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## County Correspondence.

### Salem Sittings.

A gloom of sadness has been cast upon our community by the death of Mr. A. C. Gilmore one of our oldest and honored citizens. He passed peacefully away on the 4th inst. He was the patriarch of our community, being seventy-one years old. A few days before his death he called his children around him and told them that his period allotted here on earth was drawing to a close and that he would soon pass beyond this "veil of tears." But that he was ready to answer to the roll call of his Master. His sufferings being great, he told them that he was impatient to go, and that he did not want them to grieve after him for his future state would be far better than the present. He was a devout christian, having been a member of the church for more than fifty years. His every day life exemplified the faith he had in Christ—at Church, at Sunday School and at Prayer meeting; he was always, if his health permitted, found filling his place. He was a tireless worker for Christ and never grew weary in doing his Master's biddings. We will all miss "Uncle Andy," yet we feel assured that he rests in peace. He was buried at Goose Neck Bend. A large number of relatives and friends followed him to his last resting place. Services conducted by Bro. White. Bro. White filled his regular appointment here last Sunday evening. The writer of this failed to get out in time to hear the sermon; yet he arrived in time to see the people and the preacher and to hear some speak of the "excellent sermon."

It is dry—very dry with us. Our farmers are getting impatient about plowing. Tanks are getting low and soon stock will have to be driven to the river.

Messrs. Bob and James Bryan of Graham, and Dan and Andrew Willis of Goose Neck, were at church Sunday. Strange that they should make such frequent visits. Come again, boys.

Misses Sallie McJilton and Mabel Johnson of Goose Neck, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. McLaren.

Messrs. D. C. Brooks and B. E. McJilton made a trip to Mineral Wells last week.

Lee Ribble and family of King county, were the guests of J. L. McLaren a part of last week.

Knox Criswell has his new house about completed. Look out, Knox, for a "storm," not a cyclone either. The young people do not always sleep, you know.

The young people enjoyed a very pleasant singing at the residence of D. C. Brooks last Sunday night.

Jim Gilmore and family of South Bend are visiting in the community this week.

Oliver Lisles is attending court this week.

School opened the 3rd inst. Fair attendance. Pupils, all, have enjoyed a pleasant Christmas and now that school has resumed, they feel like work, and have now gotten down to business. That's the way to do busi-

ness pupils, "work while you work and play while you play."

The Old Year has passed away and a New Year has been born into the calendar of time. The sorrows of '97 are hidden away in the expectations of the future. Let the pleasant things of '97 be cherished and kept green. But the unpleasant, let them be buried beneath the waves of oblivion. A new leaf has been turned. It is numbered 1898. It is clean and not torn nor soiled by strife or slander. Who would be so mean as to draw a black mark across this beautiful page? Who would blot or blur and dye with the blackest of falsehoods, the 1898th page which is open and on which we shall all have to record our actions of this year. Let it be peaceable, calm, prosperous, and pleasant—then all is well.  
Mc.

### Farmer Items.

Everything is very quiet in and around Farmer this week. The farmers must be very busy as they seldom come to town, only to buy their necessary supplies. I suspect they are waiting for it to rain—we are all waiting very patiently, getting tired of having to draw so much stock water out of these "long" wells of ours.

Some changes have recently been made in Farmer. A. E. Oatman has moved into the Spencer property opposite N. Gegg's hotel. Mr. Oatman says he would rather live in town anyway; Mr. Bell of Archer City, will soon move into the house formerly occupied by Mr. Oatman; Graves Farmer will soon move into the W. R. Drum property.

J. L. McDaniel of Markley was here on business Friday. Mr. Mc. has recently bought the cotton gin at Markley, but owing to the scarcity of water we learn he will not gin much more.

"Grandpa" Bouldin went to Antelope Saturday.

Ed Mankin's and sister of Markley, passed through Farmer Saturday. They had been to Olney visiting relatives.

Bert Farmer visited Archer county's J. P. Court's Saturday.

Misses Terrell and Cook of the Oak Grove vicinity, Archer county, were here shopping Saturday.

P. K. Pittman and family joined P. P. Cady and family in a pecan hunt last week. They report a pleasant time and brought back a nice lot of the sweet nuts.

Levi Lawler and wife of Jacksboro, were here the first of the week to see his sister, Mrs. Graves Farmer, who has been very sick, and visiting their relatives here. Mrs. Farmer is improving rapidly.

Eld. W. P. Harmonson filled his regular appointments at the Baptist Church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

Chas. Gay of Graham, came up to Farmer Sunday bringing Miss Jewell the assistant teacher in the High School here.

J. B. Gholston of Archer county, and Mr. Mankin and wife of Markley, were here at church Sunday.

Jasper Spencer and family have gone to Wise county to visit his brother this week.

Miss Mabel Norfleet, one of Jacksboro's charming young

ladies, who is teaching at the Brushy Flat school house, spent the day in Farmer Sunday. We are always glad to see you, Mabel, and wish you much success in your chosen profession.

Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Pittman were guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilson Sunday.

Prof. Brittain of Weatherford, who is teaching in the Huntsville neighborhood, was shaking hands with friends in Farmer the first of the week.

Glad to see Prof. Bouldin of Olney, with us Sunday evening. The Prof. said his school was in a prosperous condition.

Our school opened up with a large attendance Monday, after some two or three weeks vacation.

Rev. E. W. Simmons, formerly of this place, but now of Newport, is here this week calling on his many friends.

White Ganaway and B. Hawkins of Lacy, are on the sick list this week—they are staying in town now.

"Grandpa" Farmer is on the sick list, but is able to be out on the streets. He says he is doing no good—he is looking very feeble.

Several from here have gone to Bowie with cotton this week. Our gin will only run on Fridays and Saturdays from now on.

Dick Campbell, a prominent stock man living six miles west of town, was here on business Tuesday.

Will Gholston of Archer county was here trading Tuesday; Joe Bloodworth of the Olney neighborhood, was here the first of the week.  
SKIPPER.

### Boggy Valley.

The young people have unhitched the "little mule" from the "old brass wagon," unloaded their "weevily wheat," ate up all the "peaches and cream," emptied the "little brown jug," and settled down, with the New Year, to business.

Lem Surgenor and wife of Fish Creek, spent Sunday in the Valley.

Aubrey Wilkinson went to Graham Monday with cotton.

The young people were entertained with music New Year's night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carr. An excellent supper was served.

Juhan Carr left Wednesday for Midland where he will make his home.

The people since the first are getting a general "move on" themselves.  
St. Jr.

### True Echoes.

True was silent last week, but X. Y. Z. is alive again this week.

Christmas is over and the people have gone to work wishing for another Christmas to come.

Our school is progressing nicely; there were six new pupils last Monday morning. We are glad to see the pupils taking so much interest in their studies and wish them much success.

We had a marriage last week, Miss Willie Crawford and Mr. George Fugett. We wish the happy couple much joy and success during life.

Misses Lula Chandler, Jackie Cox, Emma Proffitt and Missouri

Ellis of Midway were at church last Sunday.

Rev. Ford preached an interesting sermon to a large crowd last Sunday evening.

We learn that the neighbors are going to put a new fence around the grave yard, which is badly needed. We should take care of the dead.

Witt Adare was in town last Monday.

The young folks enjoyed a dance at Mr. Temple's last Wednesday night. They reported a nice time.

Hoyt Brown was at church last Sunday with his best girl.

Jimmie Larimore left Wednesday for Greer county. Come back again next Christmas, Jimmie, but the girls say they are afraid you will bring some one back with you next time you come.

Miss Carrie Gibbs started to school last Monday. We are glad to see you, Carrie.

Little Linnie Choat has been quite sick, but is better at this writing.

Miss Mary Stringer spent last Sunday night with Miss Bertha Leberman.

Turner Richardson gave a dance last Friday night, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. McCann is up spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Terrell.

Mrs. Bidwell has been on the sick list for the last two or three days.

A. J. Chandler was in town last Sunday.

Tom and Jim Wallace were in town last Sunday. Tom was with his best girl.

Mrs. Dollie Leberman and Mrs. Flora Choat visited Mrs. Bidwell one day last week.

John Leberman left last week for Bellvue.

Sam Collier and Miss Virgie Stringer were at church last Sunday.

Miss Bertha Leberman spent last Monday night at Mr. Stringers.

Willie Lusk was in town last Tuesday.

Miss Carrie Gibbs went to Olney last Sunday to church.

Henry Miller was at church last Sunday.

Charlie Perkins was in town last Sunday.  
X. Y. Z.

### Salt Creek Items.

It still continues dry.

Walter Johnson went to Wichita Falls last week.

Our school is progressing nicely. Mr. Simpson was on Salt Creek last week.

John Blair and family of Goose Neck, visited C. M. Been and family Saturday and Sunday.

Derwin Brown of Indian Mound was in our community Sunday.

Ed Harmon of Red Top, was on Salt Creek Sunday.

Miss Annie Mayes of Fish Creek, spent last week with Miss Lizzie Baldwin.

Misses Lizzie Baldwin and Annie Mayes, Messrs. George Mayes and Jim Johnson attended the social at Frank Knight's Friday night; they reported a pleasant time.

Sam Dowdle was on the Creek Saturday evening.

W. T. Finch passed through our community Sunday.

J. S. Watson was in our community Monday.

R. M. Summers has been attending court at Graham this week.  
A. H. K.

**GENERAL NOTES.**

Eugene V. Debbs is on a tour through the South in behalf of the Social Democracy. Afterwards he will go to Kansas for several weeks. He has an engagement to occupy the Rev. Thomas Dixon's pulpit in New York City April 17. He says that in every State in which an election will be held this year the Social Democracy will have a ticket in the field. The colonization commission of the Social Democracy has issued a statement to the effect that within sixty days the pioneers of the co-operative commonwealth will be at work preparing their new homes in the State where the first experiment is to be made. It is declared that the location cannot now be given because there are some details yet to be arranged.

