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## County Correspondence.

### Boggy Valley.

Rained some.  
J. A. Carr, a prominent business man of Gainsville, is visiting his brother, J. D. Carr.

M. H. Steadham went to Graham Thursday.  
J. W. Long and family spent Sunday visiting J. W. Proffitt and family.

F. M. Tandy, wife and son, Alvah, were visiting relatives at Griffin last week. They killed several fine wild turkeys, one of which "ye scribe" had the pleasure of discussing.

J. D. Carr and son Bud, marketed cotton in Seymour last week.  
James Tandy of Acton, accompanied by his mother, came up last week on a visit to his brother and son.

Frank Stribling of Griffin, was over Sunday.  
Green Woods will move to Vernon Friday.

C. C. Newbolt and Miss Richards were married at Proffitt Sunday, Bro. Butler officiating. Mr. Newbolt is our new blacksmith.

J. W. Proffitt has put in a new gin and cut 750 bales of the fleecy staple up to date.  
Tom Keeter called on his best girl Sunday night and did not get home until—late.

Singing at John Proffitt's Sunday night. Bill went of course.  
St. Jr.

**Center Ridge Items.**  
Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. J. B. Turner.

Miss Maggie Carlton of Victory community, visited the family of E. R. Ragland Sunday.  
John Yeager and family of Alvah are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Miss King of Rock Creek community, attended Sunday School here last Sunday.  
Wheat is looking well since the snow.

Farmers are all busy plowing. Louis Holly, who has been very sick for several days, is reported worse at this writing.

A large crowd was out to hear Bro. White preach the third Sunday, but were disappointed, as he was sick and did not come.

George Ragland, who is attending school at Graham, visited home Saturday and Sunday.  
J. M.

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### Farmer Items.

Some nice days—a little bit cool. There is a very good season in the ground now. Some of our farmers are plowing. Some are fixing their fences and making other preparations for this year's crop, while others are loafing around town whittling on goods boxes and spinning yarns.

W. A. Pritchett went to Gertrude, Jack county Monday.  
Joe Daily has a new girl at his house; mother and child doing well.

W. R. Drum will soon have his new barn completed. The barn will be quite an addition to his improvements.  
Miss Jennie Drum is visiting her sister, Mrs. Levi Lawler, at Jacksboro this week.

We think the crop of loafers and candidates in Farmee will be immense this year. Look out, merchants, for your dry goods boxes, etc.

John Benson has gone over to Lacy to complete some chimney work for T. E. Grant's new residence.

Farmer is lovely—I liked to have said lively, today, which would not have been true—for there hasn't been a man in town this morning, only those who live here, with the exception of 'Squire Wann.

Rev. Ford filled his regular appointment at the Methodist Church here Sunday and Sunday night. A large crowd was out at each service to hear what he had to say. Look here, don't you think it would be more comfortable if we would put some new window lights in the church windows? I think so; both churches need it very badly.

B. W. Drum went down to the Mound this week.  
We were informed yesterday that "spring roundups" had begun in Farmer, and I would say if you haven't said anything good about your neighbor he will be sure to round you up about it.

When you hear anything bad on your enemy, tell it with a little added, and you will never get into trouble. It is always the best to have everything to move along peaceably and quietly.

Chas. Keen attended church at Bethel Sunday. Charlie goes down that way quite often of late. Some good people live in that neighborhood or a little this side, Charlie.

S. M. J. Benson is having his cistern completed this week, Jack Harding doing the work.

Mrs. Sallie Andrews was in town shopping and visiting relatives the first of the week.  
We learned that Rev. B. Hawkins of Lacy, suddenly died Sunday night. Mr. Hawkins had been sick for some time and was thought to be improving. We extend our condolence to the bereaved family.

Prof. Edley Pritchett, one of Archer county's most progressive teachers, was visiting home-folks here Saturday and Sunday.  
Walter Ganaway, of Lacy, was in our town Monday and informed ye scribe that he had recently married. We wish you a long and prosperous life, Walter, may you ever be happy.

Messrs G. C. Shearer and Har-

ry Winston returned to Farmer Monday, after spending a few days east buying cattle.

Commissioner A. C. Casey is now riding over the roads that are under his jurisdiction. The overseers had better see that their part of them are in good repair.

Tom Hyatt of Gertrude, was doing business in Farmer last week.

Jasper Spencer came up from Gertrude Sunday and tells us that he has decided to locate and make his future home in Antelope.

There is some talk of Farmer having another physician soon. 'Squire Slade of Markley, was perambulating our streets Saturday, and doing some trading.

We learn that R. A. Drum will soon go to Collingsworth county. We wish you much success Ceda.

Mrs. Ella Shumaker and children and Mrs. Harve Stewart and children came up from Graham Monday evening to visit relatives and friends.

Yours to success, SKIPPER.

### Lacy Locals.

Some sickness in our neighborhood. Mrs. C. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Jacob Cross, Mrs. W. H. Daniels and uncle Jimmie Hawkins are on the sick list.

Aunt Mel Richardson is improving after a relapse of dropsy. Walter Ganaway has returned from Tennessee where he has been after his bride. I see where you are right, Walter, I would not batch any more.

A gloom of sadness was thrown over our community last Monday morning by the death of Bro. B. Hawkins. We sympathize with the bereaved family. His death is a great loss to the Hawkins Chaple community.

Mrs. C. W. Rasure of Markley, is visiting friends at Lacy this week.

Mrs. Billy Whittenberg of Ft. Worth, was visiting Bro. H. B. Whittenberg this week.

KANOLA.

### Learn How to Transfer.

During a heated discussion in the House the other day, over the Civil Service law, the Hon. John M. Allen of Mississippi, got the floor. We print below a part of his fifteen minutes' speech. It is well worth reading:

Mr. Allen. I am not a mean, hard-hearted man. I am no brute. It seems to me a man must be hard-hearted and wholly without sympathy who will jump on the Republican party in the straits in which it finds itself here to-day.

[Laughter.] I did not get up to taunt you, gentleman on the Republican side, with your troubles in this fratricidal strife. I came to tender you my friendly offices as a mediator, as your great and good friend. [Laughter.] I came here to try to help you out of your trouble.

Why, Mr. Chairman, a man who would attempt to take advantage of the Republican party and jump on it and pound it in the condition in which we find it to-day must have a stony heart indeed. With taxes going up and revenue and wages going down [laughter]; with Secretary Gage trying to retire greenbacks and fasten the gold standard, and with many Republicans under the lead of Senator Chandler trying to stop him; with New York and other states going Democratic; with promises to Cuba unfulfilled and strife and dissension in the Re-

publican party everywhere; a bolt in the legislature of Maryland and a revolt against boss rule in Ohio, A Member. That is all over, all fixed up.

Mr. Allen. Yes, I agree, it is all fixed, but it is said that it took a good deal to fix it, and I wish to remind my friend from Pennsylvania [Mr. Brosius], who got after General Grosvenor to-day, that he has a harder heart than I have. Whatever the provocation was he should have had more consideration for a man in General Grosvenor's situation, who has been busily occupied in jumping between here and Columbus, Ohio, leading a bolt from the Republican platform in this House on the civil service and coercing back the bolters from Hanna in the Ohio legislature all this time.

[Laughter.] I do not think it is right to jump on a man that has that amount of trouble on his hands. [Laughter.] It is true, I understand that the Ohio matter has been fixed up. I believe they fixed it according to the logic of the ducky in Mississippi that a friend was telling me of. He heard a ducky impressing upon another this fact: "I tell you," said the ducky, "what de trouble is wid de niggah and why he don't prosper like de white man. He don't know how to transfer. Now, de white man knows how to transfer. Now, if I give my note to a white man to git money to make a crap with, he transfers it to de merchant, and de merchant transfers it to de commission merchant, and de commission merchant transfers it to de bank, and de bank transfers it to anudder bank and every one of dem gits money on it, and nobody has to pay it but me." [Laughter.] "De niggah ain't gwine to do nuthin' till he can learn how to transfer."

It seems to me that out in Ohio several gentlemen in the legislature of that state have learned how to transfer, and the suspicion is that Hanna has to do all the paying. [Great laughter.]

Now, gentlemen, I am not going to take any side on this question. [Laughter.] I am not going to make fun of you. I simply got up to tell you, my Republican friends, that it seems to me amid all your other troubles—being taunted on every side with your broken promises and with your failures; with the Dingley bill falling short in revenue and the manufacturers' reducing the wages of labor; with Cuba betrayed, and Ohio and Maryland in revolt; with disaster, if not dissolution, staring you in the face—instead of this unseemly wrangle about a matter with which you will do nothing, it seems to me you should stay your fratricidal hand and love one another. [Laughter and applause.]

**Something to Depend On.**  
Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at D. R. Akin & Co's Drug Store.

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# The Leader.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

The Daughters of the Confederacy celebrated the birth day of Gen. Robert E. Lee in grand style at Dallas, on the 19th inst. A splendid program was arranged and carried out.

Fort Worth theater-goes were surprised the other night on entering the opera house to find the following notice posted up: "Ladies will confer a favor on the patrons and manager by removing their hats." It was rather an amusing sight to watch the head-gear as it went off.

A lady at Greenville, Texas, recently fell from a bicycle and bit off an inch of her tongue. A local paper says that it is no trouble now for Greenville wives to induce their husbands to buy wheels for them, and local dealers are preparing for a rich harvest.—San Angelo Standard.

Ex-Senator H. A. W. Tabor of Colorado has received the appointment of postmaster at Denver. His selection is said to be a very popular one there. When notified of his nomination he was working at the Eclipse mine, and is said to have been completely stunned at the information. The appointment had sought the man.

The United States Supreme Court by Justice Harlan has handed down an opinion in the case of A. Howard Ritter, executor of Wm. Dunk, vs. the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, involving the question of whether the heirs of a man who commits suicide when in sound mind can recover the insurance. The court held that they can not.

A Laredo report says: Eight wagons loaded with Creek Indians and their families arrived and camped near this city this evening. The party is a fine looking body and well dressed and are headed for Central America, where it is understood they go as the advance agents of a considerable colony of this tribe of Indians, who prefer the wilds of Central America to this land of God and liberty.

The big oil deal has been formally closed and practically Mr. J. S. Cullinan of Washington, Pa., for himself and his associates, control the oil output of the Corsicana oil fields. Until recently the Texas Petroleum Company, as a company, had not agreed to enter into the contract, some of the members of it objecting to do so for reasons that were sufficient to them, but a meeting of the stockholders was held and the result was that the company voted to go in with the deal and all things were closed.

