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Bronte News.

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Dr. Leach Went to Hylton this week on business.

Rev. R. M. Cumbie has a new Studebaken wagon.

Will Carlton and D. Best are drilling a well for J. D. O'Daniel. J. D. O'Daniel, Sr. is building a new addition to K. M. Mayes' remain so. chimney.

Dr. Clark bas completed two new rooms to his residence.

We saw one of Bronte's best citizens covering up a pig in his cotton seed, but now don't you think it was bug juice for it was too thick.

Rev. R. M. Cumbie, F, M. Cumbie and Porrest L. Clark went to Angelo last week.

There is a better season in the ground now than we have had since the first of last July.

As soon as the ground gets dry enough the farmers will begin breaking their land.

Mr. Kelsie Wylie, a Coke Co, ranchman was in Broute last week on business.

Mrs. Fisher has a very sick child but is much better at this

Every one seems to treat the Crank with eilent contempt on the negro scu! problem, it seems that he is left where Moses was when the light went out. (In the dark.)

Mrs. Shook, mother of J. F. Shook accompanied by her son, K. J. Phillips are visiting relatives in Goldthwaite.

Pink Eaton has opened up a new blacksmith shop. So Bronte has two blacksmith shops.

LUCENE. .

From Waco.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 3 -1899

Mr. Editor: -

Being some time since I wrote I thought I would tell you of some of Baylor's happenings.

Thursday being Thanksgiving thece was no school, but all of the students attended services at the First Baptist Church, where & TOO HILUSTRATED YOUTH AND ACE we heard in interesting the whole of the control of the contro we heard an interesting sermon.

Our noble president gave the students a reception at the Georgia Burleson Hall, which was well attended and highly appreciated and enjoyed by all who participated Friday morning we were to be addressed by one of the greatest men in the U. S., Hon. William "trid subscription;" or will send it the first 5 mes. (Society, Society, Signal, Other St., Adventure, Signal, Other St., Adventure, Biography, Travels, School, General, Information, Woman's Department. Taylor's Love Letters to the Public are of special interest. Sample copy free. Agents Wanted. Thirday morning we were to be addressed by one of the greatest men in the U. S., Hon. William "trid subscription;" or will send it the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Signal pour send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Adventures Send Land, ememonishy journal, of 16 to 32 pages. We have the send in the first 5 mes. (Society, Adventures Send Instrument, Woman's Department, Planton, Pour send Instrument, Woman's Department, Travels, School, History, Biochard, Instrument, Woman's Department, Travels, School, History, Biochard, Instrument, Woman's Department, Travels, School, History, Biochard, Instrument, Woman's Department, Planton, Pour send Instrument, Woman's Department, Planton, Pour send Instrument, Planton, Planto Our noble president gave the

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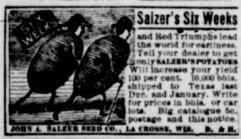


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EVERY PAIR CUARANTE

Waco, Tex., Dec. 8 .- Concerning the ostablishment of a gypsum plant in Texas, Col. S. R. Smith, who was a Texas ranger twenty years ago, says that Texas can supply the entire world with gypsum. Immense beds of gypsum, Col. Smith says, are in sevoral of the northwestern counties, through which the tributaries of the upper Brazos flow and from these beds during floods the entire Brazos river becomes impregnated with hydrous sulphate of lime, which is the true gypsum of commerce. When the floods recede any observer may notice that the overflowed land is crushed over with gypsum deposits and that the plant leaves over which the water has flowed are calcined with the min-

Col. Smith says that he believes in the course of time train loads of gypsum will be brought down from the upper counties and that it is of such excellent quality that it will find a market in other lands. From the Texas gypsum the very best plaster of paris is manufactured and it is already well known wherever plaster of paris is used.

These deposits of gypsum, Col. Smith says, will become one of the great sources of wealth of the Lone Star state and will cause demand for a large body of the university land which has heretofore been held at a comparatively low price and will add materially to the revenues of the state university.

Sewarage Question Discussed.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 8.—The question sewerage is one of interest to the people of Sherman. After having lost much valuable time in the granting of franchises never utilized there is a general feeling in favor of municipal cwnership among the people. On the matter yesterday City Attorney G. P. Webb made the following statement:

"Sewerage for Sherman is now almost an indispensable necessity. She can never be a city of the first-class until she has a good sewerage system. It is everything for convenience, for cleanliness and for health. The foregoing proposition requires no argument. It is admitted by all.

"The question is, how can sewerage be obtained? In order to avoid exorbitant charges and poor service the city should own its own system. This at present is impossible because the city has no money, and the limitation placed on it to issue bonds by law will not permit a sufficient bond issue for this purpose. We are confronted with the foregoing difficulty. To overcome which I wish to submit the following ings. suggestions to the patriotic and public spirited citizens of Sherman.

"Select from among you five of your most distinguished citizens of known business ability and public spirit as a board of trustees, provding for its perpetuation by filling vacancies which may occur from death or otherwise, by appointment by the district judge of this district.

"Issue stock at \$25 per share and in the subscription contract provide that said board of trustees with the money so subscribed shall build in the city of Sherman such sewerage system and provide for such sewerage rates as to them may seem best.

"Pay all surplus over a dividend of 8 per cent to the stockholders as a payment on the original cost of stock, and whenever in this way the original investment is fully paid off the trustees are to make deeds to such sewerage system over to the city of Sherman free of charge.'

Tandy Gates was adjudged insane at Bonham the other day.

Must Hang.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 8 .- Will Jones, the negro who was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death at the last term of the Jefferson county district court, must hang. His case was taken to the court of criminal appeals and, on Wednesday the court of last resoft affirmed the sentence of the lower ourt. Jones, it will be remembered murdered his wife several months ago. He came to a room where she was asleep and nearly severed her head with a rasor. She ran a distance of two blocks and fell in a negro saloon on College street. Jones. made no effort to escape. When arrested he admitted killing the woman and said he described to hang. During trial he ma tained an attitude of apreme indifference, but grew slightly

e for the execution.

WILL set a

A woman may economize as a rule, but it is difficult to persuade her to wear a last year's hat.

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DON'T WORRY.

A Few of the Epigrammatists' Shots at Woman's Chief Foe.

Worry is the father of insomnia. Worry is forethought gone to seed. Worry is discounting possible future sorrows so that the individual may have present misery. Worry is not one large individual sorrow; it is a colony of petty, vague, insignificant, restless imps of fear, that become important only from their combination, their constancy, their iteration. Worry is the traitor in our camp that dampens our powder, weakens our aim; under the guise of help g us to bear the present and to be ready for the future worry multiplies enemies within our mind to sap our strength. Worry must not be confused with anxiety, though both words agree in meaning originally, a "choking," or a "strangling," referring, of course, to the throttling effect upon individual activity. Anxiety faces large issues of life seriously, calmly, with dignity. Anxiety always suggests fropeful possibility; it is active in being ready and devising measures to meet the outcome. Worry is the dom's inance of the mind by a single, vague, restless, unsatisfied, fearing and fearful idea. The mental energy and force that should be concentrated on the successive duties of the day is constantly and surreptitiously abstracted and absorbed by this one fixed idea.

Cycling in France.

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The cycle tax in France serves one useful purpose-that of illustrating the growth of the pastime in that country. So great has been the rise of automobilism in France that some diminution might have been expected in the Frenchman's enthusiasm for the cycle. The actual figures, however, speak emphatically to the contrary effect. In 1894, the first year of taxation, the number of machines was 203,306; in 1895 it was 256,084; in 1896, 329,816, and in 1897, 408,869. The figures for last year, however, have just been published and show a total of 483,414, or nearly half a million. It may confidently be expected, however, that the figures for the present year will greatly exceed even this total, for not only is the pastime showing no signs of diminution, but regulations introduce" this year with respect to the carrying of a plaque will insure a more widespread payment of the imperial tax, which many riders have previously found it possible to evade.

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same and are properly called catarrh.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna,
I have found it to be the best, if not the
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this remedy. It exactly meets all my requirements. "I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. I believe it to be especially valuable to old people."

good health and my extreme age to

Isaac Brock. Catarrh is the greatest enemy of old age. A person entirely free from catarrh is sure to live to a hale and hearty old age. A free book on catarrh sent by The Peruna Medicine Co. Columbus Co. cine Co., Columbus, O.

