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SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1899.

Governor Sayers has named Judge F. A. Williams of Houston as successor to Judge Leroy Denman resigned, and C. H. Rogan to succeed Geo. W. Finger, deceased.

The renowned "anti-trust" bill passed the House with a few amendments to the original, this week, and was sent to the Senate for their action. While it is yet a long way from becoming a law, it has a very good start, and will no doubt be approved by both the Senate and the Governor.

We are in receipt of Vol. 1, No. 1 of the "Illustrator and General Narrator," a very neat periodical gotten up by the Passenger Department of the International & Great Northern Railroad Co. It contains many interesting write-ups of the counties and towns along the line traversed by the I. & G. N., also a number of elegant illustrations of fine buildings. It is published in the interest of the road and to advertise the country through which it passes. Advertising is all Southwest Texas needs, and as soon as Bro. Claridge sets forth the advantages of

## A GENERAL RAIN.

Wednesday Night's Rain Extended all over South-west Texas.

Railroad track washed out near Twohig—Trains delayed 30 hours.

Wednesday evening late dark, heavy clouds began to gather overhead, and about eight o'clock it set in to raining and kept it up slow and steady for a little over four hours, when it changed to a regular downpour, which lasted about forty minutes, filling all the creeks to overflowing and putting out stock water in abundance. Stockmen say this will insure worlds of grass and farmers are happy over the prospects for a large cane crop, as the rains came too late for corn.

The heaviest rain that has been known for years fell over the Twohig section of the country Wednesday night doing considerable damage to fields, fences, etc. The amount of water that was around Twohig it looked as if a regular waterspout had burst in that vicinity. Some of the oldest settlers, who was there long before the railroad was built through this country, say they never saw anything like it before; that the Ricces creek was higher by several feet than ever known to be at any previous time. A washout occurred on the I. & G. N. about a quarter of a mile south of Twohig. The track was washed out in three different places, the largest being 190 feet wide, the others 90 and 15 feet wide. Orders were issued to all section gangs between Frio and Laredo, and they all arrived by 1 p. m., but could do nothing but wait, as a regular torrent of water was rushing over the track.

## AUSTIN LETTER.

Austin, Texas, May 10, 1899.

The anti-trust bill has passed the senate. There were two or three amendments adopted, but they were of minor importance. Last Friday when the anti-trust bill was up in the House, Kennedy Limestone offered an amendment to the bill, which is nothing but a new bill. Wooten offered a substitute for the amendment as a bill. The substitute by Wooten is said to be—by those that ought to know—the best bill of the kind ever offered. Wooten has received a number of telegrams and letters from prominent men over the State asking him to make fight for the passage of his substitute. You can feel sure that it will be done, for Wooten is a fighter and loves to fight. Wooten has written a letter to Governor Sayers, asking him to call a conference of the governors and attorney generals of the southern states, so that they can map out some concerted plan by which they can make a fight on trust. The governor of Missouri has already endorsed Wooten's plan. So you see that Wooten wants to go on record as a trust fighter. In other words he wants to redeem himself, for you remember that he bolted the State Democratic convention at Houston when Hogg was nominated the second time. So the gentleman from Dallas wants to smoothe the waters so he will have easy sailing for Burke's place in Congress. And it would be a great improvement, for Burke is the weakest man in the Texas delegation while Wooten is a man of brain and a man of strong conviction. Gov. Sayers has appointed Judge F. A. Williams to fill Judge Denham's unexpired term in the supreme court. He has also appointed Chas. Rogan to fill the vacancy in the lower court.

Look back upon this country thirty days and see what a great change has taken place. One month ago it was dry, no water, no grass, cattle were dying and people were becoming disheartened. Everything looked dead and the future gloomy. How all is changed. Look out across the prairies today and the green grass is growing as far as the eye can reach, water is plentiful and our people are better satisfied with the prospects for a brighter future than for years. Everything has been very favorable for grass and crops since our first rain, Apr. 19th. Cloudy weather has prevailed most of the time, with a shower now and then to revive and keep it growing; thus with Wednesday night's fine rain, coming at a time when most needed, will insure better times.

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allow the men to go to work. By 11 a. m. they had it cribbed and planked up sufficiently so a transfer could be made by the passenger trains. About 4 p. m. yesterday the first train, the local freight, passed over the place of delay and arrived here 32 hours late.

Dulls Ranch, May 11.—Fine rain fell here last night. Creeks up and mails delayed.

Tilden, Texas, May 11.—Steady rain fell here nearly all last night, which will be worth hundreds of dollars to the people.

Uvalde, Texas, May 11.—A fine rain fell here last night, accompanied by rain and hail. The fall was general all over the county.

Runge, Texas, May 11.—It rained nine hours here last night about three inches of water falling.

