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## INSURGENTS ROUTED

### MANY PLANTATIONS WERE DESTROYED.

Five Hundred Country Houses Inhabited by Insurgents Burned—The Insurgents Made an Attack on the Trocha, but are Repulsed.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 6.—The following reports have been received from Pinar del Rio:

The column of Col. Pantos, while reconnoitering in the vicinity of the Sabana Maize, succeeding in routing a number of groups of insurgents, destroyed plantations of importance and burned 500 country houses inhabited by insurgents, who fled. These groups of insurgents were pursued into the forests and hills of Pinar del Rio province and utterly defeated, many of the positions captured by the Spanish forces having been regarded heretofore by the Cuban insurgents as impregnable. The losses of the troops are given as four killed and twelve wounded. The losses of the insurgents are reported to have been considerable.

Gen. Hernandez reports another engagement, lasting four hours, in the Pena Blanca hills. Artillery was used during this engagement with considerable effect. The insurgents left nine dead in the field. The Cubans used dynamite, but without apparent results. The troops lost two killed and thirteen wounded.

The insurgents at 8 o'clock Friday night attacked the trocha in the vicinity of Fort Cayajobas, near the town of Artemisa. They were quickly repulsed without confusion resulting. The Spanish commander had the artillery plying on the insurgent forces and the firing quickly ceased. One officer and four soldiers at the fort were wounded. The attacking party is estimated to have numbered about 300 insurgents.

A most important and terrible battle is reported in a private letter to have occurred at Palacios, province of Pinar del Rio. It is said that most of the forces, insurgents strongly fortified in the Torro heights, were attacked by a Spanish column. Fierce fighting, cannonading and musketry continued all day, the insurgents bravely defending the strongholds. The troops were unable to capture the fortifications that day, and besides sustained a great loss. The next day the Spaniards were reinforced by Gen. Inclan, who renewed the attack. The Spanish troops were determined to take the stronghold, and simultaneously advanced upon the fortifications. The insurgents were finally dislodged from their position. Their loss was fully 200. It is said the Spanish troops lost 600. The mortality was very great on both sides. So fierce has been the fighting in this vicinity that the living have been unable to make adequate provisions for the burial of the dead, and consequently the stench which arises from the field of carnage is said to be terrible in the extreme.

The recent report of the attack of the insurgents upon Guanabacoa is said to have been a false alarm.

### A Fearful Deed.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 7.—A double murder occurred about twelve miles southeast of this city Saturday night. A negro named Davis, while out hunting with the two sons of his employer, Joe Williams, aged 15, attacked the boys with a knife, cutting the throats of both and crushing the skull of the oldest. The older boy is dead, and it is thought the other can not live. The negro escaped, and up to last night had eluded capture, notwithstanding bands of men are out scouring the woods.

The sound of thunder may be heard for twenty or twenty-five miles; with the ear to the ground, much more. Lightning is reflected for 150 or 200 miles.

### \$60,000 Fire.

Shaws, Mass., Dec. 7.—About 2:20 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in the rear of W. H. Smith's store, and in less than an hour twenty-one store buildings and five dwellings were burned to the ground, entailing a loss of about \$60,000 or \$75,000, with partial insurance for nearly all sufferers. The fire was evidently the work of incendiaries. There are some suspicious, but no positive clue.

At Montreal, Homer Howell killed himself the other day.

### New Telephone System.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—A gigantic deal, involving a revolution in the telephone and electric lighting business of St. Louis, has been consummated. Three big companies, which aggregate paid-up stock of nearly \$3,000,000, have been organized by about twenty of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of St. Louis.

One of the companies will introduce a new telephone system in St. Louis at much lower rates than those prevailing at present. It will establish a home telephone plant which will in time extend to neighboring points. The second company, owned by the same persons, will operate an immense electric plant, supplying power of all kinds for public and private uses. The third company will construct telephone and electric plants for the two other companies, manufacture the equipments, and will construct a complete system of underground conduits. A fourth company is also in the deal, but it will not figure in the proceedings at present.

The Kinloch Telephone company is the name of a \$1,500,000 company with a paid-up capital stock taken by St. Louis parties.

Articles of incorporation of the St. Louis Electric and Construction company, with a full paid capital of \$600,000, were filed in the recorder's office of this city. The papers contain the same list of incorporators as the Kinloch Telephone company.

Late Saturday afternoon the same gentlemen held a meeting and closed a deal which put them in possession of the Citizens' Electric Lighting and Power company and the Telephone and Telegraph Service company, both of which had built a nominal business for many years. The Citizens' Electric Lighting and Power company was then practically organized, with a full paid capital stock of \$750,000 and officers were elected.

The deal is one of the largest ever accomplished in St. Louis, and its effects are far-reaching.

The local capitalists concerned filed their applications for conduit space with the board of public improvements Saturday afternoon, and also filed four bonds, aggregating \$140,000, with the mayor of the city.

### Surrendered to the Sheriff.

Leadville, Col., Dec. 7.—Yesterday morning John R. Amburn, who was president of the Cloud City Miners' union when the Coronado and Emmet miners were attacked; George B. Handick, former secretary of the union, and now a member of the executive committee, and Edward J. Dewar, present secretary of the union, walked into the sheriff's office, and stating that they understood they had been indicted by the grand jury, said they were ready to be taken into custody. The sheriff thereupon took charge of them. The three men are said to have been indicted for murder, though this will not be officially announced until an application for bail is made for them.

Yesterday John Walsh was arrested and jailed, having been indicted for arson at the Coronado mine.

Intense excitement prevails, and the air is full of rumors that several of the indicted men have fled from the city.

### Woodworking Machinery Men Neel.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 7.—At a secret meeting here Saturday night all the woodworking machinery manufacturers of the United States were consolidated, but no terms can be learned. About \$20,000,000 is involved. The five gentlemen who conducted the negotiations are Nelson J. Wattenbury and Henry Nelson, of New York; Thomas P. Egan, of the Fay & Egan company, of this city, and George P. Altenburg and Henry B. Moorehead, representing a large number of other woodworking machinery concerns in the country.

Nathan Mear, a Chicago pioneer, died the other day.

### Mystery Solved.

St.oney, Dec. 7.—A solution has been found for the mystery surrounding the disappearance of two persons and the unearthing of the body of one of them at Linden. The body of the second missing man has now been unearthed and has been identified as Capt. Weller. It was under the name of Capt. Weller that the man, who is under suspicion in connection with the case, sailed for San Francisco. An officer will now go to England to arrange for the extradition of this man when he is arrested.

### A Destructive Fire.

Comanche, Tex., Dec. 7.—Five two-story buildings on the west side of the square were destroyed by fire yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. Losses as follows: S. Zetlemayer, building, \$3500, no insurance; Ward Roper, saloon stock, \$2500, insured in Hartford Fire Insurance company for \$1250; R. O. Levi, \$3500, insurance \$2500; M. Lasker, building, \$3500; Jack Duncan, building, \$3500, no insurance; M. V. Fleming & Co., \$13,000, insurance \$8,000; M. W. Carroll, \$4000, no insurance; Hamilton & McCarty, \$8000, insurance \$6500; Moore, Hogan & Scurry, \$9000, insurance \$7000; Mrs. J. W. Green, \$4000, insurance \$3000; Vernon & Thomas, Comanche Chief, \$4000, insurance \$1800. Fire supposed to be of incendiary origin. The loss of the Chief office fell heavily on its owners, but the insurance will help them to make another start soon.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 7.—At an early hour yesterday morning a disastrous fire occurred at Comanche. Editor Sam M. Vernon of the Chief was here yesterday. Said he:

"Half of the west side of Comanche is in ruins. The alarm of fire was sounded at 3:30 yesterday morning, and by dawn five handsome two-story stone buildings on the west side were a blackened mass of ruins. The fire originated in R. O. Levi's grocery house, and, having no waterworks, the flames were powerless to check the flames."

### Killed in a Wreck.

Waelder, Tex., Dec. 7.—Two freight trains on the Southern Pacific collided five miles west of here at 7:30 yesterday morning, resulting in the killing of five men outright.

No. 25 east-bound had orders to wait at Sandy Fork till three-No. 24s passed. The crew of No. 25, thinking the last No. 24 had passed, pulled out, and when five miles west, No. 25 and the last No. 24 met, smashing both engines and four cars, covering the whole earth with molasses.

Killed: Engineer Brown, both legs cut off and disemboweled.

Engineer Cody, face injured and foot cut off and disemboweled.

Fireman Holt, cut in two and scalded beyond recognition.

Fireman Askin, horribly mangled.

Brakeman Heard, head cut off and buried beneath ruins, and had not been extricated at 4 o'clock yesterday evening.

Cody was a cousin to Buffalo Bill.

Holt was a son of Alderman Holt, of San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 7.—A frightful wreck occurred on the Southern Pacific railroad near Waelder, a station about seventy miles east of San Antonio, yesterday morning at 8 o'clock, in which five men lost their lives. Two fast through freight trains came together while going at full speed in a fog and at the top of a steep grade in both directions.

The east-bound train had orders to wait on a blind siding near Waelder for three sections of the west-bound train. When the second section of the west-bound train passed a mistake was made in reading the signals, and the east-bound backed out of the siding and started east at full speed. A dense fog enveloped the two approaching trains, which met in a sag of the road, each train going at a rapid speed to make the opposite grade. Each train carried a crew of five men, half of whom were killed instantly and two others severely, though not seriously injured.

