After all, it's pleasant to have a baby in the house," she said. "Yes," he answered; "in somebody else's house."

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House furnishing is a delightful pastime for some.

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Suffering is unnecessary. Cascaro's Candy Cathartic kills disease germs, cleans out the body, removes the first causes of suffering. All druggists, 50c. box.

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Do not perpetrate jokes that you cannot explain.

BILIOUSNESS

Do you get up with a headache?
Is there a bad taste in your mouth?
Then you have a poor appetite and a weak digestion. You are frequently dizzy, always feel dull and drowsy. You have cold hands and feet. You get but little benefit from your food. You have no ambition to work and the sharp pains of neuralgia dart through your body.
What is the cause of all this trouble?
Constipated bowels.

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Professions of American Women.
The following statistics recently published by the United States government are interesting: In 1870 American actresses numbered 692; there are now 3,883. Women architects have grown from 1 to 59; painters and sculptors from 412 to 16,000; literary and scientific writers from 109 to 3,161; pastors from 67 to 1,522; dentists from 34 to 417; engineers from 9 to 201; journalists from 35 to 472; legal profession from 5 to 471; musicians from 5,753 to 47,309; officers from 414 to 6,712; doctors and surgeons from 527 to 6,882; directors of theaters from 100 to 943; accountants from 0 to 43,071; copyists and secretaries from 8,016 to 82,824; and stenographers typists from 7 to 50,633. These figures apply exclusively to women.

Acquitted by Lincoln.
William Armstrong died recently at Ashland, Cass county, Illinois. His claim to fame lies in the fact that in 1858 Abraham Lincoln defended him on a charge of murder and secured his acquittal. Lincoln took the case without fee and to discharge a debt of gratitude. This was the case which Lincoln won with an almanac. He discredited the testimony of the chief witness, who swore that he saw Armstrong do the deed by the bright light of the moon. Lincoln showed by the almanac that the moon was not shining at the time.

Shirt Waist Parties.
Shirt waist parties are again in vogue, and they unite a very agreeable and a profitable mode of spending an afternoon. Each girl takes the material for her own waist, and the real work of sewing amounts to nothing more difficult than play, when six or a dozen others are doing the same thing. Talking usually makes things easy, anyway, and then the hostess, of course, does not forget to serve her guests with strawberries, ice cream or other light refreshments suitable to the temperature of the particular day.

A Simple Throat Remedy.
Limeade lemonade makes a soothing drink for a relaxed throat, and should be made in the following manner: Into a basin put two tablespoonfuls of linseed and over it pour a pint of boiling water. Cover the basin and allow it to stand near the fire for about four hours, after which strain, and to the liquid add the juice of one lemon and as much sugar as liked. The drink may be taken hot or cold.

Women Musical Doctors.
Mrs. Theodore Sutro of New York is henceforth entitled to write "Mus. Doc." after her name. She is one of only two women in the English-speaking world with the same distinction. The other is the Princess of Wales. Recently she received this rare distinction from the hands of Dr. Ernst Eberhard, president of the Grand Conservatory of Music of the city of New York.

Biggest House.
The Sultan of Turkey has just built at Mecca the biggest house in the world. It is intended for the accommodation of pilgrims, and is capable of sheltering 6,000 persons. The next biggest house in the world is in a suburb of Vienna. It accommodates 2,112 tenants. Next come the three Rowton houses in London, with 800, 677 and 500 tenants, respectively.

It Depended.
"My friend," said the clerical-looking passenger to the traveling man in the next seat, "do you ever drink?" "Is that an invitation or only a question?" asked the wily drummer. "Merely a question pertaining to your future welfare," replied the c. l. p. "Then," observed the other, "I never drink, sir—never."—Spare Moments.

And All Are Close to Buffalo.
The Rumsey farm, which has been chosen as the site of the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition, is situated on Sciaquada creek. Sciaquada creek, it seems proper to add, is not far from Cheektowaga, although more remote from Montezuma, Sempronius, Busti and Skaneateles.—Albany (N. Y.) Argus.

A Warm 7 Populist.
While attending the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876, a Saco (Me.) man lent an acquaintance from another state whom he chanced to meet \$10. He had never seen or heard from the man until the other night, when he received in the mail a money order for \$10 from him.

The Term of Life.
Recent inquiries in England have led to the preparation of tables showing the "full term of life" for man, and other mammals, based upon the theory that there is a fixed ratio between the period required to reach maturity and the total length of life. Accident, disease and so forth, have to be eliminated from the calculation. According to these tables, only one animal exceeds man in its full life term, namely, the elephant. For man the theory makes the average term about 90 years, and for the elephant something over 100 years. Next to man, in longevity, come the camel and the Arabian horse, whose term of life is about 42 years.

History in Knotted Cords.
Tying knots in the handkerchief to jog one's memory had its origin in China thousands of years ago. Before writing was invented in that country, which did not happen until 3,000 B. C., memorable and important events were recorded by long knotted cords. The most ancient history of China is still preserved as told by these knots. When Emperor Tschang KI invented writing, the entire system of knotting was abandoned. And today the memory knots made by us in handkerchiefs are the only surviving descendants of that ancient and curious custom.

How Glass Affects Bacteria.
The extreme delicacy of many scientific processes is indicated by the report of Dr. Martin Fleker, a German investigator, that bacteria are affected favorably, or otherwise, by the character of the glass containing the water in which they are suspended. Marked differences in the behavior of cholera germs were noted, according to the kind of glass composing the vessels used. The degree of alkalinity imparted by the glass to the water is believed to be an important factor in these experiments.

Relied on His Wits.
In a recent address on Brown-Sequard, the French chemist Berthelot explained why that eminent physiologist, in spite of his brilliant mind, was looked on with suspicion by scientific workers. He was careless in his experiments and relied too much on his wits. Whenever an idea came into his head, he wrote it on a piece of paper, which he threw into a box, and generally left it there, making no further use of it.

Blew Open the Safe.
A wealthy but absent-minded resident of McPherson, Kas., recently bought a safe in which to keep his valuables, and, being unable to remember the combination, scribbled it on the plastering of a near-by wall. Subsequently he ordered a calciminer to put a new coat on the wall. The memorandum was obliterated, and it became necessary to have the safe blown open.

Sheep and Water.
"Do sheep drink?" is the question with which the Westminster Gazette has started the British silly season. It has aroused a bitter controversy, some writers standing up for the Psalmist's and Wordsworth's observations, while others try to prove that they know nothing about sheep.—New York Sun.

Only One.
"I have only one request to make, my dear," said Mr. Spiffins, who woke up and found his wife searching his pockets. "Well, what is it?" "Kindly leave me a nickel with which to pay my carfare into the city in the morning."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Goethe's First Love.
It is said that when Goethe was first in love he carved upon a tree in the neighboring forest a couple of hearts united by a scroll, and a little later received a sound thrashing from the forester for thus damaging the bark.

Discouraging Her.
Wife (at breakfast)—I want to do some shopping today, dear, if the weather is favorable. What are the forecasts? Husband (consulting his paper)—Rain, hail, thunder and lightning.—Tit-Bits.

He Knew.
Lady—I wish to get a birthday present for my husband. Shopman—How long married. Lady—Ten years. Shopman—All the bargains are on the right madam.—Tit-Bits.

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They tell a story of Father O'Shea, a priest who was well known in an eastern city, who had some local note for his quick wit. One of his Presbyterian friends was fond of having a joke with him. They met one day at the postoffice, where there was quite a crowd waiting for the distribution of the mail, which had just arrived.

"Nice day, Father O'Shea," said the man.

"It is a nice day, indeed, sir," replied the priest.

"I suppose you read the news of the queer doings down in Florida?" said the joker interrogatively.

