

# THE COKE COUNTY RUSTLER.

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Dear RUSTLER:-

The desired rain has come and put out a good deal of stock water, the ground seems to be thoroughly wet; the grass is growing up spring like.

Some of our people have planted wheat, a thing that all of us ought to have done.

Our school is in fine shape. Prof. Thomas says he has his school well graded and thinks with the cooperation of the patrons, he will be able to make this term the best term of three that he has taught at Rock Springs. The Trustees will do all they can and will stand by the Prof. to help him on in the good work, we have about 50 scholars enrolled. Will have about 65 when they all get in.

Miss Lewis, of Milam County, is visiting her relatives, B. F. Hasty's people.

Miss Jennie Pasty will spend Xmas in Coleman City.

Mr. Alsop of Bosque Co., is visiting his brother-in-law Wm. Billingslea. Mr. Alsop is looking for a location among our people.

H. T. McPeters and S. S. Cosper start for Stonewall county today prospecting.

Mr. Asa Gary has moved to Scurry Co.

Clay Williamson, his mother, and family will be in this week they settle on their old place.

Ike Billingslea and Donald Casey went to Angelo last week, got caught in the mud, and didn't get in till Saturday evening, we were all glad to see them get in as we were about out of chuck.

J. L. and Buster Robinson went to Ballinger, they got caught in the mud too.

Mrs. R. E. Douglas' mother, Mrs. Harwell is visiting her daughter's people.

Miss Florence Robinson is teaching school in Nolan County.

W. C. McDonald is doing some carpenter's work for T. S. Foster, of Decker.

The weather was too inclement for Rev. W. M. Smith of the Baptist Church to meet his appointment, Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. M. S. Smith Presbyterian, will preach for us Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday.

Our Sunday School is getting ready for Xmas, we will have a Xmas-tree and of course a Santa Claus. Say, Mr. Ed., couldn't you come over and be Santa Claus for us, you won't need any stuffing in front. We will put on a paper bag plum full of candy, for you and a great big red apple. Don't you think you can come?

With best wishes,  
UNCLE TOM.

(We tried the "Santa" act here last Xmas, and made a failure, Ed.)

Cold and damp.

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Valley View.

Dear RUSTLER:-

Nearly all of the "Rabbit-Twisters" from the Valley went to Angelo Sunday to attend Justice Court down there.

Mr. W. H. Phillips refused to bring back his Leadon House wagon as they had bought the wagon.

It does seem that there is something is wrong somewhere, either with the people or One of the Three, well we all know that there is two sides to everything; maybe One of the Three got one side and the People the other. It might be that if that fellow was to pull off his Buffalo Robe, there would appear more than one side and probably would throw a different light on the subject.

We would like to hear from those Rabbit-Twisters on the Divide some more, maybe they are dead and can't come any more.

Success to all.

NEW ONE.

Valley View. It does seem as if the Valley was clear behind every where else, with no Sunday School; and only one Sunday in each month, we have preaching.

Mr. W. Arp has bought the Rev. Gid Graham place and is moving on it, we are glad to have such a man to locate with us.

Mr. Henry Wyatt has returned from Comanche Co. where he went with Mr. J. R. Clemons some 2 weeks ago.

Mr. J. J. Casey's children are improving some but not out of danger yet.

The Casey gin Co. finished ginning for the season on last Friday.

Mrs. F. O. Tifertillia returned home after a two weeks stay in Coke.

Mr. W. E. Bradshaw and I. B. Sudnis is fixing to take a load of corn over on Devil's River.

Success to the Rustler and it's many readers.

NEW ONE.

Nanhattie.

Dear RUSTLER:-

I see we are in Politics with Bro. John in the lead. Bro. John go slow, they can't answer half of those questions.

Bro. Mulligan's story would be all right if we could locate it.

Bro. Cam Brown was at Nanhattie the other day. He was trying to sell medicine. The medicine was recommended for snake-bites. We have no snakes and so didn't buy any medicine.

Harvey Martin is now a citizen of Sterling Co.

Mrs. J. D. Wiley and Mrs. J. I. Westfall took their "kids" and hied away to Mitchell Co. to visit relatives. So the streets of Nanhattie are quiet.

Mr. Elbert Shell, an uncle of Mrs. Westfall's, and his son Samuel, were up from Coleman on a visit this week.

Uncle Charles Wiley was among us the other day.

We were glad to see your double column Treasurer's report. We don't see how 1 & 9 equal 8 Neither do we see the use of two Bridge Funds. Several other things about it that we don't understand. Guess it's our fault.

The young folks met at Bro. Jim Tubb's last night and were entertained with music, both vocal and instrumental. Not only that; but supper and later cake and coffee. Not only that; but as it was Thanksgiving day, the entertainment was opened with a bible lesson and prayer.

We hear that "One of the three" made some reply to my questions but the paper, Nov. 10th, didn't get to this office. Will some one send me a copy of Nov. 10th? I will return the postage. I could do without it; but I can't say that,

I. C. How.

## A THIN DISGUISE.

The cuttle fish has a tricky habit of covering his tracks by exuding an inky fluid which discolors the water and keeps him out of view. There's a good deal of the cuttle fish about some advertisements, notably those purporting to offer medical advice by a woman to women. An examination of the advertisement will show that no offer of a doctor's advice is really made. And all the clamor about "writing to a woman" is merely raised to divert attention from the fact that a doctor's advice is not really offered and cannot be given. The real question is not of writing to a woman or a man but of writing to a doctor.

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Parties desiring to sell will do well to list their Land with us.

Notice a few of our bargains listed in another Column.

Will prepare Abstracts of Land Title for our clients.

ROBERT LEE, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS.

210 acres of improved land on north side of the river within two miles of Robert Lee known as the Maddox place.

3680 acres of good pasture land, about 15 miles North of Robert Lee, known as the Glass Pasture. Fenced on two sides. A fine body of land for a ranch.

640 acres of well improved land, fronting on the river 12 miles East of Robert Lee, known as the old Will Hulse place.

Town lots in different parts of the town of Robert Lee.

One choice block 8 1-3 acres, in Eastern part of town, along side of the Edd Good block.

Between 4000 and 5000 acres of fine farming land from four to six miles south of Robert Lee in the Valley View neighborhood in tracts sized to suited purchaser from 160 to 1476 acres.

359 acres of fenced land one mile from Court House. 140 acres in fine state of cultivation, all fenced, good residence, barn, buggy sheds, etc.

# GILMORE'S PARTY.

First Authentic Account of Their Experience Furnished

BY AN ESCAPED PRISONER.

They Were Bound Hand and Foot and Taken to San Isidro—Came Near Being Shot to Death.

Manila, Dec. 1.—When the landing party from the United States battleship Oregon, under Lieut. Commander McChackin, took the town of Vigan, province of Ilocos, last Sunday, they found there an escaped prisoner, A. L. Sonnenschein, who furnished the first authentic account of the experience of Lieut. James C. Gilmore of the United States steamship Yorktown, who, with a party of the Yorktown, was captured by the insurgents near Baler, on the east coast of Luzon, last April while making an examination of the mouth of the river in an armored boat.

Mr. Sonnenschein was imprisoned at Abra for a long time with Lieut. Gilmore and seven sailors, but contrived to escape, carrying a concealed note written in naval cipher, dated Abra, Nov. 19, addressed to "Any Naval Officer," and saying: "You may have perfect confidence in anything the bearer says." The note was signed, "Gilmore."

According to Mr. Sonnenschein, when Lieut. Gilmore's launch entered the river from Baler harbor under cover of Ensign W. H. Standley's gun, the landing was received with three volleys. Two of the Americans were killed and two mortally wounded. Every man was hit, Lieut. Gilmore receiving a flesh wound in the leg and his foot stuck fast in the mud. It was a choice between surrender and being slaughtered.

Lieut. Gilmore asked the terms of release. The insurgents proposed that he should procure the delivery to them of the arms and munitions of the Spanish garrisons, undertaking, if this were accomplished, to send the Spaniards and Americans to the Yorktown.

A sailor of Lieut. Gilmore's party carried this proposition to the garrison. The Spanish commandant replied that it was an insult to Spanish arms and expelled the sailor, a Spanish soldier, firing upon him as he went. The Americans were then bound hand and foot and taken to San Isidro, when Gen. Luna ordered their execution. They were marched to the plaza and in the presence of a great crowd were aligned to be executed.

Lieut. Gilmore said: "As an American officer and gentleman, I protest against being shot with my hands tied."

Aguinardo interfered and prevented the execution.