A special from Ottawa, Ont., says: The detailed report of the geological survey upon statistics of minerals for the year 1896 has been issued. It gives Canada's total mineral production for the year at \$22,500,000, an increase of 125 per cent in ten years, the production in 1886 being \$10,000,000. The increase of mineral production in the United States for the same decade was 40 per cent. The annual production per capita is \$8 in the United States, \$455 in Canada. In the production of gold, British Columbia stands credited with over 64 per cent and Nova Scotia with over 19 per cent. The Northwest Territory, including the Yukon district, comes third, with about 13 per cent and Ontario fourth with about 5 per cent, while Quebec contributes much under 1 per cent.

New York now stands as the second city of the world, and her citizens have entered upon the greatest problem of municipal government ever presented. With the last stroke of the clock at midnight tolling out 1897 and ushering in 1898 was born a city such as emperors and kings of history would have deemed great for an empire or a kingdom. For six months, while the machinery of the Greater New York municipality is being put in motion, Mayor Van Wyck will have the power of an autocrat. He may appoint officials with salaries running into the thousands with as lavish a hand as emperors bestow upon favorites. He will appoint every department head in the city except the comptroller, who is elected for four years. He appoints all commissions, all justices of inferior criminal courts, all the members of the school boards, with the exception of the police magistrates, and is given the power to remove any official in the city and appoint his successor. There are five boroughs in Greater New York—namely: Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and Kings. The legislature consists of a council with twenty-eight members and a board of aldermen of sixty members. The president of the council is elected by the people. The president of the board of aldermen is elected by the members of that body. Mayor Van Wyck is given power to veto any ordinance or resolution of that body of municipal assembly. Each of the five boroughs has a borough president, but his principal duty is to preside over the various local boards in his borough.

**Klondyke Cotton.**

George Peyrut, writing to the Dallas News, says:

Simultaneously with the development of the new and great demand for cotton in Japan—a demand so enormous that the full capacity of every trans-Pacific steamer sailing between this date and March is fully engaged already—comes the news of a unique increase in the supply of that most valuable plant. A new cotton bearing plant has been discovered and its yield is vastly in excess of that from which the south has so long derived its wealth.

The discoverer of the new plant is P. G. Ware of Washington, Ga. Three years ago he found in one of his cotton fields a stalk which attracted his attention. It was well shaped and bore an unusual number of bolls. He selected seed from the best of these, and planted them. From the yield he secured

enough seed to plant several acres.

Thus separated from the ordinary variety, the plant exhibited its differences in an increased degree, as is the rule of nature. It grew somewhat in the shape of an inverted sugar loaf. The bolls were in clusters, and many stalks had over 200 bolls on them. The importance of this fact may be realized when one learns that, taking the cotton all over the south, an average of fifteen bolls to the stalks is considered a fine yield. From his first discovery, Mr. Ware has steadily developed the product until its possibilities and requirements are thoroughly understood and its great value can be no longer denied.

The seeds of the new cotton are small and black, and separate easily from the lint, very little adhering to them. Mr. Ware has planted them on both red clay and gray sandy soil and has found very little difference in the yields.

"The farm on which I live," says Mr. Ware, "has now been planted in cotton and is spoken of as the poorest place in Wilkes county. On this poor land my cluster cotton yielded this year from a bale to a bale and a half an acre. On good rich soil I am confident that it can be made to yield from two to three bales an acre."

"It stands dry weather without appreciable suffering, as the roots are much longer than those of the ordinary variety. The yield is far greater in every way. The fiber is long and tough and meets the requirements of the spinners perfectly. Thirteen hundred and fifty pounds in the seed will yield a five-hundred pound bale of lint, while the ordinary variety requires sixteen hundred to seventeen hundred pounds of seed for the same result."

"I claim that my cluster cotton will be an incalculable advantage to the south. By its use the south can reduce its acreage three-fourths, and its expenses of working an equal amount, and still furnish its full quota of cotton to the world, at the same time devoting more of its soil to other products to which it is splendidly adapted."

When one speaks in this way of twenty-five per cent of the cotton acreage of the south, he is talking in big figures; he is speaking of a revolution in a great industry, that means an increase of millions in the national wealth.

**"The Father of Greenbacks."**

The late Hon. E. G. Spaulding of Buffalo, N. Y., familiarly known as the "Father of Greenbacks," was a man of intellectual ability and positive character. His knowledge of law proved to be of great service to him in all of his financial transactions throughout life. The exact extent of his wealth is not exactly known, but it cannot be far from \$3,500,000. Quite naturally, Mr. Spaulding had certain fixed ideas of the art of investing money. He seemed to have a repugnance for real estate and collecting rents. In a conversation with him a short time before he died, he said that the profits derived from real estate investments were as a rule misleading, and that when the proper charges were made against the fund invested, such as time in caring for the property, taxes, insurance, repairs, compound interest, etc., it would be found that the net profit was in nearly every instance disappointing.

Mr. Spaulding had a wonderful affection for first bonds and underlying securities on properties the value of which were positively known to him. Before accepting any security he would take plenty of time to examine into every detail concerning the property, organization of the issuing company, character of the men steering its affairs, legality of the issue, etc. After having satisfied himself on these points, and making the purchase, he was at perfect ease and free of anxiety of any kind. Apparently once satisfied he was always satisfied. Moreover the location of his securities was quite a factor with him. He had no faith in branching out, but all of his investments were in his own neighborhood, where a personal examination was open to him. Among his investments were found \$275,000 in stock of the Buffalo Mutual Gaslight company, \$320,000 in

Buffalo and Southwestern Railway bonds, \$33,000 in Union Pacific Railway bonds, \$239,000 in bonds of the Buffalo Street Railway company and \$110,000 in stock of the Farmers' and Mechanics' bank of Buffalo, N. Y., of which he was the principal owner. Here we have five single items taking up about a million dollars of his entire fortune. He very evidently had a strong adherence to the charm engendered by the sound of the coupon clipper as it sailed through thousands of sheets of green.

He felt somewhat different about real estate mortgages, having on hand at the time of his decease about \$450,000 of such securities based on first class business and residence property.

Mr. Spaulding was what may be termed a close investor; that is, he bought almost clear up to the limit of his cash balance, as well he might with such a certain lot of maturities before him. Rarely did he have more than \$10,000 on deposit at any one time. Just as soon as the cash balance grew, he would immediately buy and stow away. Sellers of securities know how useless it was to attempt to run in any security he had once taboored, but he never hesitated about buying what came up to the standard if the funds were on hand to make the purchase. From the above it will be seen that the individuality and tastes of an investor generally govern the character of his investments. A man given to "working over" his securities, willing to spend time in the collection of interest and looking after the maintenance of the integrity of his principal, may well indulge in a variety of securities, but one who loves freedom from such care very naturally turns to corporate bonds and stocks with which he has familiarized himself, and which require only semi-annual visits of the coupon clipper to bring in the income. Such a man appears to have been Mr. Spaulding.—American Investment.

**Sweet Potatoes for Hogs.**

A Kansas hog-raiser in giving his views at the Fort Worth stock yards the other day, stated that five acres of sweet potatoes would fatten more hogs than twenty-five acres of corn. He had sixty head and he says they will yield him 18,000 pounds of good pork and he estimates the cost of their feed at not more than \$25 in actual cash for labor and other expenses in his sweet potato patch. He also claims that this food imparts a flavor to the meat that surpasses that of the corned animal. Runts, he says, should be separated from the balance of the litters as soon as possible, as they not only interfere with the growth of the rest, but seldom are of any value. Charcoal, he thinks, should be mingled occasionally with the feed of hogs that are being prepared for the market and that when corn is fed, it should be fed on the cob invariably, as the cob contains a considerable amount of potash, which corrects acidity in the stomach. He thinks that the hogs should invariably be watered from tanks and not from running streams, as contagious diseases are communicated more frequently in that way than any other, especially cholera. Canadian fed meat which brings 4 cents a pound more in England than American bacon, is fattened on ground peas, barley and shorts. This produces leaner meat, but of a different flavor to the cornfed meat. The hog-raiser, he says, are in the business for the money in it, and the feed that will produce the greatest number of pounds to the dollar is the one that should be adopted.

The twin sons of the late George Pullman will soon come in possession of \$18,000 each as the result of their interests in the insurance policies carried by their father. The other two children of Mr. Pullman—Mrs. Florence Pullman-Lowden and Mrs. Harry Pullman-Carolan, the latter of California, also receive \$18,000 each by these policies. The widow derives about \$25,000 from these policies, and the two brothers of Mr. Pullman are remembered.

Gen. W. L. Cabell celebrated his 71st anniversary on new year's day at his home in Dallas.

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**DURRANT EXECUTED.**

Meets Death Bravely and Dies Proclaiming His Innocence.

San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 7.—Theo. Durrant died on the gallows this morning for the murder of Blanche Lamont. He gave such an exhibition of coolness and nerve as has seldom been seen under similar circumstances. Hopeful almost to the last minute that something or some one would intervene to save him, he worked on the scaffold this morning and made a short speech protesting his innocence as calmly and with as distinct enunciation as if he had been addressing an assemblage of friends upon some ordinary topic of the day. His face was pale and his eyes were red, but his voice was firm and he stood as solid as a rock while he proclaimed his innocence and professed forgiveness to those who, he said, had hounded him to death.

There was not a hitch or accident to mar the plans of Warden Hale in carrying out the sentence of the law. His neck was broken by the fall of five feet and fifteen minutes later the body was cut down and placed in the coffin.

Consistent to the last, Durrant died professing religion, having at the last moment accepted the Catholic faith—the Protestant minister refusing to profess belief in Durrant's innocence was not

wished by the doomed man.

