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## County Correspondence.

### Farmer Items.

The finest rain of the season fell here last week, accompanied by a great deal of wind. Our public tank is being built rapidly. We will soon have—if it rains—plenty of water for the public which has been badly needed.

The farmers seem to be very busy with their work this week. They are taking advantage of these bright sunny days. One man came to town Monday to have his plow fixed, and on calling for his mail, received a big bunch of pumpkin seed from Tennessee; he said he was going into the pumpkin business. We wish him much success.

'Squire Wann was on the sick list last week. Oat sowing seems to be interesting the farmers more than anything else now. Wheat is looking well since the rain.

A. H. Wilson made a flying trip to Graham Friday, and reported much mud on the way. Dick Campbell was in Farmer Saturday as lively as ever. Before he left town he purchased a pound of strychnine of Wilson Bros. and wended his way northward toward home. We knew what he wanted with the poison, so we are not one bit restless. Come again Mr. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hunt, Miss Mabel Norfleet, Mrs. Carrie Brown and Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Cady of the Huntsville neighborhood, Sunday. They reported a good dinner. None of them seemed to be very hungry when they came back home.

Will Johnson, living east of town, was reported very sick Sunday evening. Eld. W. P. Harmonson failed to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday. We learn that he has a "big" boy at his house.

The Sunday School at the Methodist Church was on a boom Sunday, there being 79 scholars in attendance. P. K. Pittman is moving into town this week. All the houses in town are occupied now except one, and, it is believed, that it too will have an occupant soon.

Miss Jewell is on the sick list this week. Her mother of Graham, came up Sunday to stay during her daughter's illness. Miss Ida Webb will take Miss Jewell's place in the school while she is sick.

Jas. Wolfe of Archer county, was here Monday on business. We noticed Luther Joyner on our streets with a happy smile this week.

Mrs. W. R. and Mrs. Hiram Drum visited Mrs. J. D. Wilson and did some shopping in town Monday.

Everybody in town seems to be enjoying these bright days. It is time to put out your "ingins," to fix your ground for "taters" and other garden "stuff". Some have already made gardens, some have thought about it and others are not going to make any garden at all.

E. E. Simmons and wife of Olney, are visiting her father and mother of this place this week.

What I said in my letter last week in regard to gossipers, is every word true. It is not my intention to cast a slur of any kind on any one. But if the shoe fits you, you will have it to wear. All I have to say is let us quit it, and strive to do right. Remember that Skipper lives in Farmer too, and will bear his part of the burden. If we can't say anything good about our neighbor, we ought not to say anything bad. Let us go ahead and tend to our own business and let the other fellow tend to his, because one man can't well run the affairs of this world by himself. We are all guilty, don't say—"I gossiped a little but he gossiped more than I did."

Warren Ward of True, was here Saturday purchasing some well tubing of Farmer & Co.

Mrs. Jennie Chambers who is teaching school at Lacy, was visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Mayes of this place Saturday.

P. P. Cady came to town yesterday after some strychnine. He said he was going to sure kill the prairie dogs in his pasture. It would be a prudent idea for all who own land to do likewise. Let us get rid of the terrible pests.

If you know of anything that would be interesting to others just let Skipper know it and will sure be published. SKIPPER.

### Elasville Booming.

It's a long time since you have had any news from Eliasville and I thought it about time you were hearing something from the metropolis of the Clear Fork.

We have had a prosperous year and every merchant in town has doubled his stock and from statistics I have been at the trouble to gather we have had a turnover here this last year of \$279,785.75; not a bad showing for a short crop year. There was one item troubled me in getting up this statement and that was the enormous quantity of molasses sold, 1785 barrels, it looks suspicious, the grand jury had better investigate it.

S. H. Harris is building an addition to his store, 50x100 feet to accommodate his implement business. Belknap street is putting on metropolitan airs and is looking neat.

Dr. Price is building a new drug store. We feel "well-sure" of the R.R. here and real estate is advancing. Jim Young bought a lot 100x100 feet from Dr. Price at \$400.

We have had a big argument here for a week and some of your readers may feel interested in it, it is this: which is the best town, Palo Pinto, Raynor or Graham? All three of them have advocates here.

Both our hotels are enlarged and are preparing for the summer tourist trade.

Our school is in trouble, too many pupils for the house or the house too small for the pupils, don't know which.

JACOBUS VERITUS.

Dallas, as entire city, is mourning the death of James C. Arnold, chief of police, who was accidentally shot by his friend, Rev. Geo. W. Truett, while they were on a hunting trip in Johnson county.

### South Bend.

The much needed addition to the school house was built last week. We now have a large and commodious school house as well as church house—all in one. This makes it one of the largest school houses in the county, and same may be said again of our school.

Bro. Wyne was with us Sunday. About fourteen thousand—old and young—took dinner at Mrs. Payne's and Wink Parker's last Sunday.

Two souls were made happy and two lives welded into one by Rev. W. M. Goode in Stephens county last Sunday. It seems that Bro. Goode is very lucky in this respect. We seldom hear from his being away to preach when he is not to officiate in a wedding affair. He surely ties a "hard knot."

Prof. Gray of this place spent last Sunday night with Prof. John Hammack of Eliasville.

Jim Lindsey and wife left this week for their home in Stonewall county. They were accompanied by Miss Belle Scott and Mrs. Averitt of near Graham, who will remain on an extended visit.

J. M. McCluskey has been somewhat indisposed for a few days.

Bro. Robert Goode has located with us. He is building on his father's farm.

Miss Anna Lee Bragg, who has been here for the past month instructing a class in music, will probably leave next week for her home in Cisco, to where her parents have recently moved from Breckinridge.

Bro. Parker was absent Sunday in the interest of some church, the nature of which we did not learn.

The many friends of O. H. Parker are pleased to know of his pleasant location in Graham; but we regret his not being with us in the Bend.

A few of the young people had a very pleasant candy pulling at Mr. Faris' last Saturday night.

The farmers are putting in about twenty-nine hours to the day now while the ground is ripe for the plow.

Ford Parker is painting Eliasville this week. We never learned what color. GEE A. GEE.

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The Youth's Advocate, Nashville, Tenn., a sixteen page illustrated journal—a paper that is read with interest and profit by people of all ages—offers ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS in GOLD to the person who will form the greatest number of words from the letters in the name DRAUGHON. It also offers, free, a bicycle, gold watch, scholarship in almost any business college or literary school, and other premiums. Every person who enters the contest will get a premium of some kind. Send at once for sample copy of paper, which will explain all. Contest closes April 20, 1898.

### Lower Boggy Valley.

F. A. Tandy and wife took their son, Alvah, to Seymour Monday where he took the train for the Plains. Our community is sorry to lose such young men as Alvah, but he'll come back of course.

Sam Carr of Kaufman, came in Saturday with a nice bunch of cattle. He will make Young county his future home.

Quite a number of our young men attended the literary society in Upper Boggy Friday night. They report a nice time.

Prof. A. McDonald and Tom Keeter from Upper Boggy, were down Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Wilkinson visited Miss Mabel Carr Sunday.

W. H. Cowan and A. J. Lee went to Throckmorton on business Saturday.

Farmers are pushing their work since the rain. There will be lots of oats sown here.

Dempsey Davis of Fish Creek, was up Friday. He reports the foot of the locomotive almost in hearing.

Our school is progressing nicely. Several visitors Friday.

Your Uncle Si got some more nice turkey last week. W. L. Sloane and Edgar Tandy went over to Sibley and killed several nice ones. We are getting exceedingly fat. SI, JR.

### Markley.

Gardening seems to be the order of the day. Look out winter may come yet.

Ike Tinney visited Graham last Monday.

It is reported that some of our neighbors are losing their meat, and cannot find out where it goes. Texas has a place prepared for petty thieves and we think some one ought to catch the one that has been in this community and send him where he belongs.

As the law forbids public schools being taught on holidays, our community has declined having any dinner on the 22nd and there will be nothing until that night. Then we understand the school will give an entertainment, but nothing like an exhibition as seems to be the idea through the country. The entire entertainment will be devoted to Washington exercises. The flag drill will be about dusk, so those wishing to see the "drill" must come early. A. GUMP.

### Effective Work.

There is no more effective work than is done by Parker's Ginger Tonic, when it abates pain, and overcomes the troublesome ills that result from a weakened state of the system. Mrs. A. M. Hobbs, Chicago, Ill., writes: "I have been a sufferer from dyspepsia and liver complaint for many years. Headache, nervousness, neuralgic pains, sleeplessness kept me fairly wild day and night. I could obtain no relief from physicians, so in absolute despair I tried Parker's Ginger Tonic. It was simply wonderful in its effect. In what a short space of time these troubles disappeared. All my pains, weariness and melancholy have left me. I can't remember of ever feeling so well."

### Your Hair by Neglect grows scanty and gray. Get back its color and life with Parker's Hair Balsam.

An Illinois paper says a new brand of religion has sprung up in Sandwich, that several meetings are held there and lots of conversions are made. As soon as an old sinner joins this faith the first thing he does is to go around and pay all his debts. Wish they'd bring a few doses of that religion over here.



## The Leader.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

The London Times says France's claims to rights on the Niger are tantamount in a casus belli if insisted on.

England ridicules the idea of Germany excluding American fruits, which are in every way satisfactory on the English market.

Webb McNall, state insurance commissioner of Kansas, and the Metropolitan Insurance company have compromised their differences. A year ago the company was barred from Kansas owing to its refusal to pay the premium on a disputed policy. The company sued McNall in the federal courts for \$60,000 damages and began injunction proceedings to restrain him from interfering with its business. By the agreement just entered into the company compromises the contested claim and withdraws its suits against McNall, and the commissioner grants the company a license to do business in Kansas.

