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### Markley.

C. W. Rasure's baby and M. A. Stewart are on the sick list. The farmers are crying for rain. Corn planting is progressing slow, for the want of rain.

Elmer Smith and family visited near Bethel Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Brown and George Jewell went to Bowie last week. Spain seems to be trying Uncle Sam's grit. She saw he did not have grit enough to help Cuba, now they are trying to see if he will protect himself. Uncle Sam seems to be a little slow to act, but he may come out yet and show which side he's on.

Well, our Washington entertainment has passed and every one called it a success, except a few came to make fun. Some were heard to remark if they couldn't beat that they would quit. Now I just want to say to those that if you will try it the 22nd of next February and do not charge for admission, we will come and I'll promise you that we will not make fun of you either. When you do your best we will respect the effort if not the piece. But we do not propose to go and pay a community to see a little entertainment and the same ones come here free, and make fun besides. Now, if we ever have another entertainment, we will invite you again, but we want the fun making left out. When our children do the best they can, and especially the small ones, we don't like for any one to make any slight remarks about them.

Bro. Thomas will preach at this place on Saturday night before the third Sunday and at Bethel Sunday, again here Sunday night.

C. W. Rasure and family visited Farmer Saturday.

The M. L. S. now will meet every two week's instead of every week.

The candidates for Assessor seems to be plentiful again this year. We learn that one of our neighbors will make the race, but we will give no name.

Our school is moving along nicely. Still have a good attendance. A. GUMP.

### Salt Creek.

Oats and wheat look fine. Jack McComas was down on the river Monday buying corn.

Joe Woolfolk and Miss Fannie Knight were visiting Mrs. L. N. Johnson and family Sunday.

John Knight and his son Karl of Tonk Valley, were on the creek this week.

Tom Burch was on the creek Sunday.

Quite a number of the young folks attended the singing at Frank Knight's Saturday night and report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Sam Fitzgerald and children were pleasant callers at the school Friday afternoon.

### Farmer Cleanings.

Farmer dry and dusty—a good rain is badly needed—water is getting scarce in town—you can water your team at the public tank when it rains. Wheat is looking well—corn planting is in order now. Prof. Rasure of Markley, was doing business in Farmer Saturday. Uncle Ap Looney of Lacy, was a welcome caller in our town Saturday. A. J. Bell and family went to Archer City Friday. J. M. Donnell and daughter, Miss Ida, spent Saturday in Farmer trading. Miss Lee Blakey was the guest of our town Saturday night and Sunday. Call again Miss Lee, we are always glad to have you come.

Parties who attended the Literary last Friday night at Brushy Flat reported a nice program, well carried out, good behavior etc.

Miss Mabel Norfleet of Jacksboro, who is teaching a successful school at Brushy Flat, was here in attendance at the entertainment on the 2nd inst. Joe Young of Seymour, passed through Farmer last week with a nice bunch of cattle. Prof. Fairley attended the teacher's Institute Saturday. Mrs. J. W. Adams of Lacy, was here shopping Saturday. Stanley Keen of Antelope, was on our streets Sunday. J. M. Keen and wife, S. M. J. Benson and son Willie, left Sunday for the Cattle Convention at Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Keen will also visit Dallas and Garland before they return home.

Our town was full of life Saturday. The boys have received their new baseball outfit. They were on the ground early and staid till quite late, while most every merchant was kept very busy with his trade. Mr. and Mrs. Mat Andrews spent Saturday and Sunday in Farmer, guests of Mrs. Benson. Tom Grant of Lacy, made our town a lively call Monday, purchasing material to paint his new residence. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilson and Miss Jennie Drum went to Bowie via Bellevue last week. Grandma Kate of West Fork, was shopping in town Monday. She tells us she is 76 years old and able to do her work and wait on husband who is several years her senior and very feeble. Mr. A. Magill of Corsicana, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Killingsworth of this place. Mr. Magill is well pleased with our country and talks of remaining with us for awhile. Mrs. J. D. Wilson is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cady of the Huntsville neighborhood, this week. Our townsmen P. K. Pittman and A. E. Oatman, started to Bowie Tuesday. Mr. Oatman took a nice lot of brooms with him. We hope he will find ready market for them. P. P. Cady was here Tuesday; he said he was sure killing the prairie dogs on his ranch. He counted 41 dead as he came to town. J. B. Wear is making some nice improvements on his residence. J. A. Seals of Archer county, is in town to-day buying supplies. John Hunt went down to Graham Tuesday. Prof. Edie Pritchett has had to dismiss his school again on account of sickness. We hope he will be able to resume his duties in the school room soon. A. C. Neely, a substantial farmer of Olney, was here on business Monday. George Ragle one of Huntsville's most progressive farmers, was here the first of the week. Jas. Neely left for Bowie this morning. SKIPPER.

### His Peculiar Barn.

There is an Indiana man who has a barn of a peculiar sort. Most people's barns are content to stay on the earth, but the Indiana man noticed about a year after the building was completed, that his barn seemed to have aspirations toward heaven. At any rate the floor was three feet above the ground on which it had originally been laid. He investigated. He found that he had used in its construction green willow posts and that these posts had begun to grow, taking the barn along. The result shortly was that he had to build another barn, for every time he went to use the first one he found it further up. So he kept it for a curiosity. After another year or two it was on stilts nine feet high, and he concluded to make it a two-story building.

The second story is now gently rising from the ground, and the farmer is watching with interest to see if he is to have a medieval bell tower on his hand in place of a barn.—Washington Times.

### Something to Depend On.

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

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### Did Not Do Miracles.

A little town near Providence boasts of a church whose pastor, besides being an eloquent preacher, is a man of stalwart proportions. At one of his evening prayer meetings the services were disturbed by two young men, who audibly scoffed at everything they saw or heard. Finally the pastor remonstrated with them on their behavior, and asked them why they attended the meeting.

"We came expecting to see miracles performed." Impudently replied one of the rascals. Leaving the desk and walking quietly down the aisle, the pastor seized one after the other by the collar, and as they disappeared out of the door, remarked: "We don't perform miracles here, but we do cast out devils."—Boston Globe.

### ONE OF TWO WAYS.

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.

### New testimony as to the richness of the Llano gold region comes from Austin where the money question is kept to the front as the salvation of the state. The voice from the Llano country is the first one to be heard that puts some reason into the proposition.

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### Whatever Spain's connection with the Maine disaster, the duty of the United States to put her off the American continent is clear and plain. The American people do not want and will not have a professional and wholesale assassin as a neighbor.

—N. Y. World.

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# The Leader.

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GRAHAM, TEXAS.

## WASHINGTON NOTES

Senator Jones of Arkansas has introduced a bill defining contempt of United States courts. It provides a hearing as on any other charge in cases of indirect contempt committed not in the presence of the court.

The war department has decided to abandon its expedition for the relief of the miners in the Klondike country because the conclusion has been reached that no necessity exists for it. Secretary Hawley, chairman of senate committee on military affairs, explaining the department's position and asking that congress take action by joint resolution, authorizing the department to dispose of the supplies purchased for the expedition, including the reindeer, which have just arrived from Norway and to abandon the project entirely.

The house committee on naval affairs has agreed on items of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of smokeless powder; \$92,000 for the erection of buildings on government ground for the manufacture of smokeless powder, with the necessary machinery and equipment and \$60,000 for arming and equipping the naval militia. The latter item is an increase of \$10,000 over the estimates of Secretary Long and provides for the army accoutrements, signal outfits, boats and the equipments, and the printing of the necessary books of instruction for the naval militia of the several states under the navy department regulations. The item for the purchase of smokeless powder is identified with the estimate. Several other items of less importance was also passed on.

### Public Debt Statement.

The statement of the treasury of the public debt shows that the debt less cash in the treasury, at the close of business February 28, amounted to \$1,610,104,216, a decrease for the month of \$1,597,122. This decrease is accounted for by a corresponding increase in the cash. The debt is recapitulated as follows:

Interest-bearing debt, \$847,366,680; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,627,670; debt bearing no interest, \$386,974,69. Total \$1,235,668,419.

This amount, however, does not include \$585,252,933 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold \$204,466,971, silver \$511,858,834, paper \$33,084,002, making a total of \$856,571,766 against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$631,007,563, leaving a net cash balance of \$225,564,203.

### Some Postscripts.

New Jersey was the first state permitting the right of suffrage to women; this was done nearly 100 years ago.

Keys of bronze and iron have been found in Greece and Italy dating from at least the seventh century before Christ.

The Japanese do not care much for novels. Among 27,000 new books printed last year only 402 were works of fiction.

The first street railway in America started on the Bowery, New York, and ran from Prince street in 1831.

It is perhaps not generally known that the defense of Pekin is still largely entrusted to men armed only with bows and arrows.

Four hundred years ago only seven metals were known. Now there are fifty-one—thirty of which have been discovered within the present century.

The university of Calcutta is said to be the largest educational corporation in the world. Every year it examines over 10,000 students.

Attorneys have been granted the privilege of perfecting an appeal from the decision of Judge Bryant perpetuating the injunction against the railroads in favor of the Lone Star steamship line.

## LATE TEXAS NEWS

A heavy hail storm did damage in Fort Bend county.

A Santa Fe fireman was killed by the train near Navasota.

One new case and two suspicious cases of smallpox are reported at Columbus.

Receiver Dupree has applied for permission to repair the electric light plant to Houston.

Ex-Gov. Hogg, with a party of eastern capitalists and railroad magnates, is touring in Mexico.

Rev. Father O'Connor, a noted Catholic orator from St. Louis, has opened a week's mission at Texarkana.

Claude McLaren, a young man of Waco, was found in a stupor. Efforts to restore him failed and he died an hour after being found.

The 120th birth day of Robert Emmett, the Irish patriot, was celebrated at Dallas, Thursday, with a banquet.

A man was found badly burned near his camp fire in the woods near Dodge, Tuesday, from which he died. No papers were left to identify him.

The Parker County Teachers' institute has unanimously endorsed Prof. R. B. Cousins for president of the agricultural and mechanical college at Bryan.