When Gen. Lawton approached San Isidro last June, the Americans were removed to Abra, where they were kept confined in cells for two months. Subsequently they were allowed greater liberty, but the report that Lieut. Gilmore was given a house and servant is untrue. He had the same quarters as the men and the Americans were given the same allowance as the Spanish prisoners—5 cents a day with which to buy rice and bananas, virtually the only rations.

The British steamer *Shillito* was wrecked near Stovanger the other day.

### Kentucky Convention.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 1.—The seventh district Democratic convention to nominate a candidate for the seat made vacant by the death of Congressman Evan E. Settle began at 10:30 yesterday morning and lasted until 10:30 last night, when, after sixty-three ballots had been taken without a choice, an adjournment until to-day was had.

The vote stands: John R. Allen 29, June W. Gayle 25, Ira Julian 20, Moody 20. Necessary to a choice, 58.

There was a hitch in the committee on resolutions. It is understood that J. R. Allen, leading candidate for the congressional nomination, in which he supported Goebel, is a dissenter from the platform as to the indorsement of the Goebel election law. Speeches of the leaders were loud in denunciation of Gov. Bradley for military interference and also against Judge Toney of Louisville for interfering with the Louisville election by injunction.

### Silver Republicans Meet.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1.—The silver Republicans in conference here Tuesday and Wednesday, planned, it is announced, to ally themselves with and make use of the "anti-imperialism" agitation, especially in the eastern states, where the silver issue does not attract. Co-operation with Edward Atkinson's following will be sought. The purpose of the silver Republicans is to gain, if possible, with this new issue a foothold in the eastern states, so that their party can more truly claim to be a national organization, and thus become a more effective whip for holding the Democrats to the Bryan and 16 to 1 lines. This is one reason why the silver Republicans want to hold a big national convention of 2000 or more delegates next year. Confirmation of this plan came yesterday from ex-Senator Dubois of Idaho, chairman of the silver Republican executive committee.

"There is no place for Republican anti-imperialists of New England and the coast to go except to our party," said Mr. Dubois. "The assured composition of the United States senate for several years convinces them that silver legislation cannot be passed for many years yet. On anti-imperialism and kindred questions they are at once with us. I am satisfied they will come to us. I expect to see former Gov. Boutwell of Massachusetts, Edward Atkinson and men like them sitting as delegates to our convention. We have planned for a big convention of 2000 or more. Our convention, if held at the same place and time as the Democratic convention, will be a powerful stimulus against any concessions by that party to the forces of unrighteousness. We have not much to fear on this score, however. We are pretty well satisfied that the Democrats will reaffirm the platform of 1896 and renominate Mr. Bryan. This will be enough. If, however, they should seek to evade or subordinate the silver issue, we will not be their allies. In such case we will do what many silver Republicans wanted to do in 1896—establish a separate organization and nominate a separate ticket."

### Texas Sheriff Detained.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1.—Sheriff A. D. Shrewsbury of Sherman, Tex., has been arrested by the Sheriff of White county, Tennessee. He was here last night on his own recognizance to secure the aid of Gov. McMullin in straightening out an interesting legal entanglement.

Sheriff Shrewsbury holds requisition papers for two men wanted in Texas for minor offenses alleged to have been committed several years ago, and his attempt to proceed under this authority has caused the trouble. He made his arrests in DeKalb county on Wednesday and started at once for Texas. At Sparta, where a stop was made over night, the officer was awakened late at night by service of a writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Smith of White county, ordering the surrender of the prisoners on the ground of illegal detention.

Shrewsbury at once proceeded to the jail and securing his prisoners, was stopped by the Tennessee sheriff, who arrested him charging illegal attempt to remove prisoners.

The war department has arranged to have the transport *Victoria* leave Seattle for San Francisco, there to take on board a load of animals for the Philippines.

Gen. Wood has assured the Cuban planters that he will do what he can to rehabilitate the Cuban sugar industry.

### High Price for Beef.

Denver, Col., Dec. 1.—The record price on range beef cattle for the present year and probably for the past fifteen years was made in Denver yesterday, when a bunch of twelve Hereford steers, born and raised in North Park, Col., was sold by Clay Robinson & Co. to the Colorado Packing Company for \$5.75 per 100 pounds. The steers averaged a weight of 1552 pounds each and brought the owners \$89.25 each. They were bred from range cows and registered Hereford bulls, and were 3 and 4 years old. They were bred by Monte Blevens of North Park, Col., and were the property of his children.

The highest price recorded in this country this year on grass-fed cattle was \$5.50, paid in Chicago recently. The price paid here would be equal to \$5 per 100 pounds in Chicago. This is the highest price paid for range cattle anywhere since 1882. The steers in question were fattened on the range and have never eaten anything but hay and grass.

### PASTURE AND FARM.

**Cattle are doing well.**  
Sutton county cattle are in fine condition.

Wheat is in fine condition around Roanoke.

Runnels county farmers have a surplus of corn this year.

Truck farmers in the vicinity of Laredo have excellent gardens.

Bridgeport has received 1300 bales of cotton this season against 4000 last.

Col. R. K. Wylie of Runnels county has three mules that cost him \$4000.

A number of apple trees in Grayson county have bloomed again this season.

Ablene wants a cotton mill. Taylor county farmers will assist in building it.

The C. C. C. ranch, near San Angelo, was recently partially burned off by fire.

H. M. Kidwell of Mineral Wells shipped three carloads of beef cattle to St. Louis.

Many Moore county farmers are preparing their soil for spring sowing of wheat.

Rockport and vicinity truck farmers are shipping great quantities of snap beans.

Gordon Stiles of San Angelo sold 500 mixed cattle for spring delivery at \$20 and calves at \$4.50.

The Waco poultry and pet stock show was well attended and was a most gratifying success.

Farmers around Midlothian report that wheat was never better at this season of the year than now.

The seventeen-hour rain which fell in the San Angelo country recently was of vast benefit to stock interests.

George B. Hendriks, an erstwhile resident of Fort Worth, has purchased a 14,000-acre ranch in Runnels county.

Farmers around Antelope, Jack county, have put up plenty of feed this year and are well supplied with stock water.

The raising of peanuts is gradually increasing in Texas. This nut is always in fair demand and commands good prices.

So luxuriant is the growth of wheat in some portions of Cooke county that the farmers are turning their stock in on it for pasturage.

W. B. Perdue of Downsville, La., purchased a 160-acre farm near Corsicana for \$4000 cash. He will at once move his family on it.

Cane cutting and planting is the order of the day in Fort Bend county. Farm laborers are said to be in great demand there at fair wages.

A Hillsboro roller mill, as shown by its books, has paid out \$16,000 for wheat to Hill county farmers since it began operations in August.

A Laird of Vernon is feeding 500 well bred yearling steers on the grass in Hardeman county. He will feed them until next June and then ship to market.

It is said a special stockmen's train will be run from Salt Lake City, Utah, to Denver, and from thence to Fort Worth in January to attend the stockmen's convention.

Hundreds of fruit trees will be set out by Texas farmers. In a few years it is claimed the raising of fruit will rank as one of the leading industries of the Lone Star state.

John D. Williams, one of the best and most successful farmers in Ellis county, reports that his grain crop this year made him over \$17 per acre gross. He had lots of land in grain, too. He is now making ribbon cane molasses.

L. E. Hall, a prominent farmer of Harrison county, has recently lost several head of fine cattle. They died within twenty-four hours after the first symptoms were discovered.

B. M. Halbert of Sutton county has already contracted his 1900 yearling steers at \$16 per head, everything counted. C. T. Purney has also sold 1400 head, coming 2, to G. W. Whitehead & Sons, spring delivery, at \$20 per head.

Maj. Scobell, agent for the British government, has received cabled instructions at New Orleans to buy all the heavy mules he can. They must be 15 to 15.2 hands high and are wanted to drag heavy artillery in the South African campaign.

A Galveston livestock firm handled a shipment of 100 cars of cattle from Mexico to Havana. This is said to be the largest single shipment of cattle ever handled through a southern port. It consisted of four trains of fairly good animals.

### TEXANETTES.

Many shade trees have recently been set out at Hillsboro.

Five divorces were granted in one day at Cleburne recently.

Four parties charged with rocking trains have been arrested at Luling.

The sham battle at Cleburne on Thanksgiving day was a grand success.

The Ballard ice factory at Fort Worth burned, entailing a loss of \$7000.

Brick sidewalks are being put down at Henrietta in the business portion of the city.

A lodge of the Switchmen's Union of North America has been organized at Texarkana.

The large dredge built at Beaumont was launched in the presence of a vast concourse of people.