### Serious Accident.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 7.—Saturday when the Barlow Bros. minstrels' aggregation arrived at Temple over the Katy, one of the members, Mr. EG Samson, was in a forward car and neglected to get off, not knowing he was at his destination. After the train started he learned that he was being carried away from Temple, and he rushed out of the coach and sprang off. He evidently miscalculated the speed of the train, for he fell heavily, striking his face on the ground. A large gash several inches long was cut in his face. Mr. Samson is one of the leading characters in the minstrels.

Clarksville, Tex., Dec. 7.—Saturday night about 11:30 the west-bound freight train just from DeKalb, Tex., was wrecked about half a mile east of this place, and thirty-eight head of young heifers instantly killed. The cattle belonged to Mr. A. G. Krump, of DeKalb. Six cars were piled up in the wreck, and the losses were two cars of young heifers and two cars of shelled corn and one car of coal and one empty car. Four tramps were stealing a ride, but no personal injury was sustained by any of them, or the trainmen either. The train was in readiness for trains by 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

## ARSENIC POISONING.

### SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE IN MILWAUKEE SICK.

They Ate Bread That Contained Arsenic and Several Will Die—The Police are Investigating and Arrests Will be Made Soon.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 5.—What is thought to be an attempt at wholesale poisoning in a large measure successful was reported to the health departments yesterday, when information was given of the sudden and serious illness of about 100 families, numbering between 500 and 600 persons, living in the northwestern part of the city.

The cause of the sickness was traced to bread sold at a bakery owned by Otto Fliesthaler, which has a very large trade.

Last night an analysis of the bread showed that it contained arsenic. The 600 persons poisoned are living, but a large number of cases are considered serious if not critical.

The health department officials say that it was evidently a case of arsenical poisoning. The symptoms are excessive vomiting, accompanied by pains in the stomach and severe headache and chills.

The police are convinced from an investigation last night that arsenic was placed in the bread with an intent to cause the death or serious illness of Fliesthaler's customers with the object of ruining his business. Arrests will be made.

### Wounded Soldiers.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 5.—A special from Key West, Fla., says: Passengers by steamer from Havana last night say that a train with 500 wounded Spanish soldiers arrived here yesterday. It was said that most of them came from the vicinity of San Cristobal and Candelaria. No definite statement could be had as from what battle field they came from. Rumors prevailed on their arrival that Weyler had sustained another defeat. Counter statements were also made that the vanguard of Maceo's army had been defeated. Moreover, it was announced that Weyler is on the eve of attempting to storm some of the hill tops where Maceo is entrenched, and this has raised great expectations in Havana.

Yesterday afternoon it was current rumor on the streets that another garrison of Spaniards had deserted over to Maceo, with their arms, ammunition and stores. The place was not given, though it is supposed to be near Palacios. Over 450 men were in the garrison.

Late in the afternoon guerrilla fighting was reported across the bay from Havana. Just beyond the line of the forts a small party of insurgents made a dash into the suburbs. They succeeded in killing three Spanish soldiers, capturing one captain and firing several houses. They lost five men killed.

Several American correspondents at Havana have had friendly warnings that Weyler is contemplating deporting some of the more outspoken ones because their reports do not please him.

### Chased a Thief.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5.—During an exciting chase after a thief on West Madison street yesterday morning, in which three police officers and a crowd of citizens took part, many pistol shots were fired, and three men were wounded. They are John McConachie, street car conductor, shot through the right hand; Policeman H. Connell, shot in the right leg; Adolph Thorsen, hit in the back by a spent bullet. The thief was a young fellow named Henry Rogers, who had snatched a pocket-book from a woman. He was pursued by a large crowd and used his revolver freely.

### Fell Dead.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 5.—Charles Wetter of Winthrop, Minn., while undergoing the ceremony of initiation into the Mystic Shrine, at Mason temple fell dead. The services were abruptly terminated and four physicians, including the coroner, were summoned. They decided that death was due to a valvular disease of the heart. He was 40 years of age and proprietor of a hotel at Winthrop.

The tug Elisa has been released by the government officials.

### "Dynamite Dick" Killed.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 5.—United States Marshal Nagle received news late yesterday afternoon, giving meager particulars of a battle between a posse of officers under Deputy Sheriff M. Dossie of Kay county and a gang of outlaws under the leadership of "Dynamite Dick," the most notorious outlaw and desperado in the southwest, near the little town of Blackwell, in the western part of Kay county at daylight yesterday morning. Dossie and a number of deputy marshals had been on the trail of the outlaws for several days, and surrounded them in a farm house soon after midnight Thursday night, and when the first man appeared yesterday morning the fight began. It was a hot one, and the bullets fell thick and fast on all sides for half an hour. Dynamite Dick was shot through the head and instantly killed by A. O. Lund, and Dan Cravens, another outlaw, was fatally wounded. Two other outlaws were captured and two escaped. Several officers were wounded, but none fatally.

Dynamite Dick, the dead man, whose real name was Dan Clifton, was one of the most noted outlaws in the southwest, having been a member of both the Doolin and Dalton gangs. He was one of the fifteen prisoners who escaped from the federal jail here last July under the lead of Bill Doolin, being under indictment for murder in the Ingalls fight. He was known to have murdered eight men and was suspected of many other crimes.

Perry, Ok., Dec. 5.—Yesterday morning at Blackwell, thirty miles north of here, a sheriff's posse surrounded a house where Dick Clifton, alias Dynamite Dick, and Ben Cravens, two members of the Dalton gang of outlaws, were, and in the fight Dynamite Dick was killed and Cravens wounded and three other pals arrested. Dynamite Dick was in the Longview (Tex.) and Southwest City (Mo.) bank robberies, and the Katy and Rock Island train robberies. There was a \$2000 reward for him.

### A Novel Wedding.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 5.—A remarkable wedding took place here yesterday, in which the principals were Alois Raith, aged 60 years, and Mary Kaiser, aged 24, who had just arrived here fresh from the Fatherland, and whose healthy appearance and rosy cheeks presented a strong contrast to that of her aged husband, whose gray hair almost touched his shoulders.

They were granted a license to marry by Clerk Power, who learned the following story from the old gentleman: Raith was a suitor for the hand of Mary Pfenger, of Bades, Germany, many years ago, but it was the wish of Mary's father that she marry Kaiser, which she did. This caused young Raith to leave for America. He was a wanderer through the states, but managed to accumulate a small fortune. Two years ago he settled here, purchasing a farm. He lived a secluded life, but was highly respected by his neighbors, who were made acquainted with his young love affair.

Several weeks ago Raith learned that his rival for Mary's hand had died, and he determined to write and again ask for her heart and hand. The letter was answered by the widow, who stated that were it not for breaking a promise made to her husband on his deathbed not to remarry she would accept the offer, but to atone for the treatment of Raith by her father she would sacrifice at the matrimonial altar her daughter, Mary, whose photograph was inclosed in the letter.

The picture was more than the old man could stand. While it was another person, it was a perfect one of the maiden he had learned to love at school. He wept for days, and it was feared he would lose his mind. Friends persuaded him to cease his raving and cable for his future wife. This was done, and yesterday the wedding was one of the happiest ever held in earth.

SHIRLEY P. G. ... Pastor. ... Sunday N

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Abilene now has two daily papers. The latest is the Abilene Evening Mirror.

There were 308 business failures in the United States last week, a gain of fifty over the previous week. McKinley confidence and prosperity we suppose.

The court house at Eastland has been burned. The building cost \$75,000 and was insured for 40,000.

The new silver democratic paper will occupy one of the stores in the Houghton block. Preparations are now being made for the arrival of the plant.—San Angelo Enterprise.

When one is lying down the heart makes ten strokes less a minute than when one is upright.—Ex.

There is an old Seminole down at the camp that is said to be 102 years of age. He works at most any kind of labor and promises to live a few years yet.—Bracket.

The extra session of Congress will be called to meet on the 15 or 16 of March; Hanna stated this to a Republican Senator.

Land Office Transactions.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 1.—The state land office reports 200,243 acres of school lands leased during the month of November, as against 328,871 acres during September and 51,557 acres of school lands and 240 acres of asylum lands. At present there are 6,500,000 acres of school lands under lease.

We never had the least particle of doubt but what the election of McKinley would bring increased prosperity to national banks, trusts, combines, syndicates, money lenders and the wealthy of the country; but how his policy will benefit the farmer, the man in debt or the man who depends on his daily toil to feed his wife and babies is more than has ever been satisfactorily explained to us.—Sherman Courier.

The Roby Homeguard has been enjoined from using that title by the Home Guard of Providence, Rhode Island, and it is now flourishing under the cognomen of the first paper ever published in Fisher county, the Fisher County Call. It seems that the Home Guard had a copy right on the name.—Colorado Spokesman.

From San Angelo Enterprise.

P. Nathan bought from J. M. Henderson, through J. S. Miles, 200 steers, mostly 3s, at \$25.

As long as the Chicago market holds up at its present mark the local speculator can well afford pay prices asked for here.

Rome Shields sold all his steer calves and received \$10 per head for them.

From our regular correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 7th, '96.

The congressional mill resumed operations at noon to day, but if the other mills which have lately started their machinery do not do more to bring about good times this session of congress is likely from any present indication to do, we shall not have good times for some time to come. President Cleveland's message is interesting enough in its way, and if he had a party behind him able to control legislation, some of his recommendations might have attracted wide attention, but as he is virtually playing a lone hand very little interest is expressed in the message with its 17,000 words. One senator jocularly remarked of it: "Cleveland didn't write that message for the fifty fourth Congress, but for prosperity and history perhaps they will give his ideas the attention that Congress denies them, but I have my doubts." If the tendency to increase the length of the Presidents' messages to congress is kept up, it will soon be in order to do away with having them read in the senate and house. Many think it already in order. The senators and representatives all have printed copies of the message, placed in their hands before reading is begun, so that the reading is nothing more than a profaneatory formality at best.

