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County Correspondence.

South Bend.

Messrs. Pratt and Starrett of Eliasville, were with us Sunday. Ford Parker's little girl is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. Susan Payne, whose health has been poorly for some time, has been worse the last week or two.

Elder Wyatt preached for us Sunday.

There will be a rabbit drive here next Saturday, March 5th. See announcement elsewhere in THE LEADER.

Ed McCluskey was visiting home folks Sunday.

The new school house opposite us across the Brazos has been denominated by a vote of the people of the community, "Pleasant Hill." It now remains to be seen if there is really anything in a name.

Farmers are planting corn this week.

They are carrying on a semi-monthly debating society at Pleasant Hill. It seems that Mitchell, Blackwood, Higgins and Powers "are about the idea" when it comes to a regular old Webster-Calhoun debate.

Mrs. O. A. McBrayer is still not able to be up.

We have two months of public school yet.

Wils Copeland is putting substantial improvements on his place. So are the Scott brothers. This evidently means that "the wave of prosperity" has reached South Bend.

Our town is booming and the peach trees are blooming.

Paris & Rogers are now in the photograph business up to their eyes. They will be at the teachers Institute next Saturday with their "shootin' iron." You had better be there. GEE A. GEE.

Lower Boggy Valley.

We had a nice rain Monday night.

J. D. Carr went to Seymour last week.

Henry Keeter and Bill Steadham visited South Bend Saturday—returning Monday.

W. C. Wilkinson went to Graham Saturday.

M. H. Steadham was called to the bedside of his mother at Indian Mound Monday, who is reported very low.

Prof. A. L. McDonald of Upper Boggy visited Prof. J. M. Hughes Saturday night.

Quite a crowd went from here to Upper Boggy to the Literary Friday night.

Miss Dora Reynolds of the Ranch, visited relatives here last week.

Bro. Longan preached excellent sermons Saturday and Sunday.

A number of our young people are going to the Institute Saturday.

Dr. Jarrell and James Tandy of Acton, were up last week.

Oats are all sown, some up and looking nicely.

M. H. Steadham is done breaking. St. Jr.

Last week the largest cattle sale ever made in the state was made at Fort Worth. The number of cattle sold was 29,300 head representing a valuation of \$2,586,200.

Farmer Items.

Some nice sunny days. The ground is getting too dry to plow. Several parties have gone to Bowie this week.

What has become of S. M. Wann; we have not seen him on our streets for more than a week.

The town was lively Saturday; considerable trade reported.

P. K. Pittman and family will soon leave for Milam county, to spend most of the summer visiting friends and relatives, who he has not seen for several years. We wish them a pleasant visit.

Times must be improving. Our merchants are buying large bills of goods.

T. J. Lamon, proprietor of the Benson & Sons' store, spent Saturday buying goods from Martin-Browns drummer. Spent Monday with Joe Flowers buying shoes.

Monday morning J. W. Casey left bright and early for Dallas, to buy his spring and summer goods. He will be gone a week.

Dr. C. E. Waller of Jacksboro, has been here for the past week, doing some good dental work. From the amount of work he is doing speaks well.

Jas. Turner went to Graham Friday, also visited home folks near Victory; returned Sunday.

A. L. Donnell and family spent Sunday in Farmer.

Joe Nowel "one of our boys" left Monday for Caldwell, his old home.

Rev. Ford preached at the Methodist Church Sunday. The League met Sunday evening and a lecture at night.

J. D. Spencer and family of Gertrude, were here visiting J. W. Casey Saturday.

Miss Jewell and Mrs. B. W. Drum went to Graham Friday—returned Sunday evening.

Profs. Pritchett and Britton, were doing business here Saturday.

J. G. Daily was here Saturday buying paints, etc., for his quilting outfit. You ought to see it. It is a success.

J. B. Golston of Archer county, was here Monday chatting with his many friends.

Mrs. Myra and Ella Wilson visited Mrs. Jas. Walker of Archer last week.

Quite a crowd met at the Cemetery last Tuesday and done some nice work cleaning up and ornamenting the graves with shrubbery, shells etc., but we were surprised to see so few go out from Farmer. Several of the boys who had fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, there, spent their time in town smoking cigarettes and throwing the ball.

Don't do that boys.

Our old friend, grandpa Lamar, was in town Monday. He is very feeble.

Skipper started this morning for Bellevue and Bowie to be gone about a week.

A. E. Oatman returned Monday from Throckmorton county, where he has been spending a few days visiting his brother-in-law.

Com. A. C. Casey is holding down the store and post office this week in the absence of his father.

A. J. Bell visited Archer City this week. The town is full of drummers most every day.

SKIPPER.

Sweetwater, Texas, Feb. 25.—

The proposition made to the board of trade from the Denton, Decatur and Western Railway company, asking a \$30,000 bonus and right of way through Nolan county, has been accepted and the bonus and right of way guaranteed. The citizens of Sweetwater also agree to help secure right of way through Jones and Shackelford counties. Jones county, though it has no railroad, is well settled with farmers and has marketed over 12,000 hales of cotton this year. They had to haul this a long distance to Abilene for shipment.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at Akin & Co's drug store.

London, New York and Philadelphia capitalists have subscribed \$10,000,000 to build two railroads in Alaska, each of which will be about 400 miles long, and cost \$20,000 a mile.

The anti-Jewish feeling in France appears to be growing and may, according to the dispatches, culminate in a massacre.

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The bladder was created for one purpose namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

Chief Cause.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail upon receipt of three two-cent stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention THE GRAHAM LEADER and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

DALLAS, TEXAS, Feb. 25.—Col. Andrew J. Houston of this city, a son of General Sam Houston, this evening denied the story that has for some time been in circulation, originating in Cincinnati, to the effect that the sword surrendered by Gen. Santa Anna to Gen. Houston at the battle of San Jacinto is in the possession of a gentleman in Cincinnati, and is wanted by the society of the Daughters of the Texas republic. Col. Houston says the Cincinnati man may have a sword carried at some time by Santa Anna, but that the sword surrendered by the Mexican commander at San Jacinto is in the possession of the family of General Houston in Texas, and will remain there permanently.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and Consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at D. R. Akin & Co's Drug Store.

People live and learn, but some will always be found who will support frauds and fakes. Last week Weatherford was visited by a traveling "spec" merchant and he sold some of our citizens some very nice gold spectacles for \$5 a pair, and next day they were brass. Still some people kick on the home merchants and love the peddlers.—Weatherford Dem.

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The Leader.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

War is said to depend on whether the administration wants to pay for it in bonds or greenbacks.

English papers say that France's support of Spain has deterred the United States from interfering in Cuba, and further that Spain, had she not secured France's support, would have been admitted to the Dreibund.

White and Black Twins.

Messrs. J. L. Forrester and J. H. Nichols last Monday visited the celebrated negro twins born at Polk Point last week. The mother is a stout, coal-black negress; and the babies are healthy and normal, except that one is black, but not quite so black as the mother, and the other is absolutely white—as white as any white child—with long, straight, coal black hair. Hundreds of visitors have gone to see the wonderful white babe. We have not seen the twins, but we have the facts; not only from Nichols and Forrester, but from dozens of other eye witnesses equally as veracious.—*Troy (Lea.) News-Banner.*

Osculation in Atlanta.

A few days ago Mrs. Kingsberry, who is designated as "one of the best known society leaders" of Atlanta, started a campaign to put an end to osculation in that Georgia town. "Kissing may be as entirely proper," she admits, "when it is confined to married persons and those who are well along in life, but under other conditions it is dangerous."

Kissing under any conditions is "dangerous." Marriage doesn't lessen the osculatory danger, hither; the divorce court records show that. But who's afraid? The young men of Atlanta, who have organized an anti-osculation society and adopted by-laws imposing a fine of \$10 for each kissing offense proved against a member, have mercy wasted their time. How is that fine to be collected? How is the offense to be proven? Do the Atlanta boys indulge in kissing in the market place, to be seen of all men? If they do, the fine isn't heavy enough; it should be \$100 and thirty days in jail at least.—*Chicago Times-Herald.*

GENERAL NEWS.

Work of the Norfolk navy yards is to be rushed night and day until monitors and torpedo boats are ready for sea.

A gigantic trust is said to have been formed in the Klondike for the purpose of gaining control of the gold fields.

Reports state that a terrible blizzard has been prevailing in the Klondike country. The victims vary from 17 to 27.

The Denver Pacific has been sold under foreclosure. It was bought in by the reorganization committee for \$2,000,000.

Rev. Sam P. Jones, the great evangelist, has announced that he will be a candidate for governor of Georgia. He does not state his platform.

The entire line of the Kansas-Pacific railway, from Kansas City to Denver, was sold under a consolidated mortgage for \$8,000,000. Alvin W. Krech bid it in for that amount for the reorganization committee. This completes the sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad and all claims against the property, government and otherwise, are now wiped out.

The correspondent of the New Orleans Times-Democrat claims positive information from San Salvador, Central America, that the greater republic of Central America has ceased to exist, the principal and most powerful state, San Salvador, having withdrawn from the union. This action on the part of San Salvador was precipitated by the action of Guiteras, the president of San Salvador, who is at present assisting indirectly in the revolution in Nicaragua, and who has declared officially that the liberal party of Honduras is unworthy to hold office.

TEXAS AND TEXANS.

THE CORSICANA OIL WELLS.

A reporter who has been gathering facts gives out the following information:

The find is about two and one-half miles in length and appears to be about one mile in width as far as developed. The wildcat prospecting wells to the southwest of the city proved failures, the Garrett well having been abandoned at a depth of 1,300 feet with no signs of oil. There are several wells being bored northeast of town one about eight miles out. A company is forming to bore in the Kerens neighborhood. As nearly as was possible to ascertain and keep count there are now 72 wells flowing oil in the developed area. Of these the South Oil company has 17 and this company also has 4 dry wells. It is the pioneer company and has done most of the developing and experimenting. They have under contract four more wells, over two of which derricks are in place and derricks are going up for the others. The Texas Petroleum company owns and controls the output of thirteen wells. This company has one dry well.

The Oil City company has five flowing wells and two wells expected to come in this week.

Captain James Garrity has on the K. Q. Mills land five flowing wells, and is boring others. His contract calls for a well to be bored to every ten acres, and there is about 1000 acres of land in the tract. He has one dry well.