Durrant's father, supported by two friends, witnessed the execution; while the mother remained in a waiting room near by.

The body may be cremated, as his parents are experiencing difficulty in securing permission to inter in the cemeteries.

**Durrant's Last Speech.**

I desire to say that, although I am an innocent man, innocent of any crime that has been charged against me, I bear no animosity toward those who have prosecuted me, not even the press of San Francisco, which has hounded me to the grave. If any man thinks I am going to spring a sensation I am not, except it is a sensation that I, an innocent man, am brought to the grave by my persecutors. But I forgive them all. They will get their justice from the great God who is master of us all, and there also I expect to get justice, that is, the justice of an innocent man. Whether or not the perpetrators of the crime with which I am charged are discovered, it will make no difference to me now, but I say this day will be a shame to the great state of California. I forgive everybody who has persecuted me, an innocent man, whose hands have never been stained with blood; and I go to meet my God with forgiveness for all men.

## EX-GOV. ROSS' DEATH.

Expired at His Home at Bryan After a Brief Illness of Two Days.

Bryan, Texas, Jan. 3.—Ex-Gov. Lawrence Sullivan Ross died at his home at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, of which institution he was president, at 6:35 o'clock this evening, in the 59th year of his age. He had been hunting, and returned home on Thursday evening complaining of indigestion. He was very restless Friday and Saturday, but his sickness yielded somewhat to remedies. On Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock he was taken with acute congestion of the stomach and bowels, and in spite of every effort of loving care or medical attention, he died at the hour named. The news was a severe shock to the people of Bryan and vicinity, Gov. Ross having all along appeared to be in the best of health. The arrangements for the funeral have not been made yet, but will be published when announced. Scores of telegrams have been sent out announcing the sad news, and replies of condolence and sympathy are being received.

### Biography.

Gov. Lawrence Sullivan Ross was born at Bentonsport, Ia., Sept. 27, 1838, and was therefore 59 years old. His father, Capt. Shapley P. Ross, and Catherine H. Ross, of Virginia, his mother, were married in Missouri and came to Texas in 1839. They came directly to the Indian village of Waco, where Capt. Ross was Indian agent, and where the subject of this sketch has resided ever since. His sister, now Mrs. Kate Padgett, was the first white child born in McLennan county. General Ross was educated at the Florence Wesleyan university, in North Alabama, and graduated in 1859 with distinction. His boyhood in the intervals between the sessions of his university were spent in actual service against the Comanches on the frontier of Texas. This warlike tribe were always hostile, always alert, always dangerous.

Young Ross won his spurs in this dangerous warfare and made a glorious record "as the boy captain," while other lads of similar age were dawdling about their mothers' drawing-rooms. In one of his vacations, in 1858, with a few followers, he had a battle with the Comanches, in which ninety-five Indians were killed, 350 horses captured, with a little white girl, whose parents were never known, but whom Ross raised and educated, giving her the name of Lizzie Ross. The heroic young captain was dangerously wounded in the action by a rifle ball through his arm and side. He lay on the battlefield for five days, and was then carried on a stretcher by four men a distance of ninety miles to a remote United States post (Radzinsky). As soon as he was able to travel he returned to his alma mater and graduated the next summer.

When he returned to Texas in 1859, Gov. Sam Houston, the immortal, put him, boy and all as he was, in supreme command on the frontier, and well did the "boy captain" ratify the clear judgment of the governor. He at once organized a force and went at the bloody Comanches in dead earnest. He captured and destroyed their principal village, then on Pease river, killed a great number, captured over 400 head of horses and rescued Cynthia Ann Parker, who had been a captive for thirty years among them. Her son by her Indian husband, Quannah Parker, is head chief of the Comanches. In this fight the chief, Peta Nocona, was killed in a single hand to hand combat by Ross. His shield, buffalo horns, lance, etc., were secured and sent as trophies to Governor Houston at Austin, where they were deposited in the archives of the state. Ross' horse was shot through by Nocona in the desperate struggle, but the young defender of the harried frontier escaped unhurt.

Participants in the fight and observers of this dreadful duel never grow weary in relating it. The gigantic Indian, as graceful and handsome a warrior as ever rode to deadly lists, fought with superb bravery and skill. But he had met a good match in the mere stripling who daringly confronted

him. Ross' courage, while not as "loud" as the Indian's was a finer grain, and the Comanche bit the dust. This decisive battle broke the power of the Comanches for many years and gave peace for a long time. After these signal victories over the red forces, Major-General Winfield Scott wrote Ross an autograph letter offering him, as young as he was, a commission in the United States army.

But the war between the sections soon after commenced, and Sul Ross joined the company of his brother, Capt. Pete Ross, as a private. He was soon made major of the regiment to which the company was attached, rose rapidly to be lieutenant colonel, then colonel, and in the fall of 1862 was made a brigadier general in the Confederate army. He participated in 135 engagements of more or less importance, and always with distinction, winning plaudits alike from friend and foe. He was never wounded while in the Confederate service, but had seven horses shot from under him.

At the battle of Corinth, Miss., his regiment, the sixth Texas, charged battery Robinett and lost 150 men out of 350 in going a distance of 300 yards, before the fort, manned by heavy guns, could be reached and taken. Gen. Dabney H. Maurey, in response to a letter from Mr. Seddon, secretary of the war in the Confederate service, asking him to furnish to the department the name of the man who displayed the most distinguished gallantry at the battle of Corinth, sent the name of L. S. Ross, and hence he has always been called the in the south "the hero of Corinth."

He served with distinction until the close of the war, when he returned home without a dollar. He went at farming as he did at the Indians and soon bought him a little plantation in the Brazos bottom, where he raised and educated his family. In 1873, during a time when the criminal classes were in the ascendant, and neither life nor property was safe, his law-abiding neighbors selected him as the fittest man for sheriff. He served a two years' term and left the office poorer than when he went in, but the law was "on top."

In 1875 he was elected a delegate to the constitutional convention and served faithfully in that body. His name is enduringly connected with all that is best in that document. In 1881 he was elected to the senate and served there with equal distinction.

In August, 1886, after a long canvass, Gen. Ross was nominated for governor at the democratic state convention at Galveston, and in November of that year was triumphantly elected. He took his seat in January, 1887 and for four years the state felt the influence of his firm grasp. They were four years of unexampled peace and progress in this state. Taxable values increased faster than during any similar period, and when he retired in 1891 to make way for Gov. Hogg, there was no more universally popular and beloved man in the state than Gov. Ross. Early in 1891 Gov. Ross was appointed president of the Agricultural and Mechanical college at Bryan by Gov. Hogg, and he held that position till his death.

In 1895 Gov. Culbertson offered Gov. Ross the position of railroad commissioner. This was accepted, but the news of his contemplated removal from the college aroused so much opposition among Gov. Ross' friends and the patrons of the college, that he reconsidered and declined the tender.

Under his management the Agricultural and Mechanical college has made steady progress in all its patronage has grown till now it is one of the largest colleges in the south. Gov. Ross carried to the university the same fidelity to every trust, the same unerring judgement, the same practical common sense that had distinguished him all of his life.

Gen. Ross was a man of fine literary tastes, of ripe education and of a high order of intellect. Indeed, he was a man among men, and no man since Houston's palmiest days ever held such a place in the hearts of the people as did this simple, plain, unpretending, modest gentleman, who has a record of noble deeds, unselfish life and honorable acts behind him which re-

calls the Chevalier Bayard of happy memory, when rank and fortune were won at the sword's point in the age of chivalry. Gen. Ross had a personal magnetism about him which won men and attracted them to his person as by books of steel.

### THE FUNERAL CORTEGE.

Manifestations of Deepest Sorrow Along the Route—Veterans on Guard.

Bryan, Tex., Jan. 4.—Not until this morning did a full sense of the loss in the death of Gov. L. S. Ross dawn upon those who have been associated with him in the daily walks of life and it was with most intense anguish that his loved ones and friends made preparations for the journey to the scene of his interment.

The body lay in state in the assembly hall at the college in the morning and was seen by the students, college people and many persons from Bryan and surrounding country. Memorial services were conducted by Dr. T. C. Bittle, who pronounced an appropriate eulogy to the memory of the deceased benefactor.

The remains were escorted to the depot of College Station by the battalion of cadets and placed on board a special train bearing members of the family, faculty, directors, officers and students of the college. Several hundred people met the special train at the depot here. The building was draped and decorated with flags and the letters L. S. R. were suspended high above the track. Mottos and floral offerings were also seen.

A large representation of Camp J. B. Robertson, United Confederate Veterans was present. The veterans and spectators stood in line with bowed, uncovered heads as the train drew up, while all the bells in the city were slowly tolled and wailing whistles were heard. Business was well nigh suspended about town and the tribute to the memory of Gov. Ross was an outburst of sorrow seemingly shared alike by all classes.

A delegation of camp J. B. Robertson went to Waco as an escort from Bryan.

The following were invited to act as pall bearers by wire: Col. Joe Wright, Huntsville; Hon. John H. Reagan, Austin; O. T. Holt, Houston; Gov. C. A. Culbertson, Austin; Tom Battle, Marlin; Col. R. M. Wynne, Fort Worth; C. C. McCullough, Waco; J. H. McLeary, San Antonio; R. H. Harrison, Belton; Gen. Felix Robertson, Waco.

Gov. Ross was known and loved in Texas as no other man was save Sam Houston. His unexpected death has cast a gloom over the entire state.

### At Waco.

Waco, Texas, January 4, 1895.—There was general grief and mourning in Waco when the news reached this place of the death of ex-Gov. Ross, and when the train reached here with his remains, escorted by friends and students of the college, a great crowd was assembled in East Waco, at the depot of the Waco and Northwestern railway. The multitude, standing with uncovered heads when the coffin was removed from the train to the hearse, recalled the scenes of 1886, when Gov. Ross, in health, strength and exuberance of life, reached the same depot on his return from Galveston, after a triumphant nomination by the democratic convention for governor of the State of Texas.

