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Dear RUSTLER—

In the Rustler of the 17th, Bro. W. C. McDonald tells about his or their S. S. I will tell about ours.

We organized in 1895. We take the Southern Baptist Convention Literature. Part of the time we have three classes and sometimes only two.

Bro. McDonald's S. S. is non-Sectarian. I suppose you don't discuss subjects that Denominations differ on. That would be very pleasant, and it would be very easy. But what would you teach. Of course you would leave out Repentance, Faith, Prayer, Praise, Contribution, and lots of things, you would leave out all of the Old Testament, for some say that it's dead, and the Jews hold that the New Testament is no good, some even, object to teaching politics. So brother Me, you have an easy job.

I will close with W. C. McDonald's last paragraph;

" Hoping that I may hear from several Sunday Schools through the Rustler, I am as ever in the work."

J. L. Westfall.

Honor Roll.

Of the Paint Creek school for month ending Nov. 17, 1899.

Susie Brown, Cassie Doneghe, Olga Doneghe, Pearl Winn, Belle Winn, May Winn, Frank Walling, Edlie Walling, Fred Perkins, Fred Blakwell, Ella Blackwell, Enla Blackwell, Lulu Blackwell, Preston Blackwell, Ora Collier, Vida Key, Lucy Benson.

The above named pupils received a general average of 96 per cent in all of their studies. Also includes conduct, attendance and punctuality.

B. U. Smith.

Notes of Travel.

On the morning of Nov. 10-99, Mrs. Fair and I took passage on the Santa Fee R. R. for Temple, passing through Lampasas, Kemper, Nolansville, Coperas Cove and Belton, we reached Temple 12:30 P. M. seventy four miles from Cometa. We had to wait in Temple 5 hours, and having a lunch with us, we spent our time in the depot. At 5 P. M. we transferred to the M K & T depot, a distance of a mile. We got to see the town and pay 50c to the bus man. We left Temple 6:30 P. M., passed through Waco, Hillsborough and a number of other towns we reached Grandview about 10:00. Our passage from Temple to Grandview, being in the night, we saw but little of the country.

We spent four days in Grandview, with brother Walker and family. Sister Walker and Mrs. Fair are sisters.

I preached Sunday night and Monday night to very good audiences.

Wednesday morning 15th, we took passage on the Katy Flyer. Changed again at A—— had to take passage for another bus ride, of about a mile, which cost us 50c more, and gave us the privilege of seeing the entire town.

We took passage on the Santa Fee and reached Chadbourne in time for the opening of Conference at 9 A. M.

Bishop Hargrove held the Conference, which lasted six days including Sunday during which time a great deal of business was transacted, and a great many good sermons were preached and a number of eloquent speeches were made.

Several young men were received into the Conference and several others received by transfer from other conferences.

Eight or nine of the older men were superannuated, among them, your correspondent.

Robert Lee gets a young man this year with a wife. I congratulate the Robert Lee and Coke Co. people in getting such a good man and woman this year. I know they regretted to give up Bro. Bates, but I have no doubt that they will receive Bro. and Sister Clark with open arms and hearts.

I predict great usefulness for them in their new field among those good people.

Conference adjourned Monday evening the 20th.

We returned to Grandview by the same route we went to Chadbourne.

Wishing all your readers and the grand edition success, I now sign off, till after our return home.

Geo. F. Fair, Grandview, Tex.  
Nov. 21, 1899.

Notes of Travel, (continued)

Nov. 21st we spent the day in Grandview with Mrs. Walker and family. Then took passage on the M. K. & T at 6:30 P. M. and reached Hillsborough at about 7:30, where we stopped at Dr. Simms and wife, who is a niece of Mrs. Fair. Remained there till 10 o'clock A. M. 22nd, when we again took passage on the Katy for Temple, which we reached at 12:30 P. M. after passing through some very fine farming country interspersed with beautiful villages, towns and cities, Waco being the largest.

We had to transfer to the Santa Fee depot, at a cost of fifty cents. If the R. R. Companies would build Union depots, it would save the traveling people a great deal of money.

We left Temple at 4:30 P. M. and reached Cometa 7:30 a distance of 74 miles. Could make the trip in less time but for the Y switch at Belton where they have to back into town, and return on the same track for about a mile. All this trouble and expence because of the contrariness manifested in building the road, at first.

Wheat looks well all along the route we traveled.

The rain has been general and farmers are prepared for a good grain crop next year.

We have not decided yet what we shall follow for a livelihood, but must decide soon, as Bro. Smith my successor on this charge will want the parsonage when he comes. Bro. Smith is a good preacher, and I anticipate a successful year on Cometa charge.

I will write again after we settle in our new home.

May the Lord bless all the readers of the Rustler. Truly,

Geo. F. Fair.

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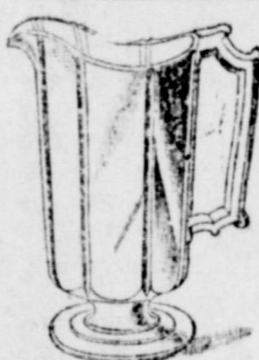
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#### The Hog Louse.