Mr. Dorington of Dallas, has four wells and is boring others. West and Hardy have four wells one of which is not worth attention, and will be for the present abandoned.

They are boring one additional well and have large leases which they may develop at an early date.

Hardy and Halbert have two wells. Read and Kingsolving have three wells, and the Long Co. has three also.

Hardy & Hardy have one well, Lea & Beason have one well, and are boring another.

W. F. Colquitt and Co. have two wells and are boring two others.

Pinkston & Gibson are boring a well.

O. R. Hyndman struck a fine flow Saturday in one well and is boring another.

The Three Charley's well has been joined to the pipe line of J. S. Cullinan and was No. 65 of the flowing wells thus far joined.

There are other wells and other companies, but is very difficult to find out exactly the situation without seeing all of the parties who are interested in the matter. H. L. Scales has some wells—three it is believed.

This will give an idea of the situation.

There are over fifty derricks in an area of less than a mile square now; most of them just being put up, or ready, to be taken down after a well has been finished.

The Southern Oil company is making preparations to pump several of their smaller wells. The output is claimed by many to average twenty barrels per day. There are several of the wells recently finished that run twenty-five barrels a day. The oil men themselves insist that the field will not average over ten to fifteen barrels to the well, a day.

A small refinery is promised by Messrs. Hammond, Ellis and Jones, of Ohio and Pennsylvania, but as yet no money has been put in evidence or papers signed, though an agreement has been reached.

Texas University.

The Washington Post of February 17, says of President Winston, who is on a visit to the national capital.

President George T. Winston of the University of Texas was seen at the Raleigh last evening.

"Texas," said he, "is the only Southern state where no one talks yesterday, last year or before the war. Everybody is moving forward with determination that Texas shall realize its manifest destiny as the greatest state of the American union. It is the old south and new south boiled together, and seasoned with Germans, Swedes, Irish, Scotch, English, Yankees and westerners. The sweet social

life and gallant courtesies of the old south, the push and progress of the west, the sturdy self-reliance of the German and the Swede, the ingenuity and enterprise of the Yankee, the brawn and brain of the Irish and the hard common-sense of the English and Scotch are all united in Texas. I do not believe there is a finer population on the globe.

The state does not consider itself prosperous, but compared with the other southern states it is very prosperous. There is in Texas no such poverty, except among Mexicans, as oppresses fully or 3-fourth of the population of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. Texas is the laboring man's paradise. People are flocking there from all directions and the next census will tell a wonderful story of its growth. The population is now fully 3,000,000.

"The State University, now only fourteen years old, but ranking among the best colleges and universities of America, is at the head of our great system of free public schools. Its faculty have all been selected regardless of any local, sectarian, political or other consideration, excepting alone fitness. They come from the leading universities of this country and Europe.

The university is expanding and improving all the time. During the past year the teaching force has been increased nearly 25 per cent. Additions are now being made to the equipment whereby the laboratories in physics and biology will be greatly enlarged and strengthened. A building costing \$40,000 was recently given to the medical department by Mr. George W. Brackett of San Antonio to be a home for young women attending that department. Last year a young lady was graduated an M. D. and many are now pursuing the course.

"The requirements for admission in all departments of the university have recently been increased, but there is no charge for instruction. The total number of students is now 800, and it is an aggregation that the whole state takes pride in. The young men are earnest, ambitious, free from rovelism, and no doubt the presence of 140 bright, refined and aspiring girls have materially contributed to giving the entire student body its high status. With us coeducation has been a marked success."

LATE TEXAS NEWS.

A boy was burned to death in a fire at Cameron.

Walter Makin of Paris has been adjudged insane.

Haskell county's jail has been without occupants for a year.

The telephone line from Seymour to Haskell has been completed.

Hon. Seth Mills of Waco will be a candidate for nomination for State treasurer.

Harvy Golden, of fame in labor circles, and ex street commissioner of Dallas is dead.

Three-fourths of the business houses of DeKalb were destroyed by fire. Loss about \$50,000.

Wm. O'Leary has been appointed postmaster at Dallas. He is Chairman Green's secretary.

Thomas Lyon at Sherman, has filed suit against the M., K. & T. Ry for \$20,000 personal injuries.

A mad wolf was killed near Brownwood a few days ago, but not until he had bitten the party severely who killed him.

W. E. Smith, on trial at Dallas for the killing of Andy Spillar recently, after a second attempt to proceed with the case, was adjudged insane.

Near Texarkana Mrs. Sarah Scott was burned to death by her clothing igniting while doing some work about the hearthstone. In her fright she rushed to the cradle when her infant was lying and also burned to death.

A discolored, faded or gray beard does not appear tidy, but may be made so by Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers, which colors an even brown or black.

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UNCLE SAM'S TREASURY.

In Case of War There Would be Immediately Available About \$75,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The condition of the treasury should war with Spain come is discussed by public men and treasury officials. Notwithstanding the currency problem, no alarm is felt by the majority of those who give the question consideration.

Secretary Gage himself feels no alarm or worry when the question comes to his mind. It would be different however, if the possible war were with any other country than Spain, or with a number of the rich countries of Europe. In fact, in his speech last week in Chicago, the secretary in recounting the deeds of Abraham Lincoln, hinted at the seriousness of the money situation in the case of a protracted and stubborn war with some great country in Europe.—He discussed this point as the secretary of the treasury, looking at it from a financial view—what might result to this country as a result of existing currency laws.

Secretary Gage has not failed to look carefully to the condition of the treasury in case war comes. He is confident, as is the president who keeps well posted these days, on the condition of the big bank of the United States.

The available cash balance in the treasury today is \$225,148,969, of which \$167,011,425 is gold, \$100,000,000 being the traditional gold reserve. In case of war with Spain the gold reserve would have to be maintained. Taking this much from the available cash balance leaves \$125,000,000 in round figures. A certain amount of this, Secretary Gage estimates, would have to be kept for the regular business of the country—for use in the subtreasuries to meet the demands of trade and commerce. It is estimated that \$50,000,000 would be sufficient to keep in the treasury, in addition to the stipulated gold reserve.

There is now in the treasury, therefore, \$75,000,000, which could be immediately used in case of a declaration of war. Of course the ordinary policy of the secretary and the administration would not be to decrease the available cash balance to \$50,000,000, but it is thought business could be safely conducted on that basis pending legislation or action to restore the normal condition of affairs.

The large amount of gold in the treasury is particularly a source of congratulation among those who look for a brush with Spain in the near future. In this respect the treasury is stronger than in eight years. The amount of gold given is free from incumbrances. There is really \$208,487,945 gold in the vaults of the treasury, but \$36,446,529 is deducted from this for outstanding gold certificates, redeemable on demand, leaving \$167,041,425. How much a war scare would affect this amount of gold has been talked over, but it is not thought that it would be de-

pleted largely by reason of a war with Spain. The confidence of a short war, it is estimated by Secretary Gage, would have more effect in this direction than patriotism or anything else. A run of any kind on the treasury probably would not last long if begun. Congress could step it in any event by putting into the hands of the president and secretary of the treasury power to guard the treasury. This power probably would be such as to cut short the designs of the unpatriotic.

In his Chicago speech, Secretary Gage pointed out that at the beginning of the civil war this country was not carrying much debt. As a result of that war the government is carrying an additional debt of \$346,000,000. In case of a protracted war with Spain or with any other country, it is thought that a good deal of gold could be obtained in this country. A war or war scare, it is said by treasury officials, drives gold further into hiding, but this government is so big and substantial that a sale of bonds will always draw from money holders their yellow metal. After the battle of Bull Run, when the country was despondent at the outlook, \$150,000,000 in bonds were sold to bankers and others for gold. The bonds brought par.—*St. Louis Republic.*

CHARTERS.

The following railroad corporations have filed their charters with the secretary of state: The Denton, Decatur and Western railway company of Decatur Capital stock, \$100,000. Incorporators: R. E. Carswell, J. W. Simmons, E. H. Baumgartner and others. The object of this corporation is to build, equip and operate a line of standard gauge railroad from Denton, Denton county, via Decatur, Wise county, to Bridgeport, Wise county, a distance of thirty-five miles, more or less.

The Gulf and Brazos Valley railway company of Peck City, Parker county. Capital stock, \$100,000. Incorporators: W. A. Squires, T. F. Berner, F. E. Squires and others. The purpose of this company is to build, maintain and operate a standard gauge railroad from a connection with the Texas and Pacific and the Gulf and Brazos Valley railroads at Peck City to a connection with the Chicago, Rock Island and Texas railway at its bridge across Red river, in Montague county, Texas, through the counties of Parker, Palo Pinto, Jack, Clay and Montague, a distance of about one hundred miles.

Forfeited Lands.

Austin, Feb. 23.—The work of listing forfeited school, asylum, university and public lands for 1897 under all the land acts has been completed by the treasury department and filed with the commissioner of the general land office, who now has a complete roll of forfeited land rates to date.

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CONDITION OF OUR ROADS.

Sixth Annual Report of the Texas Railroad Commission.

The Texas railroad commission's sixth annual report has been handed to the Governor and will shortly appear in pamphlet form.

It contains a great deal of statistical matter relative to the commission's work during the past year, giving the numerous tariffs promulgated as well as a history of the many hearings had besides showing that more than 2000 letters, most of which required considerable investigation, were written in answer to questions submitted.

With reference to railroad construction under the provisions of the stock and bond law of 1893, the report states that applications have been made by twenty-four railroads to issue stock and bonds since its enactment, the projected mileage covered by such applications amounting in the aggregate to 713.27 miles, the value of which when constructed will approximate \$13,537,895. So far 302 of the projected miles of new road have been built and some \$4,000,000 expended thereon. In addition the Texas Midland has constructed 108.35 miles; the Texarkana and Fort Smith 70.39, and the Denison, Pacific and Suburban 8.59 miles, which did not come within the provisions of said law. Thus during the last four years, notwithstanding the prevailing business depression nearly 500 miles of new road were built in the state. The interest burden on this new mileage is only about one-third as great as that borne by the old lines, while in the projected mileage it is but half as great.

Speaking of the effect of the stock and bond law, the report says:

"Doubtless the law has prevented the construction of some speculative mileage, that is to say lines built for the ostensible purpose of developing the country, but really for the profit formerly inherent in the promotion of such schemes or for the purpose of forcing existing lines to purchase undesirable property in self-defense with a consequent increase in bonded indebtedness, out of all proportion to the value of the property either to the company or the public.