"I did not," replied Father O'Shea. "What's going on down there?"

"They're hanging all the priests and donkeys in the state," replied the joker.

"Well, well," commented the priest, "it's lucky for us, isn't it, that you and I are not down there?"

Saw Lincoln Shot.
Commenting on the statement that W. A. Quigley, a Topeka business man, is believed to be the only Kansas man who saw President Lincoln assassinated, the Kansas City, Kan., Gazette says: "T. D. Bancroft, a Kansan, for many years a resident of Kansas City, Kan., was in Ford's theater that night. He was one of those who formed a line through which Mr. Lincoln was moved from the stage, and as he passed Bancroft saw a drop of blood fall on a programme which was lying on the floor."

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The Ballinger blow-out was attended by about 3000 people on 28th and 29th.

If we had a deep seated grudge against any civilian in this town, we would recommend him as a suitable person for school trustee or County Commissioner.

Ed Eason, of the Iron County Record, is working with the show in Sauset. An Editor can do anything.

While the RUSTLER does not usually take stock in private affairs, it reserves the right at any and all times to criticize public measures.

Prohibition carried at Sweetwater on July 1st, by a vote of 105 to 58.

We got a telephone order from Bronte the other day from Tom Higginbotham to send the RUSTLER to Mr. Moore at Carlisle Texas.

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Some 31 heads of families petitioned the school board not to employ Prof. Gardner to teach next term of school here. The petition reached the board too late to be considered, as a contract had already been spread upon the minutes. The board was urged to submit the selection to a vote of the patrons, which, of course the board was unable to grant, after having contracted. Prof. Gardner made no offer to submit to a vote of the patrons and we understand expects to teach the school. The RUSTLER supports the board in its action and expects to support the school.

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Clerk.....J. W. Barnett,

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Attorney.....Gid Graham,
Clerk.....J. W. Barnett
sheriff.....L. B. Murray,
Assessor.....W. W. McCutchen
Treasurer.....C. L. Hughes,
Surveyor.....G. C. Berryman,
Hide & Animal Inspector, Will Perry,

Robert Lee Mail Directory.

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

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

Robert Lee via Saneo 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.

Affidavit.

State of Texas,) May, 8, 1899.
County of Howard)

To all whom it may concern,

This is to certify that M. B Sawyer of said County and State has this day filed a bond of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars in the county clerk's office of said county and state; said bond is to secure the amount that have been paid, or is hereafter to be paid into a fund for the purpose of employing a Law firm to bring suite in the supreme court of the state of Texas to test the constitutionality of what is known as the absolute lease line Law.

M. B. Sawyer.

Filed this the 8th day of May 1899.

W. F. Dent,
Co. Clerk, Howard Co. Tex.

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.

Ft. Chadbourne Notes.

Regular Correspondent.

Ft. Chadbourne Tex.,

Dear RUSTLER.

The people of our neighborhood seem to be a happy people, the rain coming at a time when corn was just beginning to need it, the ground is thoroughly wet and crops never looked finer in any country. Our County will make enough corn this year to do two years.

Mr. Editor, if the people of Coke Co. will use economy this year and in fact for the next few years they will be the most prosperous and happy people in all Texas, so may it be.

Mr. Sam Neff passed through our neighborhood last week with 60 head of Arkansas saw dattle, taking them to the good pastures.

G. D. P. Clark and wife went to Ballinger to do some shopping.

Mr. Allen Baldwin is building a new house, they made two rooms to it. I guess he don't aim to live by himself I wouldn't if I were him.

Mr. Coyer, the man that bought J. M. Lindley out has canceled his trade and has gone back to Mills County.

Mr. J. L. Robinson and wife and Mr. Buster Robinson and Miss Cattie Robinson made a trip to Angelo.

Mr. Ike Billingslea is just back from Angelo with more new goods.

Dr. Frank Moore had a call today to see a sick lady, Mr. Longbotham's wife a new comer. I hope Dr. Moore will do well in his profession.

Our little folks had planned to have a social party at W. H. Robinson's Friday night but the rain interfered, but they say they will have it over. We love to see the little folks have a good time.

Our Sunday School has decided to have a picnic Aug. 12th, on Oak Creek at the Upper Camp ground.

Mr. Editor, if you will come over and bring your good wife and babies we will give you a square meal and possibly your babies will fall in love with the S. S. and take their mamr & papa.

Mr. Bob Cumbie was with our young people yesterday.

Our Baptist brethren will begin a protracted meeting at Rock Springs Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, hope that much good may be done.

Glad to know that so many are taking the paper.

I am truly,
UNCLE TOM.

Bronte News.

We had the rain in due time and our crops of all kinds are just over jumping the last figure. Our time is too precious just now to debate on the negro.

We are all setting potato slips between showers.

The Coyote Wolf is making frequent raids upon our chicken patch and also sampling our water melons.

Mr. Frank McClain of the J. D. O'Daniel ranch while stapling a wire received a shock from lightning paling him to the ground, insensible for a time, he was suffering with slight pain and nervousness when last heard from.

Lightning struck the residence of Mr. Henry Rodgers, Saturday, 8 P. M., passing down the chimney, tearing out the arch and mantle board, severely shocking all the family except Mr. Rodgers and Rev. Hooton.

Mrs. Eva Willaughby, of Brownwood, is in Bronte visiting relatives for a few weeks.

Miss Dode Jones, of San Angelo is visiting Miss Dorie Faubin, in Bronte.

Mr. Larkin Hayley, one of Robert Dees Druggists passed through Bronte Saturday en route to Robert Lee, accompanied by his lovely bride. Your scribe extends good wishes.

Prof. J. B. Hudman and family have moved back to the old home near Bronte. He has been a subscriber to the RUSTLER for the past three years.

Deputy Sheriff Padget, from Ballinger, and his brother-in-law, Dr. McBeth were in Bronte this week

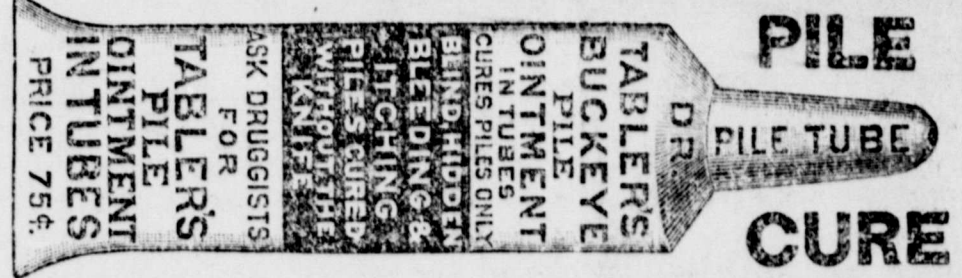
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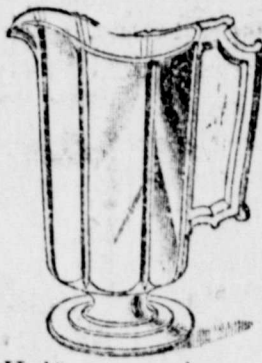
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the Dr. was looking for a location, to practice his profession.

Sheriff L. E. Murrey of Robert Lee and Nelson Webb, of Ft. Chadbourne was in Bronte on the third.

Mr. Shelley Jones and brother of Tennyson was in Bronte on last Sunday.

Prof. J. G. Jowers, of Roby. Fisher Co., has been given the Bronte School, the Prof. was Prin. of the Roby school last year. We expect a good school next term as we have had ever since Prof. Popplewell took charge. He was the proper man in the right place, but he needed rest.

The Colorado river is or another swim, and Bronte and Coke Co are fast becoming the center of attraction.