A mass meeting of citizens assembled at Eagle Pass and passed resolutions protesting against the appointment of Ferguson as collector of that district, because of his non-residence in the district, and because his appointment would interfere with the pleasant international relations existing there.

Since early last summer four men have been steadily at work in a shaft near Blowout, Blanco county, digging for gold. They have struck a small vein which is rather rich and which they have followed for some distance without any better results. On account of the smallness of the shaft no more men are employed. Parties from Kerrville and San Antonio are furnishing money to do the work with.

### Cuban Items.

Captain O'Brien has landed another filibustering expedition on Cuban soil.

There is not enough left in Cuba to form the basis of a reciprocity trade treaty.

The navy department wants 1500 men to man the Columbia and Minneapolis.

It is said that Health Officer Burner's family left Cuba on advice of Gen. Lee.

Russell Sage talks warlike and says he and other rich men stand ready to buy bonds.

A naval official is said to have been investigating the fortifications along the coast of Cuba.

It is rumored that Gen. Lee has been threatened with assassination, but he pays no heed to it.

Weyer denies that he took any of the archives from Havana or that he mined the harbor.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt says the navy department is prepared for any emergency.

The Cuban junta says that Weyer bought tons of dynamite, with which he laid mines in the harbor of Havana.

Secretary Sherman denies having any information, but throws out a hint that indemnity will settle the matter.

The British press, while admitting the gravity of the situation as regards Spain, compliments America on its forbearance.

The Imparcial of Madrid call attention to America's warlike preparations and thinks war can not be further off than May.

Hannis Taylor thinks we should pass the belligerency resolution and if Spain then opens hostilities she will lose caste with other powers; whereas, should we force the fight, we would arouse prejudice against us.

The general land office reports that 340,100 acres of public free school lands were leased during the month of February, bringing in a revenue of \$10,203.02 to the available free school fund.

## Letter from Gov. Hogg.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 19.—W. D. Malone, Esq., San Marcos, Texas: Dear Sir: Replying to your inquiry by favor of the 20th instant, I beg to say (1) For reasons entirely satisfactory to myself, which in no way reflect upon the other candidates for governor, I am committed to and favor the election of Mr. Crane. This does not debar me, however, from being just to his rivals, who are also my friends, in any statement that I may make about them. (2) Without question it is a fact that soon after the adjournment of the democratic convention at Houston in 1892 Major Sayers declared in favor of myself and associates as the democratic nominees. He was one of the first prominent men in the state to do so. Before that convention if any democrat then running for congress expressed a preference in favor of, or against, me for the nomination for governor I never heard of it. My understanding has always been, and the records show that Major Sayers, as well as Col. Wynne, Lieutenant Governor Jester and Attorney General Crane have each and all favored the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1. Some may have been more active in the support of that issue than others, but I have never had any reason to question the loyalty or fidelity of either of them to that cause. (3) So far as I have ever known or heard, until the present campaign opened, Major Sayers and each of the other three candidates have all along been committed to the enactment and enforcement of the material laws that were passed during my administration, including the railway commission, the railway stock and bond law, the municipal bond law, the alien land law and the corporation land law. From my own personal knowledge of each of these gentlemen I have not the slightest doubt that either of them would make an honest, capable, trustworthy governor. Any and all attempts to impugn the integrity of either of them should be charged to either to over-zeal of indiscreet friends or to the malignity of enemies who fight under the cloak of a public campaign to wreak vengeance for some supposed private grievance. The open and secret attacks upon Ramsey, Campbell, Duncan, and others as the leaders on the one side, and on House, Foster and Shaw on the other, for the purpose of impugning their motives and disgracing them as citizens, should be discountenanced by every self-respecting man in this state. The people are entitled to better lessons than falsehoods in this campaign. They have, if possible, a campaign of issues. At all events, they deserve better treatment than can possibly result from the operations of scandal factories and slander-slipping machines. Because a man has an individual choice in this contest he should not so far lose sight of the respect that he is due to others as to attack the character of any man, or impugn to him corrupt motives for such difference in the choice of candidates. If the people will stamp with contempt and disapproval all scurrilous articles written and slanderous words uttered about the candidates and their leaders it will not take them long to beat out and scourge back character assassins and bring forth as a result a high-toned clean and honorable campaign. I hope you and all other good citizens will go to work to accomplish this end. Very respectfully,  
J. S. HOGG.

Looking into the Matter.  
Austin, Feb. 28.—The attorney general is in receipt of a large number of letters from mayors, county judges and other officials asking if it is a fact that he has rendered an opinion declaring that bonds having the gold clause in them, that is, that they shall be paid in gold, were invalid. He says the question has been raised with him, that he is looking up authorities and that, as the question is a most important one, he will not render an opinion until after much careful deliberation.

A Million Dollar Judgment.  
Austin, Tex., Feb. 28.—Final judgment was rendered in favor of the state to lay in the supreme court in the cases involving about \$1,000,000 of school funds alleged to be still due by the Houston and Texas Central and Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio on the amount loaned said roads from said fund prior to 1860. The controversy was over that portion of the debt liquidated in state warrants issued between 1860 and 1866, the validity of which was disputed by the attorney general, who was sustained by the lower and intermediary courts and finally by the supreme court, which today refused to grant a writ of error in both cases.

State Politics.  
The chairman of the Sayers committee of McLennan county says the Dallas test is very satisfactory. The Grayson county executive committee has adopted the Blake test as a substitute for the one adopted at Dallas. It is said at Dallas that there is a plan on foot to organize a resistance to the test adopted at the Democratic Committee meeting. The Dallas county executive committee adopted one test for the county primaries and the Standifer test for State officials primaries.

Stone Wall Jackson Camp of United Confederate Veterans at Mineral Wells, Saturday unanimously rejected a proposition from the north to ask the federal government for a pension. It was the general sentiment that Texas would provide for the wants of the old men who had fought for the Confederacy, but under no circumstances would they ask or accept a federal pension. They took this prompt action too with the crowded condition of the Home at Austin; they did not know that there is to be voted on this summer a constitutional amendment giving the legislature enlarged powers to meet the necessities of our Southern patriots. That amendment will no doubt be adopted by a very large vote.

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### SHOT AT KING GEORGE.

The King stood up to protect his daughter—Escaped Unhurt.

Athens, Feb. 28.—There is a great patriotic outburst throughout the country over the escape of King George from assassination, with thanksgiving service everywhere. Praise for the king's coolness and bravery in protecting his daughter, Princess Maria, is on every lip. All members of the royal family, the ministers and the entire diplomatic corps attended her funeral at the cathedral, after which an immense crowd went to the palace and gave King George an ovation. His majesty has received telegrams of congratulations from all the sovereigns of Europe. The press, even the papers opposed to the royal family, is unanimous in its expressions of indignation. There is no trace of the miscreants, though several arrests have been made, with the object of obtaining information. The incapacity of the police is making a bad impression.

Assassins attempted to murder King George of Greece while out driving with Princess Maria. The king arose in the carriage and stood before his daughter to give her protection.

King George himself describes the attempt upon his life exactly as it was first reported. He says: "When the older man who was the cooler and more determined, was about to fire, I felt certain I should not escape. I counted one, two, three before he fired. The princess remained perfectly cool throughout. She never spoke, and after the first shot was fired she raised her glasses in order to see our assailants. She retained her composure as we drove to the palace."

His majesty declines to believe that the crime was of Greek origin: No Greek, he says, would lift a hand against him, and if a conspiracy existed it had its origin abroad. He disclaims credit for personal courage, and said any father would have done the same to protect his daughter. Nor does he feel any alarm for the future. He will continue to drive without an escort.



### A BLIND BOY GRADUATE.

Remarkable Case of a Blind Student's Progress in the State University.

Franz Joseph Dohmen, of Austin, Texas, ranks above any of his fellow-students of the present senior class of the University of Texas. At the next commencement he will receive the degree of Bachelor of Literature. The fact that Mr. Dohmen is the first honor man of his class is only remarkable because since his tenth year he has been totally blind. He is twenty-four years old and was born at New Braunfels of German parents. His father, Mr. Dohmen, was at the time of his death the State oculist and one of the most distinguished men of his profession in the state. When young Dohmen was ten years old he was seized with an attack of the typhoid fever which settled in his eyes, and when his strength was restored it was found that he had completely lost his sight. His fondness for study and his natural musical taste have apparently afforded him ample recompense for the loss of his sight. He was placed in the Blind Asylum and there had his talents for music developed and at the same time received splendid preparatory training for his university career. While he was studying in the Blind Asylum he received training in a system of writing that has been invaluable to him while a student in the University. This system consists of piercing full of small holes a stiff waxed paper by means of a sharp instrument, the position of the holes being determined by a small metal frame held on the opposite side of the paper, and furnishes projections which the blind learn to read as readily as they do raised letters. Mr. Dohmen is a perfect master of this system and writes it as rapidly as an ordinary writer does long hand. He comes to the University daily with his note book, attends classes, takes notes and goes about the building so easily and naturally that the loss of his sight is scarcely noticed. When a term examination occurs he writes his answers to the questions according to his short hand system, for the blind, and then takes his replies home and makes a neat copy himself upon his type-writer. He does his type-written work rapidly and neatly, and presents to his professors manuscript faultless in its appearance and almost flawless as to its scholarly grasp of the subject under consideration.

Mr. Dohmen graduated from the Blind Asylum in 1893 with the highest honors, and has now been a student of the University of Texas for five years. His proficiency as a performer on the piano is a great solace both to himself and to his friends, but his greatest delight consists in delving in the problems of higher mathematics, philosophy and political science. He speaks and writes English, German and French. He is a fair Latin scholar and knows a smattering of Greek. At present he is studying French, German, Mathematics, Latin and Political Science. Upon these studies next June he will receive his degree of Bachelor of Literature and will leave immediately for Germany to pursue further investigation in his favorite subjects, philosophy, mathematics and political science in some one of the great universities there.