"Notwithstanding the depression of the times and the obvious effect of the law to discourage speculative building it appears from the interstate commerce commission report that it is a significant fact that the states of Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas—all Southern states—are included in the list showing any considerable railway construction."

"It is a further significant fact as to our general condition that although 30,457 miles of railway in the United States were in the hands of receivers on June 30, 1896, no important Texas line was in that condition except the Fort Worth and Denver City, the receivership of which has terminated since that date."

In that connection the report gives quotations from several engineering, mining and railroad journals of high authority that have made it a point to study the Texas stock and bond laws and reached the conclusion that they could hardly be improved upon and that the attitude of the state toward the railroads is economically and politically correct.

On the subject of appropriations the report has the following to say:

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

With the exception of two years the commission has never used the entire appropriation made by the Legislature for postage, stationery, books, express charges and telegraphing, but it is now apparent that with an appropriation for the purposes stated of only \$500 per year, although it has purchased no books that were not absolutely needed in the transaction of the business of the office and has expended the minimum for the other items named, an unavoidable deficiency must occur for the year ending February 28, 1898, of about \$500. For the purposes named not less than \$1000 should be appropriated for each year, as asked for by the commission.

VALUATIONS OF RAILROADS.

The report says: "In our fourth and fifth annual reports we presented tables of our valuation of about fifty railroads in Texas by counties. During the past year copies of these tables have been in considerable demand by assessors both of counties and cities, which has been supplied in part by sending them copies of our printed reports and in part by making blue print copies of the original manuscript tables on file in this office. It is believed that these tables have had much influence in equalizing assessments.

MAPS AND CHARTS.

"Mention was made in our last re-

port of five maps of this character which had been prepared by the commission, viz.: Sabine Pass and vicinity; terminals at Houston; Galveston bay and vicinity, and Velasco and vicinity. During the past year in response to requests for the same from legislators, tariff men, ship brokers, commercial bureaus and others, more than 300 blue print copies of these maps were made in the office and supplied."

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

The report reviews the circumstances that prevented the making of an express tariff in 1893 and of fixing freight rates, the report tells of the law passed in 1897 requiring express companies to keep general offices in the state and to furnish such information relative to their business as the commission required, and says:

By the date this law became effective we had been notified by the American, Pacific, the United States and the Wells-Fargo Express companies of the establishment by them of general offices in the state, at the places stated in their reports hereinafter referred to. In further pursuance of this law the commission prepared a form of report and by an order dated September 4, 1897, required each express company doing business in Texas to make report to it within thirty days thereafter, of its property indebtedness and business for the year ending June 30, 1897. It was found to be necessary to extend the time for filing these reports, and the additional time granted was also availed of to secure additional and explanatory information not provided for in the forms first prepared. The Pacific and Wells-Fargo companies rendered answers to quite all the questions asked but the American and United States express companies each declined to answer several questions necessary to determine their profits on business done in Texas, and the attention of the Attorney General was cited to their refusal, and his action requested as far as the facts and the law would warrant.

On April 20, 1897, the commission formally assumed jurisdiction over the rates, classification, rules and regulations applying on freight transported by express companies in Texas and directed that no changes therein be made unless by order or authority of this commission, and on May 10, 1897, express companies doing business in Texas were required by our order to furnish us with copies of contracts then in force between carriers and express companies, and also with copies of all tariff sheets then in force.

On August 2, 1897, the American, the Pacific and the Wells-Fargo Express companies obtained from the federal judge of the Fifth Circuit United States Court an injunction restraining this commission from putting into force and effect express tariff No. 1A, and a little later the commission and its individual members were subpoenaed to appear before the United States court for the Western district of Texas on the first Monday in February, 1898, and to show why the injunction should not be perpetuated.

While under this temporary injunction the commission, on December 18, 1897, gave notice of a hearing to be held on January 4, 1898, for again considering the matter of express rates in Texas. This meeting was held and consumed quite a week, resulting in the cancellation of express tariff No. 1A and the promulgation on January 12 of express tariff No. 1B to become effective February 14, 1898. Express tariff No. 1B also supercedes and cancels all express rates in force between points in Texas, except such special rates now in force as are lower than the rates prescribed in said tariff.

The suits by the express companies against this commission in the Federal Court have been dismissed and as before stated the rates made by this commission which are estimated to be 25 per cent lower as a rule than the old rates, go into effect without further opposition.

THE RAILROAD COMPROMISE.

The report reviews at length the circumstances of the compromise with the railroad companies prosecuted by the attorney general recently, with the facts of which the public is already familiar and says in conclusion:

"Under this arrangement the offenders have plead guilty to ninety-five cases, and have paid into the state treasury \$47,500. These compromises were made with the approval of the railroad commission. Under this arrangement the Southern Pacific system has paid into the treasury \$10,000, and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas has paid into the treasury \$12,500.

"Cases against other roads for want of time, have not yet been disposed of,

and from these we may reasonably expect like results."

With reference to the appropriation of \$500 made by the legislature for the purpose of conducting investigations in the railroad cases, the report says:

"This appropriation of \$500 is nearly exhausted and could not under the law be used after the 1st of March, 1898, even if not entirely exhausted. This will substantially cause, particularly the expiration of that part of it—\$1000—available for expenses, a suspension, much to our regret, of this mode of investigations so effectually carried on by us during this year, until further appropriation can be made to defray the expenses of such investigations."

THE HORNY HANDERS.

Many Farmers Will Grow Tobacco This Season.

Colmsneil, Tyler County: F. H. Robinson, vice president of the Tyler County Tobacco Growers association here, has been given the following names of parties in the vicinity of Woodville, and the number of acres they are proposing to plant in tobacco this season: B. E. Moore, 60 acres; Roberts & Reid, 15; G. R. Enloe, 25; Elisha Seale, 5; Sealy Crow, 10; Will Straughan, 5; Rev. Jeff Rhodes, 3; Wallace Rock, 2; Sam McAllister, 3; Robert Foster, 5; Tom Heffler, 3; Will and Tom Goolsby, 15; from contracts by B. E. Moore, 30—making 181 acres. There are others there who will plant small crops. There will probably be 500 acres planted in tobacco in this county this season.

Grapeland, Houston County: Quite a number of acres of tobacco are being prepared for in this section. The farmers are anxious for something to supersede cotton as a money crop, and are more than pleased to see the business men of Houston taking an interest in its culture. There is a natural tobacco country here, and those who have raised it say the only thing to keep them from realizing from it will be the want of buyers.

Livingston, Polk County: Considerable talk of experimenting with the tobacco industry is being indulged in by our people who are tired of raising 5c cotton, and probably quite a lot of the finer grade tobaccos will be planted, many believing that the soils here will be very fine for its growth. This week's "Local" contains a letter from H. H. Craig, of Kansas City to T. F. Meece, of this place, proposing to furnish seed and pay half the expenses of cultivating an acre of fine grade tobaccos as an experiment, and will make such arrangement with several farmers. Mr. Craig has some land in this county and thinks that tobacco, fruit and vegetable gardening as a diversity will greatly assist in developing our county.

Calaveras, Wilson County: A farmer of this section contemplates the cultivation of one hundred acres of water melons this season, and will ship them north. This soil is most suitably adapted to the culture of melons. A great deal of new land is being cultivated in this locality this year, and with plenty of rain will no doubt produce a big crop of corn, cotton and feed stuffs.

Elgin, Bastrop County: The cotton crop here is marketed, some few holding over for better prices. There will be a larger acreage of corn planted this year than for years past, as the farmers are determined, as far as possible, to vary their crops and get away from cotton alone. Altogether the outlook is flattering, and it is to be hoped that the present crop will come up to the expectation of every farmer.

Corpus Christi, Nueces County: Another shipment of cabbage, consisting of two cars, left here over the Aransas Pass this morning for the northern markets. The cabbage are some of the finest to be found here, and came from several different fields. The truck farmers are quite busy at present chopping and boxing cabbage, as well as other vegetables.

Dick Allen and Tom Holmes were lynched at Mayfield, Ky. Allen robbed a house and Holmes killed his wife six months ago.

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FRANCE TAKING WHEAT.

Vast Accumulation of This Cereal Being Shipped to Europe.

Of the 3,400,000 bushels of wheat delivered to Haarstick and Spencer during December only a little over 1,200,000 bushels now remain in the elevators of this city. Something over 2,200,000 bushels has been shipped out of the country during the past four or five weeks, and indications point to the shipment of probably 1,000,000 bushels more within the next two or three weeks.

Exactly what disposition has been made of the wheat that has gone out of the elevators is not known, but by far the greater part of it went via the river for New Orleans, and is said to have been exported, principally to France. Traders who claim to know are of the opinion that the price received was equivalent on an average to a dollar a bushel in this city, the cost of transportation and insurance being charged up to the foreign buyers in the price paid by them for the wheat.

It will be remembered that just about the time the December deal was closed C. H. Spencer, one of the men who engineered it, stated that the average price paid for the wheat was 80 cents a bushel. Assuming this to be correct there is an apparent profit to the owners of the wheat of 20 cents on every bushel sold to this time, and with the market above a dollar, as it has been for some days past, indications point to even greater profits on what is now being disposed of.

Since last Saturday 130,000 bushels have been loaded into barges to go down the river, and orders to ship continue to be given from day to day at a rate that indicates a heavy week's shipment. All of this grain is supposed to be destined for delivery in France. The shipment of another million bushels from this city would reduce the stock of contract grade wheat in the public elevators of St. Louis to a little over 200,000 bushels, a merely nominal amount, and less than half what was held in stock at this time a year ago.—St. Louis Republic.

France and Germany are endeavoring to acclimatize the American lobster, as hardier and healthier than his European congener.

For a State Organization.

The following call which is of interest to many people throughout the state, has just been issued at Austin, and is self-explanatory:

To the officers, directors and members of local building and loan associations of Texas: The time has arrived when organization is the necessity of the day, for the purpose of protection and advancement of methods.

Many of our sister states have been well organized into strong, active state leagues of local building and loan associations, whose objects are to secure favorable legislation for mutual protection and fostering and advancing the cause of building and loan associations within their state boundaries.

With this object in view and with the hearty support and endorsement of our local board, I desire to issue a call for a meeting of directors and members of the various associations as chartered under the laws of the state of Texas, said meeting to be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, being May 10, 11 and 12, at Austin, Texas, for the purpose of organizing a state league of local building and loan associations of Texas, and the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before them.

