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SUBSCRIPTION DUE.
If we begin sending out bills this week to all subscribers who are in arrears. If you get a statement in the copy of your issue we hope you will attend to the matter at once for we need the money next week. If you are unable to make some arrangement to pay in the near future your name will be dropped from the list and accounts will be closed. We would remind all subscribers of arrears always pay promptly. To send no statement will be sent this week. We would remind all subscribers that last week's issue completed volume nine. See most of the subscriptions of our old subscribers expired with that issue. If we did not send money we would not ask for it, but we would like to know and we are glad to collect what is due on our quiet business.
THE STAR

READ THE BARGAINS!
At Boydston's Store.
BUYER'S-WE WILL BE READY.
The Best Goods at the LOWEST PRICES--You Can Get.

OVERCOATS.

A bargain to be had. I bought this week a line of drummer samples at a heavy discount and will offer these overcoats to my trade at just the manufacturers price. Be on hand and get some of the good bargains--they are here for you. Drummer samples are always better made and better finished.

Men's and Boy's Clothing.

We are the only house in town that bought any quantity of new clothing this fall. We knock them all out in price and you get new goods besides. Get them at this year's prices.

Blankets.

Is a necessity we have them in stock from 60cts. to \$6.00.

B. L. Boydston will save you money.

Bargain Seekers! Go to Boydston's.

Mackintoshes.
We have just bought a new and handsome line of Mackintoshes and cau fit and please anyone.
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Haven't room to mention prices. Domestic, Cotton checks, canton flannels, wool flannellets, gingham, etc. lower than anyone.

BOYDSTUN.

SEEK DOTS.
Doesn't the path of love is not always covered with roses. I ask those that being deprived by an insidious disease from experimenting in that line on a larger scale. I have not much personal experience. Just a few more or less sweet reminiscences linger with me as friendly greetings from a more or less agitated life. But I watched the proceedings and where there are roses there are thorns also. My young friend from Belle Plaine will, I hope, agree with me. Indeed it may be the climax of bad luck and lacerated feelings if you build a house and do everything to prepare a comfortable home and wood and believe you have won "her" and then in the a thour'sh" throws cold water on your blooming hopes and says an icy "no." Br-- I reckon you felt chilled to the marrow of your bones my young friend and say would not a little salt for breach of promise alleviate the intensity of your sufferings? A plaster in the shape of one and so much would it not heal your hurt feelings to certain extent? Of course "peppercorn" hint, but then dear girls are always ready for the hel'ing arm of the law especially if they smell a tantalizing thing behind it, now a good for the goose should it not be good for the gander also? Bill McLean another candidate for

marital honors was favored by better luck. Although there were some clouds and a little difficulty in the form of an objecting father-in-law the resistance was overcome. Papa Jeffins related and Bill McLean and Miss Emma Jeffins were united last Sunday by Squire J. L. Rawson. The young people have related the slender place on the Bayou.
There was a musical and literary entertainment at the residence of Mr. Stallings last Friday. Several articles from Belle Plaine and the Bayou attended.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris a bouncing boy. We congratulate.
Clark Smith has moved to his new place and Mr. Rogers, of Cassanoble county now occupies the Allen farm. Mr. Wooten has finally found a home on the M. Terry place.
We have to register several pleasant calls from Col. Flander Meyers. We say expressly "pleasant" calls although other people may not look upon visits in the same way. Col. M. you know is collecting for several firms and very few people are able to smile mildly and benevolently on the man with the big bundle of bills.
Lake Heason, of Belle Plaine is hunting around in the neighborhood with the intention to buy cattle.
Geo. Black in the fulfillment of his parental duties wanted to personally introduce his firstborn boy to the new teacher and launch him on the

road of learning he reached the school house with Bob close to his heels, but when he turned around to present him to the schoolman Bob had disappeared and was making for home and Mama at a lively gallop. Papa B. overtook the fugitive and tried some arguments. In vain Bob, smiled a rat and refused. But in the afternoon he was heard to repeat in the back yard again and again cat--dog the only word he had matched from the excesses of the spelling class during his short stay at the school house and suddenly declared that he would go to school anyhow the next day, and go he did.
We learn from D. C. Campbell the efficient and accommodating manager of Maj. Cutbush's gin that they will close this year season next Monday the 21st of this month, as the crop is practically gathered.
Old Hawk and John McLendon came in Saturday from Eastern Texas with a bunch of 75 head of mixed cattle.
H. B.

FOR CHRISTMAS.
The preparation for this festival requires the very best to be had. For baking, the corner store is good flour. To meet the demand for "something nice" I have just received a case of Massouri soft wheat flour as fine as there is. You can get no better.
JULIUS NORRIS.
212.