During the years that have elapsed since the Rock Island first completed its line to Texas, this company has constantly been engaged in turning the tide of emigration to the Lone Star State. That the effort has been successful is proved by the presence of thousands of families scattered throughout our fertile counties and growing cities. Now, for the double purpose of allowing these friends to eat Christmas turkey at the old home and at the same time sound praises of Texas, it has been decided to offer Christmas holiday tickets at one fare for round trip to points in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. The selling dates are December 19th and 20th, with thirty days limit for return. Additional details can be procured from any coupon ticket agent or by addressing

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Your conscience will usually direct

Treat your children so they will ever

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, a special vestibuled train of Pullman palace cars, compartment, drawing-room, library, observation and dining cars will start from Chicago, going to the City of Mexico and to other prominent cities of the republic and back to Chicago again, making the tour of all Mexico complete. The party will be strictly limited and absolutely first Tickets include all expenses everywhere. The tour is under the personal escort and direction of Mr. Reau Campbell, general manager of The American Tourist Association. For maps, books of the tour, tickets, etc., call on agents of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

Santa Craus and his reindeer are speeding this way.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY, Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature on each box.

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A Bargain in Guitars.

All music lovers will be interested in the "ad" of John M. Smyth Co. shown in another part of this paper, in which they offer an elegant guitar for \$2.65. The firm is thoroughly reliable. Get their catalogue of everything to eat, wear and use.

A land of liberty is a land of enlightenment.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn? Shake into your shoes, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Hot and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c, Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Be careful with coal oil; you may be cremated.



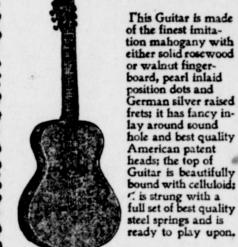
Did You Ever Know

any one who smoked the same kind of Five Cent cigar any length of time? Five Cent cigar smokers are always dissatisfied-always trying something new-or something different, as there always seems to be something wrong about the cigars they have been smoking. Ask your dealer for

Old Virginia Cheroots

They are always good. Two hundred million smoked this year. Price, 3 for 5 cents.





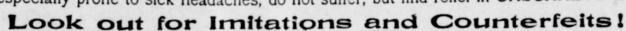
This Guitar is made of the finest imitation mahogany with either solid rosewood or walnut finger-board, pearl inlaid position dots and German silver raised frets; it has fancy inlay around sound hole and best quality American patent heads; the top of Guitar is beautifully bound with celluloid; is strung with a full set of best quality THIS ELEGANT GUITAR FOR \$2.65

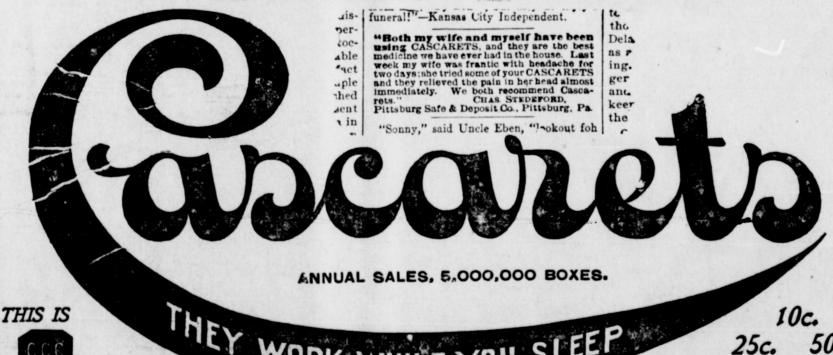
No more, no less, than 5,000 of them, probably the largest contract in guitars ever made — an instrument that positively sells from \$3.50 to \$7.00. When this lot is exhausted we cannot duplicate this offer. Quantity talks. Only by operating on such a big scale, together with our well-knownsmall profit policy, could such an effering be possible. Another reason for dispensing such a bargain broadcast is the confidence we feel that ever guitar sold will win for us a permanent patron and a friend whose recommendation we can count upon. We will forward the guitar to any address C. O. D., subject to examination, upon receipt of boc. We, however, advise that cash in full be sent, as that saves return charges for money and we stand perfectly ready to refund money if the guitar is not all and more than we claim for it. Re me m ber our special price on 5,000 of \$2.65

MAMMOTH everything to eat wear and use, is furnish ed on receipt of only 105 to partly pay postage or expressage and as evidence of good faith the 105 is allowed on first purchase amounting to \$199 or above.

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Sick headaches! Always trace them to a lazy liver or a sick stomach. Poisonous matter, instead of being thrown out, is reabsorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, awful, throbbing, sickening pain. CASCARETS remove the cause by stimulating the liver, making the poison move on and out, and purifying the blood. The effect is almost instantaneous. Ladies, whose sensitive organisms are especially prone to sick headaches, do not suffer, but find relief in CASCARETS Candy Cathartic.





THE TABLET CASCARBTS are absolutely harmless, a purely vegetable compound. No mercurial or other mineral pill-poison in Cascarets. Cascarets promptly, effectively and permanently cure every disorder of the Stomach, Liver and Intestines. They not only cure constipation, but correct any and every form of irregularity of the bowels, including diarrhosa and dysentery. Pleasant, palatable, potent. Taste good, do good. Never sicken, weaken or gripe. Be sure you get the genuine! Beware of imitations and substitutes! Buy a box of CASCARBTS to-day, and if not pleased in every respect, get your money back! Write us for booklet and free sample! Address STERLING REMEDY COMPANY, CHICAGO or NEW YORK.

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Is a perfect hair dressing and

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If your merchant doesn't handle, send us \$1 and get prepaid to any part U. S. or Canada.

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COKE COUNTY RUSTLER

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF COKE CO.

HUBERT H. PEARCE, Editor.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15, 1899.

> Subscription Rates. CASH IN ADVANCE.

Advertising Rates

Made known on application. Entered at the posteffice at Robert Lee, Texas, as second-class matter.

Ballinger has been visited lately by two large fires

Reports from all over the Co. indicate a fine season in the ground. Plenly of rain will al. No. 1, D & S E Ry Co. for \$180, ways cause this condition.

The Bronte people are request. Lowe. ed to potronize W. L. Hayley for Christmas presents and fire-works

Yearly all of the best people pay for and read the Rustler.

Robert Les will have plenty of fire works and Christmas presents

Married. At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lowe, near Sanco, Mr. Henry Wyatt of Valley View and Miss Bamma Lowe, on last Sunday. Eld. Gid Graham officiated. This young couple have the good wishes of the Rustler and a numerous circle of friends throughout Coke. Mr. Wyatt is an energetic and steady young man possessed of all the good qualities necessary to make his bride happy; while the bride has grown from childhood into radiant young womanhood. in our midst, and enjoys the friendship of all her acquaintances.

live rong and always be happy.

The Hayden Cranfill conspiracy truttis on sale at Pearce's Drug Score. Price \$1.00

Teach your chadren that it is homorable to work for a living. I always makes us tired to see people who are as poor as Job's turkey turning up their noses at "...boring people" Such caut fills the brothels of the land with fallen women and the jails with criminals. The army of criminals is recruited from the ranks of those who consider it a disgrace to la bor for an honest living. And it is natural, because he who will not work, is too proud to beg. must steal or starve .- Baird Star.

The people of the Kickapoos are requested to take a look at W. i. Hayley's holiday goods, Bronte.



THE McCALL CO.,

Court House News.

Reported for the Rustler by H. E. Johnston, abstractor of lands.

Real Estate Transfers.

W. H. Lewis and wife to N. M. Best 160 acres the S. E. 1.4 of section No. 492 Block la H & T C R R Co. for \$600.

Best Survey No. 1 W. A. Kemp

Jas. E M. Cord and E. A. Lindsey to Gid Graham, 42 acres, a part of section No. 1, D & S E Ry Co. for \$105.00

J. J. Fry and wife to C. L. Hughes 11 acres, a port of Survey No's 981 and 982 in name of S. A. Maverick for \$359.00

Gid Graham and wife to W. C. Earp, 42 acres, a part of Survey

Marriage Liccence issued to Mr. W. H, Wyatt and Miss Bamma

Free Scholarship.

You may by doing a little writing at your home a few evenings secure, free a fifty dollar (50.00) scholarship, in either of liminghon's Practical Business Colleges Ft. Worth, Galveston, Texarkaun; St. Louis; Nasoville, Tenn.; or Savanuah, Ga. For particulars, address The Illustrated Youth and Age, Nashville, Tenn. (Mention tais offer when writing)

From Dickens Doings.

John Lindly of Coke County is stopping at the Try This Hotel. He will probably spend the win-

John Weathers, late of Coke County, has purchased the Dunwoody residence in West Dickens and will move into it as soon as May Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wyatt he can get possesion. Mr. Danwoody has taken charge of the City Hotel.



2-Fast Trains-2 DAILY

For St. Louis, Chicago and the EAST.

Superb New Pullman Vestibuled Buffet Sieepors, Landsome New Chair Cars. (Seats Free.)

