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The great fight in Texas this year will be for county officers, the most important receiving the least attention. The commissioners are the men who spend the most of our money.—Abilene Reporter.

"We saw a farmer buying pickles in Iowa to take home to a Texas farm that would produce pickles enough for all Texas. Iowa was that much ahead and Texas was that much behind. It's the thousands of little things like this that count," says the Boyd Index. The comparison is stronger when we consider the fact that Iowa is practically housed up five to six months of intensely cold and forbidding weather.—Dallas News.

Hon. Geo. T. Gester makes his formal opening speech at Lufkin, Angelina county, March 26th. His slogan is home industry. He will wear a suit of clothes the cloth of which was made by the Slayden-Kirksey woolen mills at Waco, and made by Corsicana Taylors. His entire clothing is home made except his hat and if he can find a Texas made hat he proposes to wear that. It is said he will carry a nice list of those southeastern counties.

Two State Elections.

Austin, Tex., March 21.—Gov. Culberson this evening authorized the statement, after careful and mature consideration, that there will be two elections this year, in November. The first will be held on the first Tuesday in November the same being the first day of the month, for the amendment to the constitution to pension ex-confederate soldiers. The second will be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November. For the election of members of congress and all state officers. Unless something more urgent than at present is presented, there will be no extra session of the legislature.

AN IMPORTANT LAND SUIT.

Austin, Tex. Mar. 28.—The mandamus case of R. S. Hogue vs. the land commissioner was submitted in the supreme court to-day. It presents a most important question and besides involving millions of acres, involves the homes of thousands of settlers.

The question in the case about as follows:

It will be remembered that the state recently recovered 300,000 acres of land in Scurry and adjacent counties in the case known as the Bacon and Graves suit. The last legislature made no appropriation of this land and the question is whether or not it belongs to any fund or whether it is public domain.

The applicant for mandamus is a homesteader, having settled on 160 acres of land, claiming it is the public domain and that he has a right to pre-empt it as a homestead as a head of a family and in this suit of mandamus to

compel the commissioner of the land office to recognize his right as such pre-emptor and file his application and field notes therefor and that he may be permitted to perfect his title.

It is said that there are over 600 settlers on these lands who moved on them during and prior to the Bacon & Graves litigation some claiming it as belonging to the school fund and seeking to buy it as school land and others having purchased from the Houston and Texas Central railway, which at one time located certificates upon the land, and others claiming as pre-emptors.

The legislature having failed to appropriate the lands, the land commissioner refuses to take action until the matter is settled by the courts.

The plaintiff contended that, inasmuch as this land was part of the public domain prior to the special act of the legislature passed May 2, 1873, creating what is known as the Texas & Pacific railway reservation having lapsed by its own terms in 1880, the land was subject to be pre-empted, citing numerous authorities in support of his position.

The state's contention was that the land belongs to the school fund for the reason that the constitution gave the school fund one half of all the unappropriated public domain; that the school fund hasn't its half, but is about 10,000,000 short as to its share and with all the unappropriated public domain in the state ceded to it, it would still be short.

As to the question as to whether the constitution meant one-half in acreage or value, the state contended it was short in value as well as acreage. Attorneys for parties other than those in the record appeared before the court by its consent and contended that the act of May 23, 1873, creating the Texas and Pacific reservation, is unconstitutional and that the locations on said reservation by the Houston and Texas Central railway, under whom said parties claim are valid.

If the case is decided in favor of the state there will go to the school fund 3,800,000 acres of what is now known as unappropriated public domain, thus the importance of the question and enormity of the amount involved is to be seen.

The Colorado Valley.

On last Thursday evening we met Mr. Warren Reed here and in answer to our inquiries about the Colorado Valley Railway he said: "The proposition to build a railway from Sweetwater to San Angelo is practical. If it is built through in the space of one year or less, the result would be of great benefit to this country.

Robert Lee is one of the greatest names in history and this town should be the central city between Sweetwater and San Angelo. Your people are enterprising and deserve the full benefits which this road would bring. I realize that your people would do their duty, first, last and always toward The Colorado Valley Railway Company if it would make a fair

proposal for building the road through this city. Your citizens gave this proposed railway its start and I hope you will be well satisfied with it when it is completed. I am a friend to Robert Lee and hope to see this road pass through this city at an early date.

I revere the name Robert Lee and as for the location of the town I am sure that no more beautiful site could be found anywhere and if this railway should be built here this town would soon grow to be a city of 2,000 to 2500 population, I am a friend to Robert Lee."

Railroad Rumbings.

On last Monday Manager Wheatcroft, of the Colorado Valley Railway Co., T. S. Foster, R. S. Bowman and Warren Reed, Directors, came in town on their way to San Angelo. In the evening the party, accompanied by Treasurer Burroughs, left for that city to confer with the people of that place in regard to the bonds and other preliminaries preparatory to the building of the railroad to that place. The party arrived at San Angelo that evening and next day conferred with the leading citizens of that place, and Manager Wheatcroft submitted to them a proposition to build the road to build the road to that place for a subsidy of \$25,000 and right of way and terminal facilities, and that they purchase \$50,000 of the bonds at 80 cents. The proposition was reported accepted and a committee appointed to secure the amount, so we are informed. It was further agreed that work should begin at that place within ninety days, if San Angelo meets requirements. Mr. Wheatcroft went to Colman and Galveston on business, and will return to Sweetwater in a few days. Messrs. Foster and others returned direct from San Angelo. It is said that the grade is now complete to the 25 mile point, with the exception of the rock cut. All this, may be considered as very flattering prospects for the road to come through the county if not to Robert Lee. The patience of our people have somewhat become strained, and these reports may be as others heretofore, and again may be the turn of the tide which will bring speedily the long looked for completion of the line.

Sheriff Bell Killed.

Charley Bell, sheriff of Brown county was a participant in a bloody duel last Thursday afternoon in which both himself and adversary were killed. He was attempting to arrest one Yearber, a blacksmith, and had followed him to his room at the head of the stairway to effect the arrest when Yearber appeared and fired on him, the first shot taking effect in the sheriff's left lung from the effects of which he died in about twenty-four hours.

Sheriff Bell and his head deputy Patton then fired on Yearber and he fell over dead. Charley Bell has many friends here who will regret to learn of his unhappy end, but he died on duty.—Enterprise.

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VISITED WESTERN CANADA.

Report of Delegates Sent from Michigan to Alameda District.



The following letters have been selected from a large number of those sent by delegates to report on Western Canada to their friends in Michigan, and as a result of which hundreds of people expect to leave this spring for the Free Grant Lands of Western Canada.

Alameda, N. W. T., Aug. 31, 1897.
Dear Friends of Saginaw:—Those desiring to secure a good and sure home will do well to take our advice, and examine the land in the neighborhood of Alameda, as we know that everyone who sees this land will be agreeably surprised. Before seeing this land we were partly in doubt as to moving here, but after looking it over we at once decided to make our home here, and we beg those of our friends who are desirous of securing farms, not to let this chance slip by, as the soil is of the best and the water can not be excelled. The finest wheat we ever saw is also raised here.

We shall return home in haste, straighten out our affairs, and move here at once.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM GOTTOWSKI,
ALBERT MAI,
WILLIAM RIEDEL,Of Saginaw.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 10, 1897.

Mr. M. V. McInnes, Chief Colonization Agent, Detroit, Mich. Dear Sir:—We are pleased to state to you that we have found the country in the vicinity of Alameda fully up to what you and Mr. Keller had represented it to be. It is, in fact, an ideal location for mixed farming. The soil is the best we ever saw, and as the farmers were all busy at threshing, we had an excellent chance to see its productive quality, which cannot be surpassed anywhere. The cattle could not be in better condition. We saw two year old steers equal to three year old raised in most places, and these, as are all others about Alameda, were fed on native hay in winter and herded in summer. As we had previous to this visited the Northwestern States in behalf of a large number of farmers, to locate suitable land for mixed farming, we are now in a position to say that the Alameda district of Western Canada surpasses them all. The country is equal to that about Thuringen in Germany. We were rather sceptic before starting, and our intention was to settle in spring, if we were suited, but we have now decided to move at once; that is, as early this fall as we possibly can. We left Mr. Riedel at Alameda, and take back his report, and we will take his family and effects with us when we go.

