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GRAND OPENING!!!

On Tuesday, September 20th, at 10 o'clock A. M., the D. C. Brown Mercantile Company will open the doors of their immense building to the public, showing the greatest stock of general Dry Goods ever brought to Northwest Texas. We solicit the inspection of all buyers in the various lines here represented. The stock in part will consist of the latest novelties in

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Olney Items.

Seemingly, candidates are the most needy creatures we come in contact with now.

A. H. Carrigan of Wichita Falls, candidate for District Judge and R. E. Taylor of Archer City, candidate for District Attorney, were on our streets last Thursday, rounding up the voters of Olney for their ballots on November 8.

J. H. Brown and H. T. Kimbrough and wife made a business trip to Wichita Falls last week.

W. D. Bolding, our teacher, accompanied by his wife made a business trip to Archer City and Dundee last Friday and Saturday.

Bro. G. W. Rushing preached for us Sunday at 11 a. m. and Sunday night.

Mr. Rogers has three children on the sick list. We are glad to note that they are improving.

Our school opened Monday the 24th inst. with a good attendance there being 33 scholars and several of the patrons at the opening.

The farmers have been very busy sowing wheat since our last rain. There will be several thousand acres of wheat sown near Olney this fall.

We experienced a terrible sand storm from the north late Monday evening. "PINDER."

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Rev. Mr. W. H. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the United States senate, has known personally more presidents than any other living man. He was first elected chaplain of the house of representatives in 1845, being then only 22 years old. He served during two congresses and left Washington in 1855. Speaking of this period of his term of service he said the other day: "John Sherman of Ohio and Senator Morrill of Vermont entered the house of representatives the following December. They are called the fathers of congress, but as I served ten years before they entered, I must be the grandfather."

Red Top Ripples.

The norther and sand storm Monday was quite unpleasant for cotton picking.

Zearl Steen sold and delivered a bunch of cattle last Monday to I. H. Jones.

Hays Rutherford returned Monday from a visit to his uncle.

J. A. Baker and wife were visiting at W. T. McBee's Sunday.

The Sunday School at Red Top was small last Sunday on account of sickness in the neighborhood.

Mrs. A. J. Graves and two of her little girls were on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Lillie Harrison has been very sick for several days. She is under the care of Dr. Price.

One of W. T. McBee's little girls is still confined to her room.

Mrs. F. W. Knight and Miss Fannie, were visiting Mrs. B. F. Harman Wednesday of last week.

Frank Carmichael spent Saturday night and Sunday with F. W. Knight.

Herman Lichte's horse was seen standing at his usual hitching place last Sunday.

We think one of our boys got left last Sunday.

Ed. Slater of Erath county, arrived last Saturday and will fence and take charge of the land he bought a few weeks ago. He will begin to turn Young county soil with his gang plow at once for wheat. He has rented the Breedlove farm.

TEXAS GREEN HORN.

Farmer Items.

We are having some very cool weather this week. Heating stoves, overcoats and blankets are in demand now.

Since we last wrote Prof. Gus Hardgraves made a trip to Arkansas and returned via. Dallas Fair accompanied with his bride. They are staying at Mr. Seals.

I. M. Wilson a brother of A. H. and J. D. Wilson of this place came in a few days ago on a visit. He will soon go to Memphis Tenn. to attend medical lectures.

J. A. Holt of Lacy, was here Monday doing business in our little city. He reports everything flourishing in his neighborhood.

Misses Ida, Carrie and Willie Cook and Mrs. John Garvey were shopping in town the first of the week.

Rev. Midyett, the mayor of Lacy, was in town Monday on business. He will soon leave for Oklahoma.

Dick Campbell one of our jolly stockmen was here the first of this week.

Dr. Wilson and brother I. M. Wilson went to Graham Monday.

We understand that Walter Keen is hauling lumber from Jacksboro for the erection of a dwelling for Prof. Hardgraves and bride.

Mrs. J. W. Casey is visiting in Graham this week.

F. P. Brazelton of Bethel community was doing business in our burg Tuesday.

John Hunt, E. E. Simmons, G. W. Hoffman, J. G. Daily and Ed Stiffler have gone to Bowie this week with cotton.

Bert Eicheleberger was with us Wednesday.

We understand the Farmer High School is moving on grand-

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Mr. and Mrs. S. M. J. Benson have a new boy at their house. Mother and child doing well.

Several from here attended the Dallas Fair and report a nice time. DEW DROP.

Salt Creek Items.

Cotton picking will soon be over.

Will Mayes and George James are sowing wheat this week. They will sow about 100 acres.

Our school will commence the 10th of November under the management of Miss Missouri Ellis.

Emmett Foster, our cowboy, drove a bunch of yearlings to Lost Valley Saturday.

Texas Green Horn of Red Top was on the Creek last week. He was wearing a very business like appearance, as if he might be hunting a job of cotton picking.

Jim Grubbs of Indian Mound spent Sunday with R. M. Summers and family.

Edd Harman of Arkansas flat was on the creek Sunday.

Jason Mayes is hauling cotton seed for T. F. Kindley this week.

Mitch Been and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Graham.

We can almost hear the wedding bells ring, as A Bum was out to see his best girl Sunday.

Joe Been is on the sick list this week. He says Arkansas is good enough for him.

Herman Lichte was down from the prairie Sunday.

Mrs. Marvie Avritte left Monday for Olney, where she will assist in the public school.

F. W. Knight went to Olney last week on business.

Rev. G. W. White and wife of Graham were the guests of Mrs. I. N. Johnson last week.

Quite a number of the Salt Creekers turned out last Sunday and heard Rev. B. W. Ford preach his farewell sermon. He is a good preacher and we hope he will be sent back another year.

A. H. K.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Texas, has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at Dr. R. Akin & Co's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cts and \$1 00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Ninety-six men of the first Texas regiment were discharged at Jacksonville the other day.

Waxahachie is to have a cotton mill. Enterprising business men say it is an assured fact.

The Methodists of Terrell are making arrangements to build a new church to cost \$10,000.

At Houston George DeMoss shot and killed M. Parera, a traveling salesman from Albany, N. Y., for insulting his wife.

The local option election for Holland and Post Oak districts in Bell county last Saturday resulted in a majority for the wets.

Charles Griffin, charged with the murder of Charles Blalock at Houston on September 18, has been given a twenty-five year sentence.

The Texas Drug Company, wholesale, was burned out at Dallas. Loss on stock and building about \$200,000. They resume business.

Mrs. Annie Smythe of Dallas has filed suit against the H. & T. C. for injuries sustained in the Chambers creek wreck. She asks for \$25,000.

The first Texas regiment has landed in Savannah, Ga., and have been joined there by the third Nebraska. Havana is the next objective point.

Charles Kugadt, convicted at Brenham for the murder of his half sister in the fall of 1896, in order to secure what money she had, was executed on the 20th.

Peter Barton, alias Pink Hines, the negro who murdered the Meyers family at Cypress in August, has been convicted at Houston and the death penalty assessed.