HITS US, TOO.
The editor of this paper is confronted with a "condition not a theory." Our "gold reserve" is getting dangerously low. Under existing conditions we can't raise our tariff schedule sufficiently to run the business and reduce interest-bearing bonds; besides this, on account of physical condition, we feel that a large appropriation will be necessary to meet the expenses of our interior department for the coming year. Interest-bearing bonds are maturing and will soon be presented for redemption. In the face of these facts we must either have some more gold reserve or issue some more bonds. As we understand that most, if not all, of our subscribers are opposed to further issues, we would respectfully ask them to respect the little gold reserve we have left by handing in a little gold, silver, paper standard or "token" money in any amount they can spare--Exchange.

LANDS, HORSES, MULES
For sale cheap and on easy terms. Will trade lands for stock. Unimproved tracts at \$2.55 to \$3.50 in any size tracts, 50 acres up to 4000, on 1 to 40 years time. Large gentle work horses, mares and mules on time.
A. G. WEBB,
Baird, Tex.

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

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.
Account of the Holiday Excursions to the Southeast, the Texas & Pacific Ry. will sell tickets on Dec. 21st and 22nd, at rate of one fare for the round trip, limited to return 30 days from date of sale. The territory to which tickets will be sold includes all points in the states of Tennessee (except Memphis), North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and part of Kentucky and Louisiana.
Account of the Local Holiday excursions, tickets will be sold at rate of one and three farcs for the round trip to any point on the line within 200 miles. Tickets will be on sale Dec. 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and January 1st, 1897, good to return until January 4th, 1897.
J. B. HARMON, Agent.

\$300 REWARD.
By a resolution unanimously passed at a regular meeting of the Protective Stock Association of Calisau and adjoining counties a standing reward of \$300 is offered for the arrest and conviction of any person for the theft or illegal branding of any cattle or horses belonging to any member of said association.
Attest:
J. B. CUTHBERT, Pres.
F. S. BELL, Secy.
EVERY ONE KNOWS!
That to secure the best results in bread and cake it is not only best but absolutely necessary that pure ingredients be used.
In the selection of flour, great care should be exercised and nothing but select, soft winter, wheat flour should be used.
There are but few flours that meet this demand, but in the "Magnolia," we have it in all of its strength and purity.
This popular brand is manufactured in the heart of the finest wheat country on Earth (Hannibal, Mo.), from select soft winter wheat. D. W. Writton & Co. are sole agents for this exceptionally fine flour, in Baird and they guarantee every pound to give entire satisfaction. 47 if

LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING!

T. E. Powell Sells Hamilton Brown's Security School Shoe for \$1.05. Cheaper than you can buy them anywhere else.

I AM DOING MORE BUSINESS THAN I EVER DONE IN MY LIFE--ADD I NEED IT.

EVERY ONE KNOWS Where to get Bargains--It is at the old reliable store of That they can't get goods any where as cheap as at **T. E. POWELL'S.**

Go To Powell's and be Convinced,

THAT HIS BARGAINS ARE ENORMOUS.



MY LAST CALL.

I am Agent For

Wear & Bogher Dry Goods Co., of St. Louis, Mo., who have given me a chance to pay out and be with you again this coming year as of other years that have past.

Now I have Wrote You

About you account, but a great many have not paid, as yet, the time is getting very short and if you do not settle before the first of January, my firm, Wear & Bogher, will sue you. And I can't help it. On the other hand I have been very kind to you and you have had your own time and I have indulged you clear out of all reasons.

Now I am Compelled

And have my orders to bring suit against all who have not settled by January 1st. Please hear in mind I do not do this as a choice, but must do so by order from my Boss. So I beg you to come and settle now, for my sake, for your own sake and for the sake of right and honesty. Please do so at once.

T. E. POWELL, AGT.



NOTICE.

To the people of Baird and Callahan County and all others of my Customers.

On October 6th, all my stock of goods were sold and was bought by those whom I owe, and I am now working as manager for them. As soon as I pay all my debts the entire business will revert to me. I have agreed to pay \$9,000 each month until every dollar is paid out. Now I sincerely beg those that owe me to come and settle with me so that I can get my business back. You know it if you owe me. Please come and help me on my feet again. I have been so indulgent to the people as I could, so come now and show your appreciation by settling with me. In fact I beg you to do so. My friends that I owe are doing all that they can for me; they are sending me a large stock of new goods and in a few days I will have my store well filled with a stock superior to anything I ever had. I want all my old customers and all the new ones to come and examine my goods before going elsewhere. I know I can please you and besides this, every dollar you spend with me will help me to get my business back in my own hands, as I once had it, and then I may be able to help those who may need help. In conclusion, I want to thank so many of my friends for coming to my rescue, by paying what they owed me. These people I will remember when I get out of my troubles. So again I ask all to help me by buying from me and by settling with me. Your Sincere Servant
T. E. POWELL.