Mr. Dohmen is rather tall; he has a sensitive, refined and pleasingly intelligent face. His disposition is bright and cheerful. He is popular with every one, and the small coterie of his friends, to whom he reveals in some degree his inner self, all testify by their sincere admiration to the true nobility and greatness of his character. His life after his return from Germany will be spent in teaching.

No citizen of Texas can ever begrudge the generosity of the state that has provided means for educating the unfortunate blind, and surely every one will rejoice that the honors of the present graduating class of the University of Texas go to a blind boy who received his preparatory education in the State Institute for the Blind. And patient, persistent, persevering application have won this honor for young Dohmen. His record will be left behind him on the books of the university, and it is as phenomenal as it is hoped his success will be in after life.

Ennis has an extremely resourceful negro, Dan Davis by name. Dan was employed to paint the outside of the standpipe in that town. It is 100 feet high and there being no steps to reach the top Dan was at a loss how to carry out his contract. He scratched his head a moment and then a bright idea struck him. He had the water drawn off, entered the manhole at the bottom and constructed a raft. Then he had the water turned in and floated to the top where he built his swinging scaffold.—Times-Herald.

### TEXAS AND TEXANS.

Plans are being perfected at Denon for building a 5000-spindle cotton mill. It is expected the mill will be completed by September 1.

Paris, Texas, has undertaken to erect a handsome monument to the Confederate dead.

The Southern Pacific railway will soon commence putting down steel rails between Port Lavaca and Victoria.

Further discoveries of ochre beds have been made at Colmesneil. A strata of ochre with a depth of from four to six feet, but of unknown length, has just been found near the beds that were discovered a short time ago.

Well posted cattlemen estimate the number of cattle of all classes now in Texas at about 6,500,000 head.

Five hundred families have been located in Southern Texas within the last year. Efforts are now being made to secure land upon which to colonize them.

Montgomery county tobacco is ready for marketing and some large deals are being made. One dealer at Willis closed a sale of 60,000 pounds, involving over \$25,000. Of this lot over 50,000 pounds were first grade. Texas tobacco, it is said, will yet replace the Havana product.

#### Charters Filed.

The charter of the Evangelical Lutheran Salem church congregation of Salem, Washington county, was filed. No capital stock, but property owned is valued at \$5,000. Purpose, support of public worship. Incorporators: Adolph Sprain, Wilhelm Rosenbaum and Friederick Hueska.

#### Insurance Companies.

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

New Orleans Fire, of New Orleans: Occupation tax \$125.95; office fees \$22; agents' certificates \$98; total, \$245.95.

London and Liverpool and Globe Fire of London: Occupation tax \$965.96; office fees \$22; agents' certificates \$221; total \$1208.96.

Southern Fire of New Orleans: Occupation tax \$142.28; office fees \$22; agents' certificates \$104; total \$268.28.

#### STATE CAPITAL NEWS.

The comptroller registered \$33,000 of Wilbarger county funding bonds.

The Club Land and Cattle company of St. Louis, having a capital stock of \$50,000 has been granted permission to do business in Texas.

The following counties have redeemed bonds held by the school fund as follows: Hardeman \$2009 court house; Croseley, \$1000 court house and jail; Raines, \$1000 court house; Hood, \$2000 court house and \$500 bridge.

The International Insurance company of New York, having a capital stock of \$200,000, filed the necessary papers, paid occupation tax of \$47 and \$7 for agents' certificates and were granted a permit to do business in Texas.

Norwich Union Fire of Norwich, England: Occupation tax \$231.90; office fees \$22; agents' certificates \$97; total \$350.70.

Trades' Fire of Chicago: Occupation tax \$161.53; office fees \$22; agents' certificates \$67; total \$250.53.

The department of education is notifying the treasurers of the counties and independent districts that \$137,000 of the available school fund will be paid them on presentation of their coupons to the comptroller. This payment is 20 cents per capita on the scholastic population.

#### Land Sales.

The state treasurer reports receipts from land sales and leases for the month ending February 28 as follows: School lands, lease, \$19,086.33; school lands, interest, \$20,358.27; school lands, principal, \$43,787.90; university lands, lease, \$3,407.71; university lands, interest, \$142.76; university lands, principal, \$1,242.80; asylum lands, interest, \$220.77; asylum lands, principal, \$0.22; sale of public domain \$139.80. Total, \$88,397.46.

### A Lucky Failure.

Years ago a Cleveland man gave his wife a piece of what he supposed was worthless Missouri land, a tract which he had taken in settlement from a debtor. It was a 240 acre section, and from year to year he sent the few dollars which were required for taxes. If it hadn't been for this small outlay, he might have forgotten all about it. The property had been put in his wife's name, and a few weeks ago she was surprised to receive a letter from an attorney at Jefferson City making her an offer for the land. It was a long letter, in which the writer said he had found a man who would take the timber that was on it, and was willing to give \$600 for the property. The lawyer went on to say that he considered it a very fair offer. Half the farm was swamp and the other half rock, and it was positively the first bona fide inquiry regarding the property that he had heard of. "The man is a touchy sort of fellow," wrote the lawyer, "and I think it would be well to mail him before he changes his mind."

The wife showed the letter to her husband, who shared her pleased surprise.

"That's pretty good," he chuckled. "I never expected to get the taxes back on it. It's just as bad as he says it is—half swamp and half rock. I had a man who was prospecting out that way go over and look at it. He said it was worth about \$2 an acre. Sit down and write the lawyer that you'll accept his offer, and ask him to forward the papers at once."

So the wife sat down and wrote the letter, and just as the husband was starting for the office in a great hurry—he always fancied he was late—she gave it to him to mail. He slipped it in his inside overcoat pocket, grasped his umbrella and was off.

Once or twice thereafter his wife alluded to the farm transaction, and wondered when the papers would be along. The husband replied in an absent minded way—he was full of engrossing business at the time—and when two weeks had elapsed they both began to think that the deal had fallen through.

One morning just as the husband was starting for down town, a postman brought a letter for the wife.

"Why, it is the Jefferson City postmark," she cried. "Let's see what he says."

She tore the envelope open hastily, skimmed over a few lines and then looked up with a little shriek.

"Read that, George," she cried.

And this is what George read:

"Dear Madam: Of course, I knew what it meant when you failed to answer my proposition. You were investigating and I don't blame you. I made my offer in the hope that you would snap at it, but it is evident you haven't snapped. I didn't dare to put the offer any higher for fear of arousing your suspicions, and, perhaps, I got it too high as it was. Having made my little confession—your husband will tell you it was all a trick of the trade—I will come down to business. I represent a mining company, and we are developing a tract south of here and need your farm. We will give you \$20,000 cash for it. I will admit that there is another company in the same field, but I feel sure that your advice from here will convince you that the offer we make is a very liberal one. The moment we hear from you favorably the cash will be deposited to your credit in the First National bank. Kindly advise me as to your intentions at the earliest possible moment."

The husband looked at the wife.

"Well, by George," he said.

A wild light was in the wife's eye.

"Wh-what does this mean?" she cried.

George fumbled in his inside pocket.

"There," he said, as he drew forth the letter which never went, "that's what it means."

"I'll have to forgive you this time," she said.

"Try it again," he cheerfully suggested.

"Accept the second offer and send a telegram or two, I think I can guarantee that it will go."

"I'm afraid I can't trust you."

"I'll carry it in my hand all the way to the office."

And so a bad and quite an inexcusable failing accomplished more than a dozen virtues.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Origin of Pink Lemonade.

"The origin of pink lemonade," said an old circus clown to a New York Commercial-Advertiser reporter, "has long been shrouded in mystery, like some other beginnings in history. But here is the true story: In 1857 I was traveling in the South with Jere Mabie's big show. I was doing a tumbling and acrobatic act in the ring and had not yet begun to aspire to the cap and bells. One afternoon, just before the doors were opened, Mabie came to me in great distress and told me that the clown had jumped the show. A circus with out a clown is a serious affair anywhere, but in Texas in those days it meant destruction to our property and possibly bodily harm to ourselves. You see, those Texans didn't have much else to do, and so they found time to study the bills carefully. They insisted upon getting their full money's worth, and wanted everything promised on the bills. Some of our best printing couldn't be put up in Texas at all, because you know, there are things on circus posters which are beyond the possibility of fulfillment. We show men look upon these pictures with the artist's eye, and we go to feeling sorry to think what the Texans were missing.

"Well, to come to the point, I went into the ring and made a bit. I kept it up for a couple of weeks, doing my other acts as well, and all for one salary.

"One morning I went to the manager and told him that I would have to have some extra sequins if he wanted me to play clown any more. He answered that I was getting enough, and if I wasn't satisfied I could quit. He thought he had me there, for Texas was not the kind of a country a man would enjoy being left in. But I was a youngster then and didn't mind taking chances. Besides, I had saved about \$40, and I felt rich. I quit the show right off, bought a couple of mules and an old covered wagon, and had just enough left to invest in some peanuts, sugar, tartaric acid and one lemon. Talk about good friends! Why, that one lemon stuck to me to the end. I followed the circus with my wagon and pair and every time the tents were pitched I would mount a box and sing out:

"Here's your ice cold lemonade, Made in the shade By an old maid. Stick your finger in the glass, It'll freeze tight fast; The deeper you dip The sweeter it grows. Just like honey from a rose. So good, so sweet, so sour, It'll give you joy for half an hour."

"The lemonade sold splendidly, and I couldn't wait on the negroes fast enough. One day while I was surrounded by a mob scrambling for the liquid refreshment, I noticed suddenly that my water supply had almost run out. There were no wells or springs in sight, so I rushed into the big tent to get some water. The elephants had just been fed and watered, and all the tanks were empty. In the excitement of the moment I invaded the dressing tents. Fannie Jamieson, the old time queen of bareback equestrianism, was standing in front of a tub wringing out a pair of pink tights that she had been washing; The aniline dye had stained the water a deep pink. I didn't stop to ask any questions, but grabbed the tub and ran. As I mounted the box I threw in some acid and the property lemon and called out to the customers to come up quickly and buy some fine 'strawberry lemonade.' My sales were doubled that day, and since then no well regulated circus is without pink lemonade.