In order to make the movement a success, it is earnestly desired and hoped that every association will send at least one delegate and as many more of its directors and members as possible.

Reduced rates will be secured on all railroads and everything possible for the comfort and pleasure of the attending delegates will be looked after by the citizens of Austin.

We hope to enlist at the very outset the support and encouragement of our state officials and Representatives and Senators of the Legislature.

Let every board of directors throughout the great state of Texas take up this matter at once and provide for a big representation, we want several hundred delegates present.

Each association at as early a date as possible, is requested to send in a list of delegates selected, and all delegates are asked to bring properly certified credentials so that all in attendance can be properly enrolled. Please advise the undersigned of the receipt of this call and the action taken thereon by your association. Respectfully,
W. M. G. BELL.

Eddie's father was a jeweler and some times the little fellow got business mixed up with Indian stories and Sunday-school lessons. One Sunday morning he surprised his mother by asking: "Say, mamma, what tribe was it that made gold-plated calves—the Israelites or the Choctaws?"

A traveler can now go round the world in fifty days.

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Rev. Sam Jones is making a campaign for the office of Governor of Georgia. He is likely to cause considerable amusement and will make a red-hot campaign, but of course he does not stand a ghost of a chance for election.

Congressman Joe Bailey of Texas, delivered an address to the Virginia Legislature on the 25th of February on the political issues of the day. He was well received and loudly applauded by the Virginians.

Ex. Gov. J. S. Hogg has written a letter to W. D. Malone in which he says that all of the four candidates for Governor are good men, true to democracy and its principles and that he has no personal or political objection to any of them though he is committed to Crane. He advises a clean canvass.

Congressman John Allen, the famous wit of Mississippi, says if war comes up between the United States and Spain that the ex-confederates will have to do most of the fighting, as the pension rolls show that nearly all the union soldiers got crippled during the late unpleasantness.

Milton Park and Harry Tracy are up in arms against Chairman Butler's manifesto, asking all true populists to stand with the democratic party on the question of free coinage. Milton and Harry want to get out and take up a few collections this year.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Notice of City Election.
On the first Tuesday in April, 1898, the same being 7th day of said month, there will be held at the usual voting place in the City of Graham, an election for the purpose of electing an Alderman of first ward and one Alderman for ward No. 2, and one Marshal for the City of Graham. And R. C. McPhail is hereby appointed manager of said election.
By order of City Council, this the 4th day of March, 1898.
J. S. STARRETT, Mayor.

The investigation into the cause of the Maine explosion is still in progress. The Court of Inquiry has not yet reported. The government is still preparing for war, but there is not as much excitement as a few days ago.

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.

A negro postmaster and one of his children were killed and burned at their home at Lake City, S. C., recently, by a mob.

The Bower Nursery
Has a good supply of Nursery Stock on hand and have reduced the prices, as follows:
Grape Vines 5 cents each or \$2.50 per hundred.
Patches 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.

Our Prospects.

Some years ago one of our most enterprising citizens, foreseeing the future greatness of Young county; endeavored to impress his views upon the public, by calling attention to the many inducements that are inviting capital and labor to this particular section of country, especially Young county, with her broad fertile prairies, belted and skirted with abundance of timber, with two rivers and their tributaries, bordered by valleys unsurpassed for beauty and fertility, with miles of quarries of sandstone and limestone for building purposes equal to the best, and last, but not least, inexhaustible coal beds of fine quality, varying from three to four feet in thickness and covering a vast area in the Southwest part of this county. He, seeing the bountiful stores of wealth that nature had bestowed upon this county, reasoned from cause to effect, with almost prophetic precision. He predicted not a railroad, but railroads for this particular county, drawn here by the wealth of the county and that Graham, the county seat, would become a railroad center. How near are these predictions being fulfilled. Our county is being rapidly settled by the very best class of citizens, and Graham is the largest, neatest, most enterprising and best business town in Northwest Texas off the railroad, and in the near future will be the best one on the railroad. As a fulfillment of his railroad predictions, we have the Fort Worth and Northwestern chartered to the coal fields of Young county, and surveying corps on the line. The Denton, Decatur and Western railroad chartered on the 24th inst., coming directly this way; the charter calls for Young county and the promoters declare their intention to go to the coal fields of Young county and on Southwesterly by way of Sweetwater. This road must necessarily pass through Graham or go off the line to get around it. Either one of these roads coming from the East will force Mineral Wells to push out in self-defense; it will doubtless go on to Seymour as the most available territory to be occupied. This alone will give us three roads crossing in Graham, with a fair chance for the Rock Island. With these railroad facilities and an inexhaustible coal mine at our door, who can say what the future will be?

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

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

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

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.
IRVIN & ANDREWS,
Breckinridge, Tex. Proprietors.

Cheerfulness.
We like the home where cheerfulness dwells, for it betokens happiness and health—good things to have not so easy to keep. Many mothers would doubtless be cheerful if they had health, but it persistently eludes them. Weak—nervous—in distress—dependent, it is little wonder that they get discouraged, yet Parker's Ginger Tonic has in myriads of such cases supplied the pressing need. Nutrition, the blood, the functional energies are reinforced by it. It revives the heart power, purifies and revitalizes. Pains disappear, sleep and strength return, and cheerfulness reigns in the home again. No mother should be without Parker's Ginger Tonic.
Many Influences Combine to make the hair lifeless and gray. Parker's Hair Balsam restores its color and life.

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Suffered Agony with Rheumatism, Could Not Sleep

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"I became nervous, weak and trembly and suffered agony from rheumatism. This was followed by palpitation of the heart, and sinking spells. Then that terrible affliction, insomnia, took possession of me. Many nights I thought I would become insane before the light of morning broke. My husband had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla with benefit and he urged me to try it. He thought it would make me sleep. I hesitated about taking it until a physician recommended it. Then I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills. The result is I am now feeling better and stronger than I have felt for years. I am able to sleep soundly, and to everyone who suffers as I did I recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla."
Mrs. H. A. BENEFIELD, Jefferson, Texas.

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The Primary Test.

The State Executive Committee prescribed a test for the primary voters which, if adopted by the county committees will lose thousands of votes to the democratic party. It is as follows:

First, are you a democrat? Second, did you vote for the opposition to the Democracy, either national or state, in 1896? Yes to the first and no to the second, will be necessary to entitle a man to vote in the primaries.

This would bar out all new converts to the party and would close the gate of the fold to the sheep that have been wandering "away on the mountains wild and bare" following the *ignis fatuus* of populism and gold-bugism. It is wrong. We ought to let the erring brother return and take his place in the ranks. We need not kill the fattened calf for him or give him the highest seat in the synagogue but let him come back and be seated in the ranks.

If a man says he is a democrat and pledges himself to vote for the nominees of that party he should be admitted to the primaries, regardless of his past political affiliations. Several of the county committees have already adopted different and milder tests and we hope that our committee will follow suit.

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 E. L. HENEGAR, Graham, Texas.

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Which arises from impurities in the blood and a depleted condition of this vital fluid may be entirely averted by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great remedy cures all spring humors, boils, eruptions and sores, and by enriching and vitalizing the blood, it overcomes that tired feeling and gives vitality and vigor.
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A slight cough is a light thing, but it may become serious; do not hesitate to buy a bottle of Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup; it will cure you. Satisfaction guaranteed. Fifty cents and fifty doses.

ESTRAYS.

TAKEN up by W. C. Wilkinson and estrayed before M. N. Hardy, J. P. Proc. No. 3 Young county, one gray mare branded JF (con.) on left jaw, 76, JF on left jaw, 70.

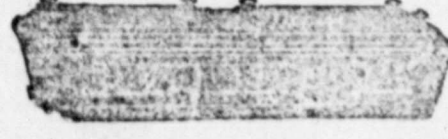
JFR (if con) on shoulder, JO on left thigh, 7 or 8 years old, 14 hands high. Also, one iron gray horse, 3 years old, branded 7C on left shoulder, about 14 1/2 hands high.

One bay saddle horse 10 years old, star in face branded W on left shoulder, about 14 1/2 hands high. This Feb. 1, 1898.

REPORTED by W. H. Ardis, Com'r Prec. No. 2, and left with J. B. Self, one brown horse, 7 years old, not branded and is not broken. This Feb. 21, 1898.

REPORTED by W. H. Ardis, Com'r Prec. No. 2, and left with W. D. Sanders, one dark bay horse mule, 4 years old, branded SH (con) and left shoulder, about 13 1/2 hands high, with small split in right ear. This Feb. 21, 1898. CHAS. GAY, C. C. Y. C. T.

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JOS. H. AYNESWORTH.

For County Judge.
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For Sheriff.
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For District and County Clerk.
CHAS. GAY.

For County Treasurer.
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The circulation of THE LEADER is still climbing upwards. If you want to reach the people plant your advertisements in THE LEADER.

John H. Wood has commenced work on his brick yard, preparing for the boom.

Tom Wood, who has been at Corsicana for some months, returned Wednesday.

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J. L. Moore of Motley county, is visiting relatives in this county and gave THE LEADER a pleasant and substantial call. He reports grass good and stock in fine condition.

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The curfew law brings young America in on time. Parents should appreciate the effort the city dads are making to assist them in knowing "where is my boy to-night." Is he at church doing the devotional, or out on the streets or back alleys doing the diabolical.

Life in Japan and the Orient.

Ex-Gov. Hubbard

Will lecture on "Life in Japan and the Orient," at the Methodist Church in Graham, Friday night, March 11th, 1898.

Admission 35 cents; children 25 cents; reserved seats 50 cents. Tickets on sale at the Drug Stores.

We propose to show the nicest and cheapest stock of

Dress Goods

ever brought to this market. Wait and see our stock before buying. It will be complete by the 10th.
J. E. MORRISON & Co.
Graham in Eliasville.

Capt. Wm. King of the Hawkins Chapel country was in town Tuesday on business.

Jo. W. Akin and Jno. C. Kay attended District Court at Archer City this week.

A New Railroad.

W. F. Buchanan, general manager for the Denton, Decatur and Western railway company, an organization created and chartered for the purpose of promoting a railroad from Denton westward to Sweetwater by way of the coal fields of Young county, has secured a bond from the board of trade of Sweetwater, guaranteeing a bonus of \$30,000, right of way through Nolan county, and other concessions, conditions that the road be built to Sweetwater and a division be established there, it being about the proper distance from Denton for a division. Graham will doubtless be called on in due time to assist this enterprise, as it is not characteristic of railroads to run over a town whether it wants it or not.