J. D. O'Daniel Jr. has ordered a \$150. cam binder.

Mr. A. J. Pettit will have his gin in ship shape ready for his many patrons.

Some of Bronte's good people enjoyed a fish fry on the 4th.

LUCENE.

J. D. Collier and Co., of Edith, are still persuing their old tactics of good goods and low prices Try them.

A new communication from Valley View will appear next week.

I. J. Good, a "good" citizen, was in town Wednesday.

The protracted meeting near Saneo will begin next week.

The young people of Saneo have a musical entertainment every week

We understand quite a number of the Lee people are expected to attend the meeting at Saneo next week

Bro. Bates made a flying trip to Angelo this week

"Mulligan" and "Wash" make a political pair.

Prohibition prohibits!

A dance at Jno. Murtshaw was enjoyed by several Lee's young people on night of 4th.

Still fighting in the Philippines.

Programme

The following is the programme for the Epworth League, which meets at the M. E. Church, on Saturday evening, July 15th.

Opening Address, O. W. Gardner, Song.

Recitation, Cornelia Montgomery. Select Reading, Tom Hooton. Solo, Mrs. Addie Averitt. Recitation, Scottie Ingram. Essay, Ina Vestal.

Music. Recitation, Stella Renner. Declamation, Terrell Trammell. Song.

Select Reading, Fred Lewis. Recitation, Emma Stiekney. Song.

Reading, Larkin Hayley. Reading, Lillie Trammell. Duet, Ada Fry and Edith Montgomery.

Reading, Mrs. Ingram. Recitation, Lessie Vestal. Quartette, Lena Smith, Ada Fry, John Gardner, Will Laswell.

Recitation, Ethel Laswell. Recitation, Johnnie Toliver.

Essay, Edith Montgomery. Recitation, Birdie Pearce. Recitation, Annie Pierce.

Song.

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Messrs. Phillips and Connor, from Bronte were in town yesterday.

A dance at Bronte on the 4th. lasted from 12, noon, till next morning at daylight.

'Rah for Brnte.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Go to J. J. Vestal for lime.

R. B. Ross, a good man from North of the Kickapoo Mountain, was in town Saturday.

Montgomery Trimble was in town trading Saturday last.

Grandpa Wyatt was in town latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Caraway, were in town shopping Saturday. They have one of the most comfortable and beautiful homes in Coke.

W. N. Copeland, one of the best men Coke can boast of, was in town last Friday.

The RUSTLER a year for the largest water melon between now and October the 1st.

For Lime call on J. J. Vestal.

Lee Williams, the inimitable, is doing some artistic painting and paper hanging in Buchanan and Laswell's grocery store.

The RUSTLER has failed to announce a San Angelo mechanic by the name of Howard Peak, who is putting Lee Williams and Rushing up to all kinds of pranks.

The RUSTLER is indebted to Bro. Wilkins, an ex-Rustler man for valuable assistance rendered last week.

Mrs. H. H. Pearce is convalescent, after a week's illness.

Mrs. M. Lewis has been quite sick for some days.

Sam Neff, with his cow outfit passed through town Tuesday morning before sunrise, en route to his ranch down the river.

J. C. Newton and wife were down, from Edith Tuesday.

Brother Robinson of Indian Creek was in town last Saturday, visiting Dr. Martin and incidentally buying a good book or two.

The Robert Lee people believe in setting our public question at a time. Thus we have something interesting, even in the summer months.

Rev. S. J. Drake, M. E. will commence a protracted meeting at the arbor on Salt Creek near Edith, on Saturday night before the third Sunday in July, being the 15th inst.

Robert Lee merchants are reported as selling many articles of merchandise cheaper than Sweetwater.

Charlie Watson killed a steer yearling with a rock the other day. It belonged to Dr. Toliver.

Castor Machine oil at W. L. Hayley and Co.

Saturday JULY, 22,

Is the time set for the big Re-Union and basket picnic. It was postponed from the 15th on account of the late rains.

Mr. Lee Hamilton is one of our new subscribers for the RUSTLER this week.

When you drive over to Angelo, stop at Finch's Wagon Yard next to Hotel San Angelo.

Bro. Berryman will preach at the church house at 11 A. M. Sunday July 16th. Everybody invited.

Prof. L. F. St. John was over from his home near Miles Station, Wednesday. Many old friends were glad to see him.

Mrs. B. L. Trimble and two children, of Velasco, are visiting Mrs. H. H. Pearce and other friends here this week. Mrs. Trimble will be remembered by many Coke County people as Miss Olive St. John, she and her husband having both resided here some years ago, before their marriage.

Chris Hagelstein, of San Angelo, accompanied by a Mr. Eox were selling harvesting machinery in Coke last week.

Our Tennyson correspondent uses no uncertain tone in touching up the road question.

J. T. Hamilton was in Sunday from his Boozer ranch.

Beons are so plentiful about Robert Lee that they cannot all be gathered.

Stop at the Webb Hotel when in Lee.

R. B. Blair was in town last Saturday.

A few croquet sets and hammocks for sale at Hayley & Co's.

M. R. Plummer, a good friend at Ballinger, instructs us to send him the RUSTLER.

Bro. W. T. Savage preached a fine sermon last Sunday at the M. E. Church. His text was Ephesians 2nd., 8th and 9th verses.

H. H. Pearce is resident solicitor for fire insurance.

Arkansaw Smith sold 1000 sacks of flour, last month, and made 5 cts. on the sack. Cash talk! It cost nothing to price goods at his store, be sure and see him before you buy.

Eld. W. T. Savage came in last Sunday with his son. The young gentleman has been selected as first assistant in the Robert Lee High School.

Elder J. B. Hooten will begin a protracted meeting at the Cedar Hill School House on Friday night before the third Sunday in July. On August 3rd he will begin a meeting at the Divide school house in Sterling County.

Arkansaw Smith says "I sell groceries for cash and cash talk. You are not paying anybody else bills when you trade with him for they all pay cash and are happy."

J. Joy Robbins, Bronte's merchant prince, was in town Monday. He and Tom Higginbotham started to Sterling City, but never got past the County's capital.

Col. H. H. Hayley was in town, taking dots last Monday.

Ed C. Rawlings, of Kickapoo, was in town Monday. He intimated that he would like to be commissioner again.

J. T. Hickman, one of Bronte's good citizens pleasantly paid his respects to our town last Monday.

Mr. Author L. Lewis had the misfortune to fall into J. J. Vestal's famous well Sunday night. He was seriously injured on his head and knee.

640 acres of land, about 75 acres under fence, 15 in cultivation, good dirt, tank, Dwelling house, about 9 miles north of Robert Lee. For further information call on Perryman & Averitt.

Jack Persee, a citizen of this county, is sued in Tom Green County by a Christoval damsel, for breach of promise and damages.

Elder Simpson, of Roscoe Texas, stopped in our city Wednesday, on his way home from Ballinger. He is one of the oldest Baptist preachers in Texas, and though having passed his 72 year, is still hale and hearty.

Mr. H. A. Arnett, of Big Springs was in town Tuesday. He is a son of our Uncle George Arnett and of course reads the RUSTLER every week.

Prof. Savage and his father started home to Brownwood Wednesday.

Brothera Savage preached an interesting sermon at the Church house Tuesday night.

Howdy, Progress?
Goodbye, Prej. lice.

Our Young People.

Miss Amelia Caraway, an accomplished young lady, was shopping in town, Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hayley arrived last Sunday from H. H. Hayley's, near Hayrick, having arrived there Saturday afternoon from Ballinger.

Misses Scottie and Roxy Ingram, Lula Newton, and Mrs. Tom Cross paid their respects to the RUSTLER on last Monday.