The motormen's union at Waco have declared the strike off and the men have applied for reinstatement under the former time and regulations. It was a Waterloo for the strikers.

Near Northup, Lee county, Mathis Kasperick and his wife were returning to their farm with the proceeds of a load of cotton. Kasperick was shot and killed and his wife mortally cut.

At Wharten, Hope Adams, a saloon man and candidate for sheriff in opposition to the white union political faction, was shot down in the street the other day. There was a general fusillade of shots and it is reported that no one could tell who did the killing.

The resignation of Major Pierson of the first Texas cavalry has been accepted by the governor and Capt. Younger of troop A promoted to the vacancy. First Lieut. Burdette was promoted to the captaincy of the troop and other promotions in regular line were made in troop A to fill the vacancies.

Col. Will Lambert, veteran newspaper man and printer, and a patriotic confederate veteran, died at Houston on the 18th. He died at his post of duty—at his proof desk in the Houston Post office—being taken with a chill and dying before he could be removed to his home.

Near Brenham a farmer (name not given), while he and his wife were gathering corn, for provocation unknown to the public, stabbed his wife in the neck severing the jugular vein. He then went home and locked himself up and endeavored to cut his own head off, failing in which he used a gun to sever the cord of life. He was only 35 years old and he and his young wife were of prominent families. Five orphans remain.

In the suburbs of Dallas Sunday evening three negroes were fired from a freight car on which they were endeavoring to beat their way. Several white youths in the vicinity witnessed the proceedings and gaped the negroes. The negroes became enraged and opened fire with pistols on the white boys. One of the boys, June Redd, 17 years old, was shot through the heart, dying instantly. A bullet passed through the hat of another of the boys. One negro was arrested that night. Armed posses were stalking through the city and ominous rumblings of a lynch were heard.

STATE CAPITAL NOTES.

COUNTY TAX ROLLS.

Pecos county—Total values, \$3,074,845; increase, \$64,323.

Polk county—Total values, \$2,586,982; decrease, \$131,116.

CHARTERED.

Bonham Electric Light and Power company; capital stock \$25,000.

Brownwood Investment Co., of Brownwood; capital stock \$5000.

Sunrise Hydraulic Mining company of Brookshire, Waller county; capital stock \$50,000.

Sutton—Steel Electrical Manufacturing company of Dallas; capital stock \$20,00.

United Order of Silver Fleece of San Antonio; no capital stock; purpose, fraternal and charitable.

Dublin Commercial college of Dublin, Erath county; no capital stock, but property to the value of \$300.

BONDS APPROVED.

Houston city bonds, \$60,000, have been approved and registered. The comptroller has registered \$24,000 city of Tyler refunding bonds.

In response to queries from a sheriff the attorney general rules that a civil peace officer had no authority to arrest deserters from the United States service.

The appraisers who set a value on the 69 acres of land which occupies a central part of the San Jacinto battlefield ground have appraised it at \$37.50 per acre. The San Jacinto battlefield commission is prohibited by law from paying more than \$25 per acre, and at a meeting of the members to discuss the appraisers' report it was decided not to buy this particular tract of 69 acres at any price.

Stationery.

The state printing board held a meeting and awarded the stationery contract to Eugene Von Beckmann & Co. of Austin, that firm's bid being \$7646.40. The board also assessed a penalty of \$600 against the stationery contractors to cover alleged defective work in printing the last three volumes of the court reports and \$550 on alleged overcharges on stationery furnished the state.

The Amendments Election.

The secretary of state is receiving a great many letters from county judges and others in regard to the election to be held on Nov. 1. Some of those writing do not understand why that election is not ordered in the governor's proclamation recently sent out by the state department for the general election on Nov. 8, while others want to know what the first election is for. Those inquiries are due to the fact that very little interest has been taken in the election to be held Nov. 1, and, in view of their numbers, the state department desires to explain in a general way:

1. That the first election is on the amendment to the constitution providing for a pension of not more than \$8 per month to certain "disabled confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows in indigent circumstances," and

2. That this election was not included in the proclamation for the general election to be held Nov. 8 because the election for Nov. 1 is a special election and has been ordered several months ago and the governor's proclamation for that purpose published in one weekly newspaper in each county in the state as required by law and in accordance with terms of the resolution passed by the twenty-fifth legislature authorizing the same.

Hydrographic Surveys.

Prof. Taylor says, in regard to the hydrographic surveys in which he has been engaged recently:

"The object of the work is to complete a hydrographic survey of Texas. It consists in establishing gauging stations on the several rivers of Texas where the daily heights are read and measurements of the flow are taken when convenient. Gauging stations have been established at two points on the Pecos, one on the Guadalupe, two on the Colorado, two on the Brazos and one on the Trinity. These are located at Pecos City, High Bridge, New Braunfels, Austin, Waco, Lewis and Dallas. Complete and

accurate record has been kept on the Colorado river for four years, and its average flow has been accurately obtained. The work on the other rivers has practically commenced, it being the first work that was ever systematically attempted in Texas.

"Gauge heights are read off by observers located in the vicinity of the gauge stations and are reported weekly on special blanks. All measurements of flow are made in connection with these gauge heights, and so far have been taken only in the holidays of the university and in the first part of September, 1898. The work on the Pecos is important on account of the numerous irrigation systems at Barstow and Grand Falls in Texas, and other projected systems. The other stations, especially on the Colorado, Brazos and Trinity, are for the object of obtaining the reliable flow of the river for water power purposes. The importance of having accurate results cannot be overestimated. This can be illustrated by the case of the Colorado river, whose minimum flow was estimated before the bonds were issued for the construction of the dam about four times its actual minimum flow and the available power was not more than sufficient to supply the needs of the city at its minimum flow instead of having power to sell."

Results of the Commission Law.

The railroad commission law, one provision of which is the prohibiting of rebates by railroads, went into effect in 1895. The enforcement of this provision regarding rebates was not undertaken until Hon. M. M. Crane became attorney general. Acting upon date and information of alleged violation of the law furnished him by the experts of the railroad commission a large number of suits have been filed against railroad companies of the state for rebating. Pleas of guilty have been entered in 155 of these cases and the minimum penalty of \$500 in each case assessed, the total income to the state treasury from that source to date being \$67,500, all of which has gone into the general fund. These rebate suits were against the following railroad companies: Southern Pacific road, fifty cases, penalty of \$500 in each case, total paid \$25,000; International and Great Northern, twenty cases, penalty of \$500 in each case, total paid \$10,000; Missouri, Kansas and Texas, twenty cases, penalty of \$500 in each case, total paid \$10,000; Cotton Belt, twenty cases, penalty of \$500 in each case, total paid \$10,000; Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe, twenty cases, penalty of \$500 in each case, total paid \$10,000.