"It's not easy to get the better of showmen," continued the old clown. "They're pretty well up to the tricks of the average community and have a few of their own. I was with the first steamboat show that ever sailed down the Mississippi, and it was almost swamped by the big licenses demanded whenever we landed. Finally, at Memphis, the thing

culminated. The merchants were up in arms against the show because they said we would take too much money away from the city. We were notified that no license would be issued, and that we would not be allowed to give our show at the wharf. So we steamed out in to the middle of the river, started our calliope piping, and had our little tug plying back and forth between the shore and the steamboat. The idea of a circus on board of a steamboat hit the Memphis people hard, and that night we were crowded to the guards, and we had to play three 'midstream dates' in the neighborhood within a week."

### GENERAL NOTES.

Canada has raised her flag at Summit Lake, Alaska, and martial law rules at Skagway.

Kansas asked the president to dismiss the charges against six men sentenced to death at Paris, Texas, in 1890, for the famous haystack murders.

Treasury agent has recommended a cut in salaries at the Galveston custom house.

Gomez is willing to turn his command over to an American officer should hostilities between the United States and Spain occur.

Emperor William says that wherever the German eagle shows its claws the country is his.

Low price of coffee and silver is likely to cause a revolution in Salvador.

Two returning Klondikers were found frozen to death, each having a fortune in their possession.

Injunction has been granted against three saloonkeepers of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, restraining them from further sale of intoxicating liquor in that judicial district, and ordering a destruction of the liquors.

United States marshals made another raid on the saloon men of Ardmore, I. T., and arrested the proprietors of twenty different establishments and confiscated all their liquors. This is the second bond they have given in two months.

The treasurer of the Creek Nation has begun paying the holders of such Creek warrants as are not to be paid by United States Indian Agent Wisdom. There was paid out \$47,581.77. These warrants are now selling at par.

It is said that there is in Sonora a tribe of Indians with yellow hair and blue eyes.

The department of state's receipts for the month of February amounts to \$9,593.38.

Father Kneipp left \$50,000 marks for the continuance of the various Kneipp institutions of Worishhofen.

Sylvester Scovell cables from Havana that the ten-inch magazine is intact. He says the belief is that a torpedo or submarine mine caused the powder in the reserve magazine to explode.

The Woldert Company of Tyier has consigned several shipments of peans to Paris, Hamburg and other continental centers of Europe. This paved the way for an order from Liverpool to the firm for a carload of the nuts. This is the first carload of goods, outside of cotton, grain and cattle, ever sent from Texas direct to England.

Had not a letter found after death revealed his identity Gen. Thomas P. Dockery, who was found dead in bed in his room in the Mills hotel, New York, would in all probability find a last resting place in a pauper's grave.

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## Rock Island Talk.

It is currently reported here that an agent of the Rock Island railroad was in Graham a few days ago viewing out a route from Bridgeport west for that road via Jacksboro and Graham. It seems that we are going to have a surplus of railroads, if all reports are to be credited.

Unless our beloved populist brethren let up on Crane we very much fear they will drive enough democratic support to him to nominate him on the first ballot. They think Crane is pizen, and so he is when it comes to killing out silly ideas and noxious legislation.—Abilene Reporter.

As far as heard from, the majority of the County Executive Committees have modified the test proposed by the State Executive Committee, and adopted tests less rigid.

Col. Jim Tom Story has bought a newspaper plant at Greenville, and commenced the publication of the Morning Times at that city.

According to a late decision of our higher courts, no city can punish any infractions of law provided for by the statutes. This practically does away with city courts, and puts the execution of State laws wholly in the hands of State courts. Officers of the latter will come in for many big fees, and city offices will go begging, comparatively speaking.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

THE LEADER is under obligations to Thos. Goggan & Bros. of Galveston, for a copy of new music entitled, The "Jetties March"—Two Step—by W. A. Corey. In this March the well known author, Mr. Corey, has surpassed all his previous works of a like character. "The Jetties March" has not only the elements of the popular style of the day, but many beautiful and attractive merits—all its own.

Dr. John Grant is coming home United States marshal, the "dictating" business having become dull in Washington.

## The Primary Test.

A great deal of dissatisfaction is being expressed among our people with the primary test recommended by our State Executive Committee, and some go so far as to say that if it is adopted in our county it will result in the running of an independent ticket. It is time for our committee to be thinking of the matter. There is no doubt that the adoption of a milder test would greatly increase the democratic vote of the county. The chances are that there will be no regular populist organization in the county this year and if they want to come back to the democratic party, why should they not be allowed to do so?

## 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 15 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.

## The Passing of R. Q. Mills.

Last week Hon. R. Q. Mills gave to the press the announcement of his withdrawal from the race to succeed himself as U. S. Senator.

Senator Mills gives a very lengthy statement of his reasons for his withdrawal, one that is in some respects very cutting to his opponent.

He says, that his withdrawal was rendered necessary by the action of the State Executive Committee, fixing the primaries at a date which makes it impossible for him to make the campaign and he openly accuses the committee of being biased in its action in favor of "certain candidates" in Texas. He then reviews his long political career and his public and private life, including his services during the war and shows, or seeks to show, that he has always followed the principles of the democratic party in Congress and out of it and has always been found fighting for these principles.

It is a matter of regret that Col. Mills entered the race for the Senate, for his withdrawal and the reasons he alleges for it will have a tendency to further widen the breach between the warring factions in Texas.

We have not always agreed with Senator Mills nor have we entirely approved his official course, but in his retirement to private life it is but just to say that a great man has left the stage of action. As a leader of the party on the tariff issue, Col. Mills has stood higher than any other in the United States and was the author of the only democratic tariff legislation passed since the war, (unless we conclude that the Wilson bill was democratic, which we do not.)

## War Clouds.

The Court of Inquiry into the Maine disaster has not yet reported and are still investigating at Havana.

Spain last week, through her ministry, intimated to our Spanish minister, Mr. Woodford, that she would be pleased to have Consul General Lee recalled from Havana. Mr. McKinley promptly refused to do so and for a day the air was full of war talk, but Spain then withdrew her request and Gen. Lee remains at Havana.

Peace reigns supreme but both nations are busily preparing for war. Both governments are buying options on war vessels for sale and in course of construction and it is realized by all that war may break out at any time. Still we believe the prospects are that there will be a peaceful adjustment of the crisis, probably an adjustment that will secure the freedom of Cuba and possibly the annexation of that island to the United States.

Much depends upon the report of the Court of Inquiry at Havana. In the meantime the wildest reports are printed in the sensational dailies and the country is kept in an uproar over them.

## We Can Rest Content

When we can enjoy the good things of life and have health, but when health departs, all the joys go with it. To get it back no remedy supplies the pressing need so well as Parker's Ginger Tonic. Chas. Hertz, Chicago, Ill., writes: "I have used eight bottles of Parker's Ginger Tonic and it has fixed me up in good shape. My lungs were sore and weak, with cough, great difficulty of breathing, pain between my shoulders, and dreadful headache. I was so weak I could hardly walk, and had to stop every little way to rest. One of Chicago's best doctors prescribed for me, but it only made me worse. Your Tonic is better than all doctors and medicines."

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## Want Your Wheat.

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## Your friends may smile

But that tired feeling  
Means danger. It  
Indicates impoverished  
And impure blood.  
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Lead to serious illness.  
It should be promptly  
Overcome by taking  
Hood's Sarsaparilla,  
Which purifies and  
Enriches the blood,  
Strengthens the nerves,  
Tones the stomach,  
Creates an appetite,  
And builds up,  
Energizes and vitalizes  
The whole system.  
Be sure to get  
Only Hood's.

Crane and Sayers men stood shoulder to shoulder in fighting for a strict test for voters in democratic primaries, but we are sorry that the counsel of such men as Reagan, Hogg and Blake, was not accepted, and a liberal test adopted. However the counties will adopt the test to suit themselves, as the state committee can only advise, not dictate. The Dallas News account proved that Sayers men lead in the fight for a strict test, its editorial columns to the contrary, notwithstanding.—Abilene Reporter.

Merit Mail: The libel law is a blot on the escutcheon of Texas—a disgrace to her fair name—but it's a fact just the same, and even though the proof of a man's perfidy be established it doesn't lessen the penalty dealt out to the newspaper publisher. May the day hasten when the Lone Star state will step down from the attitude of an aider and abettor of frauds and deadbeats.

The index wouldn't ask for better argument in the next prohibition campaign than a series of photographs of the rear entrance of the saloons these days, showing the men, old and young, who are daily, almost hourly, "going in the back way." And how some of these photographs would stir things up in Church circles! Old men enticing young men to destruction! Church members leading sinners further and further from the Christ they profess to follow! Prohibition does not absolutely prohibit, but God knows it is far better than the present state of affairs. And Judgment Day will show that the saloon men are not the only ones to blame, "by a long shot."—Boyd Index.

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## The Rock Island Extension.

Bridgeport, Texas, March 5.—  
Locating Engineer W. B. Worrell,  
who has just completed the pre-  
liminary survey for the extension  
of the Rock Island from this  
place to Jacksboro, arrived in  
Bridgeport this evening. Mr.  
Worrell was well pleased with the  
line, stating that the per cent of  
grade would be about as they had  
anticipated, and that he would  
begin Monday running the line over  
cross-sectioning and locating.  
He expected active work of grad-  
ing would most likely be com-  
menced about April 1.

The surveying crops was met  
at Jacksboro last night by Assis-  
tant President of the Rock Island  
Railway Company, H. A. Parker.

Mr. Worrell stated that the  
Jacksboro people were delighted  
after meeting Mr. Parker and ex-  
pressed themselves as though  
everything was satisfactory and  
lovely.

## CONTRACT LET.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 7.—  
The contract was let to-day for  
the grading of ten miles of  
roadbed by the Chicago, Rock  
Island and Pacific railway from  
Bridgeport on out toward Jacks-  
boro. Col. Hovey of the road said  
to-night that the contract had  
been awarded to John V. Hughes  
and that he would move his outfit  
to Bridgeport this week and  
commence work with fifty teams  
at once.

