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Pieces of wool and cotton still rule low, even if the repeal of the Sherman law has been done for several months.

It is to be hoped that the conditions necessary for a business and successful year will soon begin and the effects of the panic checked over as much as possible.

Some railroad building is talked for the coming year, and among others the extension of the Fort Worth and Rio Grande from Brownwood to San Angelo.

Many cattle dealers and raisers predict, within a few years, a cattle famine, as they say the raising of them is not keeping up with the demands, which, if it is true, better prices will be the result.

The President's message on the Hawaiian incident is receiving favorable comment, and the course to be pursued is commended.

Runnels county is to have their local option contest over again. It has just been discovered that the election notices were not posted as the law directs, so the county commissioners have ordered another election.

Christmas holidays has again been the scene of several killings and general rows and disturbances over the country, no doubt the result of the festive spirit in the eggnogs, and other Christmas drinks.

The Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe railroad officials announce that that company is able to take care of its traffic and that it did not go into the hands of a receiver as announced a few days ago.

The Runnels county bond case has been decided in the United States circuit court, and the decision rendered by Judge Rector was in favor of the county. It seems that it has been a complicated case, and has cost the county considerable money in its defense.

A hold train robbery occurred on the Kansas and Arkansas Valley railroad, on the night of the 21st inst., I. T. There were 12 robbers and they slight nothing, going through the express car, mail car and passenger car. It is thought they carried considerable loot, but they cannot be made. They were desperate set of men, and it is said shown every indication of being old hands at the trade.

The man who enters business with the belief that he can be independent of the influence of the press invariably comes out at the small end of the horn. He may be honest, carry a full stock, sell cheap and offer other inducements, but only a few will find it out. The great mass of buyers, whose trade is worth cultivating, are newspaper readers, who watch the papers for bargains, and the man who advertises catches the patronage.—New Braunfels Herald.

The man who raised the biggest pumpkins and the best cabbage in such greater importance than the chicken who can blow up the ghastly robes of a politician, and he that brings up the fact of a drive of a hundred sides.—G-

BRONTE HAPPENINGS.

Bronco, Texas, Dec. 27, 1893. Ed. RUSTLER.—We are having some rainy weather, though not much rain yet.

Mr. Morris is visiting his home near Newton, Alabama. Mr. John McCutchen, of Jones county, is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. R. P. Criswell, formerly of this place, but now of Kaufman county, is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. Editor, you should have been at our Christmas dinner. The dinner was excellent and plentiful, there being almost as much left as was eaten. Then the music was all that hearts could wish. We are sure that every one present enjoyed the day splendidly.

We also learn that the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Z. Brooks on Saturday was also very nice, and we know from the acquaintance we have with the family, that nothing was left undone, that would add to the pleasures of those present.

On the morning of the 29th, Mr. Frank Woulard, son of our proprietor's merchant, G. W. Woulard, was coming from a dance on Muld creek, in company with Messrs. Bob Hamel and Dick Castellary and were firing their pistols at random, when by some accident Frank shot himself under the knee, the ball passing through the calf of his leg, and lodging in his clothing. Dr. Lane and Key, of this place, and Younger, of Hallinger, attended the wound, and we hope he will soon recover. Quite a sad accident, and both he and parents have our heart-felt sympathy.

Mr. John Dole and wife left on the 18th for Erath county.

Mr. Jim Hutchins has bought the Drug store of Dr. W. E. Key. We close by wishing all who read this a happy new year.

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The St. Louis Republic, in speaking of what Texas has been, is now and will be, very truthfully say: "If Malheur should turn up in Texas he would have no right to grumble if he were tarred, feathered and ridden on a rail to the state jail."

"There is room here for millions more people. Of 250 counties there are still 26 that have less than 100 inhabitants each. There are 37 other counties, each of which contains less than 1,000 people. There are only 81 counties in the State in which the census count exceeds 10,000.

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"When Texas becomes fairly well settled she will give a New York two to one in congress and in the election of presidents of these United States.

"In 1917, as New York does now, Texas will about equal the business and politics of this country. Young Texas, you have a great future before you."

WHAT WE PAY IN TAXES.

On \$355,339,474 worth of imported goods to this we paid in tariff taxes last year \$173,698,474. That is very nearly 50 per cent. If to this tax we add the \$11,000,000 that was paid as bounty to sugar producers, we find that we are taxed more than 50 per cent on what we buy.

Th \$173,000,000 represents but a small part of the tax. It is what was paid to the government for the privilege of purchasing goods from foreign countries. The sum paid to our home manufacturers is probably five times as great. It is as much greater as our domestic purchases were greater than our foreign purchases. We do not complain so much at being taxed for the support of the government, for if we didn't have to pay these taxes in one form they would take another. What we do complain of is that we are taxed

to support private individuals and to build up their farms, by being compelled to buy from them at extravagant prices, or pay the 50 per cent tax to the government for permission to buy and import goods of foreign make.

The estimated duty to be collected under the Wilson tariff is \$197,699,507. This is what will be paid by importers on the same amount of goods as were purchased abroad for the current year. The reduced tax will, however, by cheapening prices, largely increase our foreign importations, and the revenue from this source will be unexpectedly large. But, referring to the figures quoted, if we are to be taxed by the Wilson tariff \$107,630,587 for the privilege of importing \$355,339,474 worth of stuff, the tax rate is a little less than 30 per cent instead of 50 per cent, as under the McKimley tariff.

Even a 30 per cent tax is enough, but it is a relief from that we are now paying, and the relief will be welcomed.—Fort Worth Gazette.

If the democratic administration does issue two hundred million dollars in interest-bearing bonds and the people of this country permit the democratic party to continue to live, it will demonstrate the fact beyond peradventure that the American people are not capable of self government. Such an outrage under the guise of law would be a stab at republican government such as has never been dealt before by any party.—Runnels County Ledger.

It will clearly demonstrate the fact that the people's voice is not heeded by the leaders of democracy, and the necessity of them taking the matter in their own hands and not delegate their thinking and political rights to political bosses, as has become too common among the people of late years.

The war cloud is said to be likely to drift from Australia to Europe, which if it does, there will be likely to be more than mere skirmishes.

Next year the political war will be closely watched, and every step closely contested in Texas, but all should learn to be charitable, and allow all to be that which their reason dictates. This feature was wisely placed in our constitution, and should never be trampled upon.

If the democratic party permits the greedy raiders to scare it away from penion reform and from tariff reform, then the democratic party goes to the bazzards.—Dallas News.

Our county has thousands of acres of rich lands, which can be bought for from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per acre, and that all that is needed to make it the "garden spot" of Texas is the man with the hoe and plow. The crop yield here this year has exceeded that of many counties that call themselves farming counties, and with proper seasons and cultivation there is no reason but that it will land.

Last Wednesday night our little town came near being the scene of a serious shooting trouble between Constable J. G. Dancer, and Squire M. H. Day's. During the night there had been several pistol shots fired on the streets, and the officers were all busy trying to find out who the parties were, and while the above persons, with several others, were talking of the shooting, one made some remarks that the other did not like, and after a short altercation he drew their pistols preparatory for war, but it ended in a peaceful and prevented further trouble. Next morning the parties, after more deliberation, amicably settled the trouble.

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