Judge Smith of the Fourteenth district court, held at Dallas, has granted J. C. McKay an injunction temporarily restraining the New England Loan and Trust company from selling his property to satisfy a \$750 mortgage. Mr. McKay, through his attorney, Mr. W. D. Simpson, claims that he borrowed \$750 on his property about ten years ago, and that he has already paid the mortgage company nearly double that amount in interest, but according to their figures, still owes them \$750.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas general passenger office at Dallas has sent out to the State institution for the deaf and dumb at Austin, to the state orphan asylum at Corsicana and Buckner Orphans' Home and St. Joseph's orphanage at Dallas, big packages containing children's story books, nursery rhymes and juvenile fables which were for free distribution. This is in spirit of General Passenger Agent Crush, who recently saw and purchased several thousand juvenile books at a great bargain.

Thomas A. Edison, Jr., has invented a machine for utilizing the wave power of the sea. When in place the machine will be twenty miles out at sea and will consist of a series of gigantic air pumps. The air compressed by these will be used to run dynamos. For \$25,000,000 he can construct a plant, he says, that will furnish 1,000,000 horse power, enough to

supply the entire state of New York. He says that a powerful syndicate has the matter of immediate construction of the plant under consideration. His plans are said to be practically completed.

While the Cabinet saloon at Prescott, Ariz., was crowded with hundred of people, the other day, the wife of a miner entered with a babe in her arms, and placing it on the bar, left with this farewell: "The father of this child deserted me and my babe, caring more for whisky than for either of us. I wish to tender now his child so that his appetite may be gratified to the extent of the deposit." There was a wild rush for the youngster, seventy-five men coming forward to ask for the wail. The probate judge was called in to settle the controversy and took charge of the child.

## As To Fish Culture.

A Waco reporter says: The increase of acreage of water farms in central Texas is steady, and once adopted is always permanent, for no case of failure of a pisciculturist has been reported. The submerged lands have uniformly proved more profitable than the same lands devoted to crops of any sort. It is not believed by the fish producers that putting land under water will materially reduce the cotton production, but it is an established fact that several farmers owning ponds and tanks make more money from the land they do from their cotton land. The lead of Fred Day, Tom Padgett, J. W. Mann, Walter V. Fort and others is being followed, and the water acreage near Waco has nearly doubled within twelve months. Mr. John V. Carter, who bought land in Limestone county for conversion into fish ponds, was here to-day, getting young perch from the Bosque for stocking his fish farm. He learned of the success of Mr. Fort in transferring native fish from streams to ponds, and he says he will hereafter feel independent of the United States fish commissioner. "I do not decry," Mr. Carter said, "the regular government method of distribution. It is an efficient agency and has effected widespread good. The government breeding ponds at San Marcos have done a great deal for Texas. It does not hurt anybody, however, to gain the additional knowledge that ponds can be stocked with good native fish from streams closed at hand. What we need is a supply of fish large enough to enable us to enter the market in competition with the seaports. Fish from interior ponds are excellent for table use, and fish culture is going to be a leading industry in these parts."

Mr. S. G. Warner, general passenger and ticket agent of the Cotton Belt route, joined in the discussion concerning pisciculture and gave flattering reports of the success of those embarking in the business. He said: "The large lake constructed to supply Tyler with water is teeming with fine, thrifty fish, excellent on the table. Last year citizens of Tyler enjoyed good fishing in their lake, and I learn that with the hook and line alone they took all they needed. It is likely that the fish taken at Tyler, in the city lake, would have filled a box car."

## Veterans Desire Honesty.

The commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, recently declared on behalf of that organization that he favored the publication of the pension roll and the elimination of all frauds. He now follows this statement by his appearance at Washington with the avowed purpose of furthering an investigation of the pension list. In his activity Gen. Gobin but expresses the desires of every genuine veteran who deserves well of his country, to free the scroll of honor from the wholesale and reckless accusations of corruption and to purge it of suspicious as well as of every actual wrong. In this effort he will doubtless have the cordial cooperation of Commissioner Evans, as well as of the pension committee of congress.—New York Mail and Express (Rep.).

Gladstone declares the gravest danger of the future is trades unionism and strikes.

## TEXAS AND TEXANS.

The pecan crop of Texas for 1897 is estimated at 3,000,000 bushels.—Stock and Farm Journal.

Some of the poorest lands in Montgomery county are producing 700 pounds of tobacco to the acre, and it is selling at 30 to 50 cents per pound.—Stock and Farm Journal.

Preparations are being made throughout the county for the coming crop. Diversified farming will be more universally adopted. It is growing in popular favor.—Cameron Broncho.

Several real bushes, with oranges on them, are on exhibition at some of the stores to-day, and an investigation proves that there are several others about town. Those the reporter were shown were not fully matured, but they looked as sweet and juicy as a matured one. Greenville can raise oranges, and would do so at great advantage if the proper steps were taken.—Greenville Headlight.

W. O. Stamps is in Arkansas and Missouri looking up methods of cutting, drying and handling hard wood, with the idea of establishing such a factory in Greenville. He writes that he will be home soon and has thoroughly looked up matters and sees no reason why a factory would not do well here. It would employ many hands and be a starter toward manufacturer.—Greenville Reporter.

The property of the defunct Llano Improvement and Furnace company, advertised for sale by the receiver, Mr. F. J. Semple, was sold Tuesday at public sale to Rufus Hardy, Esq., of Corsicana, for \$5825. Mr. Hardy made the bid after a visit to the Schryver gold mines and a lengthy interview with the manager, Col. Clifford. This ought to be a pointer to Llano property owners.—Llano Times.

One of the famous shorthorn ranges of Texas is the Gertrude ranch of the Stewart Bros. in Jack county. A recent sale by W. P. Stewart was one of three high-grade yearling shorthorn bulls at \$100 each to Sanger Bros., who bought them for their ranch in Shackelford county. All are handsome animals, deep red in color and almost perfect in form. One of them, a year old last June, tipped the scales at 1170 pounds at the time of sale.—Stock and Farm Journal.

By way of experiment to prove some of the best crops to be grown in this section, Mr. F. V. Gentry proposes to plant one acre of ribbon cane, one acre of sorghum, one acre of German millet, one acre of oats and a small patch of tobacco. If more of the good people, with idle land would try a few acres in some new kind of grain, there might not be such an extensive movement in feedstuff at high prices from the warehouses here, but the planters will feel better about it at the end of the year.—Cathoun County News.

There is no doubt but that the North Laredo people have established a reputation for Laredo as a fine grape and tomato producing section, the world over. In evidence of the appreciation of the magnificent tomatoes shipped from here this season, a gentleman in Chicago, to whom Mr. W. H. Mowry sent some about thanksgiving, wrote Mr. Mowry that the tomatoes he sent him were, without exception, the finest ever eaten in Chicago. The California tomatoes were just beginning to come into the Chicago market at that time, but they could not compare with the Laredo tomato in appearance, flavor or any other way.—Laredo Times.

"When the working poor are paid in return for their labor only as much money as will buy them the necessities of life, their condition is identical with that of the slave who receives those necessities at first hand; the former we call 'free men' and the latter 'slaves,' but the difference is imaginary only."—John Adams.

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may not be so full as he wishes, but if he is wise he will neglect his coffers awhile and attend to that cough. A slight cough is somewhat like the small pebble on the mountain side. It appears utterly insignificant, until a mouse, perhaps, starts it rolling, and the pebble begets an avalanche that buries a town. Fatal diseases begin with "a slight cough." But any cough, taken in time, can be cured by the use of

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## Chairman Blake's Call.

Mexia, Texas, January 20.—The following call for a meeting of the Executive Committee has been issued by the State Chairman.

A meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee is hereby called to convene in the city of Dallas at 11 a. m., Tuesday, February 22, 1898, for the following purposes:

1. To fix a day for holding primary elections or conventions and adopt rules for the governing of said primaries.
2. To select a time and place for holding the State Convention, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the committee.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee at its last meeting all cities which are candidates for the State Convention are requested to submit to the committee a written bid stating the amount of money they will contribute to the state campaign fund in addition to the necessary accommodations for the proper entertainment of the convention.

County chairmen are requested not to call any meetings of their committees until after the State Committee has acted, and I ask that all meetings which have been called shall be either canceled or postponed until after this meeting of the State committee, so that they may conform their action with the recommendations of the State Committee and thus avoid conflict and confusion.

This is important for good

reasons and I trust that I shall have the fullest co-operation on the part of county chairmen in my efforts to secure uniformity of action to prevent factional strife in the party and in securing a fair expression of the voters in the selection of delegates and candidates.

Let us have no "snaps" conventions and do nothing which would give any candidate advantage over another.

Hoping that harmony may prevail in our meeting and that we may all subdue every selfish motive and desire and let our actions be controlled only by a purpose and desire to strengthen the great party we represent, advance its interests and perpetuate its principles, Very truly,

J. W. BLAKE,  
Ch'm State Dem. Ex. Com.

The steamship La Normandie, from Havre, arrived at New York the other day, with \$750,000, which was consigned to local banking houses in transit to Cuba.

During the holidays and early in January the produce men of St. Louis effected a corner on eggs, since that time the weather in all the states has been most propitious for new crop of eggs, and the hens have not been idle. Fresh eggs are 10 to 15 cents per dozen, and the storage-corned eggs are slow sale at 5 cents, instead of 25 to 30 cents as anticipated. The "corner" is still on the storage eggs, and the hens are singing merrily away.

A cloven breath is equivalent to a plea of guilty.

## ANDREWS ON LEE.

A Magnificent Tribute to a Great Man  
Which Caused Trouble.

It is with pleasure we reproduce the following eloquent tribute to General Lee, uttered by President E. Benjamin Andrews of Brown university, and which got that gentleman into hot water with his local post:

He had the faith of the crusader. His letters would make a guide to holiness. He was always a soldier—never impure in thought or act, never profane or obscene. He did not touch the cup, as did Grant, Hooker or Phil Sheridan, and when he lost a fight it was never said of him that the defeat was due to a habit which makes men's heads into muddles. He was never outgeneraled by Grant in all the campaign from the Rappanock to James river, never trapped or never caught napping. I fail to find in the books any such masterful generalship as this hero showed, holding that slim gray line, half-starved, with no prospects of additions, and fighting when his army was too hungry to stand and the rifles were only useful as clubs. His courage was sublime. He was as great as Gustavus Adolphus, or Napoleon, or Wellington, or Von Moltke. His cause was not the Lost Cause so much as is supposed. All that was good in his cause has been grafted into our laws and constitution. The doctrine of states' rights, as now interpreted by the supreme court, is in exact accordance with his claims on the point.