Only Line Conning Through Coaches and Steepers to New Oricans Without Change

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Dr. 3 13 Latham

Physician and Surgeon, Robbert Lan. -:::-

J. J. VESTAL

W. H. Lewis and wife to W. M. Blacksmith, Woodworker and Wheelwright.

Estray Notice.

Returned by J. C. Newton, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Sept. 29 1890. One bay mare, no brand, white spot in forehend, shod in front, about 6 or 8 years old, about 14 hands high. Running in F. and S. M. Conner's pasture near Silver.

J. W. Barnett, Co Clerk Coke Co.

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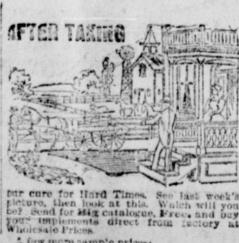
One brown mate, five or six years old, branded VE on left shoulder. Also one brown ballfaced mare three years old, with brown colf, branded VE on left w. Above stock running in W. S. Tripp's pasture. This Sept. 8th 1899 J. W. Barnett Co. Clerk.

Coke County.

For Sale: One good Jack five years old, Black Warrion and Maltese stock Will sel for eash or trade for cattle or good notes. A. J. Pettit. Bronte, Texas.

The Lev. Irl R. Hick Almanac.

There is no comparison between former editions, and this splendid Almanae for 1900, now ready. Printed in ceantiful colors, on much finer paper, its 196 pages are packed with invaluable inform ation on storms, astronomy, and meteorology. It is illustrated with nearly 200 finest half tones and other engravings. This sup erb book will sell anywhere for filly cents, but it costs ONLY 25c a copy, and every subscriber to Rev. Iri R. Hicks' now 'amous paper, WORD AND WORKS, at \$1.00 a year, receives this elegant Almatac as a premium. Word and Works is a recognised leader a mong the best family and scientide journals, while nothing of its kind can compare with the Hicks Almanac. One dollar a year is a nominal price for such anique and useful publications. Professor Hicks has justly, and of necessity withdrawn his storm and weather forecasts from all tree almanaes, having generously given his time and labor for nearly twenty years. WORD AND WORKS Pub. co., 2201 Locust st. St. Louis, Mo.



A few more sample prices

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J.P. ANGEL,

WEST SIDE SQUARE,

Groceries, Grain and Hay. Polite Treatment. Close Prices. Free Wagon Yard. ROBERT LEE, TEXAS.

I. L. BARRON

-GROCERIES -- ORAIN-HARDWARE-

Everything priced right. The Newest Goods in town. Give me a call when you want any thing in my line. Robert Lee, Texas. West Side Square,

MRS. M. B. INGRAM.

MILLINERY, Frimmed Hats, Etc

Also carry the State School Books, and other School supp ies. South Side Square.

A New Discovery for the Certain Cure of INTERNAL and EXTERNAL PILES, WITHOUT PAIN.

CURES WHERE ALL OTHERS HAVE FAILED. TUEES, BY MAIL, 75 CENTS; BOTTLES, 50 CENTS.

JAMES F. BALLARD, Sole Precristor, - - 310 Horth Main Street, ST. LOUIS, MO-For Sale by W. L. HAYLEY & Co., Draggists.

For Sale by W. L. Hayley & Co., Druggists.

Bed room suits, \$16,50 up. Rocikng Chairs, \$1.50 up. Solid Oak High back Cane seat dining chairs, 90c up. A GOOD LINE OF WINDOW SHADES AND MATTINGS. IRON BEDS A SPECIALTY.

Pearce's Prescription Pharmacy,

Established 1889.

Robert Lee, Texas.

Buys four full quarts (one gallon) of the very best Whiskey, better than Haynor's Cash with order, and if the goods do not give entire satisfaction, notify me and get your money back.

THE PARLOR SALO(N SAN ANGELO.

READ THE RUSTLER. And get all the NEWS -Political and Social

LOCAL OHIPS.

For Lime call on J. J. Vestal, Jewelry for sale at . Pearce's Drug Store.

Mrs. Eli Rambin was shopping in town last Saturday.

Will Weathers was in town Saturday.

W. L. Hayley was in town Sat. ty belonging as above. urday in attendance on Judge Enronghs Court as a witness.

Joe Scott, of Brente, was seen on our streets last Saturday.

L. M. Vowell spent a few hours present. in town Saturday.

Springs, were in town Saturday.

NOTICE! The tax-payers of the Robeat Lee High School District are notified that their taxes must bing in town Wednesday. be paid on or before January, 1900, or cost will be added. H. Burroughs, Assessor and Collector.

Prof. H. T. Carter was in town last Saturday. Prof. Carter is a has moved into the Dr. Tolivar gentieman of the old school, whom house. it is always a pleasure to meet.

of town was in last Saturday.

Prof. Allen Baldwin was in the roughs. capital last Saturday.

Prof, Cooper, from Silver, was in town latter part of last week.

The members of Richard Coke quested to meet at the Court in town since our last issue. House in Robert Lee on Saturday Dec. 16th, to attend to very itoportant business. By order of Commander J. P. Hatchinson,

H. H. Hayley, Ajt.

Bro. Clark and wife, Methodist minister, arrived here last Saturday, The Rustler joins the propie of Robert Lee in Welcoming tuem.

plished lady from beyond Edith, was in town shopping Wednesday.

Master Walter Martin, one of the Cedar Hill Sauday School membere, was down this week with his father C. D. Martin,

Call and see the nice presents at Pearce's Drug Store. Plenty . of fire-works on hand too.

Our photographer, Mr. Powers, is Coing business right along. J. F. and Wylie Byrd soid a beef

in town Tuesday. Each purchase of fifty cents

worth of Holiday goods from Mrs. Ingram will receive free a chance at an eight aoliar Album.

J. C. Newton made a business trip to Angelo this week.

Our friend, Will Lasswell, Was ac judged "not guilty" of carrying a six shooter unlawfully.

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

Judge H. L. Brightman was up from Comanche representing his clients in Justice Burroughs court last Friday and Saturday,

We learn that Dr. Toliver is just completing a new and nice

h me in Comanche. Miss May Stickney is visiting

at Bronte. H. D. Pearce of Ballinger made a successful delivery of Fruit-trees here this week,

The Cliff Creighton case was continued at Ean Angelo this

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned that Mattie and George McDonald have seperated, and everyone is warned not to trade for any stock branded, TY on left hip or left thigh, said stock belonging to Mrs. Mattie McDonald, nor to trade for or buy any other proper

T. S. Vaughn.

The Cliff Creighton case was continued on application of defendant, for lack of witnesses

Pasturage. Can feed fifty head Mr. Baldwin and his accom- on sugar cane and can pasture plished young wite, of Rock 150 mare. Plenty of water and good grass. B. L. Acrey Robert

Mrs. W. F. Cathey was shop-

W. W. McElroy is again earry-J. ing the Sweetwater mail.

Take a look at Mrs. Ingram's Chris.mas goods.

Mr. McFarland of Sterling City

Mr. Ashley, of Brown County, Mr. Wylie from ten miles South has moved into the Deats house, He is brother-in-law to J. H. Bur-

> Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCraw were in town Tuesday.

> Remember the fine Album offered free by Mrs. Ingram.

Rufe and Temp Whitesides, two Camp No. 600, U. C. V. are re- of our most jovial stockmen, were

> Jim, Will, and Lee Weathers were all in town last Saturday,

drug line. Call at Pearce's Phar. Silver. macy. If they haven't it in stock they will get it for you.

Call and see samples of cheap and fine tailor made clothing, at Lewis Bros, fit and satisfaction Hill was in town Tuesd y, His guaranteed.

Judge D. T. Averitt, one of the best Attorneys in West Texas, ct. was up Tuesday. tended Court at Ean Augelo, first

We now have a new and complete stock of merchandise at one day last week. prices to suit the short cotton crop. J. D. Collier and Co.

Edith, Texas.

were in town this week from their home on Boozer Creek. It is always a genuine pleasure to meet Uncle Zack and tajk with him.

F. L. and R. H. Harris willgive \$100, reward for the arrest and conviccion of any person killing or stealing any of their stock.

Dillon C Dannelley dealer in Dry goops, Groceries, Hardware, and confectioneries, Ballinger, Texas. Give him a call.

Robert Hagerton and wife were up to Sanco Sunday, to the wedding of Miss Bamma Lowe and Mr. Henry Wyatt.

Dillon C. Daunelley, dealer in Dry Goods, Groeeries, Hardware, and Confectionaries, Ballinger

F. M. Prichard, a good citizen from up on the divide was in town Tuesday.

Several young ladies called on the Rustler this week. We are always glad to see them.