The crowd which had assembled there was fully as large as the crowd which met the governor in 1886. But on this occasion lips were dumb and heads bowed reverentially in the presence of the great sorrow which every man, woman and child felt. When the governor reached here, the gubernatorial candidate in 1886, shouts of triumph greeted him, and when he drove from the depot to his residence in West Waco there was an escort of cavalry, more than 1000 strong, which galloped around his carriage and shouted in a delirium of delight. At every corner fireworks were discharged, and the city was in a blaze of joy appreciative of the honor the state had shown to its first citizen. There was a cavalry guard on this occasion, but they rode in silence beside the hearse,

crepe floating from their sleeves and grief depicted on their faces.

A meeting was held of Pat Cleburne camp, and a delegation from that body, of which Gov. Ross was a member, was appointed. The united committees took a special train from Bremond, and returned to Waco as a portion of the escort of the remains.

When the hearse halted at the residence of Mr. Tom Padgett, at the corner of Ninth street and Austin avenue, there was a multitude of people assembled, as great as the crowd which met the remains at the depot. The neighbors and friends of the distinguished statesman, now resting in his coffin, had been notified in every direction, and they came from every ward and from every precinct. There was a spontaneity in the turnout which clearly indicated that in this region the name of Lawrence Sullivan Ross belongs to the households and is treasured in all hearts. Telegrams poured in from every quarter making inquiry about the hour of the funeral, and responses were sent out by those of the governor's relatives who were in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Ross, the widow, and her daughter, Miss Bessie, came on the train, also the youngest son, Nev Ross, the cadet. The other sons are Lawrence Ross, a merchant of Marlin; Dr. Frank Ross, of Houston and Harvey Ross, farmer, who is the superintendent of the governor's cotton plantation on the Brazos river. Mrs. Florine Harrington, his married daughter, is in Kentucky, and has been notified.

A striking feature of the public respect and general mourning was the action of the Grand Army corps, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans, those three union organizations having made elaborate preparations for participation in all the preliminaries and in the funeral.

All the children except Lawrence and Miss Bessie were present at the death of their father. Miss Tom Padgett, his sister, reached there in time to take a last farewell of her illustrious brother.

The account of the death bed scenes are touching. The governor did not realize until his last hour had come that his end was approaching. Seeing his devoted wife, his sister and his children grouped about him, he smiled faintly and said: "This looks like a family reunion." When he realized at last that the pains he felt meant death he spoke kindly to his wife and children, addressing them by name in terms of fatherly affection, gave his farewell messages and died peacefully, the anguish of pain ceasing before the end came. He was fully conscious up to thirty minutes before breathing his last. The cause of the governor's death was congestion.

During the holidays his love of the forest prompted him to select companions and repair to the forest that fringes the Navasota river. In the wild pursuit of large game he over exerted himself, and on one occasion when his hunger was keen after a long hot chase he ate biscuit underdone and partook freely of pork sausage somewhat rare. The indigestion brought on a chill and the fatal congestion followed.

The coffin was placed on a catafalque in the front parlor of the Tom Padgett residence, and was guarded there all night by veterans of Pat Cleburne camp and J. B. Robertson camp.

Two veterans stands, one at the head and one at the foot of the coffin, and are relieved every thirty minutes, the comrades taking turns about in the sad duty they are rendering to their beloved comrade.

### Laid to Rest.

Waco, Texas, January 5.—Under a mound of Oakwood upon which flowers are heaped high sleeps Lawrence Sullivan Ross. His grave is close to that of his parents. The monument of his father, Capt. Shapley P. Ross, inscribed with an epitaph tells the people who pass in briefest words the story of the old frontiersman. His most distinguished son was laid beside the veteran father and the father and son are once more united. The father taught the son to be a soldier and the son brought honor and glory to his name.

The floral designs were numer-

ous and beautifully arranged under the supervision of the Daughters of the Confederacy and Kit Carson Woman's Relief corps, for the grave of the dead hero of three wars.

The graves of Senator Coke, Judge Herring and several other friends of Gov. Ross, graves made last years, are close to that of the illustrious soldier and statesman who was buried to-day with honors surpassing any ever heretofore shown the dead in Waco, although it is a city, noted for its respect and observance of such rites, and here many great funerals preceded the notable one occurring to-day, to which the people turned out en masse and wept by thousands over the beloved dead.

The Confederate soldier element was more than any other one class conspicuous. Many of the veterans wearing camp badges in mourning fought in the Sixth Texas, the Ross regiment and several of his original command.

### GOV. ROSS' LAST WORDS.

Gov. Ross' last words were: "I feel altogether like a new man." This remark he made in response to Dr. Fountain's question, "How do you feel now, governor?" It was just before he died that Dr. Fountain put the question and received the reply quoted. After that a look of great peace was on the countenance of the dying soldier and he passed away in a short time after the cheerful remark. He afterwards pressed the hands of his wife, children and other relatives and gave tokens of recognition and love, but spoke no more after his reply to the doctor. Gov. Ross' love for field sports and the chase led him to a fondness for dogs and he owned a number of hounds, spaniels and bird dogs. It is related by members of the family that the dogs hung around the house all during the illness of their master and just after he died they gathered in group in the yard and uttered mournful howls.

### GOV. HOGG TALKS.

Denies Impudently That He Ever had Any Intention of Leaving Texas.

A reporter asked ex-Gov. Hogg was there any truth in the statements going the rounds of the press to the effect that he would soon move to New York to practice law and become a candidate for vice-president in 1900. In reply he said:

"I have never intended nor do I now intend to move from my native state for any consideration, personal, political or pecuniary, however great and tempting they may appear. Texas is good enough for me.

"You may say that I have never been, am not now and do not intend to become a candidate for vice-president. It is a position well worthy the ambition of our best men, but it is one that I do not desire and would not hold if I had the opportunity to do so. At the proper time I expect to work for Bob Taylor of Tennessee for that position.

"You may also state that my intention is to keep out of politics except to support publicly and privately the nominees of democracy from the president all along down the line to and including the justice of the peace and constable of the precinct in which I live.

"The people of Texas have done enough for me politically and I know that I have been faithful to their interests and have never betrayed their trusts. I must now be permitted as a back number in politics to press along in my professional work for the pleasure and profit that may be in it. When the party speaks and places its platform and nominees before the people I shall cheerfully devote at least a month of my time next fall canvassing the state in support of them. I think with this promise my friends everywhere should be satisfied and they may rest assured that I will be ready to invite and answer questions touching every issue of a personal, political or professional nature that any good citizen, critic or scandal monger may want to ask."

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There are some men who think a newspaper couldn't run without their patronage, and when they "stop their paper," they wonder why it is "the thing don't bust."

Senator Walcott is hot in the collar because he has discovered just what the general public knew all the time, i. e., that the international monetary commission of which he is a member is nothing more than a sham and a farce. McKinley never intended that an international agreement for free coinage of silver should be consummated and he only sent Walcott, et. al. to Europe to make a grand stand play before the public. Walcott don't like being made a fool of in that way and now he threatens to resign.

It is said Gov. Bob Taylor will be in the race for U. S. Senator from Tennessee.

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"If you want to know a woman's true character," remarks an exchange, "linger after the guests go and listen to what she has to say about them."

Dr. John Grant has been appointed U. S. Marshall for the Eastern District of Texas, to succeed Marshal Williams.

Stokes Shaw has been convicted of the murder of Tom Crane at Cleburne and given the death penalty.

**Hanna Elected.**  
The Ohio legislature on Tuesday elected M. A. Hanna to the Senate by a majority of two votes. He had a hard fight to get it, and it is openly charged that he got votes by bribery. This is nothing unusual in Ohio, however, to buy a seat in the Senate.

**Successful Physicians.**  
To our readers we wish to recommend Dr. Hathaway & Co., of 209 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas, as being perfectly reliable and remarkably successful in the treatment of chronic diseases. They guarantee to cure where others fail. They never employ traveling doctors. If in need of medical help, you should certainly write them for their expert opinion which you will receive by return mail, free of charge.

When a Spaniard goes to the Cuban insurgents to treat for peace on the basis of autonomy, they hang or shoot him on the spot. When Gen. Gomez issued the insurgent manifesto, that any one caught inside the insurgent lines treating for peace on terms short of complete independence for Cuba would be shot, they evidently thought he was joking. The hanging of Ruze the Spanish peace commissioner has led them to conclude that the Cubans mean business.

Reports from Hunt county state that farmers have sown more wheat than usual and that it is looking well.

**Any Person**  
Wishing to know the truth in regard to their health should not fail to send for a valuable and new 64-page Booklet which will be sent FREE for a short time to those who mention this paper. This booklet is published by the celebrated physicians and specialists—Dr. Hathaway & Co., of San Antonio, Texas, whom you should address. Write to-day

## Reagan Out of the Senatorial Race.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 8.—Judge John H. Reagan to-day gave out the following:

Austin, Tex., Jan. 7.—Circumstances somewhat unforeseen, mainly of a private nature, make it necessary for me to withdraw my name from consideration as a candidate for election to the senate of the United States.

I do so from no apprehension of defeat. I have received from all parts of the State the most gratifying assurances of success if I could remain in the race.

I realize the surprise which this announcement will cause a great number of my friends, and on their account greatly regret to have to make it.

Will my fellow-citizens, who have honored me so often and whom I have served so long, pardon me for the admission that in giving up the hope of what I intended should be my last political triumph, made probable by their generous support. I do not conceal from myself that my pride and ambition suffer a measure of humility, which consciousness of the approval by our people of my life's services relieves of any regret which might otherwise be caused by this announcement.

