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BIGHAM & CRAIN,

Have Removed to the Randolph Building, next door to the R. G. Graham Drug Store, where they have one of the nicest and best stocks of

GROCERIES,

To Be Found Anywhere.

They make a specialty of

FRESH FRUITS,
VEGETABLES, ETC.,

And are always supplied with

EVERY DELICACY OF THE SEASON.

They pay Cash for all

Marketable Country Produce,

And Can Always Supply Their Customers With Everything in This Line.

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PRICE BROS.,
Manufacturers of and Dealers in
SADDLES & HARNESS.
We carry a full and complete stock.
Fine Hand Work a Specialty.
All Repairing Done Promptly at Low Figures.
GRAHAM TEXAS.

The **J. B. Norris Hardware Co.**
ARE CARRYING AN IMMENSE STOCK

BUGGIES, CARRIAGES, SURREYS, CULTIVATORS, WAGONS, PHAETONS, HARROWS



AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,
WIND MILLS, TANKS, PUMPS, PIPING, ETC.
IN FACT, EVERYTHING FOUND IN A FIRST CLASS HARDWARE HOUSE.

Our Tin and Repair Shop is Complete.
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A Large Stock of Heating and Cooking Stoves,
Among which are the "SUPERIOR" "WOOD HAWK" "CHAR-
TER OAK" and other popular brands, which we are selling
at Reasonable Prices.

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PORTER & EDDLEMAN,
MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN
Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Whips, &c.



Everything in our line kept constantly on hand or made to order on short notice.

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R. F. Arnold, First Vice President.
J. B. Norris, Second Vice President.

W. T. Stewart, Cashier.
J. H. Norman, Ass't. Cashier.

The Beckham National Bank.
Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, 25,000.

A Disgusted Editor.

Sulphur Springs Gazette.
The Gazette is sick and is got enough, and it this town wants to go to the devil and Tom Walker we will let her go. Dad blame our cats, we are tired of boosting the enterprise of Sulphur Springs when it is as dead as a door nail and if God will forgive us for the ten thousand lies we have told about the town we declare we will reform. If we ever go to hell we will attribute it to the number of lies we have told since we have been the quill pusher of this paper, and as a debt of gratitude for what we have done, the town ought to get up a petition to have us pardoned. We have called men enterprising who haven't enough life to scare a rat and who will die no doubt with the disease of physical stagnation. We have called ugly, trying, deformed, bow-legged, cross-eyed brats fine, lovely, bouncing babies and spoken of girls being beautiful who would stop a Chinese funeral or wreck a freight train. We have referred to some of our society belles as being graceful when they were as awkward as a cow, and have spoken of others as polished and cultivated who wouldn't know but the writer was the author of Paradise Lost, or Cyclone Davis wrote the Declaration of Independence. We have called men local benefactors and philanthropists who will hug a dollar until the American eagle squeals and the Goddess of Liberty bellows like a dying calf. By gads, if the people of this town want cockle burs in their hair, take a bath once a year and sow the public square in mesquite grass and let moss grow over their front doors we don't give a continental, and we are in favor of forming a league to lynch any son of a gun who will come to this place and have the gall to put in electric lights or add any public improvement. We are also in favor of building a brick wall around this county so high that a jaybird can not fly over it to prevent immigration and to employ a militia to shoot down any man on the spot who attempts to come into the rest of the earth and around this wall put this inscription, "Banish all hope ye who enter here." Furthermore, a quarantine law should be passed against all who are democrats, prohis and republicans, and the populists should reign supreme. This is the hope we have for the future of Sulphur Springs, although it is our intention to migrate to a more congenial clime.

If crazy Crawford or any other man who is bordering on insanity wants to purchase the Gazette we are his huckleberry, and we will sell at any price. We don't know if there is such a fool, but if there is, for God's sake send him to us. In the future we want to move to Saltillo and start a daily paper, and although down there they shoot rabbits on the streets and have public foot-washing on Sunday we know we can make money. We have got enough of Sulphur Springs for all time to come. Lo! these many years we have been trying to save from the devil and the populists and we have given up in despair. Any man who would enter this county either to be sent to the penitentiary or be submitted to an examination by physicians to see if his mental calibre wasn't filled with saw-dust. This county is only fit for Chinamen, Dutch peddlers, Simon Agar, Ed Jones, mosquitoes fleas and the populists, and we hope that no one with a head the size of a rat terrier will move here.

Every ripple of the river clasps a sunbeam, every morning-glory holds a dew-drop, every mocking-bird trills a love song, every fleet-foot zephyr has an odor of violets, every day awakes from a bed of tinted glory and sinks to sleep upon a couch of purple and gold, every night is bespangled with starlight and sweet with radiant dreams, and life is "a grand, sweet song" down here in "grand old Texas."—Dallas News.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee of Virginia, has been appointed Consul-General at Havana, vice Ramon E. Williams, resigned.

Reagan's Speech.

The following is an excerpt from a report of Hon. John H. Reagan's speech delivered before Camp Albert Sidney Johnson, U. C. V., at the Grand opera house in San Antonio:
"And coming down to a later period and nearer home, who can contemplate the heroic courage, the love of liberty, and the great sacrifices made by the pioneers of Texas, the deathless courage of the defenders of the Alamo, and the intrepid valor of the heroes of San Jacinto without his bosom swelling with pride on account of his being a citizen of Texas?"
And still later, who that remembers the unequal valor, the self-sacrificing devotion of our men and women during the brief and stormy life to the late confederate state government; who can remember the sublime grandeur, the self-sacrificing devotion to interests of the people of the confederacy, of their great leader and president, Jefferson Davis; who can remember the splendid military genius of General R. E. Lee, General Stonewall Jackson, General Sydney Johnson and their brother officers; and who can remember the conduct of the noble women of the confederacy in their struggles to provide for and take care of the families at home, and to furnish clothes and supplies for the fathers, the husbands and sons on the field, without feeling proud that he was a Confederate, or that he is the descendant of a Confederate?"

If the present congress has passed a single bill for the benefit of the people, we would like to have our attention called to it. The only measure they are likely to pass that will be for the public good will be the resolution of adjournment. Every measure that has been entertained or discussed has had for its object political plunder, or official boodle. Senators and representatives vote for each other's pet schemes, if thereby they can get help for schemes of their own. Policy, and not principle, seems to dominate in legislative halls, and members are alert only to see that their opponents do not put through and get credit for some salutary law. And political parties are so divided that a majority can always be marshaled in opposition to any measure for the benefit of the people. These conditions are patent to all readers of the daily papers. Will there be any improvement? Not until the people refuse to be led around by the nose, in the wake of political bosses, and vote for men rather than for parties.—Farm and Ranch.

The Graphic says Mineral Wells is a candidate for the congressional convention and offers superior hotel accommodations at low rates, beside a hall will be ready with seating capacity for all delegates and lookers on.—Mineral Wells on the half way ground between the western end of the district and the northern and north-western portion. Our railroad officials stand pledged to provide every necessary facility for delegates coming over the Ft. Worth & Denver and the T. & P. We are better prepared to entertain the convention than either Cisco or Abilene and El Paso is so far from the great majority of the delegates that it would not seem advisable to call the meeting of the convention in that city. Give us the convention, we will do the balance necessary.