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W. E. GILLILAND, Editor and Proprietor

Henry Watterson has gone over to the "Money Devil" body and soul, the democratic party still lives, however, six and one-half millions strong.

The Courier-Journal never has ought to say these days about the "Money Devil." The M. D. seems to have the conductor of the C. J. by the seat of the umbilicus.

It is reported that Mark Hanna is busy making up McKinley's cabinet. Hanna made McKinley president and he certainly has a right to select a cabinet for the president he made.

A gold bug paper is afraid Bryan will earn as much money before McKinley is inaugurated as Mae will get in a whole year. Wonder how much McKinley would have made at some private business had Bryan and not been elected?

Gen. Antonio Maceo, the great Cuban commander is dead, slain by the hands of Spanish assassins. What has become of the long boasted chivalry of Spain, that she has to resort to the methods of thugs to accomplish what her ablest generals failed to accomplish in honorable combat?

President Cleveland intimates that Spain must thrash the Cubans in a reasonable time or Uncle Sam will take a hand. There is not much danger of Uncle Sam helping any one during the remainder of Cleveland's administration, unless the poor distressed bondholders and money grabbers should need a little more assistance about now.

The old squib, him, had three.

Last Sunday's Houston Post was a whizzer—52 pages, 364 columns. The Post deserves success, and the STAR refuses to see such evidence of substantial support from the people of Texas.

A press dispatch says Hanna called on President Cleveland a few days ago and the President congratulated Hanna on his victory and Hanna thanked the President for the valuable assistance he rendered the republicans. And this is the man we all throw up our hats for twelve years believing he was a democrat. Hand to the campfire, Maria!

All the racket about the populist legislature in Kansas making Mexican silver dollars a legal tender comes from the gold bugs in order to discredit the cause of silver. No state can make a foreign coin a legal tender; congress alone has power to do this, so the gold bugs need not get frightened out of their wits about the matter.

Comeback had a disastrous fire last week in which about seventy-five thousand dollars worth of property was destroyed. THE STAR, in common with the press of the state, regrets to learn that the Comeback Chief, one of the oldest papers in West Texas, was burned out, nothing but the smoke was saved. Vernon & Thomas, the proprietors of the Chief, lost about \$4,000, insurance \$1,800. They have already purchased a new outfit and the old Chief, will, Phoenix like, rise from its own ashes with a brand new tomahawk about Jan. 1st. Through the courtesy of the Exponent the Chief was enabled to get out an issue last week to supply annotation the temporary suspension of the paper until a new plant could be put in. Nothing but death or a general conflagration of the world would stop Sam Vernon permanently.

WOOD WANTED.

Several of our subscribers have promised us wood on subscription. We hope those who have promised and all those who wish to pay their subscription in wood will bring it in at once.

Dr. Grant's friends are industriously booming him for a cabinet position. They call upon democrats and all other parties to help them, claiming that we should all assist as a matter of state pride. Fiddlesticks! If every republican democrat and pop in the state should sign a petition asking McKinley to appoint Dr. Grant the chances are ten to one that McKinley would dump the petition into the waste basket. THE STAR has been asked by friends of Dr. Grant to assist in the movement. Not much, Maria. THE STAR is a democratic paper and while it has no objection to Dr. Grant or any other decent republican securing a good fat office under McKinley we would do nothing to assist them. Why should we? We fought the whole layout and expect to keep it up, and to be plain about it, it looks rather cheeky for the republicans to call on democrats to help boost any man for an appointment under McKinley. Let them work for their own men. THE STAR does not care a rap what republican gets office or whether any of them get office for that matter. We believe in the doctrine "To the victors belong the spoils," but we do not believe in helping the opposite party to distribute the spoils. This may be a rather narrow view to take of such matters, but we believe in letting every party run its own boat. It is our mission to sink as many of the boats of the opposite parties as possible and we will not do a thing to tempt us to keep them afloat.

DID YOU EVER

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles! I had got a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have loss of appetite, constipation, headache, fainting spells, nervous, sleepless, excitable, melancholy, or troubled with dizzy spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1.00 at R. Phillips Drug store.

BOOK STRAYED.

Some one has borrowed a book from this office, Hitchcock's Analysis of the bible." Whoever has it will confer a favor by returning it to THE STAR office.