At Galveston the court of civil appeals, first supreme judicial district of Texas, has granted an injunction to restrain the Port Arthur Channel and Dock company from taking and using certain property condemned by it for the purpose of digging its channel. The question involved in this case is practically the same as that in the case of the Sabine and East Texas railroad vs. the Gulf and Interstate railroad, in which the court of appeals granted an injunction last week, viz: A corporation condemning right of way has no right to take and use same pending an appeal from the judgment of the county court. The objections to the use of the right of way are urged, however, from those urged in the interstate case.

### Must Pay.

Milwaukee, Feb. 10.—A decision of importance to the order of Railway Conductors has been handed down by Judge Seaman in the United States court. Mary Dixon sued the order for the recovery of \$2000 upon a certificate issued to her husband. He had joined the order in 1885 and died in 1888, after the order had been dissolved and became a simple association. Payment of the claim was refused and the suit has been in the courts for years. From the state courts the conductors had it removed to the United States court. The conductors pleaded that the dissolution of the organization had vitiated the claim, but Judge Seaman has decided that this is not the case and that the action of dissolving its corporation in 1886 and becoming a simple association did not abate liabilities that had accrued before the organization.

### The Situation at Llano.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 9.—As I know you would not knowingly mislead your readers, I wish to call your attention to the fact that you are probably doing so, and may cause some one not able to stand it a severe disappointment and loss of both time and money. I refer to your news and editorial comments on the recent purported gold discovery in Llano county in today's issue. You should call attention to the fact that all the land in Llano county is owned by private parties and that any minerals discovered on the lands belong to the owner and the discoverer except by purchase, lease or contract with the owner, would have no right to his discovery. Unless this is plainly stated there is great danger of a rush there of men who are ignorant of it, and who imagine the mining laws of the United States apply to Texas as well as the other states of the union.

This is not written for publication, but simply to enable you to correct any mistaken ideas about mining in Texas. Under our laws there will not and can never be such a thing as a mining camp or a stampede of prospectors to any reported mineral region.

H. M. HENDERSON.

## TEXAS AND TEXANS.

A Los Angeles, Cal., special says: T. A. Cockburn, one of the proprietors of the two large ostrich farms in South Pasadena, and one at Norwalk, is reported at San Antonio, Texas, for the purpose of establishing an ostrich farm at that place.

There is nothing strange about the selling of a Texas bred trotting horse for expert to the French capital, except that the transaction should be so exceptional as to excite comment. Nowhere in the world are the climatic and other conditions more favorable to the breeding of fine stock than in Texas.—San Antonio Express.

It appears from recent experiments that another source of wealth is soon to be added to the resources of Texas. It is said that a ton of mesquite beans contains more oil and more cattle feed than a ton of cotton seed. If this proves to be true southwest Texas will soon have plenty of money. Wonderful are the resources of Texas.—Greenville Banner.

Nearly 100,000 Mexican cattle were brought into Texas from Mexico in 1897. The number brought from Louisiana, Arkansas and from other states east of the Mississippi river were probably twice as many more. Many of these were breeding cattle and will do much, in the sections where they have been located, to retard the breeding up of our stock. Fortunately, as somewhat an offset to this influence, very many stockmen who formerly were satisfied with grade bulls are now using in their herds sires that are pure bred and more effective, for that reason, in impressing their characteristics on their progeny. Still, it is probable that the check in the development of our stock is more in actual dollars and cents than the entire value of the inferior cattle introduced to fill up the depleted herds.—Farm & Stock Journal.

To be plain about it, if all the cotton raised in Texas were made into one shirt the garment would fit a man 20,000 miles tall. The Texas crop of 15,000 pounds of wool would make him a pair of socks. The leather product of the state would make him a pair of shoes the soles of which would nearly cover a pair of states as large as Massachusetts. The 600,000 head of beeves and 125,000 bushels of corn would feed him bread and meat for six months, and if all the horses in Texas were one he could ride a horse big enough to nibble grass on the Clue Ridge and fan the flies off his haunches which would loom up in the neighborhood of the Mississippi river. The hairs on the animal's tail would be as large as telegraph poles and as long as the Audson river, and it would take the bite of a horse fly fourteen times the size of an elephant to make him snort.—Galveston News.

Some parties who would like to go to the Llano (Texas) gold fields do not understand mining laws. Wherever lands were obtained from the United States, all coal and minerals were reserved; hence the discoverer of a mine can own and work it. This is the case in other states, but it is different in Texas. Texas achieved her own independence from Mexico, and was a republic when she entered the union, her lands were reserved hence, the United States has never owned any lands in Texas. The Texas laws give to a land owner everything on his land. So that he who finds coal or mineral upon the land of another acquires no ownership thereby, and no one has the right to prospect upon private land without the consent of the owner. If one makes a discovery of valuable deposits on the land of another, his only chance for profit is to keep quiet and purchase the land.—Marshall Star.

"We live on an atom called Earth, and what we know of the infinite is almost infinitely limited; but, little as we know, all have an equal right to give their honest thought. Life is a shadowing, strange and winding road on which we travel for a little way—a few short steps—just from the cradle, with its lullaby of love, to the low and quite wayside inn, where all at last must sleep, and where the only salvation is.—R. G. Ingersoll

## WEEKLIES VS. DAILIES.

As Advertising Mediums, Are the Best.

In a recent issue of Printers Ink, Mr. Rowell, who made a fortune contracting advertisements in the weeklies, gives an opinion in favor of the daily papers as advertising mediums. Printers' Ink is full of big costly ads of the dailies while the weekly press is not so able to use Mr. Rowell's columns. This, however, need not necessarily be the reason for Geo. Powell's sudden conversion to the merits of the daily press. E. A. Wheatly takes issue with Mr. Powell in the last issue of Printers' Ink as follows:

"Giving due credit to Mr. Rowell for disinterestedness, which many unkindly deny him, I must protest against his very sweeping arraignment of the weeklies. I do not agree with him.

Notwithstanding his long experience, I fancy the majority of general advertisers do not agree with him.

The weeklies, in the first place, are read by many people who never, or very seldom, read a daily. By people who have money and who are influenced to buy by the advertisements they read—in weeklies.

The general advertiser who wishes to cover the entire field, and who has the money to do so, can not possibly do it without using the weeklies. If he uses only the dailies, he will fail to reach a certain per centage of possible customers.

Mr. Rowell thinks that all the people in the United States who have money read one or more dailies.

They don't. I should say there were nearly a million people who seldom see a daily, and who take at least one, sometimes two or three, weeklies. A number of them farmers, perhaps; yet who denies that the farmer is one of the best customers of the general advertiser?

Mr. Rowell is a farmer himself. His farm in Lancaster, N. H. knows him every summer. He reads the dailies. He thinks other farmers do as he does.

Possibly in the extreme east, where population is dense, many of them do. But the majority of American farmers, and those engaged in similar pursuits, do not.

Let Mr. Powell take a trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific and back again and I will engage to introduce him to thousands of country people with comfortable homes, and money to keep them up, who don't see a daily once in a blue moon; possibly during a presidential campaign, but not always then.

In all these homes he will find weeklies, supplying the news of the week, well patronized by advertisers, well read by buyers.

Will he say then that weeklies do not fill a niche unfilled by dailies?

I think not. Now, as to another point in his argument. Are weeklies so expensive in comparison with dailies that the advertiser can not afford to use them?

This is worth considering. The weekly is certainly worth more than the daily per line, per thousand circulation. But how much more.

It is worth more because it is more slowly, more thoroughly, read and assimilated. It lasts longer. It lies around on the table till it is often two or three weeks old. The whole family takes its turn at it. Its contents are discussed by the old folks and the young folks. The women folks, who do the buying, are particular to read the advertisements. The weekly is read by a more simple and confiding, more truthful and truth-believing class, than the daily. If they see it in print they are not so skeptical about it. It is not so hard to convince them. One statement to the farmer will often go as far as six to the city man.

The morning paper is glanced over for the interesting headlines. It is skimmed through. The business man has too many interests in his head to take good heed of all that is in his paper. He forgets half of it as soon as he gets to his desk. He hasn't read the other half nearly as thoroughly as

## Bubbles or Medals.

"Best sarsaparilla." When you think of it how contradictory that term is. For there can be only one best in anything—one best sarsaparilla, as there is one highest mountain, one longest river, one deepest ocean. And that best sarsaparilla is—?.... There's the rub! You can measure mountain height and ocean depth, but how test sarsaparilla? You could if you were chemists. But then do you need to test it? The World's Fair Committee tested it,—and thoroughly. They went behind the label on the bottle. What did this sarsaparilla test result in? Every make of sarsaparilla shut out of the Fair, except Ayer's. So it was that Ayer's was the only sarsaparilla admitted to the World's Fair. The committee found it the best. They had no room for anything that was not the best. And as the best, Ayer's Sarsaparilla received the medal and awards due its merits. Remember the word "best" is a bubble any breath can blow; but there are pins to prick such bubbles. Those others are blowing more "best sarsaparilla" bubbles since the World's Fair pricked the old ones. True, but Ayer's Sarsaparilla has the medal. The pin that scratches the medal proves it gold. We point to medals, not bubbles, when we say: The best sarsaparilla is Ayer's.

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his country friend has read all his weekly. He has barely glanced at the advertisements. The paper goes into the waste-basket, or to a newsboy to sell over again. Once down town it never goes home.

The family buyer doesn't always see it. Its daily circulation doesn't represent the number of actual buyers who read it.

The evening paper is not much better read than the morning paper.

The daily hasn't the prestige of the weekly. Its statements are generally taken with a grain of salt.

Civilization skepticializes us. This skepticism sometimes extends to the advertising pages.

If I were asked how much more per thousand a weekly was worth than a daily, from a general advertiser's point of view, would say three times, perhaps more, perhaps six times, taking everything into consideration.

Mr. Rowell, I believe, says the weeklies cost seven times as much.

This is a very fine question which can not be mathematically demonstrated. Knowing that if I should have to use the weeklies, I would buy the space as cheaply as I could, and I don't think it would cost me six times as much as that of the dailies.

### CATTLE IN TEXAS.

The Important Herds Owned in the Lone Star State.