Spain continues to be very, very mad at the United States. She has about made up her mind that Cuba is going to "lick" her, and she lays the blame at the door of the United States. She says the revolution would have been crushed long ago had it not been for the filibustering expeditions sent out from the United States.

The confession of Holmes has been published to the world and is horrible in its details and in the number of victims it accounts for. Holmes says he has killed twenty-seven persons and tells the method he employed in each instance. He has proven himself the arch-killer of the civilized world.

The Silver Landslide.

The Chicago Times-Herald, radical gold standard organ and supporter of the administration's financial policy, forecasts the silver landslide that is coming. It says:
"The first democratic county convention, held at Carlinville, declared for Altgeld for governor and unequivocally for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Other counties are getting ready to follow the example of the Carlinville convention. It is not believed that the Carlinville convention represented the sentiment of Illinois democracy on the currency question, but it begins to look as though the party in this state were drifting irretrievably into the control of the free silver faction."
"The declaration of the state convention of the prohibition party in favor of the free coinage of silver, white having no great political significance, indicates the existence of a free silver sentiment. Ex-Governor Boies of Iowa will decline to be a delegate to the national convention if the state convention adopts a hard money plank. The first democratic county convention held in Michigan declared for free coinage without reservation or qualification."
"The honest money advocates in the democratic party will have to bestir themselves if they head off the party from crashing headlong down the free coinage precipice."

Telegrams to Women.

The telegraph messenger who keeps his eyes open has an opportunity to note many curious phases of human nature. One told recently that women never opened a telegram without turning pale, and when the message was not alarming they looked disappointed. He delivered about two death messages a day, four birth messages, a great many business messages and once in a great while a love message that makes him tired to carry it. He carried one recently to a young man in town that read: "How are you to-day, darling?" The answer went promptly back by the boy, and was to the effect: "I am better, love." He once carried a message of death to a colored woman, and after reading it her emotions overcame her to such an extent that she caught the messenger in her arms and soundly boxed his ears. Another colored woman refused to open or sign for a message, but walked the floor and beat her heart and screamed, supposing it announced a death. When all the neighbors had come in one more venturesome than the rest read the message. It was simple a notice that the woman's sister would come up from Leavenworth that evening to see her.—Athens Globe.

A populist walked up to a Terrell merchant the other day and asked him how he stood on the financial question and suggested that he had better change as there would probably be changes this fall after the election. The merchant replied that "when he had a gold dollar he was a gold man; when he had a silver dollar he was a silver man and when he didn't have any, he was a populist." This satisfied the populist and he immediately dropped his head and walked off.—Times-Star.

A Johnston lassie described to the local editor of the Monitor how it felt to be kissed for the first time. She says "it made her feel like a tub of butter swimming in honey, cologne, nutmeg and cranberries and as though something ran down her nerves on feet of diamonds, escorted by several Cupids in chariots drawn by angels shaded with honey suckle, and the whole spread with melted rainbow."

Scientific men tell us there is no further danger to the world from Asiatic cholera. They tell us that by treating it with the new Roentgen rays it is rendered as harmless as ear-ache. They say that the germ is destroyed almost immediately by turning these rays on it. They also say diphtheria and other epidemics of this kind can be handled just as easy.

CASTORIA

for Infants and Children.

MOTHERS, DO YOU KNOW that Paregoric, Bateman's Drops, Godfrey's Cordial, many so-called Soothing Syrups, and most remedies for children are composed of opium or morphine?
Do You Know that opium and morphine are stupefying narcotic poisons?
Do You Know that in most countries druggists are not permitted to sell narcotics without labeling them poisons?
Do You Know that you should not permit any medicine to be given your child unless you or your physician know of what it is composed?
Do You Know that Castoria is a purely vegetable preparation, and that a list of its ingredients is published with every bottle?
Do You Know that Castoria is the prescription of the famous Dr. Samuel P. Fitcher. That it had been in use for nearly thirty years, and that more Castoria is now sold than of all other remedies for children combined?
Do You Know that the Patent Office Department of the United States, and of other countries, have issued exclusive right to Dr. Fitcher and his assigns to use the word "Castoria" and its formula, and that to imitate them is a state prison offense?
Do You Know that one of the reasons for granting this government protection was because Castoria had been proved to be absolutely harmless?
Do You Know that 35 average doses of Castoria are furnished for 35 cents, or one cent a dose?
Do You Know that when possessed of this perfect preparation, your children may be kept well, and that you may have unbroken rest?
Well, these things are worth knowing. They are facts.

The fac-simile signature of *Dr. H. P. Fitcher* is on every wrapper.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

The Monroe Doctrine.

Here's Bob Burdette's idea of the Monroe doctrine:
"The Monroe doctrine, Bidwell, simply and implicitly declares that no foreign nation shall come over here and slide down our cellar door; that England and France shall not hang on our front gate to do their own courting; that they can't bring over their own syrup pots and elder sprouts and make maple sugar in our grove; that Germany and Austria can't spot no bee tree in Italy; that Italy can't cut her firewood out of our hedge-rows; that Russia can't spank her neighbors' children with our butter paddle. The Monroe doctrine simply means that we are the bull of the woods between the two oceans, and the man who joins farms with us on either side had better not move the boundary fence until he talks to us about it, and that he can't sub-let a patch on his farm to anybody until we are satisfied that the new tenant will make a good neighbor for us. That's about all there is to it."

The Comanche Chief has boldly exposed an attempt on the part of the county attorney and justice of the peace at Comanche to tamper with the verdict of a jury, and when the verdict was rendered contrary to their wishes, they entered upon a judgment not authorized by the verdict. The Chief proves its every charge from the records. If this is a fair sample of populist rule, we hope to escape from it for all time to come.—Granbury News.

A reporter in describing the funeral of a prominent citizen wrote: "The corpse rested quietly in the casket."

There is no neutral ground between right and wrong. It is either right or it is wrong.

Thousands of Women

SUFFER UNTOLD MISERIES.

BRADFIELD'S

FEMALE

REGULATOR,

ACTS AS A SPECIFIC

By Arousing to Healthy Action all her Organs.

It causes health to bloom, and joy to reign throughout the frame.

... It Never Fails to Regulate...

"My wife has been under treatment of leading physicians three years, without benefit. After using three bottles of BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR she can do her own cooking, milking and mending."

W. B. BRADFIELD, Proprietor, Atlanta, Ga.

BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Sold by druggists at \$1.00 per bottle.

WANTED—Several trustworthy gentlemen or ladies to travel in Texas for established, reliable house. Salary \$750 and expenses, steady position. Enclose reference and self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Third Floor, Omaha Building, Chicago.

Eczema in Cattle.