Bulletin 100 of the Department of Agriculture says: The hog louse is the only insect which causes much trouble in raising hogs, and when it once becomes established in a drove it is not easily exterminated. Fortunately the lice are so large that they can be seen easily, and their presence may therefore be known before they become very abundant. They are liable to appear at any season of the year, and they thrive on hogs of any age or condition. They are found in and behind the ears, back of the shoulders, and in the creases on the lower part of the ham more frequently than elsewhere; if those places are free from them there is little danger that they exist on other parts of the animal. Coal oil is sure death to every louse it touches, but does not always kill the eggs, and must be used with caution to prevent its blistering the skin of the hog. When a large drove is to be treated, the work can be done very quickly by using a spray pump having an attachment for mixing the oil and water, and the pump should be set so that it will use about five parts of water to one part of oil. When such a mixture is thrown over the hogs in a fine spray, only a little of the oil is used to cover the whole animal, and if the spraying is done in the evening, nearly all of the oil will have evaporated by morning and there will be no blistering of the skin when the hogs are exposed to the hot sun on the following day. So little oil is used in the spraying that few of the eggs will be killed, and the work should be repeated at the end of a week, and again at the end of the second week. If the work is thoroughly done, three sprayings will be sufficient. If a spray pump is not available, the hogs should be rubbed with a mixture containing two parts of lard oil to one of coal tar, repeating twice at intervals of a week. The sleeping places should be thoroughly cleaned, the bedding burned, and the inside of the buildings thoroughly wet with coal oil.

Even with the most thorough treatment it requires time and patience to clean a drove which has become badly infested, but it must be done if the hogs are to be kept in a thriving condition. It is not difficult to destroy the larger part of the lice, but that is not sufficient, for where there are even a few eggs left in the ears or under the jowls of a single animal the pest will soon become as bad as ever. Lice never infest clean hogs when they are not brought from an infested drove, and the hog raiser who has a clean herd can not be too careful to keep it so. No stray hog should be allowed on the premises, and any which are purchased should be examined very carefully before they are allowed to run with the others. The oil mixture should always be kept close at hand where it can be used immediately if any indications of lice are seen. It is much easier to kill a few lice on a few animals than to clean a thoroughly infested herd.

#### Dairy vs. Creamery.

Under above head the Northwestern Creamery Journal says: Many buttermakers, at the creamery and home dairy, fail to receive a remunerative price for their product, the reason being that they do not supply the market requirements as to quality. As the art of buttermaking advances—and it has made wonderful progress during the past two years—the public taste for something better has kept pace with it, until today butter that will grade first and extra is in demand. Poor butter cannot be disposed of excepting in limited quantities, and at a low market price. It is an undeniable fact that although buttermaking at the creamery has reached a high degree of perfection, buttermaking at the dairy has shown little or no improvement. Every farmer who owns a herd of dairy cows would find it much more profitable to take his milk to the creamery than to attempt to manufacture a high grade of dairy butter without the machinery, utensils and facilities for so doing. Too many attempt the latter, and as a result, the common barrel of the country store finds most of the so-called butter. In time, through the lessons taught by individual dairymen, there may be an awakening along this line, but the progress is discouragingly slow and there are few dairies whose product can equal that manufactured at a first-class creamery. These few find that dairying pays good dividends. If you are desirous of financial benefit through the keeping of a dairy herd, make up your mind to do one of two things.

Daily inspect the poultry house for red mites. It is better to get the start of them than to have them get the start of you.

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Editor.

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We "sheared" the San Angelo Enterprise this week.

The recent rains will keep the ground in good shape for plowing until about February the first.

We will wager what's left of our Thanksgiving turkey, that our readers are glad all the citations are printed.

Miss Mollie Dean Cotton was married Wednesday, of last week to Mr. B. A. Freedland, at the Baptist church in San Angelo. The Rustler joins their many friends in wishing them success and happiness.

The Ozona Courier has expanded and changed its name to "The Ozona Kicker." May it kick lively and a long time.

Some poetry in answer to Mulligan was received at this office, this week. It was signed "Still water" and we would be glad to print it, if we only knew who wrote it. Deep sentiment and pathos pervade almost every line of it.

### More Local News.

Mr. Foster, beyond Sanco, was in town last Friday.

J. J. Casey, the Valley View gin man was up last Friday. Some of his children were sick.

Will F. Cathey was in town last Saturday.

G. S. Adams, a long time friend, was up last Saturday.

Jno. culp was in town last Saturday. Says he has a fine well of water on his place.

W. E. Chaney was in town the latter part of last week.

W. C. Lock and "Bud" Gardner were in town latter part of last week.

Miss Mattie Durham, of Sanco, was in town last week.

A nice rain last Saturday.

H. H. and Albion Hayley were in town a few hours last Saturday.

Mrs. R. J. Pierce, recently adjudged insane was taken to the asylum at Austin by Sheriff Murray a few days since.

Court House News.  
Reported for the Rustler by H. E. Johnston, abstractor of lands.  
Real Estate Transfers.

Mary M. Pierce and W. T. Pierce to E. Meneille the Mary M. Allen survey of 80 acres, for \$50.00

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Died. At the Harris ranch on Friday Nov. 17th, Wesley Lucas. He had been in three wars and died of old age. Nearly all of his acquaintances knew him as "Uncle Luke." He had been in service of the L. B. Harris family nearly ever since the war of 1860. Previous to that he had served in the Seminole and Mexican war. He died full of years. Peace be to his ashes.

From San Angelo Enterprise.

Jack Miles and wife are in from the Coke County ranch taking in the roping contest.

Charlie Adams spent several days in the neighborhood of Bronte, Coke County last week, on a hunting trip.

F. Jones of Sherwood, sold I. C. Williams of coke county, 5 2-3 acres of irrigated land for \$545. Now how is that for west Texas land, bud? can anybody in the state beat it.

Justice court was called Saturday, when it was found that an indictment had mysteriously disappeared, another one was sworn out and the case was postponed.

The commissioners held a special session last Saturday, for the purpose of passing on some business pertaining to the Bronte School.