General Lee lost at Gettysburg because the Federal troops had received a new motor of tremendous strength, whose power no one knew—General Hancock. He also lost because Meade's men were fighting on Union soil—almost within hearing distance of the prayers of their wives and children for victory. They were at their hearthstones. Men are tigers when wives and families are the inspiration in war.

It was not until the Federal army stood almost at the very doors of Richmond that General Lee was sent to the front. Heretofore he had been but half kindly regarded, but when he took command of that ill-disciplined, ill-armed and ragged army he was hailed as a savior. He out-witted McClellan, whipped two armies much larger than his own, stopped the advance on Richmond, drove back the Union army, saved Richmond and was famous in a day. The world has never seen such generalship, and the world was astounded at it.

Lee successfully defeated, outgeneraled and routed the best generals that Washington could send against him, and it was not until the immortal Grant, with the finest army of veterans that the world has ever seen, took the field against him that Lee's marvelous accomplishments received a check. Even against Grant, Lee fought as probably no other general ever fought, and against odds that would have driven Napoleon to despair.

It was a great death struggle when Grant faced Lee, and Lee then knew that his was a hopeless struggle. He kept that thin, gray line of ragged, hungry men, growing thinner and hungrier each day, together. His courage, his wonderful presence and strong personality kept that little band of tattered and emaciated men in battle array, and fought to the last ditch, surrendering only when he realized that it would be murder to keep up the struggle.

General Lee's cause is not lost. All that is good of it remains; all that was bad has been wiped out. Our country is better and grander to-day because the relations of the sever states to the Union have been intelligently defined and perhaps we owe at least that much to General Robert E. Lee and the cause he fought for.

### Novel Divorce Suit.

A suit has been filed at Sherman for divorce in which allegations are very much out of the usual order of such petitions, inasmuch as the cause the plaintiff assigns for his wife's estrangement has been deceased for more than thirty years. In his petition he says that at the time of their marriage which occurred in Arkansas in 1867, and for a long time thereaf-

ter he believed defendant had bestowed her affections upon plaintiff and that she was constant therein, but from the period of some ten years before their separation, which occurred in January, 1895, she informed him that she had ceased to love or regard him, and that she preferred separation. Plaintiff further alleges that defendant gave as her excuse that before she had married him she had loved another man, to whom she had been engaged to be married; but that before the date set for the marriage such party had died. That the longer she lived with plaintiff the more thoroughly convinced she became that it was impossible for anyone who had once truly loved to love a second person, and that this idea was continually mentioned to plaintiff by defendant, and as plaintiff believes, defendant became imbued with the idea that she was doing wrong in living with him after having been once engaged to another man.

After many futile efforts to convince defendant against this erroneous idea he was compelled to leave his home, and has ever since lived separate and apart from her. Plaintiff states that a short time ago he wrote to his wife and demanded to know if she still was of the same opinion, to which she replied in the affirmative. He then asked the court to grant his petition. The community property has already been divided by mutual agreement.

Mr. Martin Gordon, of Stanton, in the far west, reports conditions in that section as far more favorable than a year ago. It is, he says, strictly speaking, a cattle country, but many cattlemen who heretofore have confined their attention to stock only will this year turn a portion of their land over to raising sorghum and other products that will serve as feed for cattle when they are being prepared for the market. More corn will be planted this year than last in that section and with rain in June a corn crop always succeeds in the rich soil there. The great drawback to the cultivation of corn has been the dry, hot winds that sweep over those level plains in the late spring and early summer, at a time when the corn is full of milk and the broad green leaves filled with moisture. He says that even when the soil is altogether suitable and full of water a hot wind of two or three days' duration will ruin a crop. He, however, states that these vicious storms are yearly becoming more infrequent and doing less damage. This he attributes to the planting of trees, the opening of water courses and the other influences which tend to effect a change in climatic conditions.

The prosperity of cattlemen this year has effected a visible change in the landscape. Good houses are being built, large barns and fences are seen and a vast deal of money has been expended on homelike improvements that a year or two since were considered as out of place on a cattle ranch.

The money that has come into that country so freely has also materially changed the manner of living of the inhabitants of his district. More luxuries are seen, more comforts and a degree of home life is apparent that did not exist some few years ago. In a word, those arid plains have been found capable of furnishing the wants of the man, both with ample feed for his stock, and wherever water touches the soil it yields abundantly.

Not many new settlers have come in this season, as the land is closely held, in the main by large owners, who do not, as a rule, care to encourage agriculture in the way of small farms, although they themselves are devoting more attention to it than in the past.

Stock water thus far is plentiful, but unless rain comes during the present month suffering among the stock will certainly ensue.

W. Dement has been convicted of the murder of John Morrow at Cuero, in 1894, and given twenty-five years in the penitentiary.

Judge Brooks of Georgetown has granted a stay of sentence in the Eugene Burke case until the March term of court, to give time to investigate the question of insanity.

## COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

Total Assessment \$854,894.775, an Increase of \$4,585,529 Over 1896.

Executive department, comptroller's office, Dec. 28, 1897.—To his excellency, C. A. Culberson, governor of Texas: Sir: I have the honor to submit to you the annual report of this department for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1897:

General revenue—On Aug. 31, 1896, there was a balance in the state treasury to the credit of this account amounting to \$109,753.52; receipts during year ending Aug. 31, 1897, \$2,525,678.40; total receipts, including balance, \$2,635,431.92.

Disbursed during same period, \$2,295,910.69; transfers adjusting accounts, \$289,733.27; total, \$2,585,643.96.

Leaving balance on hand Aug. 31, 1897, \$49,787.96.

Available school fund—Table No. 2 gives receipts and disbursements of available school fund for year ending Aug. 31, 1897, as follows:

Receipts during year, \$3,273,060.25; balance on hand Aug. 31, 1896, \$73,007.69; total, \$3,346,067.94.

Disbursements during year, \$3,233,314.37; balance on hand Aug. 31, 1897, \$112,753.67.

Permanent school fund—Table No. 3 gives receipts and disbursements of permanent school fund for year ending Aug. 31, 1897.

Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1896, \$216,843.55; cash received during year ending Aug. 31, 1897, \$462,131.44; total, \$678,974.99.

Disbursements during same time, \$145,062.16; transfer to available school fund, \$165,981.76; transfers adjusting account, \$70; balance on hand Aug. 31, 1897, \$367,861.07.

Bonds on hand Aug. 31, 1896, \$7,576,235.52; bonds purchased during year, \$129,298; total, \$7,705,533.52.

Bonds redeemed during year, \$257,510.75; balance on hand Aug. 31, 1897, \$7,448,022.77.

Reference is here made to the tables indicated for the respective accounts enumerated.

Taxable valuables—Table No. 73 contains the assessment of all property in the organized counties of the state, compiled from the assessment rolls, for the year 1897; and table No. 74 shows the valuation of property in the unorganized counties assessed by the comptroller.

The summary of tables, on page 99, shows the entire assessment of all property in the state for the year 1897 to be \$854,894.775, which is an increase in the total values this year over last year of \$4,585,529.

Assessment for back taxes—Table No. 75 is a statement of taxes, amounting to \$12,802.70, assessed on the rolls of 1897 against property which had escaped assessment in previous years.

Railroad subsidy—Table No. 76 shows the railroad subsidy taxes assessed by the counties of Bexar and Harrison, the only counties which levy a tax for that purpose.

Assessments by tax collectors—Table No. 77 is a statement showing \$14,770.86 taxes assessed and collected by tax collectors during the year under the provisions of the act of the twenty-fourth legislature, article 5121, revised statutes.

Redemption of lands and collection of delinquent taxes—By reference to summary of table No. 66, it will be seen that the total state tax collected from this source amounted to \$108,182.64—an increase for the present year over that for the previous year of \$29,215.18.

There has also been a large increase in the number of tracts and lots redeemed.

The work of compiling the delinquent tax records for back years, for institution of suit, which devolved upon the counties by act of the last legislature, is progressing favorably and the best results tending to the collection of the bulk of delinquent taxes, are confidently anticipated.

Deficiencies—the appropriation of \$50,000 made by the last legislature for expenses of attached witnesses for year ending February 28, 1898, has been exhausted, and the issuance of deficiency certificates has therefore been rendered necessary, and will continue to be necessary upon all accounts of this character for services rendered during this appropriation year.

A similar appropriation was made for the year ending February 28, 1899, which will be available March 1, 1898—when said appropriation year begins—for the payment of such claims of this kind as are filed for services rendered during such appropriation year.

Such deficiency is not attributable, however, to any material increase in this class of claims, but is due to the small appropriation made therefor by the twenty-fifth legislature; the amount appropriated for similar purposes by the twenty-fourth legislature being \$100,000 per annum, and by the twenty-third legislature \$125,000 per annum.

For fees of county judges, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, there was appropriated by the last legislature only \$10,000 for the year ending February 28, 1898, while no appropriation whatever was made for the year ending February 28, 1899.

The twenty-third and twenty-fourth legislatures each appropriated \$20,000 per annum for two years for the payment of officers charged by law with certain duties with respect to examining trials in felony cases. The result of the decrease in amount appropriated for this purpose by the twenty-fifth legislature has been that the appropriation is now exhausted and the issu-

ance of deficiency certificates is necessary. There being no appropriation at all for year ending February 28, 1899, no deficiency certificates can issue for services that may be rendered by such officers in examining trials after March 1, 1898, as the law governing in such cases provides for deficiency only when an appropriation has been exhausted.

Laws—The several laws passed by the twenty-fifth legislature affecting fees of officers in felony cases, fees of witnesses for attendance in felony cases upon district courts out of the county of their residence, occupation taxes, etc., did not take effect and become operative until subsequent to August 31, 1897—the fiscal year for which this report is made—and have not yet been in operation a sufficient length of time for results to have been attained worthy of mention at this time.

Conclusion—I have not deemed it necessary to go into more extended reference, at present, to matters embraced in this report, as another annual report will be made to your excellency by this department before the convening of the next legislature, which report will treat in a more comprehensive and detailed manner of the conditions of the fiscal affairs of the state, and show results of recent legislation affecting the same.

I am, with much respect,  
R. W. FINLEY, Comptroller.