Yours sincerely,
ALBERT MAI
FRED GOTTOWSKI,
Ludington, Mich., Nov. 1, 1897.

M. V. McInnes, Esq., Colonization Agent, Detroit, Mich. Dear Sir:—We have just returned from the West, and were exceedingly well pleased with the country. We are going back to take up our homesteads in early spring. We received \$35 per month and board working for farmers, and the board was the best we ever had—the beef and mutton especially were excellent. The fine flavor is owing to the fine grasses which the cattle and sheep feed upon. The people are very hospitable, and treat their hired help with much kindness.

The grain is much heavier than here; wheat being 62 lbs. to the bushel; oats 48 lbs., and barley often 55 lbs.

Any man with a good team and money enough to buy provisions and seed for six months can become rich there in five years. Many people who arrived there five years ago with little, or nothing, are well off now. One man I met held his wheat from last year and was offered \$16,000 for this year's crop and what he had held over from last year, and is holding at \$1 per bushel. We are going back in the spring to work for this same farmer until seeding, after which we will homestead between seeding and harvest. We think we will settle on the Manitoba & Northwestern R. R.

You can refer any one to us for this part of the country, while we are here, and we will cheerfully answer any questions which anyone may wish to ask.

Yours truly,
CHAS. HAWLEY,
JOSEPH DOLA.

His Unhappy Failure.

The man from Boston turned highwayman. "Elevate your digital extremities," he severely remarked to his first victim. But the man was an ignorant churl and understood him not. And while the Boston man was endeavoring to enlighten the dense obtuseness of this unhappy wight the cops swooped down and ran him in.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What Did He Mean?

"We have plenty of churches," said the alderman during an interview. "What we want is more public halls." The compositor, however, set it up public halls, and the proofreader, who had once posed as a politician, let it go at that.—Chicago News.

Explained.

Hickson—Why is it that everybody in your office dresses so much better than you do? Even the youngest clerk wears much finer clothes than you have on. Barker—Well, you see they all get salaries. I'm just the proprietor of the place.

Forcing the Output.

Corsicana, Tex., March 26.—A compressed air machine has been introduced by Mr. L. C. Garrett in the oil fields here, and a test of it made in one of the wells of the Texas Petroleum company has resulted in most satisfactory results. The well to which the compressor was attached has not flowed a barrel of oil from March 6 up to Thursday evening, when the compression was put to work, and in twenty minutes after the compressed air had been put into the well the output was fourteen barrels. This is the second application of compressed air in the oil fields here, the first being by a small machine, which worked well enough as far as its capacity extended. In speaking of the results obtained from the working of this compressor, Mr. Garrett said to a correspondent.

"I am more satisfied with the results, and I am convinced that the oil supply in this field is greater than it has heretofore been believed to be. The oil is in the sand, and as the natural gas pressure is not sufficient in all parts of the field to give a uniform and constant flow an artificial force will have to be resorted to in order that the full benefit of the oil field can be secured in a shorter period of time. What the resources of the field are is an unknown quantity and no accurate estimate of it can be made; I believe, however, that there is a large supply of oil here that it will take years to exhaust. Some of the best wells in the field are those that have been recently drilled, the output of them being fully as good as any well drilled six months ago, when the number of wells was small compared with the number now being operated."

The air pressure in this well was continued yesterday up to 1 o'clock p. m. and results continued to be just as satisfactory as they were during yesterday, not that the output was as much as fourteen barrels in twenty minutes, but the general results were highly satisfactory and serve to encourage oil men more than they have been for weeks.

RESERVATION LEASED.

The Lease Covers About 2,000,000 Acres of Pasture Lands.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 26.—A deal was closed with the federal government yesterday, whereby the Kiowa and Comanche reservations which include about 2,000,000 acres of pasture land were re-leased to large Texas cattle owners, including S. B. Burnett, W. T. Wagoner, Sugg Bros., Carnell Bros., John W. Light, Wilson and others. The deal has been pending for some weeks and it was only consummated yesterday. Mr. S. B. Burnett, of this city, has been in Washington for some time conferring with the head of the interior department relative to the matter. There are located in these reservations at the present time about 150,000 head of cattle. The price to be paid for the land is a raise from 6 to 8 and 10 cents and the revenue annually for the red men will reach about \$177,000. The leases will be in effect for one year. The lessees announce that they will have between 300,000 and 400,000 acres of the land which they propose to sub-lease. The lessees, several of whom are here, are happy and say that their cattle will be enabled to eat Comanche grass at least one year longer.

Committed Suicide.

Waco, Tex., March 26.—Mollie Russell, a white woman, 35 years old, died early yesterday morning in her small cottage on the bank of the Brazos river, a few doors north of Washington street. Justice Earle held an inquest and brought out the fact that the death of the unfortunate woman was caused by drinking carbolic acid. She became addicted to narcotic drugs and after a time, under the influence of rescue workers, she broke the habit. The memory of suffering when a slave to morphine haunted her and she told other women about her that in case she relapsed she would commit suicide. A week ago she found herself again a victim of the drug and Thursday night she procured carbolic acid and drank enough to kill ten women. She lingered nearly all night, expiring about 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The verdict was a suicide.

League Organized.

Hillsboro, Hill Co., Tex., March 26.—Hubbard City has organized a law and order league to assist the officers enforcing the local option law recently voted in. The membership includes nearly every man in Hubbard. A purse of over \$300 was subscribed to prosecute violators of the law. An agreement has been entered into by the league and some alleged violators of the law by which they bind themselves not to sell anything intoxicating if the league will have all cases pending against them dismissed.

A new 12-inch rifled cannon has arrived at San Francisco and will be mounted at once.

Spring Medicine

These two words emphasize a necessity and indicate a remedy.

SPRING—the season when the blood is most impure as a result of the winter's closer confinement, higher living, slower action of the kidneys and liver; when humors of all kinds, boils, pimples and eruptions are most liable to appear; when the weak, languid condition of the whole bodily structure demands and welcomes help.

MEDICINE—that to which the millions turn at this season—Hood's Sarsaparilla. The original and only preparation especially adapted to the present needs of the human family; that which makes the blood pure and clean, as shown by its thousands of wonderful cures of dreadful blood diseases; creates an appetite and cures dyspepsia, as shown by its "magic touch" in all stomach troubles; steadies and strengthens the nerves, as proved by people formerly nervous, now calm and self-possessed, thanks to

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very strong. About two years later I had a running sore on my foot. It developed into erysipelas and affected the entire limb. At that time I was

Very Much Run Down,

as I had been troubled with dyspepsia. The drain on my system was so severe and my stomach was so weak I became a ready victim of malaria. I feared I could never regain my health. My stomach rebelled at the simplest food, and the medicines prescribed for me gave but little relief. I sent for a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I had taken this medicine but three days when I began to improve. Continuing with it, I am now better and stronger than I ever expected to be. It has purified my blood and given good circulation. I have had no return of my old troubles since." Mrs. W. KANE, Media, Pa. Hood's Sarsaparilla is

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Wants a Pension.

A Tennessee man recently sent in this unique application for a pension: "We was workin' on the canal aroun' flin' no. 10. We was cutten down trees under water. Tha was a tug steam-boat pulling out the trees. One end of the rope war tached to tha Captain (capetan) tha other end to tha tree. The rope slack under water, I war in the water, tha water war up to my waste. I war straddled tha rope but unbeknownst—al of a sudden tha sterner tooted, tha rope tinned and I war throne hel to breakfast and now by gum, I want a pension."

Snake in a Cistern.

A family in Cornwall, N. Y., has snakes in its cistern. Every time they pump up water a long black sassy serpent comes wriggling from the pipe. They have tried all the servant girls in town but none of them will stay over ten minutes.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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March 8, 1897. SAMUEL PITCHER, M. D.

What has become of the old fashioned woman.

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When a girl is preparing to get married, her friends begin to talk.

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No Spanish Need Apply.

In the bills of fare of a New York restaurant a black line has been drawn through the item "Spanish onions." The feeling which prompted the proprietor to eliminate that particular vegetable from his cuisine is shared by Charles Boka of the same city, who a few days ago applied to Justice Conlon of the city court to change his name to Bokay. He said his name had a Spanish sound, and in view of the present strained relations with Spain he didn't want anything suggestive of Spain about him. The court gave him the desired permission.