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.

Buy your slippers from us and save 50 per cent. We have over 1000 pairs Drummers Samples.
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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.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



To Readers of The Call.

Owing to the illness of the undersigned, together with the fact that it is impossible to procure an idle printer in Graham, THE CALL is forced to miss its regular issue this week; but will appear as usual in future. The lost issue will be made up to all our patrons. Asking your indulgence, I am Respectfully,
W. L. GRAVES,
Publisher, CALL.

Millinery and Dress Making.

Mrs. J. H. Stewart announces to the public that she has opened a Millinery and Dress Making establishment in the Crawford house, near Masonic Hall, and requests the ladies to call and see her goods, which will arrive next week.

THEY HAVE COME!

Not the "Hooligans," but the
Largest and Best Stock of
Spring Goods

Ever Brought to Graham.

You are cordially invited to call and examine our Stock.

S. B. STREET & CO.,

Cheapest house in Town.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will serve tea from 4 to 6 o'clock p.m. Thursday, March 10th followed at night by a Brownie Party from 7 to 10, at the residence of Mr. Wm. D. Craig. All are invited to attend. The proceeds for the Manse Fund.

A. J. Baker of the Murray community, was in town Monday and gave THE LEADER a pleasant call.

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

A. L. Owen, Rob McLaren, I. N. Farmer, Judge Milam, A. J. Baker, V. R. Jordon, John Henry, J. L. Moore, S. B. Waters, R. Lindsey, Henry Schluder.

Fresh Cabbage, Potatoes, Green Apples.

At J. E. MORRISON & Co.

The protracted meeting at the Christian Church is still in progress. About fifteen have joined the church during the week.

Sam Waters called on THE LEADER yesterday and had his subscription moved up to July, 1899, and ordered the paper sent to Duke, O. T., where he will in future reside.

City Marshal John Taylor left hurriedly Monday for Seymour, where he was called to the bedside of his brother Andrew, who is very sick. A dispatch from Seymour Thursday morning states that Mr. Taylor died Wednesday night.

S. M. J. Benson and Dr. W. M. Terrell of Farmer, were in town Wednesday and Thursday.

The local option cases against E. W. Johnson and W. J. Treue, before the Court of Criminal Appeals, have been reversed and remanded.

A good rain fell here Monday night, followed by a brisk norther. It is thought fruit is injured by the freeze Wednesday night.

Judge Arnold and G. A. Graham returned Thursday from a visit to the surveyors of the Fort Worth and Northwestern Railroad. They left them a mile this side of the old Pete Linn place on East Keechi, about 30 miles east of Graham and about 15 miles south of Jacksboro. They think they will reach Graham in two weeks.

S. B. Street and Miss Belle Graham returned from Chicago this week, where they purchased a large stock of goods for the firm of S. B. Street & Co.

Col. P. B. Hunt paid a flying visit to Graham last week, having come to see a highly bred Durham safely landed at "Drummond Farm" by way of Ranger. The Texas Live Stock Journal notices the arrival of the calf at Dallas as follows:

Col. P. B. Hunt received Thursday the shorthorn calf "Cleon," a handsome red youngster, calved August 2, 1897, and bought by Col. Hunt from William Warfield of Lexington, Ky. Cleon was sired by Barrister 101724, and is out of Clematis (recorded A. H. B., Vol. 39, 782) by Imp. Royal Rousillon 89211. The Warfield herd of Shorthorns is about the oldest and, probably the finest in the United States, having been established in 1834. Col. Hunt has bought Cleon for service at his Shorthorn farm "Drummond," in Young county, where he has a number of registered cows and heifers from the best Shorthorn families of the country.

Mr. Warfield writes Col. Hunt of Cleon: "This calf is from one of the very best families I have ever owned—full brother to my great show cows, Chandesse, Camelia, and Clover Blossom, and out of Clematis, who is equally as fine." The loss of his two Kentucky bulls last fall, bred by Mr. Warfield, does not seem to discourage the Colonel about adding to his herd. He was fortunate, however, a year ago in the birth of two fine bulls out of two Kentucky heifers and by the Warfield bulls that died. He has now, with the recent arrival, five registered bulls for service this season, but he says he will buy another, and will use none but the purest bred Durhams and they must be registered.

The importation of improved cattle into Texas during the fall and winter months has been wonderful, and it seems the breeders are waking up to the importance of raising larger cattle.

The need of a good Spring Medicine is almost universal and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's.

Jim Dowdle, Jesse Birdwell and young Campbell left yesterday morning for the Panhandle. Sam Dowdle took them to Wichita Falls.

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

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.

Easy to Take Easy to Operate

Are features peculiar to Hood's Pills. Small in size, tasteless, efficient, thorough. As one man

Hood's Pills

said: "You never know you have taken a pill till it is all over." See C. L. Hood & Co., Proprietors, Lowell, Mass. The only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Beckham National Bank,

At Graham, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Feb. 18th, 1898.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$188,836.90
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,147.30
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,250.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	3,207.90
Banking house, furniture & fixtures	12,631.98
Other real estate and mortgages owned	15,652.35
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	10,655.07
Due from State Banks and Bankers	11,295.10
Due from approved reserve agents	10,792.77
Checks and other cash items	310.01
Notes of other National Banks	405.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	22.44
Unpaid Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
8 cents	5,980.00
Legal tender notes	11,655.00
Legal tender notes with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,125.00
Total	\$304,967.85

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,572.23
National Bank notes outstanding	22,500.00
Due to other National Banks	10,817.27
Dividends unpaid	18.00
Individual deposits subject to check	142,876.67
Demand certificates of deposit	682.68
Total	\$304,967.85

State of Texas, County of Young, ss:

I, Wm. D. Craig, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Wm. D. CRAIG, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of March, 1898.

H. G. ARNOLD,

Notary Public Young Co., Texas.

CORRECT—Attest:

E. B. NORMAN, J. B. NORMAN, J. W. GALLAHER, } Directors.

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.

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.

The Farmer's Best Friend

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

HENEGAR, THE BLACKSMITH.

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

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

R. L. HENEGAR.

One door East of Brick Stable.

FARMER & COMPANY

Have caused Graham to be a real Klondike. They will open a shop in Graham on March 15th.

Well Tubeing, Guttering, Galvanized Water Tanks, Metallic Flues and Wind Mill Work.

All Repair Work Neatly and Promptly Attended to.

We are Headquarters for Low Prices.

Old County Court House Building, Graham, Texas.

'IT MEANS WAR.'

The Explosion Which Did the Work Came from Outside.

Evidence Show that the Magazine of the Maine Did not Blow Up.

Havana, Feb. 26.—The situation, which may be changed at any moment by fresh discoveries, may be summed up, when this dispatch is sent substantially as follows:

The divers having discovered cases of brown hexagonal powder for the ten-inch guns, unexploded, and believing, also, that others unexploded will be found in the ten inch magazine on the starboard side forward, the conviction grows that this magazine did not blow up. If this be so, and many have insisted from the first that the explosion which wrecked the Maine came from the outside on the port bow.

As previously wired, the main portion of the wreck as seen from above and not from below was blown to starboard.

The highest American officials here are confident that General Blanco and other Spanish officials had no knowledge, direct or indirect, of the construction or execution of a plot to blow up the Maine, if such a plot existed, but they believe the junior Spanish officers who, from the nature of things, are more conversant with modern explosives than their elders and superiors, were at the bottom of the disaster, if there were any outside agency. It is pointed out that it would not be impossible to plant a mine of wet and dry gun cotton near where a friendly ship was destined to anchor, such a mine communicating with an electric battery on shore. It is regarded as an interesting point that the Maine, at the first diving her stay in the harbor, put at a particular spot where she was at the time of the catastrophe and it is said, though not officially verified, that the Maine was the first foreign war vessel moored to the sprit buoy since the troubles in Cuba grew acute.

All stories as to the lax discipline on the Maine are without a shadow of truth. On the contrary, Capt. Sigbee was complained of by some for the frigidity of his rule. Moreover, the Maine has been in commission for years and never had a serious accident until anchored in this harbor.

In reply to a question put by this correspondent to a high American official as what the outcome would be if the disaster was due to outside agencies, the official in question said: "Sir, the American people could not be restrained. It means war. Still, I doubt, whether it would be necessary to show that. Admiral Seward could anchor the battleships of the squadron outside of the harbor to prevent the ingress of the food supply, without which the city could not exist a fortnight. Cuba is a waste of ashes and desolation. Even the hotels and cafes in Havana live from hand to mouth on supplies brought from the United States. If Admiral Seward commanded the surrender of Havana, giving twenty-four hours for the removal of the women and children, surrender would follow. The forts are old structures and could be demolished by a six-pounder. Such new guns as have been mounted are short of ammunition and have never been tried. If Gen. Blanco should decline to surrender, the Spanish merchants here, who represent eight-tenths of the property and pay 75 per cent taxes, would compel him to accede to Admiral Seward's terms. As for the volunteers, the men are for the most part the employes of these merchants, and the volunteer officers are largely their sons or their junior partners.

"It is well to look these things in the face. At the same time it is well for the Americans to restrain themselves until there is positive proof of an outside agency of the explosion. We can afford to wait a little longer. We could not wait if it had only proved that the Maine disaster was the result of a dastardly plot. Spanish officers from the old country hold to the unaccountable belief that their arms would overcome us, but the Cuban merchants have no

such delusion and they would control the situation. Hence I believe that no shot from a big American gun will be necessary."

General Lee has advised Americans not necessarily detained here, to leave at once. Many families will sail by the Olivette tomorrow.

There is an indication that those of the grounds realize the possibility of trouble arising soon, and their inability to protect women and children if an outbreak occurs.

The divers have been continuously at work, but the results of their labors, so far as these would throw light upon the cause of the explosion, are kept strictly private.

Precedent Established.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The view taken by the Spanish authorities that the wreck of the Maine is extra territorial and a part of the sovereign soil of the United States promises to establish an important precedent in international law.

A case somewhat resembling that of the Maine is mentioned in Hall's International Law. In that case the United States frigate Constitution went ashore in 1879 at Swanage, on the Welsh coast, while bringing from the Paris exposition some of the government's exhibit. Local wreckers got her off and then libeled her for pay. The United States government insisted that the warship was extra territorial and not under the local jurisdiction.