In withdrawing from the last political canvass I ever expected to make I do so with a heart full of gratitude for the many honors conferred on me in the past, and with a proud consciousness of having endeavored to faithfully discharge every trust, executive, legislative or judicial, which has been conferred on me.

JOHN H. REAGAN.

A lady drove up in front of one of the Terrell saloons the other morning and inquired for the alleged proprietor of a gambling house, and he came out to see her. She told him her husband had been robbed of his overcoat and money the night before in his gambling house and she wanted it and was going to have it. After some words she was induced to go home. It is believed the property was restored. All women, whose husbands and sons, are robbed in gambling houses should do just as this lady did. These gambling houses are run in violation of law, and they should be suppressed, says the Times-Star.

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### NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The World

to-day says: Such influences have been brought to bear on Sagasta that have induced him to direct De Lome to make propositions to the state department at Washington looking to an American protectorate over Cuba and possible annexation.

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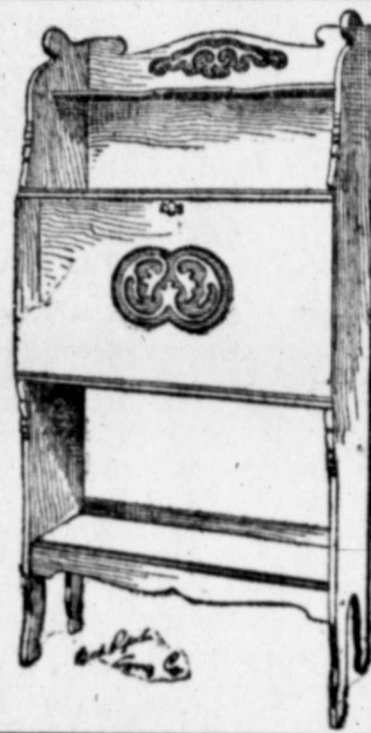
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## Announcements.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the Democratic Primaries:

For Tax Assessor:  
G. H. CROZIER.

## Change of Date.

To suit the convenience of its country subscribers, THE LEADER will hereafter be published on Saturday instead of Friday.

Catarrh, like scrofula, is a disease of the blood and may be cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Joe Wright left last week for Klondike. His brother, who is there, wrote to him to come as soon as he could.

## Spring Seed Wheat.

All persons wanting Spring Seed Wheat will please let me know by next Wednesday, 19th inst., and I will order it for them. The wheat will cost \$1 per bushel in Weatherford.

J. T. RICKMAN, Miller.

Grandma Orrell died last Sunday night and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery Monday evening. She was 81 years of age, and one of the early settlers of this county.

The diseases cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla are many, because most ailments disappear as soon as the blood is enriched and purified by it.

J. C. Loving of Fort Worth, was in Graham Tuesday. He paid his subscription to THE LEADER for the twenty-second time.

Wild Goose Oil possesses the most wonderful healing properties for Cuts, Burns, Sprains and Sores of any Medicine on the market. For sale by C. G. King, Graham.

Messrs. J. L. and S. B. Lewis of Louisiana, are in Graham visiting their uncle, Dr. E. F. Lewis and will make Young county their home; provided they can get employment with some good man on farm or ranch in the country.

Ford Bros. keep a good supply of all kinds of Groceries of the best and freshest to be had; and they are selling as low or little lower than any house in town. Call and see them.

Oliver Loving was in Graham this week settling up his taxes.

The sheriff's office has been crowded this week with tax-payers. There is only two weeks more in which to pay taxes.

O. W. King, at the post office building, will take your subscription for any newspaper or magazine in the United States at the lowest possible rates.

The following persons have paid their subscriptions to THE LEADER since our last issue:

S. J. Dinsmore, A. H. Jones, Mrs. E. Henwood, J. L. Pardue, Miss Alice Graham, T. C. Jarnagin, J. J. Gray, W. H. Logan, W. D. Nichols, J. C. Loving, Donnell Bros.

## Want Your Wheat.

I will pay Weatherford prices for Wheat. L. B. KIDWELL, Mineral Wells, Texas.

Elmer Benson left this week for Colorado City.

Clem McCarver is visiting his sister in Calahan county.

The appointment of postmaster J. T. Cunningham, has been confirmed by the U. S. Senate. He says that he and Mark Hanna are both in luck.

A pretty good rain fell last night and prospects are favorable for some more to-day. It seems that the drouth is broken at last.

With this issue we announce the name of G. H. Crozier as a candidate for Tax Assessor, subject to the action of democratic primaries. G. H., or "Pat" as he is familiarly called by his friends, is a man well qualified for the position he seeks. He has had a long period of service in the clerical work of the land office at Austin in an early day, and in the last four years as postmaster at Graham he made a most excellent record, always polite and attentive to the patrons of the office and always accurate in his official work. He is an ex-confederate soldier and was disabled in service of the lost cause. He has a large family to support, and if the people see fit to elevate him to the position he seeks, he will make a good and faithful officer.

Capt. G. W. Hunt of Miller Bend attended county court this week.

## Do Babies Cry for It?

No! they more often die for the want of it. Dr. Simmons' cough Syrup is guaranteed to cure croup, Whooping cough, cold, coughs and Bronchial affections of the throat, chest and lungs, and failing, the purchase money is refunded. Sample bottle free. 50 doses 50 cents.

W. L. Donnell of Eliasville was in Graham Wednesday.

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THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by D. R. Akin & Co.

Miller Bend was well represented at the trial of the McCan case last Wednesday, about a dozen of the citizens of that community being witnesses in the case.

ONE CENT a dose is all we ask for Dr. Simmons' cough Syrup, and we are pledged to refund the cost price per bottle if it fails to do all that is claimed for it. You get immediate relief.

## NOTICE.

Owing to failing health I am compelled to retire from the active supervision of the Eliasville Flour Mill, and hereby ask all parties having accounts against or owing the firm of Donnell Bros. for an immediate settlement.

Thanking all my customers for past patronage, and asking a continuance of the same to the firm, I am, Very respectfully,  
T. F. DONNELL.

A chronic kicker is bad enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's cure will do up the worst case of Itch, tetter and Ringworm, Itching Piles, Eczema known. Price 50c.

I am headquarters for Paints and Oils. Mineral paints for fences, barns and roofs. Standard brands of paints for all kinds of outside and decorative purposes. You will serve your own interests by calling on me before buying.  
C. G. KING.

Dr. Smith, Oculist and Aurist, treats Eye, Ear and Throat. Weatherford, Texas.

The mission of Hood's Sarsaparilla is to cure disease, and thousands of testimonials prove it fulfills its mission well.

50 doses for 50 cents. Is the same size of other \$1 bottles, and money refunded if Dr. Simmons' cough syrup fails to give entire satisfaction. Try it; costs nothing if not satisfied.

Young county has an empty jail and not a criminal case on the district court docket. What other county with a population of 6000 people can boast of the same?

## Buy Your Books.

I am informed that the Graham public school will make no change in text books this year, therefore I will handle all old books that can, or will be used in the school.  
C. G. KING.

M. L. Sikes and Mr. Johnson of Keechi are in Graham to-day.

J. M. Keen of Farmer was in the city yesterday on business.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is prepared by experienced pharmacists who know precisely the nature of all ingredients used.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



## Memorial Service.

Last Saturday afternoon the local ex-confederate veterans held memorial services at the court house in commemoration of the life and character of the lamented L. S. ROSS.

The services were opened by prayer by Eld. G. W. Black, and singing by a select choir; Miss Nettie Short acting as organist. An address upon the life and character of Gov. Ross by Rev. O. B. Caldwell, followed by Prof. J. N. Johnston, who dwelt especially upon the educational influence of Ross' great career and example.

Capt. A. T. Gay also delivered a short eulogy; appropriate songs were sung and a resolution committee appointed, whose report is published below. Judge O. E. Finly presided over the meeting, and quite a large number of people attended:

COMRADES:—L. S. Ross, to whose memory and worth it is our sad duty to bear willing tribute, has answered the last roll call, full of years, full of honors, ever faithful in the discharge of every trust imposed upon him, "Like one that wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams," he quietly passed from the scenes of his illustrious career, to the realities of an endless life, in the, to us, invisible world.

His life was a most eventful and instructive one. In the midst of the trying and critical periods of our country's history, the talisman of his wonderful career, was his honest and conscientious discharge of every duty committed to his charge. At the age of nineteen years he was made a captain of a company of Texas rangers, and most gallantly did he lead them in the battle of the Wichita. One year later, returning from the University with his diploma, the governor of Texas placed him, boy as he was, in supreme command of the ranger force of Texas. He went for the bloody Comanches, the most powerful and war like tribe of Indians in Texas and in a battle fought near the head of Pease River he whipped and routed the Indians, driving them from the soil of Texas. In this bloody engagement the last of the great Comanche chiefs having fallen in a hand to hand conflict with the youthful captain, the Comanche warriors were never again rallied on Texas soil.

Cæsar or Napoleon could not have done more. At the age of twenty-three years we find him leading the Sixth Texas regiment in the battle of Corinth, in one of the most sanguine charges made during the civil war and for his gallantry in this battle, he was made a brigadier general and was styled the "Hero of Corinth." Though the youngest general in the Confederate service he was a foe not to be despised and was an honor to the Texas heroes.

Therefore be it resolved, that in the death of our comrade L. S. Ross, Texas has lost one of her most noble and chivalrous sons, whose youth, manhood and honored old age should be emulated and revered, and that in common with the people of the great State of Texas, we tender to his sorrowing ones our sincere sympathy.  
A. T. GAY.  
JOHN TAYLOR.  
A. A. TIMMONS.  
J. S. STARRETT.  
P. L. GIBSON.

