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BAILEY ON THE CANAL. SAYS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW HAS BEEN VIOLATED. WILL NOT SUSTAIN THE WRONG.

Washington, January 17.—Senator Joseph W. Bailey has returned from New York, where he was detained several days by business. Asked for a specific statement of his views regarding the Panama Canal treaty, Senator Bailey replied that he would in all probability state his position at some length in a speech in the Senate, but he consented to make a brief statement of the general reasons why he will vote against the canal treaty.

The statement is as follows: The last Congress enacted a law directing the President to construct an inter-oceanic canal. That law provides that if Colombia would grant certain concessions to this Government the canal should be constructed across the Isthmus of Panama; but it also provided that if these necessary concessions could not be obtained from Colombia, the President should then proceed to acquire through negotiation with Nicaragua and Costa Rica the right to construct the canal over what is known as the Nicaraguan route.

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TERRELL. Wishes to all his Friends and Patrons, and Everybody Else, A Happy and Prosperous New Year! YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT OUR STORE.

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WHAT MIGHT BE DONE. We suggest to the senate to call off the trade with Panama and save the \$40,000,000 that would have to be paid to the French Canal Company and save \$3,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 that would have to be paid to Panama for the right-of-way and save \$240,000 every year for all time out of the \$250,000 that would have to be paid each year as rental to Panama.

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PREPARING THE PUBLIC MIND.

The trend of the editorial treatment of the Panama matter by many republican newspapers seems designed to familiarize or educate the minds of the people to the probability of war with Columbia and the acquisition of territory in Central America as a result of it. make out a case of justification and right on the part of the United States in the event such a war, they say that our country will not make war on Columbia and that the administration has strictly indicated our naval commanders in the Caribbean to carefully guard against any act of war on Columbia. The latter takes the course they take in self defense and we have something (territory) to compensate for the expense of war. They seek to make the impression that we are blameless in our conduct toward Columbia when, in fact, what we have done and are doing every day is policing her coasts with warships to prevent her from sending troops to retake her seceded territory is cause for war and would have brought it on at once with any country able to cope with us. We believe the real hope of the administration is that Columbia will become so exasperated that she will strike and give the coveted excuse for making war upon and wresting territory from her. It would be as shameless a thing as the British war on the Boers, the act of a bully and a thief. In the main the people of this country have a strong sense of justice and right and we do not believe they would uphold the administration in such a war.

Following are the closing lines of a New Year poem published by Alfred Austin, poet laureate of England, in the London Times

DIETRICH DODGED.

United States Senator Dietrich of Nebraska who was indicted in the Federal court at Omaha on two charges of receiving money for procuring government appointments for individuals, he being a member of congress at the time, was acquitted by the court a few days ago on a technical plea.

When the case was called for trial Senator Dietrich entered a demurrer to the indictments on the ground that at the time of the alleged offense he was not a member of congress as he had not taken the oath of office and, hence, was not amenable to the law prohibiting congressmen from accepting money for such service. The court sustained the plea and instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

When Senator Dietrich was summoned from Washington to trial he boasted that he would have nothing short of a full and fair investigation and vindication in the courts, but we find him doing quite a different thing—dodging out on a technical plea without taking any evidence in the case.

If the judge was right in sustaining the plea he was only technically so, for Dietrich had been elected and used the influence thus acquired to secure the appointments for which he received pay and he was morally as guilty of accepting the money as a bribe as if he had taken the oath a dozen times.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION—ST. LOUIS THE PLACE, JULY'S THE DATE.

Democratic National Executive Committee met in Washington City on Tuesday, 12 instant and fixed the place and date for holding the Democratic National convention. New York, Chicago and St. Louis were the candidates for the location. There was a strong rivalry between New York and Chicago at the outset, but New York finding she could not control enough strength to defeat Chicago threw her vote to St. Louis, resulting in the selection of that city.

July 6 was fixed as the date for the convening of the convention.

Mr. De Launcy Nicoll is at considerable pains to explain Justice Parker's silence on political questions and justify it on the

ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO THE PUBLIC:

Having purchased the northeast corner drug business heretofore owned and conducted by Mr. L. T. Cunningham, I desire to say to my friends and the general public, that the character and reputation of this house shall not be allowed to decline in my hands.

I believe that I fully appreciate the importance of the utmost purity attainable in drugs as well as the importance of using the greatest care and skill in compounding prescriptions, where the lives of friends and neighbors are at stake, often depending on the prompt action of a prescribed remedy, and I shall look scrupulously to maintaining these requisities.

Mr. John B. Baker will remain with me in charge of the prescription department, which fact I am sure you will accept as a sufficient guaranty that your prescriptions will be correctly and scientifically compounded.