The Texas Live Stock association, one of the largest live stock organizations in the country, is now holding its annual meeting in St. Louis, Mo.

Some idea of the importance of the industry it represents may be judged when it is stated that the best authorities on the subject estimate that there are now in Texas something over 6,500,000 head of cattle, of all classes. This is about one-seventh of all the cattle in the United States. The aggregate value of these 6,500,000 cattle is over \$100,000,000. Some idea of the activity of the Texas cattle market may be had when it is stated that fully one-fifth of the 6,500,000 cattle in the state have changed hands during the past sixty days, which would make the aggregate amount involved in these transactions something like \$20,000,000. The principal cattle market in Texas is San Antonio, and scores of the leading cattlemen from all parts of the state have been making this city their headquarters for the past three or four months. The cattle transactions consummated here during one week in the month of December aggregated \$300,000.

St James Hotel, Dallas.

### Alabama Populists Confer.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 5.—A special to the Times from Birmingham, Ala., says:

A conference of a score or more leading populists of this county was held today and they have issued a call for a general conference of all the populists of the county on Feb. 19 to consider a system of returning to the democratic party and participating in democratic primaries. The leaders of the movement say the democrats adopted the populist principles at the Chicago convention and the best thing for the populists to do isto return to democracy as a faction of the party, and by united action they can wield a strong influence on the party primaries and conventions.

It is said similar efforts will be made in various counties.

Jerry Fountain, former populist county chairman, is the leader of the movement, which is now opposed by the state populist organization.

The millers of the Northwest are organizing to urge the passage of Mr. Pearce's pure flour bill.

### 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 Remedy 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.

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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 benefitted 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.



## THE TAYLOR BOYS.

Alf and Bob and Their Careers Since Entering Politics.

It is reported that the Hon. Alfred Alexander Taylor of Tennessee is after the seat in Congress of the Hon. Walter Preston Brownlow of Tennessee. Brownlow is a boss, and 1898 is liable to be a mighty bad year for the bosses. Taylor is a canny fellow, financially and politically. He is a capital stump speaker and can blab about a great deal of language, almost as much as his brother Bob. He was six years in congress and took away from Washington about as much of his salary as any other solon. Though a lawyer, he loves the soil of East Tennessee as passionately as the peasantry of Britanny love the soil of rural France. He has a fine farm, and he knows how to plow, how to plant, and to reap. He would rather eat a farmer's dinner than to dine with Lucullus. He prefers possum to canvas back. He prefers sausage to diamond-back. He prefers chitterlings to oysters. He prefers jowl and greens to the most toothsome dish Delmonico ever served. Old Frank Wolford used to wax eloquent over the luxuries of "drap dumplings and a biled hen." Alf Taylor can talk a week in laudation of an East Tennessee farmer's dinner.

Taylor is an intrepid orator. I saw him do a thing one day that commanded the admiration of both sides of the house. It was the fifty-second or fifty-third congress. Either one of Springer's popgun tariff bills was before the house or it was the Wilson bill that was under consideration. Bourke Cockran made a speech on it that had the most tremendous effect of any speech I ever heard delivered in congress or out of congress. When he closed the house was in a tumult, so were the galleries, and they were packed. The proceedings were suspended for full fifteen minutes. The applause would die away for awhile and the chairman would look around for the next man on the list, when the cheering and yelling would begin again. It was the greatest triumph any orator had achieved in congress for many, many years. It is doubtful if it was ever surpassed.

All the while Reed was hunting for the republican whose time it was to speak. I think it was Doliver's. At any rate it was one of Reed's pets. Whoever it was he pleaded illness. Cockran's speech was enough to make him ill. Reed was much disturbed. Finally Alf Taylor presented himself. He faced Reed—one a big, fat man and the other a little fat man. Taylor's head came up to Reed's paunch and Taylor's paunch came up to Reed's knees. Throwing himself back, looking up into Reed's face and assuming an attitude like Young Griffio when he proposed to whip Bob Fitzsimmons at New Orleans, Taylor said: "I'll answer him." Reed would have embraced him could he have reached him. He was so near and yet so far. He did "answer him" as for that it mattered little to Alf who his adversary was. Bourke Cockran or Al Berry, Billy Breckinridge or Lon Livingston, Wm. L. Wilson or Tim Campbell, was all one to Alfred Alexander. He had heard the debates on the McKinley bill in the fifty-first congress. He had all the catch phrases of protection. The late Tom Robertson was not a whit less self-conscious, and he was as much of a talking machine as a phonograph. He marched down to Blaine's old seat, whence the plumed knight threw his "shining lance" into the vizor of Ben Hill—and got unhorsed—and opened on the enemy. He made a good speech. In five minutes he had the republicans cheering. He spoke an hour, and when he sat down there was not a republican on the floor that did not hail him Blucher.

Alf Taylor tried to go to congress as long ago as 1878, when he was yet under 30 years of age. He was defeated for the republican nomination by a carpet-bagger from Michigan named Pettibone. Then, as now, East Tennessee was superlatively loyal to the g. o. p. Its majority was enormous. Alf had a younger brother Bob. The handful of democrats nominated Bob and Alf elected him. It was a wonderful campaign, a regular puncheon floor, corn-shucking,

shooting match, house-raising affair. The Taylors had followed the example of English and Scotch nobles of early years. The heir apparent was generally on the opposite side of the political hedge from the tenant in possession. A Tory father had a Whig son, and thus confiscation and sequestration were avoided in times of civil discord. For some reason or other Alf Taylor became a republican and Bob a democrat. They were nephews of Langdon C. Hayne, and, of course, orators.

Though a republican, Alf Taylor was a thick and thin Jackson man. It was Alf who elected Johnson to the senate after he was president. It was Alf who announced the result to the ex-president. When the political gossip of the meridian period of the nineteenth century is collected one of the most interesting chapters will relate to East Tennessee, to Johnson, Maynard, Nelson, Brownlow, and others of that ilk. There was a community of Scotch Irish become highlanders. They were the descendants of the men of King's Mountain's Mountain. Their fathers had achieved American independence. Had King's Mountain, an American victory, been fought in New England precious little would we hear of Bunker Hill, a British victory, and the Bunker Hill monument would be a King's Mountain monument.

The Taylor brothers have been well advertised. That opera bouffe campaign for governor in which they were opposing candidates sent their names to the remotest corners of the country. Some imaginative gentlemen called it the "War of the Roses," though Henry VI and Edward IV were not brothers as were the Tennessee Lancastrian and Son of York. I have never been able to ascertain whether Bob's victory was gained at Tewksbury or at Bosworth. Alf says he don't know. Two years later Alf was elected to congress. He was twice re-elected, and at the close of his term in 1893 he and Bob entered the lecture field. They were very popular and quite successful. Bob had been governor two terms; he wanted to be senator and that was why he consented to be governor a third term. He was elected senator in 1881; but before the result was announced some man changed his vote. The late Judge Jackson got the place, and from that hour to this Bob Taylor's head has lain uneasily on its pillow. He will never be content until he is senator, and he is about as good material as the old Volunteer state is liable to make a senator of. Had he not so narrowly missed the goal sixteen years ago it is precious little Bob Taylor would care about politics these days.—"Sayoyard," in Courier-Journal.

## MR. SPRINGER'S DECISION.

Cannot Interfere with Creek Matters Prior to Jan. 1st, Last.

Muskogee, I. T., Feb. 5.—Judge Springer, sitting in the United States court here, has been compelled to refuse succor to a condemned man who has, the judge admits, been illegally convicted. The prisoner is William Tiger, a Creek Indian, who has been sentenced in the Creek court to be shot for the murder of another Creek Indian. Tiger was brought before Judge Springer by writ of habeas corpus. He proved to the satisfaction of Judge Springer that he had not had a fair and impartial trial; that he was not permitted to introduce the testimony of important witnesses; that one of the jurors before whom he was tried had assisted the prosecuting attorney, and that the judge who presided over his case was a relative of the man for whose murder he was tried. Judge Springer announced, however, that he was powerless to interfere, inasmuch as a Federal judge had no power to review the action of the Creek courts as they existed prior to January first, last.

Tiger's only hope is an appeal to the appellate court of the Indian Territory.

Miss Homewood: Charley Brush-ton told me that I was looking pretty this morning. Miss Point Breeze: That isn't what he told me he said to you. What did he say? He said he told you that you were looking as pretty as ever.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

## GENERAL NOTES.

Highland Park Hotel, at Aiken, S. C., destroyed by fire.

Paul Kraeger has been re-elected president of the South African republic.

The total crop of cotton for the year 1896-97 amounted to 8,532,705 bales.

It is asserted in Vienna that a Russo-German Chinese loan has been arranged.

Standard Oil company has begun a fight on the independent companies of Indiana.

Cattlemen are protesting against a proposed raise in leases on grazing land in the territory.

Attorney-General Crane will open his campaign for governor at Temple on the 26th inst.

The magnificent Catholic cathedral at Savannah has been reduced to a mass of ruins by fire.

A British cruiser preparing to go north along the coast of China is loading with ammunition.

Germany and Austria oppose Prince George. Russia favors his election as governor of Crete.

Two robbers were caught by deputy marshals near Guthrie, Ok., one being badly wounded.

England will not recede from the position she has assumed regarding the opening of Port Arthur.

Germany may inaugurate a tariff war against the United States, excluding our fruits, horses, cattle and hogs.

Revolts have broken out in both Costa Rica and Nicaragua. It is a serious revolution in the latter country.

The American Patriotic League of New Mexico, it is said, is pledged to dynamite the president and cabinet.

Queen Victoria's speech to be read to parliament will be interesting. Her majesty concerned over Eastern affairs.

Turks have occupied and burned four villages in Thessaly and the inhabitants of the neutral zone are fleeing in terror.

Testimony in the trial shows that Sheriff Martin and his deputies slaughtered miners at Lattimer without warning.

Sagasta, the Spanish premier, refuses to fix any date for the pacification of Cuba and again complains of filibustering.

The West Virginia miners are taking steps to withdraw from the Mine Workers Association and organize an independent order.