## County Court.

This Court convened last Monday, 10th inst., and the first day was consumed in probate business. On Tuesday a jury was empanelled and the criminal docket called—the court disposing of the following cases:

The State vs. Henry Huber, aggravated assault and battery; jury verdict, guilty of simple assault and penalty of \$5 and cost.

The State vs. J. L. Heighton, aggravated assault upon the person of Mrs. Oma Masey; verdict guilty as charged and fined \$30 and costs.

The State of Texas vs. J. S. McCan, charged with turning cattle in V. T. Crawford's pasture was the first case called Wednesday morning. The State broke down completely and a verdict of not guilty was rendered at the request of the county attorney.

Having run out of any other business J. C. Stewart was called to the bat on two local option cases, one of which he continued till next term, and the other resulted in a hung jury, and the case continued till next term. There were no cases on the civil docket whatever.

## To Candidates.

The good year of 1898 is with us and you want to be elected to office next fall. The primaries will probably be held in June, and it is about time for you to let your wishes be known. We are prepared to place your announcements at our masthead with a delineation of your many virtues and reasons why you should be elected, at the usual price of \$10 for district office, \$5 for county and \$3 for precinct. Remember, "the early bird catches the worm."

## The Value of Experience.

Of course you can do without Parker's Ginger Tonic, as we all do without a great many things that are good, but people have learned by experience that Parker's Ginger Tonic dispels many affections. Numberless ills and emergencies happen, products of debility and defective nutrition, prolix of sickness and pain, that may be felt any where and disturb every function, giving no end of trouble. There is help in Parker's Ginger Tonic for those who suffer. It goes to the root of the disorder by renewing the vitality of the whole system and setting it in order.

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Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work

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Backache, Sprains, Cuts, Rheumatism speedily cured by using Hunt's Lightning Oil. Failing, money refunded.

## 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.  
J. W. GRAVES, H. P.  
B. S. DOTY, Sec.

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

### I. O. O. F.

ADELPHI LODGE No. 261, I. O. O. F., meets on second and fourth Saturday nights in each month in Knights of Pythias hall. S. A. KILLION, N. G. W. L. GRAVES, 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. P.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 148, Knights of Pythias, meets in Castle Hall every Monday night. Visiting Knights invited to attend.  
J. T. RICKMAN, C. C.  
Jo. W. Akin, K. of R. & S.

### Woodmen of the World.

GLEN McDONALD CAMP, No. 420, W. O. W., meets every Saturday night at K. of P. Hall. C. G. KING, C. C. P. A. MARTIN, Clerk.

### MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS.

The great watering place of Texas, is reached only via the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railway. Excursion tickets are on sale with the principal roads of the State. All Santa Fe and Texas & Pacific trains make connection at Weatherford, for Mineral Wells.

### TIME TABLE.

Leaves Weatherford 10:30 a. m. & 6:10 p. m. Arrive at Mineral Wells 11:52 a. m. & 7:10 p. m. Leaves Mineral Wells 7:00 a. m. & 1:10 p. m. Arrives at Weatherford 8:10 a. m. & 2:10 p. m.

### SUNDAY ONLY.

Leaves Weatherford 10:30 a. m. & 6:10 p. m. Arrive Mineral Wells 11:50 a. m. & 7:10 p. m. Leave " " 7:40 a. m. & 1:10 p. m. Arrives at Weatherford 8:40 a. m. & 3:10 p. m. For further particulars, address, W. C. FORBESS, G. F. & P. A., Weatherford, Texas.

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STOCK NOTES.

The Fort Worth & Denver has decided to make a rate of one fare for the round trip to those who wish to attend National Stock Growers' convention, to be held at Denver during this month.

The number of hogs handled at the different markets of the United States approached the enormous figures of 15,000,000 for the year 1897, and about 6,000,000 head of sheep.

The number of hogs used in the western markets for the two months ending Jan. 1, 1898, amounted to 4,175,000, the killings in one week going up to 580,000, showing an increase over the same week last year of 220,000 head.

It is said that the United States imported from Mexico in 1897, over 300,000 head of Mexican cattle. Many of these found their way to Kansas, some to Missouri and some to Arkansas and Louisiana, but Texas received the bulk of them.

The packing-house at Ft. Worth is now doing a good business. The demand is fully equal if it does not exceed the supply, and the number of men employed when the place is running to its full capacity is over 200. Two thousand head of hogs are often cut up there in one day and the only drawback to the entire success of the enterprise appears to be the difficulty experienced in securing a supply of hogs.

Reports are coming in, showing the statistics of the live stock movement and transactions for the past year, 1897, and dealers are wondering where all the cattle and hogs came from. Kansas City showed that last year was the greatest year in its history. The total valuation of stock handled in that market was something over \$110,500,000, or an increase over any former year of \$7,118,000.

Col. C. C. Slaughter of Dallas reports that he has 2513 pure bred Herefords on his Heckley county ranch, and on his other ranges in adjacent counties he has nearly 5000 head of half and three-quarter breeds. He has been breeding up his cattle for the past year and in common with other Texas breeders of fine stock may in the near future reap as rich rewards as are now being realized by the fine stock raisers of the northern and eastern states.

There are almost daily arrivals of carload lots of fine Hereford and Durham bulls from the north for Texas, which speaks strongly for the movement which appears to be on foot among cattle raisers for the improvement of their stock. These cattle come high, but they pay big returns in the long run. It is a question, however, if eastern breeders will be able to long maintain the fancy prices they are now receiving for the class of stock from Texas cattlemen.

J. E. Hutto of Hutto, has been looking in to the cattle situation of north Texas. He says he looks for a prosperous year for his section, but states that rain is badly needed. A much larger area of cotton will be planted this year than last, as low prices have not discouraged Williamson county farmers. A few years since, he says, bacon sold for 20 cents per pound and now it is 8 and 9 cents, and although the staple may not bring quite as much, still living is cheaper and the compensation nearly as great in consequence.

Texas vs. Uncle Sam.

Assistant Attorney General Fuller and the Governor are gathering data to bring legal proceedings against the United States government officers in charge of the building of the torpedo station and fortifications for possession of the land on which they are being constructed. It is claimed by the United States government as part of cession of all military property when Texas was annexed, but Judge Fuller, for the state, contends that that part of Galveston island was not military property at that time. Thus the matter stands.

Lieut. Guy H. Preston ninth cavalry, has been given charge of the army pack trains that are to undertake to get supplies into the Klondike region.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Texans will try to raise a bigger crop of wheat next year than ever before. We don't wish the foreigners any misfortune, but we won't cry over another short crop abroad.—Post.

The educational department at Austin has made the regular monthly apportionment of school funds to counties and independent districts. It amounts to \$110,000, or 15 cents per scholastic capita.

Texas goes into the New Year with one more credit to her industry and enterprise. She has placed her name on the markets of the world for more than wheat, cattle and cotton. Her petroleum deposits are an established fact.—News.

It is gratifying to note that interest in cotton manufacturing is being aroused in Texas. It's a good sign of an improving business intelligence, and if kept active for a time must result in many enterprises of the kind desired.—Post.

From various directions come reports of railroad building to be done in the south. It is one of the signs of the times. But Texas is in greater need of the few cotton mills. They would advance the state's prosperity at a lively rate.—Denison Herald.

A strange man tossed a box into the baggage car of a "Katy" train at Gainesville and the train had gone several miles before it was discovered that the box contained a live baby about two weeks old. The child was taken to the orphan's home. The man could not be identified.

A carload of pecans was shipped from McKinney to St. Louis. The pecan industry is taking a boom. Cleveland has been so flooded with them that they found no buyers, at 75 cents per bushel. The Brazos river bottom is so full of them that farmers there have found it profitable to let 5-cent cotton rot in the field and give their time to harvesting pecans. Verily, Texas people have no cause to starve.—Sherman Register.

Stop Wasteful Legislation.

Indian Agent Wisdom has received the following important dispatch from the Secretary of the Interior, which he immediately transferred by special messenger to the chief of the Creek nation at Okmulgee, I. T.:

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3, 1898.—To Wisdom, Indian Agent, I. T.: I am advised that the chief of the Creek nation has called extra sessions of Creek council to appropriate money to pay lawyers to prevent the law transferring from tribal courts from going into effect or have it repealed. This law became operative on the 1st instant. It provides that no act of any tribal court shall be valid until approved by the President, and I deem it my duty to warn all Indians of the five civilized tribes that I believe it would be useless to spend any money to prevent its operation or to secure its repeal. Being satisfied of this, I would not recommend to the President for approval of any act of any tribal council appropriating money or incurring indebtedness for this purpose. On the contrary, I would strongly advise him not to approve it. I give this warning to prevent the Indians of the civilized tribes from being imposed upon and to protect them against waste of their funds. Please make this known to all the Indians.

C. N. BLISS, Secretary.

Ohio Senatorship.

Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—The senatorial contest in the Ohio legislature has become desperate. The combine of ten anti-Hanna republicans with the democratic members won at the caucuses last Saturday night and again to-day in organizing both branches of the legislature in the interest of the "combine" opposition to the reelection of Senator Marcus A. Hanna. The final struggle and ballot will take place on the 12th of January.

Bald heads are becoming too frequent among the middle aged. This can be prevented by the timely use of Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The President has appointed George Louis Siebricht to be marshal for the eastern district of Texas, and Frederick Leonard for the western district.

In the senate the usual proposition to amend the constitution by making the senators elective by the people was introduced by Butler of North Carolina.

Wolcott, from the postoffice committee, reported a bill to amend the system of issuing money orders, and said that he would endeavor to have it considered at an early day.

In the senate Allen of Nebraska, called up and the senate passed the bill providing for holding a congress of representatives of the different Indian tribes of the United States at Omaha in 1898, and appropriating \$100,000 therefor. Some minor amendments to the bill were made. The bill to protect the name and insignia of the Red Cross was passed.