W. C. Bullard narrowly escaped drowning while trying to cross a ravine in Dickens county.

The recent bazaar held by the congregation of St. Mary's Catholic church, Austin, netted \$2000.

F. P. Gayne of Houston filed a petition in bankruptcy. He alleges he has no assets save wearing apparel.

A street car and a bakery wagon collided at Fort Worth. The driver of the street car had a foot badly crushed.

The Westside Street Railway company of San Antonio, capital stock \$75,000, has filed its charter at Austin.

The 2-year-old child of F. W. Lack, a farmer near Millsap, while playing near a tank of water fell in and was drowned.

County Treasurer Prather's books show Dallas county's cash balance for quarter ending Oct. 31, 1899, to be \$314,154.47.

The Home Forum Benefit Order of Illinois has been granted permission to do business in Texas as a fraternal insurance company.

Mrs. Nancy Miller, mother of Mayor Miller of Sulphur Springs, died in that city, aged 83 years. She was a pioneer, coming to Texas in 1836.

Dr. C. F. Ellis of Bairdstown, Lamar county, was terribly kicked by one of his horses. He was rendered unconscious for several minutes.

A large rock was thrown into a coach on the Texas and Pacific road near Paris, hitting a passenger in the forehead inflicting a painful wound.

Gus Sauter, proprietor of a saloon and meat market at Houston, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities about \$41,000, assets \$20,000.

Mother Claude, who has been superior at the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway hospital at Temple, has been transferred to Galveston. Sister Margaret succeeds her.

I. A. Mineir of Ellsworth, near Sherman, captured a centipede the other day that was over thirteen inches in length and fully an inch across the broadest part of the back.

Reports continue to reach Austin of the further discovery of rich copper deposits near Burnet, in Burnet county, sixty miles west of Austin on the Austin and Northwestern railroad.

An application in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States court at Fort Worth, by J. Bryant of Fort Worth. Liabilities are placed at \$6001.01 and his assets at \$295.

A large gray wolf was seen six miles southwest of Paris a few days ago. It went into a ditch. J. W. Early prepared a shotgun, slipped up to where it went into the ditch and firing killed the brute.

Jim Wilson, charged by indictment with murder, who has been in jail at Belton for two years and four months, has been released on \$5000 bond. He left at once on a visit to his father and mother, who reside in Mississippi.

Col. J. W. Allison, president of the Ennis Oil Mill company, has returned to that city from a tour of Europe. His son, Andrew Allison, will soon go to Europe to superintend the erection of several oil mills in a number of cities.

A fire which destroyed the four-story building occupied by Philip Rinn & Co.'s planing mill, Division and Crosby streets, Chicago, threatened the two big gas tanks of the People's Gas Light and Coke company, and for hours kept hundreds of residents in fear for their lives and property. Loss \$175,000.

Mrs. Rosenberg of Galveston presented the convention of the Texas division of the Daughters of the Confederacy with a gavel made out of wood from the home of the late ex-President Jefferson Davis at Beauvoir, Miss.

For 47 Years a Railroad Conductor.  
Early this fall the management of the B. & O. R. R. decided that the uniformed force should be provided with service stripes, and on the winter uniforms each man has one or more gold stripes on his right sleeve if he has been in the service for five or more years. The gold stripe stands for five years continuous employment by the company and a glance over the list develops an interesting and instructive condition of affairs.  
The ordinary man, in a peaceful and uneventful vocation, is seldom in continuous service for forty years, yet on the B. & O. R. R. there is a hale and



W. H. GREEN.

He has been employed in the B. & O. for 50 years.

hearty old man, with keen, undimmed eyes, and a springy step that has been in the continuous employ of the company for 50 years and is still better than many men half his age.

W. H. Green is his name, but everybody on the line calls him "Captain Harry" and he has a record that any man, in any station in life, would be more than proud of.

Captain Green is probably the oldest passenger conductor in the world. If he is not he has the best record, for not once has he been suspended from duty for any cause whatever. And then, too, he has never been injured. Green was born on September 12, 1827, in Cockeysville, Baltimore county, Md., and entered the B. & O. service March 3, 1850, as a freight brakeman. He was promoted in two years to freight conductor and in 1857 was given a passenger train and has served in the capacity ever since. He is now running through trains between Baltimore and Cumberland, Md., and wears ten service stripes on his right arm.

For many years B. & O. train employes have had an enviable reputation for politeness to passengers and attention to duty, and the adoption of the service stripe system will give the traveling public an opportunity to recognize long and faithful service.

They Didn't Recognize Mrs. Catt.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, general organizer of the Woman's Suffrage party in this country, is a young and strikingly handsome woman. She is a brilliant talker, amiable in manners, and is always stylishly dressed. A year or two ago she was on her way to address a state convention in Topeka, Kan., when she got into conversation with two gentlemen on the cars. One of them was a county judge and the other a newspaper editor of the same town. A few seats in front of them sat a spectacled, angular woman, sallow as to complexion and drab as to dress. Her clothes were cut in a fashion severely plain. The talk had turned upon the rights of women.

"See that woman yonder," said the judge. "I'll bet she's a delegate to that woman's right convention up at Topeka."

"Sure," chimed in the editor. "Funny, ain't it? There's a woman that has no husband, never could get one, has all the rights she needs, and she gallivants around the country asking for more. Funny, ain't it? I'll bet she's Mrs. Catt. Well named, ain't she?"

Mrs. Catt smiled and changed the subject. When they reached Topeka she said to the judge:

"I am very glad to have met you, I am Mrs. Catt. The lady in front is the wife of a banker in Chicago. She is going out to visit her married daughter. I know her very well. She is opposed to women's suffrage. Good-by."

No Demand for Digestible Pie.

A shepherd of the people, who is called the Pie King of New England, has founded a sanitary pie, "made under perfect hygienic conditions" and wanted to be "perfectly digestible." Such a pie may win the favor of weaklings and valetudinarys, but the born eater of pie, the allotted bondsman of pie, will scarcely condescend to the level of perfectly digestible pie. The little touch of doubt and danger is the romantic charm of pie. The timid soul may weigh out his diet and feel his pulse when he consumes a cracker. The nature worthy of great pie is above such scruples. A pie of genius is worth a twinge or two. From the pie founder the brave expect not safety, but skill.

"Unloaded" guns have a strange method of being discharged and creating many corpses at times.

New Bombarde Combination Reversible Parlor Game Board. 28 games; biggest hit in years. Agents wanted. W. D. Caldwell & Co., 161 Superior St., Chicago.

A kind word soon judiciously brings profitable return.

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Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in Time. Sold by Druggists.  
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#### ODD WAYS OF EXPRESSING THEIR IDEAS.

**Political Phrases of the Present Day—How Some of the Stock Expressions of the Spellbinders Came Into Being—Chiefly Subterfuges.**

"America for Americans!" was one of the cries of the American party, organized back in the fifties. The party, which had some foothold in New England, the middle and western states, was known also as "The Sons of '76," "The Order of the Star Spangled Banner" and "The Know-Nothings." The phrase, as used originally, expressed the opposition of the party to aliens.

"Another county heard from" was the comment of the paragraphers all over the country when, in 1876, the returns from the presidential election were slow in coming in from the doubtful states.

It was the Democratic national platform of 1856 which referred to this country as "the asylum of the oppressed of every nation," but it is seen more now in the "literature" distributed at election time than it is heard from the platform.

Andrew Jackson's instructions to ministers abroad to "ask nothing but what is right; submit to nothing wrong" is still a good catch phrase for candidates for offices.

We still hear, and will continue to hear, of the "Bloody Shirt," which is usually employed in reference to the now dead issues which are resurrected for partisan purposes.

"The Boys"—those who make of politics a business—continue to use the term "Carpet Baggers," which is heard in districts in which candidates have lived for only a short time. It is a southern word, and was used in reference to the northerners who went south after the war and took an active part in politics. Many held offices, and others came to qualify for office by means of a short residence. The southerners referred contemptuously to them as carrying their effects in a "carpet bag." "Clean sweep," seen so often on banners in political parades, means the removal by an official of all the subordinates not belonging to his political party, and also that an election will be so one-sided that, like a new broom, it will sweep clean.

In the silver and gold campaign of '96 "The dollar of our daddies" was an oft-heard phrase.

The accepted version of the birth of the Democratic rooster is that in 1840 there lived in Indiana a Democrat named Chapman, who exercised his vocal organs when there was a Democratic victory by crowing. On the situation a friend wrote to him, ending with these words: "Crow, Chapman, crow!" As the Democratic emblem, the rooster came into use in 1842.