A lot of Slavs at Bridgeport Conn., ate a sundry amount of bad sausage and all were poisoned. One is dead, the others will recover.

Leading populists and republicans of Kansas have filed protests against Governor Leedy calling an extra session of the legislature.

Adolf L. Lustgert, has been convicted of the murder of his wife and given a life sentence. He received the verdict with a laugh.

Governor John Riley Tanner of the state of Illinois has returned to the state capital from his trip to Hot Springs and says the Legislature must wind up its business and clear out of Springfield in a hurry.

In Cleburne county, Arkansas, revenue officers raided illicit distills and captured five moonshiners and landed them in Little Rock for safe keeping. Now their friends and confederates are raising a little riot in that section. The collector there has called for state troops for protection.

Dallas has a canibal of the worst type. In her city part is a pair of black bears which have been a drawing card there for several years. A few weeks ago it was announced that two little cubs were gracing the bruin home. Now comes the information that Mr. Bruin has eaten the playful young bears as he ordinarily would a pig in the woods.

A constable and three deputies near Esculapia Springs, Ky., attacked a Mrs. Crow and her two daughters, alleged desperate characters, and the old lady was killed and the two girls wounded. The

constable was shot in the head, stabbed in the shoulder, and the officers driven from the premises by the infuriated young women.

De Lome has folded his tent and is hastening to leave the United States.

Black plague is devastating Eastern Yunnan and the dead bodies are being thrown to the dogs.

There are said to be a thousand cases of small pox in Tennessee and portions of states adjoining.

At Greenville, Ala., the trial of A. Gafford for the murder of Bar-tow Lloyd (known as Rufus Sanders) resulted in a verdict assessing the death penalty.

## For Labor Reform.

A call for the "first regular annual united labor and reform convention" to be held in St. Louis on May 2, 1898, has been issued by the committee appointed at the united labor convention held in Chicago last September.

The convention was called for the following purpose:

1. To consider and adopt measures to secure closer union between all advocates of labor reform.

2. To adopt an efficient system of resisting the encroachment of the judiciary upon the liberties of our people and to abolish government by injunction.

3. To unite all our efforts in support of every movement for the betterment of industrial conditions not inconsistent with each other.

4. To consider the political situation in relation to the interest of the producers, and to take any necessary action thereon.

5. To abolish closer and more sympathetic relations between the supporters of isolated attempts at self help by co-operative colonies and industries.

6. To impress upon the American people the pre-eminent importance of the system of direct legislation (including the initiative, referendum, imperative mandate and proportional representations) as the only means of restoring the liberties of the people and as the only issue whereby all reform elements can be cemented into hearty political union without compromise of principles.

7. The basis of representation shall be one delegate from bona fide local organization in actual existence, which has for one of its fundamental objects the promotion of industrial and social reform.

## An Interesting Case.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 9.—Fred A. Baker, a prominent attorney of Detroit, has filed an answer to a suit brought against him in the Oakland county circuit court, involving the constitutionality of the Bland-Allison act and other laws pertaining to silver as a legal tender. Stephen Baldwin tendered Mr. Baker 364 silver dollars and asked for the cancellation of the mortgage.

Mr. Baker refused to surrender the mortgage for 364 silver dollars, but agreed to cancel it if he received enough silver dollars to equal at the present bullion value of 364 gold dollars. This condition was declined by Mr. Baldwin, and he filed a suit in equity, asking for a decree commanding Mr. Baker to cancel the mortgage in view of the tender made.

In the answer Mr. Baker submits that under the power "to coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coins, and fix the standard weights and measures," the congress of the United States has no more authority of power, as far as there was pre-existing contracts for the payment of money are concerned to diminish or increase the number of grains in an ounce or the number of ounces in a pound or number of inches in a foot or feet in a yard, to change any other standard or weights or measures.

Several of the leading attorneys of Detroit are interested in the case.

Clerk: That Mrs. Blixum is a perfect lady.

Merchant: What makes you think so?

Clerk: I showed her almost all the goods in the store, but, while she didn't buy anything, she didn't find fault with a single thing.—The Adams Freeman.

St. James Hotel, Dallas.

## THE NATION INSULTED.

Spain's Minister Writes a Scurrilous Letter About President McKinley.

The following is the letter of Minister De Lome to Senor Canalejas concerning President McKinley:

Legation de Espana, Washington—Eximo Senor Don Jose Canalejas: My distinguished and dear friend—You need not apologize for not having written to me; I also ought to have written to you, but have not done so on account of being weighed down with work and nous sommes quittes.

The situation here continues unchanged. Everything depends on the political and military success in Cuba. The prologue of this second method of warfare will end the day that the Colonial Cabinet will be appointed, and it relieves us in the eyes of this country of a part of the responsibility of what may happen there, and they must cast the responsibility upon the Cubans, whom they believe to be immaculate.

Until then we will not be able to see clearly, and I consider it to be a loss of time and an advance by the wrong road, the sending of emissaries to the rebel field, the negotiating with the autonomists not yet declared to be legally constituted and the discovery of the intentions and purpose of this government. The exiles will return one by one, and when they will come walking into the sheep-fold and the chiefs will gradually return. Neither of these had the courage to leave en masse, and they will not have the courage to thus return.

The message has undeceived the insurgents, who excepted something else, and has paralyzed the action of congress, but I consider it bad. Besides the natural and inevitable coarseness with which he repeats all that the press and public opinion of Spain has said of Weyler, it shows once more what McKinley is: weak and catering to the rabble, and, besides, a low politician, who desires to leave a door open to me and to stand well with the jingoes of his party.

Nevertheless, as a matter of fact, it will only depend on ourselves whether he will prove bad and adverse to us. I agree entirely with you, without a military success nothing will be accomplished there, and without military and political success there is here always danger that the insurgents will be encouraged, if not by the government, at least by part of the public opinion.

I do not believe you pay enough attention to the role of England. Nearly all that newspaper canaille, which swarms in your hotel are English, and at the same time that they are correspondents of the Journal, they are also correspondents of the best newspapers and reviews of London. Thus, it has been since the beginning. To my mind the only object of England is that the Americans should occupy themselves with us and leave her in peace, and if there is a war, so much the better—that would further remove what is threatening her, although that will never happen.

It would be most important that you should agitate the question of commercial relation, even though it would be only for effect and that you should send here a man of importance, in order that I might use him to make a propaganda among the senators and others; in opposition to the Junta and to win over exiles.

There goes Amblarad, I believe he comes too deeply taken up with little political matters, and there must be something very great or we shall lose.

Adela returns your salutation, and we wish you in the near future to be a messenger of peace and take this New Year's present to poor Spain.

Always your attentive friend and servant, who kisses your hands,

(Signed)

ENRIQUE DUPUY DE LOME.

PEOPLE WITH WEAK EYES should read the advertisement of G. A. Bahn Optical and Diamond Co., Austin in another column. That is a perfectly responsible firm, and will do just as they advertise. For \$1.65 they will fix you first-class glasses.



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It is rumored that Chairman J. W. Blake will enter the race for United State Senator.

Hon. W. P. Sebastian of Breckinridge, is a candidate for State Senator in the 28th Senatorial District.

Another big Cuban expedition has sailed for Cuba with 70 men, 5000 rifles, 6000 pounds of dynamite, 200,000 rounds of cartridges and a large lot of supplies on board.

Gold has been discovered in paying quantities in Ellis, Llano and Hartley counties.

Mrs. Mary E. Lease has quit politics and gone to preaching. It is now Rev. Mary E. Lease.

The gubernatorial race waxes warmer and warmer each day and promises to be red hot by the time the roses bloom in the spring.

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Mrs. Henry George wants the Pennsylvania Ry. to pay to her \$5000. She stepped in a hole on the company's platform at Philadelphia and injured her ankle.

It is said that many populists in Williamson and Milam counties will vote the democratic ticket this year.

A person who pleaded guilty to writing whitecap notices in Bastrop county was fined \$100 and ten days in jail.

Senator Cannon of Utah has introduced a bill to provide for the publication of the pension list. Those who vote against the bill will court the charge that they want to defend something that should be punished. The people have a right to know who gets their money, whether these be office holders or pensioners.

The Austin correspondent of the Globe-Democrat says Crane will be nominated for governor beyond a doubt. It looks very much that way.

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Cowboy Doc Tanner was lynched by a Klondike outfit and buried face downward. He met his death with stoicism.

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.

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You must fortify your system against the attacks of disease. Your blood must be kept pure, your stomach and digestive organs in order, your appetite good. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to build you up, purify and enrich your blood and give you strength. It creates an appetite and gives digestive power.

Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic, easy to take, easy to operate.

**Battleship Maine Sunk.**  
The U. S. Battleship Maine was blown up last Tuesday night in the Havana Harbor. The cause of the explosion is as yet unknown. Many of the soldiers and marines were killed and wounded. The Captain (Sigsbee) telegraphed the Navy Department that public opinion should be suspended till further report. Whether she was blown up by accident or by public enemies remains to be seen. If it should turn out that it was the work of the Spanish, there will doubtless be immediate war with Spain.

The battleship was totally destroyed. She was built in 1890 and cost the United States \$2,588,000. She carried thirty guns and a complement of 874 men. Exactly the number of killed and wounded is not known.

**De Lome Goes Home.**  
Senor De Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, has been recalled to Spain at the request of the U. S. government. His offense consisted in the statement in a private letter that President McKinley is a "weak politician" and that he is playing for popularity on both sides of the Cuban question. It is nothing more than what hundreds of prominent Americans have said, but it serves De Lome just right—he has no occasion to criticize our President.

Crazed by religion, Sol F. Autrey, a farmer of Franklin county, Ark., killed his father, mother and son and wounded other members of his family.

Wash Jones has announced as a candidate for Congress in the 9th District, and says he expects to be elected by a good majority.

The Klondike craze for gold is rapidly depopulating Dallas. It is thought 500 men will leave Dallas by the 1st of April.