The Livestock Champion has from time to time heard of a malady or disease among Panhandle cattle, called itch. On Monday Dr. Cartwright called on the editor to ascertain where the advertisement by B. B. Burdette was found, and then told him a number of his cattle are affected with eczema. He stated that the disease first makes its appearance on the shoulders or lower portion of the neck, and if no relief is given the animal, death often results. Symptoms in cattle are a constant rubbing; an examination of the animal will show the skin to be hard and rough, and the animal will continue rubbing until great sores, often as large as a man's hand, are made. The Doctor informed us that he has a complete and warranted cure for the disease, which seems to be caused by a parasite living and propagating its species in the skin and around the roots of the hair, at least we judge so by the method of treatment and cure. The Doctor puts three pounds of sulphur and one pound of un-salted lime in ten gallons of water and boils the mixture. The boiling causes the lime and sulphur to unite and form an emulsion. He ropes the animal, makes secure, and with a brush or rag swab rubs the emulsion thoroughly into the affected parts. One application usually cures, but in a desperate case he gives a second treatment. He also says that this treatment will remove all the waxy or blotched places from a calf's head and neck. We advise everyone of our readers who has itch or eczema among his cattle to give this recipe a fair trial, for at most the cost would not exceed twenty-five cents.—Amarilla Champion.

The Texian believes that a majority of qualified voters of the democratic party has the right to formulate its platform. We believe that every disputed question should go direct to the voters and that each one should have a voice in the deliberations of his party. An honest election, with the question fairly submitted, should be binding upon every democrat. Consequently the Texian cannot endorse the action of the meeting at Dallas in refusing to make the fight within party lines. This rule or ruin policy is not democracy.—Breckinridge Texian.

Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us, nor frightened from it by menaces of destruction to the government, nor of dungeons to ourselves. Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.—Abraham Lincoln.

The Graham Leader.

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Bryan T. Barry has withdrawn from the congressional race in the sixth district.

The merchant who advertises does not have time to talk politics or whittle on his boxes.

Politics in Texas is becoming mixed and, like the weather, is growing hotter every day.

The Texas Press Association met at El Paso on Tuesday, and are now excurting in Mexico.

The mission board of the Northwest Texas conference M. E. church meets at Palo Pinto on the 12th inst.

The ex-slave bureau at Washington City, has declared a fraud by the postoffice department, and no doubt will be suspended.

The Knights of Pythias held its grand lodge meeting in Waco last week, and its members excurted to Mexico at the close of the session.

Ex-Gov. Hogg will rally the boys from the forks of the creek with one of his old-time rousing speeches at Waxahachie next Wednesday.

R. J. Fuston, the old Scotchman sent to the penitentiary from Haskell county for killing his daughter's betrayer, has been pardoned by the governor.

McKinley now seems to have the presidential nomination grabbed. If he should fail on the first or second ballot, Benj. Harrison will likely be the nominee.

Much as has been said about the escape of George Taylor who was sentenced to be hung at Carrollton, Mo., yesterday, most men would have done the same thing.

If Judge Culberson offers for renomination for congress again, Mr. Dudley and the other kids in the old gentleman's district could save time and money by stepping aside.

Several prominent sound money men who attended the gold bug meeting at Dallas now refuse to endorse the action of that meeting and will remain in the ranks of pure and undefiled democracy.

Geo. Clark, Rufus Hardy, et al., are now courting favor with the republicans and want to combine the gold standard forces with that party in an attempt to defeat the democratic party in Texas. This is not surprising, for they belong in the republican party and it is about time they were wearing the proper brand. Coney will welcome them and the democracy will spare them willingly.

It May Do As Much For You. Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began the use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure all kidney and bladder troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price 50c, and \$1.00. At D. R. Akin & Co's Drug Store.

Mineral Wells wants the congressional convention, and the convention should be held there by all means. Towns on the T. & P. and the F. W. & D. C. can easily compromise on Mineral Wells, as it is on neutral ground and convenient for all. We hope the Wells will get it, as its people will sustain their reputation for hospitality, and furnish a hall of sufficient capacity to accommodate the convention.

Prosperity was never won by the hand or tongue of a pessimist; printers, look aloft and keep the cheerful side of life in view. Grumble seldom; sing and whistle often. Who said "God bless the man that whistles at his work?"

The man who goes about with his head cast down and eyes on the ground, may pick up many a nickle, now and then a gold piece, and perhaps some day a bank note; but he misses the great blue sky above, the great green beautiful earth about him and the sunlight in the air.—The Type Founder.

When in Mineral Wells buy your groceries from Campbell Bros.

Senator Goss. SEYMOUR, Texas, April 21, 1896. Editor Leader: In your issue of April 17, you say that some of the Democrats of Young county would like to hear from me on the financial question. I have no hesitancy in expressing myself on this or any other question affecting my candidacy for re-election to the State Senate.

I am in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold by the U. S. government at the ratio of 16 to 1. I have never advocated the single gold standard. At one time I considered it very desirable to secure an international agreement, but this seems to be no longer a practical question, and I favor independent action by the United States. The sooner we determine this question for ourselves the better it will be for our country. Yours truly, D. F. Goss.

It would be a physical impossibility for the populists to win in Texas over the democrats this year. Their only hope of so doing would be in a perfect union with the republicans, reinforced by the soreheads. But can not any man see that the republican party, nationally and state, is hopelessly divided? As thoroughly divided on the silver question itself, as the democrats? Still neither faction, much less both, will coalesce with the populists this year. Their county and district conventions in Texas are ending in rows and splits, but under the hope of national success all will be loyal to straight party tickets as the means and excuse for demanding a division of the anticipated spoils. Texas could not bear the blight of populism, which has killed the northwest. Nor will it be compelled to—the "prediction" is challenged that any danger exists in that direction.—Houston Post.

The Ideal Panacea. James L. Francis, Alhambra, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations." Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 30 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial bottles free at Akin's Drug Store.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a Girl, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Summer Normal. Johnston & Fowler will teach a Summer Normal at Graham, beginning May 18th. All persons preparing to teach will do well to attend. Write them.

Cultivators, Double Shovel, Turning Plovers and Wagons at lowest prices at RACKET STORE.

Our readers and friends in the country by saying "I saw it in THE LEADER," when in Graham buying goods from any firm that advertises in this paper, will do THE LEADER a service that will be appreciated. Advertisers, no matter in what business, like to know that what they say in the paper is read. Testimony to that effect will be helpful to us and not cost the reader anything.

Taylor, Texas, complains of an unusual number of foot pads and several citizens have recently been held up by them.

thin baby Poor baby! Your pity goes out to it and rightly. To be thin, for a baby, is to be deprived of its natural ease; to suffer and not be able to feel it; to wear a sad pinched face; to live on the edge of sickness; to grow imperfectly; and to lose the power of resisting disease. When a baby is thin it needs more fat than it gets from its food; it is starved, fat-starved. Scott's Emulsion is the easiest fat it can have; the fat it needs. Half of

Scott's Emulsion is taken by babies. Mothers like it because it brings the dimples back. SCOTT'S EMULSION has been endorsed by the medical profession for twenty years. It is the only food that is always palatable and which can be given to the most delicate children. It is the only food that is always palatable and which can be given to the most delicate children. It is the only food that is always palatable and which can be given to the most delicate children.