"The machine"—the organization of a party when in the hands of professional politicians—resorts to "knifing," which is a form of trickery practiced against the candidates of their own party who are distasteful to the "organization."

"The boys" and the "organization" are responsible for the nicknames "kid-glove politicians" and "silk-stocking politics," which are used by them to nullify the work of those in good circumstances who try to take a hand in reform work in politics.

"We love him for the enemies he has made," was Edward S. Bragg's tribute to Grover Cleveland in the Democratic convention of 1884, but this phrase has been adopted on behalf of almost every candidate for elective offices, including Gov. Altgeld. The sobriquet "The Man of Destiny" always will be attached to Mr. Cleveland's name because of his rapid rise from mayor of the city of Buffalo in 1881 to president of the United States in 1885.

"Our country, in her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong," was the toast of Commodore Stephen Decatur, delivered in Norfolk, Va., in 1816, and it has been the toast at thousands of political and other banquets for many years.

"Me, Too," is the sarcastic reference to Senator Thomas C. Platt. This sobriquet was given to him because he resigned as junior senator from New York immediately after Roscoe Conkling took the same step because some political appointments made by the president were not in accordance with their wishes. That expressive term "Salt River" is applied to politicians who are forced to retire from public life. Salt River is a Kentucky river difficult of navigation.

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The Edith Telephone line is now in operation. It commenced Tuesday.

A "doctor and a professor of electricity," did some business in our county lately. One of them called themselves, "The doctors from Denver."

We hear that Bro. Mulligan has been requested to write up a defense of his friends, who were engaged in the turkey business, Thanksgiving night.

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## Thanksgiving Echoes.

We feel like it is our duty to make some explanation to the people of Robert Lee, concerning our absence from the city.

It has always been thought and as well talked, that the boys of this city are the worst in the state and of the least value of anything in the City limits, but until here of late it has affected very little as you know.

Boys are about to see their own faults.

About two weeks ago, they struck on a plan to get rid of us. Of course to our sorrow. How they managed, we are unable to learn; but they got the girls all turned against us.

Of all the pleading and prayers that ever went out from human lips, the girls here had to listen to record-breakers. But all this seemed to have little effect upon their well-trained hearts, so like the explorers, trying to find the North pole we had to turn back, having accomplished nothing.

The parents would keep the girls away from all entertainments while they with the sheriff-deputies, constables, police, and other peace officers would lay around in the dark allies, eager to catch some of the boys in what they call devilment, us boys call it fun, such as accidentally firing a pistol, laughing too loud, eating a fat turkey on Thanksgiving, and other little things amounting to as much.

We are sorry to say that sometimes they succeed. As to the scripture, which says "There is more joy over one poor boy caught in devilment than ninty and nine when found at Sunday-School. It has been but a few weeks since Robert Lee had the best Sunday School in the county. There were about fifteen pupils in us boys class over in the corner. Our class was noted for good lessons and good contribution. We were doing too well so our class was dispensed with, thus allowing us more time to pursue the course The people wanted us to go.

Now the Sunday School has dried up, as the town will if they don't let us go back and be good. As misery loves company we all stay together. Some because they love company others because they are afraid to stay by themselves.

Some of the old men are going about like roaming devils or lions seeking whom they may devour. Thanks be to the Lord, they have not hurt us yet.

Now good people we want to be better boys, so we are coming back to ask your pardon. We don't know just what time we will get there, so don't sit up and lose too much sleep.

We will give you the signal, when we get there. We hope the girls will reconsider our cause before school is out.

"Hece" (one of the kids.)

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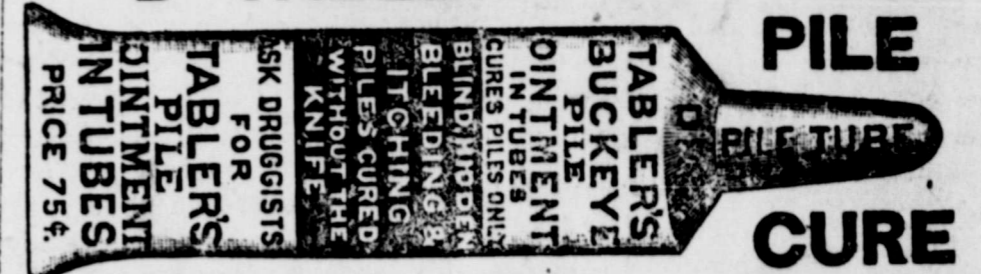
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Mrs. Ingram will carry a line of holiday goods this season.

Prof. F. K. Popplewell, teacher at Union, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stevens, of Hayrick, were shopping here Tuesday.

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.

Miss Lula Newton entertained a number of her friends at her father's home Thanksgiving night. Every one present spent a delightful evening.

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Mr. Jim Clepper, a handsome young man from Sanco, was in town one day this week.

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The Baptist and other religious people had a series of interesting and beneficial services, commencing Saturday night and embracing three Sunday services, closing Sunday night. Eld. N. D. Bullock of Sterling City, A. M. Lackey, and R. M. Cumbie, both from near Bronte. These ministers deserve and receive commendation from our people for their good work here.

### Gin Notices.

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

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Several nearby school houses will have trees loaded with presents.

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D. E. Scott, an old and respected citizen, from near Bronte, was in town Wednesday and while here, showed his appreciation of the Rustler in an agreeable manner.

Nearly all of the best people pay for and read the Rustler.

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.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Dick Arnett, of Edith, were shopping in town Monday.

Mrs. Price and daughter, of Ft. Chabourne, were in town Monday.

### Notice.

The members of Richard Coke Camp No. 600, U. C. V. are requested to meet at the Court House in Robert Lee on Saturday Dec. 16th, to attend to very important business. By order of Commander J. P. Hutchinson, H. H. Hayley, Ajt.

B. N. Tannehill was in town last week.

T. A. Higginbotham was in town latter part of last week.

Miss Cannon, a very pretty sister of Mrs. Booth Lawhon visited her sister last week.

Prof. B. U. Smith and his accomplished wife were in Robert Lee last Saturday.

Young Mr. Boring, of Merkel was delivering fruit trees here lately

Eld. R. M. Cumbie will preach at cedar Hill on the Second Sunday and Saturday before in December.

Some half dozen of Robert Lee most progressive boys appropriated one of J. R. Patterson's turkeys Thanksgiving night. We hear they had a royal dinner at a fashionable hour—About midnight.

Quite an interesting programme was enjoyed by all present at the school house Thanksgiving afternoon. Among the best numbers were the prayer of thanks by J. A. Gardner, Sr., and an address by Prof Couch.

Our friend, W. H. Sewell, from near Union School house, 4 miles above Bronte was in town last Saturday. He says "Bro. Mulligan livens things up," that he is from Arkansas himself, and offered two dollars and a half to help rebuild the school house.

### Silver Siftings.

Christmas fun has begun at our bright little settlement The candy-breaking at Mr. Will Jameson's was quite a success, and so was the pound party at Mr. Tubb's.

The young people enjoyed quite a pleasant evening Sunday at Mr. Walker's.

Miss Della Sowson was among the young people of Silver.

Our school, which is the chief interest of the dry, is progressing nicely.

We are all living on pork, as the weather has just been cold enough to kill hogs.

We enjoyed a very interesting sermon at Silver Sunday preached by Bro. Reed.

Mr. Gilas Conner has had three very sick children but we are happy to say they are fast improving, Polly,

Mr. J. L. Latham and family, of Fredonia, Mason Co., has been visiting his son, our Dr. J. B. Latham, for a week. He is almost as young-in looks as the Doctor.

Misses Scottie Ingram, Birdie Pearce, Ellen Mobley, Emma Stickney, and Sallie Gardner visited the School on last Thursday. Messrs. Henry Fry, Will Lasswell and Tom Hooten visited the School last Thursday.

Our people will be glad to learn that Mrs. J. D. Collier is recovering. She has been in San Angelo some time.

See the new holiday ad of J. E. Stewart, in this issue.

Mrs. Press Walling and little daughter were in town Monday.

Mrs. M. B. Patterson was shopping in town Tuesday.

S. C. Wilkins made a business trip to Angelo latter part of last week.

W. L. Hayley, the Bronte druggist was up last week for a day. His wife accompanied him.

### Notice.

All persons are hereby warned that Mattie and George McDonald have separated, and everyone is warned not to trade for any stock branded, T Y on left hip or left thigh, said stock belonging to Mrs. Mattie McDonald, nor to trade for or buy any other property belonging as above.