Thirty-five reindeer for the Klondike arrived in New York Tuesday.

**Hon. M. M. Crane, who will be the next governor of Texas, well deserves the office. He has always been true to the Democracy, and while many others faltered, when conflicts were on hand, Crane never deserted his colors or ceased to battle for true Democracy, and where the fight was hardest and the conflict greatest, there is where he was to be found battling for the right. While Mr. Crane's opponents are good men, and no word of condemnation should be used, yet none of them has done so much for sustaining and battling for true Democracy of Texas as has Crane. Even when great former leaders of the party left it and fought it, and the prospect was gloomy for its success, Crane came nobly forward and fought for the cause. His voice was heard all over the State, rallying the forces and defending the party.—Bonham News.**

The cry that the old federal soldiers are the ones responsible for the excessive pension rolls of the United States, is very forcibly denied by the following from the New World: Encampment No. 1, of the Union veteran Legion of Pennsylvania, is composed of genuine old soldiers—the sort that heard bullets whistle and shells howl. They have adopted resolutions denouncing the pension act of 1890 as one unjust to the government and devised to pad the pension rolls with undeserving names. Moreover, they have struck at the very root of the pension fraud by denouncing "special pension" acts of congress. Every special pension bill is a bill to give a pension to somebody whose claim has been rejected as unworthy by the pension bureau under laws more than liberal. A president mindful of his duty would veto every one of them, each as an obvious wrong to the taxpayers and an insult to the old soldiers.

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**One Woman's Revenge.**  
The door bell of a Brooklyn dwelling rang. The servant was busy, so the lady of the house went to the door. When she came back she calmly but firmly said, as she held up a yellow handbill: "There's one more house that can never get any more of my trade." "Why?" asked a Brains reporter. "Because its mesenger rang my bell and put me to the trouble of going to the door only to find a circular. I resent it and I will never spend a cent with that house." It was explained to her that the merchant probably knew nothing of the manner in which his circulars were distributed; that he probably gave out the work to some boys or to a distributing company. "I don't care," she said, "it is his business to know. I have no means of avenging myself on the boys or the distributing company so I shall take it out on the merchant, and I know many who have resolved on the same plan. Perhaps when the merchants learn why they lose trade they will keep the handbills to themselves and learn to advertise in the newspapers, where people look for their announcements." —Brains.

**Gold in Texas.**  
There is great excitement in the state over the recent developments in the Mount Hudson gold mine in the Llano district, 90 miles north of San Antonio. Development work has been in progress there during the past six months, following a narrow ledge of quartz carrying gold visible to the naked eye. At the surface the seam is only an inch thick and assayed \$73 dollars per ton. At a depth of 100 feet, the pay streak has widened to a foot and the vein which carries it measure 17 feet in width between the walls. No attention has been paid to the vein matter outside of the pay streak. A prominent geologist recently visited the property and suggested the probability of the entire vein being mineralized with gold. Samples have been taken and the tests which have just been completed disclose the fact that the entire ore body, 17 feet in width, shows an average value of \$95.59 per ton in gold. The one foot of ore in the pay chute averaging \$1,160 per ton in gold.

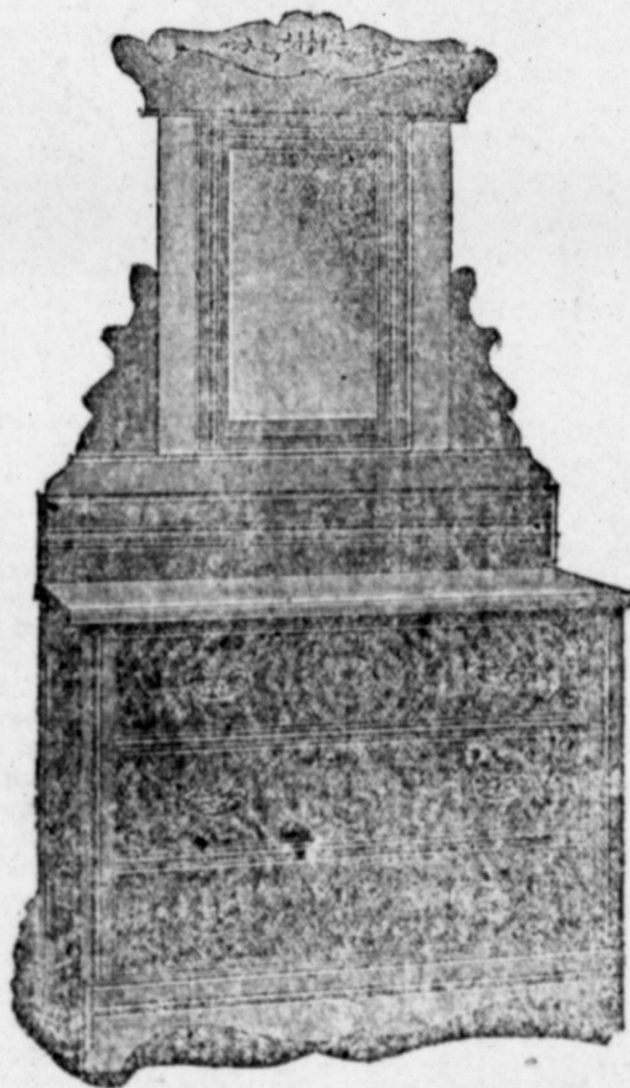
There is great demand among farmers to borrow money to pitch their crops for 1898. The banks at this place have already advanced several hundred dollars, and the demand increases with each day. "It is a settled fact," said a certain banker to an index man today, "that the mass of people, especially farmers, are growing more extravagant each year. A few years ago \$50 was all that a farmer would borrow, now he will take as much as the bank or his sureties will advance." —Terrell Index.

The trial of Adolph Luegert, the Chicago sausage maker, for the murder of his wife, was brought to a close last Wednesday, the jury rendering a verdict and assessing his punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for life.

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PRESTON BROOKS.  
S. H. JAMES.  
W. P. BECKHAM.

For County Attorney.  
J. E. SIMPSON.  
JOS. H. AYNESWORTH.

For County Judge.  
O. E. FINLAY.

For Sheriff.  
H. C. WILLIAMS.

For District and County Clerk.  
CHAS. GAY.

For County Treasurer.  
J. A. DIXON.

Mrs. E. W. Johnson has been right sick for some days past, but is now improving rapidly.

Henegar's Plymouth Rocks are beauties and he guarantees satisfaction.

Squire M. N. Hardy of True, was in Graham Wednesday on business.

Joe L. Flint has bought the Baldy Bigham house on North Oak Street and is having it nicely recovered and repaired, and will make his home there as soon as the repairs are finished.

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

Will Rutherford, A. C. Drumb, B. F. Yearwood, W. I. Gilmore, Henry Schlitter.

## Kill the Prairie Dogs.

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

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.

## Commissioners' Court.

Met in regular session last Monday. The road business consumed a good deal of time, which, with receiving reports of the county officers, allowing accounts and settling with the County Treasurer, was about all the business done. The commissioner's counted the Treasurer's money and found it all right. The court adjourned Thursday.

## Want Your Wheat.

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

We have noticed a good many strangers on our street lately. May be the prospect of a railroad is bringing them here.

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

The latest news from the railroad surveyor's says they were this side of Springtown moving this way.

## Notice to Teachers.

Will exchange or sell all new book which have been adopted by the State, at contract prices. Call and see me.

V. F. GORRISSEN.

## Fine Plymouth Rocks.

I will sell a few eggs from as fine Plymouth Rocks as there is in the State. If you are interested in fine poultry call and see them or address R. L. HENEGAR, Graham, Texas.

"Uncle Jimmy" Hart died last Monday and was buried Tuesday at Oak Grove Cemetery in Graham.

Uncle Jimmy lived a pretty long life and one of varied experiences. He was a native of Kentucky and went out to California in the gold excitement of '49 where he amassed a fortune and at one time there he was able to write his personal check in six figures. Suffering reverses there he came to Arizona and then to Texas and has lived in this county since the early eighties. Since living here he has been engaged in sheep ranching and farming and died in extreme poverty, with none of his kindred near to minister to his wants. He leaves however many good friends who will long remember his cheerful, genial character.

## Populist Meeting.

Pursuant to the call of the county chairman of the populist party a mass meeting was held at the court house last Saturday afternoon. Eight of the faithful "middle-of-the-roads" attended, and after ascending the steps of the court house and looking over the hall, a resolution was passed to the effect that the meeting should adjourn, descend the steps, disperse in good order and go quietly home. The resolution was immediately acted upon and no minutes were kept of the meeting. Why is this thus?

## The Graham Normal.

Opens May 24th.  
Continues four weeks.  
Arrangements for thirty classes or subjects.  
Examinations for State Certificates.  
Enter now or later.  
JOHNSTON & FOWLER,  
Graham, Texas.

The ladies of the Methodist Church will give an Informal Tea at the parsonage Friday Feb. 25, 1898, from 4 to 8 o'clock p. m.

Everybody cordially invited to come and have a good time.

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

F. W. Knight of Indian Mound, called on THE LEADER Wednesday. He says he is strictly in the rabbit business now. He caught 180 in two weeks. He is evidently from Parker county.

We are authorized to announce Wm. P. Beckham as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Young county, subject to Democratic primaries. There is no man in Young county who is better known to most of our people than Will Beckham. For many years in the early days of the county he was in business with his father the late lamented W. C. Beckham in merchandise and in banking and was identified with the development of the county for many years. He was the first president of the Beckham National Bank and was the principal organizer of that institution but afterwards left Graham and went to Memphis, Texas, where he met with business reverses and came back to Young in 1896 and engaged with the Graham Mercantile Co. Last year he moved out to Spring Creek and cultivated a farm. He is eminently qualified for the duties of the office and will doubtless be hard to beat in the race for the nomination.

Life is short; one bottle of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup may save your life. Fifty cents a bottle. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Ask your druggist for a sample bottle.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



Evangelist J. B. Boen, State superintendent of mission work for the Christian Church, is expected to begin a meeting in Graham in a few days. Mr. Boen is one of the leading evangelists of Texas, and Graham is ready to give him a hearty welcome.