Speaker Reed may be worrying because he isn't in Maj McKinley's place, but if he is he is hiding it well, for he never appeared to be in better humor with himself and everybody else than he did to day when he called the house to order. And it is not so certain after all that his prospects are not more enviable than those of the President-elect. He will be speaker of the House, and it will not effect his political future should the announced period of prosperity fail to materialize, while Mr. McKinley's political future depends upon the ability of his administration to make good the glowing promises of the campaign.

Senator Gallinger is one of the republicans who would gladly omit the proposed extra session of congress, if he could do so, but he made it very plain that he regards extra session as certain when he said: "If I had my way I would have the Dingley bill promptly passed, and then whether vetoed or not, would trust to circumstances to determine the necessity or propriety of an extra session of congress. The indication however, do not warrant the belief that a serious effort will be made to pass the Dingley bill and if that is to be the pro-

gram, then I favor an early extra session for a complete and thorough revision of the tariff laws." Senator Gallinger doesn't look for any currency legislation either by this or the next congress. To put it in his own language: "It must be evident to every sane man that nothing can be done by this congress in the direction of currency legislation, and I have small expectations that the next congress will do much."

Representative Baker, of New Hampshire, now serving his second term but who was not re-elected, thinks the free coinage of gold by the government ought to be abolished, and he will introduce a bill embodying his ideas on that subject. He said: I want to see gold purchased on government account. I do not think it right to convert it into coin free of mintage. There is truth in assertion that this discriminates in its favor as against silver. I would have both gold and silver purchased just as the government buys copper and nickel for its minor coins."

The most conspicuous man in Washington to day is Mr. Mark Hanna, Chairman of the republican National Committee. He is here ostensibly to arrange for the inauguration committee, etc., but it is very plain from the manner in which the republican congressman flock around him, that they think he is also here for other purposes and that upon the report he carries to canton will depend cabinet portfolios and other and other plumes.

CENTRAL HOTEL.

Mr. Q. Lee, at the old Nickel Store in San Angelo is now fully prepared to meet the demands of the eating and sleeping public. Meals or beds 25 cents. Good rates by the week or month. Call there, try him once and you will go again.

A gigantic paper trust is said to be forming now for the purpose of monopolizing the paper business of the United States. They expect to freeze out all small manufacturers and raise the present price of paper 25 per cent. This will compel the newspaper men to advance their prices or go under. There is always a combination of some sort to victimize the newspaper man.

Mr. Cleveland has purchased a \$40,000 residence in Princeton, N. J., to which he will retire after the 4th of March. His fortune is supposed to be about \$1,000,000. It will be readily seen that he will not be compelled to work unless he wants to after his term of office expires.—Ex.

W. K. Vanderbold turned over to his daughter \$15,000,000 to make her eligible to a marriage to the Duke of Marlborough. It is not to be given in hard money, but in stocks and bonds and real estate in this country.

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Advertisement for Wine of Cardui Treatment of Female Diseases. Includes text: "WINE OF CARDUI TREATMENT OF FEMALE DISEASES... Thousands of women are nervous, head, have headache, sick stomach, fainting spells, dizziness, scanty or profuse menses, weak trunk, constipation, their sides, shoulders and limbs ache constantly—in fact, they suffer from general debility of the whole system. The superior tonic qualities of McMillan's WINE OF CARDUI make it the leading remedy for this class of troubles."

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Our stock of Groceries is also complete in every detail. We claim the largest and best selected stock to be found in San Angelo, at the lowest prices possible.

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J. C. Turner returned last Saturday from Carlton, Hamilton county, where he went several weeks ago to assist his son Robert Turner in moving to Coke. Robert Turner left Coke county about four years ago never to come, but latter he decided that Coke was the place.

Ed M. Mobley bought this week the J. T. Hamilton Drug Store, both stock and house and is to take charge next Monday. Mr. Mobley is to take charge next Monday. Terms private. Mr. Mobley is one of the best business men of the town and will no doubt make a success of his new business.

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Commissioner E. C. Rawlings sold this week to Lum Hudson 250 head of cattle at \$10.50 for cows \$13 for 2 year old steers and \$18 for 3 year old steers.

Commissioners court adjourned Wednesday at noon. Read their statement in another column.

Judging from the number of Ft. Chadbourne people to be seen on our streets as we go to press—one would think the inhabitants of the Ft. had emigrated.

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Quite a good audience turned out to the debate at the court house on last Saturday night. The speakers were: Larkin Hayley, Judge Brightman, Judge Perryman, Prof. F. E. Thomas, Prof. E. U. Smith and Prof. Gardner. The subject was: Resolved that the whites lead the right to dispossess the Indian of this county.

In a difficult between W. R. Spencer and Sam Mapes, Thursday night, the later was stabbed three times—in the groin, throat and in the breast near the left arm. Dr. Younger, who is attending the wounded man says nothing definite can be said as to the result, but the patient is resting well at the time of going to press. Nothing can be said as to the cause of the trouble at this time, as the matter is being investigated.—Runnels County Ledger.

I have sold out my saddle and harness business and am now dealing in **BOOTS, SHOES and FURNISHING GOODS** at N. P. Jones' old stand, and would be pleased to have my old friends and customers call and see me when in Ballinger.

No trouble to show goods. Respectfully, S. J. Carpenter

### New House and New Prices.

To the people of Coke county: I have bought and taken charge of the John Barron Grocery, Grain and Wagon Yard Business, and I most respectfully solicit your patronage. I will buy and sell for strictly cash and let you have goods at a close margin. Good wagon yard Free To All. Give me a trial. Yours for business, J. F. Deats.

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J. H. Campbell - - - " " 4.

**COURTS.**  
Distric Court convenes 1st, Monday in April and November.  
County Court convenes 3d, Monday May, August, November and February.  
Commissioners Court convenes 2nd Monday in February, May August November.

### Coke County Church Directory.

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:  
Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.  
Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.  
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.  
Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.  
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.  
Eugene T. Bates, P. C.

Methodist Protestant Church; vices as follows: Robert Lee, Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Liveoak, Sunday.

Sunday; Each night.  
Pastor, Sunday N

## Travelers' Tales.

### A Chinese Funeral.

A well-conducted Chinese funeral is the most gorgeous sight in Asia. At the front of the funeral procession walk the noisy, musicless musicians. Then come men bearing the insignia of the dignity of the dead, if he had any. Next come more men, carrying figures of animals, idols, umbrellas and blue and white streamers. After them come men carrying pans of perfume. Just before the coffin walk bonzes, Chinese priests. Over the coffin a canopy is usually carried. The casket is borne by about a score of men. Immediately behind the coffin walk the children of the deceased. The eldest son comes first. He is dressed in canvas, and leans heavily upon a stout stick. He is supposed to be too exhausted by grief and fasting to walk without the aid of the staff. The other children and relatives follow this chief mourner. They are clothed in white linen garments. The women are carried in chairs. They sob and wail at intervals and in unison. When the burying place is reached the bonzes begin chanting a mass for the dead, and the coffin is put into the tomb. A large oblong white marble table is placed before the tomb. On the middle of it is set a censer and two vases and two candlesticks, all of an exquisite workmanship as possible. Then they have a paper cremation. Paper figures of men, horses, garments and a score of other things are burned. They are supposed to undergo a material resurrection, and to be useful to the dead in the Chinese heaven. The tomb is sealed up or closed, and an entertainment concludes the ceremony at the grave.

### Priests of the Himalayas.

This decidedly effective group was photographed near Darjeeling. The holy men know nothing of Drury Lane pantomime, though their highly original costumes irresistibly suggest that gorgeous pageant. They are the priests who minister unto the hardy hill-men. Fortunately for their wearers, the masks are not for every-day use; this is evidenced by the more ordinary head-gear held by the pastor on the extreme right. These dignitaries have, as it were, merely assumed for the occasion their episcopal robes.

### In a Chinese House.

The windows of Chinese houses belonging to the wealthy classes are made of oiled paper or semi-transparent oyster shell, artistically wrought in a variety of fantastic patterns; as may be imagined, these give very little light and no ventilation, consequently the house during the day is dark and dull, but at night when the numberless picturesque lanterns are lighted, the scene is most beautiful. Round lanterns hang from the center and other points of the ceiling; some with flat backs are fastened to the wall, and others are set upright on tables and stands. The prettiest and most expensive are made of white silk or gauze, delicately painted in a variety of colors, red—the symbol of joy—predominating. There are octagonal lanterns fancifully painted, with red silk tassels hanging from each corner; mechanically contrived lanterns, which the heat sets in motion, beautifully carved horn lanterns, and some of basket work and bamboo. The rooms are separated one from another by carved wooden scroll work, which is most ornamental and gives a very rich and handsome appearance to the interior. This carving is sometimes gilded and sometimes polished; again the wood is left in a state of nature and given only a coating of wax. The Chinese are as fond as the French of mirrors; large and small ones are scattered about and cheval glasses placed in positions to give an idea of grandeur and extent. The doors of a Celestial home, instead of following a monotonously rectangular form, like those of the western world, are sometimes round or leaf-shaped, or semi-circular apertures. The round doors are regarded as a symbol of the sun. Another doorway will perhaps resemble a flower, illuminated by a window so constructed as to enhance the conceit, octagonal doors are used in the gardens which separate one court from another, and again doors shaped like fans, leaves, scrolls and fruit are seen. Unlike the Japanese, the Chinese have been accustomed to the use of chairs for centuries. According to western ideas, the Chinese chairs are models of discomfort, for they are made of a pattern which prevailed in England in the days of Queen Elizabeth or Queen Anne; tall, straight of back, and indifferently angular. The most comfortable chair to be found has an adjustable back, and is filled with reversible cushions, but this is a modern invention. When visitors are expected, or on the celebration of an anniversary, strips of red cloth are thrown over the low couches and squares of the same material cover the seats of the chairs.