After Sunday School last Sunday quite a number of beautiful young ladies and a few brave beaux called on and welcomed the new bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hayley.

Robert Lee society has a "Rushing" move on it these days.

The Gulf breeze and dense atmosphere at Galveston had a very hasty and artistic effect on Mr. W. L. Hayley's mustache, when he was down there. It is now a coal black.

Little Misses Hesta Stickney, and Ethel Laswell and Master Alvin Stickney paid the RUSTLER a call last Thursday.

Miss Pearl Hamilton, of the Bronte neighborhood was visiting in our little city Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Miles, a pleasant lady from across the river, was trading in our town Wednesday.

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PASTURE AND FARM.

Crops in the Chickasaw nation are reported fine.

Waxahachie is receiving vast quantities of wheat.

J. R. Hamilton of San Angelo bought 968 top muttons at \$2.65.

John Rae of San Angelo sold to M. Z. Sniens 100 steer yearlings at \$15.

Many carloads of Irish potatoes have been shipped from Gainesville.

Over \$3000 worth of chickens have been sold in Nacogdoches this year.

Watermelons and tomatoes pour into Marshall and command good prices.

The Gonzales truck growers are shipping out a cargo of watermelons daily.

The agricultural department is to introduce the Smyrna fig into California.

Richardson, Dallas county, in one day shipped out twenty-one carloads of wheat.

W. R. McClellan of Coleman sold 450 yearlings to Kelli Wolf of Lampasas at \$15.

P. H. Smith of Vineland, six miles west of McKinney, lost a fine Jersey cow by blackleg.

From four to five carloads of tomatoes were shipped daily from Smith county last week.

Finer wheat was never raised in the vicinity of Durant, I. T., than this season, but the yield is light.

F. C. Bell of Marietta, I. T., had a carload of hogs on the Fort Worth market a few days ago.

H. S. Kittrell of San Angelo bought two carloads of dry mares at \$10 and shipped them to Tennessee.

Last year the Smith county farm cleared \$1200 and the indications are it will exceed those figures this year.

The Fruit and Vegetable association of Elgin sold their entire cantaloupe crop to Mr. Mattingly of Houston.

Reports received at El Paso say that the long drought has severely injured the fruit and melon crop below there.

Matthew Cartwright of Terrell shipped fourteen cars of beef cattle to the Chicago and St. Louis markets recently.

Jacksonville is shipping tomatoes daily by the carload. It is thought that city will ship fully 200 carloads this season.

Satisfactory financial returns have been received from the Irish potatoes shipped by the Camp County Fruit and Vegetable association.

Wheat within a radius of seventeen miles of Milford, Ellis county, will average seventeen bushels to the acre and oats forty-five bushels.

The Muscogee, O. T., land office will be closed during the month of July, but will be open for the transaction of business on and after Tuesday, Aug. 1, 1899.

A cow belonging to S. A. Dupree of Waco gave birth to triplets, all cow calves. They are a lively lot and look like they will live and grow up to be fine cows.

Mr. W. A. Mangum of Uvalde has purchased the H. W. Dockery stock of cattle for \$29,000. This sale includes all of Mr. Dockery's cattle interests in that section.

P. A. McHugh of Cleveland, O., representing one of the largest commission houses in the west, has been in Beeville buying watermelons, and he says that section is destined to become one of the greatest melon-growing districts of the United States or other country.

The peach crop around Eddy, N. M., is turning out much better than was thought a few weeks ago and many orchards will give a heavy yield. The bulk of the fruit is being shipped to Dallas and Fort Worth.

Crops around Blossom have greatly improved during the two weeks of dry hot weather, and the prospects for an average crop is good, except in the timber districts, which were badly damaged from hail a few weeks ago, and now the grass worm has eaten up the young corn, sorghum and badly damaged other crops, except cotton, which they do not molest.

Twenty carloads of watermelons passed through Ennis a few days ago bound for northern markets.

WATER'S WORK.

Great Damage Results From the Terrible Floods.

Seventy Missing.

Calvert, Tex., July 3.—The excitement over the disastrous rain has not abated in the least. The arrival of every man from the Brazos bottoms attracts large crowds of curious people to hear any new developments or damage and the condition of the water at the place from which he came.

The two large bridges which spanned the Brazos river yielded to the madly rushing stream.

From all reports every bridge within a radius of ten miles from here has been swept away.

The earlier reports of heavy loss of life in Robertson county caused by the meeting of the waters of the Brazos and Little Brazos rivers have been confirmed. The information received here is meager, but it is to the effect that over seventy people are missing.

Nine bodies have been recovered.

The floods of the two rivers came up so rapidly that the negroes living in between the water courses had no opportunity of escape.

They were caught in a trap and drowned.

No Improvement.

Austin, Tex., July 3.—There is no improvement in the distressing situation in the extensive flooded districts of central and south Texas. On the contrary, the inundation is growing worse.

There has been another twenty-four hours of heavy, continuous rain which have added to the already unprecedented volumes of water in the rivers and creeks in this rich agricultural region of the state.

There seems to be no end of the rainfall. The sea of water now extends from the north central part of the state to the gulf, a distance of 300 miles or more, and with an average width of probably seventy-five miles.

Brazos Falling.

Waco, Tex., July 2.—The Brazos river is less than half full and still declining. The Bosque and other tributaries are down low, and not much above their ordinary flow. Water is standing in lakes in the lowlands and there is a smell of fermented vegetation in the air. There were slight showers in this region yesterday with bright sunshine and high temperature between the showers.

In the wheat belt south of Waco less than half of the grain was threshed, and the rest is spoiling in the shock.

Passengers on the Cotton Belt say in the fine wheat lands between Waco and Gatesville they can smell the odor of the spoiling sheaves in the breezes that enter the cars.

Carcasses of hogs, cows and horses floated down the river. As far as is known no one was drowned, although narrow escapes were made.

Bull Fight.

El Paso, Tex., July 3.—About 1500 Americans were attracted from El Paso yesterday afternoon to see Ignacio Fernandez, a Spanish woman, put two bulls to death in the Juarez bull ring. The woman's work was very coarse, and any butcher could have killed the bovines with greater ease. The crowd was disgusted, and several American women in the audience sickened and fainted at the sight of the poor brutes bleeding slowly to death, but fighting to the last, with the blood streaming from their wounds. Not a single member of the troupe was injured, and not even a horse was gored.

The state department has concluded a reciprocity treaty with Jamaica.

Guards on Trains.

Texarkana, Tex., July 3.—The Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf Railway company has placed armed men on all of its trains. This action was deemed necessary in view of so many hold-ups perpetrated on that road of late, and for the further reason of intimidation of threatened robbery that has recently been obtained by the secret service of the company. There are ten men with winchesters on each train.

Damage at Calvert.

Calvert, Tex., July 1.—The most disastrous rain for several years in this district fell here Thursday night. The entire town is in a fever of excitement over the discovery and report of horrible and distressing scenes.

It has been raining here for several days, and at times it seems that the clouds poured out their fullest supplies on this town.

Last night the streams and big rivers around here were filled to their fullest capacity, running over, and everything ahead of them was swept to destruction.

The reports came in that the two rivers, Little and Big Brazos, had met and that help was needed badly.

On hearing of this A. M. Meredith requested that all business houses close and that everybody go to the rescue of the unfortunates.

This was done at once and carpenters were put to work building boats.

A number of lives have been reported lost. So far only five bodies have been recovered, all being colored.

Twelve houses were damaged, and twenty-six in the low part of the city are water-blocked.

The railroad bridges at both ends of the town have been destroyed. One of them was built of stone and cement. It had undergone the rises of the past twenty-five years, but was compelled to succumb to the terrible rush of waters.

The mayor and citizens have provided shelter and food for the destitute.