## \$5.00 REWARD.

Strayed or Stolen from the undersigned, one red bull, 7-8 Durham, branded u on left side, tips of horns sawed off. Will pay \$5.00 reward for his delivery. Address SPIVEY & HARRISON, Finis, Texas.

## The Bower Nursery

Has a good supply of Nursery Stock on hand and has reduced the prices, as follows:  
Grape Vines 5 cents each or \$2.50 per hundred.  
Peaches 10 cents each.  
Shrubbery from 10 to 50 cents.  
Ornamental trees from 5 to 25 cents.  
Call and get a supply before they are all gone.  
MRS. S. E. BOWER.  
DIED:—At Paducah, Texas, Feb. 6, 1898, Leo Bird Dumont, son of A. and Ella Dumont, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bellamy.

## GO TO

Carmichael & Bryan if you want a first-class job of Blacksmithing or Woodwork done. Our trade has increased so that we were compelled to have more room and more hands to accommodate our customers. We will work for Cash unless there has been special arrangements made.  
CARMICHAEL & BRYAN.

## 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.

## The Breckinridge Roller Mill

Has been purchased by Irvin & Andrews and thoroughly overhauled. They are now running regularly and give 32 pounds of the best flour and 13 pounds of bran per bushel for wheat testing 60 lbs., and 35 pounds of second grade with 13 pounds bran. Also buy wheat, paying the market price. They solicit your patronage.  
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## REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

To Hon. Geo. E. Miller, Judge of District Court:  
Now comes the Grand Jury and report as follows:

We have been in session for a period of four days. We have diligently inquired into the moral status of the county and return eleven bills of indictment—all misdemeanors.

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

We have examined into the conduct of the County government and find that all county and precinct officers have performed their duties faithfully. All officers have made their reports to this Court.

The poor of the county have been carefully provided for. We find that there are but four of these unfortunates.

We have not examined the jail—it being empty for many months its condition was not considered important.

## BRIDGES.

We unanimously recommend that the Commissioners have the county bridges examined, and painted if found necessary, if the county finances will admit.

## ROADS.

The county roads are, many of them, in wretched condition. Overseers have been in many instances, negligent of their duties. This complaint is an old song in this county. Efforts should be made by officers and people to remedy this evil.

## LOCAL OPTION.

We have investigated the liquor question in great detail. About 125 witnesses have testified before us. Some very faithful and painstaking efforts have been made to evade the law. Liquor is found—stolen—discovered and picked up in Graham in various places. In most cases it takes two or three men to violate this law. Ten of the eleven bills reported are for violations of liquor laws. Liquor is ordered by many citizens from outside cities, which accounts for much drunkenness. All officers have been diligent to enforce this law.

## GAMING.

The laws against gambling are not sufficient. Under the law as it exists gaming can be carried on in many places—beyond the reach of the law.

## THE SIX SHOOTER.

The jury are proud to report that the six shooter is a thing of the past, as far as we find. It seems that the people of this county have quit the six shooter habit in good earnest. No felonies are reported, which speaks for itself.

Having completed our work we respectfully ask to be discharged.  
G. L. AYNESWORTH,  
Foreman.

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

## Rheumatism Cured and the Crutches Thrown Away.

I have been afflicted with Inflammatory Rheumatism for two years so that I had to go on crutches, and my feet were broken out in sores. I took three bottles of S. J. S. (St. Joseph's Sarsaparilla) and am now enjoying good health, and feel grateful to you for sending such a great preparation to our country. Taylorsville, Miss. J. D. MOSELY.  
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## DIED.

At her home in Graham, Jan. 10th, 1898, Mrs. Sarah Orrell, aged 80 yrs, 1 mo. and 3 days. Sister Orrell was born in the State of Kentucky, reared in Louisville, moved to Orange county, Ind., where she was married to W. H. Orrell. After her marriage they lived in Ill. and Mo. and came to Texas in 1870. She professed faith in Christ when young, but did not unite with any church until 1864 when herself, husband and three children united with the Baptist Church and were all baptized at the same time. She was left a widow in 1873 and came to Young county in 1876. She was the mother of seven children who have all crossed the dark stream before her, save one son. She joined the first Baptist Church of Graham in May, 1888, and remained a quiet unassuming though faithful member until the Lord in Mercy called her from the trials and troubles, the crosses and afflictions of this unfriendly world to that bright and happy home which He has prepared for those who put their trust in Him. She was conscious to the very last and knew that the time of her departure had come, yet she dreaded not the approach of the pale messenger but called her son and all of her grand children about her and bid them remain until the last battle was fought and the victory won through and by Him who has robbed death of its sting and the grave of its victory.  
HOMER MAYES, } Com.  
JAS. M. WOOD, }

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## ESTRAYS.

TAKEN up by W. C. Wilkinson and estrayed before M. N. Hardy, J. P. Prec. No. 3, Young county, one gray mare branded JF (con.) on left jaw, 76, JF on left jaw, 7C.  
JFR (F con) on shoulder, JO on left thigh, 7 or 8 years old, 14 hands high.  
Also, one iron gray horse, 3 years old, branded 7C on left shoulder, about 14 hands high.  
One bay saddle horse 10 years old, star in face branded W on left shoulder, about 14 hands high. This Feb. 1, 1898.  
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. 26, 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 u on left shoulder, white in face and u on nose. This Jan. 26, 1898.  
CHAS. GAY,  
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**"STATESMEN OUT OF A JOB."**

Famous Politicians in Private Life—Hill, Morrison, Cleveland and Others.

The political gossips are trying to find an occupation for Senator Hill, and propose that this eminent Democrat shall be returned to the house of representatives, since at present the senate has been closed against him, and, to make the next congress still more notable, they propose that William J. Bryan should stand again for his old district. Mr. Bryan has put a veto on that part of the plan which concerns him. He says that he is not and cannot be a candidate for the house. No doubt in reaching this determination he has in mind the agony of Thomas B. Reed when he was a candidate for president. Mr. Reed came very near losing the most admirable part of his individuality through fear of saying or doing something that would injure his chances. Mr. Bryan is looking forward to 1900.

Mr. Hill is a lawyer in Albany just now, but he has the fight of his life on his hands to keep Croker and Murphy from undermining altogether his diminishing authority in the Democratic party, and the place to make that fight is not in Washington, where he would be only one of a big delegation of New York congressmen, but in New York.

One other distinguished democrat is just passing from active political life for the moment. It would not surprise one at all to see him on the floor of the house of representatives two years hence. William R. Morrison of Illinois, whose term as interstate commerce commissioner has just expired, was admitted to the supreme court bar recently. He said on the day he applied for admission there that he was going back to his old home at Waterloo, Ill., to take up the practice of law. Some years ago I asked Colonel Morrison why he did not return to congress. He answered that he would be willing to serve in the house again if he could be elected for a longer term than two years, but the two year term he had to devote alternately. That is the reason so many old men hold on to public office or stick to business life long after their period of usefulness is past. Next to the old man who retires from active business life the most unhappy man usually is the one who retires from politics or from officeholding. It is not only the loss of accustomed activities that is trying to a spirit still vigorous, but the want of public attention, the absence of applause, hurts the man who has been in public service.

Ingalls, who invented the "statesman out of a job" phrase, was one of the few men to hold public attention after his retirement from office, but even he is not heard from often now. He is a newspaper correspondent in Washington, where once he was one of the three leading figures of the government.

Where are the men who were conspicuous in Washington when he was there before?

Grover Cleveland, chief among them, is hunting ducks with Jersey farmers and dandling little Richard in his arms. And, by the way, I must tell you a story about Richard and why he was not called Grover. Four years ago, when Richard was only a hope, some one nately to work in the house and campaigning in his district, so he had no time for any other occupation.

If Colonel Morrison determines not to return to congress, he will settle very naturally into the life of his old home, for he has always kept its associations alive and visited it at least once a year.

Still it is hard for any man who has been so active in public life to drop into the comparative stagnation of law practice in a country asked Mrs. Cleveland if she would call her first son Grover.

"No," she replied. "There was but one George Washington, there was but one Abraham Lincoln; there shall be but one Grover Cleveland."

Richard's father, as I said, is shooting ducks and living on the salary he saved while in the White House. Thomas F. Bayard, who was his secretary of state, is leading a peaceful, wholly retired life in Wilmington, Del., and he told me the other day that he was "out

of politics." Whitney, secretary of the navy, who spent a fortune entertaining in the first Cleveland administration, is busy spending another on "country estates" and other English fads and in making money out of street railway franchises. He backed Tammany Hall with his money in the last campaign, though he had not the courage to support the Tammany ticket with his vote. Whitney is out of public life as far as a money maker with a big fortune can be when his money making is allied with politics and franchises.

Fairchild, who was secretary of the treasury, has become a feeble Mugwump, who shifts his allegiance with every new campaign. He was on the Seth Low ticket in the last municipal campaign, but that is not to say that he is in public life. In national affairs he is not even a lay figure, although in justice to him it should be said that he did not disappear with the promptness that marked the exit of John G. Carlisle lately.

Garland, the attorney general, has become an obscure Washington attorney. Dickinson, the postmaster general, kept himself afloat politically through the assistance of Mr. Cleveland from 1893 to 1897, but to-day, he is almost with-

Hayes' reputation has grown since his death. Arthur was a ghost of greatness in the short time that elapsed between the close of his term and his death, and his friends said that he died of a broken heart because of his retirement from public life.

Grant and Blaine were two men who could retire from active public life and still keep their hold on the interest and affections of the people. They had no equals.

What became of Roscoe Conkling when he left his seat in the United States Senate? He became a great lawyer, but as a political quantity he was represented by zero. Where is William M. Everts, once secretary of state and senator from New York, one of the brainiest men that ever sat in congress? He spends his time between his city home in New York and his farm in Vermont, broken in health, though mentally unchanged. But no one to-day asks his opinions of public questions. They ceased to be of interest as soon as he left the senate. Abram S. Hewitt, another distinguished New Yorker, nurses his dyspepsia and breaks out now and then in a political communication to the papers, but he is an inconsiderable factor in local or national affairs.