Steve Fletcher, the Sanco broom man was in town last Saturday. He sent the Rustler to a friend back east.

Rev. D. D. Burr, a truly good citizen from the north part of the county, was in town the latter part of last week. He pleasantly remembered us.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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Physician and Surgeon,  
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J. J. VESTAL  
Blacksmith, Woodworker and  
Wheelwright.  
Robert Lee, Texas.

Estray Notice.  
Returned by J. C. Newton, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Sept. 29 1899. One bay mare, no brand, white spot in forehead, shod in front, about 6 or 8 years old, about 14 hands high. Running in E. and S. M. Conner's pasture near Silver.  
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Estray Notice.  
Reported by J. C. Newton, Commissioner Precinct, No. 3 Coke County Texas.  
One brown mare, five or six years old, branded VE on left shoulder. Also one brown bull-faced mare three years old, with brown colt, branded VE on left jaw. Above stock running in W. S. Tripp's pasture. This Sept. 8th 1899 J. W. Barnett Co. Clerk. Coke County.

FOR SALE: One good Jack, five years old, Black Warrior and Maltese stock. Will sell for cash or trade for cattle or good notes. A. J. Pettit, Bronte, Texas.

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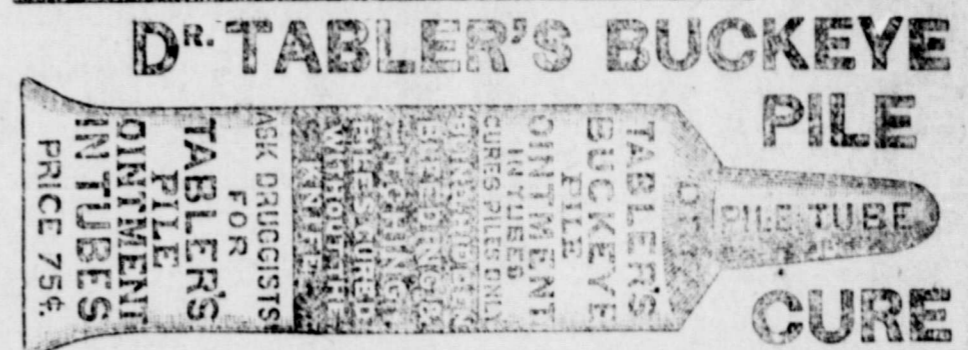
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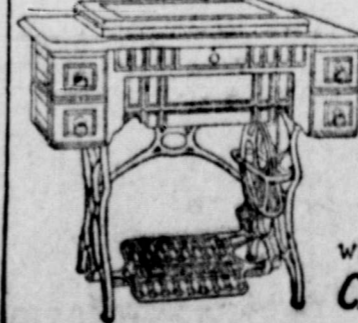
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Chas. Roe returned from Angelo, this week.

A number of the young people spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pearce Saturday.

If you want anything in the drug line. Call at Pearce's Pharmacy. If they haven't it in stock they will get it for you.

Miss Lula Newton gave a birthday dinner. Her invited friends were Misses Ada Fry, Scottie Ingram, Birdie Pearce, Fannie Lasswell, Lillie Trammell, Edith Montgomery and May Stewart. A good time was reported by all present.

Mrs. Ingram will carry a line of holiday goods this season.

F. L. and R. H. Harris will give \$100. reward for the arrest and conviction of any person killing or stealing any of their stock.

Jewelry for sale at Pearce's Drug Store.

Our old-time friend, Tom Hennessey, one of the best hustlers in Coke, was up Tuesday from his Turkey Creek home. Tom remembered the Rustler by having his safe moved up to the end of the present century.

Byron Robinson is neither married nor dead yet. We saw him in town Tuesday.

The Pearce Drug Store will have the largest line of holiday goods in the county about Dec. 24.

Miss Stella Pierce has returned home again after a short trip to San Antonio.

We now have a new and complete stock of merchandise at prices to suit the short cotton crop. J. D. Collier and Co. Edith, Texas.

Uncle Johnnie Rodgers was in town Wednesday selling a load of pumpkins and cabbages.

Rev. D. W. Townsend, Missionary of the Centennial Baptist Association preached interesting sermons for us Tuesday and Wednesday nights. It is a treat to hear Bro. Townsend, as he is able, earnest and consecrated.

Eld. D. W. Townsend preaches at Valley View on the first Sabbath in each month.

**Gin Notices.**

The Robert Lee gin will run every Friday hereafter and the mill will grind every other Saturday as here-to-fore.

**L. H. McDorman & Co**

640 acres of land, about 75 acre under fence, 15 in cultivation, good dirt, tank, Dwelling house, about 9 miles north of Robert Lee For further information call on Perryman & Averitt.

Bro. Bullock phoned us yesterday he would not be here until Saturday night. Everybody invited

It is impossible to get every thing into type this week

Brother Mulligan caught four new subscribers since last week for us

The fine sunshine is delightful

**Her Lost Uncle.**

Some weeks ago, an apparently destitute woman, with five small children came to Robert Lee in search of a lost uncle. She and her children looked the picture of wretchedness. She said she had an aunt in Ballinger, so our people paid their way to Ballinger, and gave them some money.

When they arrived at Ballinger the lost uncle lived at Paint Rock or Angelo. She then wanted to get to Miles Station and from there she went to Sweetwater, through Coke again. She had previously worked San Angelo, Sterling City, Big Springs, Snyder, and a few other places. Suppose the "Uncle" is still lost.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT.**

That erroneous sale of land to State for taxes by rescinded.

That each commissioners precinct be described by meta and bounds.