Boils

It is often difficult to convince people their blood is impure, until dreadful carbuncles, abscesses, boils, scrofula or salt rheum, are painful proof of the fact. It is wisdom now, or whenever there is any indication of

Impure Blood

blood, to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, and prevent such eruptions and suffering. "I had a dreadful carbuncle abscess, red, fiery, fierce and sore. The doctor attended me over seven weeks. When the abscess broke, the pains were terrible, and I thought I should not live through it. I heard and read so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla, that I decided to take it, and my husband, who was suffering with boils, took it also. It soon purified our

Blood

built me up and restored my health so that, although the doctor said I would not be able to work hard, I have since done the work for 20 people. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured my husband of the boils, and we regard it a wonderful medicine." Mrs. ANNA PETERSON, Latimer, Kansas.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists sell Hood's Pills, cure liver ills, easy to take, and easy to operate. 25 cents.

Hon. Alvin Owsley, of Denton, who so persistently refused a change of the libel law by the last legislature, was in Austin recently. He said to a reporter: "I am not coming back to the legislature, but I will, if requested, draw up a bill to be presented to the next legislature. It will be an act providing that unless malice on the part of the paper is proved the plaintiff must pay the cost of the suit, including attorneys' fees, regardless of whether he gets a judgment or not. Then there will not be so many damage suits against newspapers filed."

SECRET SOCIETIES. MASONIC. B. A. BOTTS CHAPTER No. 167 R. A. M., meets Friday night of or before the full moon of each month. Visiting companions invited to attend. Jo. W. AKIN, I. P.

A. T. GAY, Sec. YOUNG COUNTY LODGE No. 485, A. F. & A. M. meets on Saturday night of or before the full moon of each month. A. B. McDONALD, W. M. Jo. W. AKIN, Sec.

Belknap Lodge No. 650 A. F. & A. M., meets on the first Saturday night in each month. W. B. POPE, W. M. M. N. HARDY, Sec'y.

I. O. O. F. ADELPHI LODGE No. 251, I. O. O. F., meets on second and fourth Saturday nights in each month in Knights of Pythias hall. W. J. HENRY, EDGAR RYE, N. G. Rec. Sec'y.

K. O. F. H. TWIN MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 2202, Knights of Honor, meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month. O. E. FINLAY, Dictator. J. R. HARRIS, Reporter.

K. O. F. Corinthian Lodge, No. 143, Knights of Pythias, meets in Castle Hall every Monday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend. Jo. W. AKIN, K. of R. & S.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS. ATTORNEYS. P. A. MAKIN, LAWYER. Practices in all courts. Has complete abstracts of Young county land titles. Notary in office. Beckham National Bank building. GRAHAM, TEXAS.

JOHNSON & AKIN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Graham, Texas. Will practice in the courts of Young and adjoining counties. Office upstairs in the Morrison-Street brick.

JOHN C. KAY, LAWYER. Office in the Court House. GRAHAM, TEXAS.

O. E. FINLAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, and Land Agent. Graham, Young County, Texas.

DENTISTS. E. F. LEWIS, DENTIST. Office opposite College building in Crawford addition. Operative and Mechanical Plate Work A Specialty. GRAHAM, TEXAS.

DR. W. A. MORRIS, DENTIST. Office over Beckham Nat'l Bank building. GRAHAM, TEXAS.

DR. M. H. CHISM, DENTIST and PHOTOGRAPHER. Graham, Texas. West side of the square, one door south of Morrison's.

PHYSICIANS. U. M. SCOGIN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Graham, Texas. Office Up Stairs, Over Bigham & Crain's.

DR. R. N. PRICE, Physician, Surgeon and Obstetrician, Graham, Texas. Office promptly attended to in town or country. Office at Graham & Co's drug store.

Don't Stop Tobacco.

How to Cure Yourself While Using It. The tobacco habit grows on a man until his nervous system is seriously affected, impairing health, comfort and happiness. To quit suddenly is too severe a shock to the system, as tobacco to an inveterate user becomes a stimulant that his system continually craves.

"Baco-Curo" is a scientific cure for the tobacco habit, in all its forms, carefully compounded after the formula of an eminent Berlin physician who has used it in his private practice since 1872, without a failure. It is purely vegetable and guaranteed perfectly harmless. You can use all the tobacco you want while taking "Baco-Curo." It will notify you when to stop. We give a written guarantee to cure permanently any case with three boxes, or refund the money with 10 per cent. interest. "Baco-Curo" is not a substitute, but a scientific cure, that cures without the aid of will power and with no inconvenience. It leaves the system as pure and free from nicotine as the day you took your first chew or smoke.

Cured by Baco-Curo and Gained Thirty Pounds. From hundreds of testimonials, the originals of which are on file and open to inspection, the following is presented:

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The State Executive Committee met at Austin on February 5th, and approving the fact that the silver party has been a disturbing element in the party in Texas for several years.

Resolved: There shall be held on the 6th day of June 1896, throughout the State of Texas, a general election.

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Improvements being made everywhere.

Dr. W. A. Morris is in Mineral Wells this week.

Capt. A. B. Gant has gone on a business trip to East Texas.

Several Graham people have gone to Proffitt to take in the picnic.

The LEADER from now until Jan. 1, 1897, for 50 cents cash in advance.

W. A. Pharis and Virg Eddleman have gone to Henrietta with a drove of cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blakey of Lacy have been visiting relatives in the city this week.

The mill will close soon for repairs, but the corn mill will continue to run as usual.

Mrs. J. T. Rickman was seriously ill last Sunday, but is now said to be improving slowly.

T. E. Dowdle has been quite sick for the past two weeks, but is now able to be about again.

Make it a point to see that your blood is purified, enriched and vitalized at this season with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Chas. B. Gant returned Tuesday from Mineral Wells, where he had been to market a bunch of hogs.

Services at the Christian church Sunday and Sunday night. All are invited.

If there is any place prettier than Graham, when she puts on her robes of green, we would like to see it.

"Mr. Steadham and Vol Crawford, of Miller Bend, came in Tuesday to take a look at a dry town.

Rev. W. H. Wycough has been attending the meeting of the Fort Worth presbytery at Mineral Wells.

Mrs. J. M. Mallett, of Weatherford, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Fisher, on South Oak street.

Capt. T. H. C. Peery, candidate for representative, addressed the voters at the court house Monday night.

The family of Jno. F. Orrell have been quite sick for some time, but we are glad to learn are now improving.

Miss Nettie Short is still quite sick, but it is hoped by her numerous friends that she may recover speedily.

E. Jackson has returned to the city after an absence of about ten days on land business for the Graham agency.

The office seekers spoke at Lower Tonk valley Saturday night. There was quite a crowd of candidates and voters present.

An awning is being erected in front of the bank, extending down to and including S. B. Street & Co., which will be quite an improvement.

T. E. Dowdle is making some necessary and substantial improvements at his livery stable.

Last Sunday was an unusually warm day for April—the thermometers registering 100 in the shade at 2 o'clock p. m.

The wheat and oat crops are needing rain and farmers say these crops will be cut short if rain does not come at once.