Senator Teller of Colorado, introduced a concurrent resolution declaring that bonds of the United States, principal and interest, should at the option of the government, be paid in standard silver dollars and such payment should not be in violation of public faith or in derogation to the public or creditor. The resolution was referred to the finance committee.

Congressman Lovering of Massachusetts has introduced a resolution asking congress to recommend the adoption of a constitutional amendment making the hours of labor in factories uniform throughout the country. He says that it is the only way to prevent the extraordinary unjust discrimination between certain sections which are unexempted in any other country.

Mr. Allen of Nebraska, offered in the senate, a resolution, declaring that the United States should independently and without delay begin and continue the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1; that such coinage should be supplemented by a safe and sound national paper money to be issued by the government without the intervention of banks, the notes to be full legal tender.

The executive committee of the American Federation of Labor, has submitted the following to Congress as their wishes:

- 1. An eight-hour work day on all public works; such law to provide that all contracts or sub-contracts for materials furnished or work done must contain a provision that eight hours shall be the maximum labor for any one individual in any one calendar day. Further, that it shall be the duty of officials vested with the power of signing such contract to withhold their signatures until such proviso is inserted therein.
2. In order to stop the discriminate and dangerous use of the writ of injunction, we urge the adoption of senate bill 35.
3. In order to in some degree lessen the competition of convict labor, we urge the adoption of a law to prohibit the transportation of prison made goods from one state into another state or territory.
4. We urge the adoption of a reasonable law to restrict undesirable immigration, such law to be based upon an educational qualification.

A Double Territory Bill.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Delegate Callahan of Oklahoma introduced a bill to attach the Indian Territory of Oklahoma and to erect the two territories into one territory. The bill includes all the lands of the five tribes of Indians and the Quopaw Indian tribes. The capital is to remain at Guthrie and the territorial officers of Oklahoma are to be the officers of the new territory. The land to be attached to Oklahoma is to be divided into six counties to be named Quapaw, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole.

The present capitals of the nations of these names are to be county seats and Miami is to be the county seat of the new Quapaw county. The territory is to be divided into five judicial dis-

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tricts. The criminal and civil jurisdiction and the procedure of the district courts of the territory thus created are to be the same as now fixed for Oklahoma.

The new territory is to be entitled to one delegate in congress and the legislature is to consist of twenty-five members, thirteen from the present Oklahoma and twelve from the present Indian Territory; the house to consist of twenty-six from the former and twenty-one from the latter. The act is not to be construed to affect the tribal relations of rights of any tribe. The Oklahoma laws are to govern the territory.

Labor Notes.

The China, Webster and Pembroke cotton manufacturing companies, of Suncock, N. H. have reduced the wages of their employees. The reduction affects 1400 hands.

In a convention in London the representatives of 1,250,000 unionists passed resolution congratulating the engineers on their stand, and asking all trades unionists to support the engineers.

The Amoskeag, Stark and Armory cotton manufacturing corporation of Manchester, N. H., have made a cut of 10 per cent in the wages of their employees, consisting of 12,000 operators.

Treasurer Parsons of the Lyman mills of Holyoke, Mass., says his wages in that mill will be cut to conform to the wages in New Bedford. This is the second cut in these mills in the past twelve months.

Notices have been posted that the Carr cotton mills of Taunton, Mass., will make a reduction of 11 per cent in the wage scale. This reduction goes into effect Jan. 10.

From the reports it is general conceded that all the cotton mills throughout the New England states will make a reduction of wages from 10 to 11 1/2 per cent in the wages of all employees.

In meetings lately held by the different unions in Fall River, Mass., the sentiments of a strike is very strong.

Adam Wangemann, an old Texas veteran, died at Brenham on the 1st. He came from Germany in 1844, at the age of 15, and located at Austin. He was a brave and gallant Confederate soldier.

There were eight hangings on Friday last, as far as heard from.

Advertisement for B.B.B. Botanic Blood Balm, a household remedy for various ailments like scrofula, ulcers, salt rheum, etc. It claims to be the most powerful healing properties and is guaranteed to cure all blood diseases.

Col. Frank P. Holland, the enterprising urbane manager of Texas Farm and Ranch, began the new year setting a good example to the other Texas citizens. The colonel desired to make a few new year's presents to his employees and some close friends, and could think of nothing more desirable than first class cigars. He accordingly ordered a quantity of tobacco grown in Texas, took it to a well known cigar factory in Dallas and insisted that it be made into cigars by Texas workmen. He also required that the cigars be placed in boxes made in Texas of Texas material. The colonel's cigars cost him \$80 per 1000, but he says that one whiff of the delicious aroma will convince any smoker that they are worth twice that amount.—Dallas Times-Herald

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### WORLD'S LARGEST CANNON.

It Weighs 126 Tons and Sends a Projec-  
tile Sixteen Miles.

The largest gun ever built in the world is now being constructed at the Bethlehem iron works. This enormous piece of ordnance will weigh when completed 126 tons. It will exceed by six tons' weight the monster gun which Krupp of Germany exhibited at the world's fair in Chicago, and in length it will be nearly five feet longer than the German gun.

This monster weapon is being fabricated under the orders of the war department. It is the biggest order ever given to any establishment of the world.

The great gun is being built under the superintendence of John F. Meigs, formerly a lieutenant of the United States navy and a standard artillery authority in this country. With him is associated Capt. E. L. Zalinski, United States army, retired. The government inspection work is in the hands of Capt. Ira McNutt of the ordnance corps of the army. All three gentlemen are on the ground and personally see to every detail of the immense undertaking as it progresses.

The intention of the war department, it is announced, is to mount the great piece on a specially built foundation on Romer shoals. The protection for this gun will be a turret, which will wholly inclose the crew and the greater of the gun. From its position on Romer shoals the great piece of ordnance will have a full sweep of the channels leading into New York harbor. There is not, it is declared, a vessel afloat today with armor of sufficient strength to resist its shot. John F. Meigs estimates that a blow from the new gun would have a striking energy equal to that of 2000-ton ship when running at full speed. The shot from the gun, he adds, would smash, crack, and batter down any armor which it would be possible for a ship to carry.

The caliber will be sixteen inches. The length, from breech to muzzle, will be forty-nine feet two inches. Through the breech in a vertical line the gun will have a measurement of exactly five feet. Mr. Meigs computes the weight of a shot for the new gun at a little over 2300 pounds. That means more than a ton of metal. The heaviest shots fired in England have not yet weighed 2000 pounds.

The powder charge for the American gun will weigh nearly 1000 pounds. Provided extreme elevation for range could be obtained, a shot from the New York harbor gun should be able to travel more than sixteen miles. The greatest known range ever attained was from the famous "jubilee shot" in England. The distance measured about twelve statute miles.

The United States has never before attempted any heavier piece of ordnance for coast defense than a 12-inch gun. The weight of a piece of the latter caliber is approximately fifty tons. In the 16-inch gun there is observed a jump of seventy-six tons increase in weight.

The first ingot for the new 16-inch gun was cast at Bethlehem last week. It was for the tube forging and weighed 82,800 pounds. The jacket forging is also out. It weighs 90,000 pounds. Under the contract made with the war department the Bethlehem works will turn out all forgings for the great gun. The tempering and annealing processes will also be applied at Bethlehem shops. When all the parts are out, the tube, jacket and hoops will be shipped to the United States arsenal at Watervliet, West Troy, N. Y. There they are to be assembled together, and the gun itself rifled and made ready for service.

All metal used is fluid compressed. The specifications, which are being adhered to, demand the most exacting physical tests. Specimen pieces of metal are taken from all forgings and are subjected to elongation, breaking and bending tests. Finally, every part of the gun must be of forged metal. The tube, for instance, has been cast and rough bored. It will next have a mandrel introduced

through its length and then be placed under the hammer.

For this latter state the Bethlehem works have the largest hammer in the world. It is capable of delivering a blow of 120 tons, or some ten tons more than the famous Krupp hammer.

The building of the new sixteen inch gun is an extensive undertaking. The gun itself will cost about \$20,000. For single guns the average cost to the government for all fabrication work in this country is roughly \$1000 per ton of gun.

The cost of the gun carriage and turret will bring the cost up to as much again as the weapon, while the cost for foundation will, it is estimated, round out a grand total of at least \$300,000. The foundation for the sixteen inch gun will require a depth, it is said, of fifty feet, if earth be the basis. This foundation must be constructed of concrete.—Philadelphia Times.

### LATE GENERAL NEWS.

Miss May Thompson, a Dallas girl, committed suicide in New York, where she had gone for her health. She committed the fearful act while in state of temporary insanity.

Many planters in the neighborhood of Velasco are preparing to go into sugar raising extensively. Cuero will attempt the culture of banana. Is there anything that the soil of Texas won't produce?

The gold output of Colorado this year is estimated from figures furnished by the smelters, mills and mint at \$22,000,000 over that of 1896. The silver produced was worth \$12,807,070; lead \$2,741,672; copper \$1,209,053.

It is reported that in an engagement a few days since, with the Cubans, Gen. Pando lost 2000 men dead and missing. General Segura with a force of 3500 men has also failed to control a section of the Canto river.

Five hundred miners at Dayton, Tenn., are on a strike on account of the notice posted by the Dayton Coal company a few days ago, stating that thereafter the men would be docked for all slate found in their cars.

Wm. K. Vanderbilt, by far the most popular member of the Vanderbilt family has finally cast behind him the matrimonial griefs which found a climax in the divorce court, and again blossomed out in New York society.

A special from Dawson City, says, the miners have commissioned three men to go immediately to Ottawa and present a petition to the Canadian authorities reciting reasons why the new mining laws are unjustly severe.

D. L. Wiggins, representing Weyerhaeus and Rutledge, lumber dealers, Ashland, Wis., has shipped 500,000 feet of lumber to New York and Michigan. In a few days the same company will begin the shipment of 400,000 feet recently sold to New York parties.