Our friend, C. D. Martin, of Silver, was down Wednesday and pleasantly remembered the Pcin-

Dillon C. Dannelley deals in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware,

tleman from Ft. Chadbourne was

M'ss Lucy Mobley spent a few ours in town last Monday.

A Big Display

AT MISTROT BROS. & CO.

Of DOLLS, TOYS, and, in fact, a nice line of Christmas Goods We are making the prices, and the "Rush is on."

BLANKETS, CAPES, BOYS, YOUTH'S AND MEN'S SUITS, OVERCOATS, AND A Complete line of Dry Goods, Shoes, and Boots.

We claim to buy goods cheaper than our Competetors, as we have 23 Retail Stores and a large wholesale astablishment. Which places us in position To carry out our claims.

We haven't time to quote prices, but cordially invite you to call and get our prices.

. Our Ladies' fine \$2.00 Kid button Shoes; Regular, but our leader for \$1,35 Are big values and fast sellers. See the pair we have cut open at our store.

25cts gets each of the following articles: 8 spools of best thread, 6 large pencil Tablets, Set of Plates, Pair of men's rubber shoes, and many other equally good values.

Fifteen per cent off untill Jan. 1st on all our trunks. This alone is a big saving over and above our already low prices.

Remember our price, that one and all and our aim, to sell and please you So that we may be able to sell you again.

YOURS TO PLEASE,

MISTROT BROS. & CO.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

One of Silas Conner's children If you want anything in the has been sick some days, near

> Mr. Smith, from up on the divide was in town Tuesday.

B. A. Boykin was in Tuesday.

Mr. Stokes, from up near Cedar wife accompanied bim.

H. W. Walton, of Valley View,

Raymond Lewe, one of Sanco's few days of the week returning young men spent a day or two in town this week.

Mr. Bob Hayley was in Bronte

Mr. Holiday Hayley was in from Hayrick last Saturday.

Mr. G. C. Lasswell made a bus-Uncle Zack Boozer and wife, iness trip to Angelo this week. Jim Stewart went to Angelo

S. C. Wilkins went to Angelo

this week. Miss Lola Lambert, our charming primary teacher here, attended the teachers' meeting in Auge-

Miss Amelia Caraway, one ot the teachers of this county, Was shopping in town Saturday.

Mr. J. L. Durham and son, Mr. Elton, of Sanco, were in town last Saturday.

The "boys" who ate the thanksgiving turkey were all released last Thursday.

Our people are all making preparations for the holidays.

Prof. Gardner and Prof. Savage two of our reliable teachers at-

Mr. Ed Fletcher and sister, of Bronte, were shopping in town ably absent from his last appoint-Srturday.

the Valley View school. Judge H. L. Adams, from above try lost Friday and Saturday. Sanco, was down last Friday and

Our Waco correspondant fav-Miss Ella Padgett and Miss Co-

> is up on a business trip this week. Cold weather.

J. E. Stewart

Is "in it" with a large and well assorted stock of

doliday Goods

----CONSISTING OF-

Hire-works, Fine Presents

And GIFTS of every description at prices ranging

From 5 cents up.

Look at my stock of Dolls, Albums, Toys, Candies. Also Fruits and numerous other desirable things not mentioned.

Don't fail to see my goods before you purchase.

We have the BEST, CHEAPEST, NEATEST AND CLEANEST line of

Tin and Glassware

Ever brought to the county. Drop in and take a look at Our prices and quality. It will pay you.

Yours For Business,

J. E. Stewart.

J. V. Sumrall was in town Sattended the teachers' meeting in urday and while here pleasantly of the Rustler for furnishing the remembered this paper.

Eld. R. M. Cumbie was unavoidment at Cedar Hill, but will be Prof. J. L. Ross was on our there on Saturday night before streets Saturday. He is teaching the first Sunday in January 1900.

A nice rain fell over our coun-

esting letters this week.

Mr. H. D. Pearce, of Ballinger,

Hon. Sam Saynor has the thank first data received at this off from which we could give a skete of one of Coke's many organized churches. Who will be next?

Read the two big advertise ments on this page,

Died. On Tuesday the 12th, inst the eighteen month old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Ross, who live southwest of town about four miles. The little caild was burfell Wednesday afternoon in the Robert Lee cemetery.

MOOD'S GUARANTEES a cure. What it has done for others it will do for you. Be sure to get Hoor's Sarsaparilla.

Gin Notice.

The Robert Lee gin will run every Friday hereafter and the mill will grind every other, Satur day as here-to-fore.

L. H McDorman & Co

Texas.

J. M. McGary, a handsome genin town Wednesday.

Silver were in town shopping in town last Thursday. A New Year will soon begin.

fer, interesting young ladies from

Coke County Rustler TAYLOR ELECTED.

Published Every Week at

ROBERT LEE, - - - TEXAS.

PASTURE AND FARM.

Little cotton in fields.

Very little cotton remains in fields. Fisher county farmers are setting out many fruit trees.

Texas farmers confidently count on a large wheat crop in 1900.

Over \$13,000 has been paid out in Coleman this season for pecans.

A fine quality of sorghum cane was raised this year in the Lone Star state. Hundreds of horses and mules changed hands at Greenville on stray sale day.

A large strawberry acreage in Texas is among the possibilities for next

A cargo of cotton-seed meal was recently shipped from Gonzales to San

R. H. Woodworth will plant 800 or 900 acres in rice next year. Mr. Woodworth resides near Por' Arthur.

The shipment of western range cattle is about over and the inferior grades have improved much in price lately.

A Hunt county farmer raised ten acres of most excellent popcorn this year, for which he realized a lancy

R. L. and W. E. Miers, of Sutton county, bought from Ian McDonald of Edwards county, 110 stock sheep at \$2

Hon. Barnett Gibbs of Dallas bought 100 head of cattle from Dr. Bradfield and fifty head from Dr. Jenkins in Morris county.

The early winter vegetable crop at Corpus Christi was never better than now. The prospect of a heavy cabbage crop this winter is excellent.

E. W. Permintec of Big Springs has bought of Ed. Townsend of Midland six high-grade white-face bull calves, for which he paid \$40 each.

A number of Texas gardeners, it is said, will cultivate asparagus to a considerable extent next year, claiming there is a good demand for it.

During the past few days thirty-nine which were intended for DeGraff, Kan.

Indications are a large number of hogs will be raised in Texas next year. Farmers say the demand for them is steadily increasing and at fair prices.

The American Beet Sugar Manufacturers' association heig an interesting meeting at Omaha, Neb., last week. The industry was reported in fine condition.

Detailed cotton weight averages are: Texas 525 94-100, Louisiana 516 57-100, Alabama 511, Georgia 494 26-100, South Carolina 504, North Carolina 509 73-100, Virginia 498, Tennessee, etc., and over land 505 95-100.

President J. J. Hagerman of the Pecos Valley road has purchased 1000 Hereford calves for his large place near Roswell, N. M., paying \$18 per head therefor.

County Clerk W. C. McFall of Parkor courty purchased from a goat ranch in Hood county in head of fine an gora goats and placed them on his ranch south of Weatherford.

A pool containing the estimate of Mtty-three members of the New Orleans cotton exchange on the cotton crop of 1889-1900 ranged from a minimum of 7,955,000 to a maximum of 10,400,000, giving an average of 9,289,430.

A carload of tabasco pepper raised on the Willow Springs ranch of J. B. Wells, was shipped from Gonzales, to the Heinz Pickle factory of Pittsburg. Penn. Mr. Wells sold 100 barrels at \$15 each and says he can get two carloads more from his patch.

Alto is to have a cotton mill.

Some Brazoria county farmers will

raise hemp next year. The vegetables growers at Angleton

and Velasco are about to unite in employing one business manager for the purpose of handing all the products the cause of the explosion. He tele-of that section. Both pages will plant gracing State Mine Inspector Owens, about 500 acres of cantaloupes and how at Spokane, to attend the inquest Koule te sent in a general alarm, and about 500 acres of other stuff.

Among the last list of subscribers to the capital stock of the Corsicana cotton mill there appears the name of Mureil Lee Adair, who 's only 3 years old and who is the son of Mr. W. A. Adair, editor of the Marshall Messenger. He stands for \$250 worth of stock, that amount having been subscribed for him by Col. John A. Gibson of Corsicana.

Board of Commissioners' Award Him the Election Certificate.

CONTEST MAY NOT OCCUR.