It does not appear that any one is hankering after the offices of commissioner and justice of the peace in precinct No. 1.

Things political will be sufficiently lively in Young county during the next thirty days to keep the flies on the move.

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Miss Alice Lindsey is again confined to her room with a relapse of the measles. She has been seriously ill, but is now improving.

J. C. Hindman has made a wonderful improvement in the appearance of his residence by the addition of a coat or two of paint.

Eld. Ira Adams and wife, V. F. Gorriessen and family and Mrs. W. O. Clark left Tuesday on a fishing excursion to Dillingham prairie.

The school at Eliasville will close on the 15th inst. with an old fashion all-day examination and dinner on the ground. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Timmons, mother of Worth Timmons, returned to her home at Fort Worth last Friday after a pleasant visit to relatives in this county.

Harry Graham has returned from the Southwestern University at Georgetown and will spend his vacation here with his parents and friends.

Dr. Geo. F. LeGrand left Monday morning for Fort Worth to attend the meeting of the State Medical association now in session in that city.

R. Latimer, who was bitten by a spider some two weeks ago, is now able to be about. He suffered severely and was forced to go on crutches for several days.

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Ben Moseley, sr., is suffering from a splinter in the hand. He is unable to get around among the voters just now, but says he will come in on the home stretch.

Dr. Price, Jim Norman and Free-land Short, with their ladies, went up to Turtle Hole Monday evening and caught all the fish in the hole. No use in anybody else going.

C. E. Robinson went to farming two or three months ago, but it did not take him long to get enough of it. He has moved back to town and is again connected with the mill.

Mr. Wyatt, of Waco, cousin to our genial Jno. M. Wyatt, arrived in Graham last week and will make his home here in future. He is engaged with the Graham Mercantile Company.

On account of measles I will close my school until the 10th of May. Will then teach until the middle of July. Will continue my music lessons from now on at my own house. Respectfully, MRS. VOULES.

Jesse Harrell of South Bend had an examining trial before Justice Starrett last Saturday on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$150, which he gave, and is now at liberty.

D. M. Higgins came down from the Spring Creek community Monday. He says he found a sack of wheat and the end-gate of a wagon in the road this side of True. He left them at the mill, where the owner can get them.

Geo. F. Parsons, of Sorghum Flat, Stephens county, was in the city Saturday accompanied by I. W. Steel, Frank West and Miss Alice Lynch. George also had his son, young "McGruder," along with him and reported everything flourishing in "Sorghum Flat."

Gus Young, who has twice been sent to the insane asylum from this county and each time discharged from that institution as cured, was found in his horse lot at his home near Eliasville last Friday in a sad plight. It seems he had roped a wild horse and in some way was dragged about and bruised by the animal. He was unconscious when found and could give no intelligible account of the affair.

W. T. Stewart and M. S. Handy returned Wednesday from a ten days' trip to Waco and other Texas cities. Mr. Stewart was accompanied home by his son, Graham, who has been visiting relatives at Fort Worth.

Rev. R. E. Sherrill preached at the Presbyterian church to a large and appreciative congregation last Sunday. Mr. Sherrill was formerly a citizen of Graham and has scores of friends here who were glad of an opportunity to hear him again.

Preston Brooks left last Friday for Fort Worth, where he will have a surgical operation performed, with a hope of obtaining permanent relief from a complaint that has given him much trouble of late. He was accompanied by his wife and father.

A prominent citizen of the northern part of the county suggests that when another election comes on the candidates be invited to stay at home and allow the voters to come and see them. He says "time about is fair play," and believes the candidates should entertain the voters next time.

The improvement at the cemetery continues and it is worth a walk out to this sacred spot to see the good work that is being done. It the Ladies' Cemetery association keep on they will make this the most beautiful cemetery in the state and we fear that it may cause some people to want to die, just for the privilege of being buried there.

The public school is increasing in attendance. Several have returned since having the measles. While more than fifty cases were reported at one time, the school has never fallen below 97 in attendance. Miss Alice Lindsey will not be able to teach any during the remainder of the term. Prof. Fowler is up and at his post of duty again.

Call on Matthews & Tidwell for cheap Groceries.

The ex-confederates met at the court house Saturday morning to observe Memorial Day. Routine business of the Camp was attended to and Capt. Peery of Seymour addressed the audience, reciting stirring scenes of the late war, and making withal an able and appropriate address. The old soldiers then formed in line and marched to the cemetery, where the graves of departed soldiers were decorated with a profusion of choice flowers. Many beautiful girls and young ladies were in the procession, which added a charm and grace to the occasion. Returning from the cemetery ranks were broken for a bountiful repast spread by the ladies under the trees in Commerce park. The attendance was not as large as was expected, but a pleasant and profitable day was spent by all present.

If you want the best and cheapest Groceries, call on MATTHEWS & TIDWELL.

A Magnificent Display.

The time has come when every one is looking out for something suitable and comfortable to wear during the heated term, and if you are looking for just what you want you need go no further than Jno. E. Morrison & Co.'s, where you will find a magnificent display of summer clothing and gents' furnishing goods in all up-to-date styles and at prices that will surprise you. They have a heavy stock of everything in this line and are selling at a great reduction from usual prices for cash. You can get the same goods and the same prices at this popular house that you can in Fort Worth or Dallas. The goods are here and must be disposed of; so if you need summer clothing or anything in the gents' furnishing line and have the cash to spend Jno. E. Morrison & Co. will save you money.

To the Voters of Young County.

GRAHAM, TEXAS, April 27, 1896.

Many campaign falsehoods have been, and will be, afloat in regard to me, but recently one R. C. McPhail, a Pharisee of the strictest sect, has seen fit to circulate in the northern part of the county, and perhaps elsewhere, that "O. E. Finlay had illegally used Two Hundred Dollars of the Public School funds, and that the Commissioners' Court had taxed the people of the county to pay it back."

I denounce said statement as a base falsehood and a vile slander, not only to myself, but against our Courts, grand juries and treasurer, and maliciously circulated by said McPhail for the purpose of injuring my reputation as a lawyer, citizen, and as a candidate for County Judge.

O. E. FINLAY.

Matthews & Tidwell will sell you more and better groceries for less money than any house in town.

About the Candidates.

Mr. Editor: Just at this particular time the yeomanry of the country are being most mercilessly besieged by the "greatest plague" that has visited the country since the "gras-hoppers winged their flight to parts remote," and that is the many candidate that have so recently made their appearance in our midst, and unless relief is immediately obtained we fear a panic will be the inevitable result. They appear simultaneously, too, in bands ranging from 1 to 10 happening up on a fellow so unexpectedly that he is either forced to speak his sentiments and opinion of them or else abscond by an unknown path "to more congenial surroundings." Oh! they are "cheeky" rascals, they are. They would make an old town cow utterly ashamed of herself. They are also very polite and courteous. Just now they greet a fellow with a welcome that could be distinctly heard in Graham, and exhaust the English language in making inquiries regarding his health and that of his family if he is lucky enough to have one. They are affable, too, if they are cheeky. Some denounce them as hypocrites, others as deceitful, but we think they are about the proper article. We wish they would come oftener and stay longer, for you know they are self-sustaining(?) and therefore inexpensive. They are very much like heel flies, that is they come regular, but stay longer, and get a move on everybody, especially the good housewife about dinner time, who, in her heroic efforts to please their fastidious tastes, usually collapses with the backache.