The British government sustained this view.

The application of this doctrine to the wreck of the Maine is felt to be important, not only in its influence in giving Capt. Sigbee control of all wrecking operations, but also in giving to the work the character of a transaction on American territory. Secretary Long wired Admiral Seward today after his consultation with President McKinley, telling him briefly what answer had been returned to Gen. Lee's application in behalf of the Spanish government for permission to examine the Maine. He also instructed the admiral to press forward as rapidly as possible the work of survey upon the Maine's hull and to have the court of inquiry to proceed to Havana as soon as possible. It is scarcely expected at the department that any information of value as to the cause of the explosion will be available until the court has begun the formal inquiry. The divers now at work in the wreck are understood to be employed in securing dead bodies and in saving the ships papers and small articles of value, so that it is unlikely they would give any heed to the bottom of the hull, buried, as it is, deep in mud. The officials here intimate that the discovery of pieces of torpedoes is not to be taken in itself as evidence of any outside attack upon the vessel, for it is fully expected that of the eight torpedoes on the Maine some were more or less scattered by the explosion which destroyed the ship.

Victims at Work.

Havana, Feb. 23.—The bodies of the missing officers, Lieut. Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Merritt, have not been recovered. The divers reached the former's room, but it was found that his body was not there. Thus far the sharks have given no trouble, but the vultures have not left scarcely anything but the skeletons of three men who were entangled in the debris very near the surface of the water. The bodies were not noticed by any one until the fowl birds had completed their ghastly work. From the hand of one Chaplain Chadwick removed a deeply chased gold ring for purposes of identification.

All Under the Main Deck.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The navy department received a dispatch from Capt. Sigbee saying that fourteen more bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the Maine. All the remains are unidentified. Aside from the effect of long submersion the men still missing were nearly all under the main deck, which was blown up, and the tremendous force of the explosion blotted scores of them out.

A SPANIARD'S BOAST.

Enough Wires Ar and the Maine to Blow Her to Hell.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Dr. C. E. Pendleton says he was told in Havana that "We have enough submarine wires under and around the Maine to blow her to hell whenever we choose."

Dr. Pendleton lives at Key West. He reached here while the excitement over the Maine disaster was at its height. He hastily came to Washington when he heard the news.

A few weeks ago Dr. Pendleton was in Havana. While there he was in constant communication with the New York newspaper correspondents. He left Cuba in the early part of this month and sailed from Key West on the Lampasas on Saturday afternoon.

During the trip he was constantly in the company of Captain Hoswell. Just who the captain was or the nature of his mission no one seemed to know. The crew spoke of him as "The Detective."

It was shortly afternoon when the Lampasas was docked. Before she had been along the pier a minute a score of newsboys were surrounding the gangway, shouting the fate of the Maine at the top of their voices.

"What's that they are crying?" asked Pendleton.

"Something has happened to the Maine," answered a fellow-passenger.

"What?" shouted the doctor, excitedly. He read the headlines hurriedly, simply catching a word here and there.

But he grasped the situation as if by intuition. The paper fell from his hands. He dropped on his knees, and, raising his hands and looking upward, he said in a choking voice:

"My God! Why did I not send them word before?"

Dr. Pendleton rushed on the pier and ordered a cab. He piled his luggage into the coach and with Capt. Hoswell drove off.

The story of Dr. Pendleton, according to one of the passengers on the Lampasas, is as follows:

Dr. Pendleton had been in Havana a few days only when the story of the Maine having her guns leveled on Moro Castle began to be circulated in the cafes. The rumor naturally created excitement. The sympathizers with the insurgents were open in their boasts that the United States had at last awakened to the gravity of the situation and was ready to act upon the slightest provocation.

On the other hand the Spaniards were by no means reticent in their threats and defiance. They did not hesitate to say that if the Americans were not careful their fate would be a matter of history in a very few days.

Dr. Pendleton paid little attention to these rumors and personal opinions. One day, while talking with a friend, he mentioned the fact the Maine's guns were leveled on Moro Castle. The man, who was a Spaniard and well posted on the plans of the Spaniards, simply laughed. Pendleton asked him what he thought about it.

"Why, don't you know," he replied, "if the Maine ever attempted to level her guns on Moro she would go up in the air like a balloon? We are prepared for everything and anything. The first warlike move on the part of this American battleship will be met with determined and decisive action by our people. We have enough submarine wires under and around the Maine to blow her to hell whenever we choose."

At the time Pendleton thought little of the statement.

It was only when he learned of the disaster to the battleship that the terrible truth dawned upon him.

These stories of a plot to blow up the Maine were so prevalent about Havana that people began to regard them as the invention of Spanish boasters.

The important information which Dr. Pendleton evidently intends to lay before the administration will undoubtedly supply several missing links in the government's chain of information.

In line with this is the knowledge that a Spanish resident of this

city, a man of responsible position, received a few days ago a letter from a lieutenant in the Spanish army in Cuba. This letter was written in Havana, is dated Jan. 28, 1898, and one section of it reads:

"The visit of the battleship Maine has created a very bad feeling among us; it tastes like 'burned horn' in the mouths of the people. Though they conceal their anger, the storm is near the surface. It is certain that before long that will happen which will astonish the whole world."—Post-Dispatch.

Horrible Tortures.

A delayed Constantinople telegram: The note of the Bulgarian agent to the Turkish government, protesting against the treatment which Bulgarians have been subjected to in Macedonia, reveals a state of affairs similar to that which existed in Armenia. It states that village after village has been surrounded by the Turkish army, "at wholesale arrests have been made and that the prisoners have been subjected to unheard-of tortures."

The note gives a list of the villages and the names of the victims to whom torture has been applied. Schoolmasters, it appears, have been the special object of vengeance.

The following tortures are recited in the official document, and in each case the name of the victim is given: Hot irons thrust into mouths, legs broken, splinters driven under the nails, naked feet placed on hot stoves, hanged by the feet fifteen hours, tied to horses' tails, beaten to death, hanged by feet over fire.

A priest in the village of Zernovtzi was hanged by the feet for three hours and then by the arms for fourteen hours. A wet cord was bound tightly around the head.

All the prisoners at Kumanova were beaten until their flesh came off in strips. The women were outraged.

Shot and Cremated.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 22.—A special from Lake City, S. C., to the Evening Post says:

About 1 o'clock this morning Postmaster Baker, a negro, and his child, were shot to death and their bodies cremated. It is said that a mob numbering several hundred surrounded Baker's home, where the postoffice is kept, set fire to the building and opened fire with guns upon it. Baker was killed and his wife, two daughters and one son were seriously wounded. The woman had a baby in her arms, and she says that the ball went through her hand, passed through the baby, killing it, and it fell from her arms. The house was set on fire and the occupants who were able ran out, but the cremated bodies of Baker and the child were found in the ruins of the building.

All the wounded are maimed for life. The two girls may lose their arms. All the mail matter was totally destroyed. There is no clue to the composition of the mob.

The postmaster general has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who burned the postoffice at Lake City, S. C., on Monday night, and a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the person who murdered the postmaster at the same time. Gen. Gary has issued an order to discontinue the office at Lake City from this time.

The Feminine Observer.

Some people are only sorry once, and that is for all time.

How many of us will go in for honest denial during Lent.

The February birthstone is the amethyst. It signifies sincerity.

Among Parisian lingerie some exquisite night caps are shown.

Have faith in yourself if you wish the world to believe in you.

Is it a blessing or an affliction to have a very affectionate disposition?

Many a woman spends the day, and nothing else, when she is out shopping.

The silk that does not rustle is deemed the correct style for the newest petticoat.

The woman with shabby shoes is the one who generally raises her gown the highest on rainy days.

ANTI TRUST CASE.

Prisoners Remanded to the Custody of Texas Authorities.

Washington, Feb. 25.—In the case of William Grice and others, under indictment in Texas for violating the anti-trust law of that state, the United States supreme court held that the federal circuit court had erred in granting a writ of habeas corpus when no proper exigency arose for such interference, and therefore reversed the decision, remanding the prisoners to the custody of the state officials. The court did not enter upon the merits of the anti-trust law. Grice and others, engaged as agents for the Standard Oil company, were indicted in McLennan county, Texas, on the charge of conspiracy against the anti-trust law, and he appealed to the federal circuit court for a writ of habeas corpus before his trial. In deciding the case, Justice Peckham said that while the circuit court had jurisdiction in cases such as this, nevertheless, "circuit courts ought not to exercise that jurisdiction by the discharge of a prisoner unless in cases of peculiar urgency; that instead of discharging them they should leave them to be dealt with by the courts of the states, and that after a final determination of the case by the state court, the federal courts will even then grant the petitioner his remedy by writ of error from this court."

The court proceeds to say that the jurisdiction is an exceedingly delicate one and should not be encouraged unless in most exceptional cases. After reviewing the case at some length the justice adds:

"This whole case is clearly nothing but an attempt to obtain the interference of a court of the United States when no extraordinary or peculiar circumstances exist in favor of such interference."

Upon the facts we think no sufficient case was made out for the exercise of jurisdiction. We come to this decision irrespective of the question of the validity of the state statute and without passing upon the same or expressing any opinion in regard thereto."

He adds that if Grice's appeal had been after conviction a different question would have been presented, but that under the circumstances no other course than that taken was possible, and hence the merits of the state law can not be entered upon.

Directions were given, therefore, for the setting aside of the habeas corpus, and the order discharging the prisoners, and to enter an order remanding the prisoners to the custody of the state officials.

The effect of the decision is to require the completion of action by the state courts before the intervention of the federal courts.

A NEW TRIUMPH.

The Breaded 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Don't delay until it is too late. Simply write T. A. Slocum, M. C., 93 Pine Street, New York, giving express and postoffice address, and the free medicine will be promptly sent. Please tell the doctor you saw his offer in this paper.

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DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL.

Work of the State Executive Committee.

July 9 Fixed for Primaries, and August 2 for State Convention, with Galveston as the Place.

Dallas, Texas: There were several hundred leading Democratic politicians here last week to watch the work of the state committee. Pursuant to the call of Chairman J. W. Blake, the state democratic executive committee met in Dallas for the purpose of setting a date for the primaries, establishing a test of the democracy of the participants in the primaries and naming the time and place for the state convention.

The committee was all present except two.

After making a short formal talk, Chairman Blake read and submitted the following, by way of suggestions.