The state law requiring that all roads operating in Texas shall maintain general offices in the state went into effect in 1889. Mr. Crane has filed suit against three roads for alleged violation of this law. Each suit is for forfeiture of charter and the prescribed minimum penalty of \$5000 per day for each day that the law was violated up to date of the filing of the respective suits. The defendant companies are the Texas and Fort Smith, which is a part of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf system, and the Cotton Belt. Suit for the forfeiture of the charter of the Austin and Northwestern road has also been filed, the charge in this case being that road is consolidated and being operated in connection with the Southern Pacific, without authority of the legislature. All of these suits for forfeiture of charter are pending and if the state is successful in its prosecution of these cases several hundred thousand dollars of penalties will be paid by these roads into the state treasury. Under the provisions of the law all moneys from this particular source must be applied to the school fund.

In addition to the above named cases the state has a suit against the International and Great Northern road for penalties for not maintaining brakemen on the rear end of passenger trains prescribed by law. The penalty is \$100 per day for each violation and the aggregated amount to be paid the state should the suit be successful will be over \$150,000.

Geo. B. Shaw, the Cleburne murderer who recently escaped and was recaptured, is to be tried on a charge of lunacy on Nov. 14.



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State Democratic Ticket.

Fort Worth, Oct. 18.—Chairman Charles K. Bell is having sent out a specimen democratic ticket to be used at the next election. It is as follows:

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For amendment to section 24 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Texas, relating to the compensation of members of the legislature.

Against amendment to section 24 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Texas, relating to the compensation of members of the legislature.

For governor—Joseph D. Sayers.
For lieutenant governor—J. N. Browning.

For attorney general—Thomas S. Smith.
For comptroller of public accounts—R. W. Finley.

For treasurer—John W. Robbins
For commissioner of the general land office—George W. Finger.

For Superintendent of public instruction—J. S. Kendall.

For railroad commissioner—Allison Mayfield.

For associate justice of the supreme court—Thomas J. Brown.

For judge of the court of criminal appeals—M. M. Brooks

For associate justice of the court of civil appeals for first supreme judicial district—H. Clay Pleasants

For chief justice of the court of civil appeals second supreme judicial district—T. H. Conner.

For associate justice of the court of civil appeals third supreme judicial district—W. E. Collard.

For associate justice of the court of civil appeals fourth supreme judicial district—H. H. Neill.

For chief justice of the court of civil appeals fifth supreme judicial district—N. W. Finley.

For associate justice of the court of civil appeals fifth supreme judicial district—John Bookhout.

To county chairman: The names and offices on this specimen democratic ticket are correctly given.

Great care should also be taken that the name and initials of the democratic nominees for congress, district judge, district attorney, senator, representative and for county offices be correctly printed on the kind of ballot prescribed by law (see title 36, chapter 5, article 1742, page 361, revised statutes). Take care also that the names of the offices are printed in ac-

cordance with the law. Very respectfully,
C. K. BELL,
Chairman.

JOE LEE JAMESON,
Secretary state democratic executive committee.

Frosty Weather.

Orange: Light frost, but effect hardly noticeable.

Texarkana: A heavy frost has given impetus to cotton movements.

Lovelady, Houston county: A white frost here, and fires aglow like winter.

Era, Cook county: Heavy hail, drifting two feet deep in corners and gullies.

Millican, Brazos county: Frost in the lowlands, killing all growing vegetation.

Kimball, Bosque county: A heavy frost—all cotton and gardens being killed outright.

Denison: Frost in Red river bottom, also on the creeks and some of the uplands in the Indian Territory. Cotton slightly damaged.

Dallas: Light frosts in Trinity bottom. A snow of five minutes duration, which then melted into a drizzling rain—all soon vanishing before the crisp, dry winds.

Six of the leading railroads entering Fort Worth have agreed upon a site for a new union depot. It will cost \$150,000.

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A trusty convict was murdered near Lockhart by a convict who was trying to overpower a guard.

It is reported that John D. Rockefeller is endeavoring to secure control of all the Indian Territory oil and coal fields.

The department of agriculture estimates that the street sweepings thrown away in this country are worth \$3,000,000 a year.

The Masonic Lodge of Hawaii Mrs. ... to keep away from has filed suit against ... work for C. for injuries sustained Chambers creek wreck. She for \$25,000.

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Near North amendment per- small, monthly allowance to be paid them. The amend- ment is a good one, vote for it.

The Baptist general conven- tion listened to strong appeals for harmony, but Mr. Hayden was again denied a seat; says he in- keeping up the agitation.

Following is the official record of the American in the late war with Spain: in battle or died of wounds led from accidents 30, died in disease 2225. Total 2601.

These figures," says the New of the Times-Democrat, "with- in regul- ightest additional evi- A to fill

order efficient to convict ent of gross mis- The Post being in the deepest conviction as News.

the very salvation of the lic is dependent upon the and permanent incorporation democratic principles in the policies of this government.

Prin- ciples must triumph through the ascendancy of the party advoca- ting them. We manage this government through parties. It may or may not be the best way, but it is the way. If a man feels that the democratic policy is the safest course for the republic and he is a good citizen and patriotic he will at once recognize his first duty to his party as to his country.

We have been reading of heroes lately who sacrificed life for country, and yet the success of democratic principles is no less important to the welfare of the nation, in the Posts, opinion, than the victory of our arms in battle.

One patriotism so wanting among yearly honest democrats that they heat, not even subordinate person- of preferences to the triumph of arrnocoratic policies—believing were latter to be necessary to the omity and progress of the nation.

wer- post.

THE CANTON TRAGEDY.

A New York Minister Discusses It From the Pulpit.

New York, Oct. 16—"Were I on the jury when Mrs. Anna George shall be tried for the murder of Mr. George Saxton, I would unhesitatingly vote for her acquittal."

Those were the words of Rev. Henry Frank, of the Metropolitan Independent church in Berkely Lyceum this morning in introducing his remarks on the recent tragedy.

"I fully appreciate the delicacy and responsibility of such an utterance," Mr. Frank added. I feel, with the people at large, profound sympathy with Mrs. McKinley, on whose household the dark shadow of this tragedy has fallen, and with the president himself, who must needs feel that the national White House is shrouded in the gloom of a social disgrace.

That man of Mr. Saxton's wealth and social position should entice a weak and beautiful woman from the comforts of a peaceful fireside and the embraces of a loving husband and by all the fascinations of tempting luxury, should lure her to his arms, only to cast her off, condemns him at once to the lowest level of civilized human beings and deprives him of the least hint of manly sympathy.

"While it is not my purpose to defend murder under any circumstances, yet I frankly confess that there are worse crimes than murder in the catalogue of human sins. Jesus Himself clearly perceived this when He exclaimed: 'Fear not those who kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.'

"In existing social conditions the average woman is still weak. Men, under all circumstances, have the advantage. My sympathies are ever with the weak, the abused and the wronged. This poor woman, knowing the horrible social stain which must forever blight her, driven by her maddening agony, made her own fate, alas! doubly miserably by destroying the man who was the author of her downfall.

"Two wrongs, I know, don't make a right. By murder she cannot reinstate her honor and purity. But her startling act compels the attention of all thoughtful people to the existing social force behind her which have her to this deed of mac- in the white flower, whose ed because and crushed of its once raised and crush- the wretch what the dignity beauty and defacing, while suffered to pass on her rebuke or degradation.