But come, gentlemen, as often as you wish, and we will assure you a cordial welcome, provided, however, you will let us know about ten days in advance so that we may be fully prepared for your reception. A plow, hoe or other utensil is all that will be necessary, and we will let you electioneer just as long as you wish to, that is if you do your work well. Now don't get discouraged, boys, at our proposition and wither by the way side, but come ahead; we guarantee you good treatment and plenty to do. The sixth of June is a good long ways off and there's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip.

So rustle out and get to work, leaving your case in the hands of friends who will put you to the front if you can, and give you the honors you deserve. Young county has never produced a more honorable or competent lot of candidates, but some of you will "get left."

23-20-2.

Lacy, Texas.

Public Speaking.

The Democratic candidates for the various county offices of Young county will address the voters of said county at the following times and places:

Miller Bend, Fri., May 1, " " Profit, Thurs., " 30, Eliasville, Sat., May 2, 10 a. m. South Bend, " " 2, 8 p. m. Spring Creek, Fri., " 8, " " Olney, " " 9, " " True, Fri., " 15, " " Indian Mound, Sat., " 18, " " Markley, " " 30, " " All are invited to be present.

Do Not Do This.

Do not be induced to buy any other if you have made up your mind to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. Remember that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures when all others fail. Do not give up in despair because other medicines have failed to help you. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully and you may reasonably expect to be cured.

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A Correction.

In reporting the proceedings of the teachers' institute the reporter made it read that Prof. R. Lindsey does not advocate moral training in the public schools. Prof. Lindsey believes in it. He assumed in the discussion that there are no good results derived from it; but said at the close of the discussion that he took the position for argument's sake. Hence the correction.

ONE PRESENT.

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Facts From Farmer.

Our community has "gone dry" and we are wanting to see another good rain. Crops, however, are not suffering yet.

Rev. J. J. Harris preached an interesting sermon here last Sunday. J. M. Keen went to Graham last Tuesday on a business trip.

W. L. Airheart and wife visited in Farmer last Sunday.

Uncle Jimmie Hawkins and his daughter, Miss Jennie, visited in Farmer the first of the week.

J. B. Wear's baby has been sick for some time, but it is now on the mend. Mrs. Wear has also been sick, but she is now also improving.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Drum visited relatives near Indian Mound last Saturday and Sunday.

Allen Casey has a new way of soliciting votes. He approached the writer a few days since with "red in his eye" and demanded a vote or he'd have blood. We told him to wait till election day, then we would consider the matter.

J. D. Spencer, W. M. Hayter and J. H. Langfit have bought some experience in the life insurance business in the last few days. Nick Gegg got some also; however his was a different kind from the others.

The populist brethren held their precinct convention here last Saturday, Chairman Powell presiding. The object of the meeting was to elect delegates to the county convention. J. D. Spencer, W. L. Airheart and R. T. Powell were selected.

Uncle Billy King has been confined to his room for some time on account of a kick he received from an old, gentle work horse. He was seriously hurt but is now improving.

It has been reported that the populists are discussing John Hunt as good timber to run for sheriff. We do not vouch for the truth of said report, however.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis will start to Comanche county on a visit in a short time, where Mrs. Davis will remain all summer.

Charley Keen and Miss Bertha Hayter, Matt Andrews and Miss Sallie Lamons, Mrs. Dr. Wilson, Albert Wilson and several others went to Bethel Sunday to preaching.

There will be a Sunday school picnic at Farmer on Friday, May 22. We are expecting a full quota of candidates on that day. Everybody invited to come and "bring a basket of dinner" with them. The base ball enthusiasts are preparing for a series of games on that day. Other teams are invited to be present.

SIVAD.

Indian Mound Matters.

It seems as if prohibition had been extended so as to take in the weather, as it is getting excessively dry up here.

There was a good attendance at the entertainment Saturday night. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

School has been suspended on account of the measles.

Sam McCombs, from Greer Co., Ok., is in our midst visiting old friends.

Candidates plentiful. X. Y. Z.

South Bend Budget.

How green everything is—even the writer; but rain is needed here pretty badly.

The school will give an exhibition at the close of the ensuing term. Elder Parker preached here Sunday to a large audience. Several from a distance were present.

Lee Mitchell is talked of a candidate for assessor.

The young folks had a pleasant gathering at O. A. McBrayer's Saturday night. The string band furnished some music.

There has been but few fish caught as yet.

Prof. Gray has a bicycle. He intends to start on a trip to the moon about the first of June.

Andrew Irvin went to Jones county after his wife last week, returning this week.

The candidates are announced to blow off some campaign steam with us Saturday night.

Will Britton was on the sick list last week; but he is now convalescing.

It was reported here recently that all the candidates for assessor had withdrawn from the race except twenty-seven. We can not vouch for the authenticity of the report.

The populists of the community held a meeting here Saturday last. No particulars of the meeting were learned.

Captain Gay, Messrs. Kay and Jackson were out fishing one day last week, but they went home "nixie."

Mr. Elkins, wife and daughters, Misses Martha and Mollie, were visiting friends in the community Sunday.

GEN. A. GEE.

Tribute of Respect.

Whereas, The Great Ruler of the universe in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our worthy and esteemed brother, J. B. Shunaker, and whereas, the fraternal relation held during his membership with Corinthian Lodge No. 148, K. of P., makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of him. Therefore be it

Resolved, That his gentlemanly manner, unswerving honesty, fidelity to truth, and his christian character will be held in grateful remembrance by the members of this lodge.

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such a noble brother, citizen, father, husband, christian from our midst leaves a vacancy and shadow that will be deeply realized by the church, lodge, society and family of the deceased.

Resolved, That with deep sympathy for the afflicted relatives and friends of the deceased, we appropriate to be read for their highest good.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Lodge, a copy delivered to the family of the deceased brother, and a copy to each of the local papers.

J. N. JOHNSON, Secy.
J. T. RICKMAN, Com.
Jno. M. WATT, Com.
Graham, Texas, April 26, 1896.

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Advertised Letters.

In the Graham Post Office for the week ending April 21, 1896. If not called for within two weeks the same will be sent to the dead letter office.

Dr. C. P. Faulkner, John Hawthorn, D. W. Redwine, R. T. Smith, Hub Staley, Miss Mabel Standley, Mrs. A. M. Standley, when calling for the above letters please say "advertised."

G. H. CROZIER, P. M.
When at Mineral Wells stop at the Mineral Wells Wagon Yard.

Miller Bend Brevities.

Rain is needed, particularly on wheat and oats.

Health good, with the exception of a few cases of chills.

School is progressing favorably under the efficient management of Miss Etna Wilkinson.

The Sunday school here will have a picnic on Friday, 30th inst. The candidates and all others are invited.