### Human Ashes Scattered.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The ashes of W. E. Wicker, contracting freight agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, who died some days ago, were scattered to the four winds from an Oakland ferry boat. Wicker's wife died a few years ago and in accordance with her request the body was cremated and her husband threw the ashes to the winds. It was the husband's desire that his body should be treated in the same manner. Wicker died suddenly a few days ago, and according to instructions, his body was cremated. John S. Inglis, of the Union Pacific, accompanied by a few friends of the dead man, took the ashes and boarded the Oakland boat. As the ferry boat plowed the waters of the bay slowly the ashes were thrown out upon the breezes and carried hither and thither in eddies only at last to fall into the tide.

### He Knows a Good Thing.

A recent St. Louis dispatch says: Joseph E. Eckel and Mrs. Bernice V. Winton have been remarried, to each other, this being the fourth time. The bride was the widow of O. R. Winton, at one time mayor of East St. Louis, who died eight years ago, leaving a fortune of \$30,000 to his young widow and infant daughter.

Joseph E. Eckel was a clerk in Winton's drug store, and was considerably the junior of the widow. She married him some time after her husband's death and he became proprietor of the drug store. The marriage was unhappy, and they were divorced. A reconciliation was effected and the couple were remarried. Then a second divorce suit was instituted. Anticipating that Mrs. Winton would get her decree, the couple made up and procured a marriage license on the same day the divorce was granted, the license being taken out before the court had handed down its decision. The two were remarried before the day was out.

After another divorce the woman came to St. Louis and took up her abode with Mrs. Horton at 2732 Olive street. She has still retained about \$25,000 worth of her East St. Louis real estate left her by her first husband and recently Judge Omeiseney, formerly of Illinois, died in California, leaving her \$75,000. Eckel has again married her.

The Federal building at Dallas is to be equipped with an up-date elevator.

Alabama whitecaps, who murdered Federal court witnesses, were convicted of murder.

England in her Nile campaign is liable to come in contact with France; a casus belli is said to have been given already.

Lee Holmes has been convicted of the murder of Walter Brown at Sandy Point and sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve years.

Internecine trouble in Persia may result in the shah being deposed, as his grasp on sovereignty is said to be very shaky.

Preparations for the golden jubilee of the California fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the yellow metal is making rapid headway.

## UNIVERSITY REGENTS.

The Board Holds a Meeting in Galveston—Additions to Be Made.

Galveston, Texas, January 21.—The annual meeting of the Board of Regents of the State University was held at Galveston, with all the members present. The budget of the medical college for the next year was considered and appropriations for the support of the college and the equipment of the various schools were made to the amount of \$46,000. Plans were matured for consolidating the laboratories and pharmacy and for the enlargement and better equipment of the laboratories in biology, pathology, histology and bacteriology.

The regents ordered that the standard of admission to the medical college as well as that to the law department be made as high as the entrance requirements in the academic departments of the university. This order is intended to elevate the standard of instruction and thus secure graduates of the highest possible qualifications. It was also ordered that the machine shop be equipped with tools and material so that henceforth the institution can more economically do its own repairing and to some extent manufacture its own apparatus.

The board accepted from Mr. George W. Brackenridge of San Antonio the new building, known as the university hall, recently constructed opposite the Sealy hospital. This structure is intended by Mr. Brackenridge as a home for the lady students of the medical college and its management is entrusted entirely to a board of directors selected from the ladies of Galveston.

The board decided also to add another building to the equipment of the main university at Austin or rather to complete the main building by the addition of a wing. The present year shows so large an increase of students as to render impossible their proper instruction without additional rooms.

The budget of the main university was considered and appropriations were made for the purchase of such apparatus for the various scientific laboratories as will need to be imported from abroad.

The board by unanimous vote adopted suitable resolutions concerning the death of Gen. L. S. Ross.

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Judge Lewis E. McComas has been elected U. S. Senator from Maryland to succeed Arthur P. Gorman.

Every democrat will echo the sentiment of Senator Teller, silver republican, who says: "I hope to see the Republican party go down in 1900 and I pledge you that I will do everything in my power to drag it down."

Erath county will hold primary elections, May 28. The tickets will contain the names of all democratic candidates from U. S. Senator to constable. All who pledge to support the ticket will be permitted to vote.

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President Dole of Hawaii has arrived in the United States, presumably in the interest of annexation, although he says he is only on a friendly visit.

The Dallas News has got it in for Crane. It had it in for Coke, Ireland, Roberts, Ross, Hogg, Culberson and every other man who got to be governor of Texas. And by the same token Crane will be nominated, and elected by the usual democratic majority.—Cleburne Review.

The Graphic-Truth, of Granbury, a populist paper, is now receiving letters from the devil. And that is why the populist party has never had any hold with the good people of the country.—Cleburne Review.

The people of the United States have been treated to the spectacle of the heads of our various institutions dropping everything and moving heaven and earth to elect a millionaire boss to a \$5,000 job. It is charged that Marcus A. Hanna's election cost him more than the combined salary for the whole term and his clerk hire. Some thoughtfully inclined man might sit down and figure how an honest man can afford to pay \$50,000 for a seat in the United States senate.—Weatherford Dem.

Never in our memory has there been presented for choice of the democratic party such an array of excellent timber from which to select a standard bearer for the party for the office of governor as in the approaching campaign. Either one of the gentleman who offer themselves would make the state an excellent chief executive and reflect credit not only on himself but on the state as well. This being the case the Herald can see no good sense in crimination and recrimination between the candidates. When the democratic state convention has spoken then the Herald will fall gracefully into line and fight for the ticket.—Memphis Herald.

The Weatherford Democrat was burned out Dec. 4 and Jan. 13 appeared again with its usual life and vigor. The press of Texas is glad to see it.

The Houston business men are making a strong pull for a big appropriation to open up Buffalo Bayou as a ship canal. If this is done it will make Houston the metropolis of the southwest.

## The Bert Case.

Eugene Burt, who was to have been hung at Austin last Friday has secured a stay of execution until the court can try him for insanity. Burt killed his wife and two children and threw their bodies into his cistern. He was tried and convicted and was sentenced to hang. His defense was insanity and the evidence of the experts as to his sanity was so contradictory that a strong effort has been made to get his sentence commuted to a life term in the penitentiary, but Gov. Culberson refused to interfere. The district judge and several prominent officers and physicians were among the petitioners for commutation of the sentence. Burt's sanity will be tried and determined in March. His lawyers are doing all in their power to save his life.

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## A Material Campaign.

If experience and observation has taught this paper one thing more than another, it is that partisan politics is neither pleasant nor profitable to the newspaper or the community. We heartily agree with the Galveston Tribune that "political advocacy is the least profitable of newspaper effort and if the Texas press would devote one year to a campaign for more profitable crops the revenues of the business would be greatly increased. The substitution of other staple crops for cotton would undoubtedly increase the fleecy and that would mean cash instead of cord wood for subscription. It would make merchants happy in collections and they would advertise more and pay better rates. It would add wonderfully to Texas' wealth and indirectly increase the resources of her lands. That would attract more settlers and consequently make more readers and more advertisers.

What profits it to the newspaper after all who is elected governor so long as he is a decent man? He is sure to be some good Democrat, and that ought to be enough for even the most devoted partisan. It is nice to have your man win, but is there really any business in it? Of course we owe a duty to the public and of course we have the power to make or unmake statesmen and of course we will do it if we have to stop the press occasionally, but we need not give all our space and wear out all our lead pencils "saving the country" by the political method. Let's try to save it by promoting meat and bread and money crops.

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Tom Watson says the populist party is dead. Tom knows a political corpse when he sees one.

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## The Vote in Primaries.

The newspapers and politicians may waste as much space and breath as they please as to who will be permitted to vote in primary elections and precinct conventions, but whenever a man comes up and says he is willing to obligate himself to support the ticket that the convention or primary nominates, he will get a voice in making the nomination that will go just as far as the vote of the most lifelong, consistent brass-collar Democrat that ever cast a ballot. We are not partial to bolters nor political free lances, and are opposed to repeating the Prodigal Son act by rewarding their return to the party with official preferment, but the right to vote the Democratic ticket is a God-given prerogative, and no organization of Democrats has ever denied that privilege to any sovereign who is a qualified elector.

The primaries this year will be a facsimile of all the Democratic primaries of the past, and whoever agrees to support the nominees will be a qualified voter thereat.

No doubt this test is often abused, but it is the only sensible test, and its abuse is one of the greatest objections to primary elections instead of conventions.

When a man comes into a precinct convention and in that public manner shows himself as one of the party that is holding the convention, the chances are a hundred to one that he will stick to the faith that is in him to the end of the campaign.—Weatherford News.

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For County Attorney:  
J. E. SIMPSON.

Judge O. E. Finlay went to True last Tuesday on business connected with the school there.

Say! You owe us on subscription and we need it badly. It's true what you owe don't amount to much, but four or five hundred little sums amount to a heap to us. Send us 50cts., \$1.00 or more. We will appreciate it and it will help us out of a tight.

Ted Johnson left Tuesday morning for Prescott, Ark., where he will make his future home. We wish the young man much success.

## Want Your Wheat.

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

There will be preaching at the Christian Church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night a mass meeting of all the churches will be held in the interest of the American Bible Society. A cordial invitation is extended to all.  
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D. 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.

A petition for a local option election is being circulated with a view to holding an election as soon as the two years were out, which will be some time in April. The anties firmly believe they can carry the county next time.

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T. F. Donnell of Eliasville, was in town Tuesday on business.

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

G. W. Terrell, J. Jones, S. B. Keeter, J. L. Vaughan, G. F. Parsons, H. D. Kunkle, H. H. Noaks, J. D. M. Martin, A. P. Stewart, Wm. Wright, J. A. Woolfolk, Thos. H. Woolfolk, W. S. Atchison, A. W. Averitt, L. McJiton, W. T. Morgan.

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.

If you have friends visiting you, please send their names and address to this office. We don't want to exclude anyone from our personal column.

## Kill the Prairie Dogs

Poisoned wheat ready for use, 10 cents per pound, at the Graham Drug Co.

H. C. Williams and Jno. C. Kay made a business trip to the Belknap and True neighborhoods this week.

## Mail Service.

Our mail from Mineral Wells, which should have arrived last Saturday evening did not get here till nearly sunset Sunday. This thing is getting to be a little too common to suit the people of Graham. The government is paying for the delivery of a daily mail at certain hours from Mineral Wells to Graham, and we are entitled to better service on this route than we are getting. Many citizens of the town will unite in a protest to the department for a change of schedule or for better service on the route.