Lent but Not Borrowed.

Miss Wilde—Would you mind letting me wear your new cape to the ball tomorrow night? Miss Goode—Why, dear, it's Lent! Miss Wilde—Is that so? Who did you lend it to?

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NO CESSATIONS.

Work is Rapidly Progressing in the Naval Circles.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 28.—The cruiser Columbia will leave League Island navy yard to-day for Hampton Roads. She finished loading ammunition at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after which her pilots were taken aboard.

There was no cessation yesterday in the activity at this naval station. Caulkers were busy putting finishing touches to the decks of the Minneapolis, a few remaining stores were placed aboard and the paint is scraped from the torpedo boats. The heads of the whitehead torpedoes were greased and fitted in the tubes. On the old monitors Nahant and Catskill, which were placed in dry dock yesterday, work was going on below. Yesterday's work was confined to the machinery and side painting. The Jason, Hontauk and Lehigh are waiting outside the dry dock, while the Caloneus, Mehoptas and Manhattan are still in the back channel.

The double turreted monitor Miantonomoh has all her ammunition on board and as soon as her men can give her a coating of lead-colored paint she will be ready to sail. This was to be done yesterday, but rain prevented it.

The Minneapolis and the ram Kathadin will receive ammunition this morning and the former will also get 200 tons of coal. All the vessels are short a number of men. The Columbia will sail with her complement lacking about 100 men. The Minneapolis is also short about that number and the ram about twenty short. Fourteen men arrived yesterday and were assigned to ships. Both the Minneapolis and the Miantonomoh will be ready to depart on Wednesday at the latest. Yesterday afternoon Capt. Casey and another naval officer visited all the ships and immediately after leaving increased activity was noticed aboard. This was taken as an indication that additional orders had been received from Washington to push the work and have the Minneapolis and Miantonomoh ready for sailing at an earlier time.

Patriotic Spirit.

Madrid, March 28.—The latest intelligence from the United States has occasioned a great patriotic movement throughout Spain. A large number of persons have announced their intention to give up a day's pay for services in order to raise a fund to purchase a warship. A committee has been organized to receive subscriptions. Special theatrical performances are announced, the receipts of which are to be devoted to this purpose.

The duke of Veragua, who knows President McKinley personally, is reported as saying: "President McKinley does not inspire me with confidence. He thinks himself the first statesman in the world. He is proud and vain, and his great vanity makes him believe himself a Napoleon, when in reality he is an ignorant suttler."

It is reported that the conservatives intend to propose that the troops in the interior of Cuba should withdraw to the coast until the autonomists and separatists arrive at an agreement, but it is not expected that the cortes will entertain such a proposition.

The situation in Cuba was declared yesterday to be "much improved."

Senator Gullon, the minister of foreign affairs, still talks hopefully, but in very reserved terms regarding the recent exchange of views with European governments. Diplomacy is most active. All the ambassadors are receiving long communications from their respective governments. The newspapers attach the greatest importance to this phase of the question, so much so that interest in the elections is almost lacking.

Rumor persistently points to Russia as the most likely mediator. Senator Sagasta is said to be busy with a diplomatic note, either a note to the American government or a circular note to the powers.

Patriotic Meeting.

City of Mexico, March 28.—The Spanish colony yesterday held a patriotic meeting and took substantial measures for raising funds to aid the mother country. They will subscribe \$500,000 in this city and \$1,500,000 more in the interior cities where Spaniards are engaged in business. There is the utmost enthusiasm among resident Spaniards and many of them declare that the United States will be badly whipped when her navy encounters the Spanish fleet, and the Yankees will be taught that Spanish valor and skill on the sea remain as before.

Cipher Dispatch.

Havana, March 28.—Saturday night it was persistently stated on alleged good authority that the palace officials here had received a cipher dispatch from Madrid which in effect said: "Prepare for war."

It is not likely anything so alarming or peremptory was received, but it is pretty certain that intimation was given out that the time for evasion or delay on the part of Spain was drawing to a close.

There can be no question that the policy of the United States in making the destruction of the Maine merely a side issue and a corollary of the graver question of the continuance of inhumanity and property destruction on the island is a disagreeable surprise to many high in office in Cuba. They had concluded that the dispute as to the origin of the explosion would be indefinitely prolonged and finally open the way for a new investigation in which Germany, Italy or some other European power would take part. Many of the best informed Spaniards are free to say that American interference on humanitarian grounds would be bound to carry with it the passive sympathy, if not the active, of all civilized nations, since the fact as to local conditions are no longer in doubt in any cabinet in Christendom.

Close upon the heels of a dispatch to Consul General Lee from Washington asking data as to the number and condition of the reconcentrados, and also the length of time necessary to feed them, comes the official announcement of the issuance of an order to all alcaldes, the city governors and the Cuban relief committee not to give the information asked by the central committee, but to refer all queries to Capt. Gen. Blanco, who approves the order. It seems to have been decided upon after knowledge of the grounds adopted by the United States as the basis for intervention. It is also asserted that such queries are to be answered by saying that the Cuban government is caring for its own poor, but this is not yet verified, and in the face of the facts seems absurd.

The relief train has been heard at various places yesterday by wire. The reports show satisfactory and systematic distribution.

Senator Arguelles, the Cuban railway king, has given \$100,000 in gold to the Spanish naval fund.

AT WASHINGTON.

The Event of the Week Will be the Report of the Court.

Washington March 28.—The important event of the week in the senate will be the receipt of the president's message transmitting the report of the Maine Court of inquiry, which is expected early to-day. The present understanding is that the report will be referred to the committee on foreign relations, and sent to the committee without being read, or more than incidentally referred to, and that after this nothing more will be said concerning it until the committee shall have had a reasonable opportunity to consider it, unless some further communication may be received from the president on the Cuban question.

There has been a general appeal from the administration to the senate to avoid undue agitation of the Cuban subject until the president can have an opportunity to formulate a policy, and the senate appears quite disposed to comply with the request. Still, there is no doubt that the senate would grow very restive under delay. Senator Money expects to make a speech to-day on the lines of those of Senators Proctor on his observations in Cuba.

What further discussion there may be during the week of the Cuban situation will depend so largely upon future developments that it is useless to discuss the probability. If the president should make a recommendation or the committee on foreign relations report, the senate at once would become the center of an animated discussion, the result of which would be some radical declaration against Spain. The problem now is to hold the expression of opinion down to the minimum pending the negotiations of the president and the deliberations of the committee. There is very little heart in the senate for any other business than that relating to Cuba, and the probabilities are that comparatively little will be done, and that sessions will be comparatively short.

Wm. C. Dales, of Louisville, Ky., was recently killed in an argument, by Louis Burgess, a tramp carpenter.

Three people were recently murdered in Atlanta, Ga., by robbers, and the house set fire to hide the crime.

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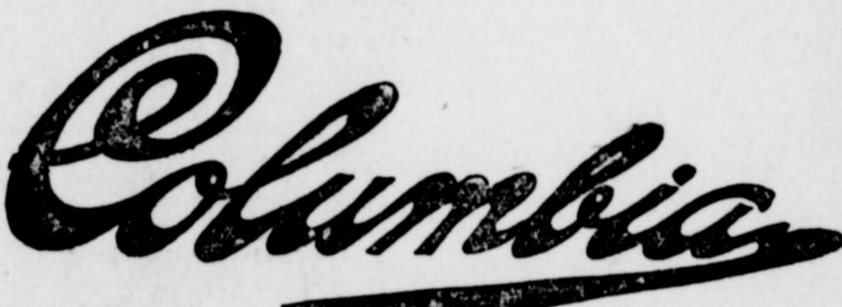
Yours truly, GEORGE YEAGER, Portland, Ind., Feb. 17, 1898.

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It is reported that Gladstone's health has broken down, and that his condition is now critical.

Heavy rains are reported to have fallen from Nolan county east on the night of March 27th.

San Angelo is to have a band, so says the Enterprise. We hope to hear the "music's peal" on our next visit to our neighbor city.