Col. Hovey is authority for the  
statement that the Rock Island  
line will be extended to Jacksboro.

## What the Doctor Ordered.

"I was in poor health and the prescrip-  
tions I tried did not benefit me. At last the  
doctor began to give me Hood's Sarsaparilla  
and it proved to be the best of all medicines  
for me, and I can speak of it only in the  
highest terms and deem it a duty to recom-  
mend it." CHARLES S. POWELL, 429 Iowa  
St., San Antonio, Texas.

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## 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  
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## Bronchitis and Catarrh.

Parker's Ginger Tonic is a specific for  
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They should use Parker's Ginger Tonic  
Joseph B. Hudson, Hudson, Fla., writes  
"My father was an invalid for 20 years with  
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## Fine Plymouth Rocks.

I will sell a few eggs from as  
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Graham, Texas.

## ESTRAYS.

TAKEN up by W. C. Wilkinson and  
strayed before M. N. Hardy, J. P. Prec.  
No. 3, Young county, one gray mare  
branded 7C (con.) on left jaw.

7C  
JFK (or con) on shoulder, JO on left  
thigh, 7 or 8 years old, 14 hands high.  
Also, one iron gray horse, 8 years old,  
branded 7C on left shoulder, about 14  
hands high.  
One bay saddle horse 10 years old, star  
in face branded W on left shoulder, about  
14 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, bran-  
ded 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. C. Y. C. T.

## FARMER & COMPANY

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

Well Tubing, Guttering, Galvanized Water  
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# THE LEADER.

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## Announcements.

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

For Tax Assessor.

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J. C. CASBURN.

PRESTON BROOKS.

S. H. JAMES.

W. P. BECKHAM.

For County Attorney.

J. E. SIMPSON.

JOS. H. AYNESWORTH.

For County Judge.

O. E. FINLAY.

For Sheriff.

H. C. WILLIAMS.

For District and County Clerk.

CHAS. GAY.

For County Treasurer.

J. A. DIXON.

B. F. Shumaker left last Saturday for Fort Worth, where he goes to serve as one of Uncle Sam's grand jurors.

The most beautiful line Spring and Summer Dress Goods ever brought to the city. Call and see our stock.

S. B. STREET & Co.,

Cheapest House in Town.

County Judge O. E. Finlay is visiting the schools in the northern part of the county this week.

Mrs. Marvie Averitt is reported quite sick.

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

S. B. STREET & Co.,

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Many people think the general election will be held on the first Tuesday in November. This is a mistake. It is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday. This year it will be held on the 8th of Nov.

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

M. H. Steadham, J. C. Tidwell, J. T. Hunt, J. W. Perkins, Bob Williams, D. I. Singleton, R. S. Byrd, N. F. McCain, John Hunt.

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.

Mrs. L. McJilton of Goose Neck has been very sick for several days. Her daughter, Mrs. Dowdle, of this place, has been with her for a week. Miss Cliffe Edlieman is teaching in Mrs. Dowdle's place in the Public School.

Seed Irish Potatoes.  
Early Triumph \$1.50 per bush.  
MATTHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN.

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.

G. G. Matkin and family arrived home Sunday afternoon and began housekeeping on South Cherry Street. We are glad to welcome them to Graham.

We call special attention to our line of Gents' Furnishing Goods. We can please the most fastidious.  
S. B. STREET & Co.,  
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Prof. J. B. Munns is visiting at Mineral Wells this week.

Mr. J. A. Montgomery, of Memphis, Texas, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. M. Burkett of this place.

Deputy Sheriff Dinsmore of Eliasville, was in Graham Tuesday.

John Rubenkoenig received a telegram from New Orleans last Saturday, stating that his brother was dead. John left immediately for New Orleans, his old home.

The Auxillary American Bible Society organized here, will soon have on hand a supply of Bibles and Testaments. The order and money were sent to Rev. W. B. Rankin of Austin and a receipt for the same is in the hands of B. S. Doty, the Secretary. The order will be filled at the Bible House in New York and this will explain the delay. As soon as the books come you will find them at the store of V. F. Gorrissen who is Depository of the Society. The books will be sold at cost.

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 & Eliasville.

In view of the Cuban war news Bill Finch is organizing a company to move to the cedar brakes of Palo Pinto county at the fire of the first gun.

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The Methodist ladies will give a Church Tea on Friday evening, March 18, from 5 to 10 o'clock p. m., at the Parsonage. Everybody invited.

They Have Come!  
Not the "Hooligans," but the  
Largest and Best Stock of  
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You are cordially invited to call and examine our Stock.

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The Coal Lands Deal Now a Fixed Fact.

Judge R. F. Arnold returned from Ft. Worth on Wednesday night and Thursday went to work preparing the deeds and abstracts to convey to the English syndicate the Young county coal lands in the southwest part of the county.

Nothing remains but the approval of the titles and the payment of the purchase price to complete the deal.

This begins to look like business and our people now regard the Ft. Worth and Northwestern railway as a fixed fact and that it will certainly be built during the spring and summer of this year. It is conceded by all that the purchasers of the coal fields will not suffer them to remain undeveloped any longer than the time necessary to build a railway to them and having almost unlimited capital the building will doubtless be pushed to an early completion.

When the deeds and abstracts are prepared Mayor Paddock will go to London and submit them to the Attorneys of the Company. In the meantime the surveyors

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



## Local Option Election.

The Commissioners' Court convened on the 8th and entered an order for a local option election to be held on March 26th, and the campaign is now on in full force. Both sides are getting ready for the fray and it promises to be a lively and heated campaign. Jack county will vote again on the question on the 19th inst.

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

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.

Ex-Gov. Hubbard arrived here Thursday evening and will deliver his famous lecture on "Life in Japan and the Orient," at the Methodist Church this (Friday) evening.

C. W. Johnson is attending Federal Court at Fort Worth this week.

The much needed rain fell Thursday night. We think it was a general rain, and the ground is now thoroughly wet.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church extend their sincere thanks to the Knights of Pythias for the use of their hall in our recent entertainment.  
Respectfully,  
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## Teacher's Institute.

The teachers of Young county held the fifth institute of the year at Mt. Pleasant school house last Saturday. Twenty-one teachers were in attendance and the people of the community were all there. The meeting was pleasant in every detail and we can truly say that the community deserve the title of pleasant. They opened their hearts and purses and entertained the weary pedagogues, as Judge Finlay put it, in a real "hostile" manner. They listened attentively to the discussions and applauded the singing and seemed to enjoy having the "rulers of the world" with them.

Professionally the meeting lacked life and spirit. The preparation of the teachers seemed to have been superficial and the discussions lacked vitality and combativeness. Many that were on the program were absent and thus many questions were passed without discussion. Many good things were brought out in the various talks by the teachers present. Prof. Johnston was especially happy in most of his remarks, and G. A. G. gagged us as usual. Prof. Moreland made an excellent presiding officer and was complimented by one gushing Miss as possessing the most beautiful eyes that she ever saw. Prof. Simpson bore himself in a very candidate-like manner and took strong grounds as to the extent of the teachers authority, even confessing that he had investigated the matter a little and that said prying had opened both his eyes and understanding.

One marked feature of the meeting was the large attendance of the young people of the county. Nearly all schools within twenty miles were represented by pupils. These pupils gave close attention to the assertions of the teachers and we wager that more than one birch wielder will be called to time this week if he proceeds to demolish the plans that he presented to the Institute.

An invitation from the Jack county Teachers' Institute to meet with them at Bryson, April 9th, was accepted and Profs. Johnston, Simpson, Fowler, and Aynesworth appointed to confer with the Jack county teachers in regard to program and speakers.

A resolution of thanks was tendered the good people of Mt. Pleasant for their hospitalities and royal treatment.

The Institute adjourned to meet at Olney, April 1st and 2nd, in the last Institute of the year.

Those present were: Aynesworth, Blakely, Britain, Cox, Fowler, Gray, Hughes, Johnson, A. S., Johnson, J. N., Moreland, Simpson, Timmons, E. L., Timmons, Z. A., Misses Emma and Martha Elkins, Eunice Ellis, Ernest Holt, Wilkinson, and Mrs. Wyatt.

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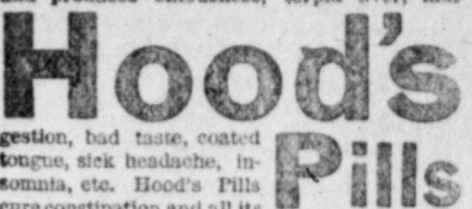
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## Constipation

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



## Quarterly Report.

STATE OF TEXAS, } SS.  
COUNTY OF YOUNG, } SS.

This day personally appeared before me, Chas. Gay, Clerk of the County Court within and for Young County, Texas, O. E. Finlay, County Judge, Young County, Texas; A. J. Wheat, Com'r Prec't No. 1; W. H. Ardis, Com'r Prec't No. 2; H. L. Leberman, Com'r Prec't No. 3, and A. C. Casey, Com'r Prec't No. 4, Young County, Texas, who being by me duly sworn, each upon oath deposes and says, that the requirements of Article 887, Chapter 1, Title XXV of the Revised Statutes as amended by an act of the 25th Legislature, approved on 20th of March, 1897, have been in all things complied with by them at this Feb. Term, 1898, of Commissioners' Court, and that the Cash and other assets mentioned in said Treasurer's report made by him to said Court for the Quarter ending Feb. 14th, 1898, have been fully inspected and counted by them, and that he has in his hands in cash the sum of \$20,194.88, eight Court House Bonds of value of \$3,000, Road and Bridge Bonds of value of \$3,500, and Vendors' lien notes amounting to \$2,550.70, and two Bridge Warrants \$1,000.

Witness our hands this 15th Feb., 1898.

O. E. FINLAY, County Judge.  
A. J. WHEAT, Com'r Prec. No. 1.  
W. H. ARDIS, " " No. 2.  
H. L. LEBERMAN, " " No. 3.  
A. C. CASEY, " " No. 4.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Feb., 1898.  
CHAS. GAY,  
Clerk, C. C. Y. C., T.