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

Mrs. Gus Brack, formerly of Graham, but now living at Malaga Cal., arrived in Graham last Saturday, on a visit to friends and relatives. She and her mother, Mrs. W. C. Beckham, Mrs. W. L. Graves and Mrs. Bell, her sisters, are now visiting Will and Cas Beckham at Spring Creek.

One bottle of Simmons' Cough Syrup will cure you when perhaps all the physicians in the world could not three months from now; why not try a bottle? Price fifty cents. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

Mr. Fred Obitz and wife returned from Pecos City last Friday and report a pleasant visit.

## Teachers' Institute.

The next meeting of the Teachers' Institute of Young County will be held in Graham on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4th and 5th, 1898. All teachers are expected to be present. A general invitation is extended to the public to attend. O. E. FINLAY, County Supt.

A slight cough is a light thing, but it may become serious; do not hesitate to buy a bottle of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup; it will cure you. Satisfaction guaranteed. Fifty cents and fifty doses.

## Notice is Hereby Given

That I have this day dissolved partnership and severed by connection with the late firm of D. R. Akin & Co., heretofore composed of D. R. Akin, F. M. Burkett, B. S. Doty and R. G. Graham.

I have formed a partnership with Edgar Matthews and moved back to my old stand on west side of square, where we are prepared to fill prescriptions and issue out drugs.  
D. R. AKIN.

Judge R. F. Arnold was seen by a LEADER reporter one day this week and asked about the latest railway news. The Judge said he had none to give out for this issue but intimated that he would have something of importance soon.

That cough of yours may become serious; why neglect it when a bottle of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup will cure it? Fifty doses for fifty cents. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Henry McCan was in town one day this week and was wearing his brightest smile. It is a 11 pound girl and it arrived last Friday night.

## Seed Oats and Cotton Seed.

I have for sale some extra fine cotton seed for planting, known as the Al. Coffman cotton. Also, seed oats free from Johnson grass seed. Oats 30 cts. per bushel. Cotton seed 25 cents.

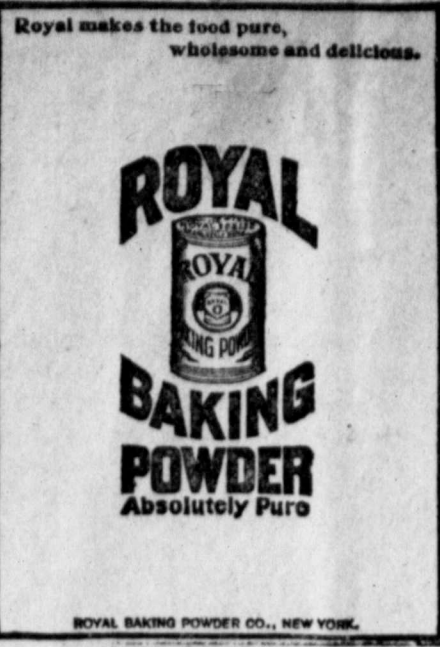
S. B. KEETER, Tonk Valley.

The sheriff's office is crowded with people paying their taxes. The time expires next Monday night, after which time the ten per cent additional will be added.

## 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.

Farmers are busy this week breaking land and sowing oats.



Mr. J. E. Simpson announces in this issue of THE LEADER as a candidate for the office of County Attorney of this county, subject to the action of democratic primaries. Mr. Simpson is a native of Benton county, Miss., where he was raised and educated. He came to Texas in 1893 and the following year was admitted to the bar at Glen Rose, Somerville county. The people of that county elected him to the office of County Attorney in the fall of 1894, which position he held with credit until the next fall, when he tendered his resignation to come further west. After prospecting some he decided to make his home in this county and located at Graham in the spring of 1896. Since coming to this county he has spent a good deal of his time teaching school and is at present principal of the Tonk Valley school. He is now 31 years of age and is a young man of steady habits and fully competent to perform the duties of the office to which he aspires. He has, of course, practiced but little in the courts of this county yet, but the lawyers speak well of his ability, and if elected we believe he would make a good, safe public prosecutor.

## HUNT'S LIGHTNING OIL

Cures Catarrh, Neuralgia, Headache, Cramp Colic and Diarrhoea. Failing, money refunded.

Capt. J. A. Woolfolk of Belknap, called on THE LEADER Wednesday and left a silver wheel for his LEADER and one to be sent to his brother Thos. H. Woolfolk, in Indiana. Thanks.

The statements of those who have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla prove the great merit of this medicine. Get only Hood's.

G. G. Matkin has received news from Ennis announcing the birth of a son at his home since his coming to Graham. He expects his family to join him here in about six weeks.

J. N. Bellamy of Tonk Valley was in town Thursday.

Economy and strength are combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla. Every bottle contains 100 doses and will average to last a month.

Deputy sheriff Hayter, of Farmer, was in Graham Thursday on business.

It is said the Santa Fe Railroad contemplate extending their road from Weatherford to New Mexico.

District Court will convene next Monday week and promises to be the shortest and most unimportant term in the history of the county.

Wm. Sager of the Clear Fork was in Graham Thursday on business.

Messrs. Ellis and Starrett have had the misfortune to lose about \$150 worth of fine pork during the recent warm weather.

Luther Hughes returned this week from Haskell county with his bride.

J. C. Jones of Spring Creek is in town on business to-day.

## DEATHS.

Mrs. D. L. Foster, who has been sick for some time past died at Weatherford one day last week. She was on her way to Ft. Worth for professional treatment.

Mrs. Phillips, the mother-in-law of our townsman, W. H. Logan, died last Friday.

"Grandpa" Reeves, the aged father of ex-commissioner Wm. Reeves, died Wednesday at the home of his son on Clear Fork and was buried at Eliasville Thursday. His age was eighty-six years. His wife died last fall and the old gentleman seemed to be glad to follow her into the beyond.

A. B. Medlan and L. P. Brooks were in Graham on business last Monday.

## Grand Jurors for the February Term.

The following are the grand jurors drawn for the February term of the district court:

Wm. Craig, G. L. Aynesworth, J. E. Morrison, John L. Steen, T. C. Jarnigan, G. A. Graham, Ira Hunt, George C. Shearer, J. A. Watson, Wm. Reeves, M. M. Burris, R. L. Parrott, W. A. J. Akers, R. D. Tyra, P. B. Keeter.

Twelve of the above will constitute the grand jury for the coming term of the court.

Our mail service this week has been a great deal better than it was last year.

## A Fine Lot

Of Negligee Shirts just received at J. E. MORRISON & Co's.

Candidates are slow coming out in this county. In many counties the candidates are all out.

Mr. Ratliff of King county, is visiting his brother, R. W. Ratliff of this place.

Next Monday 31st will be the last day of grace for the taxpayers and the collectors office has had a rush.

That honest, truth-telling, patriotic editor and statesman, Milton Park says:

"It is predicted by Democrats close to the throne, that the ramifications of the Austin ring will start a colossal bank out of the fees received on the railroad compromises, and from the insurance companies, the book trust and other concerns having business with the state government. None of these fellows with a pull at Austin, speak of going to the Klondike in the spring, as a pull on the state government as a chance to sell illegal bonds to the school fund, pays better and don't have to cut it."

Now Park knows that is all false; that the colossal bank story is a colossal lie; but he knows equally well that a large per cent of his readers are ignorant enough to believe what he says, and that they will repeat his lies to others as ignorant as themselves. If he has any chance to win it is only by such methods. He may now tell his readers that there are no illegal bonds held by the school fund, according to a recent decision of the supreme court.—Abilene Reporter.

## Constipation

Cures fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

# Hood's Pills

DIED.

On Saturday, the 22d instant, Mary E., wife of W. L. Cummings, aged 21 years, six months and four days. The funeral will take place from the residence of deceased's father, J. W. Colston, Twelfth and Lee streets (North Side) today at 2:30 p. m., Rev. M. Mouzon of the First Methodist church conducting the service.—Ft. Worth Register.

Judge Colston has many friends in this county, who, with THE LEADER, sympathize with the bereaved family in their sad loss.

J. A. Self of Spring Creek has moved to Graham to educate his children and is living in one of the McJimsey houses.

The Graham Public School has enrolled twenty more pupils this year than last year, the total enrollment being 285 up to date.

A goodly number of our local Baptist brethren are attending the Fifth Sunday meeting at Tonk Valley to-day.

Marriage licenses issued since last issue of the LEADER: Mr. E. A. Reeves and Miss Mattie Gray, Mr. Edward Hoffman and Miss Mary Slade.

Babbitt Metal, in any quantity, for sale at this office.

Terrell Payne, a son of our old friend Jno. L. Payne, is visiting friends in Graham this week.

Gossip has made many a home unhappy. Gossip has parted husbands and wives. Gossip has blackened and sullied the character of many poor girls. Gossip has parted lovers who would have been happy. One little misstep or indiscretion will cause gossip to rise in full strength and go on her mission. Her, did we say? We ought not to, for we have our male gossipers, and they are, as a rule, ten times as venomous as females. A good healthy male gossiper is about the meanest thing on earth.

## 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.

## ESTRAYS

REPORTED by H. L. Leberman, Com'r Prec. No. 3, and left with J. A. Hutchings, one brown mare about 12 years old, and branded W on neck and W on left shoulder. This Jan. 25, 1898.

REPORTED by A. C. Casey, Com'r Prec. No. 4, and left with C. A. Brinkley, one bay mare, 8 years old, 13 hands high, branded W on left shoulder, white in face and nose. This Jan. 26, 1898.  
CHAS. GAY,  
C. C. C. Y. C. T.

## The Farmer's Best Friend

Is the man who will give him full value for every dollar he spends. You will find such a friend in

## HENEGAR, THE BLACKSMITH.

for he starts in with the New Year to give MORE Work and BETTER Work for the same money than you can get elsewhere in Young county.

Thanking you for past patronage, and wishing you a prosperous year, I am,  
Yours to please,

R. L. HENEGAR.

One door East of Brick Stable.

## HISTORIC PHANTOM HILL.

Interesting Reminiscences of the Life of General Robert E. Lee in Texas.

Anent the celebration of the birth day of General Robert E. Lee, on the 19th inst., appears the following interesting article by Carter Hancock in the Dallas News, regarding his military career back in the fifties:

Fort Phantom Hill is a dismal and solitary set of ruins, situated in Northwest Texas on the Clear Fork of the Brazos. Within a few hours' drive north from Abilene a beautiful and prosperous town may be seen on a lonely hill, several tall, specter-like chimneys, standing amid tumble-down rock walls, and a single stone building. All around these ruins are innumerable little heaps of earth, where the multitudinous prairie dog has burrowed his queer hole for a habitation.