Former Senator Blackburn, as Chairman of the State Campaign Committee, Has Issued a Call for a Meeting of the Committee.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 11.-The scenes at the capital shifted Saturday, interest over the contests for state officers ending with the delivery of the certifi- after a brief skirmish. The Americans cates of election Saturday morning, and had no losses. arrangements for Taylor's inauguration. Tuesday overshadows every- so-called Filipino government, togethhome at Covington at 4 o'clock, and another Nordenfeldt, have beer found nearly all the Democratic leaders left at Manatarem. on oning and night trains.

the train by Senator Blackburn and fantry, were traveling from San Ferothers. He stated a few minutes be- nando to Angels, left their escort for fore his train pulled out that the ques- a moment and went into the bush. As tion of whether he and his associates they did not return speedily, a search on the defeated ticket would contest was made for them, but they could not is still undecided, though Senator be found. They were probably cap-Blackburn later asserted that the ques- tured by the rebels. tion was settled affirmatively. The urday night.

The election commissioners, Pryor and Ellis, went away Saturday afternoon on the same train as went many of the Democratic leaders. The fact that Pryor did not mix up with the July of last year. He was formerly in general throng indicates to some extent the acute feeling that grows out Olongapo district. His narrative is corof the last act of the memorable contest.

The local people are arranging to make Taylor's inauguration a non-partisan affair. A committee on reception was made up, composed of about fifty prominent men of the state capital, Republicans and Democrats alike being represented on it.

Former Senator Blackburn, as chairman of the Goebel state campaign committee, issued a call for a meeting of the committee to be held here next Thursday, Dec. 14. Chairman Allie W. cars of feeders and mixed cattle left | Young also issued a call for a meeting Pecos City, 1249 head in all 1850 of of the state central and state executive committee here the same day. The call does not state in either case the object of the conference, but it is known that the purpose is to give Filipinas, flying the insurgent flag, official party endorsement to the contests which will be demanded shall be made by Goebel and all of the candidates on the defeated Democratic ticket. Goebel and Blackburn received many telegrams from Democrats over the state urging contests, and it is said mass meetings will be held in various counties next week for the purpose of working up sentiment on the subject.

At 9:45 o'clock Saturday morning the election certificate of William S. Taylor was signed by the election commissioners, and he was declared to be governor-elect of Kentucky.

The official figures of the vote filed with Secretary of State Finly are: Taylor 193,714, Goebel 191,331. Taylor's pluralty te 2383.

similar to the other treaties now in and stock aggregate \$30,000. . force, admitting packages up to eleven pounds in the mails at 12 cents per pound.

Mine Disaster.

Carbonado, Wash., Dec. 11 .- Stunned by the suddenness of Saturday night's mine horror, the people here sema too dazed for any expression of grief of a demonstrative nature. Thirty-two is the total dead. Two men were rescued at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, imate \$1,000,000. There were no casafter being entomed in the mine all night. The injured number six. All are severely burned. Gov. Robertz will conduct searching e mination as to White, and by the time the fire deto-day and examine witnesses himself. seeing that the entire depart nut would The question og in sufficient ventila- have great difficulty in overcoming the tion of the mine in accordance with dire wired Macon and Savannah for the state law will be thoroughly gone help. The Arlington Annex and the into. The theory of Superintendent stores beneath it, all a part of the old Davis is that a small pocket of gas Central hotel property, the explosion. The total number of onslaught of the flames after getting men in the shaft was seventy-six, of outside of White's big store.

Insurgents Captured.

Manila, Dec. 11.-An expedition teaded by the battleship Oregon left Manila for Subig Saturday night. It is reported that the Filipino commander, Gen. Alejandrino, with his staff has surrendered to Gen. MacArthur, and there is also a rumor that Alejandrino is at Aguilar, suffering from a wound received in a fight between insurgents and bandits, and that he will be given an opportunity to surrender and will be properly cared for.

Maj. Spence, with a column of the thirty-second regiment, captured a new insurgent camp, an uncompleted stronghold in the Tassan district. He left Dinalupan at daybreak Saturday and marched ten miles along mountain trails, finally encountering a large band of insurgents, who retreated

The records of the treasury of the thing else. Senator Goebel left for his er with a quantity of paper money and

Three Americans who, with a com-Senator Goebel was accompanied to missary sergeant of the twelfth in-

A mail orderly disappeared between Goebel headquarters here closed Sat- Angels and Bamban. He also is supposed to have been captured.

> Col. Julio del Rio, who is among the Spaniards that have just arrived here, gives an interesting version of the famous Irene incident in Subig bay in command of the Spanish troops in the roborated by Senor Raffel Rosello, a wealthy Spanish merchant, who also fell into the hands of the insurgents.

> Both declare that the Spaniards surrendered to Capt. Coghlan of the United States steamer Raleigh on an express agreement that they were not to be given up to the Filipinos and they assert that the Spanish government has promised to press their claims against the United States for their long imprisonment.

According to their story 1000 insurgents were besieging Olongapo, where there were two companies of marines and a battallion of artillery, together with many civilians. The German cruiser Irene entered the harbor to take the women and children on board. At this juncture the insurgent steamer started to leave. The Irene threw a shot across her bow, claiming the right to stop her, as Germany had not recognized the insurgent flag. The Filipinos ther raised a white flag and departed. When she returned she was flying the insurgent flag and was accompanied by the United States warships Concord and Raleigh. The Irene was then leaving the harbor with non-combatants.

Fire at Chattandogs.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 11 .- Fire at l o'clock yesterday destroyed a large three-story brick building on Market street occupied by the Voight Drug company. The fire next communicated with Ransome & Braddock's threestory building, occupied by them with President McKinley, Postmaster Gen- a saloon and restaurant. Above the eral Smith and Mr. L .A. Garria, the drug room of the Voight company on Guatemalan minister, signed a parcels the corner of Ninth and Market streets post treaty between the United States several doctors' and lawyers' offices and Guatemala, effective Jan. 1. It is were located. The losses on buildings

> A dry goods store was robbed at Malakoff the other night.

Destructive Fire.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 11.-A fire which had its origin in a dry goods store here shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning, did not cease its ravages until 6 c cock. A solid block in the center of the business portion of the city was laid waste and the damage will approxualties. The flames were discovered on the second floor of the big wholesale and retail dry goods store of J. B. abutted the Davis is that a small pocket of gas store of J. B. White on the up twn was opened, became ignited and caused side, and all were involved in the first whom forty-four escaped or were res- came the Masonic hall, a handsome three-story building, occupied by offices and lodge rooms.

AFTER AGUINALDO.

He is Belleved to Be on His Way to Cavite Province.

INSURGENTS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC.

There are 3000 Filipinos Before Imus and Bacoor, Keeping the Americans Sleeping on Their Arms.

Manila, Dec. 8.-The expectation of catching Aguinaldo in the north has been practically abandoned and the probability now is that he will turn southward if he is not already there, with his destination Cavite province, his home, where the insurgents begaz, and where it still has its greatest

The Filipino soldiers in that province have recently been showing increased activity and enthusiasm and boldness, and captured insurgents say that Aguinaldo is coming to join them with a large army. The same belief prevails among the natives at Manila and elsewhere that Aguinaldo intends to make his headquarters in Cavite province.

There are 3000 insurgents before Imus and Bacoor, keeping the Americans sleeping on their arms and nightly awaiting attack. The Filipinos have severel cannon. The first mayor of Imus, under the American regime, who ultimately deserted, is their leader in the assaults and is ambitious to take the town. Three soldiers of the fourth infantry have deserted and are now with the enemy.

Most of the inhabitants of Imus are ment. so strong in their sympathies with the insurgents that it is necessary to use a part of the regiment to patrol the streets and to prevent shooting from houses whenever an attack begins.

The American forces in the north have separated into many small commands and are pursuing bands of Fillpinos. Gen. Mac Arthur is engaged in clearing the mountain country west of the Manila-Dagupan railroad.

Thus far the Americans have been This is the anti-rustteeee-wfhuoDcc unable to locate large bodies of insurgents, although there were about 500 in San Clementine, nine miles south of Mangartarem, early in the week.

Col. Hood, with the sixteenth regiment and cavalry, and Gen. Lawton, with a force from San Isidro, are operating against Gen. Pilar's army in the San Mateo valley. Maj. Batchelor, with a battalion of the twenty-fourth infantry, is making a daring expedition. He left Bayambong, province of Nueva Vizcaya, a week ago to march through Cagyan valley to the north coast of Luzon, intending to reach Aparri at the mouth of of the Cagayan river, the most important northern seaport of the island.

Confessed His Crime.

Fort Scott, Kan., Dec. 8-Amos Phillips, a Bates county farmer, under arrest here with "Red" and George Smith, brothers, charged with complicity in the murder of Leopold Edlinger, a farm hand, two weeks ago, yesterday confessed the crime and said that all three were members of a gang of professional stock, grain and harness thieves who have operated all over southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas

L. H. Stinnett was seriously cut near Smithwick, Tex., recently.

Want More Mules.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 8 .- The facts regarding the purchase of additional mules for use in the Transvaal are growing more definite every day. Yesterday it was made public that two mule transports have already been seothers have already been contracted for by the British admiralty to sail during January. The sailing of the Hermes has already been announced for Dec. 10.