That Justice Precincts from 1 to 6 inclusive be described by metes and bounds.

That Voting precincts be described by metes and bounds, No's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. That above described precinct lines be approved

That report of J. H. Burroughs J. P. Precinct No. 1 be approved That report of G. C. Berryman, Co. Surveyor, be accepted.

That report of J. C. Newton, J. P. Precinct No. 5 be approved. That report of Will Perry, H. and A. Inspector, be approved. That D. O. Maddox report as butcher be approved.

That report of L. B. Murray as Tax Collector be approved.

That J. W. Barnett's report as County Clerk of moneys collected be approved.

That C. L. Hughes report as County Treasurer be approved. That "scrip" be collected as follows:

Jury Fund	24.56
Roap and Bridge Fund	43.34
Contagett Fund	620.39
Court House and Jail Fund	135.31
General County Fund	59.60

That Tabular statement of County indebtedness, expenditures and Receipts, (by County Clerk J. W. Barnett) be approved.

That Gid Graham's, Ex Officio of \$86.00 rs County attorney be rescinded.

That allowance of \$10.00 per month to Mrs J. A. Miller, be rescinded.

That the following named persons be recommended for Ex Confederate pensions: Mrs Matilda C. Gibson W. C. Bensn, Mrs A. J. Smith J. R. Clements, H. H. Cosper, Mrs Effie Warren, Johna than Mobley, W. A. Stokes and S. H. Pool,

That Alley through block No. 34 in Robert Lee be condemned.

It is ordered by the Court that J. W. Barnett Co. Clerk, write a letter to the Attorney General for his advice in regard to issuing \$2,000.00 County Bonds for the purpose of taking up \$2,000.00 of interest bearing scrip.

The county has in treasury \$200.00 belonging to the permanent school fund which said amount they want to invest in said bonds M. H. Havens voting no.

Judge Davis approved all above minutes except order for Clerk to write attorney General.

Special Term Nov 25th.

That the Bronte School Trustees be empowered to sell their school house lot and place proceeds to credit of available school

**Fund of said District.**

That W. R. Presslar J. P. Bace glove, M. B. Ulmer, B.W. Bilbo and J. H. Campbell be appointed as a jury of view on Colo. City and Robert Lee road.

That the resignation of T. L. Nation as road aviser be accepted.

**Accounts Allowed.**

J. H. Bourroughs trip to San Angelo on official business \$3.00  
J. H. Burroughs exofficio Road Supervisor. 8.00  
M. H. Davis Judge dispensing of one case in Co. Court. 3.00  
M. H. Havens ex officio as road supervisor. 12.00

G. W. Payne ex officio as road supervisor. 12.00  
J. C. Newton ex officio as road supervisor. 12.00  
Gid Graham for making County map. 25.80

M. H. Davis telephone message for county. 1.00

A. B. McNay work on public road 2.00

Gid Graham Ex officio service 20.00

J. J. Fry riding bailiff for grand jury 4 days 8.00

M. H. Davis Ex Officio service 56.25

M. H. Davis for exofficio services as Suptendant Public schools. 27.50

H. H. Pearce Stateman. 9.15  
J. W. Barnett Keeying Finance Ledger 25.00

J. W. Barnett, taking affidavits 2.25

J. W. Barnett Postage stamps 2.62  
" " Express charges 65

M. B. Patterson 5 barrels water for court house, 1.00  
Don Green riding for Grand Jury. 6.25

L. B. Murray waiting on County and Dist. Court. 20.00

J. B. Latham, medical services for pauper 6.00

J. W. Reed and Co goods for medicine 3.85

Webb and Harrison, gooss for family 2.00

R. L. Turner, working on public road 6.00

H. H. Pearce drugs furnished pauper. \$5.20

Clarke and Courts, stationary, etc. \$33.48

L. B. Murray, feeding prisoners, \$29.45

B. F. Montgomery, walking bailiff for grand jury, 4 days \$4.00

W. F. Stevens riding bailiff for Grand Jury, 4 days \$8.00

G. C. Lasswell & Co. drugs for pauper. \$2.20

C. G. Hagelstein Co. tools to work roads, \$12.95

M. H. Davis, J. H. Burroughs M. H. Havens J. C. Newton, and G. W. Payne, all allowed \$3.00 each per day for services as Co. Judge and Commissioners, and L. B. Murray Sheriff \$2.00 per day.

Miss Thomson, who teaches on the Divide, was in town, shopping, one day last week.

Grandpa Kellar is making his house about double its size this week. He has also had a fine cistern completed recently.

J. D. Davis was laid up most of the week, but is better now.

J. B. Burroughs wife and children have been sick most of the week.

**JEWELRY! JEWELRY!**

When you want to buy Jewelry, call and get my prices. I will give you a Watch cheaper than you can buy elsewhere. I also have a fine line of Clocks, Spectacles and Silverware. Fine Jewelry repairing a specialty. When in Ballinger see me. Yours for business,

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Cash with order, and if the goods do not give entire satisfaction, notify me and get your money back.

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# DECISIVE VICTORY

Appears to Have Been the Battle Fought at Belmont.

## THE BOERS LABORED GALLANTLY

Both Sides Distinguish Themselves, but the British Forces Succeeded in Winning Out.

London, Nov. 25.—Thus far the special dispatches describing the battle of Belmont bear a stereotyped character proving that the hand of the censor at work upon them. They are too incoherent to enable the reader to form an accurate idea of the event or to place a proper estimate upon the value of the victory. All the accounts agree respecting the splendid fighting qualities exhibited on both sides. Nothing could have exceeded the courage and pluck of the British infantry in the face of the terrific fire, while the Boer guns were splendidly served, the gunners standing by them with dogged determination, exposing themselves until the very last moment and only becoming wild and inaccurate in their aim during the final, deadly charge of the British infantry.

could not be properly followed up and could not be properly followed up and utilized, owing to the want of sufficient cavalry.