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.

## DIED.

On Monday, March 7th, at the residence of his son George, Mr. James R. Kisinger, aged 82 years. Mr. Kisinger came here from Ottumwa, Iowa, over three years ago. He has been an invalid for several years. He was the father of George and John Kisinger, Mrs. J. M. Parker and Mrs. J. J. Greenwade.

THE LEADER extends sympathy to the bereaved widow and children.

## 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.



## MILLS NORTH AND SOUTH

Wages Paid South Fully Equal to Those Paid in the North.

A most remarkable production was the report adopted by the Arkwright Club in reference to the competition between northern and southern mills.

If this letter were not being written in Massachusetts it would be in order to say that figures lie. In fact, Mr. Amory, of New York, said the other day that they do lie. But that was in New York and this is being written in Boston, hence the need of great circumspection in speech.

This club is composed of well-paid gentlemen who act as treasurer for the cotton mills of Massachusetts. With salaries running all the way from \$15,000 to \$30,000 apiece, they are comfortable with themselves and not inclined to take on too much exertion. In a dignified and respectable way they became aware of the fact there was something the matter with the trade, and through the orderly movement of the most conservative committee they proceeded to find out what was really the matter. This committee was composed, however, of gentlemen sufficiently well versed in the interpretation of specifications to make competition bids for furnishing the goods, hence they might be safely entrusted with the honor of Massachusetts, or so much of it as Senator Hoar would permit others to assume responsibility for. Their report was read before a meeting of the club early in January and it was made the excuse for the 10 per cent slicing of Mrs. Pickering's little salary, a whole year of which would not pay a month's interest on the salary of the treasurer who employed her.

"In our opinion," reported this committee, "the cheap labor, long hours and freedom from legislative interference are the chief advantages, and the others are unimportant and of doubtful value."

And again:

"The sole causes of the growing supremacy in the south are the hours of labor and the wages."

While this was very satisfactory to the respectable gentlemen present, giving them the necessary excuse for reduction in order to meet the southern standard, it was deemed wise to throw a sop to public opinion in the presentation of certain alleged facts. For instance, they stated that it was necessary to dig twenty-five feet deep to find a foundation for a mill in the south. This sprightly piece of news about a big hole in the ground was received with becoming decorum. Then the south lost all the benefit of cotton freights in the transportation of its goods. "The cost of labor in the south is about 40 per cent lower than it is in the north." When ex-Governor Bullock next comes up to Charlestown for the sea breeze he had better have a little talk with these gentlemen and put them on a surer foundation. Then there is a resort to figures, obtained from some isolated southern mills, with which to make comparison.

HOW FIGURES MAY BE USED.

"In submitting this statement," says the committee, "a better basis for comparison can be given by taking a given number of spindles and showing the cost of running them in both places. The cost of running 112 slubber spindles, 408 intermediate and 408 fine in one mill we visited was \$26,70 for sixty-six hours. One hand runs two slubbers of fifty-six spindles each, at 75 cents per day; three hands run four intermediate frames of 102 spindles each, at 89 cents per day each and two hands run three fine frames of 136 spindles each, at 65 cents per day each.

"In one of the newest and best arranged northern mills the same number of spindles of each kind run the same length of time for \$35.84, a price 34 per cent more than in the southern mill. In another northern mill, not so well arranged and older, the same work costs \$43.20, which is 62 per cent more than in the southern mill."

In this estimate, where the wages actually paid the operatives is not given but where the entire expenses are lumped in and divided by the spindles, the effect is entirely misleading. Figures from isolated and poorly paid southern mills are used as a comparison against the highest labor and best skill of New England. Anybody could win at figures in this way. But in dividing the whole expense by the spindle it is easy to make out a strong showing. While in New Bedford the other day the writer found a most intelligent operative, to whom the quoted paragraphs above were read.

"Oh, I am used to hearing these kind of figures," he said. "When these mills figure up the profits and expenses of the year they do so by spindle. They put everything into the calculation, from the broker outside, who gets 50 cents a bale for transferring the cotton to the selling agent, the president and the directors, and all their uncles and aunts who are provided for from the mill treasury. Take the Wamsutta as an example. It has a president and board of directors, all well paid, a treasurer at \$20,000 a year, one agent at \$15,000 a year, three superintendents at \$1,800 a year each. Then there are the different overseers, cotton sorters, typewriters, and so on. Add up all these figures and you will see how small a sum comes to us. We have to do the work and starve and go poorly clad in order that a few men may roll in luxury."

TOO MUCH HEAD.

This plain statement from a workman gives more of the truth than has been yet given out by the entire mill combination together. A closer corporation than the mill managers of Massachusetts has never been known. It has kept its hand firmly on the political helm, and traded with all parties when a tariff bill was in sight. It has hid away its poorly paid operatives from the public gaze, and has held the best foot forward right along. Andrew G. Pierce, the president of the Wamsutta, gets \$10,000 a year in salaries; his son is treasurer of the mill at \$26,000. Top heavy is what is the matter. When these mills first began operation there was a patriotic pride in building up American manufactures as against Europe, and, as heretofore stated, the government has always exhausted its powers in their behalf. Salaries went on increasing with time; offices began multiplying in order to give places to indigent sons-in-law and other relatives who had to be provided for, and the result is that it is true the mills expend a great deal more to the spindle than do those of the south, but it is not to the operatives that this money goes, but to the inveterate leeches who have fastened themselves upon the family trees of the factory lords.

TRUTH ABOUT THE SOUTHERN MILLS.

Now, as to the southern mills making money, that is a fact, but it is from causes absolutely removed from that put forward by the Arkwright Club, which the gentlemen composing it understand perfectly well, though it does not now suit their purpose to acknowledge it. In trying to prove that the south's advantage is her labor, as regards the skill of it, is unsatisfactory, though the laborers themselves have the capacity to become experts if they would but devote their lives to it. It has hitherto been somewhat difficult to get true figures from the south, for the sole reason that every mill owner imagined that he was running a business, as an Irish expression goes, "unbeknownst" to everybody, and he did not care about giving a good thing away. They have even gone so far as to decry the possibilities of their own section in order to keep off the supposed encroachment of new ventures in the field. They are now awaking to the fact, however, that this is more general. The south is raising 10,000,000 bales of cotton annually. Good, bad, or indifferent, that fact remains, and it is going to be manufactured into cloth by somebody; if not

in the south, then in New England, and if not there, then in old England or in Japan. But one-third of this cotton is now manufactured in this country. Since one-third of it, then why not the other two-thirds as well, and if in the United States, why not in the south rather than in New England?

A SOUTHERN MANUFACTURER TALKS.

On this line the views of Mr. M. M. Barringer, of Eufaula, Ala., now up this way on a business trip, are of special significance. Mr. Barringer has been in business as a banker, merchant and cotton mill owner there for thirty-four years.

"The advantages are all in our favor," said he. "When cotton goes to Boston it has freight added to it. The broker gets a rake-off for handling it; if the mill owner wants time he has to pay interest on it, and even if he buys it in large bulk there is the interest on the investment to carry. We have made money right along at our Eufaula mill. We buy our cotton from the wagons it passes and do not need to keep large stocks at a time. Our operatives are well paid, have nice houses, plenty of room, and are respected, each one for what he is worth. Now, our mills are branching out into bleaching and the higher grades of goods. The other day I was in Columbus, Ga., and visited the Eagle and Phoenix mills. I was surprised at the advanced work which they had gone into. They were making carpets, portiers and towings of the best quality. For the first time in thirty-four years I failed to lay in a stock of this kind of merchandise from New York but ordered it from Columbus, paying them the full market price. I induced one farmer years ago to invest \$11,000 in this factory, and he has never ceased to thank me for my suggestion. We can work full time all the year round while in the New England mills there is a shortening up in the winter."

INTEREST TO CAPITALISTS.

"Nothing will build up our country more quickly," continued Mr. Barringer, "than the manufacture of our product. Let northern capitalists once understand the great profits which are in the business, and they will begin to dot our land all over with factories. I do not mean the New England mill owners, who want to trade old machinery for a majority stock against our ready cash. I know of one case where one of these mill owners tried to place south machinery for a \$40,000 interest for which he was glad later on to accept \$6900. For ten years these northern mills have been living by their wits. In making new designs and trying to promote a field for them, in mixing in a certain percentage of low grade cotton, and in various other ways have they tried to save themselves. New England looks like a man with a cancer on his face, who is continually keeping it moistened with unguents, but death is in the disease, which can only be delayed but not averted. In this way I regard all the makeshifts of New England. God is on our side this time, and not all the wit or ingenuity of the world can stand the degree of fate, which is that the factory must seek the field, and all middle men will be brushed out of the way."

THE BOGUS "COMPETITION."

"Nothing can prove all this more than the very report of the Arkwright committee which you have shown me. The gentlemen signing that report are too well aware of the real facts to be regarded seriously. Admitting a possible difference of wages between similar classes of operatives, how can cheap wages on brown sheeting interfere with the prices of print goods? That is not the reason at all because the classes of goods for which the demand has fallen off, and which are manufactured by the strikers, is not the same class of goods which is manufactured south."

MR. ROSS INDORSSES THIS.

Meeting Mr. Samuel Ross, the labor leader, here, in answer to a question, he said:

"It is not southern competition at all. They work on a different style of goods down there. The question is one that goes much deeper, and affects production and consumption. Whether too great a stock of goods has been manufactured here, or whether people are using less cotton, is the question, and it will take a more expert man than I am to solve it."

P. J. MORAN.

Father Weber, who said it would be the duty of Catholics to fight for Spain, has been officially asked to leave the diocese of Archbishop Corrigan, where he is visiting.

## JAPAN MAY TAKE A HAND.

She May Ask an Indemnity for Her Subjects in the Maine Disaster.

A special to the St. Louis Republic says, in regard to the probable trouble between the United States and Spain over the Maine disaster:

Other countries besides the United States may have something to say regarding the settlement of the Maine affair.