Gonzales, Texas, May 11.—A slow, gentle rain fell here for hours last night.

Laredo, Texas, May 11.—A heavy rain flooded this county last night. Seems to be general as far as heard from.

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more places to fill, namely: Clerk of the secretary of State Department and Purchasing Agent, a brand new office made by this Legislature.

It is thought the house will pass the appropriation bill today, if so the legislature will adjourn sine die about the 20th. Yesterday the house passed the item appropriating \$40,000 per annum for the support of the Rangers without any trouble. The senate has appropriated the same amount, so that item will not be discussed in the Conference committee. Take the appropriation bill as a whole the finance committee has been very liberal with all the institutions except those of an educational character. The finance committee believes in the little Red School house, and nothing else.

The senate is up with its work, so the senators are having an easy time. But they deserve a rest. They do what they have to do without any wind-jamming.

We have had several good showers in the last two weeks, and the farmers are happy.

Yours Respectfully,  
FRANK LANE.

The appropriation bill as passed by the House, provides for the maintenance of the State Rangers, forty thousand dollars, an increase of fifteen thousand dollars per year over the past few years' allowance. Should this be approved by the Senate and signed by the Governor, our companies will be increased by several men, adding largely to the efficiency of the force.

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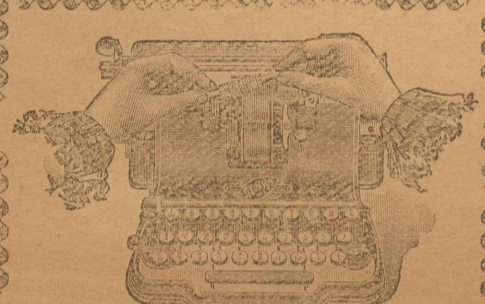
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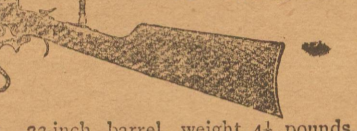


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Written for This Paper. The members of the Out-o'-Whack club had found their efforts as entertainers so greatly appreciated...

The guest had been invited by the president, the composing room foreman, who had also witnessed the fire, but who never tired of the stories of those exciting days.

"I hardly know what to tell the gentlemen of," he said. "My life has been much the same as the lives of hundreds of other old-time Chicagoans. I have been here since along in the fifties."

"That is the correct idea," said the president. "I never tire of hearing of those exciting days, of which I had a taste myself."

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WRIGHT A. PATTERSON.

IN DIVIDED PATHS.

She was a little thing with a dainty air, and she looked particularly dainty just at that particular moment. She was standing near the mantel shelf, with one of her little white-slippered feet resting on the fender of the fireplace.

Her reverie was evidently a deep one, for a sharp ring at the doorbell failed to arouse her. A few moments later a youth entered the room. He was apparently nineteen or twenty years of age, probably a year her senior.

"You don't mean to say that you are going right back to England? Why, Marian, you haven't been at home two months. Surely you are joking, for it seems impossible."

"No, no; I am not joking. O, I only wish that I was. To some girls the idea of traveling abroad would be actual bliss. But as for me I hate the idea of it. Just think! Ever since I have been able to appreciate a home, I cannot remember having had one. It is true I look on this as home; but I have spent so little time here I can hardly call it such."

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AS THE WORLD IS.

About twenty years ago there lived a big, brawny, blithe young fellow, one of the small towns, wicky adjoin St. Louis. He was of merry mien, witty of speech, and a great favorite with everybody, young and old.

More than one village belle, by indications of the eye, if not of the tongue, had given him to understand that she would have no serious objections to joining her lot with his own. But the young man was nice to everybody, with perhaps a slight prejudice in favor of inconspicuous and plain-looking young women, who were generally neglected.

He showed not the slightest symptoms of falling in love, however. His big kind heart just took in all the forlorn ones. He gave them the best time that he could. A week or two later there came to this little town a small, plain-featured little girl, whom the school trustees had engaged to teach in a white-painted country schoolhouse, about three miles from the village. She was the daughter of a minister and had had absolutely no experience in school-teaching.

"He lifted her into the old-fashioned phase for her first venture out of doors one balmy spring morning, and before the fat of sorrow drew them slowly back to the low rambling frame house he had asked her to marry him and she had timidly consented."

"Well, they were married, and now that I think of it, her several years of matrimony were deeper than on the April morning twenty years ago, and there is gray about her temples; now, though the little woman explains in feature and even less tasteful in dress than she was then, there is no wedding pair of whom people would be so apt to say: 'They lived happily ever after.'"

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TONY'S NEW CLOTHES.

"I can't mend these any more," said grandmother, holding up a very sorry-looking pair of small trousers. "You'll have to put on your Sunday suit for every day now, Tony."

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