The scene around the place has been undisturbed so long that there now remains about the ruins no terror for this curious little animal, and in quiet communion he shares impartially his house with the poisonous rattlesnake, the uncomely owl and the timid little cotton-tail. From the slight eminence upon which the post was situated may be seen a sea of rich grasses, their waves losing themselves in the azure of the distant horizon. Here and there the sameness of the landscape is relieved by a scraggy mesquite or a clump of cat-claw bushes. Forming almost a semi-circle about the ruins, the Clear Fork of the Brazos, an ideal clear water stream, wends its way northerly toward the main channel of the Brazos. Twenty-five or thirty solitary and sentinel-like chimneys remain standing about the deserted square formerly used as the parade grounds. The old magazine is the only building that has withstood the attacks of time, the other stone structures having long ago tumbled into decay. The ruins cover about four acres of ground. The scene now has a desolate and deserted appearance. The coyotes echo their mournful midnight howls across the phantom hills, while the forlorn owl adds his melancholy hoot to the surrounding gloom.

Fort Phantom Hill has a brice interesting history. Its existence was so short that the historian seems to have forgotten it while chronicling the many other interesting events in our early Texas history. Phantom Hill was established in 1856 by Robert E. Lee, then a young engineer and lieutenant colonel under Albert Sidney Johnston. When Lee joined his regiment at Fort Mason he was immediately sent north with the first and fifth squadrons as far as the Clear Fork of the Brazos. This section was then in the heart of the Comanche reserve, where the Indians were fiercest and most dangerous. Lee's acute engineering skill prompted him to select this hill as an ideal place upon which to establish his post.

It is said that when the young commander approached the spot he was struck with its position as a favorable point of vantage in an Indian attack. The hill appeared to be much more elevated than the surrounding territory, and therefore afforded a better outlook. But when it was reached the youthful engineer was surprised to find the hill apparently no higher than the adjacent lands. He remarked that it must have been a phantom hill that he had seen. From this remark and circumstance the place derived its name. It is a remarkable fact that Phantom Hill, now when viewed from certain points, presents the appearance of a high eminence, but the hill, when it is reached, seems to disappear almost entirely.

Phantom Hill was abandoned as a fort in January, 1861, consequently its history lasted only four or five years, but during this brief time its life was filled with stirring and tempestuous experiences, not uncommon in frontier life on the Texas borders.

It is worthy of note that during this stormy period there were stationed at various times many of the south's and north's most illustrious military leaders. In a private letter from Hon. Fitzhugh Lee, present consul general to

Cuba, who was then a second lieutenant in the second cavalry, United States army, I am given the following valuable information: "At that time the colonel of the regiment was Albert Sidney Johnston, the lieutenant colonel Robert E. Lee, the two majors were Wm. J. Hardee and George H. Thomas, and among the captains of the regiment were Earl Van Dorn, Innis Palmer, E. Kirby Smith, James Oakes, Stoneman, Richard Johnson, Whiting Brackett, Bradfute, and among the first lieutenants Charles W. Field and J. B. Hood."

Many varied and interesting stories are told as to the destruction of the old fort, but all agree that it was burned immediately after the secession of the southern states. Some of the old settlers affirm that the torch was applied by the soldiers who were encamped there at the beginning of the war. Others associate the name of Mrs. Lee with the circumstance of its destruction. It is said that when the soldiers were leaving the place to enter the civil war, having proceeded five or six miles, Mrs. Lee suggested that the fort should have been destroyed, as it would, if left standing, afford a stronghold for the Indians. She therefore headed a small detachment and returned to the deserted barracks, which she set on fire, applying the torch with her own hands.

Lary Chittenden, the poet-ranchman, whose ranch home was not far from Phantom Hill, has reproduced in his inimitable style a pretty legend concerning the old post. He says that every year during the hush of some silent midnight the scenes around the crumbled wall become reanimated. The sound of reveils awakes the spirits of the departed and to the muffled drums beat these spectres march in phantom array out across the parade grounds. The old veterans who afterwards wore the blue and the gray pass once more in review. The "pale bivouac fires" light up the view and throw their long, weird shadows across the "weeping mesquite vale." The bugle notes call the cavalry forth and the phantom steeds charge across the court and out into the darkness. The night is spent in revelry and many a tale of war is told over the clinking goblets. But when the first pink flush of morning is painted on the eastern sky the scene changes and again the old ruins rise before the vision.

### Mexico Colonization Scheme.

It is announced that a Chicago syndicate with \$1,000,000 capital has just negotiated for the purchase of the Lopez ranch, said to be the largest ranch in North Mexico. It is added that August Jernberg, a real estate man of Chicago, has gone to Mexico to clinch the deal by making the first payment. The syndicate has agreed to pay \$300,000 for the ranch. The purchase is probably the largest of its kind negotiated by Chicago capitalists in a number of years. The ranch embraces 1,200,000 acres of rolling prairie land. Besides its agricultural richness it contains valuable deposits of asphaltum. Thirty thousand head of cattle are included in the purchase.

But the principal scheme of purchasers was revealed by Mr. Jernberg before he left Mexico. He said:

"We intend to colonize the big ranch as soon as we can get around to it. The syndicate will take colonies down there as fast as possible and sell them land in different sections of the state of Tamaulipas where the ranch is located."

In the syndicate there are a few Wisconsin capitalists, notably a banker of Stoughton, who is president of the Grand Falls Irrigation and improvement company, which has large holdings in the Pecos valley, Ward county, Texas. In that valley the colonization plan has worked with marked success. Fifty families from Wisconsin have been located there and quite a flourishing town has grown up. One of the largest creameries in the south is about to be built there under the direction of W. D. Hoard, former governor of Wisconsin, who is famous as a dairyman.

The same plan is to be tried in the Lopez ranch.

A Chicago man suicided by throwing himself from the sixteenth floor of a building.

## AS TO COTTON BAGGING,

Liverpool Cotton People Complain There Is Too Much of It on Texas Bales.

Galveston, Jan. 18.—Less than three years ago the Liverpool cotton people were complaining of the poor quality of bagging used on Galveston bales. Now they come out with a new complaint, which is just the reverse of the other one. The bagging is too good, or, rather, there is too much of it. The Galveston Maritime association, which worked hard to secure a better and more uniform bale, will undoubtedly be gratified to learn that they have been successful, even if those with whom they have labored have proven overzealous in the good cause.

President Ladd of the Cotton Exchange received the following to day:

Liverpool Cotton Association, Limited Liverpool, Dec. 29.—To the president of the Galveston Cotton Exchange—Dear sir:

I am requested to ask if your exchange will, in conjunction with other cotton exchanges in America, use your influence to check the growing abuse of overtaring bales of cotton shipped from United States ports. In much of the cotton coming forward this season the quantity of bagging used is greatly in excess of what is required for the protection of the cotton, the bales being in many cases loaded with double and over treble layers in a manner which is utterly unnecessary. In some cases, too, the weight of the bagging used is altogether unnecessarily heavy. This overtaring entails much trouble and loss to the importers, as all double canvas has to be removed on delivery to the buyer here, and even after its removal it frequently happens that the weight of bagging exceeds the guaranteed allowance of 4 per cent and the result is that claims are made which are a constant source of irritation, not only to the importer, but also to the spinner, who suffers expense and trouble in being obliged to employ special labor to examine tares and keep separate the coverings of each lot of cotton purchased in order that he may be able to establish his claim in the event of the weights being in excess.

There is ultimately no real advantage to the American shipper in this overtaring, inasmuch as buyers must naturally take out-turn weights into consideration in the price and already individual members are discriminating to the disadvantage of cotton from certain districts and from shippers whose cotton is thus overweighted with bagging.

It is clearly to the interest of all parties concerned that bales of cotton should be properly covered but not overloaded with bagging and this association will be glad if the American exchanges will join together and take steps to prevent the use of unnecessary and heavy covering by insisting upon the disuse of double bagging and by restricting the material used to a weight of not exceeding two and one-half pounds per yard.

### Christian Scientist Fined.

In the criminal court of Kansas City Judge Wofford sustained the decision of the police court fining Mrs. A. K. Kaird, one of the leading Christian scientists of that city, \$50 and costs for failing to report a case of diphtheria. The patient, a child, had died under Mrs. Baird's treatment. Mrs. Baird was arraigned in the police court last November, her case causing unusual interest. After examining witnesses, Judge Wofford upheld the sentence of the lower court and took occasion to denounce the system of Christian science.

"I think," said he, "a monstrous wrong has been done in the death of this child. I don't think the penalty is sufficient. If this woman is going to be turned loose on this community I am going to let a higher court do it. I would fine her \$1000 if I had the power to do so under this ordinance." Mrs. Baird will appeal the case.

Japan is ready for war. A fleet of nine battleships has been ordered to proceed at once to China. She will concert with England. It is said her naval strength is sufficient to cope with Germany or Russia.

## Millionaire Juryman.

New York, Jan. 21.—George Gould, the young millionaire, earned \$2 by serving on the United States grand jury at Trenton, N. J. He expects to earn about \$10 as a juryman, and this will include the mileage which he is entitled to under the laws.

He anticipated his fees by spending a good round sum for a beautiful china tankard decorated with golf players, which he picked up in the Ceramic art pottery, where he made a visit, paying for it with a \$100 bill. The young millionaire was one of the first jurymen that arrived in the federal building in response to the summons of United States Marshall Alcott to act as a grand jurymen. He never served on a jury before, and the experience is novel. He took the oath in connection with the other jurors and set next to his friend, Capt. A. H. Bradshaw, who is a Lakewood editor and a confidential adviser of Mr. Gould. Capt. Bradshaw was made the foreman of the grand jury. There are twenty-two members of the jury, which is composed of the most prominent men from all parts of the state.

The cases to be reviewed by the jury are principally small offenses and the majority of the charges are "misusing the mails." On account of Mr. Gould being on the jury the meeting of Manhattan Elevated directors was postponed.

### Having a Hot Time.

Guthrie, Okl., Jan. 21.—The Osage National Council is in session at Pawhuska and lively scenes are being enacted daily between the full bloods and the progressive element, the full-bloods having control most of the time.