When that ship was blown up in Havana harbor there were 19 men among those lost who were not citizens of the United States, and who had not declared their intention to become citizens. There were in all 117 men in the crew born outside of the United States. Of this number 46 were born under the flag of Great Britain, two in France, 11 in Germany, 13 in Norway, 48 in Sweden, eight in Denmark, seven in Japan, three in Russia, one in Belgium, one in Roumania and two in Greece. Final naturalization papers had been taken out by 55 of the foreign born members of the crew, and 43 others had declared their intention of becoming naturalized. Of the 19 aliens who had not taken any steps whatever to become American citizens, seven were Japanese.

The ambassadors and ministers representing the various countries, natives of which were lost on the Maine, have applied to the State Department for information concerning them and have been furnished lists of the natives of their respective countries. It has been suggested that Japan and probably others of these countries might unite with the United States in demanding indemnity from Spain, in event it should be demonstrated that the Maine was destroyed by an explosion from outside the ship. Thus far, however, none of them has taken any step indicating such intention.

The Japanese Minister and the representatives of some of the other powers have declared that there was no diplomatic significance, whatever in their action, but that their governments were prompted in making their inquiries simply by the interest which they feel in their subjects. Wherever they may be, and their desire to have any indemnity that might be collected reach the families of the dead men. Whether they may yet take some action will depend on what is done by the United States. As these men were serving on board a United States man-of-war, it is recognized as being the duty of the United States to see to it that proper indemnity is paid if they met their death as a result of the act or negligence of another Government.

Authorities on international law hold that the question is rather novel, and perhaps open to controversy, and that some authorities think the several governments, rather than the United States, should enforce payment of the indemnity.

It is clearly recognized by the government authorities here that should it become necessary to make a demand upon Spain for indemnity the participation of other nations would make it impossible for Spain to resist the pressure that would be brought to bear upon her.

At the same time it is not expected that there will be any such combination. There is, indeed, a very strong suspicion that Japan is preparing to act independently and with a double purpose in view. It is suggested, for instance, that Japan, foreseeing a war between the United States and Spain, which will work the ruin of the latter country, and wishing to check American influence in the far east may demand indemnity for the killing of her subjects and seize the Philippine Islands as a guarantee for the same, thus blocking the United States in that direction. This would be a fine tactical move on the part of Japan, diplomatic authorities say, and would limit the American naval campaign to a movement on Cuba and Porto Rico.

At Cleburne on last Monday night, February 28, five pistol shots rang out in the hall of the court house, and when the first excitement had subsided G. A. Stinson was found lying on the floor with a fracture of the skull and a flesh wound in his arm. Dr. Jack Menifee of Rio Vista, in that county, was arrested for the shooting and gave bond.

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## Suffrage in Louisiana.

The executive committee of the McKinley and Hobart alliance, an organization of colored men at New Orleans, La., has addressed an appeal to the constitutional convention. It says:

"We realized that you have signally demonstrated your superior administrative ability that by reason of centuries of advancement over us you have become a more intelligent people, and we are willing to abide by the fruits of superior civilization, asking only that the legislation of the United States, the sense of justice inherent in the higher races and that the will of God in whose sight all men are created equal be not violently dealt with. We plead with you to grant us at least common rights and in the largest manner consistent with good government."

The suffrage committee made its report to the constitutional convention. The educational and property qualifications are the main features. Applicants for registration must be able to read and write and make written application in English or his mother tongue; if not able to read and write he shall be entitled to vote if he, his wife, children or parents has property assessed at not less than \$1300. No one not naturalized prior to the constitution adopted shall be debarred from voting.

## Unique Law Case.

A Vicksburg special says: One of the most remarkable cases in the history of jurisprudence has been decided by Judge Pintard in the Chancery Court. It was that of Betty Mulholland against the administrators of the estate of Junius I. Mulholland.

Mrs. Betty Mulholland is the widow of Junius I. Mulholland. The couple was childless, and sometime ago Mrs. Mulholland went to Kansas City and secured a boy from a maternity hospital for adoption. As she could not adopt it without the consent of her husband, she produced a letter for the authorities of the hospital purporting to be from her husband, but which in court she acknowledged was not written by him. She called upon a female notary public in Kansas City to have certain papers pertaining to the transaction legally certified to, and when the attorney told her that her husband's signature would be necessary, she produced this letter which gave her husband's consent to the transaction. After she had had the child for some time, her husband died, and a certain part of the estate went to the adopted child. Mrs. Mulholland then went into court and set up the claim that the child could not inherit any of the property, as its adoption was irregular, and secured through methods that were irregular.

The case has been before the court for some time, and Judge Pintard, in a brief decision, held that the complainant was not entitled to a verdict against the child.

The Carlists will be a thorn in the flesh to the crown of Spain.

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### LEITER'S WHEAT.

It Would Make a Pile Three Times as Big as the Masonic Temple in Chicago.

Joseph Leiter, who has secured control of the wheat market, has in his possession the food supply of many millions of people. Maybe Mr. Leiter doesn't know it, but if he should divert his 15,000,000 bushels of wheat to foreign channels bread would double, possibly quadruple, in price in Chicago, and the temptation to make short-weight loaves would be offered every baker. Every man who owned a bushel of wheat would be tempted to buy corn to grind and mix with his wheat flour, and the chances are the consumer would be so anxious to procure bread that he would wink at the adulteration even if he knew of it.

Fifteen millions of bushels of wheat! The mere words do not convey the immensity or importance of Mr. Leiter's speculative venture. Never before has one man, or any combination of speculators, held such an enormous amount of the bread grain in control. Seventy millions of people are directly and vitally interested in this gigantic venture. It would be difficult to say what this young Napoleon of the wheat pit would do with his purchase if he hadn't a nation of hungry mouths back of him. He and his descendants for twenty generations couldn't consume it. There are not enough mills in Chicago to grind the grain into flour in ten years, nor bakers who could mix, mold and bake it into crisp loaves in another ten years.

Fifteen millions bushels of wheat! A bulk nearly three times that of the Masonic temple—the highest and largest building of its class in the world. In that gigantic pile, towering twenty-four stories and covering one-fourth of a block of the most valuable real estate in Chicago, there are 5,762,294 cubic feet of space—so say the architects. But Mr. Leiter's little pile of wheat would dwarf that structure if placed beside it, reaching almost three times higher, with the same ground dimensions, occupying 15,600,000 cubic feet.

The highest authority says there are 7000 grains to the pound. Therefore, as Mr. Leiter owns 15,000,000 bushels, each weighing sixty pounds, the total weight of his possessions would require a counterbalance of 900,000,000 pounds—a total that would keep a family of five persons counting steadily for two years at the rate of 200 per minute without intermission to check off the weight, and the total number of grains of wheat in this huge purchase is only 63,000,000,000. This sum is sufficiently large to perplex even astronomers, who measure distances of stars by the millions of miles—but trillions—never! The star gazer guesses after he passes the ninth row of ciphers in his computations.

Let us suppose that Mr. Leiter wanted to move his wheat to some other point, and determine approximately how many cars he would need if he shipped it all by rail. He holds 900,000,000 pounds, or 450,000 tons. The average capacity of freight cars is 40,000 pounds, or twenty tons. Therefore, 22,500 cars would be needed to transport this bulk of grain. The average length for the coupling apparatus is thirty-six feet, or 152 1/2 miles long. This is to say, if Mr. Leiter chooses to ship all his grain in one train, he will have a string of cars reaching almost from Chicago to the Mississippi river at Quincy, Ill.

But if Mr. Leiter doesn't want to ship his property, but chooses to grind it up and put it on the market he can sit down with a pencil and paper and figure that as four and one-half bushels of wheat will make a 200 pound barrel of flour, he can place 333,333,333 loaves of bread within the reach of the hungry. At 5 cents a loaf Mr. Leiter could obtain \$16,666,666.65 for his property. As his brokers have claimed that he purchased his wheat at an average of 70 cents per bushel, his profits as a baker would be a hundred thousand or so over \$6,000,000.

Just suppose that Mr. Leiter were philanthropic and that he would be willing to feed the hungry with his hoard. Vital statistics say that one and one-half pounds of wheat bread is the bare existence diet. With his millions of loaves Mr. Leiter could give three meals each day for one day to nearly 100,000,000 of hungry folk, and still keep something for himself. The 200,000 persons who starved to death in India last year could have been kept alive for weeks by the judicious distribution of bread made from this big accumulation that represents Mr. Leiter's speculation. If Cuba had this wheat 500,000 persons could have been sustained for more than six months, and President McKinley would not, perhaps, have asked a popular subscription to relieve suffering in that war-distressed island. Mr. Leiter's hoard would have kept alive these victims of Spanish barbarity for more than three weeks, if given three meals per day.

Every 100 pounds of this great store of wheat, when ground, would provide forty-two pounds of the finest grade flour, eighteen pounds second grade, nine pounds biscuit flour, and the tailings, middlings, bran and other remnants, save five pounds allowed for loss by evaporation, is turned to account.

It may be that Mr. Leiter is not aware of the fact, but he has in his control the food mainstay of the nation. The nutritive value of good wheat bread is not fully recognized by most persons who are fond of the "heel" of a crisp loaf. Mr. Leiter's pile of wheat contains more of the brain, muscle and bone-forming food than a dozen train loads of equal length bearing beef, pork, eggs, milk, butter, potatoes, cabbage and fruit. Three-fourths of Mr. Leiter's wheat is starch and sugar, and almost one-fifth is albumen—a quantity equal to the albumen in beef or eggs. Without knowing it, the youthful speculator has cornered the brain and muscle food of the world. People who are in a position to know say that wheat is worth more than a money in some places. If Mr. Leiter wants to be generous he could give his tips in orders on his warehouseman for a bushel; could carry some of the grain loose in his pocket to hand out to street beggars; could carry a small bag to drop in the contribution box on Sunday—and be more generous than in distributing the cash.