T. S. Vaughn.

NOTICE! The tax-payers of the Robert Lee High School District are notified that their taxes must be paid on or before January, 1900, or cost will be added. J. H. Burroughs, Assessor and Collector.

Died. On Nov. 30th, at 11 P. M. Little Hazel, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Burroughs. The little child was taken about seven days before with a severe bowel trouble which developed into menegitis. The little one was buried on the morning of the 2nd of December, at the Robert Lee cemetery, where appropriate services were held by Eld. J. B. Hooten. The Rustler extends condolence to the bereaved parents.

Mr. and Mrs. B. U. Smith, of Edith were in town Saturday.

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## EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Washington is lively—congress in session.

Considerable whiskey peddling is reported in the Indian Territory.

Smallpox prevails at Wilburton, Newbury, Calvin and Poteau, I. T.

J. W. Cathron, who was shot near Guthrie, Ok., after lingering a week died.

Anti-Christian uprisings are reported among the natives in the Chi Nang Fu district, China.

Fire at Boston navy yard destroyed the building used as the bonding shed. Loss about \$100,000.

It is reported that 10,000 troops will leave Odessa to reinforce Russian garrisons in the far east.

The postoffice at Atoka, I. T., was broken into and several mail-boxes robbed of their contents.

Michael Davitt, the well known Irish leader, was badly injured in London, by being thrown from his carriage.

In a wreck on the Wheeling and Lake Erie railway near Coshocton, O., three persons were killed and twenty injured.

Calvin DeWolf, one of the earliest of the western abolitionists, was found dead in bed at his home in Chicago aged 84 years.

The remains of Maj. Guy Howard, son of Gen. C. C. Howard, killed in the Philippines, were sent to Omaha, Neb., and there interred.

The ministry of Queensland has resigned as the outcome of a vote of the assembly in connection with the construction of railways.

The officials of the state department are reticent as to the reasons for the recall of Prof. Stiles of the United States embassy at Berlin.

William Tucker engineer at Bohannon's cotton gin at Etonah, Ok., was caught in a belt and whirled around a score of times, fatally injuring him.

State Health Officer Joseph Y. Porter of Florida raised the quarantine against Port Tampa and Port Tampa City, which has been in effect since Nov. 10.

The Allana soap factory and oil press of Torreon, the largest establishment of its kind in Mexico, was totally destroyed by fire recently. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

The Brazilian government has notified the French, Italian and Spanish governments that Brazil will henceforth adopt differential tariffs against excessive taxes on coffee.

Maj. Gen. Miles, commanding the army, has returned to Washington after a tour of inspection, which included the fortification on the Pacific coast and the gulf of Mexico.

Edgar Hill, traffic manager of the Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis railway, and one of the best known railroad men in the country, dropped dead of heart disease in Louisville, Ky.

The city council of Guthrie, Ok., has granted a franchise to the American District Telegraph company to put in a system of messenger service, fire and police alarm, with call boxes in every part of the city.

On account of smallpox in the Indian Territory the postmaster general has ordered the mail fumigated at South McAlester, McAlester, Krebe, Alderson, Wilburton, Cherryvale, Hartshorne, Calvin and Atoka.

Gen. B. C. Vance, aged 71 years, a brother of the late United States Senator Zeb. Vance, and for twelve years a representative in congress from his congressional district died at Alexander, N. C., from diabetes.

Senator Albace, formerly minister of public works, has formed a new Chilean cabinet in succession to the liberal ministry.

Commissioner Geo. E. Wilson of the internal revenue bureau, in his report to the secretary of the treasury of the operations of his office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1890, shows that the receipts from all sources aggregated \$273,484,573, an increase over the preceding year of \$102,617,000.

The United States transport Sherman arrived at San Francisco from the Philippines. The trip occupied but twenty-five days. There were eighteen passengers and 194 discharged and sick men on board. Eight died on the voyage. The dead bodies were brought along.

# GEN. OTIS' REPORT

It Has Been Made Public by the War Department.

## A RECAPITULATION OF EVENTS.

The General Throws Some Light on His Chinese Exclusion Act, Declaring it a Matter of Public Policy.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The report of Gen. Otis on the operations in the Philippines up to Aug. 31 last has been made public by the war department. It is a volume of 273 pages, with an appendix of minor reports almost as large. The report is a chronological recapitulation of events in the island since Gen. Otis took command. One of the most interesting features is the immense amount of detail involved in Gen. Otis' administration of the affairs of the island. Gen. Otis throws some light on his Chinese exclusion act, declaring it a matter of public policy.

He goes at some length into the racial differences between the Filipinos and the Chinese, explaining that strong prejudice against the Chinese prevailed among the natives because of the successful and unscrupulous dealings of the Chinamen in all trade matters. Gen. Otis says that in view of the race hatred between the Chinese and the natives, as well as the factional differences among the Chinamen themselves, which soon broke out into open riot and bloodshed, he deemed it expedient to apply the American immigration laws to the island. This was done, and arrangements have been made for identifying such Chinamen as have rights of prior residence in the island, so that no unnecessary hardship may be worked.

The correspondence between Gen. Otis and Gen. Aguinaldo before the outbreak of active hostilities receives much space, and more is taken up with the detailed accounts of the various engagements. In connection with the Filipino uprising in the suburbs of Manila on the night of Feb. 22, Gen. Otis prints the translation of one of Aguinaldo's proclamations which incited demonstration. The paper fortunately was discovered on the 15th and the plans of the insurgents were checkmated. It called for the assembling of the Manila militia in the rear of the American outposts. At the sound of the attack from the outside the insurgents in the city were to fall on and butcher the whole of the foreign population, respecting nothing but native Filipino families. All the jail prisoners were to be released and armed to assist in the massacre. The plan was successful in so far as about 1000 armed insurgents assembled behind the American line. In the fight that night and the following day about 500 of these were killed.

Gen. Otis relates minutely the difficulties encountered in dealing with the foreign merchants whose business was interfered with by the war, the outlining of plans of revenues and customs, the negotiations with the sultan of Sulu, from whom he says Gen. Bates secured more concessions in a month than Spain had been able to secure in 300 years; the institution of town governments, the establishment of schools and caring for a large number of prisoners, both Spanish and native.

The plague patients on Swinburne island are reported doing well.

### Miners Having Trouble.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 4.—A week ago 600 miners employed in the mines of the Diamondville Coal and Coke company at Diamondville, Wyo., struck for an increase in wages. Their demands were refused by the company and after a short shut-down operations were resumed with a small force of non-union men. At an early hour yesterday morning a mob of 300 women and girls, armed with guns and knives, clubs and stones, marched on the mine and compelled the operators to flee. The men at work were dragged from the mines and also driven away. Several were injured by being struck with clubs and one man was shot at, presumably by one of a number of strikers who had been in the mine. The small force of deputies guarding the property of the company was powerless. To-day it is expected there will be more trouble when the company attempts to resume. The miners have been importing arms and ammunition.

### British and Boers.

London, Dec. 4.—The week opens without a word of news such as the British public is so anxiously awaiting. With a larger army in the field than the country ever before mobilized, it can only be said that the loss of 3500 men entailed before the enemy's borders have been crossed is a serious matter, and, while there is no feeling of despondency as to the eventual result of the war, it is regretfully admitted on all sides that the strength of the Boer resistance has been woefully underrated.

It is now seen that the attempt to hold a useless position at Mafeking was a serious tactical mistake, as was also the endeavor to keep the large civil population in Kimberley.

Perhaps the brightest spot for English readers to-day is the announcement that President McKinley has designated the son of Secretary Hay to succeed Mr. Macrum in Pretoria.

The Daily Telegraph says: "This appointment is a graceful concession on the part of the United States government to British feeling. Our country's interests will be safe in the hands of the new consul."

South African news is now six days in arrears. The censorship does not yet permit details of the Modder river battle to be transmitted. Some vague statements have been published in the Cape Town papers, and, according to these, the Boers numbered 8000 men and were entrenched on both banks of the stream, although mostly on the northern bank. The British, according to these accounts, drove the enemy across the river, compelled them to retreat and established themselves on both banks. These details, however, are too meager to enable an accurate idea of the engagement to be formed.

A dispatch reached London announcing that Lord Methuen is again in the field, and it is also said that Count Gleichen, who was wounded in the fighting at Modder river, was struck by a bullet in the neck.

Serious news comes from the northern sections of Cape Colony. The whole border district between Colesburg and Burghersdorp has declared for the Boers. In Venterstad alone more than 2000 have joined the rebellion. The farmers have formed a commanding committee and talk confidently of a triumphant march on Cape Town. Gen. Buller's proclamation has been torn down and trampled upon, and the loyalists are bidden to hurry to Cape Town to prepare coffee for the rebels.