The pops had a rousing(?) meeting here last Saturday, to send delegates to their county convention which meets at Graham on the 1st of May. The precinct chairman "convened," but seeing no one else of his crowd in sight he got on his horse, and, after riding an hour or two, rounded in three more of the derelict brethren, when the meeting proceeded. The greatest harmony prevailed throughout the convention, although questions of great moment to the union, the state, county and precinct were considered. They tried to heap honors upon a democrat by asking him to serve as secretary, but he declined.

E PLURIBUS UNUM.

Lacy Locals.

Will Cox's baby has been very sick but is better at this writing.

The infant baby of Will Splawn was buried last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook of Erath county are visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Splawn.

W. A. Whittenburg and wife started for Bowie Tuesday accompanied by Mr. Smith and daughter, who are on their way home.

A few of the young folks gathered at Billy Whittenburg's Monday night and had a very pleasant time singing and chatting.

C. W. Rasure's father is very feeble.

A goodly number of our young people attended the entertainment at Indian Mound Saturday night. They all report a good time.

We are glad that we have some stirring men in our county. The candidates are very numerous and are riding day and night. We learned of one, that having rode all day and half the night, decided to turn his weary self towards home, but getting in about three miles of home an oncoming worn out physically and no doubt mentally, he makes his bed on "mother earth" and dreams of the "good times" which he hopes are coming. We would advise them to keep their horses saddled to insure an early start and not try sleeping out such cool nights.

A. SWITHIN.

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STRAYED

From Joe Groves' pasture near Olney, a black horse, 4 or 5 years old, about 15 hands high, branded K on left hip. Brand is small and dim. Parties finding him address the undersigned and suitable reward will be paid.

W. A. DAVIS, Farmer, Texas.

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A TRAVELING COMPANION.

BY TERESA W. BROWN.

"A first to King's Cross." I had just taken my ticket, and was standing in the booking office of the York station, awaiting the departure of the night mail for London, when the above words caused me to turn round with a start. There was something weird and uncanny in the tone of the voice which impressed me with an indefinable feeling of apprehension I could not account for. Turning round, I found myself face to face with the speaker.

He was a remarkably tall and manly built man, possessing every indication of great personal strength. He was enveloped from head to foot in a long black cloak, buttoned closely under his chin and reaching almost down to the ground, which concealed the whole of his person with the exception of a large, bony hand of a strange, unnatural, almost gleaming whiteness. The face also riveted my attention; a broad, massive forehead, firmly set jaw, high cheek-bones, a deep, sallow complexion, and a pair of cold black eyes which seemed to glow with unnatural brilliancy—these were the most striking features of the strange individual who stood before me.

As I confronted him, his eye rested upon me for a moment with a dark, unadvised expression, but it was instantly averted; whether it was fancy or not I cannot explain, but I felt as though under the influence of some mysterious power of fascination, which required the exercise of all the self-control I possessed to overcome. The sound of the bell announcing the departure of my train had the effect of recalling me to my senses, and I hastened away, not a little relieved to see my strange fellow-traveler, instead of following me, move toward the other end of the train.

After a run of some three hours the train drew up at Peterborough. Here my companion and I alighted and attempted to swallow a cup of boiling coffee in the five minutes allowed. Scarcely had we taken our places again when, chancing to look out of the carriage window, I beheld the identical figure in the black cloak. Again the old feeling came over me, for although he averted his eyes the moment they met mine, and moved away, I felt convinced he was watching me. My started look must have been noticed by my fellow-traveler, for he immediately asked:

"Are you acquainted with the gentleman on the platform?" "It was only by a great effort that I could answer in the negative, adding, with assumed unconcern: "What led you to think so?" "Because," returned my friend, "I have observed at every station where we have stopped during our journey, he has walked past our window and looked in at you as if expecting you to recognize him. His appearance is so remarkable that I do not think I could possibly have been mistaken."

A cold shudder ran through my frame, and I wiped the thick, clammy perspiration from my forehead. I could not help recalling all the stories I had heard or read respecting the power of the evil eye, and the mysterious influence of mind upon mind. What was the meaning of the subtle fascination which that dark stranger seemed to exercise over me that night? Was it only the effect of an excited imagination? I tried to persuade myself that it was a delusion—a nightmare—a horrid dream; but it was of no avail. I was wide-awake; there was my companion opposite me, evidently disturbed by my strange dream. My brain was in a whirl; I felt sick and giddy, and remained entranced in a kind of morbid stupor out of which I was only awakened by the stopping of the train at Hitchin.

"Well, good-by," said my fellow-traveler; "here's the end of my journey," adding, hastily: "My job's here, he!" I have a dim recollection of his leaving the carriage and some one else entering. Who it was I knew well, although some time elapsed before I could muster sufficient courage to raise my eyes. At last I looked up. It was the same man, but he had changed to me, in the far corner of the carriage, sat the tall figure in the black cloak, the same wild look in his restless eye, the same evil expression in his forbidding face.

Directly our eyes met, he leaped from his seat with the yell of a wild beast. Something bright flashed in the dim lamp-light, and as he passed for an instant as if preparatory to a spring, I saw that his hand grasped a clasp-knife, whose long, glittering blade was stretched toward me. In a moment the terrible truth burst upon me—I was alone with a raving maniac, the train going at express speed and no stopping nearer than London. Escape was next to impossible. I saw at a glance that in a struggle for life and death I should not stand a chance against my gigantic adversary. Under the impulse of the moment I stretched out my hand to seize the handle of the door, determined to risk a desperate leap rather than await certain death by remaining where I was. A burst of British laughter greeted the futile attempt.

and twenty minutes before our train will reach town. I will allow you, say, a quarter of an hour; ten minutes will be more than ample time for me to do all that I require, and we will, with your permission, devote the interval to a calm discussion on any subject you may suggest. Now, can I speak fairly?"

All this was said in the calmest and most natural manner. I mentally thanked heaven for this unlooked-for reprieve. Short as it was, I felt there was yet a chance for my life. Much might happen in a quarter of an hour. The train might be stopped by some accident, or I might even be able to make my escape by another door. Still, I felt how hopeless it was to speculate on this, for a single look at the door convinced me of the folly of the attempt, since, in order to reach it, I should have to pass my terrible companion. He looked at his watch, and said quietly:

"Ten minutes gone!" Only a short five minutes between life and death!

The ghastly glitter of the polished steel seemed to grow red in the pale lamp-light, and the dark, gleaming eyes were bent on me with the fierce, eager look I had noticed before.

A sudden thought struck me. I remembered having heard that almost all lunatics labored under some special monomania, and that by humoring them on this one point, and abstaining from contradicting them, they would often become so interested in the subject as to lose all consciousness of everything that was passing around them. This, then, was my last chance, and I resolved to try it. I at once divined my companion's weak place, and looking him steadily in the face, said, as calmly as I could:

"My dear sir, as I have still to detain you some five minutes longer, I am sure you will pardon me for asking a single question. You have just now referred to an ingenious essay by the late Mr. De Quincy. I need scarcely say that I fully agree with the views therein expressed, and that if you are really a hominal connoisseur—a dilettante in murder—and follow the art from a genuine love of it, then, of course, my throat is most hearty at your service. But if, on the other hand, as I imagine from your looks, you are only a beginner, then I beseech you, for your own sake, that you reflect seriously before you commit yourself to a profession for which you may find out too late that you have no natural genius."