It is impossible to get between the two rivers, to ascertain the true damage there, but from observations the water appears to be in the lowest place sixteen feet, and in the highest place twenty feet.

In the Calvert coal mine camps the water is reported to be six feet deep. The damage to property is incalculable.

Brazos Creates Havoc.

Waco, Tex., July 1.—The Brazos river is falling, after reaching a point within six inches of the highest mark in its history since the country was settled by whites, and within two inches of the flood in 1885, the highest rise since the civil war.

In East Waco between fifty and one hundred blocks were flooded, and boys traveled the streets in boats.

On the west side backwater in Waco creek and Barron's branch flooded about twenty blocks.

The damage in the city is not large, as most people saved their goods. A few houses were undermined and must be rebuilt.

The damage to bridges in the county and city will probably reach \$75,000.

The injury to farmers below Waco is serious. Some of the largest farms and best crops in the Brazos valley are under water.

The destruction of fences is a big item, and will run into thousands.

The river is falling nearly as fast as it rose.

It went up thirty-one feet and six inches above low water mark, and at 9 o'clock Wednesday night was six feet under the highest point reached on the present rise.

More Washouts.

Corsicana, Tex., July 1.—Additional reports of high water and damage to railroad property and crops have come in. On the Cotton Belt road near Mount Calm a washout occurred Thursday night and yesterday all trains to and from Waco have been compelled to take the Hillsboro branch in order to get through. All the yard force here were sent to the break and to other weak points on the line west to repair damage already done and to strengthen weak places with bags of sand, which were sent out from here.

Celebration Postponed.

Brenham, Tex., July 1.—The Brazos river navigation convention and the celebration of the unveiling of the unveiling of the Texas independence monument at Washington have been postponed until July 26 and 27 on account of the flood.

Many miles of fence are swept away. Prairie farms are badly washed and in some instances almost ruined.

Nearly every house in Brenham is flooded by water beating through gables and pouring down flues. Many streets are cut up and are impassable. Many narrow escapes from drowning, but no casualties.

Train Wrecked.

Timpson, Tex., July 1.—A Marshall, Timpson and Sabine Pass mixed train went through a bridge near here and two cars were wrecked. The place was a twenty-foot embankment. One lady was slightly injured. One car of brick was torn to pieces.

Denied Bail.

Athens, Tex., June 30.—Jim Johnson was the first witness in the lynching case yesterday. Was at the Humphries' funeral, heard widows say they did not know who did the hanging.

Dr. Campbell heard Mrs. Jim Humphries say they did not know who composed the mob.

W. H. Redford testified to the same effect.

After a consultation, the defendants' attorneys returned and filed a motion in writing giving the names of the witnesses before the inquest and asking that the testimony there taken be produced and that the defendants' counsel be permitted to inspect the same, and if not produced that the record of the inquest be filed with the district clerk as part of the record of this case.

Assistant Attorney General Morris said that the inquest has not yet closed, but is proceeding from day to day, and there are more steps in contemplation which may prolong it for quite a while.

The motion of defendants' counsel was argued at length by E. B. Muse, of Dallas. The assistant attorney general replied and said that the defendants' counsel was moving around trying to find out what their witnesses had sworn to and what facts the state had in its possession.

Judge Muse concluded the argument with an eloquent speech.

The court overruled the motion and remanded the defendants to jail without bail.

Overflow at Waco.

Waco, Tex., June 30.—The sky has the appearance of polished copper and the rain is falling with pitiless fury. There is no lightning, but low thunder rumbles.

Waco creek, which rises in the hill west of the city, winds sinuously through the southern wards and empties into the Brazos at the foot of Jones street, is out of its banks and flooding the houses along its course for a quarter of a mile or more.

It has forced from fifty to one hundred families out of their houses.

A majority of the sufferers are colored people.

The fire department, the entire police force and the sheriff and his deputies, together with a number of citizens, worked at rescuing the families in the creek bottom and succeeded in saving everybody.

Struck by Cyclone.

Dodge, Tex., June 30.—A cyclone about fifty feet wide struck Oakhurst, where the Columbia Lumber company has a large sawmill in operation.

The cyclone completely demolished the dry kiln, blowing it with the lumber hundreds of yards. There were fortunately only two men in the dry kiln at the time. Both escaped by jumping. One was blown a short distance, but escaped miraculously with no injury. Mr. John Roark of Dodge was slightly injured. A man is said to have been blown away.

Covered With Water.

Ennis, Tex., June 30.—Mr. George Alderman of Waxahachie passed through here yesterday morning en route home from a commercial tour in southern Texas. He said that he came over the Cotton Belt road from Waco and that the road from Dawson to Corsicana was in most places entirely covered with water. The rain in that section has been very heavy and the prairies are flooded.

The next meeting of the state teachers will be held at El Paso.

Worst in Years.

Galveston, Tex., June 30.—Reports here indicate that the railroads of Texas are having about the worst time they ever experienced with washouts.

Advices were received here of washouts on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas both north and south of Smithville, and washing out the Houston and Texas Central both north and south of Navasota. The Santa Fe discontinued its passenger service between Galveston and Temple, as they could not send them out either on their own line nor on the Houston and Texas Central or the Katy.

Washed Away.

Austin, Tex., June 20.—All of the streams and rivers of central Texas are on the greatest rampage known for many years.

The bridge of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas over the Brazos river near Smithville was washed away.

Buffalo bayou is higher than ten years.

Was Not Chastised.

A new story of Henry Ward Beecher was told at the Plymouth church prayer meeting by Dr. E. K. Cressey of Brooklyn Hills, L. I. It was a story of Dr. Cressey's boyhood. One day his mother left the house, cautioning him and his brothers that they must be very quiet and not romp while she was gone. There was a hairbrush with which Mrs. Cressey was wont to punish violations of the domestic statutes when any such occurred in her well-ordered household, and the youngsters promised to be good and remained as still as mice.

Presently Mr. Beecher arrived to make a call on the Cresseys, and found no one to receive him but demure looking boys. A flash of anticipation came into his eyes, as he joyously told his young hosts to prepare for the romp of their lives.

"But mamma told us we musn't romp," protested the future doctor of philosophy.

"I'll take all the responsibility," responded the great preacher.

When Mrs. Cressey neared the house on her return she heard indications of a small riot. Filled with indignation at this unheard of rebellion in her quiet little republic, she rushed into the house with words of stern rebuke trembling on her tongue. At the door she paused, petrified.

Henry Ward Beecher was flat on his back on the floor, with a parcel of young Indians apparently dancing a ghost dance on his prostrate form and emitting shrill yells. The appearance of the avenger instantly froze all the rebels into silent consternation, except the arch-insurgent. Climbing to his feet, the unabashed clergyman said:

"Mrs. Cressey, I promised my friends here to take all the responsibility for this outbreak, and"—here he reached for the hairbrush, and presented it to her with a Chesterfieldian bow—"I am ready to take whatever is due them. You may begin at once."

But for once there was an infraction of the laws in the Cressey household that went unspanked.

An Option on Beauvoir.

The State chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy in Mississippi has been given an option on Beauvoir, the home of the late Jefferson Davis, and it is probable that advantage will be taken of the opportunity to prevent the property from falling into the hands of people who could have none but a purely pecuniary interest in its possession. Mrs. Davis offers to sell Beauvoir to the chapter for \$25,000, though stating that she has been offered \$90,000 for it by a northern syndicate.

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Dreyfus at Rennes.

Rennes, France, July 3.—Dreyfus arrived here at 6 a. m. Saturday via l' Orient and Redon. The prisoner appeared to be in good health. He wore a blue suit, a gray overcoat and a soft hat. His hair is turning gray and his beard is of a reddish color. He held himself very erect.