A bill was passed by the full bloods, empowering the agent to lease all the public lands for pasture at not less than 10 cents an acre. The progressive element fought this bill bitterly, as they desired to lease the best lands for farming. A number of claims for citizenship were rejected and a resolution adopted instructing the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to not recognize as Osage citizens any Osage by blood or marriage, who had at any time been a citizen of any state. After a long contest, during which Black Dog and his followers bolted and left the council, the chief and his assistant, together with Oal-Hah-Mot, Mou-Shak-Keh-Tah, Bacon Rind, Fred Lookout, Jules Trumley and John Morrier were elected a delegation to go to the Indian Territory and expel ninety obnoxious mixed bloods from their rolls.

### Bishop Wilmer's Method.

Bishop Richard Hooker Wilmer of Alabama got more money at one little dinner than any man of my acquaintance. He came north in the interest of a Confederate orphanage, met many Union friends and was dined. Of course, a story was expected of him, but he declined, saying he had none, but would offer a conundrum: "Why are we Southerners like Lazarus?" There was guessing on all sides of the table, such as "because you are poor," "because you eat the crumbs from the rich man's table," etc. "We're like Lazarus," said the bishop, smiling blandly, "because we've been licked by dogs." One of the bishop's charms is his unconstructedness, and every man at the table laughed except one with a mottled face, who indignantly exclaimed: "Well, sir, if you think we're dogs, why in—have you come up here to beg for our money?" With a wink at the rest of his hosts, the bishop replied: "My mottled friend, the hair of the dog is good for the bite. That's why I've come."—N. Y. Press.

The president has extended a complete pardon to Clyde Mattox, serving a life sentence in the Kansas state penitentiary for murder committed in the Indian Territory. Mattox's case was highly sensational. He was tried altogether three times and in 1894 sentenced death. President Cleveland gave careful consideration to his case and upon strong representations made to him by friends of Mattox in June, 1894, commuted his sentence to imprisonment for life.

The senate has confirmed Judge McKenna as one of the Associate Judges of the Supreme Court.

## JAMES STEPHEN HOGG.

The Philadelphia Times on the Ex-Governor.

A writer in the Philadelphia Times thus comments on ex-Gov. Hogg's vice-presidential boom.

"The report that ex-Gov. Hogg, of Texas, is trimming his sails for the vice-presidency in 1900, revives some degree of interest in rather a remarkable personality. Gov. Hogg is a man of small education, but of enormously strong convictions, which he defends with a voice that would make a fog-horn or the whistle of an ocean steamer sick with impotence. But he is honest, fearless and always loyal to his friends, and therein lies his political success. His first reputation was won while attorney general of Texas, in what is known as the drummer tax case, whether true or otherwise, is at least characteristic. The legislature of Texas passed a law imposing a fine upon all drummers or commercial agents of firms not residents of the state as a precedent to doing business in the state. Of course, the law was resisted as an interference of commerce between the states and the case found its way into the United States Supreme Court, where the young attorney general appeared to defend it. Warning up to his subject Gov. Hogg was soon regarding the dignified tribunal with a sample of his campaign oratory, which, from its acoustic properties, was in serious danger of interrupting legislative business in the two ends of the capitol.

With wonder, if not with awe, the black-robed dignitaries listened for a time, and then came an admonition from the chief justice that argument must be conducted in a conversational tone. With bad grace the attorney general submitted. But shorn of his voice his inspiration was gone, and he lagged and stumbled until, in disgust, he turned to the court and said: "Your Honors, I have a great client; I am representing the greatest state of the Union. I want to do my duty, and I cannot do justice to my client unless you permit me to speak in my own way." One justice looked at another, who nodded assent, until Justice Miller was reached. He hated loud argument and had been worried by the previous part of the effort. He did not nod assent, but looking squarely at Gen. Hogg said: "Yes, yes; go ahead and grunt and squeal as you do down in Texas, but make it short." The orator was not in the least abashed, and spoke for two hours and a half in a voice that could have been heard in Baltimore on a still day, lost his case, walked out of the chamber as jauntily as a game cock and returned to Texas convinced that he was right and marveling at the ignorance of supreme courts in general and of this one especially."

## A NEW TRIUMPH.

The Dreaded Consumption Can Be Cured.

T. A. Slocum, the Great Chemist and Scientist, will send to Sufferers, Three Bottles of His Newly Discovered Remedies to Cure Consumption and All Lung Trouble.

Nothing could be fairer, more philanthropic or carry more joy to the afflicted, than the generous offer of the honored and distinguished chemist, T. A. Slocum, M. C., of New York City.

He has discovered a reliable and absolute cure for consumption, and all bronchial, throat, lung and chest diseases, catarrhal affections, general decline and weakness, loss of flesh and all conditions of wasting away; and to make its great merits known, will send three free bottles of his newly discovered remedies to any afflicted reader of this paper.

Already his "new scientific system of medicine" has permanently cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases.

The doctor considers it not only his professional but his religious duty—a duty which he owes to suffering humanity—to donate his infallible cure.

He has proved the "dreaded consumption" to be a curable disease beyond a doubt, in any climate, and has on file in his American and European laboratories thousands of "heartfelt testimonials of gratitude" from those benefited and cured, in all parts of the world.

Catarrhal and pulmonary troubles lead to consumption, uninterrupted, means speedy and certain death.

Don't delay until it is too late. Simply write T. A. Slocum, M. C., 98 Pine street, New York, giving express and postoffice address, and the free medicine will be promptly sent. Please tell the doctor you saw his offer in this paper.

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LATE TEXAS NEWS

A lot of 1200 bales of cotton was sold at Hearne for 4.75 and 4.95c.

At Marshall the Texas and Pacific shops have just turned out a new pay car and baggage car.

Tramps are said to be pouring into Corpus Christi, every empty house and shed sheltering a tribe of them.

A Grayson county man was imprisoned for not paying a dog tax, and in a suit, recovered judgment against the marshal.

It is claimed that a survey of the land at Galveston, in dispute between Federal and State governments, will be necessary.

The public school building at Burnet was destroyed by fire. Loss on buildings and fixtures about \$13,000; insurance \$5,500.

At Brownsville Sister Efran, in the convent, celebrated her golden anniversary, having been fifty years a nun, with appropriate ceremonies.

Winsboro is to be in the swim. It is to have an electric light plant operated by a private company, and a telephone exchange and waterworks are contemplated.

Near Silesia, John Smith had a well drilled to supply his ranch with water, and he was lucky enough to find both water and silver at the depth of 250 feet.

It is reported that cotton picking is progressing as vigorously now as during the fall in the territory near Denison, much of the staple being yet in the fields.

A train of thirteen immigrant wagons from central Arkansas are reported en route to the Concho country, and it is said they have money to buy land and improve it.

The snow in the panhandle is three inches deep, extending from Anarillo as far south as Clarendon. The good that it will do the wheat in that section cannot be estimated.

Tom Wright and Frank Leslie for the murder of Constable Adams at Dublin, after a preliminary examination, have been remanded without bond. They gave notice of appeal.

The committee appointed to solicit funds to sink an experimental oil well in or near Dallas, have had unusual success, and it is believed that all the money necessary will be raised in a very short time.

At a meeting of the farmers at New Birmingham it was agreed to reduce the acreage of cotton one-half to three-fourths of what it was last year and to plant tobacco, tomatoes and cantaloupes instead.

It is said that agents of the Spanish government during the last month have purchased over 5000 horses in Southern Texas, for the use of the Spanish army in Cuba. Two thousand have already been shipped from Alice, Texas.

The railroad commission has decided that in the division of rates on joint line shipments the Fort Worth and Denver City and the Wichita Valley railroads must be treated as one line, as they are practically under the same management.

The railroad commission has approved and ordered registered by the secretary of state \$45,000 of first mortgage bonds of the Colorado Valley Railway company for five miles of road, running south from Sweetwater. The secretary of state registered the bonds.

The roadbed of what has been known as the Gulf and Brazos Valley, running from Mineral Well to Millsap has been completed and men are at work laying track. This road taps the Texas and Pacific at Millsap, and runs through Mineral Wells northwest through Doving's valley to the coal fields of Jack county on to Henrietta.

An Ohio syndicate of three capitalists, who have been looking over the pecan belt of Bosque, Hamilton, Comanche, Brown and Coleman counties have decided to buy 10,000 acres of land and plant pecan trees on same. While waiting on the trees to grow and bear, they will pursue the sheep industry. They will bring several car-

loads of sheep from Ohio and will aim to improve the native stock and to raise a good grade of wool.

A New Commers' Association, composed of recent settlers, has been organized at Houston.

Eugene Lee, charged with wife murder at Ennis, has been placed in the Dallas jail for safe keeping.

Successful bidders for supply-text books will be required to have among their bondsmen three residents of Texas.

W. C. Brann, editor of the Iconoclast, has been arrested on four charges of libel by San Antonio lawyers, and gave bond in the sum of \$200 in each case.

A big wolf chase is reported in the Davidson pasture, six miles from San Angelo. About 200 men and boys joined in the chase and some ten or twelve wolves were killed. After the hunt a barbecue dinner was served.

Herman G. Hintz, a Texas cowboy, shot and mortally wounded Otto Diehl, his brother-in-law, in Brooklyn, N. Y. He went to New York to visit his mother Christmas and found Diehl was treating his sister brutally and took her away. He went back for Mrs. Diehl's clothes; Diehl refused to let him have them and threatened to kill him, when he shot him.

Without Authority of Law.

The court of criminal appeals at Dallas heard the habeas corpus case of Lillie Smith, from Galveston county. She was fined \$470 in the criminal district court of Galveston on conviction of keeping a disorderly house. She claimed that the criminal district court has no jurisdiction of disorderly house cases, and appealed to Judge Hurt's court.

The court of criminal appeals discharged the woman and entered the following order:

"We hold that the criminal district court of Galveston and Harris counties did not have jurisdiction of this offense, and that the conviction of applicant in said court was without authority of law, and void."

Baptist Colleges.

A meeting of the educational commissioners of the Baptist General Conference of Texas was held a few days ago in the city of Dallas behind closed doors. The following was given out to the press as important business transacted by the commissioners:

The meeting formulated a commission for correlating and affiliating all the Baptist colleges in Texas. Five of the seven colleges came into the organization. They are Baylor University of Waco, Baylor Female College of Belton, Howard Payne College of Brownwood, East Texas Institute of Rusk and Decatur College of Decatur. The two colleges yet outside are Simmons' College of Abilene and Burleson College of Greenville. They are expected to come in soon. The commission graded the colleges, placing Baylor University at the head and the others to work in harmonious relationship with the institution. Each college will be permitted to issue its own certificate of scholarship and diplomas. A college commission was created to work as an ally to the State Educational Commission as follows: B. H. Carroll of Baylor University, Waco; C. C. Slaughter of Dallas, for Baylor Female College, Belton; J. H. Thorn for East Texas College, Rusk; Prof. Grove of Howard Payne College, Brownwood; J. L. Ward of Decatur College. J. M. Carroll of Belton was elected State Financial Agent and assigned to the duty under the direction of the State Commission of raising \$192,000 in the next three years to pay off the indebtedness of the colleges in Texas, thus extricating them from financial embarrassment, and leaving their affairs in satisfactory shape.