Hon. P. Hansboro Bell who served as governor of Texas from 1850 to 1853, died at Littleton, N. C. on the 11 of last month.

It remains somewhat strange to the younger generation, why, at this late day a "war record" is one of the greatest campaign levers in use. To them it seems that "qualifications" should be above everything else.

The Georgia populist nominated a full ticket at Atlanta on the 16th. Tom Watson heads the ticket, and was nominated almost unanimously in the face of his assertion that he would not except the nomination.

The candidate for governor who proposes to lend his greatest energy to the development of Texas resources and possibilities is the man for the place. The people can receive more benefits from such an administration than from half a dozen with only a "war record" as the elective reason.

We have received Vol. 1, No. 1, of The Enterprise, published at Albany, Shackelford county, by W. V. Ervin. Mr. Ervin was "pencil pusher" of the RUSTLER a few years ago, and has a number of friends in Coke who will wish him success in his new field. The RUSTLER X's with pleasure.

When an opportunity is offered every person should choose to purchase articles of home manufacture. By so doing we build up and encourage such establishments, which in turn will create a demand for home products, and finally be of much benefit to each other in the saving of freight rates both ways.

Houston is in the midst of a street car strike, which is the cause of some riot and the Mayor has been forced to call an armed force to disperse and stop the riots.

An effort is being made to get some of our citizens interested in irrigation plants, and we hope to see the efforts materialize into something of reality. There are many places in the county where it is perfectly practical, and the cost is not half so great as most people generally believe.

The report of the court of inquiry showing that the Maine was destroyed by outside agencies, is disputed by the Spanish government, which had an investigating board to make an examination. This leaves the matter of the Maine destruction in good shape for international arbitration.

Not only must people advertise, but cities, towns, counties, states and nations must advertise. It was the advertisement that Japan took some 20 years ago that makes it the queen nation of the Orient to-day. Advertise and not only will your city increase in proportion morally, intellectually and physically, but your business men will be better able to do its business.—Gen. Colby,

Every man in Coke county is vitally interested in the securing of the railroad. There is a tendency among our people to hold back, and put off the solicitors with various excuses, and among the most common, is that they will do when the time comes. This disposition may defeat the enterprise, and is most discouraging to all who volunteer to take the position of soliciting subscriptions. Don't wait to be asked and hunted up, but do the asking and hunting.

Home Patronage.

The disposition of some of our people to send off for their supplies to large cities in the North and East, is a practice which should not be indulged in. Where the needed articles can be obtained at home at all they should be purchased here; even if the price is higher. This advice at first thought seems wrong, but lets make an example. Suppose every one would follow the example, what inducements would be offered for any person to open up a business in our midst. It would be useless, as their goods would only serve as an ornament—no profit—hence we would not have any. The rule can be applied to every business and profession. The customer can import his own goods, the employer his labor, the patient his doctor, the client his lawyer, the patrons his printer, and so on through the whole field. Would such a state of affairs be to our every interest? Is not each class dependant upon the other for their success and to their downfall in the same proportion? This question of home patronage is a question we all should consider and practice, and by so doing we will upbuild ourselves and our neighbors.

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The Teachers Institute.

On Friday morning of last week the teachers of the county began to assemble at the Robert Lee school building. A good number of teachers were in attendance and from reports, an interesting session was held during the morning and evening. At night, one of the most interesting programs in the history of the Institute were carried out. The address of welcome by Judge Chapman, and response by John Ross were appropriate, and the music, furnished Profs. Kellam, Gardner Thomason, was excellent. The program consisted of essays, recitation, select reading and debate, and each participant carried off laurels in the shape of applause. Miss Annie C. Smith's essay deserves special mention, and contains food for thought by our every teacher, school patron and person. It is only putting it mildly when we say that the paper was an up-to-date piece of composition, and that only master minds were capable of productions. When such meetings are so conducted and such programs carried out, the only wonder is, why not occur oftener, and with larger attendance.

An Irrigation Plant.

We were informed a short time ago by Mr. W. R. McDonald that he was constructing a water reservoir on his place a mile below town for irrigating purposes, and a few days ago we took occasion to "inspect" the same. The location is near the pecan mot, and the spurs of the mountains are such that two points come close together, and through this narrow passage the drainage of a large canyon passes through. The mountain spurs look as though they had been formed for the purpose. The work, with the natural formation, will be very little and when completed will be capable of holding an area of about 15 acres, at an average depth of some eight to twelve feet. His irrigatable lands are just below the reservoir, and so situated that all of the water can be utilized as wanted. We hope to see him make a success of the undertaking as it will demonstrate what can be done in thousands of just such places all over west Texas. The work required will not exceed \$150 or \$200 worth, and one crop under irrigation will more than repay the amount. He has the work about half completed, and it is likely will secure some benefits from it this season.

One day, according to the daily press, the war is certain and everybody is put in readiness to hear the orders given, and next day the indications point to the profoundest peace, and so it has been for the past several weeks, yet the situation is unchanged, and every prospect good for the same suspense for several weeks longer.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

A good rain is needed.

Two more announcements this week.

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J. D. Davis and Dr. J. B. Latham made San Angelo a visit the first of the week.

For the cheapest groceries go to J. F. Deats'.

Some farmers have had to plant their corn over, on account of the freezes.

The Rustler is \$1 cash in advance or \$1.50 on time.

The war and the Colorado Valley railroad are two things which are hard to guess at.

Arkansas Smith is the man that make low prices on groceries.

Federal Court convened at San Angelo last Monday, Judge Boardman presiding.

Notice.

On account of my wife's health, it will be impossible for me to attend to any professional call at the present.

Respectfully,

GEO. W. MARTIN, M. D.

J. M. Perry, saloon keeper, W. W. Bush, hotel keeper and Warren Reed, Excursion Director and industrial promoter, of the Texas & Pacific railroad, all of Sweetwater were in the city Monday night on their way to San Angelo on business.

RAILROAD MEN HERE.

Manager Wheatcroft, Treasurer Burroughs, T. S. Foster and R. S. Bowman, director, all prominently connected with the Colorado Valley railroad, arrived in the city late last Monday evening. A meeting will be held by representative citizens to-day at the Landon parlors at 2 p. m., at which propositions from these gentlemen will be considered, looking to the extending of their line to San Angelo.—Enterprise.

The attention of the voters of the county are called to the announcement of C. L. Hughes, for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Coke county, in this issue. Mr. Hughes is well known over the county, and therefore needs no introduction at our hands. He has made a faithful and efficient officer in the past, and his merits demand the consideration of the voters of the county. No safer hands could be found in which to trust the county's funds, and he will appreciate your support as anyone who may be his opponent. He is cripple, and with his ability and qualifications he desires your earnest consideration. Consider his claims and vote for him if you wish.

Murder and Suicide.

One of the most horrid crimes ever perpetrated in West Texas occurred on last Sunday night, on the Loomis ranch, 20 miles from San Angelo, in Concho county. The whole family of Mr. Lee were murdered by being knocked in the head with an ax. Spence McBride, who was at the house, claimed that two unknown parties did the killing while he escaped. Later developments, however, created suspicion on him, and he broke down under the strain, and cut his own throat in the presence of his wife and daughter, who had just arrived from Coleman county to who it is thought he made confession.

Edith Locals.

I will try to give the news of the week.

On last Tuesday night we had a sleet that killed the fruit, and I hear that A. C. Gardner lost some young lambs.

G. C. and J. R. Arnett have gone east to receive cattle.

J. C. Arnett, Sr. of near Colorado City was down to see his brother, and family yesterday.

Miss Edna Reed received a letter from her mother at Galinger calling her to come and stay with her, while under treatment of Dr. Marberry.

Yesterday at half past two o'clock Mr. J. E. Ackleson and Miss Arizona Childress were made man and wife, J. C. Newton officiating.

We learn through Mrs. Mattie Brown that Grandma Brown of over the river is quite sick. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

PERE.

If you want a free sample of Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment, read the ad in this issue.

Mr. Buck Williams and family of Erath county, son-in-law and daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. McCraw of cross the river are here visiting them. Mr. Williams is an old acquaintance of ye scribe.

Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to trade, hire or deal in any manner with Perry N. Sumrall, a minor, without my consent. If so, I will not allow the transaction to stand.

W. W. Sumrall.

Wm. Davis and family, son of townsman M. H. Davis, arrived Tuesday from Madisonville, Ky., and will locate among us. We welcome them in our midst.

A man stands no chance of being elected to the mayorship of a city unless he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. Geo. W. Humphrey is the popular mayor of Swanton Ohio, and under date of Jan. 17, 1896, he writes as follows: "This is to certify to our appreciation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My family and neighbors have tested it, and we know it is an excellent remedy for coughs and colds.—George W. Humphrey." Sold by Ed M. Mobley.

We learn that H. A. Chapman happened to a serious accident the first of the week, while raising a windmill tower, by a rope breaking and the tower falling on his foot, some part of which stuck entirely through his foot. The wound is quite painful, and may be of a serious nature.

The saving of the loss of one calf will buy enough of Nussbaumer's Antiseptic Stock Ointment for branding or altering five hundred head.

We have received a card from Rev. G. C. Berryman stating that he would be unable to fill his appointment to preach here tomorrow.

In this issue appears the announcement of H. E. Johnston, the present incumbent, for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke county. Mr. Johnston has served the people of the county for two terms in this capacity, and is therefore well known to most voters of the county. He has made an efficient officer in the past, and will do so again if elected to the position he seeks. Consider his claims and vote for him if consistent with your wishes, and if elected, no one will fill the office with more satisfaction to his constituents than he will.

Announcement.

Our terms for announcements are cash in advance, and rates as follows:

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For District and County Clerk.

We are authorized to announce W. E. (Frank) Robinson as an independent candidate for the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce J. W. Barnett as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Coke County at the November election.

For Tax Assessor Coke County.

We are authorized to announce J. F. Dents as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce H. E. Johnston as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Coke County at the November election.

For County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce J. G. Walton as candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Coke County, at the November election.

We are authorized to announce C. L. Hughes as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Coke county at the November election.

I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefor, I desire to inform you that I will never be without it and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your Remedies are held by people in general. It is the one remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. R. Downey, Editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by Ed M. Mobley.

R. A. Kirkland and two brothers W. W. and G. P. Kirkland, the former, of Coryell county, and the latter of Hunt county were in the city the first of the week. One of them have bought the L. M. Benwick old place on Boozer creek.

It is, or should be, the highest aim of every merchant to please his customers; and that the wide-awake drug firm of Meyers & Eshleman, Ill., is doing so, is proven by the following, from Mr. Eshleman: "In my sixteen years' experience in the drug business I have never seen or sold or tried a medicine that gave as good satisfaction as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." Sold by Ed M. Mobley.

We are informed that Rev. Tom Williams, a Christian preacher of Comanche county, who has been preaching a series of sermons here for some time, will probably locate with us if he can get a suitable house to live in. We welcome brother Williams in our midst.

Tax Notice.

On April the 1st the tax books will be closed, and all parties who have not done so are requested to call and pay their taxes before that date, and save costs.

Respectfully,
L. B. MURRAY,
Tax Collector.

Club Meeting.

To P. P. Precinct Chairmen:—In compliance with instructions from the State Executive Committee, of the Peoples Party of Texas, you are requested to call a meeting of your respective clubs at a date not later than April 15, for the purpose of taking the referendum vote on the question of when the party's National nominating convention shall be held, July 4, 1898, May 26, 1899 or Feb. 22, 1900. The club secretaries are requested to forward the result to Harry Tracy, Dallas, Texas so as to reach him by April 20.

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TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

Robert George, a negro, was killed in the Brazos bottom near Bryan several days since.

Recently the dwelling house of J. W. Warlick, at Longview, was burned down. Insurance \$500; loss \$1000.

The United States government has allowed L. B. Harris of Abilene an Indian deprecation claim to the amount of \$16,000.

The residence of Tom Bradford, at Tyler, together with contents, was burned several days since. House and furniture insured for \$1500.

The city council of Beaumont recently granted the Postal Telegraph-Cable company a franchise to build and operate a telegraph line in Beaumont.

The printing board at Austin has authorized the printing of the superintendent of public instruction's report for the scholastic year ending August 31, 1897. It has been the custom heretofore to print only biennial reports from this department. Prof. Carlisle says his report will be the most complete and accurate one ever issued from that department.

The residence of Merrill Anderson, at the corner of Knox and Clay streets, at Ennis, was destroyed by fire several days since. Some of the household goods were saved, but most of them, including a fine piano, were burned. The origin of the fire is not known. The loss can only be roughly estimated. Insurance \$1500 in the Queen of America.

Dave Barton, an ex-confederate, and old resident of Somervell county, was found dead several days since, some ten miles west of Glen Rose and within one and one-half miles of his home. Justice T. J. Bryan held an inquest and reported that Mr. Barton came to his death by falling from his wagon, striking the tire or some hard substance, and fracturing his skull.

Several days since the home of Baggage Master Ricou of the Central road at Corsicana was destroyed by fire with its contents. The house belonged to James Rush of Ennis. Total loss about \$2500; insurance unknown.

J. L. Green, a saloonist of Mexia, conveyed his stock to Charles Green for the benefit of creditors several days ago. Liabilities \$1600, assets \$1200.

T. A. Hamilton of Kentuckytown, Grayson county, committed suicide recently at his home by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. He was one of the most prominent citizens of the community in which he lived, a good business man and well liked. He was 54 years of age and has lived in that county twenty-seven years. He leaves a family of one son and two daughters, all about grown. A note was found in which he requested his children not to grieve about him; that trouble was the cause of his action.

Judge Bryant at Galveston recently ordered a new trial in the case of John Stevenson, convicted of manslaughter at the May, 1897, term of the United States court at Paris, Texas. Stevenson was sentenced to six years and ten months imprisonment in the house of correction at Detroit and to pay a fine of \$50. He is now serving his sentence and the marshal of this district by order of Judge Bryant is ordered to bring Stevenson to Paris to stand another trial. The case was carried to the United States court of appeals, which reversed an remanded it and hence the order of Judge Bryant.

The charters of the following corporations were recently filed at Austin: Hearne Mercantile company of Hearne, Robertson county—Capital stock \$20,000. Purpose, to do a general merchandise business. Incorporators: J. E. Lester of Houston, W. E. Easterwood of Wills Point, W. C. Looney of Branchville, Milam county, John N. Sailors and J. H. Harzog of Hearne. The Christopher-Clark Ferry company of Gainesville—Capital stock \$500. Purpose, to do general ferrying across the Red river on the Gainesville-Burneyville, I. T., road. Incorporators: W. B. Morgan, C. A. Shaw and J. H. Christopher.

The name of the literary institution to be founded at Lancaster will be Randolph college in honor of Prof. Randolph Clark, the president-elect. Work will begin very soon on the erection of two brick business houses.

FARM AND STOCK ITEMS.

Farmers are well up with their work in Bowie county. A good stand of corn is reported from all sections.

Farmers near Carrollton, in Dallas county, have the finest prospect for an abundant crop of small grain ever seen.

Connell & Pemberton of Midland recently sold to John Morton of Decatur 2500 steers on terms which were withheld.

Yearlings at Midland and Odessa and in fact throughout that district, sell for from \$18 to \$20 and calves readily bring \$11.

Corn is up and a good stand near Ambia, Lamar county. Oats are fine. The weather being favorable considerable cotton will be planted soon.

The live stock agents of the different roads are kept busy now owing to the great rush of cattle from the southern districts toward the Indian Territory.

A splendid stand of corn has been obtained. The fruit crop is all right. All the surroundings indicate the largest crop ever raised in this part of Dallas county.

J. T. McElroy of Pecos City, has made another large sale of the T. X. cattle. This time it is 13,000 head at \$20 around. This stock was above the quarantine line.

St. Louis is now taking many head of Texas stock. This state furnished sixty cars in one day recently, for which the prices paid were for yearlings \$3.10, calves \$5.75 each, oxen \$4.00@4.25, cows and heifers \$3.70@4.30.

The recent rains, followed by the warm weather in Grayson county, make almost an ideal season for the farmers. Wheat and oats never looked better and a great deal of the corn is coming up. Farmers are well up with their work.