The pursuit of the defeated enemy by the fifth lancers was evidently not very effective, and curiously, while the correspondents report the capture of Boer guns, Lord Methuen's own report omits any mention of such an achievement.

One statement says: "The remnant of the Boer army sought to escape toward the Orange Free State territory." As all the evidence tends to show that the enemy's retirement was orderly, he will doubtless soon be heard from elsewhere.

The correspondent of the Times at Belmont says: "After the battle the laager was burned and the ammunition destroyed. Cavalry and mounted infantry on both flanks pursued the enemy, but were unable to overtake the Boers, who got away with their transport. The Boer rout was complete and their losses are believed to equal ours. They used dum dum bullets. Everything was in their favor. It is rumored that there have been some threats to assassinate recalcitrant burghers, who are tired of war and deserting."

On the whole, it almost seems safe to assume that the Boer guns were not captured. The striking proof afforded of the excellent material Gen. Methuen has in his brigade is, however, a matter of great satisfaction in London. There is an unconfirmed rumor that the correspondence seized in the Boer camp contains evidence of treasonable communications between the Boers and Dutch colonists.

Gen. White's despatch of Wednesday effectually disposes of all rumors of another sortie from Ladysmith and of the defeat of the Boers. The situation in Natal remains unchanged, the sortie from Estcourt to Willow Grange having little effect. The position of Mafeking is beginning to be regarded with anxiety, in view of the impossibility of Lord Methuen being able to relieve the town for some time to come.

The will of Mrs. Narcissa Willis, bequeathing \$275,000 worth of property, was filed at Galveston.

### Killed in a Wreck.

Georgetown, Ga., Nov. 25.—Engineers Alf Vihing and Cliff McManus, both of Macon, were killed and Fireman Monroe and Rogers, also of Macon, fatally injured in a railroad wreck on the southwestern division of the Central of Georgia near here this afternoon. Two freights, one from Eufaula, Ala., and the other from Georgetown, met on the Georgia side of the bridge over the Chattahoochee river while running at full speed. Both engines were almost completely wrecked and the freight cars were piled up on the track.

### Will Shortly Release Him.

Pretoria, Nov. 25.—It is believed that the government will shortly release Winston Churchill as a non-combatant. The prisoners from Mafeking and Lobatsi are mostly railroad men. After they had taken the oath not to fight against the Transvaal they were sent to Delagoa Bay.

## Pathetic Scenes.

London, Nov. 25.—The pathetic scenes which marked the days following the engagements between the British and Boers at Glencoe and Nicholson's Nek found their counterpart at the war office here yesterday. The troubled and anxious women and men of all stations in life were assembled there and when the inquirers were finally admitted their anxious questions showed they feared that Thursday evening's official bulletin, though black enough, had not recorded the full story of the British losses at Belmont. Up to noon the government officials had issued no further dispatches, and so the nervous distrust of the public remains unalleviated.

Gen. Methuen's message leaves a great deal to be explained. According to all previous facts obtainable as to the relative strength of the forces the Boers must have been in a great minority, yet the total British loss, 220 killed, wounded and missing, proves the effectiveness of their resistance and amply justifies Gen. Methuen's tribute to the courage and skill with which the burghers fought.

The fact that no guns and only forty prisoners were captured by the victors, and that the Boers carried off their dead and wounded, shows that they retired in an orderly manner, without precipitation or confusion, and that probably the Boer casualties were not numerous, owing to the strength of their position.

The destruction of the Boer ammunition captured is taken as an indication that Gen. Methuen occupied the captured position at Belmont and destroyed the Boer supplies in order not to hamper the immediate advance of his flying column, which is marching in the lightest order.

The road is now presumably open to the Boer position on the Modder river, where the guards, who, apparently, bore the brunt of Thursday's fighting, will in all probability have another chance to get at close quarters with the bayonet.

The governor of Natal has forwarded to the following dispatch to the colonial office:

"Tugela drift was attacked during the morning of Thursday, Nov. 23, by 25 to 300 Boers, who are believed to have advanced from Helpmakaar and Umavoti. The mounted rifles, under Major Leuchars, and a small body of Natal police, totaling 140 men, posted south of the river bank, forced the Boers to retire after two hours' fighting. Our loss was a sergeant and major wounded.

"The Tugela rose during the day and is now reported to be impassable except by boats."

A special dispatch received here from Belmont says that Gen. Methuen's force numbered several thousand men, and that the Boers had 5000 men. The latter, it is added, held an exceedingly strong position on a series of hills extending a dozen miles. They were strongly intrenched and their cannon were posted strongly and were excellently served. The battle began at 7 o'clock and raged for several hours. The Boers held their position with great stubbornness and splendid courage. The British riflemen forced the attack under a raking fire and carried position after position with superb dash, driving out the Boers with great slaughter. The engagement was really a series of battles, during which the Boers were constantly carrying their wounded and dead.

The war office yesterday issued the following advice:

There are forty-five cases of smallpox at Uniontown, Ky., out of a population of 1800.

### First for Assault.

Darlington, S. S., Nov. 25.—The first legal execution for criminal assault in this state occurred here yesterday. Ed Lucky and Tom Mitchell were hanged for assault on Miss Josephine Lafferty, a young white woman. Lucky, while on the scaffold, repeated his confession of guilt which he made to the court during his trial. Mitchell protested his innocence. Five negroes were implicated in the same crime for which Mitchell and Lucky were hanged, but no evidence against them was developed.