### A Novel Currency.

An interesting article in Cassler's Magazine for October, by F. S. Pre-

bles, he gives this account of a curious currency in use in Mongolia and Siberia. "The tea business," writes Mr. Prentiss, "seemed to be in the hands of the Russians. They have here (at Foo Choo, China) two large factories for making tea-cakes. The tea is ground fine, almost to a powder, and then, by powerful hydraulic presses, is forced into blocks that are so hard that it is impossible to break them without a blow with a hammer. These are sent north through the great Chinese wall into Mongolia and Siberia, and pass current as money. In many localities it is the only currency used. As the blocks leave Foo Choo they weigh the same to an ounce, but as the money circulates around, however, pieces are chopped off to replenish the tea-pots, and the blocks depreciate in value in proportion to the chunks taken."

## THE LOSS FROM BAD BALLOTS

### The Necessity for Using the Greatest Precaution in Voting.

The "Red Book," or official legislative manual for 1896, compiled and published by Gen. Palmer, secretary of state, pursuant to law, contains tables of the returns of election of November, 1895, which make a partial, and only a partial exhibit of alleged "defective" ballots thrown out by the poll canvassers. The total number of electors thus reported disfranchised in the state as a consequence of the confusion and confounding of the blanket ballot, or "Australian" system of voting, reaches the enormous number of 15,936! And that probably is not half the total! It is a well-known fact that in some of the districts of this city and county the inspectors at many of the polls construed the law as not requiring them to make report of "defective" ballots. Of the 140 election districts of the county no returns of such ballots are made from ninety-one, as the tables of the "Red Book" show. And yet 670 are acknowledged. Chautauqua county, which contains the cities of Dunkirk and Jamestown, make no return. Chemung, containing the city of Elmira, reports 2; Hamilton, none; Jefferson, with the city of Watertown, only 70; Kings, containing all the city of Brooklyn, the second county and city of the state, where it is known that the number of defective ballots rejected was relatively greater than in New York, none. The aggregate vote of Kings, practically a part of New York, returned as counted, is 168,807. The aggregate vote of New York returned as counted is 261,540. Yet New York acknowledges 10,265 ballots as "defective, etc.," and rejected. By rule of proportion Kings county must have had 6,620. Orange county, containing the cities of Newburg and Middletown, makes no report. Orleans, with numerous large villages, only 5; Richmond, only 3; Schenectady, with the city of Schenectady, none; Ulster, with the city of Kingston, none; Westchester, with the cities of Yonkers and Mt. Vernon, which have the Myers ballot machine, reports one defective and rejected vote, which must have been at the poll of one of the towns using the blanket ballot.

### The Ways of an Ant.

It has long been recognized that the ant is a very intelligent insect, and leads a very complicated social life. There are classes among them—plutocrats, laborers and criminals. The author of a recent work on entomology notes the curious habit of one species of the ant of "turning some of their fellows into animated honey pots." Instead of placing honey in a comb as the bees do, the ant selects a certain number of workers, and disgorges the honey obtained from the eucalypti, on which it is deposited by coecidæ and other insects, into the throats of their victims. The process being continually repeated, causes the stomachs of these workers to be distended to an enormous size. This extraordinary habit was first discovered in the case of certain ants in Mexico, and subsequently shown to prevail in Colorado. It has been found to exist in Australia also, and Mr. Frogart describes and figures these ants of the genus camponotus that pursue this remarkable practice. The ants containing honey are favorite food with the natives.

### His Corkscrew Bust.

A party of Kentuckians were in Washington a few years ago and called on the congressman from their district. During the conversation the visitors asked about Colonel —, a former neighbor who had been living in Washington for some time. "I am very sorry to tell you, gentlemen," replied the member of Congress, "that Colonel — is in hard luck. He is very poor, indeed, I assure you. He does not complain, and it was only by accident that I learned of his straightened circumstances. He had a room across the hall from my room at the hotel. A few nights ago I went across to borrow his corkscrew. Would you believe it, gentlemen, Colonel — is actually so poor his corkscrew is rusty!"

### China's Silk Industry.

The silk industry of China employs, it is estimated, from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 people.

### Hydrophobia.

Overton, Tex., Dec. 3.—C. A. Still lost a fine mule Wednesday which is supposed to have died from hydrophobia. Before it died it would bite itself, tearing out great pieces of flesh. About three weeks ago he lost a fine dog which had hydrophobia. A dog passed his house and was seen to snap at the dog, and it is supposed that it also bit the mule. George Eaton lost a fine horse, which was affected like the mule. Another gentleman lost a fine mule in the same way a few days ago.

### An Old Negro.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 4.—At the poor farm yesterday morning old Aunt Mary Marks, colored, died at the extreme age of 119. For many years Aunt Mary was a picturesque figure at her home in Independence, but for about four or five months she has been helpless, and was taken to the farm, where she could receive better care than at the little cottage where she lived alone. Aunt Mary was a native of Hispanola, of the West India group, and was born in 1776. She, with others of her race, was stolen by the slave traders, and after a long sea voyage with Thomas Parker, a sea captain, who took a fancy to the then 6-year-old child, was brought to this country. When Capt. Parker died, at Baltimore, Mary was sold into slavery. She passed through many hands, and when a woman of 45 was brought to Texas in 1821 by James Whitesides and his wife, Betty, one of the first three families to cross the Brazos, J. E. Groce and John P. Cole having preceded him. The Whitesides located at San Felipe, the first capital of the colony, where they established a tavern. Aunt Mary knew Gen. Sara Houston well, Henry Smith, the first governor, and R. M. Williamson, known as "Three-legged Willie." She was cared for a long time by the kind people of Independence, but it was finally deemed best to send her to the poor farm, where she spent in comfort the last few months of a long life.

### Poultry and Stock Show.

Taylor, Tex., Dec. 3.—The third annual exhibition of the Williamson County Poultry and Stock association opened Wednesday morning with a most flattering exhibit of the feathered tribe. Many coops of birds from the different cities of Texas augmented the handsome display which had already been placed in position by local fanciers. Every incoming train brings additional pens, and the third annual exhibit of the association, which will last three days, promises to prove a cackling, crowing success, the best display of the different strains or breeds ever shown in Williamson county.

### Residence Burned.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 4.—A fire caused a stampede in East Mulberry street last night. It was discovered in the residence of John Bray, which is in close proximity to the warehouse and reserve tanks of the Waters-Pierce Oil company and the cotton yards of the Sherman Compress company. The fire department, however, by dint of very rapid and efficient work, checked the flames just in the nick of time. No one was in the burned residence, which was totally destroyed with all contents. The loss will reach \$1,000. Insurance unknown. No explanation of the cause of fire.

### Unveiling Postponed.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 4.—At a joint meeting of the local camps United Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans and Society of the Daughters of the Confederacy, it was decided that the possibility of inclement weather made it advisable to abandon the December-date for the unveiling ceremonies, and a postponement until spring is the result. Southern memorial day may be the time selected. The occasion will lose nothing in imposing grandeur and impressiveness by the delay, and the programme and arrangement committees will hold their conferences regularly.

### Telephone Transaction.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 4.—J. E. Farnsworth, of Dallas, superintendent of the Bell Telephone company, and C. C. Davis, Sherman district manager, yesterday purchased the franchise and entire interest of the National Telephone company, doing business here. The people generally are pleased that the sale has been made, for by it they will get a better telephone service, besides having connection with other points and cities. The transfer involved several thousand dollars.

### Immigrants Arriving.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 4.—Wednesday and yesterday morning the trains from the north brought the heaviest loads of immigrants ever brought in one day in recent years. No. 1 from the north Wednesday afternoon brought in over three coach loads and No. 3 yesterday morning had as many more. All were families from the north, who will settle in Texas along the lines of the Katy road. The families split up here and took different directions.

### Committed Suicide.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 5.—Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock Charlie McMillan, a conductor on the La Porte road, walked into Dunlay's hardware store on Travis street and stated that he wanted to get a second hand pistol. The clerk showed him one, and stated to him that it was loaded. He stated that that was what he wanted, and with that took the pistol and pointed it at his head, and sent the ball crashing into his brain. He died in five minutes. The bullet entered just beneath the eyebrow. Yesterday morning he buried one of his little children, and appeared to be in great distress. He wrote a note asking his wife to kiss their child for him. In a few minutes after the shot was fired the store was so crowded with people that a policeman had to clear them out, and then the street was crowded half across. He is well known here.

### Freight Wrecked.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 5.—What gives every evidence of being one of the most diabolical and successful attempts to wreck a train on record occurred at the gravel pit, a mile and a quarter north of Justin Station, on the Santa Fe, some twenty-five miles north of here, about 8 o'clock last night. The wrecked train was an extra freight, southbound, in charge of Conductor Osborne and Engineer John Mobley. The train was nearing Justin at the time the wreck occurred, at which point it was to take a siding in order to let the south-bound passenger, due to arrive here at 9:30 p. m., pass. It was running at the rate of about fifteen miles an hour, and was right on time. The engine was thrown from the track, and fell to the west side of it, while five freight cars were hurled about it on and near the track.

Engineer Mobley, Fireman Walter Holman and Head Brakeman Mitchell were all caught beneath the wreckage, and Holman and Mitchell were killed outright. At midnight last night Engineer Mobley is reported still pinned beneath the ponderous machinery, badly scalded and not liberated, as it takes time to get the wrecker to the scene.