The heaviest dealers made at Midland by one party was the sale made by Geo. D. Elliott, of Midland, to Dan Waggoner of Decatur. He sold to Mr. Waggoner 15,000 twos and threes at \$22.25 and \$27.50 respectively. About \$400,000 changed hands.

The Pecos river people state that their prosperity rests on three products, alfalfa, beet sugar and stock. From the amount of neighbors lower down the valley rather think that the fruit tree and grape vine might well be numbered among their valuable assets.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas recently transferred to the Rio Grande fifty-eight empty stable cars for the transportation of fat stock. Among them were several double-deckers intended for the shipment of fat muttons prepared for market at Coleman.

The movement of live stock over the Rock Island and Santa Fe may be looked for to commence soon. Most of the stock will be unloaded in Fort Worth and there only, as with that rest the cattle can stand the long trip to the territorial points for which they are destined.

A number of minor sales have been made recently in the west, about Colorado, Big Springs, Midland and Odessa, and the prices paid were high enough to frighten the more conservative stock buyers from Kansas and Missouri who are now frequent visitors to the plains country.

The late rains and fine weather makes the crop prospects in McClennan county the very best. Wheat and oats are quite promising. Corn is coming up a good stand and farmers are at home tending their farms and not as some people in other sections would report them, all in town talking politics.

The farmers near Blossom, Lamar county, all report the best stands of corn for years. Oats are looking as fine as could be. The alfalfa hay crops are well advanced and with no killing freezes will be ready to cut several weeks earlier than usual. Gardens and truck farming well advanced. The people as a rule are devoting more time to something to eat than usual. Cotton planting will begin right away.

It would appear that Colorado was following the lead of Texas in the importation of fine bred bulls. Mr. Henry Kauffman of Denver was in Fort Worth recently and stated that many carloads of these high-priced animals had been distributed among the ranges of western Colorado during the past three months. The demand, he says, has been unprecedented and the supply came from Illinois and Missouri chiefly, although many head were bought at the recent sales of Herefords at Emporia, and Kansas City. He states that Colorado people are more in favor of the short horn than the Hereford breed and that thus far the former have appeared to endure the climate better than the white faces.

RIOT IN HOUSTON.

Street Car Strike is the Occasion of Violent Outbreak.

Houston, Tex., March 28.—The street car strike yesterday has been the occasion of bringing more disgrace upon the city than at any time before either during the strike or prior to it. A mob howled up and down the street alongside and behind the cars. Members of it would throw rocks and screen themselves in the jam. The best efforts of several men to catch the rock throwers were unavailing in nearly every case. In the forenoon the cars were run on the auditorium line without molestation but in the afternoon crowds began to assemble on the street corners and agitate. They grew in numbers until they got to jeering at the car men, and from that got to throwing clods of dirt, and then rocks. When a car passed they would throw at it, and then cross the streets to meet it at another crossing, and there besiege them again, until finally the three cars on the street stopped in front of the company's office on Prairie avenue and Travis street. While a procession of the striking street car men was marching across Travis street to the market-house where a meeting of the strikers was to be held, a lot of men under the guise of sympathizers set upon one of the non-union men employed by the street car company who was returning from dinner. He cracked over the head with his stick two or three of these irresponsible parties, and then sought refuge in the company's office.

Officers Ray and Henry Ross were quickly on the spot and did what they could to restore order. An hour later the same mob attacked a car on Main street, and one of the street car men drew his revolver, and he was promptly arrested. For this act the policeman was cheered, and followed by the crowd of law breakers, who were greatly pleased at this course of the policeman, who had overlooked numberless cases of irresponsible law-breakers who were doing all in their power to incite a riot. The scenes of this afternoon were certainly the most disgraceful that that have ever been witnessed in this community. The citizens of this city are disgusted with the present condition of affairs.

Infant Found Dead.

Sherman, Tex., March 28.—A male infant was found dead in the rear of the premises of G. W. Thomas, 1499 South Rusk street, yesterday morning, and Justice McCreary yesterday afternoon, after conducting a formal inquest, returned the following finding: "The deceased is a white male infant; it lived after birth and came to its death by blows inflicted on the head by some blunt instrument in the hands of some party or parties to the court unknown."

Mrs. Thomas, at whose place the startling find was made, says that this morning he noticed a dog carrying something around in his mouth, and in a few minutes one of his children ran in and said there was a dead child in the yard. He found the infant in an ash heap, where the dog was scratching a hole. Children down the street say they saw the dog carrying the body toward the Thomas place, but they did not know what it was then. Both feet look as if they had been bitten by the dog, and one hand bears some lacerations. Public Physician Freeman, who carefully examined the body, says that while small, not weighing over three pounds, there are evidences of perfect development. The condition of the body shows it had received skilled attention.

Early yesterday morning there was a it was hidden under a drain culvert and that the surface water washed it into the gutter and was there found by the dog.

Deputy Sheriffs Melton and Davis and Chief of Police Blain were on the scene shortly after the finding of the infant, but all clues obtained, if any, at all, are too slight to justify an arrest.

Orders Received.

El Paso, Tex., March 28.—Orders were received yesterday at Fort Bliss from Gen. Graham at Atlanta for the removal of the band and headquarters of the eighteenth infantry to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. Packing up begins to-day with removal late in the week. This consolidates the entire eighteenth regiment at San Antonio, where Col. Van Valzah of that regiment will be in command, as he ranks Col. Carpenter of the fifth calvary now stationed there. Troop A, calvary, remains in charge of Fort Bliss.

IN THE SOUP.

Boarders Made Discoveries Which Led to an Arrest.

There has been trouble during the last few days at the restaurant at 33 Sands street, Brooklyn, managed by Philip H. Keator, the parties to the dispute being Mr. Keator himself, the boarders and one Frederick Haselbach, who up to last week served the restaurant in the capacity of cook, says the New York Advertiser. A few days since Mr. Keator quarreled with his cook and discharged him. Frederick Haselbach left the restaurant in Sands street before dinner was served. However, Mr. Keator considered that the restaurant could manage to do business. The boarders sat down as usual to their meal, but rose up again en masse. The first course served consisted of soup—and it was this soup that caused all the disturbance. None of the boarders got any further than the soup. Not one had any inclination to touch the rest of the menu. They rose, promptly and unanimously, and all but mobbed the proprietor. According to the boarders a more fearful brew than this soup was never concocted, not by Macbeth's weird sisters themselves. According to Mr. Keator, his erstwhile cook was responsible for the rage of the dinnerless boarders and for the consequent injury to the proprietor's feelings. Before Magistrate Peole, in the Adams street police court, Mr. Keator accused Frederick Haselbach of having willfully and with malice aforethought introduced into that soup a number of foreign ingredients, to-wit: A quantity of sand, half a cupful of red pepper, a mass of kindling wood chopped fine. The motive of which act Mr. Keator asserted to be the cook's desire for revenge for his dismissal. In answer to this arraignment Frederick Haselbach stated that he knew nothing about the soup. However, the magistrate evidently thought there was something in it, for he held the ex-cook in \$300 to await further examination.

Children Are the Greatest Imitators.

All their efforts are directed towards imitating the actions of their elders or superiors in some way. This is the secret upon which the inventors of toys work; they make in miniature everything that grown people employ, in the use of which the little ones find the greatest joy. They want everything, real, true, such as they see used by the grown-ups. So that a certain little girl declared she wanted a real live doll—one that not merely could shut her eyes when going to sleep, but had hair that would come off and go on!

Emerson speaks of the refined air and manner of English children of the better class; but he takes little notice of the opposite sort. A lady, speaking of the rude behavior she found among the Yorkshire people, said that one day, as her carriage was approaching a gate, she saw a little boy suddenly run forward and open it, in order to let her carriage pass. Pleased with the politeness of the boy, she dropped a six-pence into his hand as she passed, and said: "You are not a Yorkshire boy, are you? 'Tho't a liar, I be!" was the conclusive answer.

The Gender of the Moon.