### Cannot Go.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The president has decided that it will be impossible for him to go to Nashville, Tenn., to greet the Tennessee volunteers upon their arrival from the Philippines. He postponed his final decision in the hope that he might be able to make the journey, but now finds owing to the pressure of business in connection with the approaching session that it will be impossible for him to go.

# BELMONT BATTLE.

The British Reported as Being Victorious.

## HAVE BRITISH REPORT ONLY YET

John Bull's Forces Were Compelled to Carry Three Boer Ridges in Case, Two, Three Order.

London, Nov. 24.—Before anxiety as to the situation in Natal has been relieved there comes news of a great battle at Belmont. This has happened sooner than was expected. Only the official account is yet at hand, but so far as can be gathered the fighting appears to have been almost a repetition of the battle of Elanasslate. A dispatch of the previous day estimated that the Boers in that vicinity numbered 2000 and that they had five guns and judging from the absence of any statement to the contrary in the official report, it is believed that the British were slightly superior in numbers to the enemy.

The Boers had chosen a position with their customary skill and were strongly entrenched. The British were obliged to carry three ridges in succession. Apparently the guards bore the brunt in carrying the last ridge by a bayonet charge, after its defenders had been shaken with shrapnel.

Nothing is said as to whether the positions so gained were held, and the destruction of ammunition seems to indicate that the contrary was the case.

While Gen. Methuen can be congratulated upon a brilliant victory, it is again at the cost of a heavy loss of officers and men.

The diary of events at Mafeking up to Nov. 15 has arrived. It gives little that is new. At that date Col. Baden Powell had no idea of being relieved for a fortnight, or perhaps for a month. Both Mafeking and Kimberley, however, seem to be quiet. Later details regarding the Arundel reconnaissance say that the Boers were engaged in destroying the railway. One account says that after the retirement an ambulance train with doctors was sent out from Naauwport. If this were so, the British casualties must have exceeded three.

The situation in Natal remains obscure. Fighting is reported at both Estcourt and Ladysmith. It was at first reported that heavy firing had been heard in the direction of Willow Grange, leading to belief that Gen. Hildyard had made a sortie. Later dispatches announce that Gen. White sortied from Ladysmith and inflicted a demoralizing defeat upon the Boers.

It would be premature to give full credence to either report. What is quite certain is that Ladysmith, Estcourt and Mool River station are all isolated, and that the Boers seem able after detaching enough troops to hold three British forces aggregating 17,000 men to push on toward Pietermaritzburg with some 7000 men.

A disquieting feature of the whole campaign is the fact that all the advancing generals report meeting the Boers in force. In view of the brilliant success of Gen. Joubert in partially paralyzing the relieving columns, the question is being asked, what would have happened had he at the outset of the war instead of sitting down before Ladysmith pushed on to Pietermaritzburg?

### Illinois Monuments.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 24.—Yesterday morning the exercises of dedicating the 107 monuments and markers of the state of Illinois on the battlefields surrounding this city were held at Orchard Knob, the site of one of the principal memorial shafts and famous during the civil war as the headquarters of Gen. Grant. The day was clear and warm, typical of this season in the central south. It is estimated that more than 1000 residents of Illinois and at 3000 Chattanooga people attended the exercises and remained until the close of the programme. Among the distinguished visitors was Senator Cul'om, Gov. Tanner and staff, Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans, Gen. H. V. Boynton, representing the secretary of war, and a large delegation from the Confederate camp of this city. Gov. Tanner accepted the monument.

Charles Goldsborough shot and killed his wife at Mount Vernon, O., and then took his own life.

## Severe Fighting.

Manila, Nov. 24.—Sever fighting in the north of Iloilo began Tuesday, Nov. 21. Four Americans were killed and twenty-five wounded, including three officers. The insurgents are retreating to Santa Barbara, but fighting continues.

Col. Carpenter Nov. 18 advanced to Santa Barbara, straight north from Jaro, taking trenches after trench, the enemy firing and retreating.

Gen. Hughes column has steadily been advancing north to gain a position west of Santa Barbara. It encountered the enemy in small detachments. Six to ten Americans were wounded in this column.

Col. Carpenter started during the night of Nov. 20 and opened with battery G of the sixth artillery at daybreak on the trenches. The enemy volleyed as the artillery took up a position wounding four.

Two companies of the twenty-sixth regiment, garrisoning Jaro, mounted, went through to Capaza, attacking the enemy on the right flank, just north of Jaro, at day break Nov. 21, driving them toward Col. Carpenter. Between Jaro and Santa Barbara is thickly entrenched, especially near Pavia. The sixth artillery fired on the trenches and the eighteenth regiment charged, the enemy retreating to the next trench. The eighteenth again charged encountering and attacking a force of Bolo men, who were hidden in the long grass, and who severely wounded several Americans.

During the afternoon of Nov. 21 the fighting was severe immediately south of Pavia.

The twenty-sixth's companies returned to Jaro after the flank movement, having captured three six-pound smooth bore cannon and a quantity of arms and ammunition.

The enemy's loss was not obtainable but seven men were found dead in one trench.

The insurgents are falling back on Santa Barbara, which is expected Gen. Hughes has attacked before this.

A Spanish corporal captured by the Filipinos has arrived here from Tarlac. He says he saw Aguinaldo, accompanied by a prominent leader and fifteen men, arrive at Bayambang during the night of the 13th, hatless, his clothes torn and spattered with mud and his horse exhausted. Aguinaldo, it appears, rested a short time, seemed anxious, consulted with his companions and travelers as to the nature of the roads, secured fresh horses and proceeded immediately toward Managala, in Pangasinan province, west of Bayambang.