The next train to be expected was the south-bound passenger, some thirty minutes in the rear of the wrecked extra freight, and that it was this train the wreckers were after seem certain, for they could have had no knowledge of the extra. At 11:30 last night Division Superintendent A. J. Davidson arrived here from his headquarters at Cleburne on an extra en route for the scene.

At 1:40 yesterday morning Superintendent Davidson, who is now at the wreck, wired here urgently for the bloodhounds, and a special is in readiness to take them as soon as they come in. A second messenger has just gone for the dogs. He also wires Cleburne and other points for dogs. From this it would seem that doubt no longer exists that it was a deliberate attempt to wreck the south-bound passenger train. Engineer Mobley is still alive, but not expected to live. He is both scalded and mangled. The dogs from here will go as soon as they arrive from the country.

### Telephone to be Improved.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 5.—General Superintendent Farnsworth, of the Southern Telephone company, who has practically closed the deal for the purchase of the National Telephone company's interests in this city, says it is the intention of his company to build in Gainesville a strictly up-to-date modern plant. New central office apparatus will be installed, white cedar poles from Michigan will be placed, and everything known to a first-class service will be used. By spring he says a new metallic copper circuit long distance line will be built from Gainesville to Sherman.

Remember that Irish potatoes grated and applied as a poultice is a quick and sure relief for scalds and burns.

### The Illumination.

"How her face lights up!" exclaimed Mr. Hiland, who was talking of Miss Bellefield to Miss Homewood. "It does, indeed!" replied the latter young lady. Mr. Hiland knew that the two girls were rivals, and so he wondered at such disinterested commendation, until Miss Homewood added: "Yes, her face certainly does light up wonderfully. I suppose that is the effect of her lantern jaws."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

### Seriously Hurt.

Aurora, Tex., Dec. 4.—Mr. Matt Baynes, a highly respected farmer living about four miles southwest of this place, while attempting to drive a span of mules across the Aurora and Briar bridges Tuesday, was seriously if not fatally hurt. The railings to the approach of the bridge were down, and the mules in their fright backed the wagon off of the bridge, overturning the wagon. The old gentleman has been partially paralyzed for several years. He says, if he recovers, he will take legal steps against the county for damage.

### Two Played at That Game.

James Payn tells of a man who, traveling on business over the Birkshire Downs in his gig, dined at an inn when the conversation fell upon knights of the road, at one time often found in those parts. He had a sharp country boy traveling with him, and, after dinner, he came to his master, saying: "Please, sir, I heard those gentlemen saying among themselves as how they meant to stop you and I upon the downs to-night and frighten you a bit." "Very good," he said; "we will fill the gig with the very worst eggs we can get." And when our four masked horsemen rode up to the gig side that night and demanded "Your money or your life?" of its occupants, they received, very literally, an ovation.—Arranaut.

### Parrots for Practical Purposes.

Parrots have been taught to imitate by their imitation of the human voice, and now their powers in this respect have been made use of for a practical purpose. At almost every station on a German railway the station master has a parrot or a starting so trained that whenever a train draws up at the platform it commences calling out the name of the station most distinctly, and not only this, but it continues doing so while the train remains there. This has been found an excellent mode of informing the passengers where they are.

### The Kind He Didn't Want.

"How did your son do at college last year, Mrs. Wilkins?" "Very well indeed. He did so well as a freshman that he got an encore." "A what?" "An encore. The faculty have requested him to repeat the year."—Harper's Bazar.

### Wholesale Jewellers.

Wholesale Jewellers. Jos. Linn & Bro., Importers of Diamonds and Watches; mfrs. Fine Jewelry, 30 Main St., Dallas. It is funny how ignorant some people are of the little matter of spelling.

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### MEDICAL AND ARMY RED TAPE.

English Military Surgeons Who Made Themselves Ridiculous.

Considerable controversy still continues to be waged with reference to the titles of the army doctors, says the London Navy and Military Record. In its zeal for the cause which it has so much at heart, the British Medical Journal has dropped into a funny error. Deploring "the sad incongruities," our contemporary refers to two supposed army surgeons, belonging to the Royal Sussex regiment, who died in Egypt, who are, it is stated, mentioned on a monument at Brighton merely as "Drs. So-and-So," their names being placed between the Lance corporals and privates. As our contemporary, The Globe, points out: Every soldier will, of course, see at once that, as a contemporary points out, the "Drs." are not "doctors," but drummers. It is in this way that the friends of those army surgeons who glory only in the military half of their double-barreled titles, make their cause ridiculous, for they quite seem to forget that it is the other half of those titles by which they won their commissions and earn their pay. It is stated that there was a certain very military brigade surgeon lieutenant-colonel in M—, to whom a subaltern addressed a note as "Dr. So-and-So." The note came back unopened, and superinscribed "No such person in M—." But the subaltern was equal to the occasion, and sent it back superinscribed, "To await arrival." It was the same medical officer to whom a captain's wife wrote a friendly note. "Dear Dr. So-and-So: Baby has a big boil. Please come round and bring your lancet." To this came a reply that the note should have been addressed "Brigade Surgeon Lieut.-Col. So-and-So," and the lady wrote back: "Dear Brigade Surgeon Lieut.Col. So-and-So: Baby has a big boil. Please come round and bring your sword."

### EUROPE BEATING US.

Big Cities of the Continent Growing More Rapidly Than Ours.

It will surprise many people to learn that the big European cities have been growing much faster than those of the United States, says the New York Journal. This fact is pointed out by Dr. Albert Shaw in a recent book on the municipal government in Europe. In 1870 New York had 150,000 more people than Berlin; in 1880 Berlin had outstripped New York, and it still maintains. In the twenty-five years since the war the increase in the population of Berlin has actually been as great as that of Chicago. Philadelphia was bigger than Berlin thirty years ago; since then it has only grown by 500,000. Americans will say that Berlin is exceptional; that its growth is due to political causes. But how are they to explain Hamburg? In 1875 Hamburg had 348,000 people and Boston 342,000; in 1890 Hamburg had 569,250 and Boston 448,000. Baltimore was once as big as Hamburg, but it has long been distanced. Leipzig has grown from 127,000 in 1875 to 355,000 in 1890 and has distanced San Francisco. Even St. Louis has not grown as rapidly. Breslau used to be smaller than Cincinnati; it has now distanced it. Cleveland and Buffalo and Pittsburg were all in 1880 bigger than Cologne, but Cologne was much the biggest in 1890. Dresden is growing more quickly than New Orleans and Madagascar than Milwaukee. Hanover, though a sleepy place enough, is growing as quickly as Louisville or Jersey City.

### A Bicycle Freak.

The Eiffel tower bicycle is the newest sensation among the wheelmen of Berlin. It is a tandem, and a few weeks ago the strange machine, with one of its riders high in the air, made its appearance on the boulevards of the German city, and it at once became the tandem freak of the continent. The seat of the rider at the top of the tower is reached by a series of steps fixed to the rear frame post of the old bicycle. The rider on the lofty seat helps in the propulsion of the wheel through a series of pedals, sprocket wheels and a chain leading down to the driver wheel of the bicycle. Strange as it may appear, the wheel can be ridden up and down hill and over the ordinary country roads with as much ease and comfort as the regulation safety.

### Hanged and Varnished.

An English custom of not so long ago was to hang smugglers on gibbets arranged along the coasts, and then tar the bodies that they might be preserved a long while, as a warning to other culprits. As late as 1822 three men thus varnished could have been seen hanging before Dover castle. Sometimes the process was extended to robbers, assassins, incendiaries and other criminals. John Painter, who fired the dockyard at Portsmouth, was first hanged and then tarred in 1776. From time to time he was given a fresh coat of varnish, and thus was made to last nearly fourteen years. The weird custom did not stop smuggling or other crime, but no doubt it worked some influence as a preventive.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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 Real estate transfers are active.  
 Nelson Webb was in town Tuesday.  
 Mrs. E. C. Ballins was in town last Saturday visiting.  
 Judge Hanna of Olga, spent several days in the city this week.  
 H. E. Johnston and lady visited their ranch Thursday.  
 J. W. Hall went to San Angelo this week to lay in supplies.  
 J. D. Collier's prices are making gray hairs in other merchants' heads.  
 Cyrus Odum and wife were in from Oak creek Wednesday.  
 W. H. Collyns, of Sterling, was in town Tuesday.  
 Furs are low, but I will pay all they are worth.  
 I. O. Wooden,  
 Ballinger, Texas.  
 Will Osgood, of Oak creek was in town several days this week.  
 Willy Byrd was in town Tuesday.  
 Commissioners court adjourned Tuesday.  
 Born:—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Warren the 7th a fine girl.  
 My prices are always the lowest for first-class goods is why so many buy their Groceries from A. D. White, San Angelo.  
 Luan Hudson of down the river was in town Monday attending to business.  
 R. P. Perry and W. E. Ingram made a trip to San Angelo this after supplies.  
 Capt. J. P. Hutchinson, of Bronte was in town a day or two this week.  
 Hides are advancing—I keep with the market.  
 I. O. Wooden,  
 Ballinger, Texas.  
 Commissioner J. C. Newton subscribed for the RUSTLER this week.  
 J. T. Hamilton and Don Green went to San Angelo the first of week.  
 W. L. Lowe and R. Y. Haggerton had cotton ginned here Wednesday.  
 Mrs. R. Y. Haggerton was visiting in the city Wednesday.  
 I sell Confectionaries and Groceries as low as the lowest.  
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 Ladies come and see the New Millinery goods at Mrs. Ingram's  
 Four advertisers pay Munsey's Magazine \$26,000 a year for one page.  
 J. T. Hamilton will not remain one of Robert Lees business men after to-day.  
 Joe Robbins, the stockman of Hayrick was in town Tuesday.  
 Attend the debate and institute at the court house to-night.  
 Will Richard, of Oak was seen on the streets of Lee Wednesday.  
 H. L. Adams and G. C. Arnet two of Cokes cattlemen, were in town Monday.