I shall carry a complete stock of all standard drugs and the leading patent and proprietary medicines at all times and invite your patronage in that line.

There will also be kept in stock a full line of toilet articles, stationery and druggist's sundries—in fact everything that goes to constitute a first-class drug store.

Hoping to have your patronage and support in my new undertaking, I am yours truly,
JOHN E. ROBERTSON.

MUNDAY DEPARTMENT.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayes were in Haskell the first of the week visiting relatives.

Messrs. W. A. Baker and R. C. Montgomery went to Stamford Monday on business.

Mr. George Isbell and Miss Florence Cowan were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents. Both are respected young people and the best wishes of the community.

John Carley, of Crowder

and Miss Bettie Herren is assistant. They have about seventy pupils enrolled.

The farmers have about all blown in their last year's crop and have gone to work to make another one; let us hope they will make a big one.

Mr. L. McLean of Henderson county was here recently on business. He sold out here last summer and moved there and is now very anxious to come back here. He says the boll weevils have got East Texas and they are crawling all over the woods, where burning cotton stalks and plowing won't catch them.

People will go back East from this country some times—

STATE.

At a dance Friday at Radick station on the S. A. Brow Odom of Clineburg was killed.

The supreme court has granted a writ of error in the celebrated Hayden-Cranfill case, in which Hayden had secured a judgment for \$15,000.

For the killing of D. C. Caldwell J. M. Morehead was convicted at Fort Worth last Saturday and given a sentence of fifteen years in the penitentiary.

In drilling a well at San Angelo last week at a depth of thirty feet a twenty-five foot stratum of very fine kaolin was penetrated. The finer grades of pottery and queensware is made of this grade of clay, which is said to have a market value of \$16 a ton.

San Angelo Excited.

San Angelo, Texas, January 9.—Owners of real estate along the Concho and in Tom Green county are very much excited over a deed just filed in the county clerk's office which claims all the river bottom land to the amount of nearly 30,000 acres to be the property of Chas. Wolfe of Travis county.

The land is worth approximately \$1,000,000 and takes in the greater portion of the city of San Angelo. The titles to the sites of all the business houses is disputed.

Wolfe's claim dates back to the time of the Lone Star republic and the German colony which settled in this country prior to the civil war.

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We are authorized to announce Mr. T. J. Lyndon as a candidate for Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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During the next two weeks I will make you

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on several lines of goods in which I am overstocked. This is no trap set for the unwary. When I say

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Come and see for yourselves.

My General Stock of DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES Is complete,—prices will be to your liking.

T. G. CARNEY.

COST SALE.

Desiring to make some changes in my business I will sell my stock of Pants, Overalls, Jumpers, Etc., FOR COST

re regular stock and good goods out in this line.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

Somebody told us to ask Mr. W. D. Dickenson what he did with his artillery while in Virginia recently. We haven't had an opportunity yet—You do it.

Don't forget the Ladies' Minstrel will be here the last of the month. Watch out for the date.

Dr. McMordie of the firm of Adams, Wray & McMordie, eye specialists, is in the East taking a postgraduate course on eye surgery. He will return and be at their Haskell office in a few weeks.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!!! Money to loan on approved real-estate security. West Texas Development Co. Haskell.

Mr. Mode Collins of Kaufman is here on a visit to the family of his uncle, Mr. J. W. Collins.

Do not sell your cotton before you see me. I will give you a raise for your cotton and pay the cash for it. T. G. Carney.

Mrs. J. C. Hanson, wife of J. C. Hanson of the southwestern portion of the county died on Wednesday afternoon of pneumonia. Her remains were brought to town and entombed in the Haskell cemetery Thursday. Besides her husband, she leaves several children.

SAVE MONEY by paying cash for our goods; you can get the money to it with from the West Texas Development Co., Haskell.

In the county court Thursday W. M. Shanks, who resides in the north-west part of the county, was adjudged of unsound mind. Mr. Shanks moved to Haskell county recently from Glasscock county, where, we are informed, he has a son, W. J. Shanks, who is sheriff of that county.

McLemore's prairie dog poison will do the business for you.

Mr. J. W. Collins is with us again, having given up his position in Stamford.

New ties and suspenders in individual boxes, the very latest and noblest to be found, are at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mr. W. I. McCarty and Miss Effie F. Miller of the southwestern portion of the county were married in Haskell on Sunday, 10th inst., Rev. W. H. Richard performing the ceremony.

DON'T LOSE YOUR LAND, we will pay it out for you. West Texas Development Co.

Lunch baskets at the Racket Store.