For a moment I thought I had gained my object, as he assented to a half-meeting. But after a brief pause, he suddenly said, with the air of a man who had perfectly made up his mind: "No, my friend, it won't do. I am determined to act up to my principle, so pray say no more on the subject. You have just a minute and 23 seconds to live. In the meantime I am sure you will excuse me for attending to this little instrument."

And suiting the action to the word, he turned up the sole of his boot and commenced sharpening his knife in the most business-like manner.

It was a situation full of horrible suspense. The precious seconds were flying fast. I fancied I heard a mocking, mocking sound, the sound of the "rattling wheels." The hissing of a thousand sand snakes rang in my ears. A low, rumbling, wailing sound, a slight jarring of the timbers of the carriage, was heard. A wild, maddening hope leaped up in my heart.

"One minute more," muttered my tormentor. Again the sound was repeated, but this time more distinct and prolonged. I could not be mistaken; it was the sound of the brake, the train was stopping. It might be only a temporary diminution of speed; no, we were perceptibly slackening our pace, the train was about to stop, and in another minute assistance would be at hand. The question was: Would he perceive it? I looked up. "Too late! Too late!"

With a yell, the mere memory of which makes my blood run cold, he sprang upon me; and as we rolled together at the bottom of the carriage, I saw the gleaming knife brandished above me. It was a struggle for dear life. Despair gave me strength to make a last effort to avert the blow. The form crouched me away for an instant, the blade swept in its descent, and, glancing harmlessly within an inch of my forehead, shivered into fragments against the floor of the carriage. With a wild curse he seized me by the throat, his knees pressed heavily on my chest; and all was a blank.

When I came to my senses I found myself on the platform at a station. "That was a rum customer, sir, of yours," said the guard. "When we opened the door he had almost nigh thrashed you, and it took half a dozen men of us to hold him. It seemed he escaped at York from his keepers, who were bringing him down from Scotland, and whom he tried to murder a score of times; but it was not until after they had missed him for some hours that they made out he had gone by the train. Of course, they telegraphed to all the principal stations; but the train had left Hitchin before the message arrived. However, they went it on here, sir, and we signaled her just in time; but it was a close shave, sir, a very close shave!"—The End.

THE LEADER

From Now Until Jan. 1, 1897,

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Heading Towards Cuney.

"Do you want a little 'sound money' Democratic party in Texas?" asked ex-Senator Cone Johnston, while advocating his majority report on the floor of the Maverick convention; and referring to the admission of leading spirits of that convention, that they would bolt the action of the Chicago convention if it should declare for free coinage. The response from many throats was, "that's what we want," and that was the way they voted.

The question was pertinent, and it will set the gold Democrats of Texas to thinking seriously before they jump.

The fight for the control of the Democratic national convention is virtually over. It has been won by the friends of silver. The only question is whether or not they will have a two-thirds majority. It is admitted by the leading gold organ of the west, in an article reprinted elsewhere in this issue, that the chances are that their majority in the national convention will reach that figure. Cavalry on this point has been abandoned elsewhere. No reputable journal of national reputation now asserts that there is any chance for the control of the Chicago convention by administration influences. The New York Herald frankly advises a gold bolt at Chicago in these words:

"Let the true Democrats leave the convention, nominate a solid gold man, on a solid gold platform, and take the field for an aggressive campaign."

The plea of the gold Democrats of Texas has been that they were standing up for the national Democracy. They have professed the most loyal devotion to the national organization of the party, and have declared with heroic humility their willingness to abide its decision, whatever it might be. They have been deluded in the past by the wilful misstatements of the Galveston News and other gold organs into the belief that a gold triumph at Chicago was inevitable. Under that delusion they have so pledged their loyalty to the national Democracy, giving it all the emphasis they could command, that the early repudiation of those pledges will put them in a ridiculous plight before the people of the state. The result of their departure is easily foreseen. No pretext will ever be furnished for their return to the Democratic party. They are head-

ing straight for the Republican party, in which Judge George Clark and his lieutenants will hold office's commissions before another presidential year rolls around. Democratic monometalists who are unwilling to follow the Maverick leaders into that camp should decline to take the first step in that direction.

Who it is that can doubt that the second alliance with Cuney will be a permanent one?—Fort Worth Gazette.

What the World Needs.

A well man can be told that he is sick and he will feel bad. The information that he "looks wretched" can be repeated to him frequently and he will actually go to bed; and possibly die. The cry of hard times can be taken up and echoed and re-echoed, until men with money in their pockets will not invest it, fearing that they can not make a profit, and many who have money will not even meet their obligations, believing that they might suffer if they parted with their ready cash. Talk of hard times, makes times hard. Be cheerful. Look on the bright side of things. Be practical, patient and persistent in an effort to do something. Whining and complaining is stale and unprofitable. A growler is a nuisance. Half the ills of this world are imaginary and the other half exaggerated. Discontent is a disease that is contagious. A disorganizer is more often dangerous than useful. The world needs more cheerful people with faith in the wisdom and goodness of God, and more confidence in their own capacity.—Greenview Herald.

SILVER IS AN ISSUE.

There is no longer a chance for timorous politicians and wary "financiers" to dodge it. The question whether the currency of the country shall consist of gold and silver, and treasury notes redeemable in either coin, according to the constitution and traditional Democratic policy, or whatever the bulk of it shall be the notes issued and controlled by private banking corporations, will probably be settled for a quarter of a century at the coming election.

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Choked to Death.

The Terrell Times-Star says: A patient confined in the first male ward at the Terrell asylum met a horrible death Tuesday morning about six o'clock. Justice Cariker held an inquest and from him and others we learn the details of the killing. The dead man's name was Dillon—Dick Dillon. That is, he came to the asylum from Lamar county under that name. That was an alias, though, we are told, and he once lived in Terrell. Dillon was a man of about 145 pounds in weight and was about 45 years old.

Nath Arnold, the man who killed Dillon, is also a patient, and a large, raw boned man of about 175 pounds in weight, and is an epileptic. About 6 o'clock Arnold and Dillon got into a dispute. There was no evidence before the coroner except that of Arnold or other patients; Arnold claims that Dillon knocked him down and jumped on him, and that he (Arnold) caught Dillon by the throat and turned him over, getting on top of him and choked him to death. Arnold is a desperate patient, and his story of Dillon knocking him down hardly looks reasonable. Anyhow, he killed Dillon by choking, and that, too, inside the walls of the building, in the day time, when such an occurrence should have been impossible in a well regulated asylum.

At the time of the killing there were two attendants in the ward. The killing occurred in the "cell" of the ward, and these two attendants were in another part of the ward. They heard a disturbance, but when they reached the place where Dillon and Arnold were, Dillon was in the throes of death and drawing his last breath. Certainly the death of Dillon in this manner must be due to unparadoxical, not to say criminal, neglect.

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