NOTICE

Sealed bids addressed to the County Clerk will be received till Dec. 20th 1896, for the management of Callahan County Poor Farm for the two ensuing years, and for feed and care of county paupers and working county convicts. \$1200 bond to be given for faithful performance of duty. To be approved by the Commissioner's Court. The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
W. W. DEXSON,
Ex-Officio Clk Com's. Court.

A CHRISTMAS TRIP.

The thousands of Texans who came from the south Atlantic states find much pleasure in reverting to the happy days of long ago when they were children, and often they awake at night to recall those scenes of yore which gave to life a charm, and which now come in later years as visions of joy. There is a tender spot in every heart for the old home, and the memories which cluster about the dear old spot are soles in the weary, weary struggle we make day by day to build in our new Eldorado a home to which our children in the future time will turn, as we now turn to the old place where our loved ones in the evening of life await the final summons.

The Texas & Pacific Railway Co. again offers you the opportunity to go back to the old home." Round trip excursion tickets will be on sale from all points on the system on Dec. 21st, 22nd, 1896, to all points in the south, eastern states, at one fare for the round trip, tickets good 30 days from date of sale. See your nearest ticket agent for further information, and do not fail to send eight cents postage to the undersigned for a copy of the latest publication on Texas over issued, to show to your friends at home.
GASTON DALLES,
G. P. & T. A., Dallas, Tex.

Get Ready

FOR YOUR

-CHRISTMAS-

To The SOUTHEAS



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Will Sell EXCURSION TICKETS

ONE FARE for the ROUND TRIP
December 21 and 22, 1896,

TO ALL PORTS IN

MISSISSIPPI
ALABAMA
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See your nearest ticket agent for information, or write to
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G. P. & T. A., DALLAS, TEXAS

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Subscription \$1.50 per Annum.
S. G. GILBERT, BUSINESS MANAGER.

It is no man's business to be an
aristocrat in his full growth while alive.

A large majority of mankind are in
favor of going right if somebody will
only show them how.

When should you go to men when they
are hot, and the vice versa?—For-
mer when they require sympathy.

Where the heart is right, there is the
true patriotism. This was laid down
and it is a sound sentiment for
this day and country.

"Man wants but little here below"—
So, with an ancient rhyme,
It's different now, he wants the earth,
And wants it all the time.

Fame is something of slow and
steady growth, while notoriety comes
and goes with the rapidity of flashlight
advertisements of patent medicines.

Men do not have half the ailments
that women do. It is not a
strange world would not suspect the
fact by merely seeing here to listen.

Anarchist Mowbray says that "men
do not propagate anarchy." Mr. Mow-
bray evidently has not had a chance
to read history to find out that
man had been in front of a
saloon.

In Switzerland, where women do all
of the work in the hay-fields, there are
probably few grasshoppers. They are
possibly not so much as they are
for all we know.

King Humbert has signed a treaty
giving to King Menelik Abyssinian
territory which Menelik always owned.
Italy could not have done this.

A Boston paper suggests that the negroes
are entitled to representation in
the cabinet. There can be no doubt
that many cabinet posts are vacant,
and they are altogether too highly colored, any-
way.

A campaign word that has done duty
in this country for more than half a
century is "corruption." It is a
word concocted in one political party
in the hope of injuring another party
and it is not to be put forth as a
word that there will not be sufficient time
before election day for constructing
any injurious effects that it may have.
The origin of the word was in the
name of a fictitious Baron Roorbach,
the name of whose spyglass travels
was part of the campaign literature
in the year 1844. The roborack is not a
part of the campaign literature, but
it is pleasant to know that the roborack
is sometimes a come-back—a homerick.

A Norwegian boy was too stout to get
a university education. It must not
discourage him. He was deter-
mined to learn and to make good
and that he learned and made good.

Wagon sparrow. The city council
at a future session will be asked to
license parties to shoot English sparrows,
with a view to exterminating
them. The English sparrow is
allowing only the most careful persons
to hunt the sparrows, and they will be
licensed to shoot them. The license
was tried Monday in an open
square hedge outside of the city limits,
and one killer killed 200 sparrows in
the space of five minutes. The
license was given to a man and
grass seed, and are as fat as seals.
The housekeepers say it pays to hunt them
and that they are worth the money.
Five years ago they have multiplied,
and are now swarming all over
the city and excluding the song birds
from the ground and parks.