The next transport is announced to all between Dec. 18 and Dec. 25, but the British war office has not yet made public its name. The transports so far announced for January are the Kildona and Iona. The Iona recently carried a cargo of mules from Naples to South Africa and out of 1200 animals only one died on the trip.

W. J. Hammond, the steamship agent to whom the Huronia, which sailed with mules from this port some time ago, was consigned, has received a cablegram stating that the mules carried by her were landed at Cape Town in splendid condition.

Segate and House

Washington, Dec. 8 .- Before the house met yesterday the Republicans and Democratic leaders attempted to perfect an agreement for the debate on the financial bill, which is to begin next Monday. But the negotiations failed. The Republican leaders then decided to resort to a special rule to be brought in to-day. Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, who is to have charge of the bill, introduced the formal resolution for a special order upon which the committee on rules will act. It provides for the consideration of the bill beginning on Monday and continuing until a date to be decided upon by the committee on rules.

After the reading of the journal the speaker announced the appointment of the committee on rules as follows: The speaker, Mr. Dalxell of Pennsylvania and Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, Republicans; Messrs. Richardson of Teinnessee and Bailey of Texas, Democrats.

Mr. Meyer of Pensylvania announced that he had been incorrectly recorded as voting "aye" on the Roberts resolution on Tuesday. He had voted "no."

Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, in charge of the financial bill, then arose for the purpose of reaching an agreement if possible for the consideration of the measure. He asked that an arrangement be made for commencing the debate next Monday.

Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, said the proposal was most unusual. It was that a most important measure, perfected in all its details during the recess by members on the other side, should be brought into the house without being considered in committee, and taken up on the two days' notice. He insisted that the bill should go to a committee for first consideration. He objected to the proposed arrange-

Mr. Overstreet asked unanimous: consent to print in the record an,

"I understand that the gentleman: desires to inject a stump speech in the record," observed Mr. Terry of: Arkansas. "I object."

Upon the motion of Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio the resolution was adopted to print 5000 copies of the opinion of the supreme court in the case of the Gen. Grant is moving from Angeles Addystone Pipe and Steel company et toward Subig with 400 men. Col. Bell al., appellants vs. the United States, is sweeping south from Mangatarem. for the use of the house.

> This is the anti-trust decision of the supreme court.

Mr. Mercer of Nebraska then announced the death of the late Representative Green of Nebraska and; after the adoption of the customary resolution the house at 12:35 p. m., as a further mark of respect, adjourned. THE SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 8.-Rev. Stowell. L. Bryant of the M. E. church pronounced the invocation at the opening of yesterday's session of the senate. On motion of Mr. Hale of Maine it was decided that when the senate adjourned it be until Monday next.

An invitation was extended through President Pro Tout. Frye to the senate to attend the George Washington centennial memorial services to be held in this city on Thursday, Dec. 14. under the auspices of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Senator Depew is to deliver an oration on the occasian.

Mr. Chandler of New Hampshire offered resolutions instructing the committee on privileges and elections to investigate the right of William A. Clark of Montana and Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia to seats in the senate and to take testimony. The resolutions were referred to the committee on contingent expenses.

Wholesale Men Meet,

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8.-At a meeting here yesterday of the principal wholesale grocers and tobacco jobbers of Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Missouri, inclusive of St. Louis, the preliminary steps were taken for the cured to sail from New Orleans during formation of an association for mutual the present month, and at least two protection against the encroachments of trusts upon the jobbing business. Another meeting will be held in January to complete the organization. At the conclusion of yesterday's meeting it was announced that the association had been formed for the purpose securing representation upon the ecutive committee of the Wholesale Grocers' association known that the meeting was almost wholly given over to the discussion of the methods of the trusts and that special prominence was given to the recant order of the tobacco trust shutting off all rebates to jobbers except on orders exceeding 1,000,000 pounds a month and compelling all jobbers to buy through the trust's agents.

BOERS ARE ACTIVE

A Raiding Party Destroyed the Telegraph Wires.

AFTER GENERAL METHUEN.

They are Trying to Catch British Soldiers in a Trap Instead of Fighting More Open Battles.

London, Dec. 9.-The cutting of Gen. Methuen's line of communication behind him shows that the Boers are not at all frightened by the battles of the past week, but were merely up to their old time tactics of getting in the rear of the British.

Naturally, there is much anxiety in London, especially as there are many rumors of big fighting. The officials of the war office remained on duty until a late hour and finally at 2 o'clock yesterday morning they received and made public a welcome dispatch stating that Gen. Methuen had opened up communication again.

It was only a daring raiding party of Boers who cut around his rear and destroyed the telegrapa wires and the railway for some miles. As soon as his telegraph instruments failed to work. Gen. Methuen knew he was being cut off and a battery of field artillery and a battalion of infantry were sent flying back while the infantry and cavalry dashed up from the river.

The Boers numbered 100 and being too wary to be caught between two fires rode off after a small skirmish, in which the British loss was decidedly greater than their own.

The daring of the Boers causes more alarm than this mere raid. It shows they are trying to catch Methuen in a trap instead of fighting more open battles with him.

This style of warfare is the Boers' strong point. Gen. Methuen's position is no easy one and he will have his hands full with his wary antagonists. He is only twenty-four miles from Kimberley, but the beleaguered town is by no means relieved yet.

The Boers have decidedly checked the British advance and Methuen still waits at Modder river for reinforcements. These are being rushed to him.

Meantime the Boers are riding all around his flanks and watching every opportunity to cut off detachments and prevent both men and supplies from reaching him.

A Boer telegram from Berlin reports that Commandent Primsloo's force misioner Ellis have lost all love for near Jacobsdal is now between the Modder river and Belt river. It is this force that fixes the check on Methuen's advance.

Gen. Cronje is in the front of Methuen with his rear resting on Spytenfonter. The hills are fortified and all his flanks are occupied by the Boers with Methuen's rear near Graspan.

Arrived Safely.

Manila, Dec. 9.-There was consider able relief in Manila when the new was received yesterday that General Young's small force had arrived safely at Vigan, province of South Ilocos, Dec. 6. Anxiety has been felt for General Young and the garrison at Vigan since it was known that General Tino had a large aggressive body of insurgents in the vicinity. General Tino made a stand in the mountain pass be tween Narvacan and San Quinto.

Gallipagos Islands.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Senator Lodge called at the state department yesterday to talk with Secretary Hay about his Gallipagos island resolution. As to the basis of his resolution of inquiry he said that all the information he had as to the reported attempt of the English government to secure the islands was derived from newspaper sources. The state department itself had no direct information of any recent movement looking to the acquisition of the islands, but with reference to the resolution of inquiry to the United States Minister Sampson at Quito for a response.

It would not be at all surprising, it is said here, if the ultimate result of the broaching of this question were the acquisition of a coaling station on these islands by the United States government. In fact the navy department has within the past year been making a quiet investigation into the facilities there with that object in view.

Contest Expected.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9 .- All pretense of a fight for the certificate of election as governor has been given up by the Goebel people, and whether a coitest will be made in the legislature is really yet to be determined. It will depend very largely upon the wording of the opinion which Commissioners Ellis and Pryor will hand down at 10 o'clock this morning. If it implies that the commissioners believe that fraud was committed, which might invalidate the election, and that they as a canvassing board have the legal right to go behind the certified returns it is almost certain that a contest will be made. Otherwise it is uncertain.

The Democratic candidates for the minor offices on the state ticket, acting on the belief that the commissioners' opinion will contain impilcations of fraud, have already decided to fight before the state contesting board for the positions for which they believe themselves entitled. They held several conferences during the day, but it was not definitely determined until 3 o'clock in the afernoon to make the contests.

Commissioners Ellis and Pryor were busy all day writing their opinion, and it was dark before Mr. Ellis, who did most of the writing, had finished his made any denial of the fact that they would decide that Taylor is entitled to the certificate. They would not discuss the matter, but tacitly admitted that it was true.

The politicians of both parties departed from Frankfort in great numbers during the day and the town last night was practically deserted. All the Democratic and Republican attorneys have left for home, the former going yeterday morning and the latter in the afternoon.

Col. Jack Chinn, who has been attached to the Goebel headquarters, left late yesterday afternoon, remarking with a laugh as he passed through the hotel door: "I guess it is all up with us for this time."

There is no indication of any trouble. There has been a great amount of money bet on the election throughout Kentucky as to who would be the next governor of the state, and the bettors are trying to decide whether, if Taylor is declared governor and later ousted by the legislature as not being a legal incumbent, he was, in fact, actually governor at all in the eyes of it one way, and naturally the Goebel the law. The Taylor bettors construe men figure it out differently. There has been so much money wagered on the outcome that the thing has really a serious side to it.