Be it resolved by the State Democratic Executive Committee of Texas:

1. That the chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee is hereby instructed to call a State Democratic Convention to be held in the city of _____ on Tuesday, August 2, 1898, for the purpose of nominating candidates for state officers.

2. That the basis of representation in said state convention shall be one vote for each 300 or fraction over 150 votes cast for Gov. Culberson at the state election in 1896, provided that each county shall be entitled to at least one vote.

3. That in view of the fact that the admission of an unlimited number of delegates to the convention hall often makes the convention an unwieldy body and interferes with an orderly, fair and prompt dispatch of business and is a positive hindrance to deliberative work in a convention; therefore, the state chairman is directed to have the hall so arranged that delegate seats shall be provided for only the actual number of votes to which each county is entitled and that only such number shall be admitted to the space provided for delegates.

4. Each county is hereby requested to elect not to exceed one delegate and one alternate for each vote to which it may be entitled on the basis herein fixed.

5. Believing that primary elections are the best and most satisfactory method of obtaining the choice of the people for candidates and delegates and the uniformity in holding primaries is essential in securing the fairest expression, we therefore request the democratic executive committees of the several counties to adopt this method for determining the choice of their counties for United States senator, state, district and county officers and delegates to the county conventions. We recognize that in a few counties where there is no thorough organization this method may be impractical, yet we request a compliance with this resolution wherever possible.

6. We hereby designate Saturday, July 2, as the date of holding primary elections throughout the state and insist that each county shall adopt said date.

7. All primary elections shall be held in strict conformity with the state election laws as far as practicable, and the democratic precinct chairman is hereby constituted presiding officer for his voting box.

8. All primary elections shall be held under the direction of the executive committee of the county except as herein otherwise provided.

9. The following pledge shall be necessary to admit one to vote in democratic primaries or convention in addition to being a qualified voter under the state law: (A) I am a democrat and accept the platform adopted by the democratic national convention at Chicago in 1896 as the only authoritative declaration of democratic principles until changed by a subsequent national convention of said party. (B) I renounce allegiance to all other political parties, and in good faith vote in this primary, pledging myself upon my honor to vote for the nominees of the democratic

party and to support and abide by its action.

10. Each committee of the several counties in preparing ballots for the primary elections is requested to have this pledge printed upon the ballot.

In addition to the foregoing resolution, I trust and desire that the committee shall go to the country with an unqualified endorsement of those great questions of railroad policy for which the party declared in national convention in 1896, and that matchless champion of those cherished principles, Wm. J. Bryan, specially emphasizing, first an opposition to the financial policy of the republican party and our loyalty to the cause of silver, independently of the action of all other countries; second, our opposition to the tariff for protection and the adherence to the fundamental and established democratic principle of a tariff for revenue only; third, opposition to all trusts and all class legislation and to the establishment of a monied oligarchy in America.

J. W. BLAKE, Chairman.

After a little skirmishing over section 9, a motion prevailed to vote on Mr. Blake's suggestions separately.

The question of auctioning off the convention to the city bidding highest came up first, and by a vote of 22 to 27 the committee declared against asking any bonus.

Galveston, San Antonio and Dallas were then placed in nomination for the city of the convention, and the result of the vote was: Galveston 24, San Antonio 3, Dallas 2.

The second, third and fourth of the chairman's resolutions were then adopted without dissent, but the fifth suggestion provoked much heated discussion, and finally the following amendment was adopted:

"Resolved, that we reaffirm our allegiance to the traditions and the honored customs of the democratic party, and believe that through the action of county executive committees it is most practicable to obtain an expression of the individual democratic voter and that said county executive committees are more specially familiar with local conditions and therefore better capable of reflecting the wishes of the individual voter as to the method of selecting delegates and counting their expressions, therefore that the manner of selecting delegates to the state and other conventions, provided that the matter of voting primary elections or primary conventions is left to the various county democratic committees."

July 9 was fixed as the date of holding primaries instead of July 2, as in suggestion 6.

The seventh section was adopted without discussion and the eighth got through very easily with but slight change.

The fight of the day was on the ninth section, outlining the chairman's ideas of a test.

Speeches were made and amendments and substitutes offered and voted down. Finally the resolution of Col. Ike Standifer was adopted. It was as follows:

Resolved, by the State Democratic Executive Committee, that the following test be and is hereby prescribed as a prerequisite for the qualification of all persons who may participate and vote in the democratic primaries to be held during the year 1898 in Texas.

1. Are you a democrat and will you vote for the democratic nominee at the ensuing election?

2. Did you vote for the opposition to either the national ticket nominated at Chicago or the state ticket nominated at Fort Worth at the general election held in November, 1896?

An affirmative answer to the first question and a negative answer to the second question will be necessary to qualify the proposed voter in the ensuing primaries.

Section 10 of Chairman Blake's report (and the last) was adopted without any opposition.

The three subsections of Chairman Blake's report, which follow the ten principal sections, were then considered.

Mr. Robson moved to strike out the last two of these sections, stating that he was opposed to the tariff principles outlined therein and that he wanted to take the Chicago platform straight. His motion to insert the tariff recommendation to the Chicago platform was carried.

THE TEST.

Chairman Blake Has a Word.

Chairman Blake, of Mexia, gives out the following:

"Hon. Wm. A. Bramlette, democratic county chairman of Fannin county, Bonham, Tex.: Dear Sir—Yours of February 23 received requesting an official opinion and expression in regard to the 'test' resolution adopted by the state executive committee at its meeting held February 22.

"You ask whether said resolution is mandatory and binding upon the county committees of the state and if said 'test' must be adopted by the party in each county in order to be recognized as regular under democratic usage at the coming state convention. I answer that the action of the state committee upon this matter can only operate as a recommendation, not as a command. It is an expression of said committee as to the rule and policy which should be adopted and pursued by the party in holding primaries, and is advisory not mandatory. The right of local self-government is one of the well established doctrines of democracy and has always been recognized and sustained by democratic state conventions where the question has been presented.

"In giving this opinion I desire to say that while I did not approve, and vigorously opposed the adoption of said 'test' resolution by the executive committee as unwise, yet I, as state chairman, accept same as an official expression of party policy and it becomes my duty as a good democrat to request compliance therewith by the various county committees of the state."

Hon. Mann Trice Speaks.

Hon. Mann Trice, candidate for attorney-general, was asked what he had to say about the test adopted by the democratic committee and said:

"I endorse the action of the state democratic executive committee in excluding from participation in the democratic primaries all those who voted against the democratic ticket in the last general election. If we propose to maintain democratic principles I see no other method to pursue than to exclude from party councils all persons not in sympathy with the party. I do not care to see the enemies of democracy write a platform for the democratic party. Let them write the platform and name the ticket for the party to which they belong. It has been suggested that 60,000 voters left the democratic party in 1894 and that the test should have been so framed as to give these people an opportunity to return. Well, if they left the party it was because of the 'straddle gold-bag platform,' written by George Clark and the leaders of the single gold standard. When these people saw this crowd (open enemies of democracy) dominating the party they left it, but when they see that the democratic party is in earnest and determined not to be dominated by this element they will, in my judgment, return to the party of the people and battle for the principles of true democracy and good government as set forth in the Chicago platform. Whether they do this or not I contend that the enemies of the Chicago platform and the settled policies of our state government should not write the democratic platform or nominate the ticket. In so far as the recommendations affect candidates for the attorney-general, I hope to see them complied with."



DALLAS, TEX., Oct. 18, 1898.
We have examined carefully and critically the sample of Kitchen Queen Baking Powder submitted, and it is with pleasure that we report that they have proved entirely satisfactory in every particular. We find that it contains nothing injurious, but on the contrary, we consider it one of the most beautiful baking powders that it would be possible to procure. It also possesses leavening power of the highest degree, and good keeping quality. We use it in our homes and find that your goods purchased in open market are the same as samples submitted to us.
Respectfully,
B. L. McLAUGHLIN, M. D.
& J. GARD, M. D.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS.

Guadalupe county redeemed \$5000 of courthouse bonds held by the school fund.

The Wagner Palace Car company has paid the comptroller \$442.60 same being an ad valorem tax for 1897 on the rolling stock of this corporation in use in Texas.

The attorney general has approved and the comptroller registered \$78,000 refunding courthouse and jail and \$10,000 new jail bonds of El Paso county. The state board of education met and purchased the above bonds for the school fund.

Railroads paid the comptroller tax on passenger earnings for the quarter ending December 31 as follows: Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe—Earnings \$184,590.68, tax \$1855.91. St. Louis and Southwestern of Texas—Earnings \$75,564.34, tax \$755.84. Tyler Southwestern—Earnings \$7821.51.

Awarded the Contract.

The board of regents of the state university has awarded the contract for building the east wing of the university to D. Mahoney of Waxahachie. The regents decline to make public the figures, at least for the present.

Insurance Companies.

The following insurance companies filed their annual statements, paid tax and have been granted permission to do business in Texas during the current year:

Springfield Fire and Marine, of Springfield, Mass., occupation tax \$247.60, office fees \$22, agents' certificates \$106; total, \$375.60.

Union Assurance company of England, occupation tax \$59.56, office fees \$22, agents' certificates \$2; total, \$83.56.

Improving the Capitol Building.

Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds Mobley, out of his very limited appropriations, is having some work done on the capitol grounds, including the graveling and rolling of the driveway around the big building, the ceiling in the senate chamber is being repaired and repainted, the blinds of the windows in the different departments are being put in order, for the first time since the completion of the building.

Bonds.

Childress county has redeemed \$5000 of its funding bonds, Floyd county \$1000 of its jail bonds and Randall county \$1000 of its jail bonds. These bonds were all held by the school fund.

The attorney-general has approved a \$92,000 issue of county refunding courthouse and jail bonds.

The state board of education purchased for the school fund a \$11,000 issue of Jefferson county bridge bonds.

A Mandamus Suit.

The mandamus case of Pickle vs. comptroller, decided in the supreme court here, is of material importance. Charles E. Pickle, former stenographer of the court of civil appeals here, through counsel sought to compel the comptroller to issue him a warrant for salary he claimed was due him. The act providing the courts of civil appeal with stenographers fixes their salaries at \$1200 payable monthly.

The last Legislature appropriated only \$600, or \$50 per month, half of what the statutes fix it at, and he wants the comptroller to issue warrant for this \$600 due him.