The landing of Dreyfus at Quiberon was almost unnoticed. At 9 o'clock Friday evening the guardship Gaudon put to sea to meet the Sfax, which had been sighted. The unusual bustle attracted many people to the harbor, but as they saw nothing, the crowd dispersed. The only persons remaining were those who knew where the prisoner was to be landed.

Dreyfus, who had been brought ashore in the boat, was immediately placed under the guard of a captain of engineers and a servant and a corporal of gendarmes, who formally handed the prisoner over to M. Viguie. The latter then entered a landau with Dreyfus and two detectives and started for the railway station, which was reached without incident.

The train stopped at Rabelais, three kilometers from Rennes. There the party alighted and quickly entered a carriage drawn by two splendid horses, which immediately started at a sharp advance for Rennes.

Preceded by his guards, Dreyfus entered the prison, was formally consigned to the care of the governor and was taken to a cell in the second story. Though rain fell heavily all night, the sun shone out brightly when Dreyfus entered the prison.

The governor of the prison sent Mme. Dreyfus the news of the arrival of her husband, and she immediately went to the governor and asked permission to see Dreyfus.

Leave being granted, the faithful wife entered the prison almost unobserved, and was conducted to cell No. 320, accompanied by Mm. Havet.

The meeting between the long-parted husband and wife can be better imagined than described. Naturally, it was most touching. Both Dreyfus and his wife were deeply affected. They remained long clasped in each other's arms, tears and smiles intermingling with tender endearments.

Mme. Dreyfus issued from the prison in a state of collapse. She found her husband much aged, with beard and hair whitened and body shrunken and stooped. She said Dreyfus knew nothing of the events of the past two years.

The weeping wife acknowledged the courtesy with which she had been treated. The gendarme who was ordered to be present at the interview carried out instructions and kept at a distance.

Fatal Collision.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 3.—As a result of a street car collision last night on the road of the Monon Gap Transportation company, two people are dead, five seriously injured and ten others more or less hurt.

The dead are: O. S. Opsion and W. H. Kirkland, motorman.

The accident happened on a steep grade near Highbridge.

The two cars which collided were heavily loaded with passengers.

About a month ago, near Athens, Ala., a boy named Thomas killed his father with a shotgun, but, claiming it was an accident, he was not arrested. On the 30th, becoming enraged at his oldest sister, he cut her so severely she died. His mother went to her daughter's assistance, and met the same fate. He then departed.

Have Departed.

Fana, Ill., July 3.—The last of the colored colony of fully 2000 persons brought by the operators during the past ten months to supplant union men, departed Sunday night on tickets furnished them by Gov. Tanner.

All mines are silent and the operators claim-pits have been closed indefinitely. However, it is reported that when repairs now under way at Spring-side and Pana mines are completed these pits will be opened with union men.

Blew His Brains Out.

Visita, I. T., July 3.—News has reached here that Arch Shambaugh, a prominent farmer and stockman, who resides some ten miles east of Grove, I. T., committed suicide. He had made deliberate arrangements to shoot himself and wrote instructions in regard to the final disposition of his property and burial, and when he had completed his last instructions retired to his room and deliberately took a pistol and blew his brains out.

DIXIE DOINGS.

Lee Sparks was fatally shot from ambush while riding along a road in Elliott county, Kentucky.

The Jewish residents of Richmond, Va., propose in the event of Dreyfus being acquitted to have a celebration.

The annual meeting of the Wholesale Grocers' association of Arkansas and the Indian Territory convened at Pine Bluff, Ark.

John W. Maxwell of Paris, Tenn., has sued the Louisville and Nashville Railway company for \$1999 for the killing of his son.

The steam tug Bernice, belonging to a Mobile, Ala., firm, was burned at Round Island, Miss., and William Feore, a passenger, drowned.

The Order of Red Lights will build a handsome club house at Vicksburg, Miss. Although just started, this organization has 200 members.

Isaac Cohn of Fort Smith, Ark., who died recently at Battle Creek, Mich., was worth \$500,000. He conducted a wholesale clothing house, and owned more business houses at Fort Smith than any other one person.

E. T. Broadway, for twenty years connected with the United States courts in Alabama, died at Birmingham. He was a native of the island of St. Helena, made famous as the place of exile of Napoleon Bonaparte.

A strong electric headlight enabled the engineer of a well-filled passenger train on the Cincinnati Southern railway to see a boulder on the track in the outskirts of Chattanooga, Tenn., and avert a possible loss of many lives.

Many Manufacturers.

Baltimore, Md., July 3.—The following are the leading industrial announcements of last week as reported by the Manufacturers' Record:

A \$25,000 telephone company, \$100,000 foundry and machine shop, \$100,000 chemical and fertilizer works, \$25,000 iron mining company, 20-ton oil mill, \$500,000 water power electrical development and \$30,000 graphite mining company in Alabama; 75-barrel flour mill, \$50,000 milling company, \$100,000 lumber company and \$30,000 electric company in Arkansas; \$60,000 brick manufacturing company in Florida; \$5000 steam laundry, \$65,000 cotton factory and \$20,000 knitting mill in Georgia; \$10,000 motor vehicle company, \$15,000 lumber company, three \$6000 distilling companies in Kentucky; \$300,000 store company, \$25,000 cotton oil mill, \$10,000 gas machine company in Louisiana; \$100,000 cotton mill in Maryland; \$5000 electric light plant in Mississippi; \$30,000 electric light and waterworks, \$25,000 oil mill, 25-ton ice factory, 40-ton oil mill, \$150,000 cotton mill, \$100,000 lumber company, \$10,000 oil mills in North Carolina; 20-ton oil mill, 20-ton oil mill, \$5000 spindle mill addition, \$15,000 mining company, \$14,000 tobacco company in South Carolina; \$25,000 compress and warehouse company, 50-barrel flour mill, 75-barrel flour mill in Tennessee; 75-barrel flour mill, \$30,000 oil mill, 40-barrel flour mill, \$10,000 grain company, \$17,000 machinery company, \$15,000 cotton gin and compress company, \$100,000 fibre, machine company, \$10,000 cotton company in Texas; \$50,000 cotton manufacturing company, \$100,000 water supply company, \$50,000 railway motor company, \$35,000 brewery improvements in Virginia; \$100,000 gas company, \$500,000 coal and coke company, \$50,000 pudding mill, \$300,000 flue company, \$250,000 lime and building stone company, \$600,000 lumber company, \$50,000 lumber plant, \$500,000 cement works in West Virginia.

Notable Affair.

Cincinnati, O., July 3.—The Golden Jubilee Saengerfest closed Saturday with results that make this one of the notable gatherings of the bund. The cloud of disappointment which darkened its beginning was wholly scattered by the great concerts and by the help of phenomenal weather. The utmost possible "good time" has been enjoyed by the tens of thousands of visitors, and the memories of the fest at Cincinnati will be full of pleasure.

Rioting in Spain.

Valencia, Spain, July 3.—Very serious disturbances are in progress here. Under the orders of the captain general of Valencia, Gen. Molto, the troops occupied the streets and hold all the strategic points.

At the beginning of the riots the mob placed obstructions on the street railway tracks and stopped the cars, stoning the gendarmes when they tried to remove the barriers. Finally the troops charged and the first shots were fired. Several persons were wounded and one killed.

Three Brigades.

Washington, July 1.—President McKinley has disclosed his plans for the reinforcement of the Philippine army of occupation.

It is the present intention, as told by the president at the cabinet discussion, and after it, to organize three brigades of volunteers in the United States. They will be fully equipped and officered and sent to the Philippines as rapidly as possible.

This will give Gen. Otis a reinforcement of 14,130 men.