The story that Judge Pryor will resign at the conclusion of the board's session is untrue. Both he and Comthe position of election commissioner, and both will retire after a time, but neither will offer his resignation until all contests arising from the late elections have been disposed of.

Steamer Reported Lost.

Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 9.-It is Delarey's commando further south in believed here that the Canadian steamer, Niagara, lumber laden, has foundered on Lake Erie, and that all hands were lost. The crew probably comprised sixteen persons, all told. Of these Capt. Henry McGlory is the only known here. Tuesday the Niagara was (Ighted in a gale. Incoming steamers have since reported passing through quantities of wreckage and lumber.

> Joseph Hutthens beat his wife to death and killed himself at Adel, Ia., the other day.

Capt. J. C. Ayers was accidentally killed at Washington a few days ago.

Killed Himself.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 9.-Ernest Mc-Gaughy of Pine Bluff, Ark., commitd suicide at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a Madison street saloon.

He was in the saloon talking and asked to be shown to the telephone, which is i na small room adjoining the barroom. A few moments after closing the door behind him a shot was heard. The barkeeper rushed to the telephone box and found McGaughy lying on his back in a pool of blood. He had shot himself just above the right temple.

McGaughy was a stranger in Memphis. No motive for the act is known.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 9.-Ernest Mc-Gaughy was bookkeeper for the Mc-Gaughy Hardware company. He was a man of splendid habits, very quiet and modest to a degree. So far as known he was not in trouble of any kind, and his friends here know of no reason why he should have ended his life. He was about 30 years of age and single.

Killed a Burglar.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 11.-At 2:18 yesterlay morning a loud pistol shot aroused the neighbors, and those who first arrived at the residence of Isaac Lyons, No. 1111 Columbia street, found Mr. Lyons standing at the widow of his bedroom with a Colt's 45-caliber sixshooter in his hand, the barrel of which was still smoking, and in the alley beneath the window they discovered Aaron Riggin, colored, stretched out on his back with a bullet hole in the center of his forehead half an inch above the junction of the eyebrows.

Policeman Harrison and Constable Harmon were among the first to arrive at the Lyons residence. They put the dying negro in a carriage and conveyed him to the courthouse, where he lingered until 8 o'clock yesterday morning, at which hour he expired. The bullet went straight through the brain, clots of which oozed out through the wound, and the wonder is that he could have lived so long under such conditions.

Justice Baylis Earle viewed the body and interrogated witnesses, reaching the conclusion that the negro was slain by Mr. Lyons while attempting to enter the residence of the later for the purpose of committing a crime against the family.

Aaron Riggin was about 20 years of age, about cne-third white blood, and | ters, chapters Nos. 1, 2 and 3 were was quite popular within the circle of read and adopted. Charters were his acquaitnances. He was a yard boy and was handy around the house of his employer, who resides a few blocks from Mr. Lyons' house. It was a surprise to everybody acquainted with Aaron that he should have attempted the crime he undertook.

Mr. Lyons' business keeps him out late, and Saturday night he laid down on a sofa in the parlor, after placing his pistol within easy reach. Mrs. Lyons and her daughter had been disturbed the night before by sounds at the window, and had communicated their fears to Mr. Lyons; therefore he was on the alert, and when he was called in a whisper by his wife he went softly to the window and held the muzzle of the revolver close to the pane. Presently the shutter opened and a face appeared peering into the room. The pistol flashed and roared, and the bullet did its work most effectively.

On a cot in the main hall of the courthouse the wounded negro lay for over five hours, slowly dying, speechless from the first, wholly unconscious of the throng of people who pressed forward continuously to get a glimpse of the man who had attempted with committee on work for five years. fatal results to himself to enter bedroom of a citizen. Just before he died Aaron opened wide his eyes and gazed about him. His lips moved, but no articulate sound came, and with a long sigh he passed into eternity.

The dead youth was recognized at once as Aaron Riggin, who came to Waco from Houston four months ago and has since been employed by various people as a house servant and yard man. His pockets were full of keys and all sorts of odds and ends. Part of the contents of his pants pocket consisted of a package of silk bags, such as are used by soldiers to carry needles and other articles in for repairing clothes while in camp.

Charged With Theft.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 11.-A young negro who was trying to sell a pair of operaglasses at Bonham a day or two ago was arrested by the officers there on suspicion of having stolen them. Constable Billy McKnight went to Bonham and brought the glasses back and they were identified as having been stolen appeals made reports, which were from a hardware firm of this city about adopted. The report of the committee three weeks ago.

A Sad Accident.

Toyah, Tex., Dec. 11.-A sad accident happened yesterday in which little Johnnie Leatherman, aged about 12 years, had his left arm shot almost entirely off between elbow and shoulder.

The boy, in company with two other small boys, were out hunting in a buckboard, and when about three miles from town in some manner the gun which Johnnie Leatherman was holding slipped from his grasp and fell, striking the hammer on the wheel or axle, discharging the contents of the gun into his arm.

The boy displayed great nerve, riding the entire distance back to town without assistance. He was taken to Pecos, where doctors amoutated the arm, and he is reported as getting along nicely.

Postmaster L. W. Christian of W xahachie reports that for the six we ka ending Nov. 1, 1899, the increase of business over that of the same period during the previous three years averages 50 per cent. This is an index of the way general improvement in the business of weatherford.

Masonie Grand Ledge.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 7.-The Masonic grand lodge second day's session was opened at 9:30 a. m., with the grand officers present. The committee on credentials made an additional report of new members arriving, among whom was Gov. Sayers, P. G. M.

The following committees made reports:

On Masonic jurisprudence, a report commending the grand master for the able manner in which he conducted the business of the grand lodge during the past year, and concurring in nearly all decisions rendered by him, and offered a resolution permitting lodges to hold joint installation ceremonies when deemed expedient. A resolution looking to a change of the time of meeting of the grand lodge from December to February was presented, and after full discussion was laid upon the table. Committees No. 2 on grievances and appeals presented a report on a number of appealed cases, which was adopted. Other committees not being ready with their reports, the grand lodge was called off until 7:30 p. m.

The grand chapter was called to labor yesterday afternoon at 2.30. Reports of committees on petitions Nos. 1 and 2 were read and adopted; also the report of the committee on finance. Reports from the committees on chargranted for new chapters at Memphis, St. Jo and Higgins. The report of the committee on jurisprudence was read and adopted; also that of the committee on obituaries, the latter being adopted by a rising vote. Frank Nusom, chairman of the committee on work, tendered his resignation, which was accepted. A motion was adopted by a rising vote that the thanks of the grand chapter be tendered to Companion Nusom for his valuable services during his ten years' service on the committee.

Sundry resolutions on the grand secretary's table were read and adopt-

The following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year by acclamation:

W. L. Burdett of Paris, grand high priest; J. D. Crenshaw of San Antonio, deputy grand high priest; C. R. Phillips of McGregor, grand king; J. M. Strayhorn of Bartlett, grand scribe; B. F. Freymier of Houston, grand treasurer; Geo. Lopas Jr. of Floresville, grand secretary.

F. W. Fitzpatrick of Mount Pleasant was elected by acclamation chairman of the committee on work, to fill the unexpired term of Companion Nusom, resigned. W. A. Scott of Floresville was elected a member of the

of high priesthood was conferred in the chapter room of the temple Tuesday morning at sunrise upon nineteen present and past high priest, was elected high priest of the order.

The grand lodge was opened in the evening session with the grand officers

present at the morning session. Grand Master Adams of Vera Cruz, Mexico, was received with grand honors and invited to a seat in the grand east, and delivered an eloquent ad-

The grand lodge then proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year, which resulted as follows:

Grand master, R. M. Lusk of Bonham; deputy grand master, N. M. Washer of Fort Worth; senior grand warden, Wm. Clark of Jefferson; junior grand warden, W. M. Fly of Gontales; grand treasurer, B. F. Freymier of Houston; grand secretary. John Watson of Houston. M. F. Mott of Galveston was elected a member of the Widows' and Orphans' home board. E. E. Douglas was elected a member of the committee on work. Committees Nos. 1 and 2 on grievances and on by-laws was adopted.

Increased Wheat Acreage.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 7.-Mr. Edgar L. Gibson of this city reporting for the statistical bureau of the agricultural department, who is one of the best posted men on crop conditions in this county, said yesterday morning that the average in small grain (wheat) in Navarro county this year was larger than it ever had been before and that the oat acreage would show a large increase in 1900 over the acreage this year.

"The wheat all over the county," said he, "is very promising and unless there is a hard freeze in December or best wheat crops next year that we have ever had.