License Note.—The 16—Martin T.
Anderson, a colored seaman had on
the 15th inst. a license to sell
Kansas and Texas, who resides in
Denison, was by the city clerk's office
in a peck of trouble yesterday. Last
Saturday Anderson secured license to
carry home with him. The marriage
was to take place Sunday evening, and
Sunday morning Anderson placed his
pistol and the license under his pillow.
When he came back the house
was empty, and the license stolen, and no wedding
took place. Clerk Tuck issued a
warrant for Anderson, and left with a
bullet in his back as he fled.

House Burned.—The 16—The residence
of Will Purdum, near Wood-
bury, in this county, was destroyed by
fire about 10 o'clock Monday night. The
fire originated in a smokehouse adjacent
to the residence, and spread
over the entire building. Mr. Purdum
and family narrowly escaped. The
house and contents were destroyed, and
the loss is total. There was no insurance.
The property was valued at
about \$2,000. The fire is thought to
have been incendiary.

After Burglars.—The 16—Monday
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The woman who visited the Chicago
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Batory.

AB HORRIBLE DEATH

AB GRAY, A YOUNG MAN, KILLED
BY A HORSE.

He Was Hitching Up To a Young Prepa-
rator, and Was Killed by One of the
Horses Backed Him, Crashing His
Skull.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 14.—Ab Gray, a
young farmer who was raised in this
county, but who has lately made his
home in the city, was killed by a
death at the home of his wife's mother,
Mrs. Emma Handesh, eight
miles southwest of town, yesterday.
He was hitching up a team prepar-
ing to starting to Denton county, by
his household effects, which he intended
bringing back to his county, when
one of the horses viciously kicked
him, the shodden hoof striking the un-
fortunate young man on the head,
crushing the skull and prostrating him
in a few minutes. The deceased was
about 35 years old.

Drowned in a Pool.
Bonham, Tex., Dec. 16.—Joe McGee,
who resides in Denton county, is subject
times to epilepsy. He mounted a
horse Monday and went out for a ride
some distance around near his rider.
Search was immediately instituted,
and the body of the rider was found
in a shallow pool of water. He was
lying face down in shallow water,
not deep enough to cover his
head. When discovered this morn-
ing it is supposed he had been in a
violent attack and fell from his horse into
the water and was drowned.

Man Drowned in a Pool.—About 7
o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. Joe
McGee, a man about 35 years old,
while watering his horse at a shallow
pool of water, fell into the
pool and drowned before assistance
reached him. Mr. McGee has long
been known to faint and operate, and
it is supposed that one of these came on
him and he fell face down in the
water, his feet still on the bank, and
another horse stepped on his head.

Factory to Start.
Denison, Tex., Dec. 15.—Z. B. Bain,
builder of the Bain wagon, has obtained
a grant from the Chickasaw nation,
in this county, for the purpose of
manufacturing wagons and
handles and buggy spools. The country
is rich in iron, and the iron ore is
the finest of white hickory for the
manufacture of these goods, and the
promoters of the idea argue that it
will be a great benefit to the country.
The machinery is being placed on
the ground and a building is in course
of construction for the proposed
factory, and it is expected operation
will begin in the spring.

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A Serious Accident.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 15.—Miss Periva
Norton, aged 14 years, was severely
injured by an electric car on
Elm street yesterday afternoon. The
accident occurred just in front of the
Merritt National Bank. The young
lady and her parents had just left a
store on the north side of the street
and were crossing to the street car
at the corner of Elm and Main. The
steps in the lead. One car had just
passed, going west, when she stepped
out to cross the parallel track. She
other car coming from the opposite
direction and call her, warning her
of its presence. Being in a hurry,
she got on or across of the one
west-bound, she thought they referred to
it and gave a jump toward the
steps. She was struck by the car,
head struck the brass passenger grip
on the front platform and knocked her
backward in such a manner as to
knock her feet from the rails, but
with rare presence of mind she jerked
them out of the way, just in time to
save them from the wheels. The car
was going at a very moderate rate
of speed at the time. The young lady
was picked up by her parents, who
Immediately took her to a doctor, where
a physician examined her injuries. It
was found that she was badly cut
over the right eye, and that her nose had
received a severe blow, which caused
it to bleed profusely. Outside of this
she was unharmed.

Immediately after the accident she
was taken home by her father, A. W.
Newman, who lives in Dallas county.
She is about 16 years old, and
at the time of the accident had on
a sunbonnet, which she had fastened
about her neck for confusion just be-
fore the car struck her.

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a sunbonnet, which she had fastened
about her neck for confusion just be-
fore the car struck her.