In addition, he is to have the three regiments he is now organizing in the Philippines. All of the officers and as many men as possible are to be secured from the volunteer regiments now in Manila whose term of service has expired.

This will add 5710 effective men to his force, making in all as now planned 19,840 volunteers for service in the orient.

Besides the volunteers 3500 recruits have been started from San Francisco this week, and 4000 more will be sent within the next ten days. All these recruits are intended to fill up to a war footing the depleted companies of the regular regiments there and to replace the 12 per cent of sick, which was the estimate cabled recently by Gen. Otis.

Under these plans Gen. Otis will have by the close of the rainy season fully 50,000 men, and the administration will still have authority to enlist 15,000 more volunteers without going beyond the maximum of 35,000 authorized by congress.

At the cabinet meeting the Philippine situation was reviewed exhaustively. These plans, it is understood, are subject to any change to meet the situation as it develops towards the close of the rainy season.

It is claimed that there is no dissent in the cabinet on the question of a larger army for Gen. Otis.

Adj. Gen. Corbin is the strongest opponent of an adequate army for the Philippines. He stands practically alone in this position among army officers, and the result of yesterday's meeting of the cabinet proves that the president has finally decided that Corbin's position is wrong.

Gen. Corbin maintains that Gen. Otis has never asked for more than 25,000 men, and until he asks for them, no more should be sent.

This view is not approved by the president, and the work of enlisting of volunteers will go forward with all haste.

Col. Thomas L. Hartrand of the seventh Illinois volunteers called on the president to proffer him the services of a regiment for the Philippine campaign.

The president explained that complete organization could not be accepted, as all the officers for the new volunteer regiments are to be appointed by the administration.

Nebraska Populists.

Omaha, Neb., July 1.—Old line Alliance men and Populists met at Kearney yesterday and decided to reject fusion and nominate a middle-of-the-road state ticket this fall. They issued an address to Nebraska Populists denouncing the existing fusion arrangements, the present state officials and board of transportation, declaring that Democracy had swallowed up Populism and the latter had received nothing from the deal and declaring their intention to keep in the middle of the road. They declared against supporting a national ticket with Bryan at the head unless the Populists were given second place.

J. E. Buzzell was badly hurt while blasting near Fort Worth.

Dreyfus Arrives.

Rennes, France, July 1.—Capt. Dreyfus landed at Quiberon and was conveyed by train to Bruz, twelve kilometers from Rennes. There he entered a landau, accompanied by the chief of detectives of the prefect department and was driven to Rennes, where twenty-five gendarmes awaited his entrance into the town. Ten of the gendarmes entered a wagon and followed the carriage. The rest followed on foot. The party arrived at the prison without incident. A large crowd assembled and witnessed the arrival in silence and without manifestation.

Veteran's Demise.

Washington, July 1.—Gen. Delaware Kemper, consul to Amoy, China, under the first Cleveland administration, died at his home in Alexandria, Va., yesterday. Gen. Kemper was a distinguished soldier in the Confederate army during the civil war, was wounded in the second battle of Manassas and was subsequently in command of the Confederate forces in Charleston. He was a prominent member of the United Confederate Veterans, and up to a year ago was in charge of the Alexandria Times.

Riotous Scenes.

Rome, July 1.—In the chamber of deputies yesterday Socialist and Extreme leftists recommended their obstructive tactics and created an immense uproar.

The tumult was deafening and a free fight ensued and the sitting was suspended.

A cabinet council was held last evening, after which Gen. Pelleux, the premier, conferred with King Humbert, who signed a decree closing parliament.

A secret ballot having been ordered upon certain bills, the Socialists rushed down to prevent it. Signor Sonnino advanced first to register his vote, but the Socialist deputy, Signor Dissolati, dealt him a violent blow near the temple. Signor Sonnino then seized him by the throat and coat collar and threw him down, receiving himself in the meantime numerous blows from the other Socialists who took part in the affray.

While this tussle was in progress hand to hand combats were waging all around and the conservatives, Signors Cantini and Bertolinius, had their fists upon the Socialists with great effect. Signor Costa, Socialist, with his sleeves turned up, dealt blows right and left. Count Ferruccio Macola, proprietor of the Bazetta li Venezia, who, in his duel in March of last year, killed Signor Cavallotti, the poet and publicist, attacked Signor di Felice, whose friends cried, "Beware of the murderer."

Gen. Pelleux, pale and stupefied, remained standing. He was on the point of being attacked when Admiral Bettoriorada raised a chair and defended him. The galleries joined in the uproar with wild cries and were cleared. Signor Chinaglia, the president of the chamber, suspended the sitting. When the combatants were separated Signor Sonnino persuaded the president to resume the proceedings if only, as he put it, to afford "incontestable proofs of Socialist violence."

The secret ballot was again called for with the result that there was a repetition of the disorder.

Cannon Ball's Evolution.

The Texas and Pacific railway has just issued a decided novelty in the way of what might be termed a "Fourth of July folder." It describes the evolution of a "cannon ball." Beginning with 1776, when the revolutionary fathers fired cannon balls that liberty and self-government might prevail in this country as against British tyranny, E. P. Turner, the wide-awake "no trouble-to-answer-questions" general passenger and ticket agent of this progressive line, gives us a view of the down-town depot at Dallas, a mighty gun in front of same, and out of the grim monster a "cannon ball" train is hurled by a charge of powder toward St. Louis. The folder goes on to say: "We celebrate the Fourth of July every day in the year. Every morning when the clock strikes seven, we pull the trigger at Fort Worth and fire a 'cannon ball' at St. Louis."

Seems Inevitable.

Manila, July 1.—A collision between the two armies at San Fernando seems inevitable soon. The insurgents are active all around the town, and can be seen working in the trenches to strengthen their position. Day and night forces are at work. It is estimated that 3000 men were seen marching in the road north of the town yesterday morning. The Americans turned out and manned the defenses, expecting an attack. The soldiers sleep in their clothes and breakfast at 4 o'clock in the morning, so as to be ready for another day-break assault.

Reinforcements Sail.

Washington, July 1.—A statement prepared in the office of the adjutant general of the army shows that with the departure of the Pennsylvania from San Francisco about 3500 reinforcements were dispatched to the Philippines this week.

These troops were carried on the transport Zealandia, Sheridan, Valencia and Pennsylvania and include fifty-nine officers and 3444 enlisted men. About one-half of the troops are recruits intended to fill gaps in the regiments in the Philippines caused by death, disability and discharge.

The Chicago Arrives.

Lourenza Marques, Delagoa Bay, July 1.—The United States cruiser Chicago, Rear Admiral Howison's flagship, has arrived here. Her commander will proceed to Pretoria.

The Chicago sailed from New York April last to circumnavigate Africa, but owing to the unsettled state of affairs in the Transvaal is to remain in that vicinity to protect American interests.

George Lovick, one of the parties accidentally shot in the Galveston duel Tuesday evening, is dead.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Work is being pushed at Pittsburg on the library donated by Andrew Carnegie.

The heavy rains in portions of southern Texas last week seriously interfered with railroad traffic.

A man named Komer was badly hurt near Gainesville by his wagon turning over with him.

The Young Men's Social club has been organized at Hillsboro. It was gotten and social pastimes.

Mrs. Harlin Joyce, an old resident of Hopkins county, died at Miller's Grove, that county, aged 89 years.

A fire near Severs, Liberty county, burned about 300 cords of wood belonging to B. O. Middlebrook.

Jim Bryson, charged with an attempted criminal assault near Bells, was placed under \$1000 bond.

Greenville chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, is the name chosen by the ladies of that city for their branch of the order.

A subscription fund has been started for the benefit of the families of the Humphries, recently lynched in Henderson county.