"The social judgment is wrong. A sin in a woman is no worse than it is in a man. I cry out against this perverted social judgment. If the taint of the social curse is not entailed upon the man, then let also the woman escape."

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"Invite him to your picnics and family dinners so that he can eat a square occasionally.

"Don't call the ticket you give him to the church or concert a deadhead. He can't buy tickets from everybody for everything, but he will say kind words of your performance and thus lead others to buy your tickets.

"If you have anything to buy or sell, let the paper assist you to find customers. Advertising that really pays the printer benefits both advertisers and readers.

"If you have any job printing office, don't take it to an outside the first give your newspaper

"Give the editor occasionally or write pointer or short articles, and don sensible if he fails to see everything mad way. When he does say a good thing tell him so.

"In short, remember the golden rule, and don't forget the editor of your local paper."

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For District Attorney, 30th Dist.
P. A. MARTIN.
For County Judge.
O. E. FINLAY.
For County Attorney.
J. E. SIMPSON.
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A WORD TO YOU.

THE LEADER must ask all its subscribers who are in arrears to pay their subscriptions promptly. We are much in need of all that is due us, and the amount due from each subscriber is so small that it can be easily paid.

J. C. Kay, Edgar Matthews, Will Farley and Ewing Norris left Tuesday on a hunting and fishing excursion to Shackelford county.

We beat all prices quoted and give you better values; at the same time we have no old shelf worn or moth-eaten goods. We are still doing business—lots of business—at the same old stand. See our stock and get our prices.
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T. E. Dowdle and his son Sam, returned from Fort Worth Tuesday, where he had been to see the Doctors in regard to his health. After a thorough examination they pronounced his case not an operable one, so he had no operation performed. He will be under the treatment of the home Doctors until further developments of the case.

Medetranean Seed Wheat For Sale.

Good clean wheat, free from Johnson grass seed, at 75 cents per bushel.
J. N. BOOZER,
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A. A. Obitz and wife left Wednesday for New York, where they will in future reside. J. T. Riekman bought his house and furniture.

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Hon. J. N. Browning, Democratic nominee for Lt. Governor, will address the people of Young county at the court house in Graham at 7:30 on Wednesday night Nov. 2nd. Mr. Browning is an old settler of Young county, having been one of our first county Commissioners. He is a fluent and entertaining speaker, and we hope that our people will all turn out to hear him.

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Respectfully,
MRS. J. H. STEWART.

Miss Theo Hindman has been quite sick for a few days.

Call and see us before buying your bill. We will save you money.
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Cold Facts.

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JNO. E. MORRISON & CO.

The agent of the new railroad from Gainesville, called the Circle Belt road, was in Graham this week, and proposed to build their road to Graham in two years if the town would put up \$50,000 and right of way through the county. A meeting of the citizens was held and a committee appointed to confer with the Rock Island road.

If you want Lumber, Shingles, &c., call on Lyons & Matthews, at Jacksboro, and you can get just what you want at the lowest figures.

Tom Price killed a fine deer this week.

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Mr. Jeffery, of England, is visiting his uncle, S. R. Jeffery, of this place.

Lyons & Matthews, of Jacksboro, will sell you Lumber as cheap as you can get it. They keep the best quality

Take Warning.

Having sold my blacksmith shop I respectfully ask all persons indebted to me to come forward and settle their accounts. Please attend to this at once, as I expect to leave the county soon and must collect. I mean what I say.
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Miss Lelia McJimsey returned last Monday from a visit to relatives in Palo Pinto county.

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Respectfully,
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The LEADER man made a business trip to Mineral Wells this week and heard Governor Sayers speak.

Administrator's Notice.

All persons having claims against the Estate of James Kisinger and Ann Kisinger, dec'd, will present the same within the time prescribed by law.
J. W. GRAVES, Adm'r.
Oct. 28, 1898.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

MASONIC.

B. A. BOTTS CHAPTER No. 167, R. A. M., meets Friday night of or before the full moon of each month. Visiting companions invited to attend.
J. W. GRAVES, H. P.
B. S. DOTY, Sec.

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

K. OF H.

TWIN MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 2202, Knights of Honor, meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month.
O. E. FINLAY, Dictator.
J. R. HARRIS, Reporter.

K. OF P.

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

Woodmen of the World.
GLEN McDONALD CAMP, No. 420 W. O. W., meets every Saturday night at K. of P. Hall.
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Teachers' Institute.

The first Teachers' Institute for Young county for the current scholastic year, will be held at the Court House in Graham, on Saturday, Oct. 29, 1898.

Every teacher in the county will be required to attend same, whether his or her school has begun or not. Trustees of schools are cordially invited and requested to attend. This institute will be of more importance to teachers and trustees than any heretofore held.
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Office of County Judge Young Co., Tex. }
Graham, Texas, Oct. 18, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Young county, up to 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, Nov. 14th, 1898, to take care of Paupers of Young county for the next year. For particulars apply at County Judge's office. By order of the Commissioners' Court.
O. E. FINLAY, County Judge.

Stray Notices.

REPORTED by W. H. Ardis, Com'r Prec. No. 2, and left with Abe Rogers, one bay horse, 14 1/2 hands high, 15 years old, star in forehead, branded DC on right jaw, and diamond bar on right hip and VLA on left hip.
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HISTORY OF SCHOOL CENSUS.

Superintendent Carlisle on the Law's Origin and Administration.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

Austin, Tex., Oct. 13.—Mr. John R. West, 203 Main street, Dallas, Texas.: Dear sir—Replying to your letter in reference to the scholastic census of the state, permit me to present the following brief history of the scholastic census laws:

The school law enacted in 1879, while the distinguished patriot and jurist, G. M. Roberts, was governor, contained the following provisions in reference to taking the scholastic census: "The said census was to be taken by the county assessor of all children whose ages were from 8 to 13 inclusive, and was required to show the name, sex, age and color of each child. The assessor was required to make an abstract of the scholastic census showing the number of children of the different ages, the said abstract to be approved by the county judge and certified to under oath by the secretary. He was required to file a copy of this abstract with the county clerk. The apportionment of the school fund by the state was based upon this abstract of the scholastic census. He was not required by law to furnish a roll showing the names and ages of the children within scholastic age. In taking the census the assessor was authorized to administer an oath in regard to the information required by law if, in his judgment, it was necessary to do so. He was not required to take the information from each parent and guardian under oath.

In 1885 the legislature amended this law so as to require the scholastic census of each school district to be taken by one of the district trustees, the information being the same as above required, but the school age was changed so as to include children whose ages were from 8 to 15 years inclusive. The law above mentioned was re-enacted practically without change for the community counties.

At the time of the enactment of this last law the distinguished John Ireland was governor and the Hon. Barnett Gibbs was lieutenant governor.