But Mr. Leiter doesn't seem to be weary of his load, nor does he show any present intention of distributing his accumulated grain in charity. He's not worrying about the cars to ship his property, neither is he speculating on how many biscuits his wheat would make if ground into flour. His wheat is stored in elevators and boats and practically off his hands. Therefore Mr. Leiter is not interested in information which shows what might be done with his own particular Klondike.—Houston Post.

### Oklahoma Items.

The graders on the Hutchinson and Southern railway in Oklahoma are nearing Blackwell.

The first lodge of the order of Elks of Oklahoma Territory was organized at Oklahoma City, with a membership of thirty.

The Methodist Church at Orlando, Okla., has taken a decided stand on the liquor license question and expelled two of their prominent members because they signed a petition for a saloon license.

Guthrie is about to experience a building boom. Work has already commenced on four fine new brick blocks and fully twenty-five residences, and all architects and contractors, are rushed with plans and figures.

A divorce case on the docket at Newkirk, Okla., which will attract considerable attention is that of Sam Big Snake against his wife, Cress Big Snake Little Cook. Both are full blood Ponca Indians and Sam charges his better half with refusing to live in his wigwam and cook for him, declaring that she has been carried away with notions of the white folks and wants to live in a house and cook on a stove.

Senator Hanna is said to be in New York fully authorized to raise a loan for war purposes if it becomes necessary; \$500,000,000 is the amount named.

### WORK OF A MINE

It Hit the Cause of the Wreck of the Maine in Being Fixed.

Havana via Key West, Fla., March 3.—Without adding unnecessarily to the flood of conjecture and prophecy concerning the court of inquiry, it is fair to say that, as a matter of fact, most of the naval officers here and at Key West incline to the opinion that the court will find that the disaster to the Maine was caused by the explosion of a floating submarine mine under the port side of the ship, forward. Opinions differ as to whether this mine was made of high explosives, such as wet and dry gun cotton, or ordinary gun powder.

Opinions agree not only as to the existing of mines in the harbor, but also that this one was laid purposely near the buoy where foreign war vessels were moored and worked from a battery on shore.

It is believed barely possible that the explosion of the Maine was the result of carelessness or ignorance of Spanish officers in charge of the mine station keys when testing the mine, but the latter supposition is not felt to be probable. It is further regarded as settled by the evidence before the court that the port side of the hull forward was completely blown to pieces and that the explosion of the Maine, except of fixed cases of ammunition was that of 2000 pounds of saluting powder stored forward and of which no trace can be found.

### Interview With Secretary Alger.

The Washington Post prints the following interview with Secretary of War Alger:

"The statement of Secretary Long that Spain's participation in the disaster to the Maine has been 'practically eliminated' was merely an expression of personal opinion on his part. It is an injustice to him as well as to the administration to give an official significance to his expression, when he was particular at the time to emphasize the fact that he was speaking simply as an individual. In the absence of official facts, I can repeat what has been said heretofore that the public is equally as well informed as the administration, no member of the cabinet can make official declaration touching Spain's responsibility, oral or otherwise. There is not an iota of information as to the cause or origin of the explosion on which the government can at this time, form a conclusion or base a decision. The verdict of the court of inquiry on that point must be patiently awaited."

### Spain Buying Men-of-War.

London, March 3.—It is impossible to verify the report that Spain has raised the necessary funds for the purchase of three Chilean war ships which are said to have been on the market for some time. The Spanish government naturally will not admit that it has ever lacked the funds to purchase ships, and nothing is known here officially or in Spanish circles. The Armstrongs, who are building the ships have heard nothing of the report.

### N Y DEMAND INDEMNITY.

Of Twenty-Five Million—If Spain Retains War Will Follow.

New York, February 28.—The Herald says: "President McKinley does not consider the Maine question beyond a diplomatic settlement. Acceding the extreme theory of the catastrophe, a most vigorous demand for a complete reparation in the form of indemnity, apology and the execution of the guilty persons will be made. The amount of the indemnity mentioned by administration officials Thursday was \$10,000,000. The last figure talked about now is \$25,000,000, even without positive evidence as to the exact character of the outside explosion, Spain will be held responsible."

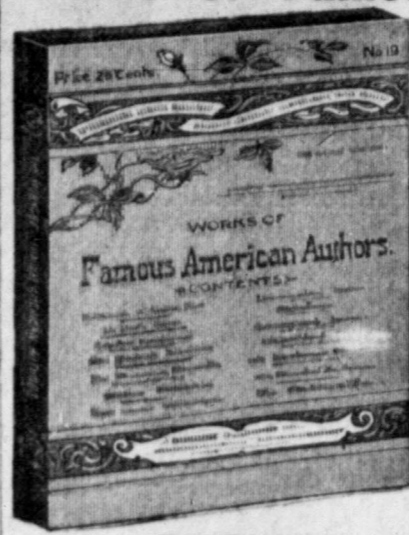
### General Lee Threatened.

Key West, Fla., February 28.—A rumor is current in Havana that United States Consul General Lee has been threatened with assassination, but he is not alarmed.

### The Inquiry Court at Key West.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 27.—The lighthouse tender Mangrove, bearing

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ing the members of the court of inquiry, has arrived from Havana, and the court resumed its session in the United States district court room in the federal building. It will probably return to Havana on Wednesday.

The most important witness to be examined here is Lieut. Blandin, the officer of the deck when the explosion on the Maine occurred.

Rear Admiral Sicard has had frequent conferences with Capt. Sampson and other members of the court of inquiry at the hotel. He said tonight: "I think they ought to get away on Wednesday. As yet there is nothing that can be said about their work."

In reply to a question as to the rumored removal of the warships to Cuba, Admiral Sicard said: "The fleet is not moving and I know nothing about its going to Cuba."

He was asked if anything had happened to justify the statement that the situation was more serious now than it had been recently. He replied: "They know at Washington about that. Just how strained our relations are with Spain I am unable to say."

### SPANISH STRONGHOLDS

Captain Crowninshield Has Seen Quietly Inspecting Them.

Washington, February 28.—A most important event in the receipt of a telegram from Captain A. S. Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, announcing his departure from Key West on his way to Washington. He has been absent from the department for three weeks, and his whereabouts have not been made known. His position is one of the utmost importance in the event of war. The receipt of Captain Crowninshield's telegram, simultaneously with the arrival of the Montgomery, created the impression that he had been making a circuit of Cuba under instructions from the department to ascertain the location of the Spanish seacoast defense and plan an attack in case of hostilities.

Captain Crowninshield was formerly commander of the battleship Maine, and has a high reputation as an efficient officer. That he has been engaged on a mission for the department is not denied. The impression that has been given at the navy department to those who made inquiries in the past three weeks as to his whereabouts was that he had been on a vacation with his son. His destination, it was said, was the Maine woods. As a matter of fact, he had been quietly absorbing information of Spain's defenses in Cuba.

### SPANISH CABINET.

It Speaks of Cordiality and Votes 1,000,000 Pesetas for the Navy.

Madrid, Feb. 28.—The cabinet considered the situation and no incident is reported as altering the "cordiality of the relations between Spain and the United States," though the ministers expressed regret at the passion which has crept into public opinion during the

present incident. A million pesetas was voted to develop the navy.

Madrid Feb. 28.—The Impartial warns Spain "to distrust the pacific speeches of President McKinley and that of Gen. Woodford at the recent banquet here," saying "America is actively preparing for war, which is inevitable if the rebellion in Cuba is prolonged beyond May." The Spanish government is actively equipping its forces at the different arsenals and is organizing its marine and infantry.

### Spain is at Work.

Ferrol, Spain, Feb. 27.—The work of naval construction and armament is being pushed by the government with the greatest activity at the arsenal and dock yard.

### Mrs. Lee Much Alarmed.

New York, March 2.—A special to the Journal from Richmond, Va., says Fitzhugh Lee, Jr., son of the consul general to Cuba, will leave Richmond for Havana to join his father. Lee goes at the instance of his mother, who is greatly alarmed over the safety of her husband.

For some days she has been in close telegraphic communication with General Lee, and has received several letters from him since the destruction of the Maine. It is said the consul general writes his wife the situation in Cuba is exceedingly alarming, and his life might be endangered if complications between this country and Spain continue to grow. Young Lee goes at his mother's urgent request.

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**Leaves the Populist Party.**

Mr. A. N. Shattuck, who lives at Rusk, Texas, has left the populist party and come back to the democratic party. He made the following statement:  
"Farewell to the populist party: I this day sever my connection with the populist party and will in the future be found battling for the people's rights in the ranks of the grand old democratic party, a party for, by and of the people, and one that has always maintained a code of principles, transmitted from one generation to another and hence to-day maintains the same fundamental principles, and proposes to pursue the same general policy which the founders of the party proclaimed nearly a century ago. By the application of these principles, and the pursuit of this policy, they have sought to administer the affairs of this government and so long as they were strictly adhered to peace, happiness and general prosperity prevailed. In conclusion, let me say to my friends in the people's party: Do as I have done. Make your own decision as to your political party affiliations and not allow some political boss who is full of prejudice to lead you against your will.  
Respectfully,  
A. N. SHATTUCK.  
Mr. Shattuck was the populist nominee for tax assessor in 1896 in Cherokee county. He has been one of their strongest men since their organization in that county. It is believed that many of the best men will leave the populist party in Cherokee county, both because of the democratic Chicago platform suiting them and the fusion of the populists and republicans in 1896, and the action of the so-called middle of the roaders this year.—Comanche Chief.

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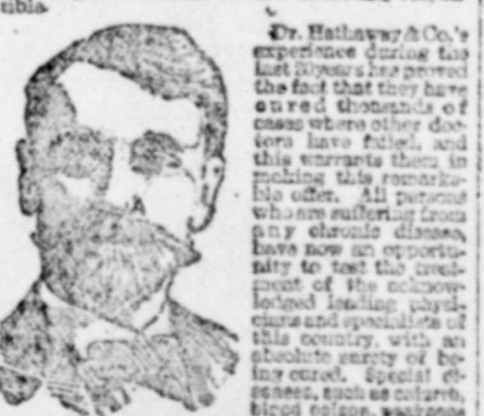
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