WILLIAM G. CRUSH.

Wm. G. Crush, the General Passenger Agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway of Texas, is a native of Kentucky, born July 4, 1864. He began railway work in 1888, as a clerk in the auditing department of the Monon at Louisville, his native city. From there his efficiency won him promotion to the general passenger agent's office at Chicago, and later traveling passenger agent.

In the early part of 1893 he came to Texas as general passenger agent of the Katy, with headquarters at Denison, and later to Dallas, where the company's Texas headquarters now are. Mr. Crush is one of the best known railway men in Texas and deservedly popular with all who do business with his department. Under his management the business of the road has grown rapidly, until to-day the earnings of the Katy exceed those of any other Texas road, and this year's earnings exceed those of last year over a million dollars.

out political standing in the state of Michigan. Vilas got into the senate for a term, but he is practicing law now and is half forgotten already. Endicott, secretary of war, might have gone into a hole in the ground somewhere for all that is ever heard of him. He lives on a farm in Massachusetts and superintends the farm work in person.

The farms and the small towns, as well as the cities, are well populated with "has beens"—men once conspicuous in political life who have disappeared from the public eye as completely as though they had never been heard of. Even Benjamin Harrison, since he took himself finally out of politics, has been a very tame, uninteresting figure. You have not forgotten how Hayes and his "chicken farm" were objects of some derision to the American people years ago.

Roswell P. Flower is not wholly a back number, because Roswell P. Flower is one of the few rich men who are always ready to aid their party with campaign funds without an equivalent. Flower had the fun of thinking himself a presidential candidate in 1884 and the honor of being elected governor of New York, and that is quite enough to loosen his purse strings at any time.

Van Wyck's silent campaign for mayor of New York was not nearly so interesting as Flower's dumb canvass for governor. Van Wyck wanted to keep still. Flower wanted to talk. But the condition on which Flower was nominated was that he was not to open his mouth during the campaign. He promised not to, and he broke the promise only once in Brooklyn. But the extraordinary character of that performance can be appreciat-

ed only by one who knows how garrulous Mr. Flower ordinarily is.

I sat in the lobby of the Windsor hotel, New York, one night with a man who knew Governor Flower well. Mr. Flower joined us and began to talk about certain incidents in political history. My friend listened and chuckled. When Mr. Flower went away, he said to me: "For heaven's sake don't quote what Flower said. He had no right to tell those things to his most intimate friend, but he will talk to any one."

In St. Louis recently I saw D. R. Francis, who was secretary of the interior under Cleveland a year ago. He is a business man to-day and he spends ten hours a day in business affairs. You seldom see his name in the newspapers. He has dropped out of public life completely for a time. But Mr. Francis will be heard of again. He is too young and too active a man to go into retirement yet. Another St. Louisian who was secretary of the interior is in his political grave. He is John W. Noble, and outside the law courts in St. Louis he is never heard of.

Farther west there is not so much political deadwood, because the country is young, but down in Mexico is a man named Ross who was once a U. S. senator and who ruined his political career by voting against the impeachment of Andy Johnson. The last time I heard of him he was sticking type on a newspaper, and the world would have forgotten his existence entirely if the reminiscent newspaper correspondent did not find in him a good subject for a letter on the decline of human greatness now and then.

The best illustration that ever came under my notice showing the depth of obscurity into which a public man can fall was a feature of the Chicago convention of 1892. In the decoration of the hall with the faces of dead democrats the local committee had included a portrait of Allen G. Thurman, the noble "Old Roman," who had been Cleveland's running mate four years before. Some one in the office of one of the press associations declared when he saw a list of the decorations that Thurman was not dead. A dispute arose. Some of the best informed newspaper correspondents presents asserted that he was dead. A man was sent around to the rooms of some of the delegations to settle the dispute. He could get no information from the politicians, and only the Ohio delegation was able to settle finally the fact that Mr. Thurman was very much alive.

Four years after Allen Thurman had been a candidate for the vice presidency he was dead to most of the people of the United States.

So may Hill be if the Croker-Murphy combine succeeds in depositing him from the leadership of the Democracy of the state of New York.—Syndicate Correspondence.



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**WHISTLING WELLS.**

They Foretell Storms Accurately and Serve as Barometers.

A freak of nature which is attracting considerable attention is a series of blowing or "whistling" wells, located in the northern part of the town of Eureka, in Polk county, Wisconsin. There are six of these hysterical wells, ranging in depth from 120 to 160 feet. The one owned by James Colton exhibits most remarkable features. This well is 120 feet deep and was dug fifteen years ago. The first twenty feet was hard pan and the rest coarse gravel.

Before a rainstorm the wind blows out of this well with great force, making a roaring around that can be heard a long distance. This wind is so hot that water placed on the cover of the well will boil. The wind blows out only before a storm, and the severity and duration of the storm are always in exact proportion to the force of this current and its duration before the storm commences. It is therefore, an accurate trustworthy barometer, as it foretells a change from cold to hot, or vice versa, but remains quiet in settled weather.

In winter a current of air is drawn in before a change of weather, just as forcibly as it blows out in hot weather. This current will freeze the water 120 feet from the surface of the earth as quickly as it would at the surface, and though many attempts have been made to use a pump in the well, they have failed, and a number of pumps of different makes have been destroyed by the water freezing and bursting the cylinders and pipes.

The other five wells, which resemble this one in many respects are all located within the radius of about one mile, and vary in depth from 130 to 150 feet. Some of the characteristics are not so pronounced as the one described, while others are even more remarkable. Within half a mile of these wells water is obtained at a depth of from ten to thirty feet, and the wells exhibit no unusual symptoms.

All sorts of speculations have been indulged in and theories advanced concerning an underground passage, but no outlet has ever been discovered, and if there is one, it must be a great distance away in order to foretell the approach of storms so long a time in advance. The weird, unearthly sound produced by the wind blowing in and out of the wells often frightens superstitious persons or those unacquainted with the phenomenon.

**A No. 1 Tramp.**

Waco, Feb. 9.—Just now the city is giving shelter to a tramp who claims to have a history behind him as long as a telegraph pole. This unique specimen of tramping refuses to give any other name than that of A No. 1, the Champion Tramp of the World. He claims to have beat his way from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from New York to San Francisco, in eleven days and six hours. He has traveled quite extensively and a book he carries, which shows his travels, seems to verify his assertions.

He says he has traveled ten years 375,000 miles, 285,000 of this by rail and 90,000 by water at an actual cost on fare of \$6.80. He has been seven times in Europe twice in Alaska, twice in Cuba, three times in the interior of Central America, once in Japan, India, Venezuela and South America. He has visited every town of any importance in Mexico, Canada and the United States. He says he makes his living writing for newspapers and pays for everything except his railroad fare. He is a fluent linguist, speaking six different languages. He neither drinks, smokes, chews or gambles and seems to be a unique specimen of the professional tramp. He dresses well and one would hardly suspect him being a tramp that has trotted the globe from the land-of the sunrise to the land of the Golden Gate.

Carrie: Why don't you wear the tie I gave you Christmas?

Jack: That would be equivalent to announcing our engagement, and we don't want to do that yet.—New York Journal.



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LATE TEXAS NEWS

Federal court at Galveston on 21st.

An El Paso bar-tender called a cowboy a "greaser" and got shot.

It is said a rich vein of gold has been discovered just west of Waxahachie.

Calvin Toston confessed to having killed Mary Benchley at Houston, both colored.

There are two cases of smallpox reported at Columbia, and a case at Brownsville, also.

Frank E. Lee has been appointed collector of customs for the port of Galveston, Tex.

Governor Culberson has offered a reward of \$300 for the capture of Gibson's murderer at Houston.

Postal Telegraph company has secured a right of way from Taylor to Houston and into Austin.

Ex-Marshal Ware may succeed General Mabry if the latter is elected president of the A. and M.

A proposition has been made to give a large park at Victoria to the Guadalupe Valley railroad for yard purpose.

The attorney general of Texas has ruled that married women may not sign charters as original incorporators.

The next meeting of the Texas Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows will be held in Dallas the first Monday in February, 1899.

A den of wolves were found a half mile northwest of Grand Prairie a few days since. Eight puppies were secured.

Governor Culberson has formally accepted of the invitation to accept the historic capital building for the Daughters of the Republic.

Prayer for injunction against the railroad commission by the express companies has been dismissed by the federal court at Austin.

Suit has been brought against Sheriff H. B. Cook and his bonds men, J. H. Parramore, C. W. Merchant and Otto W. Steffens, of Abilene, by J. J. Hitson.

Great preparations are making at Fort Worth for the entertainment of the Cattle Raisers' Convention which convenes in March.

Mr. Wood of Navarro will not be a candidate for commissioner of the land office, as it might interfere with Mr. Jester's candidacy.

Twenty-five thousand acres of land in Matagorda have been purchased for a G. A. R. colony in Texas; a thousand families to be colonized.

A destructive fire at Fort Worth destroyed the Hurley building, a seven-story structure, and for a while threatened the entire business portion of the city. The loss is estimated at \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Austin's mayor and aldermen and their predecessors and bondsmen have been cited to appear before Federal Judge McCormick on March 28th and show cause why they should not be adjudged guilty of contempt of court for failure to pay a judgment of about \$32,000 against the city in favor of a waterworks company. A special tax was levied to pay it, but was diverted to other purposes.

Baron Harden Hickery, whose home was in California, committed suicide in El Paso. He was a "has been" in financial circles, and wrote his wife that he would "rather be a dead gentleman than a living blackguard." He was educated in Europe, where he established a reputation as a first-class duelist. He ran a satirical paper in Paris, which kept him in constant trouble, brought him to the police court 114 times, which cost him 300,000 francs, and he fought more than a dozen duels. He once started out to propagate the Buddha religion in the United States, but met and married Miss Anna Flagler, daughter of the standard oil magnate of California, and gave up his Buddha plan. He attempted to establish a kingdom on the island of Trinidad, but Brazilian revolutions broke this scheme off.