The commission is composed of the following named gentlemen: J. B. Gambrell of Dallas, chairman; Barney Carter of Marshall, J. P. Crouch of McKinney, G. W. Baines of Cleburne and W. M. Harrison of Galveston.

The Presbyterian missionaries are the first to reach Klondike. They were sent by the Ladies' Home Mission Society of New York city.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Mr. Sullivan of Mississippi desires railroads to honor tickets that have been transferred.

Mr. Cooper has introduced a bill to make Sabine Pass, Texas, a support of customs duty.

Mr. Lanham has secured the passage through the house of his bill authorizing the President to appoint an additional district judge for the Northern District of Texas.

In the Senate 19 pension bills went through in one batch, including one giving \$50 a month to the widow of Rear Admiral Queen, and one giving \$40 to the widow of Colonel Fowler of the Fourteenth Brooklyn volunteers.

The senate bill to extend the act granting pensions to survivors of the Indian wars of 1832 to 1842, and of various other Indian wars and disturbances from 1817 down passed. Also the senate bill for monuments to Revolutionary Generals Francis Nash and Wm. Lee Davidson, of North Carolina, appropriating \$50,000 for each.

Attorney General McKenna has sent to congress through the treasury a recommendation for the urgent deficiency appropriations for the United States courts aggregating over half a million dollars. The principal item called for is \$10,000 to establish sites and erect United States jails in North, Central and Southern districts of the Indian Territory at Muskogee, South McAlester and Ardmore, respectively and for incidental purposes.

The joint subcommittee of the senate and house, which has been for some months trying to agree upon the basis of new laws for the Indian Territory have authorized Representative Curtis to prepare and introduce a bill providing for the allotment and use of the Indian lands for the regulation of town-sites, providing for the ousting of intruders and authorizing the Dawes commission to prepare a roll of citizens. The provision in regard to town-sites will allow the incorporation of town companies and permit them to purchase their sites from the Indians, with the consent of the National Government, granting a lease in the meantime.

First Assistant Postmaster General Heath takes issue with Representatives Loud, author of the Loud bill, restricting the amount of second-class matter to be admitted to the mails. Mr. Heath says that his own experience as a publisher leads him to believe that the bill will work less hardship upon legitimate publishing firms, if Mr. Loud will modify it by reducing the number of sample copies of papers to be admitted instead of cutting them off altogether. The present law allows 50 per cent of a paper's circulation to be mailed as sample copies, and to cut off this privilege altogether, Mr. Heath says, would work a particular hardship upon the small country publications.

The immigration bill has passed the senate by a vote of 45 to 28. The bill as passed provides that all immigrants physically capable and over 16 years of age shall be able to read or write the English language or some other language, but a person not able to read or write who is over 50 years old and is the parent or grandparent of a qualified immigrant over 21 years of age and capable of supporting such a parent or grandparent, may accompany the immigrant or the parent or grandparent may be sent for and come to join the family of the child or grand child over 21 years of age qualified under the law; and wife, or minor children not able to read or write may accompany or be sent for, and may come to join the husband or parent who is qualified. The act does not apply to persons coming to the United States from the Island of Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders who have heretofore been inhabitants of that island.

Senator Mills has secured the passage by the senate of a resolution directing the secretary of war to make an examination of the Port Arthur canal with a view to its extension to deep water.

St James Hotel, Dallas.

Foster in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Hon. L. L. Foster has arrived here, and with Major Sayers will appear before the committee on rivers and harbors to advocate the bill recently introduced by Mr. Hawley to appropriate \$200,000 for the improvement of the mouth of the Brazos river and buy the jetties there. The committee has requested Mr. Hawley to defer his argument until it returns from its southern trip, which suits Mr. Foster, as he prefers to have his argument fresh in the minds of the committee when its acts.

London correspondent says the Pope has suggested the feasibility of an Italian republic.

In the Blackstone Valley, Rhode Island, 7000 mill operators accepted a cut of 10 to 12 per cent in wages.

Seven trainloads, amounting to 4750 bales, of Texas cotton have rived in Tacoma for shipment to China and Japan on the steamers of the Northern Pacific line.

Wool sales in the United States in 1897 were 527,055,524 pounds as compared with 244,211,300 pounds in 1896. The advance in price of spring Texas from January 1st to December 30, 1897, was 63 per cent.

Miss Mary E. Nason of Boston, who has been appointed by Governor Wolcott factory inspector of the police force, has had a wide experience in labor circles, and is regarded as a conservative and clearheaded woman.

The legislature of Oklahoma at its late session passed a bill prohibiting white and colored children from attending the same school. The supreme court of the Territory has decided that the bill is unconstitutional.

At Butte, Mont., C. M. Oliver, who has been convicted of robbery at first trial and is now ready to confront a second trial, has just fallen heir to \$150,000 by the death of an uncle in Connecticut. Of course his second trial will result in acquittal.

After incessant fighting in the courts for over a year, the Salvation Army has just established its right to hold open air meetings with cornet accompaniments in the streets of Greenport, L. I., notwithstanding the existence of an ordinance against it.

The state department at Washington has received official confirmation of the death of United States Consul W. W. Ashby at Colon on the 17th ult. He was boat riding with the German consul and a number of others and all seemed to have been drowned.

It is reported that the Spaniards under Gen. Castello have captured Esperanza, in the Sierra de Cubitas, the headquarters of the insurgents. The next day, it is reported, that the same general defeated 2,500 insurgents who were coming to the aid of the government.

A telegram from Valley View, Ky., says: Clell Richardson, the brother of Dora, the young wife of Cassius M. Clay, became enraged at his sister for permitting too noticeable attentions from Will Bryant, his brother-in-law, who was also stopping at Clell's house, and fired two shots at his sister as she ran from his house to another brother's. Her other two brothers are guarding her against the enraged brother, who is said to be a desperate character.

The shut-down at New Bedford, Mass., on the 18th ult., was the most complete in the history of the cotton mills. Not a spindle was turning nor a loom in motion in the factories of the cloth corporations an hour after the usual time of beginning work. Between forty and fifty operatives went into the Bristol mill and twenty-five or thirty into the Whitman, but aside from these no mill made any show of running and these two shut down. Nine corporations operating eighteen mills in which upward of 9000 hands are employed are involved in the strike. The cut-down is uniform all over the city, 10 per cent. The total payroll of these corporations is estimated at \$70,000 weekly.

Rec. Pub. Co., ready print, Dallas.

STOCK NOTES.

[Reported from Fort Worth Stockyards.] The oil mill pens at Longview are reported full of fat cattle, which are fast being shipped over the Texas and Pacific and Iron Mountain to St. Louis.

The oil mills at Weatherford, it is said, are feeding 1300 head of steers and 1500 sheep. Shipments from that place will begin about Feb. 1, although a few cars are leaving there daily, chiefly for the Kansas City market.

A South Texas cattle grower relates this incident: A year ago a man bought a cow for \$10 in Foard county. The calf she brought last spring sold for \$15 and the cow to-day is valued at \$25, showing a clear profit of \$30 on a \$10 investment in a trifle over one year.

Eighty-three cars of cattle were shipped from Alice in one week. About one-half the number were fat stock for Kansas City and the rest were stockers for the Indian Territory; and three cars of fine Herefords were received at that point for the Santa Gertrudes ranch.

Mexican cattle raisers are in the market as buyers of good stock. A Mr. McCullough, of Belton, has gone to the city of Mexico with six cars of fine bred Holstein and Jersey cattle. It is understood that the cattle were contracted for some time since and that other shipments of a similar character will follow.

Phil Armour killed 45,417 in Kansas City last week. This eclipses any of his former achievements in that line, with one exception, when he killed in Chicago 53,060 head in the same length of time. This last is said to be the best showing ever made by a packing-house in the United States. These figures show that Kansas City is heading the list now as the center for the pork-packing industry.

The Stockmen.

The seventh annual convention of stockmen held at San Antonio has concluded its labors and adjourned.

Resolutions were adopted asking the legislature to pass a law extending the limits of pastures in which hunting and fishing can be done. The resolution stated that it would aid in the renting and sale of school lands.

The State Agricultural Department was asked to find some way to destroy the horn fly.

Delegates to the National Stock Raisers' Convention at Denver, were elected.

Officers were elected as follows: John T. Lytle, president, C. B. Lucas first vice president, J. F. Green second vice president, V. P. Brown secretary.

Galveston was chosen as the place for holding the next convention, providing Galveston lend her influence towards returning the convention to San Antonio the following year.

Big Barbecue.

A Denver special announces the following menu at the big barbecue of the National Stock Grocers' convention on the 27th inst. Eight beeves, four buffalo, six elk, ten antelope, four bear, forty sheep, ten pigs, 200 opossums, ten barrels of pickles, half a ton of cheese, forty barrels of sweet potatoes, 3000 loaves of bread and 400 kegs of beer.

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5. A jealous care of the rights of election by the people. A mild and safe corrective of abuses which are lopped by the sword of revolution where peaceable remedies are unprovised.
6. Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of republics, from which there is no appeal but force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.
7. A well disciplined militia, our best reliance in peace, and for the first moments of war till regulars may relieve them.
8. The supremacy of the civil over the military authority.
9. Economy in the public expense that labor may be lightly burdened.
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11. Encouragement of agriculture, and of commerce as its hand-maid.
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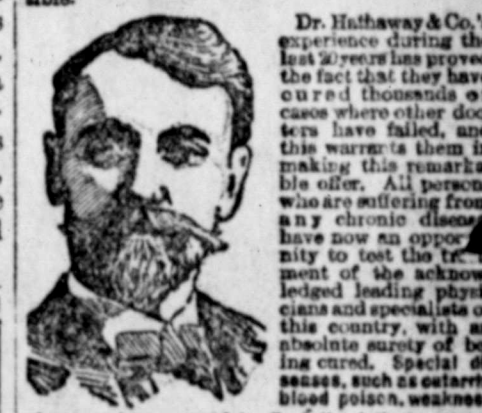
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