Miss Hines.
Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 15.—Dr. W. L.
Laney, superintendent of bridges for
the Cotton and Gulf Railway, was
quarrelsome here, was found dead in
his chair at his office Sunday night, hold-
ing a cigar in his hand and a glass
of whisky in the other. Justice O. Logan held
an inquest, and rendered a verdict that
deceased came to his death from the
effects of a heart attack. The evidence
developed that about 4 p. m. Sun-
day he had a quarrel with a man in
store, stating that he wanted to drive
him out of his room. Just prior to
his being found he had gone to the
office to see a man. His relations, it
was supposed he took the fatal dose, more
than he could handle, and he died
in his room. He had been one of the
best known and highest respected
residents of this city, and was well
liked, and his death has created a
gloom over the city. No one knows
the cause for his act. His relations,
domestic and in a business way, appeared
of the most pleasant. His remains
were interred here yesterday afternoon.

A Descriptive Note.
Sherman, Tex., Dec. 16.—The English
sparrows seem to have met a
destructive foe in the way of a peculiar
little gray hawk, which is now to be
seen in flocks all over the country,
and preys on the smaller birds, and
takes and targets of the taller birds,
in which the sparrows have taken
refuge. The hawk is a small bird,
court house pigeons, martins and sparrows
are rapidly decreasing in num-
ber, and it is feared that the hawk
will soon be exterminated. It is
boldly that they attack the sparrows
in the streets as they feed. The good
work of the late acquisition to the
city, and it is feared that the hawk
will soon be exterminated, and an ordinance
may evolve for their protection from the small
bird with air guns and "muger-shooters."

**In Central South America eggs, con-
sisting of chocolate paste as currency
of the realm.**

To Have New Waterworks.
Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 15.—The city
council at a special meeting last night
appointed a committee to correspond
and go to St. Louis and Chicago to
secure some capital to put in a system
of water works, and agreed that
the city will give them ground on
which to erect buildings and tower
and pay for the disconnecting of all
the old water works, and to construct
the present mains and connecting to the
new ones free of charge, conditioned
upon the city giving them a full
fire protection, or the city will issue
bonds for the putting in of a new
system.

City Government.
Professor Woodrow Wilson, who has
been delivering a series of lectures at
the city hall, yesterday afternoon, ad-
dressed the city council, and stated
that American city governments
are inefficient because they copy too
much from the English system, and
tend to their two chambers and
executive. The system of checks and
balances and the power is not
distributed in a municipal system.

Will be Retained.
Galveston, Tex., Dec. 15.—A board
of inquiry, with the commission on
the 14th inst. reported to the
Nutmans yesterday and decided that
the boy must return by the steamship
by which he was carried to Galveston.
The German boy of 16 years. He can
speak English, and has no money.
He was brought here by a man
named at Carroll in the British steamship
Freshfield. He was taken in
hand by the government officials on
the 14th inst. and he decided that he
was not to act as a public charity.

Throat Cut.

Amen, Tex., Dec. 14.—Yesterday
morning, at 7 o'clock, the
farmer of this county, named J.
Barber, was found lying in a cot-
toned house in a wagon yard in
the city of Amen. He had been
cut from ear to ear. He lived about
two hours after being found. Saturday
morning he was taken to the
hospital for upward of \$50. No more
was found on him yesterday. What
it is supposed that it is a case of
madness. The patient is now in
the hospital, and will look into the matter
No cause is known why he should
have done this.

Teachers Institute Adjourns.
Galveston, Tex., Dec. 14.—The
teachers' institute, which adjourned
Saturday, was an interesting and
profitable one. The teachers were
zealous and showed clearly dur-
ing the two days that they were in-
terested in their hearts were in their
work. Saturday fifty fifty teachers,
men and women, were enrolled, and
after the regular programme of the
day adjourned. The institute was
the future, and decided to hold the
next institute Jan. 1 and 2.

New Railroad.
Mineral Wells, Tex., Dec. 14.—Ed C.
Galt, superintendent of the
the Gulf and Brazos Valley railroad,
A. McCullum, superintendent, attended
an enthusiastic railroad meeting at
Mineral Wells yesterday afternoon, when
a contract was closed for the im-
mediate construction of the Brazos
Valley railroad from Mineral Wells
to Mineral Wells. The
\$500,000 in cash, supplies, material,
land, rights, and other things, and
country land, and lots in Mineral.
The company line is to be paid to the
railroad company at once. Work com-
menced at Mineral today.

Most Burned.
Bryan, Tex., Dec. 14.—At 6 o'clock
yesterday morning a large two-story
building, owned by J. H. Smith and
occupied by a long-haired man named
Ringhale, was burned. There were
seven lodgers in the house, all of
whom escaped, with the loss of a
part of their effects. A large amount
of Ringhale's furniture, covered by in-
surance, was destroyed. The
\$100,000 insurance on the building, which
was twenty-five years old, but in good
repair. The fire started from a kitchen
range, and spread to the main
close to the flames, and it took hard
work to protect it.