Rich mineral deposits have been discovered in Annette Island, off the Alaskan coast, and action will be taken to pass the bill introduced in congress segregating the Indians now occupying the island, and steps are being taken to have the country opened to settlement so the white man may enter and introduce mining operations.

The jury in the trial of William Foley for the murder of his sister and mother, at Liberty, Mo., after being out 2 hours and 40 minutes, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. After the verdict had been read Judge Broddus sentenced Foley to be hanged Friday, Feb. 18.

In passing sentence the judge said: "At your first trial I had very grave doubts of your guilt, but on the second they were swept away. The evidence has shown you to be guilty. While it looks incredible, the chain of circumstantial evidence is complete. I can not conceive why you should murder your mother and sister. You must be one of the most depraved human beings that ever walked the earth. I can not think you murdered them for any motive. You and your God know why you stained your hands with the blood of those it was your duty to love and protect."

### HOW MONEY

Left at Interest Grows is Illustrated by  
This Story.

A recent shipment of currency by a St. Louis bank to a farmer in Kansas brought to light an interesting story, showing the wonderful accumulation of money when allowed to remain at interest. This shipment amounting to \$10,330.18, represented the principal and accumulated interest on an original investment of only \$2,000.

The case recalls what is generally known as the "Patriotic Loan of 1864," and particularly because the parties directly concerned have never met, and the business was conducted entirely by correspondence.

Under the "authorizing acts of June 30, 1864, and March 3, 1865," the government issued treasury notes, running for three years, bearing interest coupons, payable semi-annually at 7 3/4 per cent per annum or 2 cents per day on each \$100 which were generally known as "Seven-thirty Notes."

Arrangements were made with National bank depositories to place this loan in the hands of the people, and large sums were thus negotiated, and these notes or bonds were eventually converted into what was known as the "Sixes of 1881."

In the summer of 1864 soon after the second issue of the "Seven-Thirty" notes, remittance of \$2000 was received by one of the local banks from a correspondent in the interior of the state with the instructions to invest the amount in the new United States Seven-thirty notes and hold the same for his account.

As the coupons matured they were detached and collected, and when they aggregated a sufficient amount this was used under instructions by letter.

This investment of accumulated interest went on until the maturity of the notes, when they were converted into the bonds known as the government sixes of 1881, the investment of interest continuing as before.

Later these bonds were converted into government bonds which were known as Five twenty bonds. These were held for a short time and sold at a good price, and the proceeds used for the purchase of four per cent United States bonds.

On October 15, 1883, there was a special deposit at the bank credited to this investor, United States four per cent bonds, of a par value of \$5,100, coupons amounting to \$102 and \$32.85 in cash, making the total uninvested interest \$133.85.

With a part of this another \$100 bond was purchased, which, on account of the premium, cost \$121.50. This made the total par value of the bonds \$5,200 and left a cash balance of \$12.35.

This investment was continued every interest period until January 28, 1890, when, upon the advice of the Saint Louis banker, the United States four per cent bonds then held, the par value of which was \$6,300, were sold, and netted \$7,808.06. Of this amount \$7,525 was invested in St. Louis City four per cent bonds, the par value of which was \$7,000, a certificate of deposit drawing interest being issued for the excess.

On July 2, 1892, the amount of cash held justified the purchase of an additional \$1,000 St. Louis City four per cent bonds, which was done.

On Aug. 6, 1897, the following letter was received by the banker: "Dear Sir—Having concluded to divide my money, please have my securities sold and assist me in having my money sent here in a sure way, as I am now over 85 years old and getting weaker every day."

Under these instructions, the securities were converted into cash, yielding from the original investment of only \$2,000, the handsome sum of \$10,330.18.

Fifty thousand bales is Corsicana's cotton record for the year 1897.

The American Express Co., is out \$10,525, and Clark Bralen Jr., a trusted employe is missing.

John Randle's big plantation in Milam county will not be worked by convicts this year. The gang of convicts, 54 in number, will be taken to Wharton county.

### THE WEST PROSPERING.

The Glorious Land of Milk, Honey and  
Children.

Judge B. R. Webb has lately returned from a visit to Callahan county, Texas, and in reply to a Fort Worth reporter's inquiry as to the affairs out there he said:

"That country is in excellent condition and is now enjoying a full measure of prosperity. Baird will mark this year 8000 bales of cotton and yet I can recall when there was not a cotton gin in Callahan county, so this figure is a very good exhibit for an infant industry."

"The county records show but few chattel mortgages and the merchants report an unusually large cash trade."

"What are the principal products of that section?"

"Cotton and children and cattle and wheat and more children. They have cattle on a thousand hills out there, and as many more in the valleys. Cotton is now in the lead, because it grows there almost spontaneously. One man raised thirteen bales on nine acres, and did not half try. He said his boy, Joe, hitched a flying filly to a buzzardwing sweep and went over the crop twice, hitting the ground occasionally in the high places—and the crop was made. The rains do not pack the ground there, and crabgrass is almost unknown."

"Is the population there increasing?"

"Is it. Is it. There is a good influx of people from the outside, and then there's a current of domestic immigration that is simply wonderful, resulting from the superior climatic influences and stimulous, buoyant atmosphere, etc. There is marrying and giving in marriage and multiplying on the face of the earth in a way to win the approving smiles of Divine Providence. A married lady out there with less than seven children in ten years is scarcely admitted into the best circles of society. If she is real clever and appears to be doing the best she can, she is tolerated, but is looked upon as more or less of a failure. An old widower friend of mine married a young wife there about seven years ago, and now when the new issue rises up to call him blessed, if they line up in a row, and in due chronological order, you have to sight close at the top of the line to detect any variation in it, they are so near of a size. Old John Adams was right when he said that experience was the lamp to guide man's feet; but if my friend should marry again, we will have to annex Mexico as well as Hawaii to secure sufficient territorial outlet."

"They raise good potatoes out there also, but grow them rather few in a hill. Capt. W. J. Mattley raises them weighing 37 1/2 pounds each, and they use a broad-ax to slice off enough potato for a family meal. How can Texas fail to become a great state with such advantages as these?"

### Wants Him in His Army.

It is reported that Emperor William will send to this country to arrest Carl Fahnlley, a nephew of Frederick Fahnlley, a wealthy merchant and banker of Indianapolis, Ind.

Young Fahnlley came to Indianapolis six years ago, when 14 years old, and was being educated under his uncle's guardianship. He has just received word from his mother in Germany that unless he returns at once to serve his time in the German army she will have to pay 500 marks a year as a fine. Young Fahnlley went to court to take out naturalization papers, but found that he could not until he becomes of age. He was also informed that Emperor William could send requisition papers and carry him back to his fatherland. Fahnlleys deems that he will not return, and will lay the matter before the president.

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### GRANDSON OF QUEEN VIC.

Is the Flunkey of an American Boy—Re-  
luctant That of Master and Slave.

The grandson of England's Queen is the slave of an American. That is a startling statement, but it is literally true. In has caused something very much like consternation among the more royal subjects of England's ruler, but the condition exists in truth and in fact. The slave is Prince Arthur of Great Britain, and his owner is young William Waldorf Astor.

Prince Arthur is the son of the Duke of Connaught. The Duke is the Queen's favorite son and Prince Arthur is her favorite grandchild.

Yet this Prince of the royal blood is to all intents and purposes owned and lorded over by the son of an American citizen.

Fate is full of irony, but a century ago if a soldier of George Washington had told his comrades sitting around the camp fires at Valley Forge that the time would come when an American would have his shoes cleaned by a lineal descendant of King George he would have been ridiculed out of camp. But that very condition exists.

Young William Waldorf Astor, the scion of the great American family of that name, is now being educated at the Eton College. He has reached the dignity of the upper form in that famous school of learning. The rules and customs of the college are almost as absolute as the principles of England's unwritten constitution. Every boy who enters Eton knows that he must be bound by those rules. There is no favoritism.

The son of a Queen, while in Eton College, is just as amenable as the son of a brewer or city merchant. As every one who has read "Tom Brown" knows, the system of "fagging" exists in Eton College. "Fagging" is in reality slavery, and that is how the grandchild of a Queen is a slave of an American. Prince Arthur is young Astor's "fag," and he will remain in servitude until he enters the upper form.

According to the English sentiment he is learning how to be manly, and is being taught that there are considerations in the world except those of mere birth and rank.

His duties are constant and monotonous. He must obey the order implicitly the moment it is given or submit to a "birching." A "birching" means that he will be castigated across the shoulders with a stick by his master.

He is up in the morning two hours in advance of young Astor. He lights the fires, sweeps out the rooms and dusts the furniture. The cloths he uses for dusting the American's furniture were given him by the Queen of England herself. Indeed, the young Prince took his first lesson in "dusting" from his royal grandmother.

His next duty, after having the rooms properly warmed for his master, is to fill his master's bath tub. This duty Prince Arthur must perform twice a day, though if he attempted to take a bath himself in his master's rooms he would get a "birching" for it. His next duty is to clean his master's shoes. Prince Arthur does this and does it uncomplainingly. There are nine pair of shoes always in evidence in Astor's rooms and the royal "fag" must always have them in readiness for their owner's use. The one duty which Prince Arthur rebels against is to wait on his master's table, making tea and washing dishes.

Astor has never "birched" his "fag" yet, but he has had the operation performed by the head master.

Among his duties the Prince must keep the wardrobe of the senior student in good condition. This is no small task, for Astor is one of the best dressed men at Eton. The "fag," too, must always be around when young Astor leaves his apartments for any purpose. The "fag" then gets his instructions as to the work he is expected to perform during his master's absence.

Young Astor bears the marks of many "birchings" he got in his lower form days. Perhaps it is to the memory of his many beatings at the hands of the head master that makes him an easy taskmaster for his royal fag

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