The heaviest storm since 1886 visited Wharton county on the 27th. Damage to crops, railroad, telegraph and telephone lines was heavy.

In the justice court at Deport, Lamar county, a young man was fined \$18.50 for violating the game laws. He went hunting with a party of friends and killed two quails.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the selection of the Corn Exchange National bank of Chicago as a reserve agent for the Planters and Merchants' bank of Houston.

T. Frank Vaughan, representative in the twenty-sixth legislature from Collin county, and Miss Mary Hogan of San Saba county, were married at Richland Springs in San Saba county.

Walter, the 12-year-old son of Henry Keller, was drowned in the Aransas Pass gravel pit at Cuero. Several boys of his age had made a practice of bathing in the pool, but the recent rains have made it dangerously deep.

Little Harry Haas stepped into a bed of hot ashes at Ennis, where an accumulation of trash was burning and severely burned his foot. The injury is quite painful.

The Houston and Texas Central railroad is arranging to move the freight depot at Ennis one block further south in order to make room for another sidetrack in the depot grounds there.

All the ranches in Nolan and adjoining counties are being connected by telephone with each other by means of the wire fences, and the innovation is proving a great convenience to the people of that section.

A special session of the United States court for the eastern district of Texas will be convened at Paris on the 7th. Judge David Bryant presiding. It is called for the purpose of passing upon the accounts of court officials and bankruptcy matters.

While dusting off some goods in his store at Gainesville R. L. Rubey knocked over a shot gun. The weapon was discharged and the entire load of shot took effect in Mr. Rubey's left hand, causing such severe injury as to necessitate amputation.

Nathan Garey, colored, and about 19 years, was taken to Fort Worth from Forest Hill, eight miles southeast of Fort Worth, and jailed charged with attempting criminal assault upon an 8-year-old white child.

Leo, the little daughter of Dr. Chandler of Gainesville, stuck a needle in her back. The needle was buried in the flesh so that it was necessary to make an incision that hold sufficient could be obtained to extract it. The wound was painful.

Lewis Ridley, a colored youth, was taken to Clarksville and lodged in jail on the charge of killing Curtis Smith, a young negro, in the north part of the county. The boys were working together in the field when a dispute arose and Smith was literally hacked to pieces.

Attorney General Smith in the district court of Travis county dismissed the suit against the bondsmen of G. R. Morris, ex-tax collector of Liberty county, which has been pending since 1893.

Fred, the 7-year-old son of John Woods of Savoy, happened to a very painful accident. He was climbing a peach tree and lost his footing. He fell to the ground and a snag several inches long entered his face near the mouth, protruding through the skin.

Lands Sold to the State or Reported Delinquent in Former Years.

Not Redeemed, and Delinquent for 1898, in Coke County.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Coke. I, L. B. Murray, Tax Collector of Coke County, do hereby certify that the within report of lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of said County for the year 1898, which have been sold to the State or reported delinquent for taxes for former years and not redeemed, and are delinquent for the taxes of 1898, is correct, and that I am entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon.

(Signed) L. B. MURRAY, Tax Collector. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of May, 1899.
(Signed) J. W. Barnett, County Clerk.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF COKE. In Commissioners Court. We certify that we have examined the within report of lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of Coke County for the year 1898, which have been sold to the State or reported delinquent for taxes in former years and not redeemed, and are delinquent for the taxes of 1898, and find the same correct, and that L. B. Murray, Tax Collector, is entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon, as follows: State Ad Valorem Tax 38.86; State School Tax 35.96; 10 per cent penalty 7.50; County Ad Valorem Tax 48.00; County Special Taxes 97.33; 10 per cent penalty 17.92; District School Tax 23.39; Total State and County Taxes \$278.46. Given in open Court this 11th day of May, 1899.

M. H. DAVIS, County Judge; J. H. BURROUGHS, M. H. HAYENS, J. C. NEYTON, G. W. PAYNE, Commissioners.
(Signed) J. W. Barnett, County Clerk.

LAND.

Name of Owner.	Abst. No.	Certif. No.	Survey No.	Original Grantee.	No. Acres Assessed.	No. Acres Delinquent.	Total Year for Taxes which sold.
Unknown	5	1823	17 1-2	Jacob Armstrong	360	360	28.09
Unknown	15	2902-3003	30	Collin M. Beason	190	190	5.55
Unknown	18	19-19	30	M. Burnett	825	825	23.41
Unknown	34	735	18	Geo. Blinghurst	1280	1280	37.45
Unknown	37	1-79	7	Beaty, Seale & Forwood	500	520	7.61
Unknown	47	3822-3923	23 1-2	Lewis Carlton	152	152	4.46
Unknown	48	272	No num.	Seth Clark	788	738	26.98
Unknown	137	665	1	Elvira Engledow	847	847	24.80
Unknown	192	22-193	No num.	W. L. Hunter	114	114	3.81
Unknown	198	21-192	No num.	W. L. Hunter	169	169	3.51
Unknown	199	No num.	3	L. B. Harris	127	127	6.22
Unknown	210	5-119	1	H. T. & B. R. Co.	640	640	21.07
Unknown	224	26-22	12 1-2	M. W. Mathers	74	74	2.19
Unknown	601	23-211	No num.	W. A. Rowlett	83	383	7.31
Unknown	719	2988	13	T. & P. R. Co.	274	274	5.99
Unknown	1027	665	2	Mrs. F. English	60	60	1.76
Unknown	1214	119	No num.	B. B. & C. R. Co.	640	640	18.72
Unknown	1252	1014	No num.	Jacob Eyer	30	30	8.80
Unknown	1259	No num.	2	Beaty, Seale & Forwood	364	364	11.70
Unknown	1259	5-21	3	H. T. & B. R. Co.	400	400	11.70

Town Lots located in Robert Lee, Owners Unknown.

Lots Nos.	Block No.	Total Taxes
16, 17, 22	2	.48
17	3	.14
23	4	.14
2, 3, 11	5	.56
1, 3, 5	6	.36
8	9	.14
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 23	12	1.49
21, 20	13	.39
3, 5, 7	15	.44
3	16	.14
4	17	.14
4, 6, 12	19	.36
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	20	.75
13, 23	22	.35
12	23	.25
1	24	.14
9	25	.25
10	26	.14
7, 8	28	.25
7, 9, 11	29	.37
1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11	30	.75
1	31	.14
2	33	.14
1, 5, 7, 11	37	.49
1, 3, 5, 7, 9	40	.62
1	41	.15
2, 4, 5, 8	42	.46
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 10	43	.79
19, 21	44	.32
3, 11, 19	45	.62
2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10	46	.87
1, 10, 23	48	.48
4, 5, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	49	1.86
3, 9	51	.25
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	52	.75
11, 14, 16, 18, 20	53	.60
4, 8	55	.25
1, 3, 5	60	.36
7, 9	62	.25
1	63	.20
3, 5, 10, 11, 12	64	.62
2	66	.14
3	67	.14
11	73	.14
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	74	.75
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	75	.75
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	76	.75
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12	77	1.50
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	79	.75
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	80	.75
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12	81	.75
5	83	.14
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W. A. Stokes went to San Angelo last week to meet his daughter who had been visiting relatives in Burnett. Her cousin, Miss Ater accompanied her from Burnett. Rev. Bidgel preached at Cedar Hill on last Sunday at eleven o'clock.

There was quite a number at the singing at J. A. Tubb's Sunday evening, music by Miss Bell Arnett.

Joe Nelson, brother-in-law of J. I. Westfall, died in Sterling county near Nauhattie, and was buried in the Cedar Hill cemetery. He leaves a wife and two little girls to mourn his loss.

With much success to the RUSTLER and Coke County I close.

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