An Interesting Meeting.
Galveston, Tex., Dec. 14.—The Hunt
County Teachers' institute met here
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12.
Prof. J. H. Warren, of Caddo Mills, was
the speaker. The institute was
held at the Hotel. Sixty-eight members
were enrolled during the session.
The programme was carried out
with much interest. The associa-
tion adjourned to meet again Jan. 5,
1897.

Made a Chattie Mortgage.
Decatur, Tex., Dec. 14.—R. M. Be-
ville made a chattie mortgage, naming
G. C. Tankersley as trustee, conveying
his entire stock of horses and saddle
to the mortgagee, proffers Spence
& Barham for \$200, Bullock & Tank-
ersley for \$200, R. M. Beville for
\$500. Assets about \$1,000; liabilities
none.

Negro Girl Burned to Death.
Goodrich, Tex., Dec. 13.—Anna Mc-
Cordell, a negro girl, was burned to
death a week Friday when the rest
of the family were away and fell in
the water. She was in the bath
of the family came home. She was
severely burned and died Sunday
night. She had been demanded for
several years.

Boy Strangled.
Sherman, Tex., Dec. 14.—Jimmie Ar-
son, aged 15 years, left his home, 512
South Main street, at 10 o'clock
day last for school. He has not re-
turned home, and the family has this
morning been notified that Jimmie
and adjoining towns. The boy
is rather small for his age,
black complexion, black eyes and hair,
and a high forehead. He was
gray coat and a small blue cap. His
grandfather, 307 North Travis street,
was grateful for information of the
child's whereabouts.

Dependency.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 14.—The
service at Galveston yesterday on the
119 steamer passengers of the
German Lloyd steamer, the Pacific
cut from ear to ear. He lived about
two hours after being found. Saturday
morning he was taken to the
hospital for upward of \$50. No more
was found on him yesterday. What
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the hospital, and will look into the matter
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Severely Wounded.
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 12.—Two negroes
stayed the store of G. T. Dora, at the
two points on Commerce street, and
were shot by Dora, the proprietor,
and he came to the front of the
store and his back to wait on them,
and they struck him on the back of the
head with a blunt instrument, which
caused a fracture of the skull. The
officer had not been able to ascertain, as
Dora fell he uttered a cry for help,
and was immediately taken to the
hospital. His cry woke his 14-year-old
son, who ran to the back part of the
store, and he came to the front of the
store, and the negroes he commenced to call
for help. This alarmed the negroes, and
they fled. The officer was called
after this occurred Officer
arrived on the scene, and as
soon as several of the negroes were
seen, he was alarmed by the boy's
cry, picked up Dora and laid him
on a bed, summoning medical atten-
tion. A physician residing in the
city, after an examination of Dora's
injuries, pronounced them very se-
rious, and he was taken to the
hospital. He had so far recovered from
the effects of the blow as to be dom-
estically yesterday morning.

**Dr. Thomas N. Tinney, of Corpus
Christi, Texas, writes:**
"For years I suffered
from this dreadful taint in my blood,
and it could only be reached by a blood
remedy."
"I had almost despaired of ever being
cured of this dreadful taint in my blood,
when by the advice of friends I began
to take S. S. S. (Swiss) Sarsaparilla.
After a few bottles I began to feel
better, and the second bottle I speci-
fically improved."
"How much money and
suffering I could have saved if I had
only known of this wonderful
remedy!"
"I am glad to be cured, for as I
continued its use I grew better, and
was finally cured completely of a
dreadful disease which had troubled me
for years, and had withstood the treat-
ment of many celebrated blood-
remedies. It is the best of the best,
and I can assure you that it is the only
real blood remedy on the market."
"I was afflicted with any blood disease,
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depression and doubt. All life is a
struggle, and doubts and difficulties
will be the necessary concomitants
of life and progress.—Rev. J. W. Lyell.

**Never doubt a woman's love if she
shows as hard for you as a church.**

TO CURE A COLIC IN ONE DAY.
It is a difficult to cure a colic in one
day, unless the patient is in a
Draught, unless he finds it in a
man, if he finds the colic.