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We are very much in need of money and we must have what you owe us, and if you don't come in and settle we will have to sue you.

Yours for Settlement,  
 BENNECK, STEWART & CO.

R. M. Cumbie preached at the Court House Friday night of last and Rev. C. C. Berryman filled his regular appointment here on Sunday.

Load after load of lumber came through town last Monday, all from Cicero Smith at San Angelo.

Ed Good, Will Perry and Lum Hudson, all from down the river were in town Monday.

**McKinley**

Is our next president, but that has nothing to do with high prices up to date. Now is the time to buy your Boots and Shoes, Hats and Furnishing Goods. I sell goods 15 per cent cheaper than any other house in the west. When in Ballinger call at the old stand and price goods and be convinced that these are facts.

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 COMMISSION MERCHANT.  
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Jno. Alexander and Frank Robinson of Ft. Chadbourne, were in town a few hours Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stephens, of near Hayrick stopped over in the city a few hours Thursday on their way to San Angelo.

Go to Jno. Freeland for Apples Cabbage, Potatoes and Pure Apple Cider. Agent for All Leading Daily Papers. Also Agent for the Edison Steam Laundry.  
 SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Deputy Tax Collector, J. A. Stuart is out in the southern part of the county this week rustling the tax payers.

The Methodist church organized a Sunday school at the court house last Sunday.

Esq. J. B. Morris and Baze Knight of Ft. Chadbourne, were in the city Wednesday night on their way to San Angelo with cotton.

Through the Twice-a-Week Republic of St. Louis excelled all other Western Weekly papers in publishing the news of the campaign, it now announces that it has extended its news service, and hereafter it will give its readers the best paper in the country. This means much, because the next twelve months will be crowded with news of big events. With all the improvements to its service the yearly subscription will be the same—one dollar a year, by mail twice a week.

J. C. Turner bought out J. R. Finches half interest in the Ballinger mail line, paying him \$57 for it.

Lawyer Snodgrass, of Colman City is here this week representing the state in the examining trial of Osgood for the murder of Frank Meyers. He is said to be one of the best lawyers in the state.

S. J. Webb and J. B. Winn of Edith was in the city a day or two this week having cotton ginned.

A windmill at Caldwell's Free Wagon Yard, San Angelo. Lots and stalls in good condition. Feed, water and wood in abundance. Your patronage solicited.

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Miss Eva Bennick is visiting Misses Belle and Maggie Williams of near Sanco this week.

W. J. Wingate, one of Ballinger most shining legal lights, was in town Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Turner informs us that Hub Walker has returned to Fisher county to marry. He is to marry a Mrs. Vera Rutland of near Koscoe.

M. C. Brister and wife, of Sanco passed through town Wednesday on their way home from San Angelo.

Now is the time to buy cheap lumber, as prices have been cut. I am prepared to meet all competition.

CISERO SMITH, Titus Stand,  
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C. C. Merchant, of the RUSTLER force paid his respects to San Angelo the latter part of this week.

The teachers institute and the examining of Jim Osgood, brought quite a crowd to town Friday and Saturday.

A full stock of Fresh Groceries always on hand and sold at lowest possible prices for cash at the Grocery Store of A. D. White.  
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I respectfully invite my old friends, when in Ballinger and wanting your whiskers pushed in or a hair cut in the Latest Style, to drop in and see me at the Huberd stand.

Ashall Dancer.

G. C. Lastwell, of Sanco, passed through town Thursday on his way home from San Angelo. He informs us he received 6 1/4 cents per pound for his cotton and says it is still going down. That looks like McKinley prosperity.

Eli Rambin and G. W. Webb, the hotel man made a trip to San Angelo the first of the week after supplies.

S. S. Craddock, one of Sanco best citizens was in town Thursday and hand us one dollar on subscription. He always pays in advance. Who next? Don't all come at once.

# WINKLER & CO'S Special Offerings.

The Winter Season is rapidly advancing and we find that our stock of

## Blankets, Ladies Jackets And Capes

is too large at this time of the year, as the weather has been unfavorable for the sale of these goods. And in order to reduce the stock quickly we make a sweeping reduction on the above lines.

### Note The Prices.

#### 1 Lot Ladies Jackets

Made of good heavy material, regular selling price \$2. and 2.50, to close out the Lot.

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Some extra fine goods in this Line prices ranging from \$4.50 to 4. Closing Out Price.

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We offer our Entire Line of LADIES CAPES at a Grand Discount of 15 per cent off from our regular low prices.

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Respectfully,

R. P. Perry.

Financial Condition of Coke Co.

ED. RUSTLER—The Commissioners court have made a thorough investigation of the financial condition of Coke county and hand you the following statement for publication.

Bonded debt	\$33,500.00
Tom Green Co. debt	134 87 00
Total Scrip debt	14,257.53

Total \$61,241.53

The following statement will show the scrip debt was incurred. Scrip debt at the close of 1892 term \$16,304.00 Scrip debt at the close of 1894 term 12,044.62 Scrip debt at the close of 1896 term 14,257.53

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with the business we wish to explain that the bonded debt is provided for by a special tax, levied to meet the interest as it accrues and create a sinking fund for its liquidation at the time of maturity and that tax is not available to pay off the scrip indebtedness. The only fund that can be used for that purpose is the County advalorum, County Poll and occupation taxes, which amounts according to the tax rolls of 1896 are as follows:

County Advalorum	\$3,464 00
County Poll	120 50
Occupation Tax	50 00

The above are stubborn facts and the present matter for grave consideration, but the people may rest assured that all will be done that can be done to tide over the difficulties.

Very Respectfully,

S. J. CHAPMAN, Co. Judge,  
E. C. RAWLINGS Com. Pre. No. 1.  
SAM SAYNER, Com. Pre No 2.  
J. H. CAMPBELL, Com. Pre No 3.

Here It Is Again.

We wish to make the people of Coke some special offers as follows: First pay up what is due, if anything, on your subscription. Second, renew and pay for your paper for 1897. And in order to induce you to do this, we make the following offer—to hold good only while this notice runs, or during this month, December:

To new subscribers we will send the RUSTLER the remainder of this year and until January 1, 1898 for only \$1. And we will, during this month only, take \$1 on old accounts for one years subscription. We make these propositions because we need all that is due us, and need it now.

We are figuring on starting off with an all home print paper the first issue in January and with that we want to start up on a cash basis, the only successful way of conducting a business. So, if you feel an interest in the institutions of your county and town and want to read the RUSTLER during 1897 come in and arrange for same during this month. If present arrangements do not fall through we will start with an all home print on or about January the 1st issue and in order to maintain it we propose to cut the subscription price to \$1 in advance and put all old accounts in the hands of an attorney for collection which are not paid or satisfactory arranged otherwise. We mean business strictly. Please give this your careful and immediate attention.

Judge Chapman began hearing the evidence in the Ft. Chadourne murder case to day. And up to the time of going to press only two witnesses had testified, there being nineteen more to examine.

Bill Barnett, of near Hayrick was in town to day with beef.

School Report.

To The Patrons of the Robert Lee School:

Friday, Nov. 27th ended the third month of our public school term. As we have said before, our school is crowded, our conveniences are not what they should be, and we do not feel that we have met with the hearty, energetic co-operation of parents that we should have, but we are struggling bravely against all obstacles and hope that our pupils, at least will appreciate our efforts.

We trust that the patrons will see that their children devote more time to their books at home.

School will be dismissed on Friday, December 18, for the Christmas holidays. Work will be resumed Jan. 4th, 1897.

The following pupils have made the necessary average to have their names on the roll of honor.

Pearl Hamilton 95, Eta Roe 97, Ada Frye 93, Lydia Roe 90, Lile Roe 93, Ina Barefield 91, Stella Turner 93, Lee Hamilton 92, Sam Hamilton 93, Jim Barron 92, Charlie Perry 93, Earl Johnson 90, Raymond Johnston 92, Gertrude Nann 91, Dollie Stewart 100, Pearl Burroughs 91, Nannie Murray 93, Ida Johnston 99, Lora Barefield 98, Loid Hall 98, George Hall 95, Earnest Higgins 96, Oswald Brighman 96, Maude Barefield 97, Fred Roe 98, Mary Clawson 98.

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MRS GERTRUDE HAYLEY, Asst.

made by them. So if you insist on trapping on others toes, you must go your own way to do it other than this house.

Yours Respectfully,  
J. W. ASHURST,  
Trustee and Secretary.  
Bronte

Dec. 10, 1896.—I attended a musical entertainment at Parson Cumblies last night, which was very nice and the young folks of this community seemed to enjoy themselves hugely and as Leap year and xmas are nearing the porte, I think there will be a run on the Clerks office from this porte and it is thought that there will not be any more licenses issued after xmas until after Major McKinley takes his seat as President of this Nation and restores the tariff question. I wish to say to my friend J. W. Barnett, that if any of the young men comes in wanting licenses for my best girl, state them I object. I leave here today for Ballinger and my Brown Co. home to spend xmas and will not be back until after the 1st of January.

CHAS. M. AERE.

### Cold Blood Murder.

On Friday night Dec. 4th between twelve and one o'clock while a dance was in progress at the residence of G. G. Odom four or five shots were heard in quick succession. It was found that B. F. Meyers, was missing, G.