In English, French, Italian, Latin and Greek the moon is feminine, but in all the Teutonic tongues the moon is masculine. Which of the twain is its true gender? We go back to the Sanskrit for an answer. Prof. Max Muller says: "It is no longer denied that for throwing light on some of the darkest problems that have to be solved by the student of language nothing is so useful as a critical study of Sanskrit." Here the word for the moon is mas, which is masculine. Mark how even what Hamlet calls "words, words, words," lend their weight and value to the adjustment of this great argument. The very moon is masculine, and, like Wordsworth's child, is "father of the man."—Moon Lore.

He Agreed, Fully.

Mrs. Higgins—What wretched taste that Mrs. Wilkes has? Mr. Higgins—Yes, I met her downtown this afternoon, and she was wearing that ugly old \$25 hat you thought you wanted.

GAINED 22 POUNDS IN 5 WEEKS.

From the By-Stander, Macomb, Ill.

Alderman Louis W. Camp, of our city, has quite astonished his friends of late, by a remarkable gain in weight. He has gained 22 pounds in five weeks. Those of his friends who do not know the facts of his sickness will read with interest the following:

"I was broken down in health and utterly miserable," said Mr. Camp to our reporter. "I was unable to work much of the time and so badly afflicted with a form of stomach trouble that life was a veritable nightmare. I tried various remedies, but during the six months of my sickness I obtained no relief. I had always been a robust, healthy man and sickness bore heavily upon me."

"About two years ago I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I purchased one box and received so much benefit that I used five more and was entirely cured. I gained twenty-two pounds in five weeks. Since I stopped taking the pills I have scarcely had an ache or pain."



Interviewing the Alderman.

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills restored me to health and I most heartily recommend them."

L. W. Camp on oath says that the foregoing statement is true.

W. W. MELOAN, Notary Public.

Following is the physician's certificate as to Mr. Camp's present condition. I am a regularly licensed physician of Macomb, McDonough County, Ill. I have very recently examined Mr. L. W. Camp as to his general physical condition, and find the same to be all that could be desired, appetite and digestion good, sleeps well, and has all the evidences of being in a good physical condition. SAM'L BRIDGELL, M. D. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1897.

W. W. MELOAN, Notary Public.

An Exciting Problem.

Here is a little question for some of the physicists. Suppose a pulley and cord are suspended from the bough of a tree. To one end of the cord a stone is attached, and to the other end climbs a monkey. The stone balances the monkey. If the monkey climbs the rope what will happen? Will the stone rise or fall?



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COURT OF INQUIRY.

They Find There was Two Explosions Instead of One.

Washington, March 26.—The court of inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster has reported that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion.

The state department, by direction of the president, has cabled United States Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanish government of this conclusion. The president and his cabinet admirers held two extended sessions yesterday, one at 10.30 a. m., and another at 3.30 p. m., at which the report was considered in detail. Members of the cabinet stated after the meeting that the discussion was of a grave character, and that never since the wrecking of the Maine has the situation seemed so critical.

The Spanish government has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish naval commission holds the disaster to the Maine to be of internal origin.

There was no effort among the highest officials, nor indeed was it possible from what was clearly apparent in the development of the day, to minimize the situation.

In detail the findings of the court of inquiry were the most vital feature. Commander Marix, judge advocate of the court of inquiry, delivered the report to the secretary early yesterday morning in the hands of the president. At 10.30 o'clock the cabinet assembled, half an hour earlier than usual, and began the consideration of the momentous document. Even the rigid rules of secrecy which prevail at cabinet meetings were made doubly strict in this case, and no intimation of the results reached by the court were known until 2 o'clock when a press bulletin gave the information to the country, as well as the eagerly waiting officials throughout Washington. These results, briefly stated, are that the loss of the Maine was due to an explosion from the outside, the court being unable to fix the responsibility for the explosion. The court does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosion, but the testimony goes to show that it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating submarine mine. There were two explosions, the court finds; the first was from the outside, and that set off one of the smaller magazines. It was this result, expressed in detail and with the precision of a court deeply conscious of its responsibility, together with the evidence that it was based upon, that occupied the attention of the cabinet throughout its extended sessions of the morning and afternoon.

Returned From Cuba.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 26.—Charles B. Price, superintendent of the river division of the Alleghany Valley railroad, arrived home yesterday from a sight-seeing trip in Havana. Relative to his observations in Cuba, he said: "Consul General Lee informed our party that we were just leaving Havana in the nick of time. I want to say right here that the newspaper accounts we get in the United States regarding the suffering down in Cuba are not a bit exaggerated. In fact, they don't really tell the truth by half. Why, it is simply appalling. I never dreamed of such barbaric cruelties being perpetrated by an alleged civilized nation against civilized human beings."

"Louis Klopsch, who is superintending the distribution of the Red Cross relief supplies, informed me that he had in his immediate possession checks, drafts and cash to the amount of \$100,000, and enough provisions on the way from the United States to relieve all suffering throughout the entire Cuban island, providing he was not interfered with by the Spanish authorities. He intimated to me that the Spaniards were constantly hampering him at every turn. He did not say that any reconcentrados were being poisoned, but he just as good as said so. The Spaniards hate the Americans and he is only waiting for war to be declared. God help Americans who remain in Havana once the terrible carnage commences. I am afraid they will all be massacred."

Not Yet Transferred.

Key West, Fla., March 26.—The command of the fleet has not yet been transferred from Rear Admiral Seward to Capt. Sampson. The necessary authority from the president has not arrived. Capt. Sampson is ashore yesterday morning and had a long conference with Admiral Seward. Mrs. Jenkins has telegraphed to have the body of Lieut. Jenkins, which was recovered Thursday from the wreck of the Maine, sent direct to Pittsburg. It is expected to arrive here to-day on the steamer Oliveette, though it will not be taken ashore here, but will go through to Pittsburg via Tampa.

Suffrage Plan Adopted.

New Orleans, La., March 26.—By a vote 95 to 28, with eleven delegates absent, the Louisiana constitutional convention yesterday adopted a suffrage plan. The session is to be of seventy days' duration, and it was agreed to dispose of suffrage before taking up any other question. It took forty-five days to reach a verdict. The convention is almost solidly Democratic, and the avowed purpose was to eliminate the negro from Louisiana politics. The measure adopted, by providing for educational and property qualifications and a poll tax, is presumed to answer the purpose effectively. At the same time it was desired to let in as many white people as possible, and this is accomplished by exempting naturalized voters as well as those who were voters in 1867, with their sons and grandsons. The latter clause was advised against by Senators McEnery and Caffery, who said they had consulted the ablest constitutional lawyers in congress and found them unanimous on its unconstitutionality. These opinions led to its being abandoned, but the convention was so hopelessly divided upon a substitute that it was finally decided to reinstate the clause and take the risk.

The suffrage article makes voters of citizens of the state and of the United States, native born or naturalized, who have lived in the state two years, in the parish one year and in the voting precinct in which they offer to vote six months. The new constitution generally is to go into effect at the beginning of next year. The voter must be able to read and write in his mother tongue or English and must make his application to register in his own handwriting; or if he is not able to read and write he must own property to the value of \$300. All who were voters in 1861, or prior thereto, and their sons and grandsons, are given the right to register and vote without any other qualification, providing they have lived in the state five years prior to the election at which they may offer to vote, and provided they shall register before Sept. 1 of the present year. Under the same conditions of residence persons of foreign birth who have been naturalized before the end of the current year may register and vote. A poll tax is incorporated, but it becomes effective only after the next general election in 1890. In all political conventions in the state apportionment or representation shall be on the basis of population. These are the main provisions of the constitution, which its promoters believe will have the effect of enfranchising a majority of the white in a legal way, and of disfranchising a majority of the blacks in a legal way.

EXTRA SESSION.

Matters Discussed Were of the Gravest Character.

Washington, March 26.—The extra session of the cabinet yesterday afternoon began at 3 o'clock and continued until 5:20. When the morning session adjourned it was with the understanding that they should meet at 3 o'clock and at the hour nearly all of the members had arrived. It is understood that the entire meeting was devoted to the discussion of the general situation and plans for future action. All of the members present, however, were unusually reticent, but there is reason to believe that the matters under discussion were of the gravest character and that it is the opinion of the members that never since the wreckage of the Maine had the situation seemed so critical as yesterday and that trouble can be averted only with great difficulty.

Activity at Mara Island.