The corporal tells a straight story, giving minute details. He is convinced he is not mistaken, having seen Aguinaldo several times during recent months. Aguinaldo, it appears, would have had time to leave Bayambang Nov. 13 and pass through Gen. Wheaton's lines Nov. 17.

### Roberts at Washington.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Brigham H. Roberts, representative from Utah, has reached Washington. He expects to take his seat in the house and says he does not believe that body will be influenced by the protests against his doing so for the reason that the question of his eligibility is a matter clearly outside the sphere of the churches, and because the whole agitation against him is based upon misrepresentations of facts and absolute falsehood.

Cecil A. Lyon has been chosen lieutenant colonel of the fourth Texas regiment.

### Rising Continues.

London, Nov. 25.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Forrester-Walker at Cape Town, under date of 23:

"Gen. Gateacre reports having yesterday (Wednesday) encamped a battalion of infantry near Putters Kraal, and that reinforcements of mounted troops with half a battalion of infantry arrived at the same camp to-day.

"The Dutch rising continues in the Broken Nail districts. The police at Mollens report that armed Dutch have left Craddock (Cape Colony) to join the rebels at Broken Nail, taking with them armed natives.

"Gen. French conducted a reconnaissance toward Arundel, which he found held in strength. He withdrew with three men wounded.

"The Boers are reported moving from Natal to the vicinity of Bloemfontein. Telegraphic communication with Belmont has been reopened and a heavy engagement reported."

## Curfew for Adults.

The city fathers of Des Moines, Ia., have started in, the people begin to think, to re-enact the old Connecticut blue laws. The curfew whistle has been blowing at 8 p. m. for two years, warning all youngsters under 12 that they must go home or be arrested.

More old fashioned regulations are now being made. The first is an ordinance requiring all persons to be indoors by 11 p. m. If not, and they are unable to give good accounts of their business out so late, they will be promptly incarcerated in the city jail and fined from \$1 to \$50 or sent to jail for twenty days.

Another ordinance just passed prohibits spitting on the streets and sidewalks; penalty \$10 fine or jail sentence. To throw a banana peel on the sidewalk or street will cost the offender \$10.

The making of a loud noise will subject the noisy one to a fine ranging from \$5 to \$100. The council will also make war on slot machines that abound in the city. Hundreds of them are in operation in every resort where people gather, even grocery stores, and the council has decreed the banishment of all of them.

Some of the laws will be resisted. The one requiring everyone to get off the streets at 11 p. m. is already the subject of every joke, and the first policeman that tries to enforce it will have trouble.

The gambling ordinance was demanded by public sentiment, as the evil had been carried to intolerable lengths. The women's club had petitioned for the anti-spitting ordinance to do away with a filthy evil that greatly annoyed them. The council went them one better, or several better. All these ordinances go into effect immediately.

### She Knew.

Squidigg—Yankee Doodle is an absurd song. Who on earth was Macaroni, anyway?

Mrs. Squidigg—Why, my dear, don't you know? He was the man that invented that wireless telegraphy.

A tongue is an offensive as well as defensive weapon.

The flower of gratitude should never fade in the heart's conservatory.

Sir Walter Besant begins in the December Century a series of papers illustrating life in East London, as it is to-day. His manner of treating the subject is that of the novelist, rather than the essayist, for he takes as his point of departure the birth of a typical girl of the East End—"One of the Two Millions in East London,"—and traces her career to the time of her marriage at seventeen to a young countryman who has come up to town to make his living as a porter. Liz is a "board school" girl, and Sir Walter holds that what the average East Londoner learns from books at schools he afterwards forgets; but that the civilizing influence of the schools is incalculable, and has marvelously transformed the East End within the past thirty years. No one knows more of the life of the poor in London than the author of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men"; and no one is better known as their pictorial interpreter than Phil May, who collaborates with Joseph Pennell in illustrating Sir Walter's article.

### Cramped Quarters.

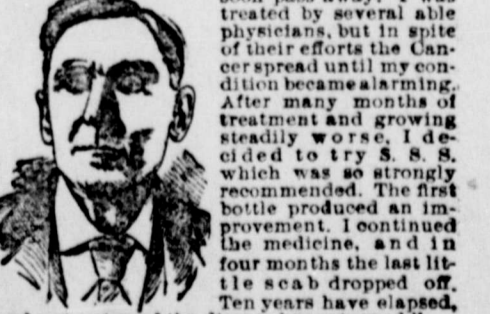
"They say that at some of those summer resorts the rooms are so small a man can't have his valise in with him."

"That's not so; I got my valise in all right; but, of course, I had to go out in the hall to open it."

## Little Pimples Turn to Cancer.

Cancer often results from an impurity in the blood, inherited from generations back. Few people are entirely free from some taint in the blood, and it is impossible to tell when it will break out in the form of dreaded Cancer. What has appeared to be a mere pimple or scratch has developed into the most malignant Cancer.

"I had a severe Cancer which was at first only a few blotches, but it would not soon pass away. I was treated by several able physicians, but in spite of their efforts the Cancer spread until my condition became alarming. After many months of treatment and growing steadily worse, I decided to try S. S. S., which was so strongly recommended. The first bottle produced an improvement, I continued the medicine, and in four months the last little scab dropped off. Ten years have elapsed, and not a sign of the disease has returned."



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Query Box.

Please explain the "Contingent Fund" in Coke County?

Some few years ago general county warrants got so low they frequently sold for no more than 25cts on the dollar.