The rebel list shows that a modification has been made in the command of the sixth division. Instead of Lieut. Gen. Sir Charles Mansfield Clarke, the commander will be Major Gen. Thomas Kelley-Kenny, inspector general of auxiliary forces and recruiting officers, with Major Gen. Knox and Maj. Gen. Clements as brigade commanders. Gen. Kelley-Kenny has had no South African experience.

With regard to Natal, it is still doubtful whether the bridge over the Tugela at Colenso has been destroyed. There is a report that the British drove the Boers off while attempting to destroy it, but the probability is that the structure was mined and fired afterward.

According to a dispatch from Pieter's Kraal, dated Nov. 28, the Boers were then attempting to turn movements from Steynsburg and the district north of Storkstrom in co-operation with the rebels by way of Maraisburg Tarkastad, against Gen. Gatacre's force. The wreck of the troopship may result in the loss of 350 horses.

Joseph Brown, ex-mayor of St. Louis, is dead.

### Rebellion Crushed.

New York, Dec. 4.—According to the statement of Senor Luis Cuervo Marquez, charge d'affaires of the Colombian legation in Washington, who is at present in this city looking after the interests of his country's commerce, the recent dispatches from Jamaica affirming the continuation of the rebellion in Colombia are false. Marquez is a brother of the minister of foreign affairs of Colombia, and from him a few days ago he received a dispatch saying that the rebellion was entirely crushed. Such reports are calculated to injure business between this country and Colombia," said Senor Marquez. "At no time did the rebellion threaten seriously the government, a faction only of the liberal party being engaged in it. The dispatch was due to the low price of coffee in the markets of the world. Small exportation and too much importation have ruined the finances of the country. The government is strong and an overwhelming sentiment favors peace."

# BATTLE EXPECTED.

It Will Probably Be Fought Very Soon Near Colenso.

## AN EXPRESS CAR ROBBED.

Unknown White Man Held Up the Two Messengers With a Pistol and Secured \$1700 in Cash.

London, Dec. 2.—There has been no fresh news from the seat of war since the original dispatch telling of a terrible conflict at Modder river. The censorship is most rigorous yet and London does not even know the result of the Modder river fight and can not tell whether it was a victory or defeat.

It looks very much as though the British had met with severe setbacks at the hands of Gen. Cronje.

In financial circles pessimistic views the prevailing and the continued silence and suppression of news is taken to indicate that the British suffered a heavy reverse. Meantime the newspapers are turning their attention from the western border to the forthcoming battle of Natal, where Gen. Buller is believed to be at the present time.

A big battle will undoubtedly be fought very soon near Colenso. The British movements are exasperatingly slow in Natal, and Gen. Buller is undoubtedly having many difficulties in getting his troops in condition. So far as known in London, Ladysmith and Kimberley, as well as Mafeking, are still holding out.

### A Masked Robber.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 2.—An unknown white man, closely masked, held up the two messengers in a Southern Express company's car last night and under cover of a revolver compelled them to give up \$1700 in cash. Eight thousand dollars in another safe was overlooked by the outlaw, who accomplished his work without any aid.

The robbery took place near Branchville, N. C., on the Southern railway. The train had just left the station when Messengers Ramsey and Rhodes were covered with two revolvers held in the hands of the stalwart robber. One messenger was made to stand with his hands over his head and the other was commanded to hand over the money packages in the safe.

Seventeen hundred dollars was quickly secured and the robber, after warning the messengers not to put a foot outside of the car until the train had got under headway again, pulled the bell cord and jumped off as the train slowed up. The conductor saw the robber escaping alongside the track but thinking him a tramp signaled the engineer ahead.

When the train got under way the messengers came out and told their story. The car was a combination baggage and express and the door had been opened to permit the conductor to reach the baggage section, which was in the forward end of the car. The sheriff of Dorchester with six men and two hounds have been hurried to the scene of the robbery.

The emperor of Germany has been royally received in England.

Senor Andrade, Venezuelan minister to the United States, has resigned.

### Hobart's Will.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 2.—The will of the late Vice President Garret A. Hobart was filed in the Passaic county surrogate's office yesterday. The value of the estate is not given, but it is understood to be about \$2,500,000. Of the estate Mrs. Jennie Hobart, the widow, receives \$1,000,000 and one-half of the remainder after a number of bequests are paid; the son, Garret A. Hobart, Jr., inheriting the other half when he attains his majority. St. Joseph's hospital, the children's day nursery, St. Joseph's orphan asylum and Paterson orphan asylum, all of Paterson, receive \$5000 each.

Hobart Tuttle, private secretary to Gov. Voorhees, and a brother-in-law of the vice president, receives \$20,000; A. A. Wilcox, a close friend of Mr. Hobart receives \$10,000.

David Hobart, a brother of the late vice president, receives \$20,000, and to each of his two children is bequeathed \$10,000.

### Kentucky's gubernatorial Vote.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 2.—The postponement of the official canvass of Kentucky's gubernatorial vote until Monday has, for the time being at least, cooled the surcharged political atmosphere in a very perceptible manner. It is not likely now that there will be any developments until the meeting of the election commissioners. Although both candidates for governor are in town, they are keeping quiet and their friends are emulating their example. There is no talking, save in the direction of surmise, regarding the possible action of the commissioners on Monday.

There is a deeply settled belief among both Democrats and Republicans that the commissioners will not turn the matter over to the legislature, but will surely issue a certificate to either Goebel or Taylor. If it is given to the former it is likely that the matter may end there, as many of the conservative Republicans are of the opinion that in view of the strong Democratic majority in the legislature, it will be useless for the Republicans to look for anything in that quarter.

If the certificate goes to Taylor it is a certainty that the matter will be taken to the legislature, where Goebel may finally win out. The Republicans, however, are by no means a unit in favor of abandoning the fight at the door of the legislature. Some of them are vehement in their assertions that they will not abandon the fight until there is no possible chance of Taylor being governor of the state. Gov. Bradley has evidently made up his mind that somebody will receive a certificate of election, for he was busily engaged all day in packing up his private property in the state house preparatory to a return to private life.

"They are making my last days my hardest days," he said, "but I guess there will be no trouble. There are too many sensible men on both sides to prevent anything of that kind. I really don't see how anything can be done to keep Mr. Taylor from the chair. He will go in all right."

It is not likely that the election commissioners will finish their work before Tuesday afternoon. Among the suggestions made regarding their probable line of action is that, sitting as an election board, the commissioners will issue certificates of election to all the minor Republican officials, and then, resolving themselves into a contesting board, declare the Democratic claims of election to these offices to be valid and oust all the Republicans to whom certificates have been issued. It has already been held that a contesting board is powerless to decide a contest concerning a governor or lieutenant governor, and the fate of those two officials will be turned over to the legislature, the commissioners saying in effect to the legislature:

"We believe that they are unlawful incumbents, but we have not the power to remove them. It is up to you."

### Wages Advanced.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 2.—All the cotton manufacturers of this city represented in the Fall River association yesterday decided that they would grant an advance of 10 per cent in wages beginning on Monday, Dec. 11. The mill owners had intended to make an increase of only 5 per cent but the action of M. C. D. Borden of New York, the Fall River iron works, in posting notices on Wednesday ordering a raise of 10 per cent, backed up by the contention of the operatives, left nothing for the association but to follow Mr. Borden's order.

Drew Orphan, colored, was fatally shot at Ardmore, I. T.

### Insurgents Surrendered.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Considerable interest is felt here in the news that the insurgents at Bayambang have surrendered, particularly as the number is said to exceed that captured by the United States at any one time. Bayambang is the city to which Aguinaldo one time contemplated retreating for the purpose of locating the rebel capital, after he was forced to flee from Tulaic, but the American troops pressed him so hard that he was unable to carry out his intention. Gen. Otis' dispatch of yesterday reporting information received from Gen. Lawton said it indicated that Bayambang had been captured the 28th of November, and it is thought that this is the same place referred to in the Manila dispatch. No information regarding the surrender had been received at the war department yesterday up to an early hour.

High water has made game plentiful near Paris.

**Truck Farmers Meet.**

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 4.—The Fannin County Fruit and Vegetable Growers' association met in the county court-room Saturday afternoon, pursuant to the agreement at the last meeting. A large attendance was present, farmers and fruit growers from all over the county being on hand.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. by Temporary President High, and the report of the last meeting was read and approved. The association then got down to business and proceeded to effect a permanent organization and to elect officers.