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WASHINGTON NOTES.

State department notified of a revolution in Costa Rica.

Low R. Bright of Texas has been named as consul at Durango, Mex.

The treasury deficit is growing at the rate of about \$100,000 a day.

Annexation sentiment is said to be growing among Spaniards in Havana.

Spain is said to have decided to send two additional warships to the United States.

Japan expects to borrow 100,000,000 to 150,000,000 yen in the United States.

The Military Academy appropriation bill, carrying \$453,540, passed the House.

McAleer declared entitled to the seat in the McAleer-Hudson contest from Pennsylvania.

The Indian appropriation bill has passed the senate. It aggregates nearly \$8,000,000.

President Dole has ceased to be the guest of the administration and has started for Hawaii.

The house passed the fortifications bill, which carries only \$4,144,912 against \$9,517,141 last year.

Japan has notified China that she intends to keep Wei Ha Wei; China, therefore, will not need the loan.

Germany has receded and will accept horses and fruit from the United States where no disease or insects exists.

The treasury statement shows an available cash balance of \$222,919,977 and a gold reserve of \$164,969,686.

A bill to limit the period for the refunding of the certificates of deposit of 1879 to December 31, 1899, passed the House.

A bill providing for the erection of a public building at Beaumont, Texas, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 has passed the senate.

Houston's claims are to be presented to the river and harbor committee between the 15th and 20th. Mr. Ball is hopeful of success.

The republican majority of the House ousted Plowman (dem.) and seated Aldrich (rep.) as Representative from the Fourth Alabama District.

The protest of Texas shippers against French discriminating duties on cotton seed oil products meet with small satisfaction at the state department.

Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department, accompanied by the Hon. John Curry has gone for a trip to the Carolinas and Florida. A visit will be made to the Sea Land cotton-growing region.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS.

The following railroads paid taxes on the passenger earnings in the comptroller's office for quarter ending December 31, 1897: Paris and Great Northern railway paid \$6.42 on \$642.55; Houston, East and West Texas railway company paid \$263.48 on \$26,348.33 the gross passenger earnings, Velasco Terminal paid \$946, tax \$9.46; San Antonio and Aransas Pass paid \$81,018.14, tax \$810.80; Peccs River Railroad company paid \$88.84, tax 84 cents.

What do we learn from the story of Sampson? Tommy (with unpleasant results still manifest): "That it doesn't pay ter have women folks cut a feller's hair."

"Now, boys, two cab-drivers start at the same time, the first 100 yards in front of the second, but the second drives 10 yards more in every minute than the first. When will they meet?"

"At the first public house, sir."—London Figaro:

"Blowing his own horn, was he?" said the sarcastic boarder. "In what key?"

"The key of I, of course," replied the Cheerful Idiot.

Real Estate Agent—Any encumbrance on this estate? Cartaker—No. All men folk.

LARGE DISSECTING ROOM.

Human Bodies by the Score in the Pickling Vats of the Institution.

St. Louis has the largest dissecting room in the world. During the last week the largest number of subjects ever offered medical students for dissection in St. Louis were being used. Seventy one bodies lay upon the tables. Each subject gives work for eight students. Over 500 young medical men work in this colossal charnal-house.

In this deadroom lie exposed on its slim tables, cold and stark, awaiting the attention of the frolicsome medical students, more dead than find a resting place in the quiet grounds of many a village cemetery. Every day a small army of students, clad in long aprons, with scissors and scalpel, slowly work away the nerves and arteries and muscles of the bodies, till finally the grisly shapes disintegrate under the busy fingers of the embryo medicos, just as they do from the worms in the graves.

Old physicians who remember the days when they were medical students and were compelled to resort to grave robbing for material for dissection, and who looked upon the arrival of a body at the college as an event long to be remembered because accomplished under the most dangerous circumstances, will be astonished at the facilities now offered young men in dissecting and in general study. To the old student who surreptitiously dissected a putrefying body in the dark attic or in an underground cellar, in constant fear of arrest and imprisonment for its theft, the improved methods offered his professional brother today in the study of the human body are only in keeping with the general advance in medical and surgical science, and are due largely to the enlightenment of the legislative bodies of the different states, who have made it possible for physicians to pursue their studies without becoming law-breakers in doing so.

The deal room, as the older students called it, is now no longer a dead room, but a laboratory in which students can pursue their work in comfort and health. The main feature of this improvement is the admirable system of ventilation of the room, which robs the student's work of its previous loathsomeness. Special attention is also given to the proper care of the subjects, as the bodies are called. This includes not only their immediate preparation when received and their embalming, but also their storage until used, and their preservation after dissection has begun.

When one climbs the long flights of stairs at the college and steps into the immense room, there is little to remind him that he is in the presence of the dead. On the tables, arranged at convenient distances from each other, the subjects lie, but the skill of the embalmer and the scientific fingers of the students have changed the ghastly forms into intricate and highly interesting mechanisms of muscles and nerves and internal organs that are devoid of unpleasant odors.

In order that absolute cleanliness may be maintained in the dissecting room, the floors and walls are kept absolutely free of ornament or useless furniture, permitting them to be easily cleaned. The walls are bare, save for the numerous towels that hang above a long line of wash basins on the north side. Beneath each table is a single bucket in which are thrown the discarded parts of the subject after they are cut away by the students. These, with the tables on which lie the subjects, constitute the entire furniture of the room. No chairs are there, the students standing while at work.

This anatomical room under the direction of the professor of anatomy of the college, and under the immediate supervision of a subordinate instructor known as the demonstrator of anatomy. These two professional gentlemen, with a half dozen assistants are the instructors of the medical class while at work, but the real care of the room and the direction of the subjects from the time of their arrival at the college till they are reduced to bits of dried flesh and

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finally disposed of, fall to the care of the college proctor, whose work requires almost as much scientific knowledge as is demanded of the instructors. He has had charge of the anatomical room of the college for about five years and is an adept in the art of preparing subjects for dissection. When the dissecting seasons opens he has the vats in which the bodies are placed after embalming, filled for the winter's work, and such is the excellence of his work that some bodies are kept a year before being placed on the tables and are then in excellent condition for the students. Several now on the tables were received over a year ago.

"Nope," said Mr. Rockwell, as he wiped his glasses. "I'm afraid John's college education ain't going to do him much good, after all."

"Why, Silas," his anxious wife cried, "what makes you say that?"

"He admitted in the store yesterday that there was still a few things I knew more about than him."—Cleveland Leader.

"Now, papa, dear, when Mr. Timmons calls on you don't be hasty."

"Hasty? I guess not. I've been thinking what I'd do to him for more than a month."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

For Mardi Gras.

For the occasion of Mardi Gras, February 22d, 1898, at New Orleans, the Houston and Texas Central will sell tickets from all points on their line at one fare for the round trip. On sale 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, good to return within fifteen days of date from sale.

A TWEED SENSATION.

W. E. D. Stokes Comes Into the Private Papers and Diary of the Boss.

New York, Feb. 8.—There is at least one man in Greater New York today who holds the happiness, honor and fortune of many people in the hollow of his hands. This man is W. E. D. Stokes. Mr. Stokes came into possession of all the private papers of William Tweed several years ago. He has made a thorough study of the same with the idea of writing a book on the subject.

According to his story more than \$11,000,000 was paid out by the "boss" for bribes and buying up individuals that other people to this day know nothing about. Evidences of these payments are still in existence with the indorsements of the parties directly concerned.

The surrender of Tweed by the Spanish government after his escape from Ludlow street jail is described by the papers in the possession of Stokes as political work to secure the election of a republican president. Stokes says also that there is the real confession of Tweed in existence, which is likely to be published and which is bound to create the liveliest kind of a stir. He says that Tweed's diary is the most interesting of all the papers. It contains references to every one that called on him and his business, showing that nearly every one could be treated with on a cash basis. The papers were delivered to Mr. Stokes by a man whom he had befriended.

Mrs. T. O. Philbert of Laredo, was burned to death on the 11th.

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 "Newspaper subscriptions are infallible tests of men's honesty. They will sooner or later discover the man. If he is dishonest he will attempt to cheat the printer some way; say he has pil the printer which he has not, declare he has a receipt somewhere or sent money and it was lost in the mail, or will take the paper and not pay for it on the ground that he did not subscribe for it, or move-off leaving it to come to the office he left. Thousands of professed Christians are dishonest in this particular at least, and the printer's book will tell some fearful tales in the judgment."

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 —W. K. Staley.

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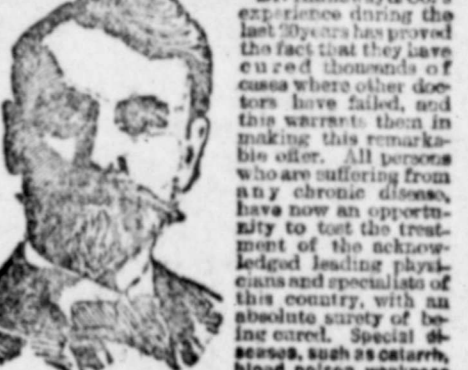
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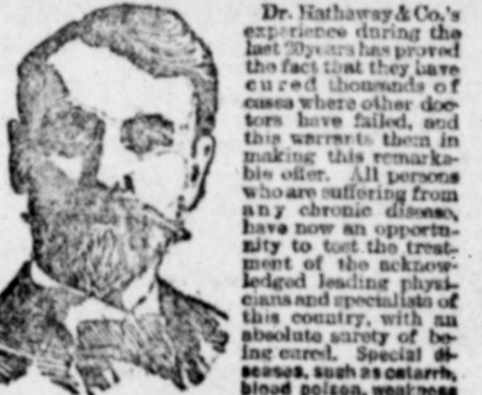
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