Under the laws enacted during the administration of these able and patriotic governors evils had grown up in taking the scholastic census, and there was no authority given to the state superintendent or the state board of education to go behind the sworn reports of the county officers in order to correct these evils.

It is not out of place to state that in 1883, after the first law above mentioned was enacted, the Hon. Barnett Gibbs served one term in the state senate, and he is respectfully requested to point to any effort of his during that term to fix the scholastic census law so as to prevent errors, fraud or padding in taking the same. He was also lieutenant governor when the last law above mentioned was enacted and was in a position to have exerted great influence in the modification of the law so as to prevent any of these evils from growing up under it. But did he do so? The public would be glad if he has the record on this subject to present it.

Your first question is as follows: "Was not that money procured from the state treasury by sworn statements? If so, by whom?"

Answer: The apportionment was made upon abstracts received from the county assessors and county judges made by them under oath, and payments were made to the county treasurers as the money came into the state treasury during the year.

Second question: "Has anybody been indicted and prosecuted for unlawfully swearing to the number of children in the scholastic age?"

Answer: Under the old law the state officers were not able to determine when any assessor or county judge sent in an abstract of a scholastic census showing more children than were really in the county. If it were suspected that the scholastic census of a county was too large these officers had no authority to go behind the sworn affidavits to ferret out the supposed evil, and if they had gone behind the said affidavits the local officers were not required to keep sufficient information to enable the

state officers to reach the evil or determine the guilty persons. The legislature was asked to amend the law so as to prevent further practices of this kind and to enable the guilty parties to be apprehended if they should undertake hereafter to furnish an improper census.

Third question: "Will you give me the official list of counties receiving that fund, and how much each of said counties procured unlawfully?"

I send you under separate cover the reports of the department of education for several years past, these being the only reports now in possession of the department, the stock of the reports for some years having been exhausted. The full abstract of the scholastic census of each county is published in these reports for each year, and you can, with the abstracts published in these reports, come as near locating the counties which have received too much money on account of the scholastic census being too large as you could from the reports which are on file in this office, they being the same as the printed abstracts or reports.

The errors, fraud or padding, or whatever you may be pleased to call them, which have grown up under this law are not limited to the counties, towns and cities under democratic control. In view of the census taken under the new law, it appears that some counties, cities and towns governed by the different political parties in this state are guilty of carelessness or fraud in compiling the scholastic census under the old law.

The new law requires the census trustee or assessor to take the scholastic census of each parent or guardian under oath and to preserve the forms used for this purpose. It requires the trustee or assessor to make consolidated rolls of all the children taken by them and furnish the same to the county superintendent. It requires the county superintendent to make a consolidated roll for the white children and one for the colored children and a duplicate of each, the original to be filed in this department and the duplicate to be filed with the county clerk. It authorizes the county superintendent to check the returns of all census trustees in his county, and authorizes him to eliminate any duplicates he may find and to throw out any census of any district which he finds to be fraudulent or to contain gross errors and inaccuracies, and to have the same retaken—the person taking the first census to receive no compensation for his services. It authorizes the state superintendent, with the consent of the state board of education, to reject the census of any county where there is evidence of carelessness or fraud in the taking of the census, and to have the same retaken, the person taking the first census to receive no compensation for his service in that direction.

Under this law the scholastic census of the state will be about 90,000 children less than it would have been taken under the old law. The apportionment is \$4.50 per capita, which indicates a saving of about \$450,000 on the scholastic census of this year. Their saving will be distributed to the children throughout the state on the basis of a census from which frauds which have heretofore existed have been eliminated, whereas if the census had been taken under the old law some cities and some towns and some counties that rendered an honest census under the old law would have received a less amount of school money than they were entitled to receive. Under the new law each city, town and county can be required to render an honest census, frauds can be prohibited, and during the democratic administration will be prohibited, and the money will be distributed upon the basis of an honest census for the support of the schools throughout the state.

The public would be pleased for you to show what the populists in the legislature have done in the way of offering bills and in their votes upon the bills for the correction of these evils, which have heretofore been submitted to the legislature by democratic members. Very respectfully,
J. M. CARLISLE.

P. S.—This letter is given to the press of the state for the reason that the letter to which it is a reply was thus made public. J. M. C.

WAR'S PRETTIEST ROMANCE.

Lieut. Terrill of Kentucky Helped a Dying Spanish Captain.

The most dramatic romance of the war with Spain is that of young Lieutenant Luke W. Terrill of Louisville, Ky., and Senorita Maxia Antonius of Barcelona, Spain. Its situations are as marvelous as those of any melodrama, its motives as tender as those of any idyl ever written. It is a story of battle and death, and mourning and love. Its recital is a bit of descriptive music in which can be heard, first the reveille, then a death cry, the mourning voice of a woman, a song of love and the chime of marriage bells.

A Kentucky lieutenant and a Spanish captain and the girl, who is the daughter of one, and will be the bride of the other, are the three chief figures in the romance. One is dead under soft Porto Rican skies, and next month the other two will be married in the little church, through whose windows they may look upon his grave.

BY ADA PATTERSON.

New York.—"Keep the coat. Its blood stains and its bullet holes will remind you of a Spaniard's death wound and his thanks.

"Americano, the darkness and the cold are coming. Kiss me, my friend. Adois!"

A big, honest-eyed Kentuckian stooped above a dying Spaniard. He touched the paling, bearded lips with his and found that the darkness and the cold had, indeed, come.

A girl, who had been holding the hand of the Spanish captain, Jesu Antonius, in hers, felt the fingers stiffen and grow chill. She pressed her olive cheek close to his black-bearded one. Again she felt the chill. Weeping beside him there, it was easy to note the resemblance of her delicate profile to his harsher one, and to know that Captain Jesu Antonius, dead, and Maxia Antonius, mourning, were father and daughter.

Lieutenant Luke Terrill himself led the weeping girl away from the stark, soldierly figure on the hacienda veranda. A wrinkled, yellow duenna met him at the door and snatched the girl's hand from his arm.

"Accursed Americano! There is your work. You shall not enter here."

Crossing herself and mumbling, she hurried the girl away, but not before Senorita Maxia Antonius had given a backward glance of grief and gratitude.

The Spanish physician tolerated the touch of the American upon the body of Captain Antonius. He saw it was a strong and wise and tender touch. He allowed him to help to carry the dead captain within. Then he dismissed him and Lieutenant Terrill returned to the detachment of men that had been stationed on the hacienda to save Captain Antonius' property from the revengeful and ravaging Porto Ricans.

He was a splendid young specimen of manhood, from that splendid rearing ground of men, Kentucky. He was a good six feet in height, and had a fine sweep of shoulders and the free stride of an Indian. His eyes were frank and blue. His hair and mustache were of the color of the chestnuts in the woods at home. He had written a long letter to his mother that morning.

"I am in charge of 50 men who are guarding the hacienda of a rich Spaniard from Barcelona, who is skirmishing somewhere near Ponce. The Porto Ricans hate him because he is rich and Spanish and spends only a month or two here at the hacienda. Now that he has joined the army, they are more vindictive than ever. There are only his daughter—a young woman, the most beautiful I ever saw—her mother, who casts the most disdainful glances upon me and never deigns to speak, and three or four servants. It is rather monotonous, this role of unwelcome protector. I wish something would happen to stir the blood."