The following officers were the choice of the association: Charles Hill, president; Dr. John Cunningham, vice president; Benjamin Smith, secretary; Judge J. M. Lusk, treasurer. After the officers had been elected several pointed talks were made before the association and were well received. The object of this most worthy association is to encourage the more extensive raising of fruit and vegetables in this county, and to secure reduced rates on all products shipped to other points.

Mr. Smith, secretary, has already received a number of communications from different railroads and express companies offering to quote the association reduced rates on shipments, and a number of individuals from different parts of the state have written very encouraging letters, expressing a desire to see the movement meet with success. The farmers of Fannin county have been made to see during the past year or so that the practice of diversification is essential to success at farming, and they are very enthusiastic over the meeting and its prospects. The meeting Saturday was a decided success, and the organization starts out with the most flattering prospects.

The next meeting will be held in this city Saturday, Dec. 16, and will be extensively advertised all over the county, and a large number of new members are expected to enroll before that time.

**Water for Irrigation.**

Waco, Tex., Dec. 4.—Col. W. C. Rodgers of New Mexico has been traveling over Texas, looking into the prospect of water for irrigation, and he says opportunities are offered which will make many fortunes in the future, when laws are passed by which rights in irrigation will be protected and privileges afforded under the state law. He found a considerable area already under irrigation, and says private ventures in this line are succeeding in all parts of the state. He called attention to the failure of persons making dams across rivers and streams to provide fish-ways, and he says that will prove a serious fault unless it is remedied before the damming of rivers becomes general.

It is absolutely necessary to let the fish have means of passing up and down the streams, and to limit them in that respect would cut off a large amount of young fish and aid in reducing fish life in the state.

Col. Rodgers said: "I think there must be 500,000 acres of land in Texas submerged by the artificial lake makers, and it seems to me that eventually the process of creating large bodies of water must necessarily influence the climate and cause a larger and more regular rainfall. Instead of waiting for the winds to blow vapors from the distant ocean, mists will be created in the interior of the state and will form clouds and produce the moisture which the land needs and which is the only need of Texas soil. It is the richest country I ever saw, considered as a whole, and when the storm water is impounded and the rivers regulated it will be a garden state of the earth."

**Trouble at Cypress.**

Houston, Tex., Dec. 4.—Yesterday evening a rather meager report was received here from Cypress, only five miles from here, to the effect that a fight had occurred there in which whites and blacks were involved, and several persons wounded. So far as obtained last night the wounded are: Bully Gleen, white, in the head; Felix Givens, colored, in the back; F. Colby, in the arm; E. F. Jennings, deputy sheriff, in the leg.

Sheriff Anderson yesterday received a telegram from Deputy asking for assistance and saying that there was trouble and he was unable to control the parties, and further that he had been wounded.

Sheriff Anderson left on the first train at 10 o'clock for the scene of trouble. He was accompanied by Deputy Jim Wynne.

The cause of the trouble was not learned.

Felix Bolt was given a life sentence at Benjamin a few days ago for murder.

**Enthusiastic Assemblage.**

Waco, Tex., Dec. 2.—The committee in charge struggled all day yesterday to keep Col. William Jennings Bryan to the front. The city was densely crowded, and on all the corners yells went up. This state of things asserted itself as soon as the party landed at the Katy depot Thursday night, and was resumed early yesterday morning when the distinguished guests, having left their apartments early, appeared on the veranda of the State house. The farmers arrived in their wagons, bringing their families, and lined up along the sidewalk. Col. Bryan stood bareheaded and Gov. Hogg tried to compress himself into the least possible compass, keeping to the rear. Gov. Sayers modestly kept himself in the background.

The plan was to let Col. Bryan appreciate to the fullest extent the reception accorded him. The morning was spent visiting the education institutions, Baylor first, then Add-Ran and next the high school. Col. Bryan made short, instructive talks to the students and endeared himself to them. They greeted him with rapturous applause. In honor of the opening of the auditorium and the presence of Col. Bryan and the gentlemen with him, the local military, the firemen and citizens in decorated carriages formed a parade a mile long. In the afternoon an immense crowd filled the auditorium, floor and gallery, and Col. Bryan was presented. The applause arose like thunder, hats, fans, handkerchiefs waving, and for several minutes the tumultuous greeting continued. In introducing Col. Bryan, Capt. Shaw referred to him as the greatest living orator, the greatest man in America and the next president of the United States.

Mr. Bryan dwelt for nearly an hour on the financial question and went over the same ground which he has so often done before. As to 16 to 1 free silver, his arguments were identical with those delivered here in the Baptist tabernacle just after the presidential campaign. After concluding his arguments about finance, he dwelt for some time on imperialism and deplored the fact that the republic was passing away under the present administration and the system changing toward the policies which caused the downfall of other nations, and is merely an imitation of England. There was nothing new in his remarks in the line of anti-expansion, but his intense eloquence and popularity procured for him continuous applause throughout his oration, which was evidently very gratifying to the Nebraska statesman. He paid his respects to trusts at some length.

Col. Bryan was followed by ex-Gov. Hogg, who spoke for about thirty minutes and dwelt a good deal upon his own administration and the laws enacted under his advice. He reiterated his promise to go into the campaign next year. He promised to give all his influence toward having the next Democratic state convention held in Waco, and predicted that in the course of time whale-back steamers would come up from the Gulf of Mexico and anchor at the Waco wharves. He strongly advocated the Nicaragua canal as a means of promoting the interests of the cotton growers and all the interests of the gulf states.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Gov. Sayers was called vociferously, but Capt. Shaw stepped forward and stated that the time had elapsed for the entertainment and that a social event was about to come off elsewhere, therefore Gov. Sayers could not speak.

The American colony at Paris, France, had a banquet in honor of Thanksgiving.

**The Garland Fire.**

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 2.—The fire which swept the business section of Garland Thursday night made almost a clean sweep of the business houses. The buildings, with but few exceptions, were frame and burned like tinder. At a rough estimate the losses on buildings and stock will go beyond \$80,000. Insurance \$20,000. Mr. John H. Cullom, owner of the Garland News, lost his building and plant. He carried no insurance, and places his loss at \$20,000. The postoffice building was destroyed, and a considerable quantity of mail matter was consumed. Hon. John A. Martin, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the county, and his partner, Clare Witwer, formerly of Dallas, are among the losers. In fact, it would be difficult to discover a representative citizen of the bustling town who is not a loser on account of the disastrous blaze.

Yesterday a large number of representatives of insurance companies and the commercial agencies visited Garland for the purpose of investigating losses, etc. And the country people for miles around packed to the town to gaze upon the smoldering ruins.

**A Destructive Fire.**

Garland, Tex., Dec. 1.—The most disastrous fire in the history of this town occurred last night at 7 o'clock. It started at the Garland News office and G. Green's barber shop and literally gutted the town, burning J. D. Curfman, dry goods and groceries; Beaver Bros., the Citizens' bank, Crocker's drug store, Sumner's drug store, Smallwood's store, the postoffice, two barber shops, Hicks' saddlery store, Redman's two-story building, unoccupied; J. M. James' two-story building, unoccupied; Butler's confectionery, Hartzell's restaurant, a two-story building of D. B. Lillard, a vacant building of Allen Bros., a two-story building of D. B. Lillard and Rooker's confectionery.

The loss is total, with insurance to the aggregate amount of perhaps one-half.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 1.—Reports reached this city last night of a disastrous fire which was raging at Garland. Garland is a good-sized town, about fifteen miles north of here, in this county, and is generally regarded as one of the most prosperous places of its size in the state. The reports had it that the entire business section had been wiped out. The cause of the conflagration could not be ascertained.

Passengers on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas train arriving last night said when they passed Garland it looked as though the whole town had gone, all they could see standing in the business portion of the place being one brick store house. They said the railroad employees at the depot estimated that thirty business houses had been destroyed, besides a number of dwellings.

Mr. J. E. Farnsworth, who returned last night from Chicago via the Katy, said:

"I should judge that the fire had wiped out the business portion of the town. It evidently started near the Katy tracks and burned across toward the Santa Fe tracks, and from what I could see it had burned all of the business district."

Assistant County Attorney Marion Shaw, who spent Thanksgiving day at Garland, drove in from that place last night, arriving in Dallas this morning at 1:30 o'clock. He gave the following account of the conflagration at that place last night:

"It was the biggest fire I ever saw in a town of that size. Twenty-five or thirty buildings, all business houses, were destroyed. I believe that the fire destroyed every business house in town."