The court in refusing the mandamus holds that the purpose of the statute was to fix the salary, but not to appropriate money to pay it, and quotes the constitution as follows.

"No money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of specific appropriations made by law; nor shall any appropriation of money be made for a longer term than two years."

Chief Justice Gaines in delivering the opinion closed as follows:

"We do not hold that the relator is not entitled to balance due upon his salary as claimed by him. We merely hold that there has been no appropriation for the payment of the balance, and that the comptroller is not authorized to draw his warrant therefor."

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The bill to pay \$15,000 damages to Newbury college, North Carolina, which was destroyed by federal troops after the war, passed the house.

The senate passed the house joint resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the recovery of the Maine and it went to the president for approval.

Allen of Nebraska introduced the following resolution: "Resolved, that the committee on naval affairs be and is hereby directed to make a thorough inquiry into the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor on the 15th inst., and report to the senate." Passed without a word of debate.

The Bankrupt Bill.

After four days of consideration the house passed the bankruptcy bill by the house committee on judiciary as a substitute for the Nelson bill, passed by the senate at the extra session last summer. The bill, is known as the Henderson bill, and contains the involuntary and involuntary features. It is considered less drastic than the measure passed by the last house by a vote of 157 to 87. The involuntary feature, however, had but sixteen majority.

Eighteen republicans voted against the bill, and eleven democrats for it. The populists with one exception voted against it.

Mr. Bailey, democratic leader, sought to secure an arrangement by which the house could have an opportunity to vote on the senate (or Nelson) bill before voting on the house substitute, but he failed.

Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The appropriation committee of the house has agreed on the sundry civil appropriation bill. It appropriates \$44,788,863, being \$13,324,541 less than the regular and supplemental estimates, and \$8,861,890 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year.

The bill carries \$225,000 for the deep water ways commission, no estimates having been submitted by the war department, but only \$100,000 for the Paris exhibition, for which \$499,000 was recommended; \$420,000 for enlargement of military forts, \$42,000,000 recommended; \$13,110,613 for river and harbor work, \$18,093,007 recommended.

The appropriations for public buildings include marine hospitals and quarantine stations aggregate \$3,122,800, for which \$3,415,272 was recommended.

An increase of \$25,000 is made to the general appropriation for coast survey work on account of the work to be made in Alaska. An appropriation is made of \$5000 to complete the coast survey in Alaska and the Aleutian islands, and \$30,000 for outfit.

In the bill is two appropriations for Texas: One of \$4080 for the fish hatching at San Marcos; the other for \$400,000 to continue the work of developing deep water at Sabine Pass.

Texas Finns.

Some Texas appointments sent to the senate are as follows:

For marshal of the Eastern district of Texas, John Grant.

For collector at El Paso, Moses Dillon.

For collector at Corpus Christi, James J. Haynes.

For collector of internal revenue, Webster Flavagan.

For postmaster at Dallas, William M. O'Leary.

For postmaster at El Paso, Robert F. Campbell.

For postmaster at San Antonio, C. G. Clifford.

For inspector of steam vessels the tenth district, John A. Cotter.

A fine ostrich is calculated to yield \$2000 worth of feathers.

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Unfortunate, indeed, is that town whose peaceful citizens are aroused by the mad howls and brawling riotings of drunken debauchery. His sadder to know of men who have wives and children that look to them for support, who ought to be them dearer than anything else in the world, yet will enter the dark threshold of the grog shop and spend their money for the fiery demon, which ought to be used to make home happy. Sad it is that people can be so lost to honor, exiled from virtue, and so banished from self-respect as to spread black midnight over their home and bring sorrow to loving wives and poverty upon innocent children by plunging into drunken brawls that would make hell shiver with loathings. Surely a person must lay aside, must completely abandon every principle of real manhood before he can stoop to such acts of degradation. Our acts tell what we are. A man's honor is all there is in him, and if honor is lost all is lost. The man who stamps shame in the very blackest colors upon his character by seeking the haunts of sin and shame, cannot claim to be possessed of real manhood. If you are a young man, don't make your friends shun your presence through your actions in being a nightly visitor to grog shops. If you are a man with a family depending upon you for their existence, don't bring sorrow upon your home, don't bring bitter tears from the eyes of that lovely wife, and don't set examples before your children that you would be ashamed for them to emulate. Be a man and the world will rise up and call you blessed.—Merkel Mail.

Change of Life Passed With Safety.

I write to state my experience with G. F. P. (Gerstle's Female Panacea). The best physicians of our community examined me and said I would have to let nature take its course. I was persuaded by one of your traveling men to try six bottles of G. F. P. for change of life, and can cheerfully say that it has relieved me entirely, and I am now in perfect health, feeling better than in a number of years. This is, beyond doubt, the finest female preparation on earth, and I can highly recommend it to all suffering from the afflictions peculiar to women. I believe it to be a God-send to the suffering class of humanity. I can safely say it will do all that is claimed for it and has no equal.

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The boy who loiters about town and refuses to attend school on account of inclement weather, will be the man who can't understand why it is that his neighbor is so successful in life, and he an absolute failure in all of his undertakings.—Ex.

A Splendid Offer.

To add to THE LEADER'S already large subscription list, we offer the following extraordinary inducement: For the first 100 new cash subscribers for one year, or old subscribers who pay up and one year in advance, we will send free of charge, the YOUTH'S ADVOCATE, a splendid Journal for girls and boys, published twice a month at Nashville, Tenn. This is one of the best offers ever made. We can only hold it open for a short time. The Youth's Advocate is the best of young people's papers. It is similar in tone, character and matter to the Youth's Companion. Call and see sample copy at this office.

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A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kinds of kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men and women, regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment, and we will cure any case above mentioned. E. W. HALL, Sale Mfr., P. O. Box 218, Waco. Sold by the Graham Drug Co.

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Senator Mills opposes the bill to restrict the emigration to this country to those who can read and write, the only method by which a check can be made to the dumping of paupers into this country. He need not throw any mud at Culberson for being a little off on the tariff. Culberson is young, Mills is old and it is hard to learn an old dog new tricks. He is set in his ways.

A Sad Mistake.

It is a mistake that the country editor was ever born. He is a useless cucumber of the earth. He ought to be called upon to give an excuse for living. He publishes resolutions of condolence. He publishes obituary poetry. Gives \$7 worth of local notices for two 25c festival tickets. And in return is considered a dead beat.

He takes abuse by the cord. And seldom talks back. He writes feeling tributes to the dead. Booms everything that booms in town.

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If the times are hard, Stop the paper, but keep the tobacco supply up. Spare the doctor, preacher, the carpenter, the shoveler. But carve the country publisher. His business was invited by the devil. He has no business to live. No right to hope for reward. His reward may be in heaven. It is certainly not here.—Ex.

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I have used and sold St. Joseph's Liver Regulator and find it superior to any other. I sold it to Dr. Isbell, Red Apple, Ala., who prescribed it to one of his patients who had not had a move on his bowels for three months except by injection. In three days after commencing the use of the Regulator his bowels became regular and are so to-day. Dr. Isbell says he would not be without it in his practice. A. CRUTCHFIELD, Sand Mountain, Ala. This famous Liver Medicine may be found at The Graham Drug Co. and Akin's Drug Stores.

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"Yankee Doodle" is a stirring tune. So is "Dixie." Now let us combine the most patriotic words and the most inspiring bars in each into one song, and the whole nation join in a mighty chorus until barbarity is driven from the Western hemisphere and liberty and justice reign everywhere in the New world.—Republic.

A Tendency to be Stilled Promptly.

A temperance organ published in the town where the Ohio Liquor league held its recent annual meeting reports the presiding officer as making use of the following language:

"It will appear from these facts gentlemen that the success of our business is dependent largely upon the creation of appetite for drink. Men who drink liquor, like others, will die, and if there is no new appetite created our counters will be empty, as will be our coffers. Our children will go hungry or we must change our business to that of some other more remunerative. The open field for the creation of this appetite is among the boys. After men are grown their habits are formed they rarely if ever change in this regard. It will be needful therefore, that missionary work be done among the boys, and I make the suggestion gentlemen, that nickles expended in treats to the boys now will return in dollars to your tills after the appetite has been formed. Above all things create appetite!"

The Chicago Tribune is authority for the statement that "the literal correctness of the quotation has been thoroughly substantiated," adding very properly, "as it ought to be if ever used in the manner represented." The Tribune also notes it is not surprising that sentiments so thoroughly revolting are "unreservedly condemned by men engaged in the liquor trade laying claim to some regard for decency and the welfare of society." It would have been a master stroke for some member of the league, while in convention assembled, to have risen in his place and calling to his aid the better sentiment of the body, placed on record an utter repudiation of the president's remarks. Just why it was not done may never be explained satisfactorily, perhaps.

It stands to reason that the social fabric, the part which is liberal as well as the part which is rigidly non-compromising, will maintain a no uncertain attitude of open and unfaltering hostility to the expression of such moral deadening and decency-delaying sentiments as those quoted, as well as to the practices they would deliberately and insidiously disseminate.—Dallas News.

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The News stops the press long enough to remark that it is proud of the fact that John H. Stevens, the Jumbo district congressman from Texas, is in congress. He is doing a noble work for his constituents and still a grander and nobler work for this part of the Indian Territory in framing and working for a bill to open the Kiowa and Comanche country to white settlers. Hon. John H. Stevens is one Texas' most noble sons of whom every man in northwest Texas should be justly proud. The News editor has known him for more than eighteen years in northwest Texas and we are proud to say that Mr. Stevens has always been held in highest esteem by those people both as a representative and as a private citizen. He has always considered the best interests of his constituents and has worked to that end both as a states senator and as United States congressman. He realizes that to open the Comanche country will be a great financial as well as a moral benefit to the border towns in his district. Three cheers and a tiger for Hon. John H. Stevens, of and for the Jumbo District of Texas. We hope that the boys down there will return him to congress again this fall.—Mariow (I. T.) News.

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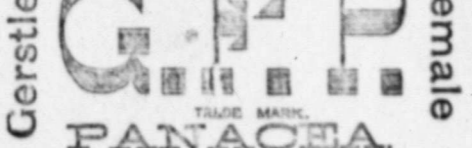
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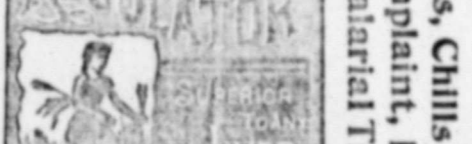


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