And something did happen before the ink was dry upon the paper. A little procession filed

out of the woods and up the hill. A torn handkerchief waved from a branch the bearer had cut in the woods. It was a pitiful flag of truce, and the lieutenant ordered his men to lower their guns. As the procession came nearer it could be seen that the men bore a litter. The Kentuckian and his men went to meet them.

"I surrender, Americano; it is final," said the man on the litter, with a grim attempt at a joke.

Lieutenant Terrill moistened the old man's lips from a canteen. He bade his own men relieve the tired men who carried the litter. He loosened the coat that seemed too tight for the heaving chest of the Spaniard in his death agony.

"You have protected my home and little one? Thanks! Thanks!"

And so they had carried Captain Antonius to his home. He had begged that they let him rest upon the veranda.

"I am too tired. I can go no further," he said. "I want to die on the hacienda, but in the sunshine. Call Maxia."

She had come and kissed his hand's and wept as a frightened child. He had petted and soothed her and then turned to the big man who wore the uniform of the enemy.

"You have been a generous foe. Keep this coat. It will remind you of a Spaniard's death wound and his thanks.

"Americano, the darkness and the cold are come. Kiss me, my friend. Adois!"

Lieutenant Terrill was ordered to Guayama the day after the death of the Spaniard. Carefully packed in his meager luggage was a coat of the Spanish army pattern, with an officer's badge and the rents and the blood stains made by four American bullets. The withered yellow duenna had brought it to him. She bowed and forgot to cross herself when she went away.

Terrill did something foolish for a brawny Kentucky officer when he packed that coat among his belongings. He looked upon the breast of the coat for the stain of tear drops from the pretty Senorita Maxia's eyes. He blushed like any girl. He called himself a sentimental fool. He strode about and smoked furiously. The yellow fiend had been let loose at Ponce, and people were dying by the score. It was foolhardy for Lieutenant Terrill to wander there from Guayama. There were more dangers than that of yellow fever threatening visitors to Ponce. It had been abandoned by American soldiers and Spanish sympathizers had resumed their tyranny. Lieutenant Terrill could give no satisfactory reason for his visit to Ponce. He was not apt at inventions, and had he told them that a fancy to be nearer to the lovely Senorita Maxia Antonius had been the moving cause of his journey they would have jeered at him for his presumption. They cried "Spy! spy!"

And so Lieutenant Terrill was thrown into prison.

He was not allowed to send a message to his regiment, nor to his home. While not incommunicado, he was so despised and feared as a spy that no one in Ponce would be the bearer of a word from him. The jailer was insolent, and the guards made ghostly pantomime of a blind-folded man before a line of men who were aiming Mauser rifles at him. And, again, the Kentuckian called himself a fool and smoked hard.

One day there was a disturbance outside the jail. Lieutenant Terrill looked through his barred windows. Was the pantomime of the blind-folded man standing before a line of Spanish soldiery with Mauser rifles to be enacted? He set his teeth firmly. He would die like a Kentuckian and an officer.

There were Spanish soldiers coming. They were armed with Mauser rifles. At their head, however, walked a young and graceful figure, whose bent head was gracefully draped with a lace mantilla. The outline of the olive cheek showed through. He had seen that cheek pressed against a bearded, dead face. Beside her walked a withered, yellow duenna. They came to see him executed. Was it cruelty or pity? His jailer unlocked the door. His manner was most differential.

"You are free, Senor Americano."

Senorita Antonius was just behind the jailer.

"I—you—it is pleasant that you are free, Senor," she stammered. "You were good to my dear father," and a tear trickled through her long black lashes.

Kentuckians are not laggards, either in love or war. Lieutenant Terrill grasped the Senorita's hand with both of his, even while the duenna gasped, and the Spanish soldiers looked as though ready to aim Mauser rifles.

"Pleasant to be free, Senorita, but heavenly to owe it to you," he cried, even while the olive face turned crimson.

They walked to the nearest hotel, the Lieutenant and the Senorita and the duenna, the guards having disappeared.

Senorita Antonius shyly told how a Spanish color Sergeant, who was one of her suitors, had boasted that an American had been found prowling insanely and alone about Ponce, and that he had been imprisoned and would be shot as a spy, though the color Sergeant's opinion was that he was a lunatic; how she had suspected that the lunatic was her late protector and her father's friend; how she had been able through the influence of her dead father's name, to secure his release; and well, how glad she was.

She looked very sweetly at him then beneath the mantilla, though the duenna frowned and mumbled. Lieutenant Terrill, I have said, was no laggard in war, and he proposed and was accepted. The senorita and her duenna returned to the hacienda that day. The Lieutenant was to follow them the next, but the yellow fiend forbade it. Instead of going to the hacienda he was sent home on the Relief.

Lieutenant Terrill is convalescing rapidly at his home in Louisville, but not half as quickly as he wishes. Every letter he receives from the Porto Rican hacienda makes him more impatient of the lassitude of illness.

One fact is assured. On November 15 there will be a wedding in the little church at Ponce. Out in the church-yard there is a grave two months old. It can be seen from the altar before which Senorita Maxia Antonius and Lieutenant Luke W. Terrill will plight their marriage vows. If Captain Jesu Antonius knows, he is glad.

It is the wish of the bride that they shall go to her home at Barcelona, Spain, on their wedding tour, and the devoted Kentuckian would gladly go to the wilds of the Congo with her as companion. If the President will grant him leave of absence they will spend their honeymoon in Spain and return to the sunny hacienda in the spring.

Beside the beautiful bride's 2,000 acres near Ponce and her ancestral estate in Spain, the happy pair will have one treasure trove, the bullet-torn, blood-stained coat of a Spanish officer's uniform.—St. Louis Republic.

He Did the Striking.

Galveston, Oct. 18.—On Christmas day, 1882, Rufus Black, colored, was killed at a little settlement in Gregg county. Geo. Williams, a rival, was charged with the killing. This morning Miles Black, a brother of the deceased, identified a man known as William Johnson as Williams. The man was arrested and owned his identity. He says he had a quarrel with Rufus Black and struck him in self-defense, but did not know until this morning that he was dead. Williams resided at Galveston three years and then went to Double Bayou, where he has been running a truck farm for thirteen years. He was in town with a boat load of produce when arrested.

Fire's Flames.

Near Denton—W. A. Wilson's barn with 300 bushels of corn and other articles of feed was burned.

Near Pilot Point—Glenn Stiff's barn, with 650 bushels of wheat and 500 bushels of corn, 1500 bushels of oats, twenty tons of hay, wagon, harness, etc.

Valley Mills—Cotton gin belonging to Mr. Spencer.

Blooming Grove—Corn sheller and 200 bushels of corn.

John Anderson, colored, who murdered Charles Holmes, a white farmer near Lafayette, Ala., paid the death penalty at the hands of a mob.