"I do not fear any increased average in cotton in this county. The Farmers have too much wheat in now for that. The only thing that will bring about an increased cotton acreage is the freeze I spoke of. If the wheat should be killed out, then possibly the land might be put in cotton'

Wind and Rain.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 9 .- Dr. I. M. Cline, in charge of the local weather bureau, yesterday received the following telegram from Washington:

"General and heavy rains will result in marked rise in the upper Sabine, Trinity, Brazos and Colorado river and tributaries. Make modifications and distribution of this forecast directed by your judgment."

In accordance with these directions warnings were sent to all towns situated on the rivers named having telegraphic communications.

Accompanying the rain down the island outside Galveston city limits yesterday evening was a blow, which did some damage to property. Fences were blown down, trees uprooted, one or two stables ere wrecked and two or three houses plown off their blocks.

The house of Mr. Bob Collins, a mile from the Denver Resurvey, was blown off its blocks and the stable was wrecked.

Five miles further down the island the residence of Mr. Loze Phelps was blown down. Mr. Phelps' wife was within and was extricated from the debris bruised, but not badly injured.

The stable was blown completely away, leaving the horses standing unscathed where it once had been. Close to Phelps' place the home of Mr. Menzel was also blown off its blocks.

The rainfall for two days at Galveston was 2.25 inches.

Willowdene Shut Out.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 9.-State Health Officer Blunt yesterday addressed the following letter to Messrs. James Sawers & Sons and M. M. Levy & Co., both of Galveston:

"Learning that the ship Willowdene, from Santos, Brazil, loaded with coffee for New Orleans and Galveston, is consigned to you, I deem it proper to inform you that the bubonic plague is officially reported to exist at Santos. and on this account the Willowdene will not be allowed to come to the wharves at Galveston either before or after discharging her cargo. We may not be able to allow her cargo to be brought to Galveston at all, this depending on her history and sanitary condition after laying out her quarantine at New Orleans. I think it proper to give you timely notice so that you may be governed accordingly."

The ship is consigned to Sawers and the cargo to Levy. Dr. Blunt has also notified the Pilot association at Galveston that they must not board any ships coming from places infected with bubonic plague, but must bring them to anchor outside the bar and report them to Dr. Mayfield, quarantine officer at Galveston. The pilots have been given a list of the infected ports priests. F. B. Sexton, past grand high and will be advised from time to time of new infections.

Trame Men Adjourn.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 9.-The traffic men, who have been in session here several days, adjourned yesterday afternoon. The result of the meeting is that several of the lines have given notice of an advance on north-bound interstate rates, but south-bound interstate rates will be left undisturbed. This advance of interstate north-bound rates will apply only to certain commodities and, it is understood, will go into effect about the first of next year.

Willie Stewart was thrown from his horse at Denison recently and seriously injured.

William Butts was arrested at Grand Rapids, Mich, recently, charged with embezzlement.

Samuel Johnson, colored, was hanged at Hagerstown, Md., the other day.

Had a Narrow Escape.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 9 .- The residence of W. S. Grist, known as the Webb homestead, on South Webb street, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The fire is supposed to have communicated from the fireplace through a crack in a stack chimney built in the middle of the house. The family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Grist and their two little children-a boy and a girl-had a narrow escape. All four of them occupied the same room. The family were awakened by the little girl choking and becoming stifled with smoke. The house was early in January, I look for one of the ablaze and flames shot through the doorway. Being unable to escape through this egress, a window was burst open and the family jumped through it to the ground in their night clothes and made their way in their barefeet to the home of Mr. Grist's brother-in-law, M. J. Cobb. Grist's robe was ablaze when reached her brother's. A horse in the lot became frightened at the flames and in attempting to jump the fence became fatally impaled on a picket.

Mr. Editor:-

As "Rex" "Aunt Sallie" and the seem to be taking a long rest or have left the country, I shall send a few items to the Rastler.

The rains and pleasant weather ther Green's. are causing the Weeds and grass to grow and stock are beginning ner's to look better than they were before the rain.

Some of the farmers around E. rado. dith are sowing little patches of The ladies and "kids" are back. eye for spring pasture.

canens last Saturday and killed a S. S. in this corner of the county, back. He is happy and at home Let as all go to Sunday School.

the cows etc.

Prof. Frank Thomas is getting Ed.) along nicely with the Pecan school.

The friends of Mrs. J. D. Collier will be pleased to learn that she is doing well under the efficient treatment of Dr. Marberry, of An- Church at Tennyson was origaniz-

have rented J. C. Newton's farm stituted by Eld. D. M. Burt, at are expected to return from a 2 that time missionasy for the Conmonth's trip to Erath County, in a tent Association. It had as char-

can since J. D. Hallmark has his were, D. W. Hale and wife, J. D. gainst the time honored illusion new wind-mill up.

going to get married Xmas.

to Big Springs with cattle.

spend the holidays. Come on tor of this little church and Eid- formation can address the under-Tom, there are plenty of girls here ers Jno. Reed and A. M. Lackey signed, who pledges immediate re-

John Childress, near Wild Cat. Mr. J. C. Arnett Jr. is hauling moval. Rock to have a chimney built to Every member appears to be

his residence.

pressed the sentiments of the vo-ters of this community, come a-that the this church has only ten wasting diseases, all effects of self-that the this church has only ten abuse, or excess and indis-Mulligan again.

Good lack to the Rustler and to-day, its little editor.

GREEN HORN.



Namhattie.

Dear RUSTLER:-

Why not transfer a few dollars vest of the Edith correspondents from one of the Bridge Funds to the Jury Fund?

It makes no difference where they go the nearest way is by bro-

Singing tonight at Mr. Silas Con-

Mr. W. C. Westfall and Master Daniel Westfall are gone to Colo-

The streets are lively.

Mr. H. E. Johnston came up They say that the Silver Sun-Monday to help the boys kill bogs day School is progressing nicely. Mr. I. J. Good went up into the Success to rt. That gives us two

Hon, J. C. Newton was up to We have had another good his ranch Sunday looking after rain. Now, you'd better stop polities and start the plow. (Amen,

I. C. How.

Mt Margaret Baptist Church.

The Mount Margaret Baptist Mr. Powers and family, who House in July 1894. It was inter members, four male and four There is plenty of water on Pe- female members, whose names Hale and wife, L. Prestridge and Every body says somebody is wife, Mrs. Cofer, and Sam Saynor. grangers." Many have made Saynor was first church Clerk,

sick last week but is better now. and five female members. Since ed. Mr Sparks is drilling a well for it's origination it has had some additions and some losses by re

well grounded in the faith and ad-'Rah for John Reed! He ex heres to new testament principals min Bro. John, and lets hear from members, it has some of Coke's & best people within it's members



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Coke has a number of farmers who have successfully battled athat "this County is no good for Bro. D. W. Hale and Prestridge good living and paid for their G C and J R Arnett are gone were the first deacons and Bro. land, besides year by year, buying land adjacent.

Tom Arnett is coming down to Elder Denton was the first pas- Any person desiring further inwere the second and third. This ply, and will furnish any informa-J. M. Sparks' baby was quite little cherch now has five male tion concerning the country desir-

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Amount of Schoo Fund 2315.74, total amounts \$3285.23

M. H Davis County Judge, J. H. Burroughs Com. Prec. no. 1, M. H. Havens, Com. Prec. No. 2. J. C. Newton, Com. Prec. No. 3. G. W. Payne, Com. Prec. No. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of November 1899,

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Of the fifth Sunday meeting to be held wih the Antioch Baptist Church of Christ, at Rock Springs, Coke County Texas, commencing Friday night. Dec. 29, 1899

Introductory sermon by R. M. Cumbie, Alternate John Reed.

Saturday, 9 A. M. Who should be received as members of the Church of Christ, John Reed, R. M. Cambie, M. G. R. Griffieth:

10 A. M. Is the Lord's supper a Churh ordinance, if so, who is entitled to partake of it, Isaac Reed, D. W. Townsand, W. P. Crow, J. H. Routh.

11 A. M. Serman by W. G. Green, Alteanate, A. M. Lackey. 12 M. Dinner.

2 P. M. Is it the duty of Baptists to participate in Union or other nominational (other than Baptist) Sanday Schools? R. M. Cambie, W. P. Crow, W. G. Green, R. Cook, Joe Bruce.

3 P. M. Question Box.

4 P. M. Board-meeting.

7 P. M. Sermon by W. P. Crow, Alternate, R. Cook.

Sanday 11 A. M. Sermon by D. W. Townsand, Alternate, Isane

12 M. Dinner.

3 P. M. and at night sermons by some one appointed dering the D. H. Bart. C. P. Hughes. Committee H. D. Pearce.

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