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## W. E. HEALD,

THE JEWELER, P. O. BUILDING, San Angelo, Texas.

Bronte, Tex., Dec. 6th 1896.

ED. RUSTLER:

I herewith hand you a copy of a letter received some time since from one of the trustees of the Divide church, which I wish you to publish in the RUSTLER.

I love thy church, oh God,  
Her walls before thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of thine eye,  
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend,  
To her my cares and toils be given.

Till toils and cares shall end.

R. M. CUMBER.

Robert Lee, Nov. 1896.

Rev. R. Cumber,

Dear Sir:

As one of the trustees of the divide church house, I and the other trustees do ask you not to in your sermons to run down other denominations or speak of them in any way that would offend them. This house is a union church house. Mr. Dickey should have told you the rules if you did not know them. Sorry you spoke as you did. You are at liberty to preach your own doctrine as much as you please, but you cannot offend other denominations in this house. You can find the rules recorded in the Clerks office in Robert Lee, or if you will stop by I will show them to you. We as trustees must do as the people wish us to do in regard to laws

Odom C. W. Odom, J. Stubblefield W. Hazlewood and Jerry Wheeler was holding to him in about fifteen or twenty minutes after the shooting was heard. G. W. Odom and Jerry Smith found Mr. Meyers behind and old house in the back yard dead, with two holes in him, one ball entering his right arm about two inches above his elbow, braking his arm and entering his side. The other shot from appearance was shot after deceased had fallen entering the head behind the forehead and going downward. In the judgment of most people either shot would have produced death. J. B. Meyers was sent for immediately and proceeded to hold an inquest. The verdict of the inquest was the deceased met death from gunshot wound in the hands of Tom Richards. From the evidence produced, the coroner decided that Tom Richards had one or more accomplices. Richards was arrested and put under bond to await the action of the grand jury. On Sunday morning a very large crowd followed the remains to cemetery and a sadler burial was witnessed by us scribe. While Frank Meyers had no relatives in this part of the country, a more popular young man could not be found in the country. It has cast a gloom over the entire community.

B. F. Meyers was born in the State of Illinois, but had lived in Coke County since its organization. He had a bright sunny disposition and he will be sadly missed by his many friends.

A FRIEND, Pastor.

Sunday N

## SPANIARDS ARE SHOT.

### GUANABOCCA ATTACKED AND THE GARRISON PERISH.

They Were Ambuscaded Between Stone-walls by the Insurgents and Were Killed. The Insurgents Burned Seventy Houses. River Falling.

Havana, Dec. 4.—The insurgent's attack on Guanabocca, on the outskirts of this city on Tuesday last, was a much more serious affair than at first stated. According to insurgent accounts Guanabocca was attacked simultaneously at several points, while another insurgent force fired upon the Spanish outposts at Bucaranas on the coast. The garrison of the fort, it is added, left that place to resist the attack on the town, but was ambuscaded between stone walls and farm fences by about 300 insurgents, and in spite of the gallant defense made all the Spaniards were killed. The exact number of soldiers slain is not known. It is admitted that a number of insurgents were also killed, but here again the number is not stated.

On the other hand, the insurgents are said to have burned seventy houses in Guanabocca instead of 100, as the official report of the affair stated.

Further details state that the attack on Guanabocca began at 10:30 Tuesday night. The insurgents first fired upon the Spanish outposts of the city and suburbs and in spite of the fact that the local garrisons were almost immediately placed under arms to repel the invaders, the latter, after an hours' skirmish, broke through the Spanish picket lines, entered the city and set fire to a large number of houses in Aguacate and Palo Blanco streets. These thoroughfares, as a rule, contained private residences or cheap buildings for refugees. Only one storehouse of importance was burned, it is said, although the insurgents made many efforts to set fire to other stores.

The local authorities are doing everything possible to conceal the real facts in the case, but there is no doubt that they have received a bad scare and that the insurgents have demonstrated that it would not be a very difficult matter in spite of the reports of the military commanders to create just such another "scare," to say the least, in the city of Havana itself.

#### River Falling.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 4.—"The river is falling at the rate of a foot per day and there is no reason whatever for apprehension," said Col. W. A. Jones, U. S. A., yesterday after he had put in a busy day investigating the situation along Chippewa river. Col. Jones, who is in charge of the government engineering works in the northwest, had been called here by the local authorities, who sought expert advice in what seemed like an extremely and critical situation.

He continued: "The flood here is simply caused by the back water. Most of the water is able to get away under the ice and back water represents the amount of water that is unable to get away. As the stage of the river goes down more of this water will flow under the ice and the flood here will soon be over. The gorge extends about eighteen miles and is made up largely of anchor ice, which is a sort of slush packed closely, but not so hard as ordinary ice. Under this the river is running in somewhat cramped quarters and as the water falls more the ice will drop down into the river bed, where it is likely to stay until spring, the water still running along under the mass of ice."

The water has been just about twenty-five feet all afternoon, but since, in general, it is falling and less fear is felt in regard to changes in the stage of the water here. It was snowing last night, the ground being covered, but the cold weather continues with little change.

#### Battleship Texas Floated.

New York, Dec. 4.—The battleship Texas, which has been undergoing repairs for two weeks, was floated out of the timber dry dock early Wednesday morning and with assistance of two government tugs was moored at the cob dock. The ship is unfit for service and will in all probability be put out of commission in the near future, and undergo extensive alterations.

Besides the weakness of the bulkheads, the water-tight compartments and the apparatus which works the twelve-inch guns, the turrets are found to have been so faultily constructed that the guns can only be loaded from two positions. Should the turrets become jammed the guns would be useless.

Many other defects have also been discovered. The piping to the hoisting and rammer gear is unprotected when it traverses the space between the protective deck and the floor of the turret. This means that the main gun can be disabled by a shot from the sea.

#### Report of Commissioner Stump.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Commissioner General Stump, of the immigration bureau, has made his report to the secretary of the treasury on the result of his recent mission to Rome in the interest of the proper observance of our American laws. On his arrival in Rome the Italian ministry expressed to Mr. Stump its earnest desire that persons who would not be permitted to land in the United States should be restrained from embarkation, and that such regulations as the ministry had authority to enforce should be promulgated, with a view to preventing further undesirable immigration, and at the same time save persons who intended to migrate a fruitless voyage.

The result of Mr. Stump's several conferences with the Italian authorities were the issuance by Minister Rudini of a proclamation giving in detail the provisions of our immigration laws and a comprehensive explanation of each. The minister requires each emigrant to provide himself before his departure with his own penal certificate, setting forth in detail his criminal record, if he has ever been under arrest, which must be delivered to the immigration officials at the United States port of entry. The proclamation also instructs all local immigration agents to refuse passports to persons not clearly entitled to land in the United States. Mr. Stump regards his mission as highly successful and anticipates very satisfactory results from the proclamation by Minister Rudini.

#### Spanish Soldiers Joined the Insurgents.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 4.—A special from Key West says: News has been received here that the troops of the Spanish garrison at San Jose de Las Lajas, twenty miles southwest of Havana, abandoned their post and joined the insurgents. Many of the citizens accompanied the troops and carried ammunition with them. The news caused great excitement at the palace, and fresh troops were immediately sent to the post and order was restored. Before the troops arrived anarchy reigned, and when the troops reached the city many residents were shot down in the streets.

News from Santiago de Cuba reports that the insurgents captured an important convoy of ammunition and supplies between Bayamo and Manillo, with nearly 1,000,000 rounds of Mansur & Remington cartridges.

No more social or family gatherings will be held in Havana unless special order shall be secured from the authorities. All of the homes of leading Cuban families are watched, as well as the movements of foreign correspondents, and are reported to the police.

The postoffice officials open letters indiscriminately, and send them to owners without excuse. Out-going passengers, when suspected, are searched aboard the ships and steamship officials are closely watched.

#### The Laurada to be Seized.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 4.—Rumors were going the rounds in shipping circles yesterday, based upon a cable message that was said to have been received from Capt. Samuel Hughes, of the Philadelphia-filubustering steamship Laurada, dated Messina, that it is the intention of the Spanish government to seize and confiscate the ship upon her arrival in Spanish territory. The fact that she is bound by charter to run out of some of the Spanish fruit ports in the Mediterranean gives color to the rumors. The probabilities are that Capt. Hughes, rather than risk his life and the lives of his crew, will violate the terms of his charter and proceed direct to this port from Messina.

#### The Elsa Guarded.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 4.—The tug Elsa is in the hands of the government officials at the Memphis wharf. The captain says he is bound for some port in South America (he does not know which one) and the owners of the tug state that they are taking her to New Orleans. The Elsa arrived here yesterday afternoon, apparently from Sandusky, O. A dispatch from Cairo says the tug is bound for Cuba with arms and ammunition in her hold, and that she has no regularly licensed pilot. It is on the latter charge that the Elsa is being held.

#### Cashier Robbed.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—Two highwaymen with drawn revolvers entered the office of the Home Brewing company at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and held up the cashier, Robert Havercamp, forced him to hand over \$400, and then went behind the counter, looted the money drawers and secured probably \$500 additional. The robbery was the most daring that has occurred in St. Louis for years. When the hold-up occurred there were present in the office the cashier, a half dozen clerks and several customers.

#### Pleasant.

She—It is very pleasant to live in the suburbs, but we find it almost impossible to keep a girl. He—Why, they are not so expensive. We keep three.—Omaha Bee.

## HER MAIDS OF HONOR

### RUSSIA'S ACADEMY WHERE THEY ARE TRAINED.

Learn Humility Among Other Things—Must Be Able to Sew, Read Aloud for Hours and Stand for Indefinite Periods.