Why does the Rustler seem to explain things one-sided? Take off your spectacles, brother and see if they are not highly colored

What is the meaning of "Oom in South Africa? The meaning is "Chief."

What ought to be done with a cigarette smoker? He ought to be banished to Scurry, but unhappily there is no law to do so.

What is the proper pronunciation of "elete"? A-leet.

How do so many lawyers keep up in San Angelo and Robert Lee? Because people fail to do right, mostly.

Explain the meaning of the word "Boer" It is a Dutch word and means "peasant."

Can you tell who does the largest mercantile business in Coke? Yes, J. W. Reed & Co., of Robert Lee closely seconded by J. D. Collier of Edin, and Crayton and Robbins Bros. of Bronte.

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Bronte News.

We will not attempt to note all we have heard or seen the past week for public inspection. Will mention only the good things.

We had a nice rain Friday night was a fine night to spaek had it not rained our spark out.

Some of the Bronte people attended the Angelo fair. Including ye pencil pusher.

Dr. Leach of Weatherford, has located in Bronte. We wish him success.

J. D. O'Daniel Jr. has returned with 800 head of cattle, bought of Loomis. 300 head of these cattle were fine Herford calves, terms p. t.

Vegetation has sprung up like spring time.

Mies Minnie Clark left Monday morning for Sonora, where she will spend the winter with Mrs. I. N. Brooks.

Judge U. S. Harell and wife left for their home in Cameron, Saturday.

Dr. Dickinson was kept busy in Bronte last week doing dental work.

J. B. McCutchen visited Austin last week on legal business.

Beef wagons are as common as cornbread in Arkansas.

Our Bronte merchants are doing a lively business.

Lon McGill passed through Bronte last Saturday with a new 16 ft. wind mill.

Prof. C. D. Merchant is teaching school up above Saaco, Mrs. Allen and family of Arkansas, niece of Dr. Key, arrived here last Sunday and will make Bronte their future home.

A number of Bronte's young men went hunting last Saturday night. They didn't catch anything except a cold.

J. D. O'Daniel sold 200 head of dry cows to K. M. Mayes on p. t.

M. H. O'Daniel is going to winter 500 steers for John Brown.

H. C. Wilkins and Sam Bean, from Coleman Co, was prospecting in our neighborhood last week.

J. R. McDonald sold to E. G. Walton a house and crib consideration \$80 00

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Coke County.

Is the place for the home-seeker to pull up his reins and stop.

Land suitable to make small and medium sized farms and ranches can be had here at from \$1.00 to \$4.00 per acre.

Improved farms and ranches can be purchased at from 2 to \$6 per acre.

Town lots in Robert Lee or Bronte can be purchased at from \$15. to \$100. according to size, location, etc.

The Colorado river runs diagonally through the County from North-West to South East. Other streams north of the Colorado, are Boozer, Big Silver, Little Silver, Yellow Wolf, Mess-box, Mountain, Meehatch Indian, Cow, Turkey, Double-barrell, and the three Kickapoos.

South of the Colorado River are found Grape, Pecan, Paint, Salt, Wild Cat, Buffalo, Live Oak, and Mule creeks, on each of which can be found prosperous ranchmen and stock farmers.

Coke has a number of farmers who have successfully battled against the time honored illusion that "this County is no good for strangers."

Any person desiring further information can address the undersigned, who pledges immediate reply, and will furnish any information concerning the county desired.

Editor Rustler, Robert Lee, Tex.

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We the undersigned Commissioners Court of Coke County Texas, do solemnly swear that the requirements of Art. 867, Chap. 1, Title 25, of the revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by the acts on March 20, 1899, have been in all things fully complied with at the November term, 1899, of said court and that the cash and other assets mentioned in the County Treasurer's quarterly report, made by the County Treasurer of Coke County Texas, and held by him for the County, have been fully inspected and counted by us, and that the amount of money in his hands is \$240.18 and the assets are 729.09

Amount of School Fund 2315.74, total amounts \$3285.23

M. H. Davis County Judge, J. H. Parronchs Com. Prec. no 1, M. H. Havens, Com. Prec. No. 2, J. C. Newton, Com. Prec. No. 3, G. W. Payne, Com. Prec. No. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of November 1899.

J. W. Barrett, Co. Clerk, Coke County, Texas.

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Programme

Of the fifth Sunday meeting to be held with the Antioch Baptist Church of Christ, at Rock Springs, Coke County Texas, commencing Friday night, Dec. 29, 1899

Introductory sermon by R. M. Cumbie, Alternate John Reed.

Saturday, 9 A. M. Who should be received as members of the Church of Christ, John Reed, R. M. Cumbie, M. G. R. Griffith.

10 A. M. Is the Lord's supper a Church ordinance, if so, who is entitled to partake of it, Isaac Reed, D. W. Townsend, W. P. Crow, J. H. Routh.

11 A. M. Sermon by W. G. Green, Alternate, A. M. Lackey.

12 M. Dinner.

2 P. M. Is it the duty of Baptists to participate in Union or other non-denominational (other than Baptist) Sunday Schools? R. M. Cumbie, W. P. Crow, W. G. Green, R. Cook, Joe Bruce.

3 P. M. Question Box.

4 P. M. Board-meeting.

7 P. M. Sermon by W. P. Crow, Alternate, R. Cook.

Sunday 11 A. M. Sermon by D. W. Townsend, Alternate, Isaac Reed.

12 M. Dinner.

3 P. M. and at night sermons by some one appointed during the meeting.

D. H. Bart, C. P. Hughes, H. D. Pearce.

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