PORTO RICO, U. S. A.

Stars and Stripes Now Wave Over the Little Gem.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The United States is now formally in possession of the island of Porto Rico as sovereign. The war department has received the following:

San Juan, Porto Rico, Oct. 18.—Secretary of war, Washington: Flags have been raised on public buildings and forts in this city and saluted with national salutes. The occupation of the island is now complete. BROOKE, Chairman.

Washington, Oct. 18.—At noon to-day the stars and stripes were hoisted over the palace of the captain general at San Juan, and Porto Rico passed into the possession of the United States. The 800,000 inhabitants of the island and all their real estate are now federal possessions.

What form of government will be given to Porto Rico is yet to be decided. It is one of the problems for congress to solve.

As a matter of fact the president has discussed the matter already. It has been practically decided that Porto Rico can come in only as a territory and work its way up to statehood. The president will therefore probably announce Gen. Brooke as the territorial governor and give him certain appointments and on his recommendation will appoint a federal judge or federal judges.

This action it is held by some authorities will be absolutely necessary in order to change to citizenship of the inhabitants of Porto Rico. Congress will pass an act creating a new territory and its judges may receive the declarations of the Porto Ricans for citizenship in the United States. In the meanwhile, however, as in the case of the southern states after the close of the war, the proper authorities may administer an oath of allegiance, which will give the Porto Ricans sufficient federal rights until the island has been made formally a part of the United States by congressional action.

Spanish citizens who don't propose to surrender their allegiance to Spain or to abide by the federal regime have their remedy in re-

moving from the island or accepting all the disability attaching to immigrants to the United States who do not become citizens of this country.

Already politicians are at work for places.

RACIAL TROUBLES.

In Mississippi and North Carolina the Races are Warring.

Meridian, Miss., Oct. 23.—The most bloody race war that has occurred in Mississippi since the exciting days of the reconstruction period is raging in Scott county, fifty miles west of Meridian.

The war grew out of an assault on Charles D. Freeman, a white man, by Bill Burke, a negro.

Freeman and Burke became involved in a quarrel, which ended in Burke assaulting Freeman with a hoe. A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Burke, and Constable Thompson, with fifteen men, went to the house of Burke, who lives a mile from Harpersville, at 9 o'clock last night, to execute the writ.

When Constable Thompson and his posse arrived they found Burke fortified in his little log house, with fifty or sixty negroes ambushed on the premises, and the officers' demand for a surrender was answered with a volley.

Officer Sibley, one of the posse, was instantly killed, and three others, including Constable Thompson, were seriously wounded.

The posse was thrown into confusion by the volleys, but the fire was returned, and for a time a desperate battle raged in the dark.

The negroes were greatly in the majority, however, and the officers retired and sent out runners for help.

The sheriff responded with heavy reinforcements, and the battle was renewed this morning.

The fight has been kept up all day, and when the last courier reached the nearest telegraph office, ten miles from the scene of the battle, at a late hour to-night, he reported that ten negroes had been killed and several wounded.

Four negroes were captured and taken to Forest, where they are guarded by 200 white men to prevent their rescue by negro sympathizers.

A general alarm has been sent out over Scott and adjoining counties of Rankin, Newton and Smith, and hundreds of white men are under arms and on their way to Harpersville.

Gov. A. J. McLaurin left Brandon for Harpersville to-night.

In the Old North State.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 23.—A special to the Star from Lumberton says:

At 3 o'clock this morning a crowd of the negroes who were dispersed at Ash Pole, Roberson county, crept up to the town and shot three whites stationed there as guards. They were Albert Floyd, Albert Inman and Wm. Bullard. Bullard is seriously wounded and the other slightly. A hundred whites with bloodhounds are now in pursuit and it is said four of the negroes have been caught.

There is great excitement at all points in the state in telegraphic communication with Lumberton. The whites are telegraphing the principle towns in the state for Winchester rifles to be sent there immediately.

Four negroes who shot the three white guards have been captured near Ash Pole. They were run down and brought to bay by bloodhounds, which are thoroughly trained. The negroes are now confined in box cars at Ash Pole heavily guarded. It is uncertain yet what the fate of the negroes may be, but it is feared their cowardly attempt to assassinate the guards will so exasperate the whites as to cause further and more serious trouble.

At Prescott, Ark., James T. Brooks, a prominent merchant and Rev. E. De Laughter, a Baptist preacher, fought. De Laughter knocked Brooks down and was choking him when Brooks shot his assailant, inflicting fatal wounds. The trouble originated about a woman.

Quarantines in Mississippi and Louisiana have been raised.

A TEXAN IN HONOLULU.

Impressions Derived in a Trip From Austin to Far-Famed Honolulu.

Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 30. I left Austin Monday night, August 29, and went to San Francisco by the way of Fort Worth, Colorado Springs, Denver, Cheyenne, Ogden and Sacramento, arriving the following Saturday night.

After spending fourteen days in San Francisco visiting the Golden Gate park, Sutro baths and grounds, Cliff House, and other places of interest, I sailed on the English steamer Moana, of the Australian Line, at 12 o'clock Wednesday night, September 7, and by daylight next morning was far out on the placid waters of the broad Pacific, where, to a landsman, a queer feeling comes when he realizes that only a few oaken planks and bars of steel interpose between "here and the hereafter."

However, as time passed this feeling wore off and gave place to another queer feeling, more realistic and still more uncomfortable, which comes to most landsmen whose gaze rests for the first time upon nothing but sky and water, even "unto the utmost purple rim;" when his head feels full of wheels and he, himself, feels full of conflicting emotions.

The voyage was uneventful, save the sighting of a spouting whale, a school of about 50 porpoise, apparently disporting themselves for the entertainment of the ship's company, and innumerable flying fishes to be seen at all times.

On Wednesday morning, Sept. 14, after being out six days and six hours, we sighted Ko Ko head, a promontory on the south side of Oahu island, and in about an hour passed Diamond Head and entered the harbor of Honolulu.

At the wharf we met a large concourse of people, come to meet friends and to gratify their curiosity. There were white people, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Kanakas (natives) and half-breeds. The natives had wreaths of flowers (called leis) with which to decorate their friends, that being a custom among them upon the arrival or departure of friends.

A swarm of native boys swam alongside the ship, with faces upturned to the passengers, who amused themselves by throwing small coins into the water (which was probably thirty feet deep) and watching the boys dive for them.

As soon as it could be determined where the coin would strike the water there would be a few splashes, a plunge, a twinkling of feet, and all would be still for a moment, when a dozen black heads would appear upon the surface, and one outstretched hand with the coin held between the thumb and finger would indicate the lucky diver. The coin would be instantly transferred to the mouth and then you could see a score of dark eyes glisten in anticipation of another opportunity to secure a prize. Sometimes a hand would grasp the coin before it reached the water, when a feint would be made as if diving for it, but his would be the only head to disappear, the other boys not being deceived by the trick, although the passengers would not know the difference, but for the conduct of the divers.