"The fire started about 7:10 p. m. in the office of the Garland News. It is supposed to have caught from a cigar stump. At any rate the high wind prevailing soon spread the flames to adjacent buildings, and there was nothing that could stop them. Bucket brigades were former and two wells pumped dry, but nothing could be saved. I cannot make an estimate of the loss. It will, however, be very large. Last night there were forty or fifty men guarding the merchandise that was dumped into the streets from the flaming buildings. Two buggies were stolen while I was there. Every drug store, the Garland bank, the livery stable and barber shop were among the buildings destroyed. It was a terrible fire."

**Legislature to Meet.**

Austin, Tex., Dec. 1.—It was understood authoritatively last night that before leaving for Waco yesterday afternoon Gov. Sayers announced to one of his close friends that he had positively made up his mind to call the extra session to meet on Jan. 20. Besides considering the tax bill, land matters and the double-header question, the governor will likely submit other matters from time to time.

**Bold Robbers.**

Elmo, Tex., Dec. 1.—John Minton, a grocery merchant living at Hiram, a country postoffice seven miles southeast of here, was robbed Wednesday night. The amount secured by the robbers was about \$150.

At midnight Mr. Minton was awakened by some one who, he supposed, wanted something out of the store, and on his appearance the parties, three in number, all masked, covered him with revolvers and ordered him out.

They then marched him to his place of business, where they looted everything in sight, taking the above amount of money as stated.

Mr. Minton was not roughly handled, but was ordered to keep quiet until they made a safe retreat.

The sheriff, with hounds, was telephoned for yesterday evening. No clew.

J. N. Johnson's residence burned at Rockwall a few days ago.

**Laid Before Governor.**

Austin, Nov. 30.—Adj. Gen. Thomas Scurry returned yesterday from Rio Grande City, where he has been for the past several days investigating the recent armed conflict which occurred there between the negro soldiers and citizens.

A voluminous amount testimony was taken and some of the sworn statements of witnesses were of a contradictory nature, so much so in fact, that it is a hard matter to arrive at the truth as to where the blame for starting the outbreak should be placed. The stories told by soldier and citizen witnesses were very different in their nature.

An effort was made on the part of some of the citizen witnesses to show that all the shooting was done by the soldiers and that no attack was made on the garrison by citizens. The military authorities were able to disprove these statements, however, and it was clearly shown that citizens were engaged in the battle.

The testimony brought out the fact that some of the negro soldiers had made themselves very objectionable to the better element of the town by their nightly carousals in the low dives of the place and that the trouble which culminated in the recent fierce battle had its origin in a gambling den a few weeks ago when some drunken soldiers attempted to rob the gaming tables.

Immediately upon reaching here yesterday afternoon Adj. Gen. Scurry had a conference with Gov. Sayers and laid before the latter the testimony in the investigation. It is understood that if the governor considers that the testimony clearly fixes the guilt upon any particular parties, whether they be soldiers or citizens, he will urge that they be tried and punished.

**Awful Accident at Houston.**

Houston, Tex., Nov. 30.—Last night just before 11 o'clock a fatal and harrowing accident occurred within a block of the Santa Fe freight depot at the crossing of the track and Texas avenue. H. Joseph Jones and Lillie Bell Banks, colored, and a negro man named Clark were run over while crossing the track in a carriage by a section of freight cars and instantly killed.

The two former had just been married and were being driven from the place of marriage to take the International train at 11 o'clock to go to Mineola.

They were accompanied by Clark and a young woman, who was perhaps, also fatally hurt. The carriage was driven by a negro and was crossing the track when struck by the freight cars. The horses broke away and the driver escaped. Neither has been found since.

The young woman who was perhaps fatally injured was taken in the ambulance and carried to the infirmary. They were all people of excellent standing with their race.

**Bishop Hargrove.**

Sherman, Tex., Nov. 30.—Bishop Hargrove of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, has been the guest of Presiding Elder and Mrs. J. M. Binkley at their residence, corner of College and Porter streets, since the adjournment of the North Texas conference at Honey Grove, Fannin county. The bishop left last evening for Dallas, from which city he will proceed to Marlin, Falls county, to preside over the annual conference there.

The Venezuelan revolution is said to be gaining ground.

**Daughters of the Confederacy.**

Austin, Tex., Nov. 30.—The annual conference of the Daughters of the Confederacy was called to order yesterday morning by the president, Mrs. Cornelia B. Stone, of Galveston.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Smost of the Southern Presbyterian church of Austin.

The hymn, "Our Southland," composed by Miss Adella C. Dunavant, historian of the division, was sung.

Mrs. M. R. Walton delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Albert Sidney Johnston chapter, which was responded to by Mrs. Stone.

Mrs. Stone then delivered the annual presidential address, in which she reviewed the work of the past year.

A committee on credentials was appointed which reported, sending all delegates.

A roll of officers was called, showing all present.

A roll of chapters followed, which showed all chapters were either represented by delegates or proxies.

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To the Rustler:—

After a long rest, I will write again.

We have had a good rain, plenty of stock water. The grass is as green as in the Spring of the year.

Cattle doing well. We would like to sell fifty yearlings.

The "Crank" has sold out and will soon move out of this country.

"J. D." found his man and the school is progressing nicely, interest steadily increasing.

First week 20 scholars. 2nd week, 25; next, 30; Now 33, out of a scholastic population of forty.

Hurrah for Bro. John, he gave sentiment of the greater part of this section of the county.

The Bergville merchant is doing good business.

"You ought to have seen "J D." with two cords of wood, on his big wagon going to San Angelo.

Our country is on a boom. Jim Allison, C. Baker, and J. D. Hale have all got organs. Look out and listen for music on Mule Creek.

What an improvement! The dance is of the past.

Will the readers of this paper answer a few questions. "Did Peter tell the truth, when he said there was only eight souls saved in the Ark?" "Was there any negro at the meeting of Pentecost?" what kin was the man that God made on the fifth day of his labor to Adam? who did the Giants spring from and where did they go? will some friend answer these questions, as the Crank desires information.

The Crank's offer on the negro-soul question is still open. Now is the time to answer, while we have the money. Come along with your proof.

Our citizens are preparing for the next war. w R. Hale a big boy, D. Sayner, a boy, Mrs. Gaston, a boy.

Prof. Jones has a new house Mrs. Gibbons a new chimney, and w. P. Byrd will build a new chianey.

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Mr. Editor:—

As we have never seen a piece from this community, we will give you a few items of it.

We have had a nice rain. Grass is fine now. Cattle are improving also. Ginning season is about over, and hog-killing is in season now.

W. H. Sewell killed some nice hogs to-day. Prof. Poplewell and family are boarding there.

Mrs. Poplewell and little Altia Bell are visiting relatives this week.

Mr. T. A. Higginbotham is having a cistern dug. I guess he thinks it will snow enough to fill it next norther.

Mr. Dempsey Sewell made a flying trip to Ballinger, this week, for some purpose. Something is going to happen sure, the way he is flying around the girls at Rock Springs.

Mr. Pruitt made a flying trip to San Angelo this week, they had a pleasant time coming home facing the North wind and rain.

Mr. Rawlings attended the roping contest at Angelo. Mr. Rawlings is having another big farm put in. Four hands at work digging up the old mosquitoes. He expects some of Bro. Mulligan's friends from Arkansas in.

Mr. Foster Mitchell's horse happened to a bad accident the other day. Got excited at the wood pile and ran over it and committed sideways.

Mr. T. A. Higginbotham got thrown off his horse while running after a cow making him feel bad for a day or two.

Mr. Jim Starkey and family have moved from the Pettit gin and Mr. Best will move in the same residence.

We think this the best place yet because people are so social with each other.

We will tell you about our school.

Now perhaps you do not know who is teaching the school. Prof. Poplewell is teaching. We think he is the best teacher we know of. He is so highly respected by the people. His pupils love him so much, and he takes a great interest in them and is so good to them I think he is an honor to any school. Don't you? (of course you do) I think he will build up a pretty high school here because people like him so well for a teacher he is the best educated teacher in Coke. We think Bronte's loss is our gain.

Preaching at Union Sunday, Bro. Mulligan and kinsmen invited, I hope none has backslid.

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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, many of whom have made fairly good fortunes in Coke.

Coke has a number of farmers who have successfully battled against the time honored illusion that "this County is no good for grangers." Many have made a good living and paid for their land, besides year by year, buying land adjacent.

Any person desiring further information can address the undersigned, who pledges immediate reply, and will furnish any information concerning the country 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 Schoo Fund 2315.74, total amounts \$3285.23

M. H. Davis County Judge, J. H. Burroughs 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.

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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 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.

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