Miss Zora Sanders left Friday to become a student in San Houston Normal, etc. Huntsville, Texas.

We want to let a few good tracts of land for our customers whom we expect here in a short time. West Texas Development Co., Haskell.

Miss Maggie Jones of Round Timber, Baylor county, is visiting the family of Mr. R. P. Maghbrake these

Mr. A. J. Schell of Ample returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives at Cisco.

If you have hides for sale go to J. N. Ellis at the City Meat market, and get the highest market price for them.

Mr. W. D. Dickenson returned Wednesday night from a visit to relatives in Virginia.

A big line of ladies', children's and bad boys' hose at Alexander Mercantile Co's. store.

Mr. G. E. Ballew, who moved into town last week and is living in the Simmons house in the southeast part of town, has a child very sick with pneumonia.

Big 5-cent school tablets at the Racket Store.

Judge H. G. McConnell left Thursday morning to look after business in the Fort Worth court.

New line of pants, ladies skirts, jackets and many other things. Come and see. T. G. Carney.

Mr. Louie Post has accepted a position in the postoffice and drug store.

The way to stop prairie dogs from eating your grass and destroying your crops is to give them McLemore's poison. One dose is all that's needed.

Mr. T. S. Wright called in the other day and tickled us with cash on subscription.

The best Fort Worth bread constantly on hand at Ellis' meat market.

Mr. R. C. Montgomery, cashier of the Munday bank, was here on important business Thursday—night.

Alexander Mercantile Co., have in stock a fine line of Hymans-Kent pickles, sweet and sour. "Hymans" on pickles means they are the best.

Miss Melva Calloway of Sweet Home is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Day.

Mr. Chas. Mayes and wife were down from Munday the first of the week visiting.

Mr. A. C. Foster, who is Grand Visitor of the 16th District of the Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, left Wednesday morning for Midland, Texas, where he has an appointment on Thursday, 14th instant to set to work Keystone Chapter, No. 172, and install its officers, as per resolution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, passed at its last session, held in Waco in December. On Monday, 13th instant, he goes to Seymour, where he will set to work Effie Lawn Lodge, No. 8, of the Rite of Adoption.

Mrs. Nannie Curtis, State lecturer and organizer for the W. C. T. U., visited the local branch of the Union here this week and was accorded a hearty and hospitable reception in recognition of her noble temperance

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

A Fifth Sunday meeting will be held with Shady Grove Baptist church, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1904. Following is the

PROGRAM.

- Assemble at 10 o'clock A. M.
1. What was it fell from Paul's eyes? Acts 9:18.—G. W. Selman, H. T. Dulaney.
 2. What is meant by the keys referred to in Matt. 16:19.—I. S. Knight, Jimmy Waldron.
 3. Have we scriptural authority for church meeting on Saturday and, if so, is it the duty of each member to attend?—W. M. Bell, R. G. M. Eiland.
 4. Have we authority as Baptists, scriptural authority, for annual call of pastors?—R. H. Weaver, J. F. Jones.
 5. Why did God permit Job's afflictions?—E. L. Duke, J. W. Farris.

All are invited to attend.
G. W. JAMES, Clerk.

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A select stock of Pants, Overalls and jumpers going for coat for the next ten days.

Also a fine line of shoes at 10 per cent. discount.

It's your loss, if you fail to come and get your share before the goods are all gone. WILLIAMS.

RESOLUTIONS ON GEN. GORDEN.

By Camp Rains of Haskell.

Whereas, Having heard with profound sorrow that on the 9th instant, at his home in Miami, Florida, Lieut. Gen. John B. Gordon passed away, we desire to tender to his bereaved family and friends our hearts' deepest sympathy in their bereavement and, as a tribute of respect, we offer the following:

Resolved, that in his death our country has lost an eminent statesman and loyal citizen, the South a most gifted son and the United Confederate veterans a wise commander and beloved comrade whose image as an ideal Christian, soldier, commander and comrade will remain enshrined in the hearts of his old comrades until they shall be called to answer the last roll-call.

B. F. McCOLLUM,
Commander Camp Rains,
No. 688, U. C. V.
Haskell, Texas, Jan. 15, 1904.



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Has just been fully replenished with all the desirable things in gents wear. It is our intention to give this department particular attention this year.....

Bills are in for a new line of WASTINGS and SUITINGS in advanced styles for spring wear, to arrive right soon. New goods will be added in various lines from week to week and our general stock do kept up-to-date in all desirable fabrics...

It is our purpose to study closely the requirements of our extensive trade, and we shall spare no pains to keep before you the very best stock of goods to be found west of Fort Worth. We shall endeavor to merit your approval in both quality and price.

Yours for a successful and