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For a good shave go to Geo. Dean.
Patronize Geo. Dean's barber chair.
For real bargains go to Stern's. 8tf
School books at Nelson & St. John's
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Fire crackers and Roman candles at Nelson & St. John's. 52tf
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WANTED—10,000 customers with plenty of silver. H. SCHWARTZ.
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Nelson & St. John carry a full line of up to date Christmas presents and toys. 52tf
Nice line of tops and jewelry suitable for Christmas present at H. F. Foy's. 52tf
If you want to please Santa Claus buy your Xmas presents from Nelson & St. John. 52tf
I sell goods at give away prices. If you don't believe it, call and see. H. Schwartz 22 tf
Christmas comes but once a year and R. Phillips is always prepared for it with an immense stock, at astonishing low prices. 52tf
Black Jack stove polish, finest in the world for parlor stoves, pipes ranges 3-4 lb can for only 10 cts. H. Meyer. 50 tf
It is reported that Fitzsimmons fouled Sharkey in the late prize fight at San Francisco, but will get fair dealings in Christmas goods at Speer's.
The finest line of Xmas Goods in West Texas at Phillips. Call and see them.
Congress is now in session, but that doesn't affect the low price R. A. Speer is selling his nice line of Xmas Goods. Call and see his stock.
Phillips Stock is complete and he wants your trade.
I have just received a new line of millinery goods, and ask you to call and examine them before buying elsewhere. MRS. ANNIE CUNNINGHAM. 41 tf

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Go to Phillips he has them.

Beautiful line of glassware colored glass sets, beautiful as a dream. H. Meyer. 1tf.

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Teeth inserted without plates; also Gold
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and then, and causes one to forget
some things worth remembering. Unless
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years with a torpid liver and found no relief
until I took Simmons Liver Regulator when I
was entirely relieved of my troubles. I
never intend being without Simmons Liver
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A sound Liver Makes a well Man.
Are you Bilious, Constipated or
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Bad Taste in Mouth, Foul Breath,
Coated Tongue, Dyspepsia, Indigestion,
Hot Dry Skin, Pain in Back and between
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If you have any of these symptoms,
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blood is slowly being poisoned, because
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Stomach or Bowels. It has no equal as a
Liver Medicine. Price, 75 cents.
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When you come to town always go
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from Phillips. 52tf

Go to R. Phillips, he is headquarters
for Christmas goods. Cheaper than
ever offered before. 52tf

I have my new line of wall paper, of
the latest styles and aptures to astonish
the natives. R. Phillips. 49 tf.

Don't buy elsewhere before you see
Phillip's immense stock of Xmas goods
if you do you will regret it. 52tf

The most superb and up to date
stock of Xmas goods ever seen, at R.
Phillips and and at prices to astonish
the wisest. 52tf

Make headquarters at R. Phillips,
who handles only first-class goods at
reasonable prices. Come and investigate.
50tf

Capt. Trent guarantees his milk to
be pure, and that if you want good
sweet cream for your coffee or tea
you can get it from his milk. 37 tf

Call at Frank Johnson's and see his
grand display of candies, they are the
finest in the city. 1 tf

Did you see the show? I have a
show, free for all, call and see it. It
consist of the largest and neatest line
of Christmas Goods in Baird. Speer.

Christmas goods too numerous to
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any West Texas house. R. Phillips 61

Say pard, are you going to buy any
Christmas goods? If so, see R.
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50,000

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The only full car pure cane syrup ever consigned to the town, has
just been added to the already extensive stock and for the
price usually paid for cheap and inferior goods. You can
now procure the genuine pure cane syrup. 'Tis pure
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Attention is called to Chase & Sanborns Coffee—nectar for
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are a class of Goods that cannot be too pure—only the purest here.

INVESTIGATE.

Allow no one to deceive you and wring from you the hard
earned dollars that come as the fruits of your years labor. Go to Norton's
and get his prices and they will convince any intelligent man conclusively
that to pay anything but low prices is a mistake and no longer necessary.
Do not pay more for your goods than you can purchase them for at Norton's
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sell you your groceries as cheap as any one. All you have to do is to go to
the "right place" and by going elsewhere you do yourself an injustice.

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its self—that it is the largest, best selected stock of groceries, staple and
fancy ever offered to the people. With a pencil freshly sharp-
ened, Norton has opened up a crusade against high prices and
they no longer prevail, but lie helpless victims before his
determined hand.

With an endless assortment and unexcelled values his
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With the Finest Goods That Skill Can Produce, that Money Can Buy.

A PURE FOOD SHOW EVERY DAY, TO CUSTOMERS

Old and new a cordial invitation is extend-
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your trade upon courteous business treatment

I am yours to please
JULIUS NORTON.

-CRYSTAL PALACE- J. B. SEAY, PROP.

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Beer, liquors and cigars.

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over thirty years in the piano business in Texas. We
do the largest business of any Piano house in the
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DALLAS AND GALVESTON. 32