Finally the vessel was made fast to the wharf, the staging run out and I was once more on a "substantial footing." My head cleared up and a great weight seemed lifted from my mind or, more accurately speaking, my stomach. In fact, I felt like a free man once more in his native element. Pardon me for writing of matters which are probably of little interest to your readers, but you told me to give my impressions of what I saw and I have simply included the most vivid impressions of what I felt.

Upon arrival at the Hawaiian hotel I met Governor Hogg and daughter. The governor expressed a keene interest in everything I told him about the happenings in Texas since his departure from home, particularly of a political nature. He expressed himself as being delighted with the climate and many things he had seen in the Hawaiian islands, but after all, they did not compare favorably with Texas in many respects, especially as to opportunities offered to men of limited means to

better their condition. In this latter respect he thought no place in the world offered superior inducements to those found in Texas. I inferred from all he said on this subject that, in his opinion, no prouder title could be conferred upon a man than to call him a Texan and that he was proud of his native state and keenly appreciated the honors bestowed upon him by her people.

For me to attempt to describe the charming beauty of Honolulu as it appears to a stranger would require more space than you can give to this stray communication. There are fine public buildings, surrounded by well kept grounds filled with beautiful tropical trees and plants. There are the stately royal palms, the coconut palms, the date palms, the wide spreading banyan tree, the orange, lime pineapple and bread fruit trees, the bright-leaved crotons and many others which I can not name. Then there are many miles of glossy green-leaved hibiscus hedges, covered with crimson blooms, long stone walls, covered with night-blooming cereus, with its thousands of blooms, and a great profusion of rare ferns, growing luxuriantly in every shady nook.

Then the coconut groves, with their umbrella-shaped tops towering forty feet above the ground, filled with fruit in every stage of growth, from that just formed to the ripe coconut. There are the banana plants in hundreds of long rows, weighted down with the maturing fruit; rice fields, taro patches, vegetable gardens and many other things of interest to visitors.

I climbed up a steep and rugged trail to the summit of Punch Bowl mountain, which rises nearly a thousand feet immediately back of Honolulu, and from the rim of its crater I could get a bird's eye view of the city and its surroundings. Directly in front and to the westward lay the business portion of the city and the public buildings, churches, etc. Beyond these, and about a mile distant, is the harbor, filled to its utmost capacity with sail vessels, steamers, men-of-war and other craft. Near the wharf are immense coal sheds where the United States has stored 35,000 tons of coal.

To the left stretches the level ground to Waikiki ("the Saratoga of the Hawaiian islands"), terminating at Diamond Head, a distance of about four miles. There is a street car line to Waikiki, which contains many handsome cottages and is a popular resort for sea bathers. The ground is level back from the beach a distance of about half a mile, with valleys extending in some places quite a distance back between the mountains, the sides of which are cultivated as far up as it is possible for a man to climb and dig the soil. Aside from the residences and grounds belonging thereto, which occupy a portion of this plain, there are banana plantations, rice fields and vegetable gardens.

To the right, along the coast, is Pearl harbor, six miles distant, which is to be improved by the United States government for military uses. Directly to my right, and extending some six or seven miles inland between precipitous mountains, is Nunam valley, terminating at the Pali, where Kahamehameha first drove his enemies over the perpendicular cliff seven or eight hundred feet to their death below—thus completing the conquest of all the islands. This valley averages about half a mile in width, and is covered about half way from the sea shore to the Pali with fine homes. The upper end being occupied principally by the Chinese, with their rice fields, taro and garden patches, which extend far up the mountain sides. From this elevated view the whole city has the appearance of one vast conservatory or Oriental garden. And when I was told that this whole stretch of country, from the sea shore to the mountains, was a barren plain when the missionaries came to this country, some sixty or seventy years ago, and that by intelligent and systematic planting, cultivation and irrigation, this "Paradise of the Pacific" had been created by them and descendants, I felt ashamed of the unsightly grounds surrounding our magnificent state capitol. If the members of the twenty-sixth legislature could see the public grounds in

A Benefactor's Kind Act.

(From the Evening News, Detroit Mich.)

Mrs. John Tansey, of 130 Baker Street, Detroit, Michigan, is one of those women who knew just what to do in all trouble and sickness. One that is a mother to those in distress. To a reporter she said: "I am the mother of ten children and have raised eight of them. Several years ago we had a serious time with my daughter, which began when she was about sixteen years old. She did not have any serious illness but seemed to gradually waste away. Having never had any consumption in our family, as we come of good old Irish and Scotch stock, we did not think it was that. Our doctor called the disease by an odd name which as I afterward learned, meant lack of blood.

"It is impossible to describe the feeling John and I had as we noticed our daughter slowly passing away from us. We finally found,



Most of the time she was confined to bed.

however, a medicine that seemed to help her, and from the first we noticed a decided change for the better, and after three months' treatment her health was so greatly improved you would not have recognized her. She gained in flesh rapidly and soon was in perfect health. The medicine used was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I have always kept these pills in the house since and have recommended the to many people. I have told many mothers about them and they have effected some wonderful cures.

"Every mother in this land should keep these pills in the house, as they are good for many ailments, particularly those arising from impoverished or diseased blood, and weakened nerve force."

Honolulu and those of the Golden Gate park in San Francisco, and know with what feeling of pride and satisfaction the citizens of these places bear the delighted expressions of visitors which these evidences of refinement call forth. I feel sure that they would make a liberal appropriation for the improvement of our much-neglected capitol grounds.

It was my intention to give you my impression of the social, industrial and commercial conditions and prospects of these islands, but this communication has already exceeded the length originally intended. However, if you should conclude that my observations on these subjects would be of sufficient interest to your readers to justify the space, I will give them to you at some future time.—W. C. Day, in Austin Statesman,

Millers are said to be playing havoc with the apples in the orchards about Denton, in some places almost ridding the fruit. The owners are gathering the fruit early to save it. The pests are also reported to be seriously damaging the wild persimmon crop.

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Hanna Not Hopeful.

Senator Hanna sees little hope for the forthcoming congressional elections. He said in an interview that republicans should not be too positive of victory this fall.

"The trouble with the republican party in the past has been overconfidence," he said: "I am not an optimist by any means, and I don't place any credence in the figures given out at Washington several days ago showing in detail that the republicans will have a majority of sixteen in the next house of representatives as a result of the coming election and perhaps more. We are not sure of anything. The thing to do is not to rely on achievements of the past, not to rely on predictions, but for every republican in this country to get out and work for his party until election day. That is the only way that we will be sure of success. The apathy of the republicans is proverbial, and that must be overcome. We must fight for success this year, the same as in former years.

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At Wilmington, at Bayard's funeral, ex-President Cleveland appeared. There was much curiosity to see him as an ex-president, but he looked inward and took no external notice. The expression of former times was gone. His head was nearly bare of hair, and its sharp cone and width from chin to cerebellum were also laid bare. The distended skin of former times was now pallid and like a furled mainsail. He looked like an engine laid by and rusted.

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