**S**PEAKING of the Russian schools, there is one academy at Moscow which is unique in its way. I am sure that a similar institution does not exist in any other country, says the Philadelphia Times. It is a school for young ladies of high birth, whose parents desire that they shall become maids of honor at the imperial court. The English queen has only six or eight maids of honor, and I believe the royal attendants of that description are even fewer in number at courts where there is a queen regnant, queen regent or queen consort of first-class rank. Of course, by "queens" I also mean "empresses." All the reigning consorts who have the imperial title are also queens. Empress Elizabeth of Austria is also queen of Hungary; Empress Alexandra of Russia is queen of Poland; Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany is also queen of Prussia and Queen Victoria is also empress of India.

In Russia there are several institutions which retain an oriental flavor, and the fact that the czarina is always surrounded by an imposing bevy of unmarried women is a case in point. At least fifty young women, all the daughters of great nobles, pay her personal service. They are in two ranks, "cipher" and "portrait," distinctions which I will presently explain. Candidates for the position of maids of honor to the empress have their names registered by a court official, whose title might be translated as "overseer of the maids." This is often done a day or two after the birth of the aspiring young ladies. At the age of 16 they enter the official school of the maids of honor and there they are taught everything pertaining to the court, as well as everything that goes to make a well-educated young gentlewoman. The girls must acquire the art of legible writing and be able to correspond fluently, not only in Russian, but in English, German, French and Italian. They must be able to take dictation in all those languages rapidly. They are also expected to become familiar not only with the routine etiquette of their own and foreign courts, but they must learn rules of precedence, delicate distinctions of rank and other intricacies of court life, almost impossible to explain to those who have not been born in the atmosphere of the purple. Future maids of honor are also required to be not only clever at embroidery but capable, if necessary, of ordinary domestic stitching. While in attendance there are always possibilities of a ready needle being required for the empress or a grand duchess. They are expected to know how to order a dinner and how to direct cooks in the way of preparing dishes favored by imperial personages. They must have a capacity of being able to read aloud for hours if necessary, without undue fatigue; of being able to stand for indefinite periods; of being able to receive snubbings, scoldings, even abuse with patient composure, and finally they must inculcate within them the fact that an empress or grand duchess is a personage almost divine in attribute.

All these accomplishments acquired, or apparently acquired, it remains with a maid of honor lastly to be of such favor in her features, her general appearance and her dress that she enforces attraction from the empress or from one of the other half-dozen grand duchesses of Russia, who are permitted to have the second pick of the maids of honor, after the czarina has finished her own appointments. Before, however, such appointments can be ratified, the czar himself inspects the candidates. Indeed, at various periods the czar makes a point of visiting the school and generally "looks over" the girls.

The czarina's maids of honor enjoy a barbaric splendor of costume that far exceeds anything to be seen at any other European court. A white satin robe stretches from chin to toes, the buttons up the front being set with precious stones. Over this is thrown a sort of red velvet cloak, embroidered with gold and having long pendant sleeves. On their heads rests the kakochnik or national cap of crimson velvet, thickly studded with jewels, from the summit of which hangs a veil of white tulle that spreads half way over the voluminous train. This gorgeous array is donned on all state occasions until the wearer passes from the "cipher" to the "portrait" stage of promotion. The juniors wear for some years of their left shoulders the monogram of their mistress worked in pale blue silk, but after a period of service

they substitute for this the portrait of the empress framed in brilliants and exchange their crimson and gold for a less radiant cap of green and silver. While receiving their education they wear plain woolen frocks, with frilled silk aprons, but these dresses are so contrived that the upper part of the bodice and the long sleeves can be removed at will. Whenever the czar visits the schools all the girls appear décollete.

#### ADVICE TO MEN.

Don't Wear Long Hair and an Air of Dishabille.

In seeking to win the affection and friendship of women, dear boys, you will find dress an important thing to be considered. Although I will not go so far as to say that a woman's heart has ever been broken by a badly-brushed hat, I have known a woman to look at a bulging shirt bosom and decide that even if she could ever consent to pillow her head upon such an uncomfortable-looking spot the loud vivacity of the waistcoat beneath would make rest there quite impossible. I am not going to tell you what to wear. That is the work of mightier intellects than mine. There are the young lady male impersonators of the variety stage to copy. They represent the woman's ideal of man's clothing. I may, however, prove myself useful in telling you what not to wear. To begin with, there is one rule you should have written on your mirror. It is this: Do not dress like a genius, even if you are one. The average woman has a strong aversion to go out with a gentleman who—because laurel wreaths have gone out of fashion—substitutes for them long hair, short trousers, décollete shirts and a generally carefully arranged dishabille. The average woman is a silly little thing, you know, and she would rather that you looked commonplace and well-groomed than that every newsboy be able to tell that she is walking with an intellectual giant. As for the woman above the average—well, she knows that you're not a genius anyhow. You can't fool her with freak neckties and doorknob studs. Remember that I am directing your doings to meet the tastes of the majority of women. There are ladies who go riding on tandem bicycles with gentlemen who wear red shirts, and some women love the society of a necktie or vest that almost barks. The ring, watchchain and bric-a-brac habit is popular with the young ladies who stand on the other side of the footlights and have a taste for anything that glitters even if it isn't eighteen carat. By this class of lady you may be loved for your scarf pin, but a large percentage of the weaker sex prefer to do all the glittering that is to be done themselves.—New York World.

#### NICKNAMES FOR COINS.

How Certain Well-Known Terms Came Into Use.

"Car-fares" illustrates the universality of this method of transportation, while "chicken feed" as a name not only for 5-cent pieces, but for other small change, undoubtedly came from the rural districts. The "nickel" as a name, was suggested by the common idea that this metal entered largely into the composition of the coin. It is a misnomer, as the piece consists of 75 per cent of copper and only 25 per cent of the metal which gave it a name. The "bit," now only a money of account and most familiar in the well-known form "two-bits," a synonym for the 25-cent piece, equal in size to one-half the Spanish pistareen, and when supplanted by the familiar "quarter" the name remained long after the coins had disappeared. "Flipper-up" suggests a frequent use to which the nickel is placed in certain circles. "Pieayune," now used as a synonym for the smallest value expressed in money terms, was once the name of a special coin. It was worth about 1/2 cent, and at one time, during our colonial days when all sorts of coin passed current at all sorts of valuation, circulated along the Atlantic coast.

#### A Blacksnake Climbs a Tree.

Jeremiah Coyle of Honesville, Pa., had an encounter with a large blacksnake on the mountain above Frog Hollow recently. He was out for chestnuts, and started to climb a tree laden with tempting looking burrs. Half way up he was startled by seeing the snake not three feet away, swinging to and fro from a slender branch, and evidently preparing to spring. Coyle braced himself in a notch of the tree, and hurled the hatchet he carried at the swinging reptile with deadly accuracy, severing the head from the writhing body.

#### Large Building Stones.

The largest building stones are those used in the cyclopean walls of Baalbec, in Syria, some of which measure sixty-three feet in length by twenty-six in breadth, and are of unknown depth.

#### Deities on Ancient Coins.

No human head was impressed on coins until after the death of Alexander the Great. All images before that time were of deities.

## CATARRH VICTIMS.

An Extract From a Recent Lecture by Dr. Hartman, of the Surgical Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.

Everybody has catarrh. If not everybody, at least nearly everybody. Some have catarrh in the form of a discharge from the nose, or hawking from the throat. Some have it in the head, producing frontal headache, or cracking in the ears, or partial deafness. With some it is confined to the throat, or bronchial tubes, producing hoarseness or sore throat, cough, or pain in the chest. Some have it in the form of catarrhal consumption. Others have catarrhal dyspepsia, catarrh of the liver, catarrh of the kidneys, catarrh of the pelvic organs, producing a host of diseases generally known as female diseases. Many of these people do not suspect that they have catarrh. Their ailment has been called something else. The reason they have failed to find a cure is that they do not suspect the real nature of their disease. If they knew they had catarrh they would take Pe-ru-na, as Pe-ru-na has come to be recognized everywhere as the standard internal remedy for catarrh. This fact is beyond cavil or doubt. Thousands know by happy experience. A still greater multitude will find it out during the coming winter, as the efficacy of Pe-ru-na is rapidly becoming known to the whole people.

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"Pe-ru-na and Man-a-lin have cured me of one of the worst cases of catarrh anyone ever had. I heard that Pe-ru-na would cure catarrh, and, on trying it, found immediate relief. My case was so severe that I was compelled to discontinue my business, that of a conductor on a railroad; but I am now entirely well. I want to recommend your medicine as being a positive cure for catarrh; I feel it my duty to do so."

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A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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If you have any Dry Goods, Cloaks, Millinery, Fancy Goods and Toys to buy, there is no better place than I. Goldsmith & Co.'s, Dallas, to do your shopping with. They are showing the best assortment and their prices are the lowest in the state. Remember, when you go to Dallas to do your shopping go to Goldsmith's and get best bargains, or order your goods by mail through them.

Time waits for no man.—An Exchange.

## Eczema All Her Life.

Mr. E. D. Jenkins, of Lithonia, Ga., says that his daughter, Ida, inherited a severe case of Eczema, which the usual mercury and potash remedies failed to relieve. Year by year she was treated with various medicines, external applications and internal remedies, without result. Her sufferings were intense, and her condition grew steadily worse. All the so-called blood remedies did not seem to reach the disease at all until S. S. S. was given, when an improvement was at once noticed. The medicine was continued with favorable results, and now she is cured and well. Her skin is perfectly clear and pure and she has been saved from what threatened to blight her life forever.



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