Vallejo, Cal., March 26.—Great activity prevails at the Mara Island navy yard. The cruiser Philadelphia has been hauled from the stream and lies alongside the quay wall near the Charleston. The Yorktown has also been towed to the wall, and all three ships fairly swarm with men at all hours. The Charleston is rapidly nearing completion, and will be ready to go into commission in a comparatively short time. The Yorktown, too, is nearly ready for sea, and the purchase of supplies for both are now being made.

In Bad Shape.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 26.—A private letter dated three days ago, from Manzanillo, received here by a schooner says the condition of the Spanish troops there is terrible. It adds that starvation and disease prevails everywhere, and that the government forces have sustained heavy losses in recent skirmishes with the insurgents, the wounded being brought to town in car loads. The letter says, in conclusion, that even without the intervention of the United States the war can not last two months longer.

A large order for cables was placed by the government recently with the Safety Insulated Wire and Cable company of New York.

KILLED BY A BOY.

Was Thought all the Cartridges Had Been Extracted.

Sherman, Tex., March 25.—John L. Fuller of 768 South Walnut street died yesterday afternoon shortly after five o'clock from a gunshot wound inflicted at the hands of Bryant Clark, aged 6 years, who accidentally discharged a 22-calibre target rifle.

Mr. Fuller, who was employed at a business house on the south side of court plaza, not five minutes before his tragic death, left his place of business to place an article in a wagon. He had turned around and was coming back across the plaza when a wagon drove by just south of him. There was a sharp report and dairyman Tom Keyes saw Fuller clutch at his breast and almost instantly expectorated a mouthful of blood. Keyes ran to his assistance and supported the unfortunate man, who was spitting blood freely. As they reached the curbing Fuller sank down and was carried into an adjacent doorway, where he died in a few minutes.

The wagon stopped and little Bryant Clark was found with the target rifle in his hand.

The father and mother of the little fellow arrived yesterday afternoon from Elliott county, Ky., and were going home with Mr. J. H. Clark, who is the boy's uncle, and lives just west of the city.

Mr. J. H. Clark testified that when he left home to-day to meet his brother and family he had put the rifle in the wagon.

When at a store on East Lamar street he says he took the precaution to remove all the cartridges to the best of his knowledge. When the shot was fired the little fellow had the rifle laying across his lap and was sliding the reloading magazine back and forth.

The ball entered the right arm pit and apparently pursued a straight course toward the heart, which was very likely pierced.

The deceased is a well-known and respected citizen and has lived all his life in this county, coming here from near Howe several years ago. He is 36 years of age and leaves a wife and two children. He was a member of the Knights of Honor and other civic societies.

The body was conveyed to his grief-stricken family shortly after the tragic occurrence.

Coroner McCrary inquired the matter and states that it was purely a case of accidental killing.

Recruiting Office.

Galveston, Tex., March 25.—The naval recruiting station will be opened at Galveston Saturday morning and will be open in this city for about one week. Chief Engineer Webster, who will be in charge of the Galveston office during the absence of Lieut. Commander J. M. Hawley, military representative and supervising officer of the naval recruiting department; Surgeon Persons, Boat-swain J. Killen, Yeoman Harry Rosenhapt, clerk of the surgeon, and Yeoman Chas. Allen, secretary to the commander arrived in the city yesterday morning.

The engineer said that a great many applicants are willing to enlist for a year or a year and a half, but none can be accepted for a less term than the regulation three years' term of enlistment. This is the first time that the government has ever opened a naval recruiting station in Texas, and the officers in charge of the work believe that some valuable additions to the navy can be secured in Texas.

Texas on Board.

Clarksville, Tex., March 25.—Among the list of passengers who went down with the ill-fated ship Helen W. Almy, which is reported as foundered near the coast of San Francisco, are Messrs. Charley Spike, T. J. Reason and A. Beach of this city, who left about four weeks ago fully equipped and with ample cash backing for the Alaskan gold fields. When the news of this terrible disaster became known yesterday it was hard for the people to believe, and the papers containing the item were eagerly sought. Although it may be possible that some of the men were saved, yet from information now at hand it must be inferred that the ship with all on board are lost. Expressions of regret are heard on every hand in the loss of so many good men who have lived in Clarksville for years and who leave daughters and kinsmen to mourn their loss.

To Build a Levee.

El Paso, Tex., March 25.—Contracts have been let to the West Texas Construction company to build the two miles of levee along the south side of the city, which will protect the town hereafter from floods. Work begins Saturday, and the Texas and Pacific and White Oaks roads will use the levee for terminal facilities. The railroads pay for the job, the city grants the necessary franchises, and the property owners grant the right of way.

Bad Blood

is a good thing to be rid of, because bad blood is the breeding place of disfiguring and dangerous diseases. Is your blood bad? You can have good blood, which is pure blood, if you want it. You can be rid of pimples, boils, blotches, sores and ulcers. How? By the use of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the radical remedy for all diseases originating in the blood.

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Nerve Training.
The question of the susceptibility of the nervous system for training has recently been discussed. It is believed that nerves can be cultivated. According to the most comprehensive opinion, a great deal depends on the owner of the nerves. It is possible to train certain classes and conditions, while others are hopelessly unsusceptible. The will of the individual, the pliability, or rather the impressionability, has everything to do with successful nerve training. As a matter of fact, the desire to be trained must be present first of all. It comes from within, and, prompted by the desire of the individual, a course of training may bring about the happiest results. Training nerves against the will of the patient reminds one of the old adage of convincing a man against his will—"He is of the same opinion still."

The Air of the Sea Shore.

In order to ascertain whether air of the seashore contains salt in any appreciable quantity, a French scientist has made a series of experiments. By means of these he proved that in a dead calm seashore air has no salt. It is only when there are high winds from the sea that there is salt in the atmosphere. In high winds sea spray is carried into the atmosphere, where it is diffused into fine particles, and holds the salt for a time in the damp air; but as soon as the wind subsides, the salt, being heavier than the atmosphere, settles. To receive, therefore, the benefit from salt air, it is necessary to go where winds are continually blowing. It has been demonstrated that windy localities by the sea are very much more invigorating than those where there are continuous calms, but heretofore the reason of this has not been made clear.

Ancient Bacteria.
Modern discoveries concerning the origin of diseases have brought the little organisms called bacteria into so much prominence that search has been made to ascertain if they existed during the early geological periods. A few months ago the fact was announced that M. Regnault of Paris had discovered bacteria in coal. Continuing his researches, he found evidence that bacteria were probably coeval with the first appearance of organic life on the earth. They attacked vegetable tissues, as well as the bones and teeth of animals, but as a rule they belonged to species distinct from the bacteria of today.

At this season of the year, we wonder that someone doesn't invent handkerchiefs made of blotting paper.

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The darkest days of husband and wife are when they come to look forward to a childless and desolate old age.

Many a wife has found herself incapable of motherhood owing to some great lack of strength in the organs of generation. Such a condition is nearly always due to long continued neglect of the plainest warnings.

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It seems a pity that more men who have been honored with high office should not find it in their hearts to retire and give others a chance before they die. But, unfortunately, the average aspirant is once successful can never go out of office until he dies out. It is getting to be an adage that once an office holder, always an office seeker. The offices must be filled, but not necessarily by the same men during their natural lives.—Abilene Reporter.

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Railroad Extensions.
Recent dispatches to the Texas dailies contain the following.

Austin, Tex., Mar. 17.—General Attorney, Lassiter, of the Ft. Worth & Rio Grande, was here to day and submitted to the railroad commission the articles of agreement between the International Construction Company and the Ft. Worth & Rio Grande company entered July 1, 1888, by which the former was to construct a line of railroad from Ft. Worth to Kerrville via Brownwood, which road was to be bonded at \$20,000 per mile, and the road was only completed as far as Brownwood, but as both are willing to waive the limitation expiration of the contract, the interested parties want the commission to hand down a written opinion to the effect whether or not the contract can again be invoked and the work completed as originally contemplated. The commission took the matter under advisement and it is likely they will refer it to the attorney general for an opinion. The road wants to extend and wants to know so they can adjust the bonds whether they can operate under the agreement or whether it is void, and if so, they then can apply to the commission for bonds.

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